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JOHN BARGERON

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An OLLI member since 2014, John Bargeron is currently the Coordinator of the Welcomer program and a member of the Membership and Outreach Committee. He previously served as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2019 Board elections and has served as SGR for multiple classes over the years. John's professional experience includes more than 35 years with the US State Department, specializing in the Middle East and transnational organized crime. He has served in Jerusalem, Cairo, Tel Aviv, and Managua, and as Chief of Civilian Observers with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), the peacekeeping force between Israel and Egypt based in the Sinai. Other foreign affairs experience includes a two-year detail to the Pentagon to work on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Before joining the State Department, John taught modern European history at Cedar Crest College. He has degrees from the University of Pennsylvania (graduate) and Emory University (undergraduate).

MYRA BARRON

(2016-2022)

Myra has co-chaired the AU Relationship Committee and served on the Executive Committee. Previously, she has served as Board Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Personnel Committee Chair, as well as SGR. With degrees from Smith College and Johns Hopkins, she taught economics at the University of North Dakota. She later received a JD from Georgetown Law School and was a legal aid attorney before becoming Assistant County Attorney, then Counsel to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority. In 1988, she entered private practice. As a partner at Sprenger & Lang, then Weinberg & Jacobs, she specialized in affordable housing and represented non-profits in employment, business, real estate, financial, and tax matters. She hopes to continue to develop OLLI at AU's lifelong learning mission as a small "liberal arts college" within the larger AU community.

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STUART FRISCH

(2021-2024)

I've been taking classes enthusiastically at OLLI since 2013. I am the Chair of the Personnel Committee and a member of the Governance Committee. Over the years, I have often served as a Study Group Representative and a Welcomer for new members. I also have mentored several foreign students in the OLLI-IAP program. I am a graduate of Brooklyn College and Harvard Law School. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic in the late 1960s. I spent most of my legal career in government—10 years at the EEOC and 25 years at the Department of Justice, where I was a senior executive.

PENELOPE HANSEN

(2021-2022)

Penny Hansen has been a member of OLLI since 2011 and an ongoing Study Group Leader since 2014. Her ever-evolving course, *Today's Supreme Court: A Class for Citizens*, has been presented 14 times with outstanding reviews and full classes each semester. In 2021, she added a new class, "Populism and the Presidency" to her OLLI efforts.

Prior to retirement, she had a 30 career at the Environmental Protection agency, implementing the country's first recycling, hazardous waste, Superfund, acid rain, and environmental technology verification programs. She was educated at Skidmore College, Johns Hopkins University, and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Among her many awards for environmental innovation, implementation and communication was being named one of the three "Pioneers of Recycling in the United States" in the 40-year commemorative issue of *Waste and Recycling Magazine*. Her post-EPA life focused on consulting on environmental issues domestically and around the world, along with other volunteer work. She is a proud fourth generation Washingtonian and a passionate believer in an educated citizenry.

ALAN HAUSMAN

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I have been a student at OLLI at AU for over eight years, have co-taught one OLLI class, and served as Chair of the Personnel Committee. In my prior life, I practiced law for over 30 years at law firms, for a major financial institution, and as Senior Counsel to a Select Congressional Committee. I have served on the board of several non-profits and also as an outside consultant to non-profits with an emphasis on corporate governance, management, and human resources. I am a graduate of Brooklyn College of CUNY and Columbia Law School.

JUDY HAVEMANN

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Judy Havemann has been a member of OLLI for six years during which she has coordinated study groups on international policy called the Scholars' World Series, chaired the lecture committee, and served as Board Vice Chair. She is a retired 30-year editor and reporter for *The Washington Post*, a former deputy editor of the *Wilson Quarterly*, and is retired from the National Endowment for the Humanities. A former foreign reporter for *The Post*, she has edited Virginia, Maryland, and national news, and directed newsroom recruiting and hiring. She retired as the food editor and is an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland.

DAVID HENSLER

(2020-2023)

Dave Hensler has been an OLLI member for five years, is currently serving on the Finance Committee and the Investment Subcommittee, and was recently asked to join the Lecture Committee. Dave assisted OLLI in getting a substantial increase in its annual payment from the AU Endowment and in improving the investment return on the Friends of OLLI Fund. In Dave's view, the Board's principal responsibilities should be to continue the good work that OLLI's recent leadership has done in strengthening the OLLI staff, rationalizing the budget process, and increasing the classroom space available to OLLI, as well as to prepare OLLI to meet the unexpected challenges that will inevitably occur. Dave is currently on the Board of Directors of the Duke Ellington Fund and is a Trustee of the Foundation of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Dave is also the outside General Counsel, on a pro bono basis, for the largest Native American scholarship fund. Dave is a Senior Counsel at Hogan Lovells US LLP.

