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## **Fall Semester Open House**

**Tuesday, September 13**

**10:00 AM**

**Hybrid format**

Join us for OLLI's Fall Open House and hear from Dave Hensler, Board Chair and Tony Long, Executive Director. Catch up with OLLI friends, welcome new members, and ask questions. 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 Open House.

## 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 no longer 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

Below are changes made to classes after the catalog went to print. Class changes are also available on the [fall catalog changes](#) page of the OLLI website and are updated there as they occur.

**110 Contemporary Issues in Law, Government, and Policy:** This study group is now ONLINE.

**171 Current Events and Public Policy I:** This study group is now ONLINE.

**185 What Is Rural?:** CANCELLED

**292 How to Live Healthier and Happier in Retirement:** CANCELLED

**350 Protecting and Maximizing Your Retirement Income:** CANCELLED

**403 Drinking Water from A to Z: Safety and Regulatory Misconceptions and Challenges:** CANCELLED

**530 War Songs of the 20th Century:** This study group is now ONLINE.

**615 Deutsch fuer Fortgeschrittene:** Now starts on Tuesday, October 18.

**626 Poetry Craftshop: We Are Made of Circles and Rectangles:** This study group is now ONLINE.

**688 Shakespeare in Performance: The Scottish Play:** CANCELLED

**690 Two Trollopes: Anthony and Joanna:** This study group is now ONLINE.

**697 Star Crossed: Tragic Tales of Love From Around the World:** This study group is now ONLINE.

**764: The "Eastern Question": Then and Now:** CANCELLED

**780: History of the Jews of Spain:** Now starts on Wednesday, October 12.

**841 The Philosophy of Science:** CANCELLED

## Zoom Training for Members

**Wednesday, September 14**

**10:00 AM**

**Online via Zoom**

Members who are taking an online class for the first time are encouraged to attend a Zoom training. The following topics will be covered:

- Navigating the controls
- Speaker view vs. Gallery view

- How SGLs manage discussions and Q&A
- Zoom etiquette

The Zoom link will be emailed to all fall members the morning of the training. If you are unable to attend, you will find instructions on how to use Zoom with us [here](#).

## 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.

## 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**.

## Hear Guest Speakers from AU's School of Public Affairs

This semester we have a special offering from American University's School of Public Affairs: *110 Contemporary Issues in Law, Government, and Policy*, **which is now being offered online**. SPA professors will speak on topics such as: The Reproductive Rights Landscape in 2022 and Beyond; Police Reform in America: Re-Envisioning the Relationship Between the Community and the Police; Role of Rulemaking by Agencies in the Making of Law and Policy; The Clean Energy Transition: Policies and Politics for a Zero-Carbon World, and more. [View more information and register](#).

## 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.

**Books not available at Politics and Prose:**

- **631** Understanding Families Through Plays: *Bad Dog*
- **645** Contemporary Jewish Short Stories in Context: *Three Floors Up*
- **690** Two Trollopes: Anthony and Joanna: *The Rector's Wife* and *The Choir*
- **861** Classical Chinese Philosophy: *The Book of Master Mo*

**Books only available on Amazon:**

- **480** The Ups and Downs of Weather: *The Ups and Downs of Weather*

**Books available as pay-to-order only (and do not qualify for the 10% discount):**

- **200** The Neuroscience of Conflict: *Making Peace with Conflict: Using Neuroscience to Ease Difficult Relationships*
- **589** American 20th-Century Furniture: *American Furniture: 1650 to the Present* and *American Furniture Designers: 1900-2020*
- **600** Intermediate Italian: *Intermediate Italian Short Stories*
- **631** Understanding Families Through Plays: *Stick Fly*
- **640** How to Read a Poem: *How to Read a Poem*
- **834** Mastering Skills of Mindfulness Meditation: Intermediate Level: *Glimpses of Being: A Training Course in Expanding Mindful Awareness*
- **841** The Philosophy of Science: *Theory and Reality: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Science, 2nd Edition*

**Other books that do not qualify for the 10% discount:**

- **120** Mark Twain on Our Fragile Democracy: *Mark Twain's Ten Lessons for a Healthy Democracy*

## 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](#).

## 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.

## ABCs of OLLI

**ACCESSIBILITY**

OLLI at AU is located at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, which is handicapped accessible for walkers

and wheelchairs. All of OLLI's classrooms have hearing loops. See the **Hearing Loop** information below.

## **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY BENEFITS**

**AU Library:** All registered OLLI members may use the [AU Library](#). The library is located on the main campus at the west end of the university quadrangle. Request a Special Borrowers Card from the Circulation Desk. Tell them you are an OLLI member. We send a list of our members to the library when each academic session begins.

**AU Fitness Centers:** OLLI members are eligible for an annual membership at the [Jacobs Fitness Center](#) (202-885-6267) at a discounted rate.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please log into your OLLI account to ensure your contact information, including home and cell telephone number(s), email, as well as emergency contact name and relationship are current and accurate.

## **DIRECTORY**

We publish a [membership directory](#) each semester listing members' names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails. Please fill out this section of the registration form carefully. The directory is available online to download during the second week of the semester.

