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Board of Directors Election

After inviting recommendations from the OLLI membership, this year's Nominating Committee (David Flaxman, Chair; Myra Barron; David Hensler; Diana Jamieson; and Marc Lackritz), has developed a list of four candidates to fill the four positions on the Board of Directors becoming vacant in June 2022. The Committee believes these candidates have amply demonstrated the skills, experience, background, and energy needed for OLLI at AU leadership. The list, which the Board has approved, will appear on the ballot for the election that is scheduled for April. Please note that an asterisk by a candidate's name indicates they're a current Board member. The Board-approved candidates are:



JOHN ALDOCK*

John joined OLLI five years ago after retiring as General Counsel of Goodwin Procter LLP, an international law firm. He has served on the OLLI Finance Committee and assisted the Board Chair and Executive Director in negotiations with AU over space in our new building and the OLLI endowment. He previously served as Assistant US Attorney for DC, Chair of the Shea and Gardner law firm, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Rules of the US District Court for DC and for many years as a member of the Board of the Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

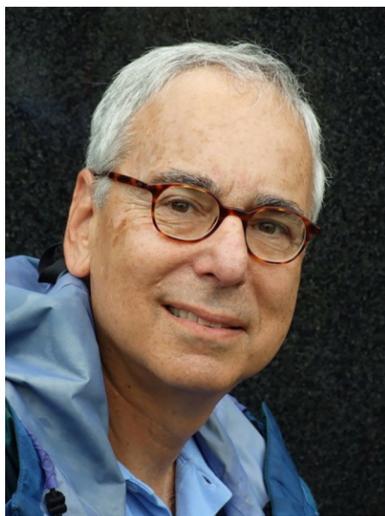


PENELOPE HANSEN*

Penelope Hansen directed numerous programs at the Environmental Protection Agency during its first 30 years and played a major role in implementing the country's first recycling, hazardous waste, Superfund, acid rain, and environmental technology verification programs. She was educated at Skidmore College, Johns Hopkins University, and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Penny, who joined OLLI in 2010, has devoted much of her retirement to studying the Supreme Court and has given classes on this and other subjects over the last eight years.

LINDA MILLER

Trained professionally as a hospital administrator, Linda's 35-year career in health care focused on nonprofit hospitals and their special relationship to the community—for which she was elected to membership in the National Academy of Medicine in 1997. She has authored multiple articles and op-ed pieces in the *NY Times*, *Washington Post*, *New England Journal of Medicine* and *USA Today*, among others. Linda attended Cornell University (BA '66), Columbia School of Physicians and Surgeons (OTR and MS), and GWU (post-masters); and has lived in the DC area since the early seventies, raising twin daughters. She is an enthusiastic supporter of OLLI—having chaired the Board (2012-2013), and having served as a study group leader teaching health reform.



MARK NADEL*

Mark joined OLLI in 2012 and since then has taught several different courses on public policy. He is currently Chair of the Lecture Committee and has helped in the orientation of new SGLs. Previously, he taught political science at Cornell before joining the Government Accountability Office. He ended his federal career as an Associate Commissioner of Social Security. Since retiring, he has taught public policy at Georgetown and was a senior fellow at Georgetown's Government Affairs Institute. He has degrees from California (BA) and Johns Hopkins (PhD).

The OLLI Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, April 8 and candidates will give brief remarks to introduce themselves. Stay tuned for further information about the format of the Annual Meeting (Zoom or hybrid). Online balloting will begin after the Annual Meeting and election results will be announced on April 25.

Members interested in being placed on the ballot as at-large candidates can do so by filing a self-nomination petition supported by the signatures of 10 OLLI members. Candidates meeting the 10-member signature requirement will automatically appear on the ballot. The deadline for submitting at-large petitions is Friday, April 1. As part of the petition, candidates should provide a photo (a smartphone photo will be fine) and a brief bio of no more than 100 words. Interested candidates should contact the OLLI office for the petition form and other details.

