



Where Curiosity Never Retires



OLLI NEWS — April 1, 2022

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OLLI Annual Meeting: Fri., April 8 at 1:30 PM

Join us for OLLI's Annual Meeting on Friday, April 8 at 1:30 PM. Board candidates will give brief remarks to introduce themselves. Online balloting will begin after the Annual Meeting and election results will be announced on April 25. Also hear from OLLI's Board Chair, Treasurer, and Executive Director. Time for your questions and comments is an integral part of the Annual Meeting, so we hope you will join us.

The meeting format will be hybrid (members both in-person and online) and will take place in Room A on the first floor. In-person attendees will be required to wear a **mask at all times**. You do not need to register to attend this event in either format. The Zoom link will be sent to all members the morning of the Annual Meeting.

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.



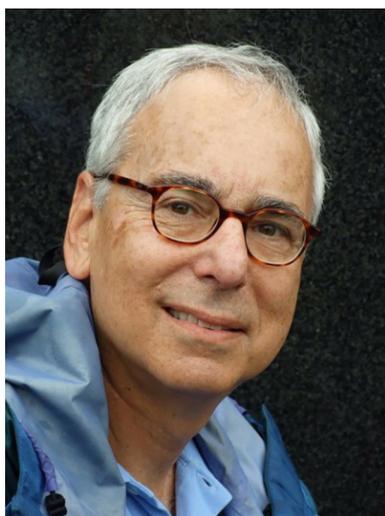
PENELOPE HANSEN*

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, and was a member of the Curriculum Committee. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors and is Chair of the Lecture Committee. Previously, he taught political science at Cornell before joining the Government Accountability Office, where he directed reports on health policy and social welfare. 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 the University of California (BA) and Johns Hopkins (PhD).

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.

In-Person Happy Hour

Wednesday, April 13

4:00-6:00 PM

Location: Pizza Paradiso, opposite OLLI at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Tickets: \$10 per person

[Register](#)

Join OLLI and Jeff Porter, Chair of the Social Committee, for a hosted in-person happy hour on Wednesday April 13, from 4:00-6:00 PM, on the outdoor patio of Pizza Paradiso, located opposite the OLLI building (4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW). Refreshments will be served. Attendance is limited to the first 35 members that register.

The cutoff for the event is Tuesday, April 12, at 8:00 AM or 35 registrants, whichever comes first.

