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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

We welcome proposals from both new and previous study group leaders! For more information about being an SGL at OLLI, please visit the [Become an Instructor](#) page on the website. If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group for the first time and would like to speak with someone, please email olli@american.edu with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

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.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The [Fall 2024 Membership Directory](#) is available on the OLLI website. Members must be logged in to access the directory. Go to "Documents," and then "For Members Only."

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

Dana Tai Soon Burgess,

A Conversation with Dana Tai Soon Burgess

October 18

1:45-2:45 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Join us for a conversation with Dana Tai Soon Burgess, a Korean American choreographer and cultural figure, who has been referred to as "not only a Washington Prize, but a national dance treasure." (*Washington Post* Pulitzer Prize winning dance critic, Sarah Kaufman). **The conversation will be accompanied by dance demonstrations given by four dancers of the Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Co.**

Burgess's book, *Chino and the Dance of the Butterfly: A Memoir*, will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the presentation.

As always, lectures are free and open to the public. Join us today and bring a friend!

REGISTER

NO LECTURE NEXT WEEK

Please note that next Friday, October 25, there will not be a weekly lecture. Instead, please join us for OLLI at AU's annual Town Hall. Please see below for more information.

OLLI EVENTS

TOWN HALL

Friday, October 25 | 1:30 PM

Hybrid: Room A (on the first floor) & online via Zoom

Join us to hear from OLLI leadership and members about the current state of OLLI at AU. For those who prefer to attend online, the Zoom link will be included in that Friday's newsletter. **No registration required.**

US CAPITOL GROUNDS TOUR

OLLI members had a wonderful time touring the US Capitol Grounds with local historian Steve Livengood! Members were captivated by the information shared about Frederick Law Olmstead and the beautiful landscape of the Capitol. Thank you to all that attended!



SERENDIPITY TALK

Joe Belden, *Memories of my Uncool Gun*

Monday, October 28 | 3:30-4:30 PM

Online via Zoom

To me, the 2012 Sandy Hook massacre of first graders by a deranged shooter using a military-style assault rifle is one of the worst single events in our history. Shortly after that horror, I heard a weapons expert interviewed on public radio. The interviewer asked, why do so many people want to own this weapon, which is designed only for killing people in war. The expert said, "Because it's a cool gun." That immediately made me think of my own Army enlisted service in the late 1960s. Purely by luck of the draw my overseas duty was in Korea (1968-69) rather than Vietnam. The weapon in Vietnam, a real shooting war, was the Army's relatively new M16, the cool gun—and the ancestor of today's assault rifles. Those of us serving elsewhere—Korea, Germany, etc.—all had the older M14 rifle. This talk will examine those two weapons from my experience, with some comment on the current culture that so fetishizes assault rifles.

Joe Belden is a writer and consultant on rural issues, poverty, and affordable housing. In recent years he has taught courses at American University's OLLI program, the Allende Institute in Mexico, and other venues. He writes regularly for The Daily Yonder and other publications. From 1989 until 2015 he was

Deputy Executive Director of the Housing Assistance Council, and also worked at USDA, on Capitol Hill, and for several DC-based think tanks.

SERENDIPITY TALK

Mark Gottlieb, *Planning for Medicare Annual Enrollment: Know Your Options*

Wednesday, November 6 | 3:30-4:30 PM

Online via Zoom

As the annual enrollment period approaches, the Medicare population gets bombarded with promotional materials from a large number of companies. These materials, as well as tv ads, can be confusing and misleading. Study Group Leader Mark Gottlieb has developed this program that sets forth the main components of Medicare and the many supplemental products available to maximize coverage, including all of the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug plans newly approved by Medicare for 2024.

Mark Gottlieb is an independent insurance broker who previously worked for several well-known insurance companies, including New York Life and Mutual of Omaha. After spending the first part of his career in the health services field doing strategic and business planning and development, as well as regulatory compliance, Mark entered the insurance industry in 2000 specifically to assist seniors. Mark is passionate about helping others to protect themselves and their loved ones relative to their financial security and piece of mind. Mark has taught the class Long-Term Care Expenses in Retirement for the past five summers at OLLI.

No registration is required for either Serendipity. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the talks. 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.

THE MARKET AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Join OLLI in supporting the Market at AU. American University offers the Market Food Pantry, providing free groceries and limited personal-care items to help students experiencing food insecurity. Donations are needed now more than ever. Find a list of items the AU Market needs on their [Amazon Wishlist](#), or view the general list of Market needs [here](#). **There is a box in the Social Space and outside the OLLI office to collect any donations from OLLI members.**

OLLI HAPPENINGS

MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK

October 21-25 is Member Appreciation Week at OLLI! Each day, we will have refreshments and games in the **Social Space** located on the 5th floor.

Monday (Oct. 21)

- 9:00 AM - Breakfast treats
- 9:15 AM - Spelling Bee game starts

Tuesday (Oct. 22)

- 11:15 AM - 1:45 PM - Dessert treats
- 11:20 AM - Scattergories game starts

Wednesday (Oct. 23)

- 9:00 AM - Breakfast treats
- 9:15 AM - Spelling Bee game starts

Thursday (Oct. 24)

- 11:15 AM - 1:45 PM - Dessert treats
- 11:20 AM - Spelling Bee game starts

Friday (Oct. 25)

- 12:30 PM - Sandwich wraps, prior to the annual meeting

MORE INFO

OLLI CLUBS

Have you heard about the different clubs offered here at OLLI? These clubs are group gatherings organized by OLLI members with a shared interest. If you are interested in starting or joining a club, please contact the office at 202-895-4860 or olli@american.edu.

MORE INFO

AU EVENTS



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS

International Tour Preview Concert

COLOMBIA

Daniel Abraham, director

NOVEMBER 2, 2024, 7:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 3, 2024, 3 P.M.

KATZEN ARTS CENTER, ABRAMSON FAMILY RECITAL HALL

4400 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. NW WASHINGTON, DC 20016



TICKETS: \$10-\$15, FREE FOR AU STUDENTS

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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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