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Catalogs Mailed. Registration Open.

The catalogs for the Spring 2018 semester and the February 2018 Shorts have been combined into a single catalog.

The catalogs were delivered to the Post Office on Friday, Dec. 29. Members should receive them by Jan. 12.

Registration is open online.

Refunds

Hearing Loops Come to OLLI

This month, hearing loops will be installed in OLLI's six classrooms on the 5th floor. A hearing loop is a system comprised of a microphone, a transmitter, and copper wire. The microphone picks up the sound, the transmitter converts the sound from analog to electromagnetic, and the copper wire projects the electromagnetic field within the "loop."

Hearing aids which include a "t-coil" receive the signal from the loop. The effect is hearing sound from anywhere within the loop going directly into one's ear, without all of the other sounds in the room being amplified. An audiologist can tell you whether or not your hearing aid has a t-coil, and can activate it, if necessary. Individuals who have no hearing aid or hearing aids without a t-coil can use a "loop receiver," to benefit from the loop.

Below are contributions from two OLLI members on what having hearing loops at OLLI means to them.

Campaign 2020 and Hearing Loops

Our recently launched 2020 Campaign is OLLI's first major step into securing the financial base that will certainly be needed to support OLLI's future growth. "Growth" here refers to the number, variety, and scope of courses in our academic programs as well as to the steady addition of new members to OLLI's student body. The 2020 Campaign also expands OLLI's capability to address inevitable evolving challenges as we confront them. Our long awaited and deeply researched project to install hearing loops in all our classrooms on the fifth floor is now underway.

Without doubt this project will expand the OLLI

If you paid for a membership fee, trip, or event with a credit card and asked for a refund, the money now will be refunded directly to your credit card.

James Joyce's Birthday

Join other OLLI members in celebrating James Joyce's birthday on Friday, Feb. 2 in Room A on the 1st floor.

10:30 am - 12:30

pm

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Viewing of *A Portrait of the Artist, 1977*, directed by Joseph Strick

Get all of the details at:

[**OLLI 2018 James Joyce Birthday Celebration.**](#)

Lecture Reservations

In order to give OLLI members preference in reserving seats at lectures, members will

experience going forward. The Installation of hearing loops, beginning in January, ensures that many more of us will benefit from an improved ability to hear and, therefore, to derive the most we possibly can from classes showcasing lectures, discussions, videos or any other presentation format. Those with modern hearing aids will benefit most, while others, including those who don't have such devices, also will experience augmented volume via installed microphones and available headsets. Since most people over 65 experience some hearing loss, we can be sure our current investment will enhance the OLLI experience for many members. OLLI's improvement to American University's facilities may also benefit their own students, especially if the University holds classes in these same rooms when OLLI classes are not scheduled.

— Sue Boley

Hearing Loss — A Personal View

"Blindness separates people from things; deafness separates people from people."

— Helen Keller

Hearing loss increases inexorably with age. Only about two percent of adults between 45 and 54 have disabling hearing loss, according to the National Institutes of Health. The rate increases to 8.5 percent for those between 55 and 64, to nearly 25 percent for those between 65 and 74, to 50 percent for those 75 and older. Once it starts, it never gets better.

No study has been done on OLLI members, but it is clear that hearing loss is widespread among our membership. Every year, members whose health is otherwise good, drop out of OLLI because they can't follow the class discussion. I've watched many of them go over the dozen years I've been at OLLI, and expect myself to be soon among them.

I lost hearing in my right ear 25 years ago when a simple head cold settled in my ear canal and damaged the auditory nerve. It was difficult at first, but because hearing in my left ear was normal, I adjusted after a few months. I made it a point to tell anyone sitting to my right that I couldn't hear in

be emailed links for reservations for the next week's lectures at 8:30 am on the Tuesday before the lecture.

If seats remain available, the wider community will receive emails at 8:30 am on the Thursday before the lecture.

History of DC School Segregation

OLLI Study Group Leader Ralph Buglass will be giving a talk on the history of school segregation in DC at the George Washington University Museum on Monday, Jan. 22 at 12:00 noon. The free talk, part of the "DC Mondays at the Museum" series, will be a condensed version of an upcoming OLLI February Shorts course. More at:

<https://museum.gwu.edu/school-segregation>.

Tickets!!

Roundhouse Theatre Tickets, at a special rate for OLLI members, are still available for the Roundhouse Theatre production of

that ear, and please don't think I'm ignoring you if I don't respond. A device that I now wear in my right ear looks like a hearing aid, but it really is a simple microphone that picks up sound and transmits it to the hearing aid in my left ear. It works pretty well, but when I hear something I have to look around to see where the sound is coming from. I've lost the ability to tell the direction of sound.

For many years with this situation, I didn't need a hearing aid. Normal hearing in one ear was enough for me to work, have a full life, and--when the time came--to join OLLI. The first class I took was "Thucydides" with Marty Lapin in room 4--the large upstairs room at the Temple Baptist Church. I sat at one end of the table and Marty was at the other. I had no problem hearing him or anyone else.

But gradually, age-related hearing loss began in my good ear. I began making it a point to sit close to the study group leader. This worked so far as the SGL was concerned, but it did not help in hearing comments of others in the class. I gradually gave up on lectures--I couldn't hear well enough to follow a lecture, even sitting in the first row.

Hearing in classes became more and more problematic. In the study groups I lead, the problem is not too bad because I am free to move about the room and get close to whoever is speaking. I'm also freer to ask people to repeat what they said than I am when I am attending a class led by someone else.

Hearing loss is isolating. You can be *in* a group but not *of* a group--you often don't know what's going on. You stop commenting in class because too often when you've done so, the looks on the faces of others make clear that what you've said is irrelevant--the point had already been made or the discussion had moved on. This is what leads many members, whose health is otherwise good, to leave OLLI.

