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# Newsletter



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## UPDATES

### STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

The OLLI staff will work remotely Monday, February 16 and Tuesday, February 17. We are still reachable by email at [oli@american.edu](mailto:oli@american.edu) or by phone at (202) 895-4860.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In April, OLLI will elect four members to serve on the Board of Directors. The Nominating and Elections Committee will prepare a slate of nominees in March.

After the Board approves the list, it will be shared with the membership.

The committee welcomes nominations from OLLI members, including self-nominations. Board members serve a three-year term and may run for a second consecutive term. Board service requires strong commitment. Members are expected to attend Board meetings, support OLLI's development efforts, and participate in other OLLI activities, such as SGL luncheons and the Annual Meeting. Board members must remain current OLLI members throughout their term. While serving as a committee chair is optional, committee participation is strongly encouraged.

To nominate someone, please submit the person's name along with one or two short paragraphs describing their background, involvement with OLLI, and why you are recommending them. Send nominations to [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) by **Friday, February 20**.

The approved slate of nominees will be announced in the OLLI newsletter on March 13. Any nominees not selected for the slate may still run as an at-large candidate by either self-nominating or being nominated by another member. To do so, a petition signed by at least ten OLLI members must be submitted by **Friday, March 27**. The OLLI office will provide petition forms and instructions upon request.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING



### 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 the spring semester, 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.

If you know of an apartment complex, village, or community group that might be interested in OLLI, please contact or stop by the office. We

will provide you with new spring flyers, catalogs, and other materials you can use to promote our program!

### **SPRING BOOK LIST**

Most spring semester books are available through Politics and Prose bookstore at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008. Politics and Prose offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books for courses. Below is a list of spring semester books that are not available at Politics and Prose, or available, but without discount.

#### **Not Available**

- 601** *Vocabulaire Progressif du Français*
- 608** *Encuentros 1: Comunicación y Cultura*
- 610** *Primiracconti Undici Racconti*
- 611** *Sanskrit Manual*
- 644** *T.S. Eliot Complete Poems and Plays*
- 657** *Tenant of Wildfell Hall*
- 677** *Geary's Guide to the World's Great Aphorists*
- 690** *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
- 806** *Healing Art of Qi Gong*
- 860** *Introduction to Metaphysic*

#### **Pay to Order**

- 499** *Basic Immunology*
- 739** *Revolution and its Past*
- 740** *A Modern History of Japan*
- 761** *Europe Between the War*

#### **Not Returnable**

- 477** *Rock Art of the Qsur*

#### **Pay-to-Order and Not Returnable**

- 200** *Making Peace with Conflict*
- 206** *Great War and the Death of God*

### **SPRING SEMESTER: REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

The spring semester is March 2-May 8. Courses meet for a varying number of weeks. The membership fee is \$330 and allows you to sign up for three courses

in the lottery. After the lottery, when you have received your class assignment letter, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account.

**Make sure to register before the spring lottery on Wednesday, February 18.**

[VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER](#)

### CATALOG CHANGES

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

#### Spring:

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

**741: History of Atlantic Slavery** has been added to the spring. View details/register [here](#).

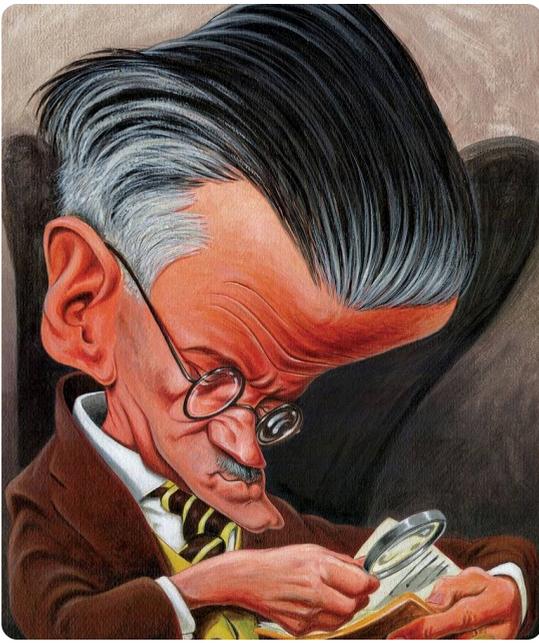
**834: Mindfulness Meditation Intermediate level** will now start Monday, March 9.

### NEW MEMBER 10% DISCOUNT

Are you new to OLLI or thinking about coming back after taking a break? Use the button below to register for the spring semester. 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.

[NEW MEMBER DISCOUNT](#)

[OLLI EVENTS](#)



## **JAMES JOYCE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**Wednesday, February 18**

**3:30-5:15 PM | Room A**

We will celebrate James Joyce's birthday with a reading from *Ulysses*, a film showing, and a party starting at 3:30 PM. **The program is free, but registration is required to facilitate planning.** More information/resources at event website: [James Joyce Birthday Party 2026](#)

**MORE INFO/REGISTER**



## **SPRING 2026 WINE AND CHEESE WELCOMER**

**Thursday, February 26**

**3:00-4:30 PM**

**\$15/Person**

### **Registration Required**

Join us for an in-person spring semester wine and cheese welcome event on Thursday, February 26 from 3:00-4:30 PM, at the Spring Valley Cafe located 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 that 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.

[REGISTER](#)

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### ART EXHIBITION: EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER

Beverly Logan, a current SGL and OLLI member, is hosting an art exhibition from February 14-February 21. The opening reception will be held on February 14 from 4:00-6:00 PM.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ART EXHIBITION



### BEVERLY LOGAN: "EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER"

February 6 - February 21, 2026

Opening Reception: February 14: 4pm-6pm

First Friday: February 6: 6pm-8pm

Studio Gallery  
2108 R Street  
Washington, DC 20008

Gallery Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1pm-6pm  
Saturday 11am - 6pm

## AU EVENTS

### WAMU PODCAST: YOUNG AT HEART

WAMU is launching a new original podcast: *Young at Heart*. Hosted by Kojo Nnamdi, this six-part series explores one of life's inevitable transitions: when we move on from our work life. Through personal stories and conversations, the podcast examines how people rethink purpose, community, and creativity in the years that follow full-time work.

*Young at Heart* is available now on [WAMU's website](#) and other common podcast platforms.



**ROGER'S & HAMMERSTEIN'S OKLAHOMA!**

February 19-20 | 8:00 PM

February 21 | 2:00 and 8:00 PM

Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theatre

4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016

Tickets: \$10 for seniors (55+)

[TICKETS](#)

**OTHER EVENTS**

WOOLLY MAMMOTH THEATRE COMPANY  
Presents

# DANA TAI SOON BURGESS DANCE COMPANY

*An Asian American  
Dance Journey*

Apr. 24 - May 3



**WOOLLY  
MAMMOTH**

Ticket Sales: (202)393-3939

More information at [dtsbdc.org](http://dtsbdc.org)

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## **DANA TAI SOON BURGESS DANCE COMPANY (DTSBDC)**

Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company, previous lecturers at OLLI at AU, return to Woolly Mammoth Theatre with their signature grace in storytelling in honor of Asian American Heritage Month.

**TICKETS**

## 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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