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**You're Invited: Special Presentation by Former President of
AU**



Neil Kerwin, *Role of Rulemaking by Agencies in the Making of Law and Policy*

Wednesday, October 5

1:45 PM

Online via Zoom

[Zoom Link](#)

We invite OLLI members to join us for a special session of American University's School of Public Affairs class: 110 *Contemporary Issues in Law, Government, and Policy* on **Wednesday, October 5 at 1:45 PM**, when **AU's former president, Neil Kerwin, will be speaking**. The topic of his presentation is *Role of Rulemaking by Agencies in the Making of Law and Policy*. There will be time for Q&A at the end.

This class is being held over Zoom Webinar. **To attend this special presentation at next Wednesday's class, please click the link above at 1:45 PM that day.** If you misplace this email and would like to attend, please contact the OLLI office on Wednesday at olli@american.edu or 202-895-4860 and we will resend you the link.

Wanted: Serendipity Coordinator

OLLI is looking for a volunteer to serve as **Serendipity Coordinator**. Serendipities are 60-90 minute talks proposed and given by OLLI members or guests. During each semester, talks are scheduled Monday-Thursday, either in-person at a time of day when there is a classroom available, or online via Zoom at 3:30 PM. The Serendipity Coordinator will take part in the scheduling of each Serendipity talk, so that each is scheduled at a day/time that works for their schedule. There are generally 1-2 talks each month during the fall and spring semester.

Once a Serendipity talk is proposed and approved by the office, the duties of the Serendipity Coordinator include:

- Communicating over email or phone with OLLI staff and the speaker to decide upon a time for each talk (each is usually scheduled 1-2 months ahead of time)
- Meeting the speaker and OLLI staff member in the designated classroom or Zoom meeting 15 minutes prior to the time of the talk
- Introducing the speaker before they begin, using a provided bio
- Managing Q&A at the end, whether in-person or via the chat/hand raising function in Zoom
- Thanking the speaker at the end

For all Serendipities over Zoom, an OLLI staff member will be present the entire time to assist with any tech needs.

For more information about being a Serendipity Coordinator, or if you are interested in volunteering

for this role, please e-mail olli@american.edu.

Fall Semester Information

Registration

Registration will remain open on the OLLI website until **close of business today** 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 **close of business today**.

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

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 your online class. You can update and download Zoom [here](#). If it is not updated by November, you will be unable to join meetings.

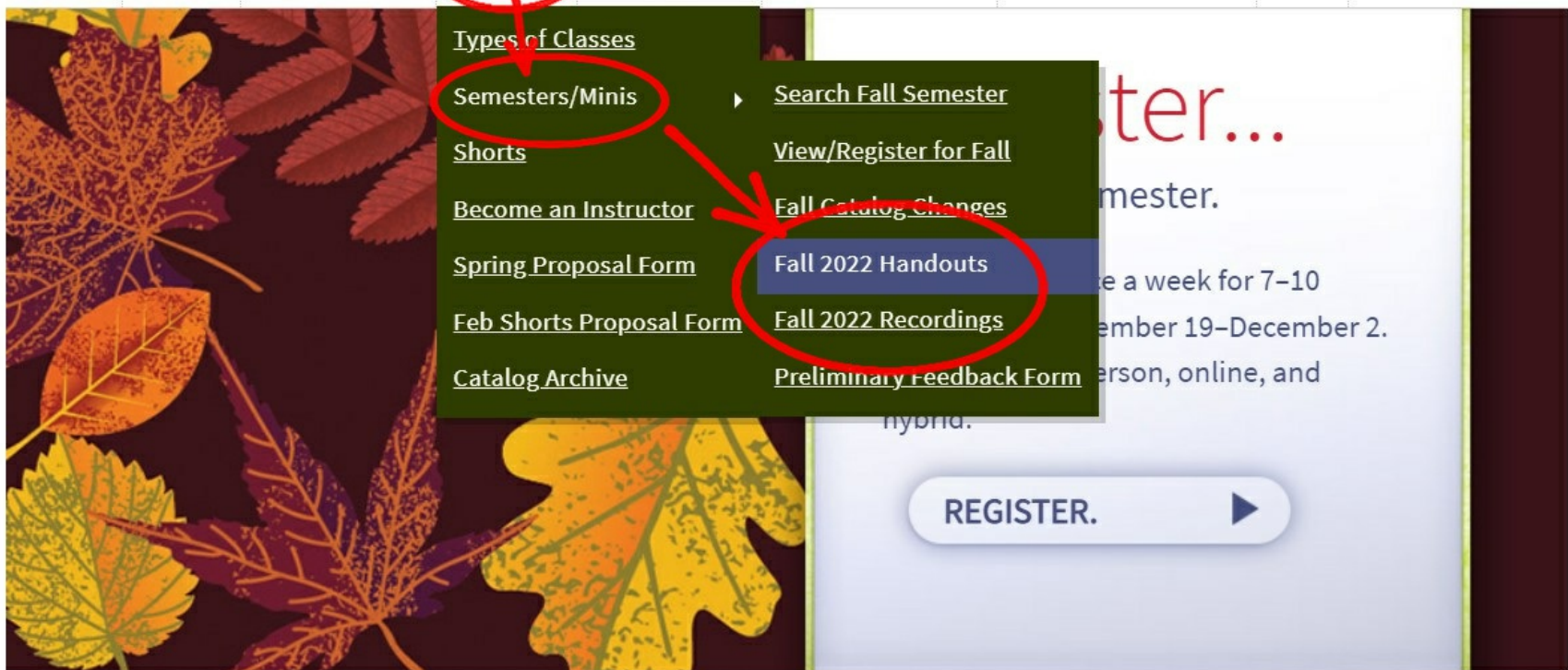
Parking Reminder

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. If paying via the PayByPhone app, **the 4-digit location code for the building's garage is 4889**. We recommend downloading the app and registering before coming to class. For more information, visit the [parking page](#) on our website.