This is coming to an end with the installation of hearing loops in all six of the 5th floor classrooms. For the first time in a long time, along with many other members, I'll be able to sit in an OLLI study group and hear all that is said. It will postpone, if not save, many of us from the isolation that hearing loss inevitably brings.

Handbagged on

2/11/18.

You may get tickets at:

<http://olli-dc.org/events/handbagged>

African American Museum

For OLLI members registered for the National Museum of African American History & Culture tour on 2/15/18, please remember to pick up your tickets in the OLLI office.

— Dave Palmeter

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Closed Monday

The office is closed Monday for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Registration Deadlines

For February Shorts: Thursday, Jan. 25. You can [register online](#) for the shorts.

For Spring semester:

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we announce that Besith Pineda is leaving OLLI. As many of you know, Besith has been an invaluable member of the OLLI team. We are interviewing for a new Operations Coordinator.

More Handicapped Parking Spaces

The University has added additional parking spaces in the garage and has repainted the existing spaces.

Wednesday's Lecture

Next Wednesday, Jan. 17, Baltimore Police Officer and poet Edward Doyle-Gillespie will share observations about the state of criminal justice in Baltimore and its impact on his poetry. In November, 2017, *The Atlantic's* Politics & Policy Daily profiled Gillespie in a fascinating article, ["The Baltimore Cops Studying Plato and James Baldwin."](#) The lecture will be held in Room 601.

Register on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/olli-lecture-edward-doyle-gillespie-tickets-41243455285>

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Upcoming Events at American University

Center for Israel Studies

Amos Perlmutter Memorial Lecture

by Ambassador Daniel Shapiro

Former Ambassador to Israel from July 2011 until

the end of the Obama Administration

An Insiders Perspective – "The U.S. and Israel:

Facing a Changing Middle East"

Monday, January 22, 7:30 PM

East Campus Constitution Hall

3501 Nebraska Ave. NW

Dessert Reception following Lecture

[RSVP](#)

Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies

Foreign Lobbying in Congress

Panel to Include:

Colton C. Campbell, National War College

David A. Dulio, Oakland University

Patrick Griffin, American University

Gregory C. McCarthy, Former Congressional Staffer

Moderated by: James Thurber, American University

Tuesday January 30, 2018, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

SIS Founders Room

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Lunch served at noon. Program starts at 12:15 pm.

[RSVP to ccps@american.edu](mailto:ccps@american.edu) or 202-885-3491.

The 13th Annual Spring 2018 Film Series

An SOC Signature Series

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McKinley Building, 2nd Floor

For more information, contact Chris Palmer at 202-885-3408 or **palmer@american.edu** or visit

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Upcoming OLLI Events

**Tuesday, July 10
10:00 AM in Room
A**

Book Club Meeting
Hillbilly Elegy by J.D.
Vance

**Monday July 16 -
Friday, July 20**
July Shorts
**Registration Online
Only**

July Shorts

Registration is now open for the July shorts. The registration for this program is **online only!** Mark July 16-20 on your calendar for OLLI at AU's newest academic program: July Shorts (similar in format to February Shorts). You can take up to 3 classes for \$75 by registering at www.ollidc.org. Please note that we will be holding our July Shorts lottery on July 2nd. Please make sure that you pick your classes before the lottery starts.

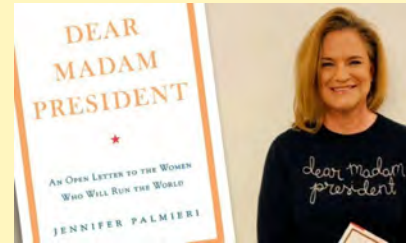
OLLI Wide Book Club

If you want to participate in a new OLLI-wide book club, please sign up the book club at www.ollidc.org/events/book_club. The first book selected is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 10, at 10:00 AM at OLLI, including a panel discussion, followed by a discussion by members. Please register so that we know how many members are interested in participating,

OLLI Bloomsday

Join us for OLLI Bloomsday Celebration June 22nd from 1:30 - 3:30 PM at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. We will have a cast party after.

Upcoming Events at AU



Book Talk: Dear Madam President

Thursday, June 21st at 4:30 PM

Constitution Hall at American University

Registration is Required: Click below to register

Join Jennifer Palmieri (SPA/BA '88), former White House Director of Communications and Hillary Clinton 2016 Presidential Campaign

Communications Director, for a talk about her new book Dear Madam President. Framed as a letter to the first woman president, and by extension, to all those working hard to succeed in any field, this book is empowering for future leaders and independent thinkers everywhere.

Book signing and reception to follow.

<https://american.swoogo.com/jpalmieri>

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Our Mission:

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Shorts Schedule Change

Short 942: Volcanoes, Earthquakes and a Lava Lake: Changed to February 5, 7, and 9 (M-W-F) from 1:45 pm to 3:15 pm

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Upcoming Events at American University

School of Communication Signature Series Films, Forums and Book Talks

Friday, January 26 at 10 am

Media Innovation Lab, McKinley Building

Faculty Forum: Impact and Outcomes for the Me Too Movement in Media

SOC Professors [**Jane Hall**](#) (Journalism), [**Molly O'Rourke**](#) (Political Communication), and [**Russell Williams**](#) (Film and Media Arts) will speak about the impact of this movement in their respective fields and what we might expect next.

Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 pm

***Malsi Doyle and Michael Forman Theater,
McKinley Building***

Media That Matter: An Outrage Film screening and discussion

Documentary film (33 min) about lynching in the American South including the perspectives of descendants, community activists and scholars on how this history of injustice is reflected today. Following screening, SOC professor Leena Jayaswal moderates a Q&A discussion with filmmakers Hannah Ayers and Lance Warren. Light refreshments in theater lobby before program begins.

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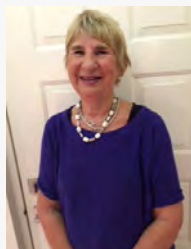
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Our Sympathies

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of **Margo Kranz**, who died on January 14 in Newton, New Jersey. Margo was a founding member of the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) at American University. OLLI at American University began as ILR. Margo served on the ILR Board of Directors for 14 years.

