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UPDATES

HOLIDAY HOURS

OLLI will be **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 27, through Friday, November 29 and no classes will be held on those days. **Monday and Tuesday classes will still meet.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

CALLING ALL FEBRUARY & SPRING PROPOSALS



February Shorts

February 3-7

Classes meet 2-5 times during one week.

PROPOSAL FORM

Spring Semester

March 3-May 9

Classes meet once a week for 7-10 weeks.

PROPOSAL FORM

Proposal deadline for both: November 24

To propose a study group, click the applicable button above. You will need to log in with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time. Class formats in February and spring will continue to be in-person or online. Study group leaders select their format preference on the proposal form.

LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS

Join Mark Stevens, Dan Moskowitz, Gary Eakes, and Larry Gondelman in presenting one or two sessions in our latest collaborative class offering this spring: "What Are the 5 Minutes You'd Play to Make a Friend Fall in Love with Music?"

In our course, each class will highlight 3-4 artists, genres, or themes—such as Jazz Vocalists—introducing participants to musical clips and videos that reveal the unique talents of each featured artist.

The course is broad in scope, with a primary focus on jazz and classical music. To enrich our sessions with a diverse range of musical perspectives, we're

looking to involve multiple presenters with varying tastes and expertise. Please email Mark Stevens at stevensmark1@gmail.com if you'd be interested in joining us for the spring 2025 semester!

LECTURES

Registration is required for in-person lectures. Registration is open via the direct link below or the event on the [OLLI website events calendar](#). Each registrant may reserve **up to two seats**. Your name(s) must be on the list of registrants to enter the lecture and you must be in your seat five minutes before the lecture starts to guarantee your seat. **In-person fall lectures will be held at OLLI:** 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, in Room A on the first floor.



TODAY'S LECTURE

Esther Safran Foer, *The Capital Jewish Museum*

1:30–2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Esther Safran Foer is President of the Board of Directors of the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum. She was born in Poland to Louis and Ethel Safran, Holocaust survivors who met in 1945. She spent her early childhood in a displaced persons camp before moving with her family to the US in 1949. The family later settled in Washington, DC. Safran Foer founded FM Strategic Communications in 2002. For 10 years, she was the CEO of Sixth & I Synagogue, where she helped develop a nationally recognized model for young professional engagement within a historic synagogue and cultural center. She was named one of the *Forward 50 Jewish leaders*. In 2020 she published the post Holocaust-memoir *I Want You to Know We're Still Here*, which has been translated into eight languages. She also worked as press secretary for presidential candidate George McGovern.

REGISTER



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Carla A. Hills, *Government, Trade, and Policy: How Can We Learn from the Past*

November 22

1:30–2:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Ambassador Carla A. Hills served as US Trade Representative from 1989 to 1993 and was a member of President George H.W. Bush's Cabinet. She negotiated and concluded the North American Free Trade Agreement, led the US negotiations on the Uruguay Round of the World Trade Organization, and concluded many trade and investment agreements with countries worldwide. Earlier, Ambassador Hills served as President Gerald Ford's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the third woman to hold a Cabinet position). She also served as Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, of the US Department of Justice.

REGISTER

OLLI EVENTS

SERENDIPITY TALK

Patrick Malone, *Wanna Hear a Joke? Why Laughter Matters*

Monday, November 18 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Online via Zoom

In life we are faced with more political divisiveness, more organizational complexity, less time, and fewer resources. But laughter has the power to build bonds, forge trust, and improve productivity, even in the most challenging of times. Yet many of us are uncomfortable with letting go and connecting at the most human level. From physical and emotional benefits, laughter is essential. This session will engage attendees with the latest science supporting humor and the impact it can have on our lives and those for whom we care.

Professor Malone is the Director, Key Executive Leadership Programs at American University. He is a frequent guest lecturer on kindness, gratitude,

emotional intelligence, compassion, ethics, mindfulness, and leadership at various organizations, professional associations, and universities including the Fulbright Scholars Program. His research and teaching interests include human motivation, kindness, leadership, ethics, and organizational behavior. Dr. Malone is a retired Navy Captain. While in the Navy, he served in a number of leadership and policy roles including as a professor of biometrics and preventive medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Academic Director; and Dean of Academics for Navy Medicine.

No registration is required for Serendipities. 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 join the email list at https://www.oli-dc.org/join_email_list.



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THE MARKET AT AU

Thank you to all members who have helped OLLI support the AU Market so far! With the holidays approaching, donations of shelf-stable foods and personal-care items are needed now more than ever. Please help us continue to support AU students experiencing food insecurities by donating items from their [Amazon Wishlist](#) or view the general list of Market needs [here](#). **There is a box in the Social Space to collect donations from OLLI members.**

AU WINTER COAT DRIVE

Help AU give the gift of warmth to students in need this holiday season! OLLI members can drop off new/gently used winter apparel at the OLLI office through **Monday, December 2.**



OLLI HAPPENINGS

HAPPY HOUR CLUB

Interested in getting together with other OLLI members for a happy hour? OLLI Social Committee Chair, Jeff Porter, is organizing a happy hour on **Friday, November 22** at Pizza Paradiso (across from OLLI) at 2:30 PM, immediately following the Lecture with Carla A. Hills. **Up to 20 people can attend.** Each person pays for their own drinks/food.

If you're interested, please sign up with OLLI Social Committee Chair, Jeff Porter at djporter2@mac.com.

AU EVENTS

AMBASSADORS UP-CLOSE:

SPOTLIGHT ON THE EUROPEAN
UNION, FRANCE AND GERMANY



SIS professor
Michelle Egan



SIS professor
Garret Martin



Jovita Neliupšienė,
Ambassador of the European
Union to the US



Agnès Von der Muhll
France's Deputy Chief of
Mission to the US



Andreas Michaelis,
Ambassador of the Federal
Republic of Germany to the US

Monday, November 18
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
SIS Founders Room

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Please Join Us!

"A Future Path for Jews and Arabs in Israel
One Year after October 7"

with

Mohammad Darawshe and Ilan Troen

Tuesday, November 19

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Abramsom Family Founders Room, SIS



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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University

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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