Preliminary Feedback

The spring preliminary feedback form is now available on the OLLI website [here](#). We encourage you to take a few minutes to provide feedback about each of your study groups so far. Despite trainings and preparation before the semester starts, there are sometimes tech issues that come up the first week that need ironing out (especially in Zoom and hybrid classes), so we ask that you provide feedback after attending **two class sessions**.

Feedback is viewed by study group leaders, the Curriculum Committee, and the office. Feedback is crucial for study group leaders to receive, as your feedback lets them know what is going well and what changes they could consider making for the remainder of the semester.

Paper copies of the feedback form are also available in each classroom as well as outside the OLLI office. If you choose to complete a paper form, just drop it off at the office when you're finished. As always, feedback is completely anonymous.

Feedback will be accepted through Sunday, March 27.

Mask Protocol at OLLI at AU

As of March 21, 2022, AU's policy will shift to masks being optional on campus. However, the consensus of the Board is that OLLI will continue to require masks in classes for the current semester. The decision was made based upon the population we serve and the promise of safety we made at the start of the semester to in-person SGLs and members. Barring a change in COVID numbers, we hope and expect not to require masks for the upcoming June Minis and July Shorts.

Proposals for Summer 2022



June and July Study Group Proposals

The OLLI office is now accepting study group proposals (to teach a class) for both of the upcoming summer sessions. We welcome proposals from both new and veteran Study Group Leaders. For more information about being an SGL at OLLI, please visit [Become A Study Group Leader](#) on the OLLI website. If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group and would like to speak with someone or ask questions, please email olli@american.edu with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

To propose a study group, please click one of the links below. **You will need to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.** We are planning for the summer sessions to be both in-person and online. SGLs select their preference for format on the proposal form. Online and in-person support is offered to SGLs depending on their format.

June Minis: June 6-July 1 (classes meet once a week for 4 weeks)

Proposal form: <https://www.olli-dc.org/studygroupform>

July Shorts: July 11-15 (classes meet 2-5 times that week)

Proposal form: <https://olli-dc.org/shortsproposalform>

Submission deadline for both sessions: Sunday, April 10.

Today's Lecture



Leslie T. Fenwick, *Jim Crow's Pink Slip: The Untold Story of Black Principal and Teacher Leadership*

Friday, March 18

1:30 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

Leslie Fenwick is a noted expert in leadership and ethics; public policy; and diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workforce. She is Dean Emerita and a tenured professor of education policy at Howard University and Dean in Residence at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). She was one of two fully vetted finalists for the US Secretary of Education in 2020.

Fenwick held consecutive appointments as a Harvard University Visiting Fellow and Visiting Scholar and Salzburg Fellow (convened in Austria to examine leadership and globalization). She is a member of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) Scholarly Advisory Committee.

Fenwick's book, *Jim Crow's Pink Slip: The Untold Story of Black Principal and Teacher Leadership* (Harvard Education Press, 2022) examines the history of workforce diversity and its relationship to the nation's contemporary pursuit of equality and educational equity.

She earned her PhD in education policy and leadership from The Ohio State University, where she was a Flescher Fellow, and a BS degree in education from the University of Virginia.

Next Friday's Lecture



Mark Eden Horowitz, *Oscar Hammerstein: Behind the Raindrops and Roses*

Friday, March 25

1:30 PM

Online via Zoom

Mark Eden Horowitz is a senior music specialist in the Music Division of the Library of Congress, where among the collections for which he's been archivist or co-archivist are the papers of Leonard Bernstein, Vernon Duke, Ella Fitzgerald, Oscar Hammerstein, Jerome Kern, Alan Jay Lerner, Frederick Loewe, Cole Porter, Hal Prince, Richard Rodgers, and Vincent Youmans. Among the collections he's acquired for the Library are the papers of Howard Ashman, Adam Guettel, Marvin Hamlisch, Jonathan

Larson, Arthur Laurents, Andrew Lipka, and Jeanine Tesori. He's the author of the award-winning book *Sondheim on Music*—described as “essential” in *The New York Times*—and for 10 years was the contributing editor for *The Sondheim Review*. Horowitz taught the history of musical theater at Catholic and Georgetown universities, and has lectured at Harvard, Princeton, and Skidmore. His book, *The Letters of Oscar Hammerstein II* is due to be released by Oxford University Press in May, 2022.