[Discount at Politics and Prose](#)

Letter from the Chair



OLLI at AU begins 2018--our *36th* year as an organization--but only the *2nd* year of Winter/Spring sessions at our "new campus." Here's what's going on.

Classes and More---Lectures, Trips, Events

February Shorts begins next week with nearly 300 registrants for 21 classes. Lottery day is near at hand--February 12^h-- for Spring classes beginning March 5th. The twice-weekly Winter lectures, covering a diverse array of topics, were enthusiastically received. There were two new developments: the larger lecture hall seating 120 and giving early registration preference to members. This helped accommodate all OLLI members who wanted to attend. We will continue to address the need for expanded seating capacity.

Upcoming February trips include a play at the Round House Theatre and a self-guided tour of the African American Museum. Reminders: for the new members-- a Breakfast on February 13th, and for new and returning members--the Open House February 20th.

Enhanced Facilities---Look and Listen!

Hearing loops are now in place in all six of our classrooms. As the article below explains, this new technology provides a major improvement in the ability to hear for members attending classes. The fifth floor monitors announce daily classes, upcoming events, the weather and much more. Thanks to the staff's thoughtful placement of sliders,

Politics and Prose bookstore (5050 Connecticut Avenue NW) offers OLLI members a **20% discount** on books assigned at OLLI. The store carries all books assigned for the February Shorts and Spring Semester. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Registration Deadline

For Spring semester: Sunday, Feb. 11. You can [register online](#) for the spring semester. Be sure to have your registration before the lottery on February 12, so you have the best chance of getting the study groups of your choice.

we can easily move table and chairs to ease classroom set-ups.

Board and Staff News

The Nominations and Elections Committee (OLLI Board members Denise Liebowitz and John Thorner, and OLLI members Joan Berman-Chair, Richard Ringell, and Barbara Rollinson) has met and will oversee the nominations and elections process to fill four June 2018 Board director vacancies. The nominees will speak at the April 13th Town Hall meeting prior to the start of elections. The Board adopted a Resolution recognizing the contribution of Besith Pineda, Operations Director, who resigned in January for another job. This month we welcome Jesse Williams, our new Operations Director, with experience and expertise in technology.

Fundraising/Scholarships

We especially thank you for your generous Campaign 2020 contributions. Over \$100,000 has been received to date in cash and pledges towards our 2017-18 goal of \$150,000. This will help replenish and grow our much needed reserves. While we are on budget for the first half of our fiscal year, we have already spent over \$60,000 from our Friends of OLLI Reserve Fund just for hearing loops.

The Lillian Posner Wallace Scholarship Fund has received \$1,000, supplementing an annual \$2,500 contribution (for 5 years) for scholarships in honor of Ray Rasenberger, a past Board chair. The newly formed Scholarship Committee (Sue Boley, Chair; Virginia DeRoze; and Anne Wallace) is administering the scholarship funds.

OLLI-AU Synergy

Expanded hours and space 'on campus' and additional Spring class offerings in the first floor lecture hall reflect our close working relationship with AU. We are also in contact with the AU Alumni/Development Office and the AU international students' administration. More later as AU-OLLI programs develop. OLLI members are welcome at AU events throughout the year, with listings frequently updated on the OLLI website. You can also scroll to the bottom of this newsletter to see upcoming AU events.

Compass' Progress

There has been steady progress as we benefit from this year's award of \$150,000 in volunteer time from the D.C. nonprofit Compass to assist in our strategic planning. Compass' nine-member team, led by Patrice Feinstein, has been interviewing OLLI Board and committee members, and representatives from AU. The Compass team members are also looking at other OLLIs' organizational structures and programs and providing feedback to us. Compass will provide its preliminary report to the Board and Strategic Planning Committee March 5th.

To be continued!

Hear Here!!



Hearing Loop

Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Hearing loops have been installed in all of OLLI's 5th floor classrooms. Look for the sign above to indicate that hearing loops are present in our classrooms (and elsewhere in the world). Hearing loops allow members with T-coil-enabled hearing aids to hear lectures and class discussions clearly without the aid of additional equipment. Members

who have no T-coil in their hearing aid or who do not use a hearing aid can use a receiver with headset to benefit from the system. The loops will be available to use during the February Shorts. If you are unsure if you have a T-coil or how to use it, contact your audiologist.

Identifying vendors and obtaining competitive bids to design and install the loop systems took more than six months. That time was well spent, though, as we were able to reduce the cost from initial estimates of \$190,000 to \$270,000 down to an actual cost of less than \$60,000.

For individuals to gain the greatest benefit from the loops, it is vital that class members speak in turn and not talk over each other. Please make every effort to do so and to encourage others to do so as well.

New Member Breakfast and Spring Open House

The **New Member Breakfast** will be held on Tuesday February 13, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Invitations will go out to new members in the upcoming week.

All members are invited to attend the **Spring Open House** on Tuesday, February 20 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the 5th floor Social Space. This is a wonderful opportunity for new members to tour OLLI and meet other members. It is also a wonderful time for returning members to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. No reservation is required. Just stop by between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.

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Upcoming Events at American University

NOTE: If you have a question about any AU-specific event, please contact the sponsoring department directly.

"The Arab Population in Israel 1948 to Today" Conference

Sunday, February 11, 1:00-5:00 PM

Washington College of Law

With keynote speakers **Tamir Sorek**, University of Florida and **Mohammed Wattad**, Zefat Academic College of Law.

Co-sponsored by **American University's Center for Israel Studies, Arab World Studies Program, Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, and Greater Washington Forum on Israeli Arab Issues.** See **conference schedule:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ArabsinIsraelSchedule>

Attendance is Free with RSVP:

<https://tinyurl.com/ArabsinIsraelSchedule>

Event Contact: Laura Cutler, *Managing Director*, Center for Israel Studies:

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University Club

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Spring Lottery Is On Monday

On Monday, we run the lottery for the Spring semester. Registrations must be submitted by Sunday evening. Study group assignments are done by lottery to give every member an equal chance at being assigned to their preferred study groups. During the lottery, registration is closed. Once the lottery is complete, registration will reopen.

