



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University (OLLI) offers a unique opportunity to continue learning at the university level. Our 1,000 members come from varied careers, ranging from business and academia to medicine, government service, and the arts. We all 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. The program consists of two terms, each ten weeks long. Study groups meet once a week for an hour and 50 minutes in the morning or the afternoon. Typically, 80-90 study groups are offered each term, with class sizes ranging from 120 in lecture format to 10 in small discussion groups.

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 open to the public and are free of charge. Study groups and lectures take place on the AU campus or at nearby venues.

ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

OLLI provides many opportunities to learn and to socialize outside the classroom. Educational field trips, social gatherings, drama groups, and organized hikes 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 119 non-profit learning institutes nationwide funded by the Bernard Osher Foundation and are dedicated to providing excellent educational opportunities for seasoned learners.

RECENT OLLI STUDY GROUPS

- Rethinking U.S. Foreign Aid
- Dinosaurs for Adults: A Study in Evolution
- Globalization: Can It Be Tamed?
- Euripides and the Mystery of the Passion
- The First World War in European Politics and Culture

RECENT OLLI LECTURES

- *Crossing the Color Line: From Rhythm and Blues to Rock 'n Roll*, Julian Bond, Founder, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Chairman Emeritus, NAACP
- *How the Federal Reserve System Prevented a Deep Depression*, Donald Kohn, former Vice Chair, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- *Days of Fire: Bush and Cheney in the White House*, Peter Baker, *New York Times* White House Correspondent
- *Development Aid: The Consequences of Failure*, Robert Pearson, former U.S. ambassador to Turkey, former Director General of the Foreign Service
- *Who Stole the American Dream?*, Hedrick Smith, former *New York Times* reporter and PBS documentary producer