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UPDATES

BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR OLLI!

Membership growth is an important part of keeping OLLI strong, and word of mouth is our most effective recruiting tool. As we get ready for February and spring registration, the OLLI membership committee encourages members to tell their friends and neighbors all about OLLI! Encourage them to check out the OLLI website and listen to our podcast series, "[Curiosity Never Retires](#)," where they can learn about our wonderful courses and SGLs. Another way to spread the word is wearing the OLLI jacket; you would be surprised how many

people ask you about OLLI. If you know of an apartment complex, village, or community group that might be interested in OLLI, please contact the office. We will provide you with materials you can use to promote our program!

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING



SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The 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 32 June Minis and 23 July 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.

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 were distributed by the SGR of each in-person class this 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 3.**

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

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

April 24

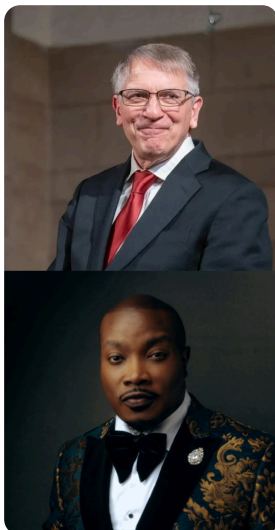
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In-Person at OLLI

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.

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Scott Tucker and Theodore Thorpe III, *Sacred Music in the Western Classical and African-American Traditions*

May 1

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Theodore Thorpe III is a dynamic force in Washington's music community—conductor, vocalist, pianist, organist, composer, arranger, and choral master. He has appeared as artistic director, conductor, and soloist at venues such as the

Carnegie Hall and the John F.

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Scott Tucker is an accomplished choral conductor known for preparing choruses for leading orchestras and conductors worldwide. As Artistic Director of the Choral Arts Society of Washington (2012–2022), he led more than two dozen collaborations with the National Symphony Orchestra at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, earning critical acclaim, including for Britten’s War Requiem.

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OLLI EVENTS



HAPPY HOUR

A happy hour will take place each Friday after the lecture (about 2:30 PM) at Pizzeria Paradiso across the street from OLLI. There is space for up to 25 people. Each person pays their own way. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

[REGISTER](#)

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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OLLI HAPPENINGS

OLLI INTERN APPRECIATION

On Thursday, OLLI hosted an appreciation luncheon for our wonderful interns! A very big thank you to them all. OLLI wouldn't be the same without their help and support! Congratulations to Cayenne and Connor, who will be graduating this year.



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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