Assignment letters (with nametags) will be emailed to members Wednesday at the latest. Please look at updates to the spring semester by clicking this link: [Spring Semester Updates](#).

Come to the Open House

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Free Lecture by SGL Ralph Buglass

Join the DC Preservation League on Tuesday, February 20, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm to learn more about the history and legacy of Washington's segregated school system from independent scholar **Ralph Buglass**. The lecture will take place in the historic Sumner School Museum and Archives, a

Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The cost is \$11.75 plus tax for all you can eat. You can even make reservations at 202-885-3180 or email aucatering@american.edu. Same day reservations cannot be accepted after 10:45 am.

Reservations of more than 10 guests cannot be accepted due to space restrictions. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

The Club is located in on the second floor of the **Butler Pavilion**, which connects the Mary Graydon Center and Bender Arena.

former school that was built during the period of segregated schooling in Washington.

Ralph Buglass is a member of the Montgomery County Maryland Historical Society's Speakers' Bureau and is a history instructor at American University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

The event is free and open to the public. Please feel free to bring your own lunch. Note: food and drinks will not be provided. **Register with the DCPL** for this event.

Upcoming Events at American University

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PROGRESSIVES, CONSERVATIVES, AND BIPARTISAN COOPERATION?

Feb. 13, 2:00-3:00 pm, AU Constitution Hall

Please join us for a conversation with **U.S. Rep. David Brat (R-VA)** and **U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD)** about their respective political philosophies and opportunities for finding common ground. Moderated by **David C. Barker, Director of SPA's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.**

RSVP to ccps@american.edu

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Discount at Politics and Prose

Politics and Prose bookstore (5050 Connecticut Avenue NW) offers OLLI members a **20% discount** on books assigned at OLLI. The store carries all books assigned for the Spring Semester. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

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***SIS@60: A Conversation with
Ambassador Susan E. Rice & NPR's
Joshua Johnson***

**4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 8, in the SIS
Atrium**

**"SIS@60: A Conversation with
Ambassador Susan E. Rice on America's
Role in the World" tickets will be
available on Thursday, February 22.** To
receive email notifications about this event
and other SIS events and news, **subscribe to
the SIS mailing list.**

***An Evening with Chris Palmer – The
Best Environmental Feature Films from
Hollywood***

March 20, 2018

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Doyle Forman Theater, McKinley
Building, Room 201**

Reception with light refreshments at 6:30 pm

Program at 7:00 pm

**Free and Open to the Public (First Come,
First Seated)**

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Registration Pilot Program

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Spring 2018 Lecture Series

The **[Spring Lecture Series](#)** is now on online. We have another terrific line-up of speakers. On each Tuesday the week before a lecture, members will be emailed a reminder of the lecture with a link to register on Eventbrite. If seats are still available on the Thursday before the lecture, an email will be sent to nonmembers so they can register.

Upcoming Events at American University

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The Gorenman Bach Project: Yuliya Gorenman, piano

Bach *Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1*

Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 pm

[Information and Tickets](#); Box Office: 202-885-3634

Katzen Performing Arts Center

Abramson Family Recital Hall

4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Internationally acclaimed pianist and AU's musician-in-residence, **Yuliya Gorenman**, performs a monumental masterwork: Johann Sebastian Bach's *The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I*. Rarely performed in a single concert, this work has challenged and inspired artists and audiences for almost four centuries. This performance marks Ms. Gorenman's 20th year with AU, an impressive milestone in an ongoing musical journey.

www.yuliya.com

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Connect with Coffee & Conversation

Monday March 5

11:15

Meet and mingle with OLLI members. Hear

Board of Directors Election

Dear Members,

The Nomination and Elections Committee has come up with a slate of candidates to run for the 2018 Board Election (see below). The OLLI Policies & Procedures stipulate that additional nominations may be made by the membership if the petition complies with the following: Each nomination needs to be supported by a petition requiring 20 signatures from current OLLI members, to be submitted to the office before 16 March. Petitions can be found in the social space. If you have any questions, please contact me. A bio and picture of each nominee will be sent to the membership prior to the **Annual Meeting (April 13th)**.

Thank you,
Anne Wallace
Executive Director

The Nominees are: **Lewis Cohen, Marion Connell, Martha Cutts, Jo Anne Friedenthal, Alan Hausman and Ray Squitieri**

Interested in Being an OLLI Study Group Leader?

We are very excited about next week's start to the OLLI at AU's spring semester.

But believe it or not, planning has already begun for our June Minis and Fall 2018 programs. Proposals for the June Minis are due by April 5, and proposals for Fall 2018

commentary from OLLI SGL's. Plus, coffee and treats in the 5th floor Social Space. See the OLLI Event Calendar on the website for additional dates and times throughout the Spring 2018 semester.

are due May 10.

As a reminder, our June Minis are run just as our regular academic semesters, with one key distinction: The June Minis are four-week study groups. June Minis are offered from June 4 - June 29.

If you have thought about leading an OLLI Study Group, you may want to consider the June Minis as the perfect opportunity for you to start your career as an OLLI Study Group Leader. If you have already led an OLLI Study Group and want to lead a June Mini, we welcome you back!

The online proposal form for both programs can be found by clicking here: [PROPOSAL FORM](#)

Thank you.

Upcoming Events at American University

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The American University Library's

Exploring Social Justice event:

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

McDowell Formal Lounge

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Speaker: Richard Rothstein, associate of the Economic Policy Institute, and fellow at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund

Racial segregation characterizes every metropolitan area in the U.S. and bears responsibility for our most serious social and economic problems. In this presentation, Rothstein will demonstrate how we must learn the history of residential segregation created by unconstitutional government policy in order to remedy our unconstitutional racial landscape.

