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# Newsletter



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## ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

### SPRING REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

There is still time to register for the spring semester or add another class! You can see the status of each course (open or closed) on the OLLI website. The membership fee (\$330 for the semester) allows you to sign up for three courses before the lottery. Now that the lottery has passed, you can add a fourth study group by logging into your account.

**The deadline to add/drop classes or request a refund is Friday, March 13.**

## 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. [Click here](#) for a list of spring semester books that are not available at Politics and Prose, or available, but without discount.

## PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK

The [preliminary feedback form](#) is available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." As always, feedback is anonymous.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to provide feedback about each of your study groups after attending two class sessions. **If you have any 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. 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. Preliminary feedback will be accepted through **Friday, March 20.**

# 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

**Jennifer Steele, *Resilience in the Age of Artificial Intelligence***

**March 6**

**1:30 PM**

**In-Person at OLLI**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a "future" scenario—it is unfolding in

real time, raising urgent questions about the place of humans in the age of automation. Dr. Jennifer L. Steele, a professor in American University's School of Education and affiliate faculty in Public Administration and Policy, will explain what we mean by "AI," what makes it different from other kinds of machines, and how it is reshaping the modern economy. Drawing on her research on educational opportunity, school-to-workforce transitions, and the labor market effects of AI—as well as her experience as a former RAND policy researcher and K-12 teacher—she will also discuss the skills we can strengthen as thinkers, mentors, and citizens to remain resilient in a rapidly shifting world.

**To kick off the semester series, refreshments will be provided prior to the lecture! *There is space remaining, so registration is encouraged, but not required.***

**REGISTER**



#### **NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE**

**Dan Glickman, *Detoxifying American Politics***

**March 13**

**1:30 PM**

**In-Person at OLLI**

Dan Glickman, former US Secretary of Agriculture, served in Congress representing Kansas from 1977 to 1995. He is the former executive director of the Aspen Institute

Congressional Program and a former chairman of the Motion Picture Association of America. He is currently a senior fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center, chairman of the board of Hunger Free America, and serves on several boards, while also advising The Russell Group and APCO Worldwide and teaching as an adjunct professor at Tufts University.

Dan's latest book, *Laughing at Myself: My Education in Congress, on the Farm, and at the Movies* will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the lecture.

[REGISTER](#)

## OLLI EVENTS

### 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 invite members of the OLLI community to participate in this celebration by offering a brief presentation (approximately 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for Q&A). While America 250 commemorates a historic milestone, presentations may explore the influence of the Declaration of Independence across many aspects of American life. Topics are not limited to history and may include art, music, politics, culture, and more.

To propose a presentation for consideration, please email the following information to [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu)

- Your name
- Title of presentation
- Brief description of the presentation
- Your bio
- Your availability on June 29 and 30



### **HAPPY HOURS**

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

**REGISTER**

### **SERENDIPITY TALK**

**Robert S. Olick, *Rules for Dying 50 Years After Quinlan: Putting Patients and Families First***

**Monday, March 9 | 3:30-5:00 PM**

**Online via Zoom | No Registration Required**

Today we take for granted the right to refuse unwanted medical treatment and to create advance directives at the end of life. Yet that right was first recognized just 50 years ago in the landmark case of Karen Ann Quinlan, when the New Jersey Supreme Court affirmed that patients—and their families acting on their behalf—may refuse life-sustaining treatment. This talk begins with Quinlan's story and traces how its principles shaped national law and policy, establishing today's end-of-life consensus. It concludes with an examination of the current status, future prospects, and ongoing challenges surrounding the right to choose the time and manner of one's death.

[View more info.](#)

No registration is required for Serendipities. The Zoom link will be emailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of each talk.

