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Updated AU Mask Policy

In accordance with AU policy, as of Monday, September 26, **masks will be optional in classrooms and public spaces.** For more information, see American University Provost Peter Starr's message [here](#). As a reminder, anyone who attends an OLLI at AU class or event must attest to being vaccinated and boosted.

In Memoriam: Stanley Berlinsky

It is with deep sadness that we inform you that one of our members, Stanley Berlinsky, passed away. Stanley will be greatly missed and we extend our condolences to his family, and to all who counted Stanley as a friend. Read his obituary [here](#).

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.

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.

Parking Reminder

If you are attending an in-person class or OLLI event, 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.

Recorded Classes

Fall members may access all recorded classes through **Friday, December 16**, by logging on (with your username and password) to the [OLLI website](#). Once logged on, click on the **Classes** tab across the top. Next, scroll down and click on **Semesters/Minis**, then **Fall 2022 Recordings**. This will bring you to the recordings page, organized by each day. Click on the day your class meets to find the recordings arranged by class time.

Zoom Tips

As we head into the second week of the fall semester, here are some tips to ensure a smooth experience over Zoom:

- If you have trouble hearing, turn the **volume up on your computer** (this function is typically found somewhere in the bottom right corner of your screen and/or on your keyboard)
- If people cannot hear you, go to the tool bar, click the up arrow next to the microphone icon, and **select a different microphone**
- If you did not see an email with the Zoom link to your class, **log into your account** on the website

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**.

Today's Lecture



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

Friday, September 23

1:30 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

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.

Next Friday's Lecture



Juliette Kayyem, *The Devil Never Sleeps: Learning to Live in an Age of Disasters*

Friday, September 30

1:30 PM

Online via Zoom

Professor Juliette Kayyem is currently the faculty chair of the Homeland Security and Security and Global Health Projects at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She also serves as a national security analyst for CNN where she has been described as CNN's "go to" for disasters. A frequent contributor to *The Atlantic*, she has a weekly security segment on NPR's Boston station WGBH. Her most recent book, *The Devil Never Sleeps: Learning to Live in an Age of Disasters*, was described in a *New Yorker* profile of her as an "engagingly urgent blueprint for rethinking our approach to disaster preparedness and response."

In government, she most recently served as President Obama's Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security. She is the recipient of many government honors, including the Distinguished Public Service Award, the Coast Guard's highest medal awarded to a civilian.

Professor Kayyem is the author or editor of six books, and in 2013, she was named the Pulitzer Prize finalist for editorial columns in *The Boston Globe* focused on ending the Pentagon's combat exclusion rule against women, a policy that was changed that year. She won the Telly Award in 2021 for "excellence in a digital series" for her online documentaries on climate change with MyRadar.com.

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 online 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 that morning.

A New Opera in Concert

Geniza: Hidden Fragments

Thursday, October 13

7:30 PM

Theater of the Arts of UDC

The world premiere of *Geniza: Hidden Fragments* will be a featured opera in concert with members of the Chesapeake Orchestra forming a Klezmer/Chamber ensemble and eight opera singers with national and international reputations. The opera is conducted by Jeffrey Silberschlag. View more information [here](#).

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.](#)

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