Register on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-color-of->

[law-a-forgotten-history-of-how-our-govt-segregated-america-tickets-37039347686](#)

Add katzen center concerts

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Thank You

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... to **Sue Edson** for helping guide members to classes this week.

Noise Alert

Starting Mon., March 12 and ending by Fri., March 16, from 8am until 3pm daily, tree contractors will perform tree work at various locations (weather permitting) at the Spring Valley location. Noise

From the Executive Director Anne Wallace

Dear OLLI at AU Members,

I will be retiring from OLLI at AU at the end of June. Thank you all—membership, Board and staff—for affording me this wonderful opportunity. It has been a privilege to serve as your Executive Director and be a part of this vibrant and thriving community of learners. Although we have faced many challenges over the years, we have come out stronger, bolder, and more cohesive. We are one of the oldest OLLIs in the network and have continued a standard for academic excellence second to none. The future is bright, and the sky is the limit, as the following remarks from the Chair makes clear.

I have many new adventures ahead, and I'll be carrying all of you with me. Thank you very much,
Anne

From the Chair Myra Barron

Change Comes to OLLI at AU

Introduction

With gratitude, we wish Anne Wallace all the best as she steps down as Executive Director June 1 and begins a well-deserved retirement as of July 1. We welcome our new leaders as of June 1—Tony Long as Executive Director and Mary Fran Miklitsch as Director of Planning—who, supported by Operations Coordinator Jesse Williams and Administrative Assistant Susan Kalil, will take us—OLLI at AU—to new heights.

interruption or disturbance is expected.

Connect with Coffee & Conversations

Tuesday, March 13

11:15 AM

5th Floor Social Space

Meet and mingle with other OLLI members. Come hear SGL Eric Kearsley talk about Great Moments in Physics. And grab some coffee and a cookie.

Inclement Weather Policy

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We post any opening delay or closure on our website by 6:30 AM and send an email to members at the same time.

If the University delays opening until 11:00 AM, then our morning classes (at 9:45 AM) are cancelled for the day. The mid-day (11:45 AM) and afternoon (1:45 PM) classes will be held.

A Tribute to Anne Wallace, Retiring Executive Director

The names OLLI and Anne Wallace were synonymous for many years. We appreciate Anne's contribution in bringing us to where we are today. Her cheerfulness and enthusiasm are familiar to our members. They define her outgoing personality. Anne came to OLLI (then known as The Institute for Learning in Retirement) in the fall of 2003. At that time there were about 440 members, a budget of about \$165,000, offerings of 50 classes, and only one other full-time employee. OLLI operated out of Temple Baptist Church and other sites.

During Anne's years as *Executive Director*, OLLI relocated to its modern, new home on the AU campus, and renamed itself to more closely identify with AU. She oversaw an increase in the budget to nearly \$1 million, in the staff to 5 full-time employees, in the number of classes offered to more than 90 each semester, and the number of members to more than 1300 each year. In addition, during her tenure, OLLI at AU received from the Osher Foundation what is now over a \$2 million endowment held by AU, and accumulated nearly \$1 million in its Friends of OLLI Fund. This is a record of achievement for which Anne and all of us are justly proud. We will miss Anne and all that she has brought to OLLI at AU.

Welcome to Tony Long, Executive Director-Elect

At this time, we welcome Tony Long as our new *Executive Director* who will begin June 1. Tony joined OLLI five years ago and most recently serves as *Deputy Director*. Tony's leadership at OLLI at AU, especially as *Curriculum Coordinator*—recruiting study group leaders, scheduling classes, and helping to develop a class lottery system—has helped OLLI at AU earn its reputation as one of the premier academic OLLIs among the 120 such organizations nationwide.

Tony brings academic credentials, technical skills, and management expertise to his new position. He has experience serving as an administrator of a small consulting firm, including managing its

If the University is closed for the day, then OLLI is closed and all classes are cancelled for that day.

Whether or not to hold a make-up session and when the session is held is up to the individual Study Group Leader.

Free Tickets

Voyager Ensemble playing works by Ravel, Bacri, Dutilleux, and Debussy. Monday March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the

Embassy of France.

4101 Reservoir Rd. NW Washington, DC. (La Maison Francaise) Click [here](#); click on tickets;

click on Enter

promotional code: type "complimentary" and follow the steps. Please be sure to enter the

name that corresponds to a government issued id. **Each attending**

person's name must be entered or the person will not be able to pass security.

DOORS CLOSE

PROMPTLY AT 7:00

pm.(Please allow for security screening process.)

Many thanks to **Nancy Snyder** for the information.

budgets and contracts, and has served as an English professor at the University of the District of Columbia. He earned an AA from Northern Virginia Community College, a BS from Old Dominion University, and an MA from Johns Hopkins University. Tony's wide-ranging background and OLLI experience will facilitate a smooth transition to his role as *Executive Director*.

*Welcome to Mary Fran Miklitsch,
Director of Planning-Elect*

We also welcome Mary Fran Miklitsch as *Director of Planning* as of June 1. Mary Fran also has been at OLLI at AU for five years, most recently as *Communications Director*. In her new role, Mary Fran will expand her role in guiding databases, communications, and technology. She brings technology and management experience from prior positions at a trade association, The New England Journal of Medicine, and her own design firm. Mary Fran received her BA from Catholic University and has studied extensively at the Massachusetts College of Art, the Corcoran School of Art, and the Maryland Institute, College of Art. Her skills are evident in our artfully designed publications.

The Future of OLLI at AU — What Do YOU Think?

The OLLI Board of Directors and Strategic Planning Committee are imagining what OLLI at AU could look like in the next five years and we want your opinions. **From Monday, March 12, through Friday, March 23, our website will have a link to a Member and Study Group Leader Survey that we hope you will complete.** We urge you to take the survey online, but for those who prefer, paper versions will be available in the office. Make your voice heard on OLLI classes, space, growth, and more!!