If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to attend, please join the

# OLLI

## Lunch Club



### OLLI LUNCH CLUB

12:00 PM

Millie's Restaurant | Registration Required

[Monday, March 9](#)

[Tuesday, March 24](#)

[Wednesday, April 8](#)

[Thursday, April 23](#)

The OLLI Lunch Club will hold its first luncheon of the spring semester on Monday, March 9 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.**



### THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL TOUR

Saturday, March 21

10:45 AM-12:00 PM

\$15/Person | No Refunds

Registration Required

Discover the [George Washington Masonic National Memorial](#), rising 333 feet above Alexandria on Shuter's Hill! Built starting in 1922, this striking granite landmark was funded entirely by citizens across the country and even laid with the same ceremonial trowel Washington used at the U.S. Capitol in 1793—a real

connection to history you can almost feel.

This private guided tour begins in the Memorial Hall, followed by the Replica Lodge Room, and concluding on the Observation Deck.

**This tour requires a minimum of 10 registrants to take place.**

**REGISTER**

### **SERENDIPITY TALK**

**Andrew Hiller, *From Page to Stage: Muppets, Publishing, and Chutzpah***

**Monday, March 23 | 3:30-4:30 PM**

**Online via Zoom | No Registration Required**

Andrew has been heckled by Robin Williams, wrote skits and performed them with the Jim Henson gang, and has seen plays on the New York stage and his books on best sellers' list... Oh yeah, he's also an OLLI SGL. Now, his latest book, *Hornytown Chutzpah*, is about to hit shelves. If you're wondering about the title, it has to do with Bugs Bunny (plus the visual of a cartoon sign featuring a little red devil with big ole horns) and antisemitism.

[View more info.](#)

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### **OLLI CONCERT SERIES: RITUALS**

**April 1, 2026**

**4:00-6:00 PM**

**Katzen Arts Center in Abramson Recital Hall**

**4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW**

**Registration required; Light refreshments following performance**

Soprano Laura Choi Stuart and pianist Tanya Blaich present a recital and discussion featuring the art songs of three contrasting composers: Charles Ives' American experience of community and family, ancient rituals and passions of Reynaldo Hahn's *Études latines*, and the intimate domestic rituals of William

Bolcom's vivid miniatures in Briefly It Enters. RITUALS is a full recital program shaped into an album-length narrative—song as ritual: memory repeated, language tasted...life, love, and death revealed in a few concentrated minutes.



ART SONGS by Charles Ives,  
Reynaldo Hahn,  
& William Bolcom

Laura Choi Stuart, SOPRANO  
Tanya Blaich, PIANO



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Laura Choi Stuart, soprano  
Tanya Blaich, piano

OLLI CONCERT SERIES  
**RITUALS**

APR 01 | 4 PM | FREE  
Registration Required

Abramson  
Recital Hall  
KATZEN ARTS  
CENTER

4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW | Parking \$2/hr

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)

**MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Hornytown Chutzpah**  
**March Book**  
**Signings & Readings**



**March 17, 2026**  
 Presale orders available now

**Hornytown Chutzpah**




**Andrew Hiller**  
**March 4 @5pm**  
 AWP Conference  
 Top of the World  
 Baltimore World Trade Center  
 Reading

**March 17th from 11 am - 2pm**  
 Parkway Deli, Silver Spring  
 Signing

**March 18th from 11am - 2pm**  
 Mikey & Mel's Diner, Fulton, MD  
 Signing

**March 19 5:30**  
 Connie Morella Library, Bethesda, MD  
 Book Talk

**March 28th at 6:30**  
 Mojomala Books, Silver Spring  
 Reading

**MARCH BOOK TOUR**

Andrew Hiller, an OLLI at AU member and SGL will be hosting a tour this March, featuring his upcoming book, *Hornytown Chutzpah*. [Click here](#) for more information or to preorder the book. Andrew will also be giving a [Serendipity Talk](#) on March 23 related to his book, publishing, and work with The Muppets.

**AU EVENTS**

**TRANSATLANTIC POLICY CENTER**  
 SPOTLIGHT ON UKRAINE





Tuesday, March 17  
 3:45-5:00 p.m.  
 SIS Founders Room

Olga Stefanishyna  
 Ambassador of Ukraine to the US

Polina Beliakova  
 SIS professor

Garret Martin  
 SIS professor

**MORE INFO/REGISTER**



## 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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