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WE AT OLLI WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

February Shorts/Spring Semester Registration

Registration for our February Shorts and the Spring Semester is available online today! You can find the Shorts course listing under the *Shorts* tab on the header of our website, or click [here](#). The Spring study groups listing are under the *Study Groups* tab. To register, click [here](#). February Shorts are from February 4 - 8. The Spring semester will be from March 4 to May 10.

January Mini Courses: The American Experience in Drama, Literature, and Photography

Many OLLI members have expressed the view that it would be beneficial to all members if our membership were more inclusive and diverse. As one way to address this issue, the Diversity/Inclusivity committee recommended, and the Board approved, a pilot program to offer several mini courses at locations east of Rock Creek Park in January, 2019. Our hope is that these mini courses will introduce OLLI to DC residents who live in communities where OLLI may not be well-known and, by so doing, to attract new members who may add to OLLI's diversity. Registration for these mini courses is now open to all OLLI members, and we welcome your participation. Descriptions of the courses and links for signing up are below. We hope that including both current OLLI members and prospective new members in these courses will enrich everyone's experiences.

#631 Understanding Families through Plays

Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 / 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church, 4501 Sixteenth St. NW

Cost: \$10

Led by Dr. Karen Gail Lewis, this study group will explore family dynamics and conflicts through reading and discussion of two powerful works, *Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry, and *Over the River and Through the Woods* by Joe DiPietro. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

#684 Contemporary Literature by African-American Writers

Tuesdays Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5 / 1:30-3:00 p.m.

All Souls Unitarian Church, 1500 Harvard St. NW

Cost: \$30

Led by Ellen Siegler, this study group will highlight the short-story craftsmanship of such exceptional writers as Edward P. Jones, Chimamanda Adichie, Roxane Gay, and James McBride; plunge into the creative, edgy writing of new authors; and explore provocative essays by such outstanding social and political commentators as Ta-Nehesi Coates, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, and Phoebe Robinson. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

#710 Four Photographers Documenting 20th Century America

Thursdays Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 / 1:30-3:00 p.m.

All Souls Unitarian Church, 1500 Harvard St. NW

Cost: \$30

Led by Elly Greene, this study group will focus on four extraordinary photographers -Dorothea Lange, Gordon Parks, Roy DeCarava, and Esther Bubley - who created images that picture America from 1930 to 1990. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Registration is currently open and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration closes on Friday, January 4.

OLLI Book Club

There are still a few seats remaining for the second annual OLLI Book Club. Participants will discuss the fascinating and provocative book by the acclaimed author Richard Reeves, *Dream Hoarders: How the American Upper Middle Class Is Leaving Everyone Else in the Dust, Why That Is a Problem, and What We Can Do About It*.

We hope that many OLLI members will read the book and come to the discussion which will be led by Richard Reeves. OLLI members and study group leaders Mark Nadel and John Peterson will join Mr. Reeves in the discussion.

The event will be held at **4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW in Room A (first floor) on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM**. There is no cost to attend. Please click [here](#) to register. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Newman at stanleynewman@prodigy.net.

Winter/Spring Music-Theatre Group

ALLIANCE FOR NEW MUSIC-THEATRE, LIVE & ABOUT - 9TH SEASON: A JOURNEY IN MUSICAL LANGUAGES ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF MUSIC-THEATRE THROUGH PERFORMANCE & CONVERSATION

Number of sessions: 7

Sessions are at different locations in DC

First session: Thursday, Jan. 10, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

5th Floor, Room 1, Spring Valley Building, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Click [here](#) to view the season's performance details. For most performances, participants may select from one of two day/time options. **Registrants will be contacted shortly after the registration deadline to provide their selections.** Registration for this special group is separate from the spring semester and is on a **first come, first-served basis**. Size limit: 30.

Deadline: 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28

Cost: \$300 per person (covers introductory session and cost of all shows). Refunds available ONLY if group is cancelled due to low enrollment. **Transportation not included.**

Minimum: There needs to be at least 10 people registered to hold this group.

James Joyce Birthday Celebration

Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

1st Floor, Room A, Spring Valley Building, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

At this "birthday celebration" for James Joyce, participants will read the beginning of Ulysses. A complimentary light lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Please register if you are interested: <https://www.oli-dc.org/events/jamesjoyce>.

Upcoming Events at American University

NOTE: For any AU-specific event, **please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

Washington Winter Show of Antiques

Katzen Arts Center

January 11-13, 2019

General tickets are \$25.

For details and to purchase tickets, go to <https://www.washingtonwintershow.org/>

Founded in 1954, the Washington Winter Show, The Washington Antiques Show, is the second oldest charitable antiques show in the United States. Steeped in history, the winter Show features more than 40 dealers, guided walks, dealer talks, celebrity guests, and special events. The Washington Winter Show benefits at-risk children and families through services provided by Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, THEARC, and The Founders Board of St. John's Community Services.

EVENTS AT THE AU MUSEUM: JANUARY 26 - MARCH 17

The Gifts of Tony Podesta

Curated by Klaus Ottmann and Jennifer Sakai

This first major exhibition drawn from our Corcoran Legacy Collection features strong and

provocative photography and sculpture donated by Tony Podesta over the past decade to the Corcoran Gallery of Art, now part of the American University Museum's holdings.

Nancy at Ninety: A Retrospective of Form and Color

Curated by Claudia Rousseau

This retrospective of seven decades of the work of Washington, DC sculptor Nancy Frankel celebrates her ninetieth birthday in 2019. In addition to her freestanding works in three dimensions, a few of her many graphite drawings and tempera paintings will be represented, as well as one of her large wall reliefs.

Jiří Kolář (1912-2002): Forms of Visual Poetry

From the Collection of Museum Kampa, Prague

Curated by Aneta Georgievska-Shine

This exhibition is dedicated to one of the most remarkable Czech poets and visual artists associated with Modernism, Jiří Kolář (1914-2002). During the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia, Kolář encountered considerable challenges, including a prison sentence for the critical stance towards the system expressed in his poetry. The selection is representative of the main aspects of his oeuvre as it evolved over several decades.

Michael B. Platt + Carol A. Beane: Influences and Connections

Presented by the Alper Initiative for Washington Art

This exhibition is a collaborative offering from one of Washington's most prolific pairs; an offering of visibility from one world into another. Inspired by the ancestral stories told by the indigenous keepers of Australia's most sacred grounds, Platt and Beane fuse poetic image with word.

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