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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING



SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are excited to announce that June Minis and July Shorts registration is OPEN! Our study group leaders and Summer Curriculum Committee have outdone themselves to bring you an exciting set of courses.

This year, June Minis features 32 study groups and July Shorts features

23 shorts. Click the applicable button below to register!

June Minis (June 1-26)

June Minis meet once a week for four weeks, either in-person or online. Members can select up to three courses before the lottery for \$100. After the lottery, members can add a fourth class. **The June Minis lottery will be held on May 20.**

REGISTER

July Shorts (July 6-10)

July Shorts meet 2-5 times during one week, either in-person or online. Members can select up to three courses before the lottery for \$100. After the lottery, members can add however many classes fit in their schedule. **The July Shorts Lottery will be held on June 24.**

REGISTER

NEW MEMBER 10% DISCOUNT

Are you new to OLLI or thinking about coming back after taking a break? Use one of the buttons below to register for either summer session. 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 semester.

JUNE MINIS DISCOUNT

JULY SHORTS DISCOUNT

SPRING FINAL FEEDBACK & SGL GIFTS

Spring Final Feedback

The spring [final feedback form](#) is now available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." As always, feedback is anonymous. If you have suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.

In an effort to increase response rate, paper copies of the feedback form will be distributed by the SGR of each in-person class next week. They can also be picked up outside the OLLI office. If you choose to complete a paper form, please drop it off at the office when you're finished.

Final feedback will be accepted through Friday, May 15.

SGL Gifts

All of OLLI's study group leaders are volunteers. Each academic session, members are invited to give them a gift in honor of all of the work they do to prepare and deliver their courses. This is completely voluntary.

[SGL gifts](#) can be made on the OLLI website under "Give" and then "SGL Gifts." **You must log into your account on the website to see the gift form.** SGL gifts can also be made by mailing or dropping off a check made payable to **OLLI at AU** with the course number(s) listed in the memo field. The OLLI office will write and mail a check to each SGL.

SGL Gifts will be accepted through Friday, May 15.

FALL PROPOSALS

OLLI is currently accepting [study group proposals](#) for the fall. The fall semester will be **September 28-December 4** and classes meet for 7-10 weeks. The submission deadline is **Sunday, May 5.**

LECTURES

SPRING LECTURE SERIES

Registration is required for in-person lectures. Registration will open at 10:00 AM on the Friday prior to the lecture. **Spring lectures will be held at OLLI:** 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, in Room A on the first floor. Visit the [Spring 2026 Lectures](#) page for a full list of this semester's lectures.



TODAY'S LECTURE -

REGISTRATION FULL

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.

JOIN WAITLIST



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Jeffrey Rogg, *The Revolution Sub Rosa: America's Shadow War for Independence*

April 24

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Dr. Jeffrey Rogg is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of South Florida's Global and National Security Institute and previously taught at the Joint Special Operations University, The Citadel, and the US Naval War College.

Jeffrey's 's latest book, *The Spy and the State: The History of American Intelligence* will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the lecture.

REGISTER

OLLI EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

Last Friday, members joined us for OLLI's Annual Meeting both in-person and online. For those who were not in attendance, click the link below to check out the slideshow and read about the state of OLLI.

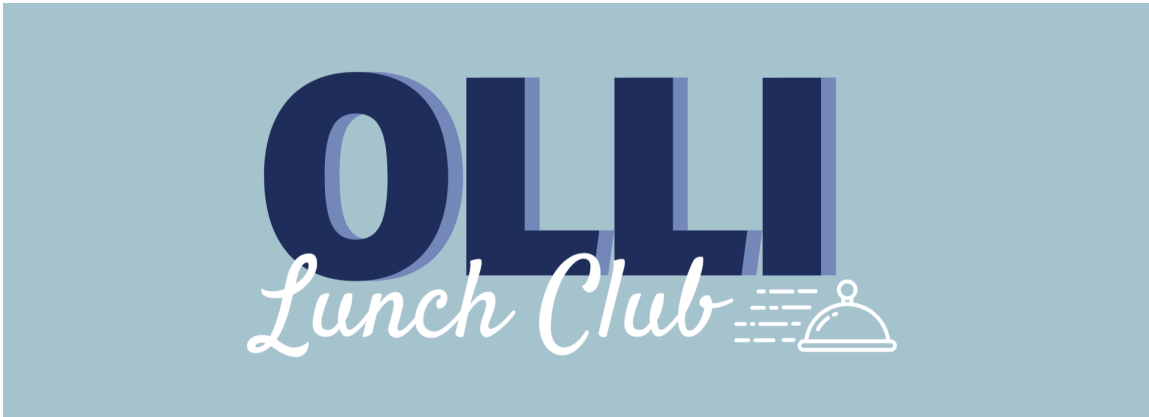
[View Slideshow.](#)

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: Today, Friday, April 17



OLLI LUNCH CLUB

12:00 PM

Millie's Restaurant | Registration Required

[Thursday, April 23](#)

The OLLI Lunch Club will hold its next 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 links 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.

[View more info.](#)



**TOUR: OLMSTED'S VISION FOR
THE U.S. CAPITOL GROUNDS: A
LANDSCAPE OF DEMOCRACY**

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 Steve Livengood, Chief Guide and Public Historian of the U.S. Capitol Historic Society and a board member of the Olmsted Network, guides us on a tour of the U.S. Capitol grounds.

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AU EVENTS

American University Chorus

Between Stone and Sky

April 18, 2026 at 7:30 PM & Sunday, April 19 at 2 PM

Katzen Arts Center, Abramson Family Recital Hall

4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016

Tickets: \$10 for senior citizens (55 and older)



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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