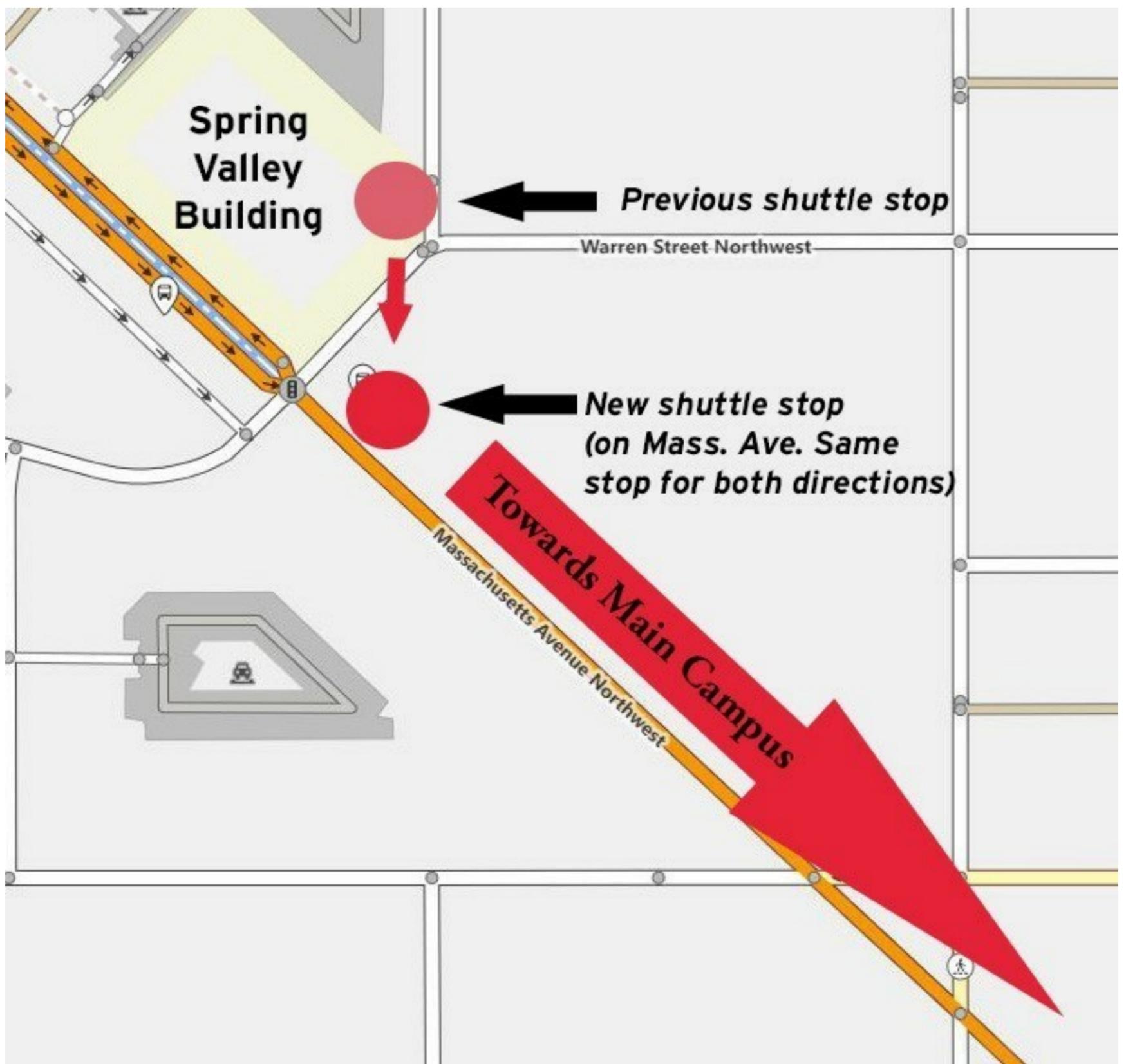
****YOU MUST CHECK THE BOX "Refunds are available only if the event is cancelled." in order for your payment to be processed****

Spring Valley Building Shuttle Bus Stop Moves Location

Beginning April 4, the Spring Valley Building (SVB) shuttle bus stop will move from its current location (48th St. side of SVB) to the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and 48th St. The shuttle will share the stop with Metro buses.

The Red Express and Green routes will drop off and pick up at the new stop and head back to Tenleytown Metro. An AU shuttle bus-stop sign will be installed under the existing Metro bus sign.

TransLoc also will change the route map and the stop location for the mobile app and desktop version.



February Shorts are in the Digital Library

A selection of our 2022 February Shorts is now available for viewing in the Digital Library. Please note that in order to incorporate closed captions, we did not edit down the videos in this iteration of the Digital Library. To view the start of the class, fast-forward approximately 20 minutes as you would when viewing recordings during an academic session. To enable closed captioning, click the "CC" icon to the far right of the play button and select "English (United States) CC."

Go to the [Digital Library](#)

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



Jack Rasmussen, *The Art of Political Engagement (and Why Washington Art Rarely Does)*

Friday, April 1

1:30 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

Dr. Jack Rasumussen curated an exhibit on Washington art that led him to a far more inclusive view of the artists of the area, particularly women and artists of color. He has been Director and Curator of the American University Museum since it opened in 2005, where he curated a retrospective of Willem

de Looper in 2008. He currently serves on the board of the Maryland State Arts Council. He earned his BA in Art from Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, before completing an MFA in Painting, MA in Arts Management, and MA and PhD in Anthropology at American University. He worked in the Education Department of the National Gallery of Art and became Assistant Director of the Washington Project for the Arts when it opened in 1975. He left that position to open the Jack Rasmussen Gallery, helped launch Rockville Arts Place (VisArts), served ten years as Executive Director of Maryland Art Place, and three years as Executive Director of di Rosa in Napa, California.

There will be no lecture next Friday, April 8, due to OLLI's Annual Meeting. See more information above.

