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## OLLI NEWS — January 21, 2022

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### Nominations for OLLI's Board of Directors

In April, OLLI members will elect four members to the OLLI Board of Directors. This year's Nominating and Elections Committee, consisting of Myra Barron, David Flaxman, David Hensler, Diana Jamieson, and Marc Lackritz will prepare a slate of four nominees for Board approval that will be placed on the ballot.

If you would like to recommend an OLLI member or yourself for the Nominating and Elections Committee to consider as one of these nominees, please provide the name of the individual along with one or two paragraphs (not more) on this person's background, OLLI involvement, and why you are recommending him or her. **Please send these written recommendations to the Committee by email to [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) no later than Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022.**

In addition to the Board-approved list, any member can self-nominate and run as an "at-large" candidate with a petition signed by at least ten OLLI members. All candidates, whether on the Board-

approved slate or at-large, run as individuals, with the top four vote-getters being elected. In March, the OLLI office will provide petition forms and instructions for any at-large candidates.

When considering a recommendation or an at-large candidacy, please keep in mind the expectations for OLLI Board Members. Directors are expected to make every effort to attend Board meetings. Directors are expected to support OLLI's development efforts as one of their philanthropic priorities. Ours is a working board and Directors are expected to participate actively in meetings and the activities of OLLI at AU. Attendance at special events, e.g., Open House, Town Hall, Annual Meeting, is strongly encouraged. Directors must retain their membership in OLLI for the duration of their term. Board members may serve as chairs of committees, although this is not required. Committee membership is, however, strongly encouraged.

Directors are elected for one three-year term, with the opportunity to run for a second consecutive term. **Don't forget, if you have a great suggestion for a new Board Member, the Nominating and Elections Committee would like to know who it is and the reasons for your recommendation by February 1, 2022.**

## In Memoriam: Nadia Tongour

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Nadia Tongour. Nadia was a committed member of OLLI since 2017. We extend our condolences to her family and friends. Nadia's obituary can be viewed [here](#).

## Registration Is Open

### Registration and the Lottery

Class sizes are determined by Study Group Leaders' requests, classroom capacity, and the office. If a study group is oversubscribed on Lottery Day, registrations in that class are subjected to a random, computerized lottery. Members who are not selected for said study group are put on a waitlist and will be emailed by the office if space becomes available.

### February Shorts

The February Shorts will be held **online via Zoom** for two weeks: **February 7-11** and **February 14-18**. Each Short course runs for 2, 3, 4, or 5 days during one of the two weeks. You may register for up to three courses for the \$75 fee. **Your course selections do not have to be all within the same week. The last day for adds/drops or refunds is Friday, February 4.**

[View Feb Shorts and register.](#)