**Upcoming Events
at American University**

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The Mohamed Said Farsi Chair for Islamic Peace and Center for Israel Studies present
The United States and the Israel-Palestine Peace Process Past and Future

March 26, 2018

American University East Campus Constitution Hall

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-united-states-and-the-israel-palestine-peace-process-past-and-future-tickets-43149946652>

Cost to attend: Free with RSVP.

Contact: Laura Cutler, cutler@american.edu,
202-885-3780

The Alper Initiative for Washington Art
presents

Gallery Talk with Michael Clark

Sat., April 14, 2018, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

American University Museum at Katzen Arts Center

Free. Space is limited. Register on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gallery-talk-with-michael-clark-tickets-43627567228>

Michael Clark (a.k.a. Clark Fox) has been an influential figure in the Washington art world for more than 50 years. Dividing his time equally between the capital and New York City, Clark was in the middle of the action, making innovative works that draw their inspiration from movements as diverse as Pop Art, Op Art, Conceptual Art, Minimalism, and the Washington Color School.

Join us in the Alper Space for a conversation with Clark, Jim Harithas, former director of the Corcoran Gallery of Art in the 1960s and current director of the Station Museum of Art in Houston, and Paul Richard, art critic for *The Washington Post* from 1967-2009.

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Connect with Coffee & Conversatio n

Wednesday, March 21
11:15 - 11:45 AM
5th Floor Social Space

Meet and mingle with other OLLI members. Come hear SGL **Sarah Whitener** talk about Watercolor Painting. And grab some coffee and a cookie.

Sympathies

It is with great sorrow that we report that **Brock Hansen** died this week. Brock had been a member since 2014 and a regular Study Group Leader since 2015, often leading Writing Down the Bones. His wife, **Penny Hansen**, is also a member and Study Group Leader (The Supreme Court: A Course for Citizens). We will announce the service when it is scheduled, probably in a few weeks.

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2018 Spring Membership Directory Is Available

The **Spring 2018 Membership Directory** is **available online** for members only. A limited number of printed copies are available outside the OLLI office.

Off the Beaten Path

Notes from Hunter Rawlings Lecture

If you are interested in the highlights of what **Hunter Rawlings** said at last Friday's lecture, you will find his notes from the talk [here](#).



In late February, members of the fall semester's Off the Beaten Path in DC study group made a long-delayed field trip. Study Group Leader **Ralph Buglass** (far left), and study group members, walked a Montgomery County Park trail to see a Frank Lloyd Wright house which is not visible from any road. They also had a "private" tour of an OLLI member's house that was designed by another famous architect, Hugh Newell Jacobsen.

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The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1 by J.S. Bach

Performed by Yuliya Gorenman

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 7:30 pm

Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center

Tickets: \$25 general public, \$10 students/seniors

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Connect with Coffee & Conversations

Thursday, March 29

11:15 - 11:45 AM

5th Floor Social Space

Bring a friend. Or meet a friend. Or make a friend. Have some coffee and a snack. Listen to one of OLLI's literature SGLs talk about the joys of writing or reading and studying a poem, short story, or book together.

Upcoming Dates at OLLI at AU

Below are some important dates we want you to put in your calendars:

April 13: OLLI at AU Annual Meeting. Meet the candidates for the upcoming 2018-19 Board and get an update on all that is happening at OLLI at AU.

May 15: Save the date for **Anne N. Wallace's retirement celebration**, 2:30-4:30 at OLLI at AU. Invitations will be mailed soon.

May 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and 31: May lecture series. Watch your email for more information.

June 4 - 29: June Minis. The catalog will be mailed by the end of April.

July 16-20: July Shorts. A new pilot academic program (similar in format to February Shorts). Watch your email for more information.

Focus Groups

The OLLI Board of Directors and staff are preparing a strategic plan that will guide the direction of our organization over the next five years. The views of OLLI members are critical to shaping this plan. As part of that process, we are holding three focus groups. Each focus group will consist of general and small-group discussion of several long-range planning issues including future growth and academic and non-academic programming. The three focus groups will consist of approximately 30 OLLI members, evenly divided between new members and OLLI veterans.

Participants in two of the focus groups have been randomly selected.

We are seeking 30 members to participate in the third focus group, which will be held on Wednesday, April 4, from 1:45 - 3:15 PM. Again, we are seeking 30 participants, equally divided between new and veteran members. The focus group will be held in 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. If you are already registered for one of the focus groups on Friday, April 6, please do not sign up for this focus group.

If you **joined OLLI in Spring 2016 or before** and you want to participate in the April 4 Focus Group, please [click here to register](#). We can only accommodate the first 15 members who register online.

If you **joined OLLI in Fall 2016 or later** and you want to participate in the April 4 Focus Group, please [click here to register](#). We can only accommodate the first 15 members who register online.

Write Lunch

On Friday, 20 April, from 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM, OLLI and the local nonprofit Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop will co-sponsor our third "Write Lunch" in Room 1 on the Fifth Floor. Literature SGLs Jenny Pierson, Ellen Siegler, and Elsa Newmyer are coordinating this event.

Free Minds conducts literacy programs, including poetry classes, for incarcerated youth in DC. They will provide us with a packet of poems written by incarcerated young men for us to read and to provide comments.

The first Write Lunch in May, 2017, and the second in October were both a success. Even more members participated in the second meeting. We are seeking a community of 20-25 OLLI members who will give the youth's poetry encouraging comments. Providing feedback on these poems is an enjoyable community activity and a great way to show these youth that others respect their work and appreciate their dedication. A few men who have participated in and benefited from this program will be with us to share their experiences in the program

and express their appreciation.

Please [click here to register](#) by April 13. If you have questions, contact Jenny Pierson, piersonjen17@gmail.com, 202-248-8288 or Ellen Siegler, ellsieg24@gmail.com, 202-244-8956.

