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## OLLI NEWS — September 16, 2022

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### AU Mask Policy Reminder

As of August 11, 2022, **masks are required in classrooms** to support the continuity of the learning experience, but are not required in public spaces. Thus, in accordance with AU policy, **masks will be required in the classroom** for OLLI's fall semester. Masks will be **optional in the social space**.

SGLs can remove masks while lecturing if there is sufficient distance (generally six feet) between them and their class members. Eating in the classroom remains prohibited, but SGLs and participants may briefly raise their masks to drink.

If you are attending a class in-person and did not attest to your Covid-19 vaccination/booster during the registration process (those who registered online between July 8 and July 28), you will be

required to fill out an attestation form, which were sent out this morning.

## Fall Semester Information

### Registration

Registration will remain open on the OLLI website until **Friday, September 30** for any classes with space still available. To add a fourth class now that the lottery has passed, you do not need to contact the office—simply log into your account on the website. The deadline for class changes and refund requests is also **Friday, September 30**.

[View classes and register for the fall semester.](#)

### Catalog Changes

Class changes are available on the [fall catalog changes](#) page of the OLLI website and are updated there as they occur.

### Class Handouts

Handouts for many of the fall study groups are available on the [Fall 2022 Handouts](#) pages on the website and will stay available through the semester. If no handouts are listed for a class, then we have not received any from the Study Group Leader. You must be logged into your account to see the handouts.

### Fall Books

As usual, OLLI is working with Politics and Prose for books this fall. To purchase books for classes, members can do any of the following:

- Order from their [website](#)
- Call (202)-364-1919 to order over the phone
- Visit Politics and Prose in person at 5015 Connecticut Ave NW

If purchasing books via their website, mention in the notes field that the book is for an OLLI course. Their web orders team will apply the 10% discount to your credit card when it's officially processed. If you call or shop in person, mention the discount when paying. Politics and Prose encourages online orders over phone orders, as the phone lines can have long wait times. Another source for supporting independent bookstores is [www.indiebound.org](http://www.indiebound.org), which lists all independent bookstores by zip code. [View books that are not available, pay-to-order, or without the discount.](#)

### Update Zoom on Your Device

If you are taking an online class, please be sure Zoom is up-to-date on your device before the start of classes. You can update and download Zoom [here](#). If it is not updated by November, you will be unable to join meetings.

## Making Changes to Your Registration

If you would like to add or drop classes, you may do so through your member account on the [OLLI website](#). Once you log in, click on your name highlighted in blue on the top right corner of the screen. There you will see all of your classes; select "Add a study group" to add another class or

select "Drop this class" next to the class you would like to drop. The deadline to add or drop classes is **Friday, September 30.**

## Next Friday's Lecture



**Maya MacGuineas, *Just How Bad is the Federal Budget Situation?***

**Friday, September 23**

**1:30 PM**

**Online via Zoom**

Maya MacGuineas is the president of the bipartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. Her areas of expertise include budget, tax, and economic policy. As a leading budget expert and a political independent, she has worked closely with members of both parties and serves as a trusted resource on Capitol Hill. MacGuineas testifies regularly before Congress and has published broadly, including regularly in *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Financial Times*, *The Atlantic*, and numerous other outlets. She also appears regularly as a commentator on television.

MacGuineas oversees a number of the Committee's projects, including the grassroots coalition Fix the Debt; the Committee's Fiscal Institute; and FixUS, a project seeking to better understand the root causes of our nation's growing divisions and deteriorating political system, and to work with others to bring attention to these issues and the need to fix them. Her most recent area of focus is on the future of the economy, technology, and capitalism.

Previously, MacGuineas worked at the Brookings Institution and on Wall Street, and in the spring of 2009 she did a stint on *The Washington Post* editorial board, covering economic and fiscal policy. MacGuineas serves on a number of boards and is a native Washingtonian.

**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. Each Friday newsletter will also have information about the following Friday's lecture.**

## Serendipity! Talk

**Judy Ikels, *Death in Wartime China, A Daughter's Discovery***

**Monday, October 3**

**3:30-4:30 PM**

**Online via Zoom**

On the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII, I wanted to share the story of my father, William H. (Bill) Wallace, Jr, a B-24 pilot who sacrificed his life redeeming his entire crew in 1944. He served in the China-Burma-India Theater with the Army Air Corps 308th Bombardment Group in the direct military lineage of the famed Flying Tigers. He died before I was born. I learned in 2015, somewhat by

accident, a monument had been erected in 2006 to honor Bill and Chinese-American friendship near Kunming, China. In 2016, I made an emotional journey to visit the memorial. *Death in Wartime China, A Daughter's Discovery* weaves together firsthand accounts from an almost forgotten theater of war and a modern journey of re-connection and reflection.

*Judy Ikels, a native Texan and graduate of the University of Texas majoring in English and Spanish, completed a 28-year Civil Service career with the Department of State in 2018. She had accompanied her late husband Larry Ikels on his 31-year career as a Foreign Service Officer with the US Information Agency serving in El Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Brazil and Greece.*

*The story about her father's heroism and sacrifice in WWII lingered in the back of her mind all her life. But a serendipitous encounter in 2015 led her to a meaningful trip to China to see first-hand a memorial erected to honor her father and Chinese-American friendship. Family archives, letters, photos, and research taught her more.*

*Judy's unique story first appeared in the May, 2016 edition of State Magazine, the official publication of the Department of State, under the title "Discovering a Legacy." *Death in Wartime China: A Daughter's Discovery* is a heartfelt memoir that throws a spotlight on a little-known theater of WWII and the brave young Americans who served there. It is a reminder that family history shapes us in ways large and small.*

**No registration is required for Serendipity! Talks. 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](mailto:olli@american.edu) that morning.**

## July Shorts are in the Digital Library

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

Go to the [Digital Library](#).

## Question From the Open House

Our Open House was this past Tuesday (view the recording [here](#)) and we wanted to follow up on a question we were unable to answer. The question was "Once you pay the semester fee to OLLI at AU, does that give you reciprocal privileges to OLLI courses at other academic institutions?" The answer is no; a semester payment to OLLI at AU is non-transferrable to other institutions.

## Parking Reminder

If you are attending a class in-person, you are required to park in the garage beneath the Spring Valley Building. Parking is \$2/hour. You may pay through the kiosk or download the **PayByPhone** app. We recommend downloading the app and registering before coming to class. For more

information, visit the [parking page](#) on our website.

## AU Events

### AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

#### Fall Schedule:

**Saturday, September 10-Sunday, December 11**

**Friday-Sunday only**

**11:00 AM-4:00 PM**

Fall exhibitions feature a contemporary ceramic group exhibition, portraits from the Corcoran Legacy Collection, work by local artists, and more. [View more information here.](#)

#### Art all Night at the Katzen Arts Center

**Saturday, September 24**

**7:00-10:00 PM**

As part of Tenleytown Main Street's Art All Night, visit the American University Museum for a special after-hours viewing of their fall exhibitions. Meet artists enrolled in American University's MFA studio art program as they open their studios for the evening. View their work and enjoy live music from performers in the music program. [View more information and register here.](#)

### 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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