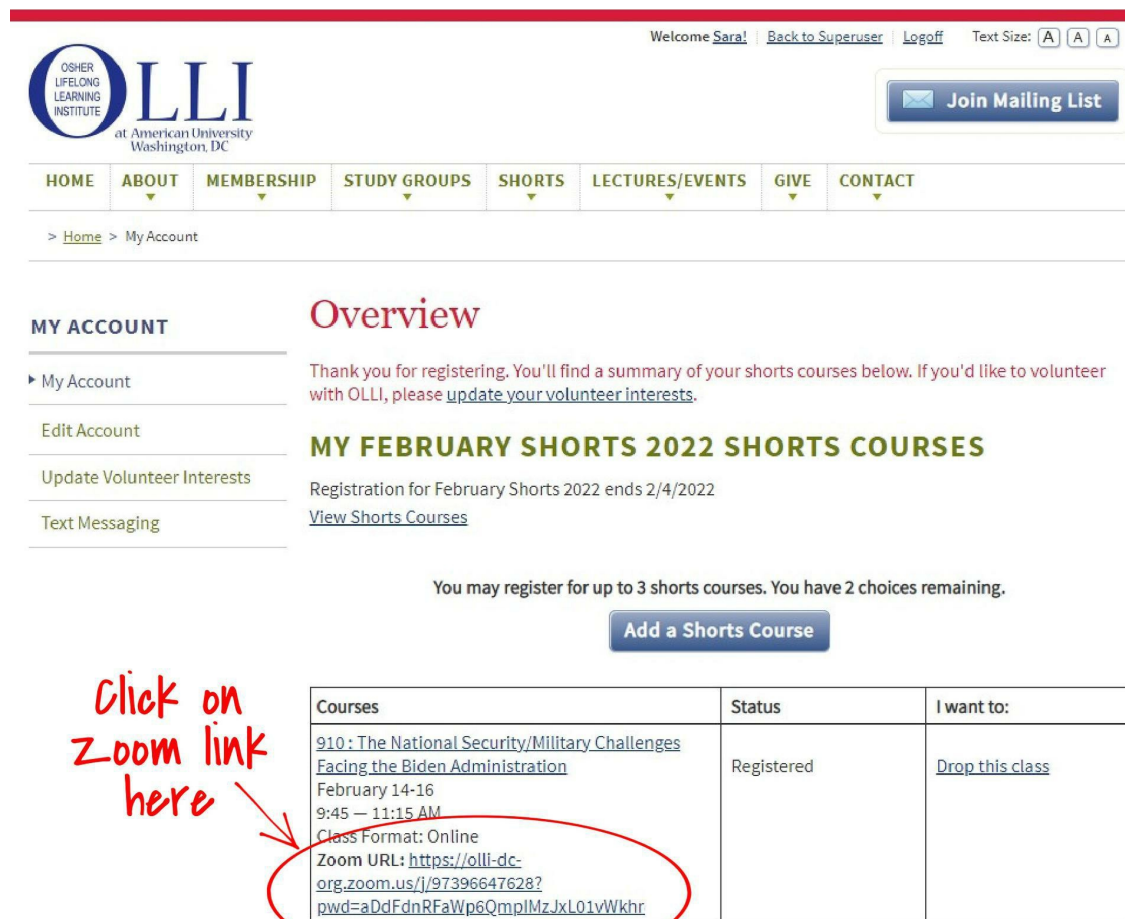
### Spring Semester

The Spring Semester is **March 7-May 13**. Currently, OLLI is continuing plans to offer classes in three formats: **In-Person Only, Online Only, and Hybrid**. Courses meet once a week for 7-10 weeks. The \$300 membership fee allows you to sign up for three courses before 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 Tuesday, February 15.**

[View Spring Semester and register.](#)

## Zooms Links Are Available in Member Accounts

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 (see image below). 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](#).



The screenshot shows the OLLI member account page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the OLLI logo and a "Join Mailing List" button. Below the navigation bar, there is a "MY ACCOUNT" section with links for "My Account", "Edit Account", "Update Volunteer Interests", and "Text Messaging". The main content area is titled "Overview" and contains a message about registration for February Shorts 2022. Below this, there is a table of courses. The first course listed is "910: The National Security/Military Challenges Facing the Biden Administration" with a Zoom URL circled in red. A handwritten note in red says "Click on Zoom link here" with an arrow pointing to the circled URL.

| Courses  | Status     | I want to:                      |
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| <a href="#">910: The National Security/Military Challenges Facing the Biden Administration</a><br>February 14-16<br>9:45 – 11:15 AM<br>Class Format: Online<br>Zoom URL: <a href="https://oll-dc-org.zoom.us/j/97396647628?pwd=aDdFdnRFaWp6QmpIMzJxL01vWkhr">https://oll-dc-org.zoom.us/j/97396647628?pwd=aDdFdnRFaWp6QmpIMzJxL01vWkhr</a> | Registered | <a href="#">Drop this class</a> |

## Lecture: January 25



**Tuesday, January 25**

**10:30 AM**

**Patricia Cole, *Child Development—The Importance of the First Three Years***

Patricia Cole leads ZERO TO THREE's work in federal policy formulation and legislative strategies in a range of areas affecting infants and toddlers, including early care and learning, home visiting, child welfare, infant-early childhood mental health, and health care. Ms. Cole has over thirty years of experience in policy at the federal and state levels. Prior to her current position, she was a consultant on children and family policy, working with ZERO TO THREE and the National After School Association. From 1989 to 1994, she served as staff to Senator Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT), Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Children and Families. Among her responsibilities was oversight of key programs and was instrumental in legislation that included two reauthorizations of Head Start

and the creation of Early Head Start; reauthorizations of the Human Services Act (which included the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance and Community Services Block Grants); the Child Care and Development Block Grant; the Family and Medical Leave Act; and the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

**No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed the morning of the lecture to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter.**

## Serendipity Talk: Celebrating John Williams

**Tuesday, February 1**

**1:00-2:30 PM**

***Dan Sherman, Celebrating John Williams at 90***

John Williams turns 90 in February and has written some of best-known film scores of all time, including Jaws, Star Wars, E.T., and Schindler's List. This talk will review Williams' long career in the film music genre and show many movie clips he has scored, along with interviews and videos. Join us to celebrate the contributions of this great composer and enjoy some of his greatest scores while learning about their place in the history of film music.

*Dan Sherman has taught several courses on musical theater and film musicals at OLLI, along with many other venues in the area. He holds his PhD in economics from Cornell and retired as Managing Director at the American Institutes for Research.*

**No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed the morning of the talk to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter.**

## James Joyce Birthday Celebration

OLLI at AU will celebrate **James Joyce's birthday** on **Wednesday, February 2** from **2:00-5:30 PM online via Zoom**. This will mark the 100th anniversary of the publication of *Ulysses*. The Zoom link will be emailed the morning of the event to everyone who [registers](#).