Serendipity Talk

Nick Glakas, *In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great*

Thursday, April 14

3:30 PM

Online via Zoom

Join us for a fascinating journey with one of the most dramatic figures in world history - Alexander the Great. In his short life - he died at 32 - he conquered much of what was then the known world. Future generals of fame, fortune and misfortune such as Julius Caesar, Hannibal, and Napoleon, all accorded Alexander prime of place. It was Julius Caesar who wept when he visited Alexander's tomb in Egypt.

In vast and varied quilt of territory, his conquests encompassed such modern day countries as Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan. In his last pitched battle in India, he met and bested King Porus and an army of 50,000, including 4,000 cavalry, 300 chariots, and 200 fierce, battle-tested war elephants.

His signal achievement was the destruction of the Persian Empire; his major accomplishment was the flow of Greek culture to Asia. As Arrian, one of his biographers reminds us, "It is a lovely thing to live with courage and to die, leaving behind an everlasting renown."

Nick Glakas is a former naval officer, international lawyer, cruise ship lecturer, and graduate of Georgetown and Cambridge law schools.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the talk. If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to attend, please e-mail olli@american.edu that morning.

Zoom Tips

Zoom has released some updates that are important for **Chromebook users** and for those who would like to change their **view** in-meeting:

- If you use a Chromebook (the device, not the Chrome browser), Zoom will no longer work. You need to download the **Progressive Web Application** from the Google Play Store

(<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.zoom.pwa.twa>).

- **Hide your self-view.** Zoom meetings automatically begin in Speaker View. Hover over the video of yourself. Click the ellipses to reveal the menu. Choose **Hide Self View**. To restore your self-view, click the **View** button in the upper right screen, then click **Show Self View**.

American University News & Events

AU Center for Israel Studies

Helen and Daniel Sonenshine Lecture: *The Conflict Over the Conflict: The Israel-Palestine Campus Debate* with author Kenneth Stern

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 PM

Why is it so hard to have rational conversations about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict? And what is actually happening on college campuses? Please join the American University Center for Israel Studies, Islamic and Middle East Studies and Jewish Studies Program as author Kenneth Stern discusses "the conflict over the conflict," and why and how the campus is actually the ideal place to have rational discussions about this difficult issue. Followed by student panel discussion. [Register.](#)

AU College of Arts & Sciences

Yuliya Gorenman in Recital

Saturday, April 2

7:30 PM

Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center

\$25 (\$10, AU Community and seniors)

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist Yuliya Gorenman celebrates her return to the concert stage by performing two of Beethoven's beloved piano sonatas and Chopin's powerful and passionate Ballades. [Purchase Tickets.](#)

DANCEWORKS 2022

April 8-9

8:00 PM

The Greenberg Theatre

\$15 (\$10, AU community and seniors)

The American University Dance Company returns to the Greenberg Theatre stage for their first in-person production in two years. The company performs a contemporary ballet by Filipino American guest artist Bennyroyce Royon, as well as new works by AU faculty choreographers Ronya-Lee Anderson, Erin Foreman-Murray, and Britta Joy Peterson. [Purchase Tickets.](#)

Spring Music Performances

\$10 (\$5, AU Community and seniors)

Performances from American University's Department of Performing Arts and Music Program from its Symphonic Band, Chorus, Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Workshop, and Symphonic Orchestra. [Purchase Tickets.](#)

The Sine Institute

Sine Fellow Barbara Comstock's Seminar - "Woman in the Arena: Women in Afghanistan"

Monday, April 4

1:00 PM

In-Person

What challenges do women still face in the workplace and the world? In this seminar series, former Representative Comstock will discuss current and historical challenges for women in leadership and government service. Topics will include what it's like to run for office, issues involving sexual discrimination or harassment, and women's empowerment. We will also delve into the meaning of having role models, mentors, and best practices while making your path. [Register.](#)

Sine Fellow Shannon Watts' Seminar - "Building a Big Tent to Change the Culture"

Monday, April 4

4:00 PM

In-Person

Join Shannon Watts as she illuminates us on how she founded Moms Demand Action, one of the nation's largest grassroots organizations, and shows others how they can build or bolster social movements to enact change in their communities. Through her series, Shannon will bring together some of the most vital voices of the movement and share her unique journey to make her voice heard on one of the country's most critical issues. [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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