



## OLLI NEWS — February 25, 2022

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### Spring Registration & Information

There are still open classes in the spring and time to register or add a class before the semester starts. Click the link below to view all the classes. You can see the status of each (open or closed) in the right hand column of the page.

The Spring Semester is **March 7–May 13**. Courses meet once a week for 7-10 weeks. The \$300 membership fee allows you to sign up for three courses before the lottery. Now that the lottery has passed, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account.

[View Spring Semester and register.](#)

## Catalog Changes

Registering online is the easiest way to be sure of the format of your selected classes. There have been quite a few changes since the catalog was published, mostly related to class format, and these changes are reflected in real-time in the online registration section of the website. You can also go to the [February and Spring 2022 Catalog Changes](#) page to view a current list of changes.

## Spring Covid Protocols

OLLI at AU is adhering to the following Covid-related protocols for the spring semester:

- To attend any in-person OLLI class or function, members must be fully vaccinated and boosted, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions;
- To attend any in-person OLLI class or function, members must submit a brief OLLI attestation form stating he/she has been fully vaccinated and boosted, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions. The online form will be sent via email before the first week of classes to anyone registered to take a class in-person;
- All members must wear an N95, KN95, or KF94 mask when in the building, a classroom, or the OLLI office;
- Classrooms will be at regular capacity; and
- Any person exhibiting any Covid-related symptoms will be asked to stay home.

## Spring Books

Below is a list of spring semester books that are either pay to order or not available at Politics and Prose:

**200: *Making Peace With Conflict*** - Pay to Order

**260: *The Great War and Death of God*** - Pay to Order

**275: *Both Sides Now*** - NOT AVAILABLE

**475: *Weekly Morbidity*** - NOT AVAILABLE

**620: *Racconti Romani*** - NOT AVAILABLE

**630: *The Christmas Books Vol 1*** - NOT AVAILABLE, (but Christmas Carol newer editions are in stock)

**631: *The Cocktail Hour*** - Pay to Order (different edition than what SGL requested, which is not in print)

***Painting Churches*** - Pay to Order

***Unavoidable Disappearance of Tom Durnin*** - NOT AVAILABLE

**645: *The Gate of Angels*** - NOT AVAILABLE

***Galatea 2.2*** - Pay to Order

**699: *Dear Diego*** - NOT AVAILABLE

## COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation

Taking or teaching a class in-person? Check your email next week for a digital form from DocuSign to attest that you

are fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. You do not need to enroll in DocuSign. Just press the yellow "Review Document" button, type your name as a signature, and submit it. Please fill out the form before classes begin and thank you in advance!

## Member Zoom Training

**Wednesday, March 2**

**12:00 PM**

**Online Via Zoom**

[Register](#)

Attend the upcoming Zoom member training to prepare to take online classes.

Learn how to use Zoom in an OLLI class:

- Navigating the controls
- Speaker view vs. Gallery view
- How SGLs will manage discussions and Q&A
- Zoom tips
- Etiquette for Zoom
- Learn how to get your class Zoom link from the OLLI website

## Proposals for Summer 2022



### June and July Study Group Proposals

The OLLI office is now accepting study group proposals (to teach a class) for both of the upcoming summer sessions. We welcome proposals from both new and veteran Study Group Leaders. For more information about being an SGL at OLLI, please visit [Become A Study Group Leader](#) on the OLLI website. If you or someone you

know is interested in leading a study group and would like to speak with someone or ask questions, please email [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

To propose a study group, please click one of the links below. **You will need to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.** We are planning for the summer sessions to be both in-person and online. SGLs select their preference for format on the proposal form. Online and in-person support is offered to SGLs depending on their format.

**June Minis: June 6-July 1 (classes meet once a week for 4 weeks)**

Proposal form: <https://www.olli-dc.org/studygroupform>

**July Shorts: July 11-15 (classes meet 2-5 times that week)**

Proposal form: <https://olli-dc.org/shortsproposalform>

**Submission deadline for both sessions: Sunday, April 10.**

## Serendipities

**Dan Moskowitz, *The Songs of World War II***

**Thursday, March 3**

**1:30 PM**

**Online via Zoom**

Popular music was central to the shared experience of World War II. Even though no central thematic song emerged to come close to the role "Over There" played in World War I, with almost universal radio ownership, widespread use of phonographs (including wind-up ones supplied to US troops overseas), and the practice of playing music in factories, the music of the first half of the 1940s was a pervasive part of the culture.