You're welcome to participate as a reader or listener in the celebration. If you would like to be a reader please let the organizer, Bob Kolodney, know at [bobkolive@gmail.com](mailto:bobkolive@gmail.com). Thus far we have 10 readers, but we have room for more.

The program will consist of readings of passages from all 18 chapters of *Ulysses*, preceded by passages from some writers who influenced Joyce and followed by passages of writers influenced by him.

Attendees are invited to an online cast party the following day, Thursday, February 3, at 2:00 PM. The Zoom link will be sent out to registrants that morning for anyone who would like to attend.

The webpage for the event, where the program and script are available, is at [James Joyce Birthday Celebration 02-02-2022](#). There are also materials from a short introductory course to *Ulysses* (PDQ Joyce) and last year's JJ birthday celebration.

## February Shorts Member Zoom Trainings

## Learn how to use Zoom in an OLLI class:

- Navigating the controls;
- Speaker view vs. Gallery view;
- How SGLs will manage discussions and Q&A;
- Join classes early to ensure your camera and microphone are working;
- Use your full name on screen;
- Etiquette for Zoom; and
- Learn how to get your class zoom link from the OLLI website

## Zoom Training Dates

Tuesday, January 25, 1:00–2:00 PM [Register](#)

Friday, January 28, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM [Register](#)

## Share OLLI With Your Friends and Family

Staying connected is more important now than ever! Taking OLLI classes via Zoom allows our learning community to stay connected while broadening its horizons and extending its reach. We miss being able to have all in-person classes, but we have adapted, and even thrived, in the age of Zoom-learning.

Now is the time to tell your friends and family, near and far, that we invite them to join the OLLI experience this fall. OLLI at American University is one of 124 OLLIs around the country, all of which are currently online. Each is unique in course content and delivery, but all are dedicated to lifelong learning in their communities. Whether your friends explore our program or an [OLLI near them](#), they will be in for a treat by taking an OLLI class.

## February & Spring Catalog Changes

### February Shorts

**\*\*All February Shorts courses are now online.\*\***

**911: The Development of Financial Legislation:** *CANCELLED*

**943: Relativity:** *CANCELLED*

**951: Sound Revolutions—A Brief History of Recorded Sound:** *CANCELLED*

**955: Introduction to Creative Stamping:** *CANCELLED*

**956: 21st-Century Art:** *No reading is required.*

**962: Lady Chatterley's Lover: Then and Now:** *CANCELLED*

**964: Book and a Movie:** *CANCELLED*

### Spring:

**113: Shakespeare's Political Theory:** *Now meets Mondays at 11:45 AM, from March 7.* **200:**

**The Neuroscience of Conflict:** *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

**444: Algorithms—How Machines Think:** *CANCELLED*

**633: Wallace Stevens and Company:** *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

**646: How to Wash A Child's Heart:** *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

**655: Early Twentieth-Century American Fiction:** *CANCELLED*

**690:**

**Anglo-Indian Novels:** *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

## February Shorts Books at Politics & Prose

All February Shorts books are available at Politics & Prose except for the book listed for the class below.

**961: De l'utilisation de la Femme dans Bel-Ami de Guy de Maupassant**

**Book: *Bel-Ami***

This book is an Amazon published edition which is only available through Amazon.

## American University News & Events

### Center for Israel Studies

This spring, American University's Jewish Studies Program and Center for Israel Studies together host a new webinar series of four talks: "**Europe's Jews Before the Holocaust**," thanks to the generosity of the Knapp Family Foundation.

**Wednesday, January 26**

**1:00 PM, Online**

***In the Midst of Civilized Europe: The Pogroms of 1918-1921 and the Onset of the Holocaust.***

Between 1918 and 1921, over a hundred thousand Jews were murdered in Ukraine. Acclaimed historian Jeffrey Veidlinger shows for the first time how this wave of genocidal violence created the conditions for the Holocaust. This first event is moderated by Michael Brenner, Abensohn Chair in Israel Studies. [Register](#).

**Wednesday, February 2**

**1:00 PM, Online**

***International Jewish Humanitarianism in the Age of the Great War***

In 1914, seven million Jews across Eastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean were caught in the crossfire of warring empires. In response, American Jews developed a new model of humanitarian relief for their suffering brethren abroad. Join author Jaclyn Granick in a discussion with host Lisa Leff. [Register](#).

### School of International Service

**Friday, January 28**

**11:00 AM, Online**

***China's Civilian Army: The Inside Story of China's Quest for Global Power***

Bloomberg reporter Peter Martin will discuss his recent book with Ambassador Piper Campbell, a career diplomat whose areas of expertise include East Asia and navigating multilateral organizations. [Register](#).

### School of Public Affairs

**Monday, January 24**

**4:00 PM, Online**

***Sine Institute: How I Helped Build a Movement to End Gun Violence***

Shannon Watts speaks about 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. [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](mailto:museum@american.edu). Access the museum [online](#).

## **OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MISSION**

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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