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OLLI CLOSURE

OLLI will be **closed the week of August 11-15**. We will resume operations and return emails and voicemails starting **Monday, August 18**. Upon our return, staff will still be working remotely through Labor Day.

Please note there will not be a newsletter next **Friday, August 15**.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING



FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is open on the OLLI website for the fall semester. OLLI is continuing to offer classes in three formats: in-person, online, and hybrid. The format for each course is listed online and in the print catalog.

REGISTER

NEW MEMBER 10% DISCOUNT

Are you, or someone you know, new to OLLI or thinking about coming back after taking a break? Use the button below to register for the fall semester or share it with a friend. A 10% discount will be applied for those who are new or who have not taken classes in five or more years. Click "Choose Lottery Selections" and then log in or create an account. You will see the discount when paying for the session.

FALL DISCOUNT

FALL CATALOG CHANGES

Below are changes made to classes after the catalog went to print. Class changes are also available on the [fall catalog changes](#) page of the OLLI website and are updated as they occur.

160 *Public Education and the Future of American Democracy*: This course was added after the catalog went to print. See more info/register [here](#).

350 *Protecting and Maximizing Your Retirement Income*: This course was added after the catalog went to print. See more info/register [here](#).

675 *Comedy, French-Style*: Now meets on Thursdays at 11:45 AM, starting Oct. 2

834 *Mindfulness Meditation Intermediate level*: This course is ONLINE

OLLI AT CMU COURSES

We are thrilled to continue our partnership with the OLLI at Carnegie Mellon University this fall and offer two of their courses to our members. Both are open for registration (more info below) and will be included in our fall lottery. Please note that OLLI at CMU courses are not recorded.

699: Genius and Madness: Great Writers

Judith Robinson

Four Tuesdays (11:00 AM-12:30 PM)

Starting November 11

Online

There may be connections between genius and madness. This course will examine and discuss works by literary greats with a focus on evidence of mental illness in the writings. [More info.](#)

799: World War II in the Arctic

Cynthia Weisfield

Four Tuesdays (11:00 AM-12:30 PM)

Starting November 11

Online

Many of the events of World War II are well known. D-Day is one of the best examples. But how did the military planners get the weather information on which to base an invasion date? The bombing of Hiroshima is another top example. But what if Hitler had gotten the bomb first? The answers to those questions, plus more gripping information, will be presented in this four class

course about a too often overlooked area of an all encompassing world war.

[More info.](#)

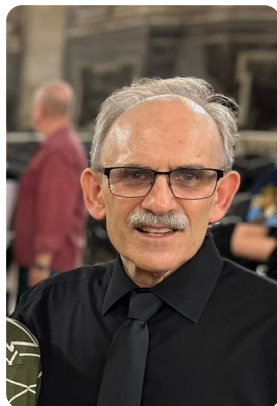
MEDIA

OLLI PODCAST

OLLI at AU is proud to announce *Curiosity Never Retires*, a podcast series created by Paul Vamvas, Andrew Hiller, and David Flaxman, with technical support from Jesse Williams. This series provides information about some of the wonderful courses and people at the heart of our OLLI at AU, while sparking curiosity and maybe a conversation or two. Each 13–15 minute episode features interviews with instructors about upcoming courses, offering prospective registrants insight into what the course will offer and an introduction to the instructor. Links to episodes will be included in the online course catalog. Future episodes may spotlight exciting aspects of our OLLI. At *CNR*, we believe there's never a good time to stop learning or laughing.

Production

Three individuals collaborated to produce this new OLLI at AU podcast venture. We are extremely grateful for the time, energy, and talent that this group has provided to bring this project to life.



David Flaxman is a musician and computer scientist who has been teaching classes at OLLI since 2017. His music classes have previously covered Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, Schubert, Mendelssohn, and others. He is president of the City Choir of Washington and the Georgetown Chorale and is a co-founder of the Washington Douglass Chorale.

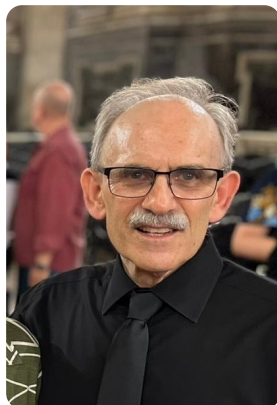


Paul Vamvas retired in 2019 after 20 years with the Federal Judicial Center where he produced educational programs for federal judges. He has a JD degree from the University of Maryland School of Law and an LLM focused on constitutional law from the Georgetown Law Center.



Andrew Hiller has worked with everyone from NPR to the World Bank and the Jim Henson gang. His science, health, and tech news magazine the *Prism*, was broadcast in fifty-three countries, and his commentaries have been selected as best of the year four times by WAMU 88.5 FM.

Podcasts



David Flaxman, [Mozart](#)

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Howard Spendelow, [China & Japan](#)

Howard earned a BA in government (1966) from Oberlin College, and an MA in Chinese Regional Studies (1970) and PhD in history and East Asian languages (1982) from Harvard University. He taught history at Georgetown University from 1979 to 2023, and from 1980 to 2014 he also served as Contract Chair of the Advanced Area Studies Seminar on China at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute.

OLLI EVENTS



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TOUR

Monday, September 15

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

**10 First Street SE | Registration
Required for up to 25 People**

OLLI is pleased to offer a unique tour of the [Thomas Jefferson Building](#) at the Library of Congress.

We have been invited to tour on a Monday when the Library is closed to the public. Our tour includes the Great Hall, the Main Reading Room, the Mezzanine, and Thomas Jefferson's Library. No matter how often experienced, stepping into the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building, the crown jewel among the three buildings housing the Library of Congress, is always a revelation, a feast for the eyes.

**Pre-Register for a Reader
Identification Card!** OLLI members

attending the tour are invited to preregister for a reader card. Click the link below to find out more information about this opportunity.

MORE INFO/REGISTER



US CAPITAL GROUNDS TOUR

Sunday, October 19

1:00-3:00 PM

68 First Street SE | Registration Required

Tickets \$25/person | No Refunds

Originally a wooded river terrace, the [US Capitol Grounds](#) now provide a park-like setting for the nation's [Capitol Building](#), offering a picturesque counterpoint to the building's formal architecture. Join us on a unique and beautiful walk with **Steve Livengood**, Chief Guide and Public Historian of the United States Capitol Historical Society, for a private tour of the US Capitol grounds, originally landscaped by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1874. It was named an accredited arboretum in 2017. Steve is also on the board of The Olmsted Network, the national umbrella organization for the Olmsted legacy.

MORE INFO/REGISTER

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn.

OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that *curiosity never retires*.

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