Fall Handouts and Recordings

Fall members can access class handouts and recordings through **Friday, December 16**. You must be logged into the [OLLI website](#). Once logged in:

1. Go to **Classes** in the menu across the top of the page.
2. Go to **Semesters/Minis** to open up the pop-out menu of options.
3. Click on **Fall 2022 Handouts** or **Fall 2022 Recordings**. (See image below.)



Preliminary Feedback

The fall 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 after attending **two class sessions**. Some study groups have not yet started, so the feedback form will be open longer to account for this.

Paper copies of the feedback form are also available in each class folder (just ask your SGR for one) 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. Feedback is completely anonymous.

Preliminary feedback will be accepted through **Friday, October 21**.

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.

Today'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

[Zoom Link](#)

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.

Next Friday's Lecture



Peter Marks, *Thoughts on the Broadway and Washington Theater Scenes*

Friday, October 7

1:30 PM

Online via Zoom

Peter Marks joined *The Washington Post* as its chief drama critic in 2002. Previously, he worked for more than nine years at *The New York Times*, where he was a drama critic, theater reporter, metro reporter, and national correspondent during the 2000 presidential campaign. He was also a feature writer and reporter at *Newsday*, where he was a member of a team that won a Pulitzer Prize for spot news reporting. He started his career at the New Brunswick (NJ) Home News and also worked for the *Star-Ledger* and *Bergen Record*, which are other New Jersey papers. He has chaired the Pulitzer Prize drama jury four times and is co-author of the book *Good for the Money: My Fight to Pay Back America*, published by St. Martin's Press.

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.

OLLI's 40th Anniversary Celebration





The Board of Directors of the
OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

invites you to the celebration of

OLLI'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Featuring

SYLVIA BURWELL

President of American University

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Museum Tours begin at 3:00 PM

Program and Reception from 4:00–6:30 PM

American University Museum
Katzen Arts Center
4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC

*This event is sponsored by The Alper Family Foundation
in honor of Carolyn Small Alper.*

All guests are required to follow American University's COVID policies

Your contributions to OLLI at AU are part of what makes our community so special. This year marks the 40th anniversary of OLLI's inception, and we hope you will join us in celebrating this milestone on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at the American University Museum at the [Katzen Arts Center](#). Guided museum tours will begin at 3:00 PM with the event beginning at 4:00 PM and an official program kicking off at 4:30 PM with remarks by AU President Sylvia Burwell, OLLI at AU founding member Tina Fried Heller, and OLLI's Executive Director Tony Long, followed by a reception in the Kreeger Lobby until 6:30 PM. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

The ticket price is \$25/person and registrations are limited to OLLI at AU members plus one guest. Registrations will close on **October 7** or until 130 registrations are received. *This event is sponsored in part by The Alper Family Foundation in honor of Carolyn Small Alper.*

[View more information and register HERE.](#)

In-Person Walking Tour of Old Town Alexandria

OLLI In-Person Walking Tour of Old Town Alexandria

Saturday, October 15 (Rain date: Sunday, October 16)

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Meet at: Old Town Visitors Center (221 King Street, Alexandria, VA)

Fees: no charge

[View more information and register](#)

If you were not able to join us in August for our Virtual Tour of Old Town Alexandria, or if you would just like to see these sites in person, join us for this in-person walking tour of Old Town with OLLI's Tammy Belden! We will discuss and walk past the most important sites in Old Town such as Carlyle House, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary, Christ Church, and many others.

Benefit Concert for Ukraine



Benefit Concert for Ukraine

Tuesday, October 18

7:30 PM

Location: Kennedy Center Concert Hall

[Buy Tickets](#)

On Tuesday, October 18, the most well-known superstar violinist of our era, GRAMMY® award-winner Joshua Bell, and Ukraine's renowned New Era Orchestra in its US debut, will perform in a Benefit Concert for Ukraine at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall, the country's leading national stage, in Washington, DC. Please visit the event website for concert details including valued Event Partners and Sponsors, and ticket information:

www.BenefitConcertUkraine.org

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](#).

AU CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

***The Only Woman in the Room*, a Helen and Daniel Sonenshine Lecture by Pnina Lahav**

Wednesday, October 20

7:00 PM

Hybrid

In-Person Location: American University East Campus Constitution Hall 3501 Nebraska Avenue Northwest Washington, DC 20016

Please join us in person or virtually for American University's 2022 Helen and Daniel Sonenshine Lecture as Pnina Lahav, author of *The Only Woman in the Room: Golda Meir and Her Path to Power* discusses Golda Meir's legacy. Golda Meir was Israel's fourth prime minister and so far, the

only woman to ever hold this position. Lahav discusses Meir's legacy through a feminist lens: how Golda's gender affected her decisions as Israel's leader and how her sex affected the public perception of her and her performance. This event is co-sponsored by the AU Center for Israel Studies and School of Public Affairs Women & Politics Institute. For any questions, please call Call Laura Cutler at 202-885-3780.

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[RSVP online.](#)

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