



Where Curiosity Never Retires



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February & Spring Catalog

The February Shorts & spring catalog will be mailed out at the end of December. Look for your copy in early January. **Online registration for both sessions will open mid-December.**

SGL Gifts

All of OLLI's Study Group Leaders are volunteers. Each academic session, we invite members to give them a gift in honor of all of the work they do to prepare and deliver their courses. This is completely voluntary on our members' behalf. **Members may make a gift to Fall SGL(s) through December 17.**

Gifts can be made [online](#) *after logging on to your account on the OLLI website*, or by mailing a check to OLLI. Members can give gifts to all of their Study Group Leaders in a single form and with a single credit card transaction. The OLLI office will collect all gifts, write a check to each SGL, and mail the check with any notes from members to the SGL(s).

Serendipity Talk: Thursday, December 16

The Power of Scenery: Frederick Law Olmstead and the Origin of National Parks

Dennis Drabelle

Thursday, December 16

3:30-4:30 PM (via Zoom)

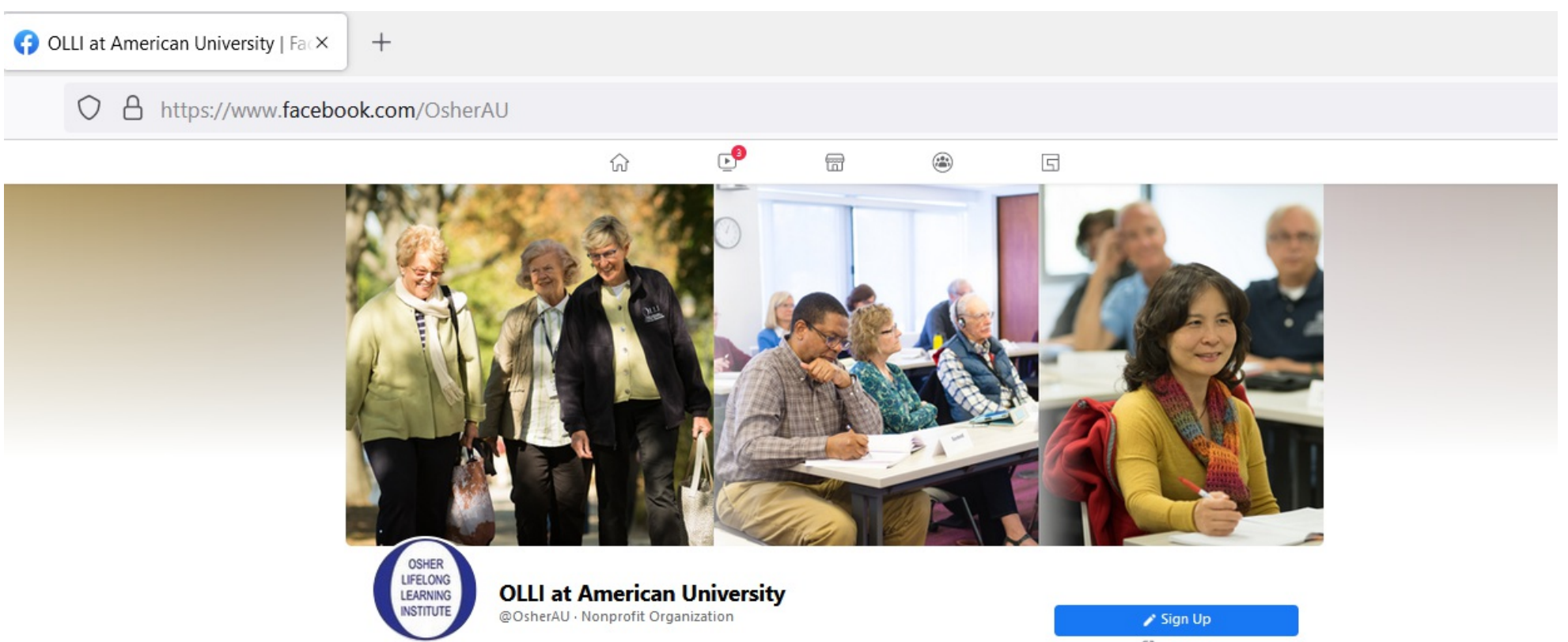
Dennis Drabelle will be discussing his new book, *The Power of Scenery: Frederick Law Olmstead and the Origin of National Parks*. Olmstead's role in the creation of NY's Central Park is well known. Olmstead's role in creating Yosemite and the design for our other national parks is less well-known but even more significant. Drabelle will be interviewed by Douglas Wheeler.

Dennis Drabelle is a writer and former attorney. During the 1970s he was an attorney-adviser at the U.S. Department of the Interior and counsel to the assistant secretary of the interior for fish and wildlife and parks. Drabelle was a contributing editor of the Washington Post Book World for more than thirty years. Drabelle has published four prior books, and his articles and his articles on the environment and national parks have appeared in Outside, Smithsonian, Sierra, Backpacker, and many other magazines.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be emailed to all OLLI newsletter subscribers the morning of the talk.

OLLI is on Facebook

Curious about what we are up to? OLLI's members and study group leaders are at the heart of the work we do. If you're looking for ways to find out about OLLI events, connect with other members, and spread awareness of our mission, we hope you will follow and join in the conversation on our recently launched [Facebook page](#). Facebook attracts a very diverse audience of retirees and is a way to reach out to lifelong learners who might not know about us.



American University News & Events

AU ARTS

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. [View the schedule and](#)

[registration links.](#)

AU MUSEUM

Fall Schedule: until Sunday, December 12

Friday-Sunday only

11:00 AM-4:00 PM

The [museum](#) is open to visitors. View [upcoming exhibitions](#). Patrons and university community members can now experience shows on display at the [Katzen Arts Center](#). Follow the museum on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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