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JOHN THORNER

(2017-2023)

John Thorner began his first Board term as a participant in the Strategic Planning process. Concurrently, he worked to align the strategic plan with a financial plan. As part of that plan, he formulated an investment policy for the Friends of OLLI Fund, and now chairs OLLI's Investment Subcommittee. Additionally, John chairs OLLI's Membership and Outreach Committee with an eye to growing membership consistent with the strategic and financial plans. In his early career, John worked as a reporter, government lawyer, and association lobbyist. Later, he began leading associations, including those representing dentists, anesthesiologists, and physicists.

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Sue attended Mt. Holyoke, Northwestern (BA 1958), and the University of Maryland (MLS 1977). She volunteered in non-profits (schools, libraries, museums), ultimately working many years as Librarian/Information Officer at the Administrative Conference of the United States, a federal agency specializing in administrative law. She left the agency in 1988 to begin a consulting business and developed a software product for smaller libraries that she marketed and sold to libraries nationwide. Retiring in 2006, she volunteered for the Capital Area Food Bank helping clients of Bread for the City apply for SNAP (food stamps). She has been an SGR throughout her 12 years at OLLI. As chair of OLLI's Administration and Volunteers Committees, Sue organizes volunteers and directs their processing of OLLI-wide mailings. A member of OLLI's Board of Directors for the past three years, Sue is dedicated to keeping OLLI welcoming and enjoyable, efficient, and always informative.

LEWIS COHEN

(2018-2021)



Why was a somewhat bookish former diplomat, trade negotiator, and advisor to multinational companies drawn to teach at OLLI at AU and push for it to become an even stronger magnet for our generation? The answer is simple. It was fun and rewarding. Better yet, it kept my brain from atrophying. On the Board, I have contributed to easing the occasionally fraught transition to our current digs and chaired the Innovation Committee. I am excited about rising to the new challenges of shaping the growth of an organization with more than 1,300 members, a more intimate relationship with American University, and a bright future.

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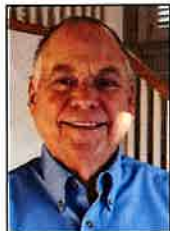
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Judy Havemann has been an active member of the OLLI Lecture Committee and has twice interviewed Marty Baron, executive editor of The Washington Post, for OLLI audiences. She invited Don Graham, the former owner of The Post, to talk about his \$130 million foundation to help undocumented "Dreamers" go to college, and has proposed several speakers for the spring lecture series. Recently, she has been coordinating a study group of foreign policy experts from the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She is a retired reporter, editor, and foreign correspondent for The Washington Post, deputy editor of the Wilson Quarterly, and director of communications for the National Endowment for the Humanities. She also has been food editor and director of recruiting and hiring for The Post and worked as a journalist in Michigan, Illinois, Maryland, and Virginia. Currently, she is an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland.

LINDA KISER

(2019-2022)



Currently a member of the Development Committee, Linda has been enjoying OLLI classes since retirement in 2012. She came to DC in 1962 to work in the Kennedy White House summer intern program—and never left. A graduate of AU, she spent the first half of her career in the House, the Senate, and the Carter Administration. After a break to raise children, Linda spent 15 years as Director of Development in several local private schools. She has served on school and non-profit Boards and as a member or Chair of various Development committees for many years. She also tutors at the Academy of Hope, a charter school for adults working to get their GED. She looks forward to working with the Board to ensure the financial stability of this wonderful organization.

DENISE LIEBOWITZ

(2017-2023)



Denise Liebowitz is seeking a second term as an OLLI board member. In her first term, Denise led the planning group to facilitate the move to and develop the program for the new Spring Valley space, helped prepare the recent membership survey, and chaired the Lecture Committee. As a persistent advocate for the development of a vision that reflects the shared aspirations of OLLI members, she was recently named chair of a new Strategic Planning Committee. Denise looks forward to collaborating with the membership to articulate future goals and the steps necessary to achieve them. Denise has served as Deputy Director of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Vice President of Communications of Yale International, Inc., and Director of Public Affairs for the National Capital Planning Commission. She has worked at the Los Angeles Times European Economic Bureau, the Wilson Center, and co-founded and ran a school of antique furniture restoration. As a volunteer, she has worked for Mother Teresa in Calcutta, served as President of the Alliance Francaise de Washington, and board member of a nonprofit supporting injured service men and women.

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