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CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT

We have received many questions about how to support Tony Long and honor his mother, Carol Ann Bieniek, who recently passed. His family let us know that those who wish to do something can either donate to St. John's Episcopal Church in Havre de Grace for their "Cupboard" or donate to a charity of their choice.

Carol volunteered at the church's food pantry and felt very connected to this work. Here is how you can donate to St. John's Episcopal "Cupboard":

Contact: Sheila McCutcheon

Mobile: (410) 322-2560

Checks Payable: St. John's Cupboard

Mailing Address: St. John's Episcopal Church

Attn: St. John's Cupboard

114 N. Union Avenue

Havre de Grace, MD 21078

Thanks to all those who have reached out with words of encouragement and support. Tony and his family are very appreciative of your kindness.

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 10

1:30 PM

Hybrid

[Zoom Link - Click here to join at 1:30 PM](#)

Join us for OLLI's Annual Meeting **today**, Friday, April 10 at 1:30 PM. Board candidates will give brief remarks to introduce themselves.

The meeting format will be hybrid (members both in-person and online) and will take place both in Room A on the first floor and via Zoom. No registration is required for either format. **Click the zoom link above if you'd like to join online.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

CALLING ALL PROPOSALS

We welcome proposals from both new and previous study group leaders! For more information about being an SGL at OLLI, please visit the **[Become an Instructor](#)** page on the website. If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group for the first time and would like to speak with someone, please email **olli@american.edu** with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

Fall Semester

September 28-December 4

(Once a week for 7-10 weeks)

Proposal deadline for fall semester: Sunday, May 3

LECTURES

There is no lecture or happy hour today due to the annual meeting. See details below in OLLI Events.



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Richard Bell, *The American Revolution and the Fate of the World*

April 17

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Bell is a professor of history at the University of Maryland and the award-winning author of four books, including *Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped Into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home (A True Story About Slavery in America)* and *The American Revolution and the Fate of the World*, which will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the lecture.

REGISTER

OLLI EVENTS

SERENDIPITY TALK

Dan Sherman, *Celebrating Rachmaninoff*

Monday, April 13 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Online via Zoom | No Registration Required

This talk will review Rachmaninoff's life and career, demonstrating the range and richness of his work through recordings (including some by Rachmaninoff) and his dazzling compositional style.

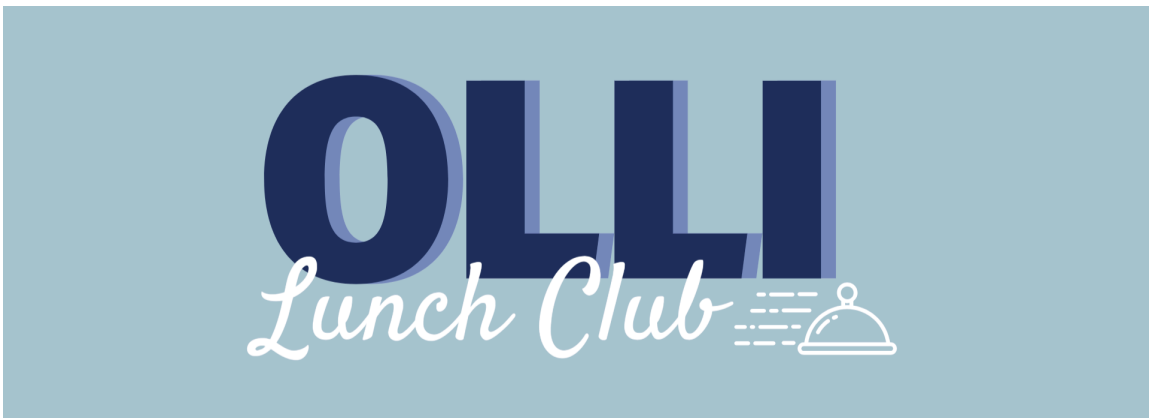
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AMERICA 250 EVENT: PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

OLLI will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a special event on June 29 and 30. This two-day program will feature a series of short presentations on topics related to the "America 250" theme. We are still looking for presenters! Click below for more information.

