



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University (OLLI) offers a unique opportunity to continue learning at the university level. Our nearly 1,600 members come from varied careers and share a deep desire to continue to learn about the world around us in an engaged community of informed and seasoned learners.

## STUDY GROUPS

At the heart of the OLLI program are the study groups led by OLLI members, American University faculty, scholars from other institutions, and by experts from Washington's think tanks and public policy and research organizations. OLLI has three types of programming:

- Fall Semester (Sept.-Dec.) and Spring Semester (Feb.-May)—study groups meet once a week for 7-10 weeks
- February Shorts and July Shorts—study groups meet 2-5 times over the course of one week
- June Minis—study groups meet once a week for 4 weeks

Study groups always meet for 90 minutes during one of three time frames: 9:45-11:15 am, 11:45 am-1:15 pm, or 1:45-3:15 pm. Class sizes range from 120 in lecture format to 10 in small discussion groups and are offered either in-person or online.

## LECTURES

In addition to the study groups, OLLI offers four lecture series throughout the year. Drawing on Washington's extraordinarily rich resource of senior public officials, policy experts, diplomats, journalists, and authors, OLLI lectures focus on current issues in public policy, the arts, education, economics, and international affairs. Lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit "Lectures & Events" on the OLLI website.

## ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

OLLI provides many opportunities to learn and to socialize outside the classroom. Educational field trips, social gatherings, shared interest groups, and trips to local theater performances are just a few of the special events OLLI members organize each year.

## OUR HISTORY

Originally established in 1982 as the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR), as part of the Continuing Education Department at American University, OLLI at AU was invited to become an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in 2005. As a member of the larger Osher Lifelong Learning Institute network, we are one of 125 learning institutes nationwide funded in part by the Bernard Osher Foundation and are dedicated to providing excellent educational opportunities for seasoned learners.

### CURRENT STUDY GROUP SAMPLER

- *Climate Policies: What Works, What Doesn't*
- *Introduction to Cell Biology*
- *One Act Operas*
- *Great Conductors of the Twentieth Century*
- *Art Fraud*
- *Travels with Marco Polo*
- *Film Genres and Gender*
- *Latin for Developing Translators*
- *French Conversation Advanced*
- *From David Copperfield to Demon Copperhead*
- *Shakespeare's Comedies*
- *Moral Courage—Stories of Rescuers*

### CURRENT OLLI LECTURES

- *Inseparable: My Family's Holocaust Journey*
- *Music Industry: Entrepreneurship and Creativity*
- *Book Banning in the United States and Abroad*
- *"Progressive Evangelical" Is Not an Oxymoron*
- *James Alexander Simpson and the Early American Portrait Painters*
- *Frederick Law Olmsted and His Parks*
- *The January 6 Cases: A Trial Judge's Perspective*
- *The Pinchots: A Family Saga*