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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RAYMOND MAXWELL

A celebration of life gathering will be held for Raymond Maxwell on **Saturday, January 17 from 4:00-7:00 PM** at DACOR Bacon House, 1801 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, about 2 blocks from Farragut West metro station. RSVP to Raymond's wife, Filomena, by emailing raymax2026@aol.com. Please be

sure to include brief note sharing how you knew Raymond, particularly if you were once a participant in one of his courses.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The OLLI office will be closed **Monday, January 19** for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

The OLLI staff is currently working remotely, for the most part, **through Tuesday, January 20**. We are still reachable by email at olli@american.edu or by phone at (202) 895-4860.

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



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The February Shorts and spring semester registration is open! Once again, our Study Group Leaders and Curriculum Committee have outdone themselves to bring you an exciting set of courses. **There are 108 spring courses and 37 February Shorts!**

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. You can prioritize up to 8 classes for the lottery. As always, the lottery will then assign you up to three classes.

FEBRUARY SHORTS

The February Shorts will be held for two weeks: February 2-6 and 9-13. Each short course runs for 2-5 days during one of the two weeks. You may register for up to three courses in the lottery for the \$100 fee. **Your courses do not have to be all within the same week.** After the lottery, once you receive your class assignment letter, you can add additional courses—as many open courses as fit in your schedule—by logging into your OLLI account. To take more courses, you can even stack several within the same time slot. For example, if you have a course scheduled for February 2-4 (Mon-Wed) at 11:45 AM, you can add another that meets February 5-6 (Thu-Fri), also at 11:45 AM, instead of having to choose between the two.

Make sure to register before the February Shorts lottery on Wednesday, January 21.

[**VIEW CLASSES AND REGISTER**](#)

SPRING SEMESTER

The spring semester is March 2-May 8. Courses meet for a varying length of time (see each study group for the 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.

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CATALOG CHANGES

Below are changes made to classes after the catalog went to print. Class changes are also available on the [February and spring catalog changes](#) page of the OLLI website and are updated as they occur.

Spring:

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

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



WINTER/SPRING 2026 MUSIC-THEATRE GROUP

Registration Deadline: Sunday, February 1

\$285/person for 5 performances

Join the Alliance for New Music-Theatre in the winter/spring 2026 season of the "Live and About" series.

This curated subscription series includes [five performances](#)

occurring once per month at various theatres around the DMV. After attending each performance as a group, participants will have the opportunity to engage with other group members in an informal gathering and discussion to understand the deeper intentions of the show's creators. It is more important now than ever to support the local theater community and to celebrate our city's talented artists. Register below to join this upcoming season.

at 9:30 AM. Specific topics of discussion will be announced closer to the dates. These groups are open to all OLLI members, but space is limited. Refreshments will be supplied by OLLI board member and Social Committee Chair, Jeff Porter. **Please register for only one of the two sessions.**

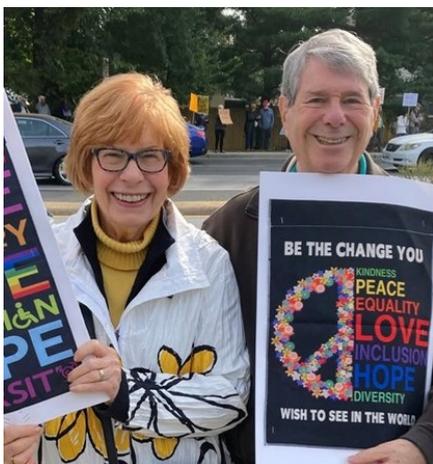
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MEDIA

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.



Leonard King, [*Nonviolence*](#)

After teaching 43 years at Maret School, Leonard King has taught study groups at OLLI on film history and analysis, European history and ideology, history of China, nonviolence, and moral dilemmas.

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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