*OLLI at American University is highly sensitive to the privacy interests of members and believes that the protection of those interests is one of its most significant responsibilities. We publish the member directory as a courtesy to members. We expect members to respect other members' privacy. The directory is not to be shared with others outside of OLLI. If you have questions about this policy, please contact us by phone at 202-895-4860 or email at [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).*

## **DRINKS & SNACKS**

Coffee and tea are available in the Social Space on the 5th floor for OLLI members. There are also vending machines with water, soda, and snacks on the 4th and 6th floors.

## **EMAIL AND E-NEWSLETTER**

We use email as our primary means of communication. Please make sure that you check your email several times per week during the semester.

## **HEARING LOOPS**

All of OLLI's classrooms are equipped with hearing loops, a state-of-the-art assistive listening technology. Most recent hearing aids are equipped with a t-coil. Your audiologist can tell you whether or not your hearing aid has a t-coil and, if it does, your audiologist can activate the t-coil. With the t-coil turned on, a member can hear others in the room very clearly. Members who do not have hearing aids or who have hearing aids without t-coils, can use a loop receiver with a headset, to benefit from the loop. Each classroom is supplied with a number of loop receivers.

## **LECTURE SERIES**

We offer four lecture series throughout the year. During each semester there is a lecture on Fridays from 1:30-2:30 PM. In January and May, there are lectures on various weekday mornings from 10:30-

11:30 AM. No registration is required for online lectures.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

There is a lost and found box outside the OLLI office. Please check there if you have misplaced something.

## **LUNCHTIME OPTIONS**

There is a cafeteria on the 6th floor which serves hot and cold breakfast and lunch. Members can also brown bag lunch with OLLI friends in one of the social spaces on the 5th floor. Buy lunch to carry out or eat in at [Millie's](#), [Pizzeria Paradiso](#), [Starbucks](#), or [Wagshal's Market](#) — all within one block of 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW.

## **MAP**

View a [map of OLLI's location](#).

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

The fee paid for each session is a membership fee. It allows members to take from one to three study groups during that session. The fee is NOT a fee per study group. The membership fee entitles you to all of the benefits of membership at OLLI at AU. Below are the membership fees for each academic session:

**Fall Semester** and **Spring Semester**—\$300 each (or \$550 for both semesters, payable only in the fall)

**February Shorts** and **July Shorts**—\$75

**June Minis**—\$100

## **NAMETAGS**

Please wear your OLLI nametag to all classes and events that are held in-person. Plastic nametag holders and lanyards are available on the table outside the office.

## **PARKING**

See [parking](#) page.

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## **RECORDINGS**

Any member with a payment record for the current academic session may view any recorded courses from that session. You do not have to be a class participant to view recordings. Current members also have access to OLLI's permanent [digital library](#), which contains recorded courses from previous sessions.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

If you need scholarship assistance, please refer to the [Scholarships](#) page, then download and complete the scholarship request form on that page. All requests are confidential.

### **SERENDIPITIES!**

OLLI at AU members and their friends are invited to give a talk or presentation to the OLLI membership as part of our [Serendipities! program](#). Serendipities! are scheduled through the OLLI office and are currently being held remotely via Zoom.

### **SHUTTLE**

There is an AU shuttle that travels from the Tenleytown metro stop to the Spring Valley Building. Anyone, including OLLI members, can ride the shuttle. View the [shuttle route and schedule](#).

### **SPRING VALLEY BUILDING**

American University and OLLI at AU refer to 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW as the Spring Valley Building.

### **TEXTING**

Sign up to receive text messages regarding delayed openings, closings, cancelled classes, etc. 1. Make sure your account includes your cell phone number. Login to your account, click on "Edit Account" in the menu on the left. Add your cell phone number to your account if it is not there, then click "Submit." A blank page titled "Overview" appears. 2. Click on "Text Messaging." Click on the blue button that reads "Opt In for Text Messaging." You will receive a text to confirm. 3. Reply "YES." You can opt out at any time.

### **TRANSFERS**

Membership in OLLI is not transferable. Spouses or partners must have their own individual memberships.

### **VENDING MACHINES**

There are vending machines with water, soda, and snacks on the 4th and 6th floors.

### **WAITLISTS**

If a seat opens in a class which has a waitlist, staff will contact members via email and offer a seat in the order in which they appear on the waitlist.

### **WEATHER POLICY FOR CLASS CANCELLATION**

We follow American University's weather policy. If AU has a delayed opening, online OLLI classes will still be held. If an in-person or hybrid OLLI class is scheduled, and AU has a delayed opening, 9:45 AM classes are cancelled and the 11:45 AM and 1:45 PM classes are held. If AU is closed, OLLI is also closed and all classes are cancelled.

### **WI-FI**

Wi-Fi at OLLI is free. The Network Name is **AUGuest-ByRCN**. No password is required.

**Forum on Diversity of State Energy Policies**

## GPS Forum on Diversity of State Energy Policies

Wednesday, September 14

4:00-5:30 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

Will Biden's climate program succeed? That depends in large part on implementation, which is in the hands of states and cities with very diverse agendas. You are invited to a GPS forum, **Diversity of State Energy Policies**, where experts explore in depth three very different cases. The forum will be on September 14 at 4:00-5:30PM (EST). We hope you will join the forum and spread the word to others to join as well. No registration is required.

[View detailed information.](#)

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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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