Upcoming Events at American University

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Films, Forums and Book Talks

The School of Communication is offering a wide variety of events in March and April. The events include one on the movie, *The Post*, with film clips and discussion, and one with a panel discussion titled *'Trust Me—I'm A Reporter': Restoring Trust in News*.

Click here for the [full schedule and information on how to register](#) for each event.

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The Politics of Truth

Wednesday, March 28, 7:00-8:00 PM

AU Constitution Hall

Click [here](#) to register.

Perceptions of reality now come in partisan shades of red and blue. Join us for a roundtable discussion with leading journalists: Molly Ball, *Time* and CNN; Robert Costa, *The Washington Post* and PBS; EJ Dionne, *The Washington Post*; and Shawna Thomas, Vice News. Moderated by Ron Elving, SPA Executive in Residence and NPR Senior Editor and Correspondent on the Washington Desk.

Understanding and Fighting Inequality

Ernesto Castañeda, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Thursday, April 5, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM

AU Library, Training and Events Room 150

Free. Refreshments will be served. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Ernesto Castañeda will share findings from his research, moving from the common discussion about individual virtue and merit to discuss group dynamics. Different types of inequality across time and space will be compared focusing on the experiences of immigrants and minorities. He will also describe how social movements in democratic regimes have traditionally fought to integrate excluded groups.

The Alper Initiative for Washington Art

presents

Gallery Talk with Michael Clark

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 5:00-6:00 PM

American University Museum at Katzen Arts Center

Free. Space is limited. Register on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gallery-talk-with-michael-clark-tickets-43627567228>

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Connect with Coffee & Conversation

Monday, April 2
1:15 - 1:45 PM
5th Floor Social Space

Stop in the Social Space to catch up with friends, have a cup of coffee (or tea), and a snack.

Correction & Save the Date

Interested in Being an OLLI at AU Study Group Leader?

If you have thought about leading an OLLI at AU Study Group, please consider the June Minis as the perfect opportunity for you to start your career as an OLLI Study Group Leader. If you have already led an OLLI at AU Study Group and want to lead a June Mini, we welcome you back!

June Minis operate the same as our regular academic semesters, with one key distinction: June Minis are four-week study groups. This year, June Minis are offered from June 4-29.

The deadline for submitting proposals for **June Minis is Thursday, April 5**. The deadline for submitting proposals for the **Fall 2018 semester is Thursday, May 10**. Click [here](#) for the online proposal form for both programs.

Focus Groups

We still have space for **10** more members to participate in the focus group on Wednesday, April 4, from 1:45 to 3:15 PM. Click [here](#) to sign up. The purpose of the focus groups is to assist the Board of Directors and the Strategic Planning Committee in imagining what OLLI at AU should be in five year.

Annual Meeting on April 13

The Annual Meeting will be held Friday, April 13, from 1:30-2:30 PM in Room 601 on the 6th Floor. This is your opportunity to meet the candidates for the Board of Directors and to participate in a

There is no lecture on May 15. Do Save the date for **Anne Wallace's retirement celebration on May 15, 2:30-4:30 PM** at OLLI at AU.

Question-and-Answer session on OLLI today and into the future. Voting for the board begins after the meeting and continues until April 27th. You may vote for 4 nominees.

Write Lunch

On Friday, 20 April, from 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM, OLLI will co-sponsor a "Write Lunch" in Room 1. Co-sponsor Free Minds conducts literacy programs for incarcerated DC youth. Free Minds will provide us with a packet of poems written by incarcerated young men for us to read and to provide comments. A few men who have participated in and benefited from this program also will be with us.

Please [click here to register](#) by April 13. Questions? Contact Jenny Pierson, piersonjen17@gmail.com, 202-248-8288 or Ellen Siegler, ellsieg24@gmail.com, 202-244-8956.

Upcoming Events at American University

NOTE: If you have a question about any AU-specific event, **please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

In Search of Israel: The History of an Idea

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00-8:30 PM

Constitution Hall, American University East Campus

Free with RSVP. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

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Connect with Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, April 10

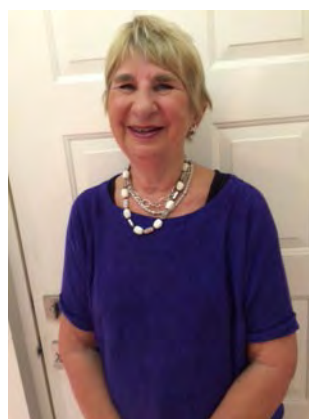
1:15 - 1:45 PM

5th Floor Social Space

Join us to hear one of the literature Study Group Leaders talk about leading a study group on fiction, non-fiction, short stories, or writing a memoir.

Upcoming OLLI Events

From the Board Chair



In the Middle

Here we are in the middle of the semester. Spring classes have been underway since March and run through early May. Planning for June Minis is at the halfway mark. Proposals are due May 9 and registration starts later in May. The fourth of our seven Spring 2018 lectures takes place today, April 6. Registrations have reached an all-time high as the topics having wide appeal —education, constitutional law, politics, the arts, and literature. And we are at about mid-point in our election cycle for Board members. Six candidates were nominated in late March. Voting is open from April 13 through April 27. Come to the April 13 Annual Meeting to hear the candidates speak and to get an update on OLLI at AU, followed by a brief Q&A to hear your comments and concerns.

On a broader theme, we are several months into our strategic planning, having started in earnest this past Fall. Results of our member survey are posted on the website (under the “About” menu) and three member focus groups met this week. Last August, Compass announced our strategic alignment grant. The nine-member Compass team will give its final report in late May. With the benefit of all of this input, the Strategic Planning Committee hopes to introduce its preliminary proposal in late June.

We embrace our growing partnership with American University. Since the fall, we have met with many AU officials, departments, schools, and programs. As we move toward summer, we are coordinating with the AU Office of Finance and Vice President and Treasurer on space and other matters.

