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WELL WISHES TO ANDREW

Please join us in wishing Andrew Smith all the best as he embarks on an exciting new chapter as a full-time faculty member at Howard University—his hard work and innovations on OLLI's Operations Team will be greatly missed.

STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

The OLLI staff is working remotely through Labor Day. We are still reachable, as always, by email at olli@american.edu or by the office phone at 202-895-4860.

BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR OLLI!

Membership growth is essential to keeping OLLI strong, and word of mouth remains our most effective recruitment tool. As we prepare for the fall semester, the OLLI Membership Committee encourages every member to help spread the word about OLLI. Now is the time to tell your friends, neighbors, and others in your community about OLLI and the lifelong learning opportunities we offer!



WAYS YOU CAN BE AN OLLI AMBASSADOR:

- Encourage prospective members to visit the OLLI website and listen to our podcast series, [*Curiosity Never Retires.*](#)
- Help promote OLLI by sharing our fall catalogs and flyers. Contact the OLLI office to provide you with materials.
- If you know of an apartment complex, retirement community, or organization that might be interested in OLLI, and you can help arrange a presentation, please let the OLLI office know. A member of the Membership Committee or OLLI staff would be happy to speak to the group.
- Click on the flyer image to download a PDF, or pick up printed copies from the OLLI office to share with friends and neighbors.
- Contact the OLLI office at olli@american.edu for a prewritten message to post on your local listserv.

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.

Check out the print catalog [here](#) or use the button below to view courses and register online. **Make sure to register before the fall lottery next Wednesday, September 9**, to have the best chance of getting into your preferred courses.

REGISTER

CATALOG CHANGES

Below are changes made to classes after the fall catalog went to print. Class changes are also available on the [fall catalog changes](#) page.

161: Does Europe Have a Future?: is CANCELLED

505: A Survey of Great Russian Composers: Part 1: "Part 1" has been added to the title because the Study Group Leader will now cover Scriabin, Prokofieff, Stravinsky, and Shostakovich in a Part 2 class in the spring.

550: Mary Cassatt and the Rise of American Impressionism: has been CANCELLED

600: Beginning Italian: Part 2: This book has also been added to the class as required: *Short Stories in Italian - Volume One for Beginners* by Olly Richards

610: Intermediate Italian: The required book has been changed to *Strada Senza Uscita: Learn Italian B1-B2* by Roberto Borzellino

612: Italian: Beginner Level 1: The book *Complete Italian Grammar (Practice makes perfect) (Italian Edition)* by Marcel Danesi has been added to the book list for this class.

654: "Which Part Don't You Believe?"—The Child Narrator in Holocaust Film: is CANCELLED

655: The Novels of Cormac McCarthy: The book *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy has been added to the book list for this class.

707: The Rise and Fall of Napoleon Bonaparte: is CANCELLED

708: Restoring the American Story: is CANCELLED

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

OLLI EVENTS



FALL 2026 MUSIC-THEATRE GROUP

**Intro Session: Thursday,
September 10**

**10:00-11:30 AM | Room 3, 5th
Floor**

\$200/Person

Join the Alliance for New Music-Theatre this fall for another eclectic lineup in their "Live and About" series, featuring outings to [four different productions](#) from September through December as well as an introductory session held at OLLI.

OLLI

Lunch Club

OLLI LUNCH CLUB

12:00 PM

Millie's Restaurant | Registration Required

[Thursday, September 17 \(at Pizzeria Paradiso\)](#)

[Tuesday, October 6](#)

[Wednesday, October 21](#)

[Thursday, November 5](#)

[Monday, November 16](#)

The **OLLI Lunch Club Opener** will hold its first luncheon of the fall semester on **Thursday, September 17th at 12:00 PM at Pizzeria Paradiso** across the street from OLLI. As this is the opener for the fall semester, there is space for a larger group, so please come. This is a great way for new and existing OLLI members to meet other OLLI members prior to the start of classes.

There is space for up to 25 people. Each person pays their own way.

Please register using the links above.

MORE INFO/REGISTER



WOODLAWN & POPE-LEIGHEY HOUSE TOUR

**9000 Richmond Highway,
Alexandria, VA**

Saturday, September 19

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

\$20/person | No Refunds

**Registration Required - BRING A
FRIEND!**

Join us for a visit to **[Woodlawn &
Pope-Leighey House](#)**, two
remarkable National Trust for Historic

Preservation properties that tell very different stories of American architecture, history, and social change. The tour will be followed by an optional lunch at [Della J's Delectables](#). We need at least 5 more registrations for this tour to go forward. Please consider bringing a friend and carpooling!

MORE INFO/REGISTER

Share Your Favorite
BOOK TITLES
with OLLI at AU

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE BOOK TITLES

Wednesday, September 23

2:30 PM-3:30 PM | Room 3

Registration Required

If you are missing the *Washington Post Book Review* or just can't commit to a monthly book club, think about attending one of OLLI at AU's "Share Your Favorite Book Titles" meetings where we share our favorite titles with one another. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 23 at 2:30 PM in Room 3**. Please bring (at least) four titles to share!

Those who register will receive an email with further information closer to the meeting date.

REGISTER



FALL WINE & CHEESE WELCOMER

Thursday, September 24

3:00-4:30 PM

\$15/Person

Registration Required | No Refunds

Join us for our wine and cheese welcome event for fall registrants and their guests on Thursday, September 24, from 3:00-4:30 PM at the Spring Valley Cafe on the 6th floor of the OLLI building. Various wines and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Attendance is limited to the first 125 members who register. We look forward to seeing you!

If you are new to OLLI and would like a tour of OLLI facilities, we will have tours starting at 2:45 PM followed by the Wine and Cheese Welcomer. Please meet on the 5th floor by the elevators for the tours at 2:45 PM.

The cutoff for registrations is Thursday, September 17, at 4:00 PM or 125 registrants, whichever comes first.

MORE INFO/REGISTER



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MUSEUM OF EXPLORATION TOUR

1145 17th Street NW, Washington, DC

Saturday, October 10

10:00-11:00 AM

Tickets \$28/person | No Refunds

Join OLLI for a special visit to the newly opened National Geographic Museum of Exploration, an exciting new destination at the National Geographic Society's historic Washington headquarters. Representing the most significant transformation of the National Geographic campus in its history, the museum encompasses more than 100,000 square feet of public space designed to ignite the explorer within each visitor.

MORE INFO/REGISTER

MEDIA

OLLI PODCAST

Listen to episodes from OLLI at AU's podcast, [*Curiosity Never Retires*](#). 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. At *CNR*, we believe there's never a good time to stop learning or laughing. Look for a new episode to be posted next week.



Mark Nadel, [*Can't We Do Better Than This?: Thinking About Improving Government*](#)

Mark Nadel was a political science professor at Cornell University and ended his academic career as a professor at Georgetown's public policy school. In between those two academic stints he took a 20-year detour at GAO dealing with government performance issues and then at the Social Security Administration as an Associate Commissioner. He has long been an active member of OLLI, and has led study groups on politics and public policy.

AU EVENTS



250+ AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

The 250+ at American initiative offers a year of multidisciplinary programs that invite AU's community to reflect on the nation's past, engage in the present, and imagine the future. [More Info/Events.](#)

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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