Reservations are not required to attend lectures while they are held online. We will include the Zoom link in the 10:00 AM newsletter the day of each lecture.

Zoom Link Information

With the Spring Semester in full swing, we wanted to remind you of some important information regarding Zoom links for online classes. **We have a new email system, so Zoom links will be sent out between 8:00-8:30 AM the morning of the class from DoNotReply@olli-dc.org.** This email does not accept replies, so any questions should be emailed separately to olli@american.edu.

If you accidentally delete the daily e-mail with your class Zoom link, or cannot find it again, you can access the Zoom link for each of your classes by logging into your OLLI member account on the [website](#). The first page to come up will be the one that lists your classes. Under each class you will find the Zoom link for that class. Click the link to go into your class at the specified time. If you leave this page and need to get back, simply click your name (hyperlinked in blue) at the top of the page. View a [video tutorial](#).

Recorded Classes

Most online classes during the Spring Semester are being recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session. **Recordings for Spring 2022 are listed under "Study Groups" on the OLLI website.** Each day's recordings are added to the website by 5:00 PM. You must first log in to your member account in order to view the recordings. Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.

American University News & Events

Center for Israel Studies

Our Spring 2022 Writers Series brings influential Israeli authors virtually to the American University campus. Through public lectures and literature master classes we will experience Israeli identity through the eyes and ears of some of its most important cultural voices.

Join the Conversation with Israeli Graphic Novelist Rutu Modan

Monday, March 21

1:00 PM

Online

Raiders of the Lost Ark meets present-day Israeli-Palestinian relations, with a side of family drama and history! Join American University's Center for Israel Studies, Department of Literature, and Jewish Studies Program for a discussion with graphic novelist Rutu Modan, whose latest book *Tunnels* is a

mesmerizing archeological adventure told through the pages of a graphic novel, is a best-seller by an award-winning artist and raconteur. Co-sponsored by Center for Israel Studies, Department of Literature, and Jewish Studies Program. [Register](#).

Join the Conversation with Israeli author Ayelet Tsabari

Thursday, March 31

1:00 PM

Online

Join American University's Center for Israel Studies, Department of Literature, and Jewish Studies Program for a discussion with author Ayelet Tsabari about her celebrated memoir, which has won multiple awards since its publication in English in 2019. Tsabari traces her journey around the globe from New York to India, in search of a way out of her grief at the loss of her father when she was young, and sharing other profound reflections on life along the way. Co-sponsored by Center for Israel Studies, Department of Literature, and Jewish Studies Program. [Register](#).

AU School of Communications

Behind the Scenes: Covering the White House with White House Correspondents Kristen Welker, Kaitlan Collins, and Cecilia Vega

Tuesday, March 22

7:00 PM

Online

Join us March 22 at 7 pm for an inside look at what it means to cover the White House for a major news network. This livestreamed panel featuring three chief White House correspondents and moderated by CNN VP and Managing Editor Antoine Sanfuentes will go behind the scenes to explore how these professionals keep the public informed about the critical issues of our day. Panelists include NBC News Chief White House Correspondent Kristen Welker, CNN Chief White House Correspondent Kaitlan Collins, and ABC News Chief White House Correspondent and SOC alumna Cecilia Vega. [Register](#).

AU Arts

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. [View the schedule and registration links](#).

AU Museum

Spring Schedule

January 29-May 22

Friday-Sunday, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Reservations are not required for your visit. Admission is always free. Regarding groups and any questions about your visit, email museum@american.edu. Access the museum [online](#).

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