The government did try to harness popular music for the war effort, working with composers and lyricists to produce tunes like "Any Bonds Today?" and "A Slip of the Lip" and there were a handful of popular songs about military heroics, like "Coming In on a Wing and a Prayer" and "Stars and Stripes on Iwo Jima." But the core of popular music has always been the love song, and it is there that Tin Pan Alley really so effectively refitted its product to the sad fact that he and she could not be together. The popular songs had the men in uniform and, more importantly, the gals back home assuring each other of enduring love and fidelity: "No Love, No Nothing," "I'll Walk Alone," "Saturday Night Is the Loneliest Night of the Year," and so many more.

We'll listen to and watch clips of these songs and many more, and have a chance to share our own memories of hearing these tunes at the time or hearing about them later from an older generation.

*For almost a decade, Daniel B. Moskowitz has led OLLI courses about American popular music. He was too young during World War II to jitterbug to the prevalent swing music, but he does well remember the songs heard so*

*frequently on the radio.*

## **Doug Stowell, *How Does the U.S. Rank Globally? A Top 10 Summary for 2022***

**Thursday, March 17**

**3:30 PM**

**Online via Zoom**

This talk will look at economic factors like GDP, incomes, deductions, the national debt and taxes; global warming, the environment & pollution; energy sources; healthcare costs and outcomes; marriage, divorce & birth rates; education levels & achievement; life expectancy and paid vacations; population trends; an index on religiosity & atheism; a national prosperity index; murder and crime rates; a change readiness index; happiest & most competitive countries; "best" countries ranked; "where" to be born - 2022; et al.. All charts and links to data sources provided to participants. This is year #4 for the compilation of rankings and is the most comprehensive yet!

*Doug Stowell has been an OLLI Instructor at Furman University in Greenville, SC since 2015 and a national instructor since 2018. His career includes: Director of Market Research for the Xerox Corp., U.S. Director for the U.K. firm National Opinion Polling, Ltd. In London, and Senior Consultant with Wirthlin Worldwide Polling in DC. He opened his own firm in 2008 and continues today conducting global consumer issues surveys.*

**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 e-mail [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) that morning.**

## **Zooms Links and Recorded Classes**

### **Zoom Links Available in Member Accounts**

If you accidentally delete the daily e-mail with your class Zoom link, or cannot find it again, you can access the Zoom link for each of your classes by logging into your OLLI member account on the [website](#). The first page to come up will be the one that lists your classes. Under each class you will find the Zoom link for that class. Click the link to go into your class at the specified time. *Spring Zoom links will appear closer to the start of the semester.* If you leave this page and need to get back, simply click your name (hyperlinked in blue) at the top of the page. View a [video tutorial](#).

### **Class Recordings**

Most online classes during the February Shorts and Spring Semester are recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session. [February Shorts recordings](#) are listed under "Shorts" on the OLLI website. Spring recordings will be listed under "Study Groups." Each day's

recordings are added to the website by 5:00 PM. You must first log in to your member account in order to view the recordings. Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.

## AU Library

The AU library is now open again to OLLI SGLs and members. Any OLLI members interested in visiting the library should view to their vaccination policy on the [library visitor services](#) page before arriving.

## American University News & Events

### Center for Israel Studies

This spring, American University's Jewish Studies Program and Center for Israel Studies together host a new webinar series of four talks: "[Europe's Jews Before the Holocaust](#)," thanks to the generosity of the Knapp Family Foundation.

#### *In Hitler's Munich with Michael Brenner*

Wednesday, March 2

1:00 PM

Online

Drawing on a wealth of previously unknown documents, *In Hitler's Munich* reveals the untold story of how a once-cosmopolitan city became, in the words of Thomas Mann, the city of Hitler. [Register](#).

### AU School of Public Affairs

*Time to Do Things Differently: Getting Beyond Policy Silos to Boost Economic Mobility* with Julián Castro and Marcia L. Fudge

Wednesday, March 2

2:00 PM

Kerwin Hall, Auditorium 1 (T01)

As communities across the country prepare to receive hundreds of billions of dollars in infrastructure and social services investment, this seminar will engage policymakers and students in conversation about how federal, state, and local governments can work creatively and effectively across policy areas—and avoid old mistakes—to lift Americans out of poverty and strengthen the middle class. [Register](#).

### AU Arts

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

### AU Museum

Spring Schedule

**January 29–May 22**

**Friday–Sunday, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM**

Reservations are not required for your visit. Admission is always free. Regarding groups and any questions about your visit, email [museum@american.edu](mailto:museum@american.edu). Access the museum [online](#).

### **OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MISSION**

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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