[View More Info.](#)

Submission deadline: Friday, April 17



OLLI LUNCH CLUB

12:00 PM

Millie's Restaurant | Registration Required

[Thursday, April 23](#)

The OLLI Lunch Club will hold its last luncheon of the spring semester on Thursday, April 23 at 12:00 PM at Millie's restaurant across the street from OLLI. There is space for up to 12 people. Each person pays their own way. **Please register using the link above.**

SERENDIPITY TALK

Ray Squitieri, *How the World Became Modern*

Monday, April 27 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Online via Zoom | No Registration Required

For nearly all of human history most people lived at subsistence level. Life expectancy barely improved, child mortality remained alarmingly high, and one bad harvest still threatened famine.

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U.S. CAPITOL GROUNDS TOUR

Saturday, May 9

12:45 PM-3:00 PM

Registration Required

Tickets \$25/person | No Refunds

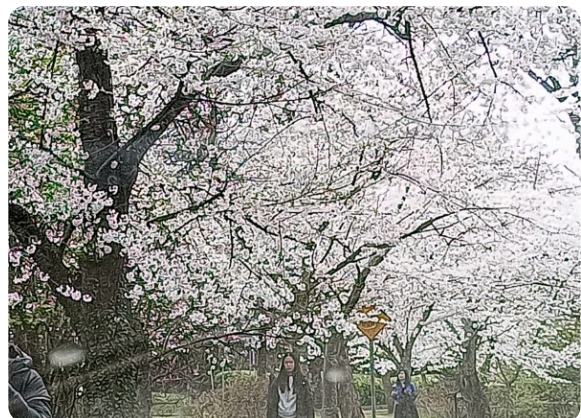
Join us as we step into a living documentary of American landscape design where our guide, Steve Livengood—Chief Guide and Public Historian of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society and a board member of The Olmsted Network—guides us on a tour of the U.S. Capitol grounds.

REGISTER

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

KENWOOD CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Bob Kolodney, OLLI member and SGL, organized a visit to Kenwood with fellow OLLI members to see the cherry blossoms. See some beautiful pictures from their trip below!



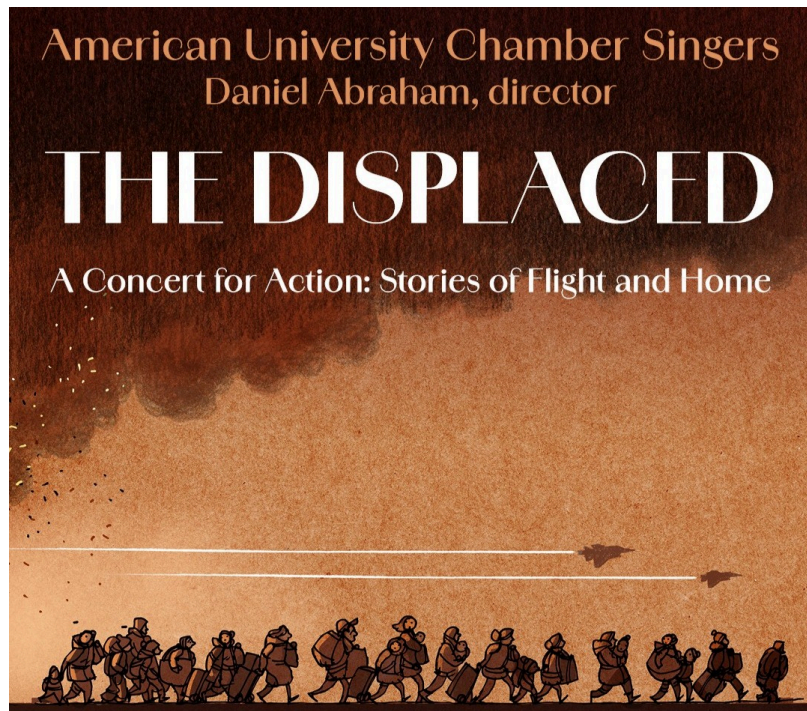
AU EVENTS



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](#)

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THE DISPLACED

American University Chamber Singers

April 11 at 8:00 PM & April 12 at 3:00 PM

Katzen Arts Center, Abramson Family Recital Hall

4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016

[More Info/Tickets](#)

Creating Justice: Developing Evidence-based Policy to Reduce Inequality



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The Leadership
Conference on
Civil and Human
Rights



Laura Waxman

Director,
Public Safety,
US Conference
of Mayors

CREATING JUSTICE: DEVELOPING EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY TO REDUCE INEQUALITY

Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 PM

Kerwin Hall, Room 301

3590 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

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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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