Friday, April 13

Annual Meeting

Friday, April 20

Write Lunch

Tuesday, May 15

Reception & Tribute to
Anne Wallace

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We are working with the Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations for closer connections with AU alumni. Several members are AU alumni and we hope more will join OLLI at AU. We have enhanced our ties to the School of Arts and Sciences, which is offering their first study group this semester. We also continue to benefit from lecturers from the Music Program, the School of International Service, and the School of Public Affairs. With the AU International Accelerator Program, we've begun a program linking our members with AU international graduate students to engage in conversation and share cultures.

Each semester, we have luncheons to honor our Study Group Leaders and Study Group Representatives. Many of our 90-plus volunteer SGRs came to the luncheon in their honor on March 27. We will thank and honor our dedicated SGLs on May 3.

We need help to fund our organization. Tuition accounts for only about two-thirds of our more than \$900,000 expenses. Fundraising helps to fill this gap. Campaign 2020 has a \$150,000 goal for this fiscal year, which ends in June. Thus far, we are *more* than halfway, having received \$120,000 in gifts and pledges.

Please join us at the May 15 reception and tribute to our long-time Executive Director, Anne Wallace, who is retiring in June. In recognition of her service, the Anne N. Wallace Fund, part of Campaign 2020, has been established to support and enhance staff development. At the reception culminating this transition year, we can celebrate OLLI at AU's remarkable achievements during Anne's nearly 15 years at the helm. And we can look forward to continued growth and positive developments as we chart new paths in the years ahead. **Upcoming**

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Memorial Service for Brock Hansen

A memorial service for Brock Hansen will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Capitol Hill, at the corner of 3rd and A Streets NE on Sat., April 21 at 11:00 AM.

Connect with Coffee &

2018 Board Election Open

Voting is now open to all members of the 2017-2018 academic year to elect members to the Board of Directors. You should have received an email this afternoon with instructions on how to vote. If you are qualified to vote and you didn't receive an email today, please email the office at olli@american.edu or call the office at 202-895-4860.

Invitation to Sessions of India: Culture, Traditions & Gandhi

The Gandhi Memorial Center welcomes all OLLI members to the lecture/demonstrations by guest speakers for the rest of the semester. Join us in an exploration of the rich cultural diversity of India.

April 20 - Indian Classical Dance

(This class will take place in the building next door with the sign that says "Church of the Children.")

Ms. **Madhavi Reddi** is a graduate student in Georgetown University's Communication, Culture, and Technology Program. She received her B.A. in Film and Media Arts from American University. She is also a Bharatanatyam dancer trained under Srimati Padmarani Rasiah Cantu. She performs and leads workshops in the U.S. and India.

April 27 - Theater and Film of Modern India

Mrs. **Manjula Kumar**, President and Executive Director of Global Performing Arts, is an educator, director, actor and an activist with a strong belief in promoting peace and harmony through the arts.

Conversations

Wednesday, April 18

1:15 - 1:45 PM

5th Floor Social Space

Meet some of our Study Group Leaders. Find out about their study groups, topics, etc.

Upcoming OLLI Events

Friday, April 20

Write Lunch (FULL)

Tuesday, May 15

Reception & Tribute to Anne Wallace

Correction

Part of last week's letter from the Chair read, "We have enhanced our ties to the School of Arts and Sciences, which is offering their first study group this semester."

This is the first *science* study group from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), not the first study group from CAS.

Through her numerous productions she has tried to build bridges of cross-cultural understanding between diverse communities. She is passionate about educating about the arts and through the arts. She has produced, directed and acted in several plays in various languages. Some of her very successful productions are *Autobiography*, *Heer Ranjha*, *Qaid-e-Hayat*, and, more recently, *Trial of Dara Shikoh*, *Noor*, and *Indira: An Intimate Portrait*. Manjula worked at the Smithsonian Institution for 30 years as a Museum Educator. While at the Smithsonian she produced several programs including a six-part series on Rajasthan, *Ragas Under the Skies*, *From Roots to Shoots: Bhangra in Washington DC*, a two-day symposium on the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, and a two-day symposium on Sufism. Manjula works with the Washington DC International Film Festival as program consultant and a member of the jury.

May 4 - Architecture of India

Mrs. **Amita Sarin** taught several courses on Indian architectural history and sacred architecture as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Maryland and Georgetown University. She also led tours to India for many years for the Smithsonian Institution and other organizations.

May 11 - Hindustani Classical Music

Dr. **Samia Mahbub Ahmad** finds her musical roots in more than two decades of training in Hindustani (North Indian) classical vocal music. A disciple of the Kirana Gharana, Samia began her talim (training) with Sri Tapan Baidya in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1984. While living in New Delhi, India, Samia trained under the guidance of Vidushi Sumitra Guha. Samia has performed live and on television in Bangladesh, India, South Africa, and the US since the early 1980s and has received several awards and recognition in the process. In South Africa, Samia worked with one of South Africa's premier musicians, Pops (Ismail) Mohamed, to produce *Braids*, an album that marries the sounds of traditional African instruments with the

depth of Hindustani vocals. She has a PhD in Demography from the Sociology Department of the University of Maryland. www.samiaclassicalmusic.com.

Upcoming Events at American University

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The Disability Rights Law Clinic, Disability Law Society, and the Sports & Entertainment Law Society present

Access Your Rights: An Informational Discussion on the Rights of Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing Regarding Proper Access to Entertainment Venues

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Claudio Grossman Hall, Washington College of Law

4300 Nebraska Ave. NW

Registration: Free but you must register [here](#).

Questions or accommodations? Contact shaley.max@gmail.com.

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Our Sympathies

Ron Fried, son of OLLI founder and current member, **Tina Fried Heller**, died this week. On Monday, April 30 at 3:30 PM, there will be a service at Washington Hebrew Congregation to honor Ron. Donations may be made in honor of Ron to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for

June Minis Registration Open

Registration for the June 2018 Minis opens online today. [Click here to register.](#) This year, there are 24 Minis—one-and-a-half-hour study groups held once a week for 3 or 4 weeks. Minis run from June 4 through June 29. Cost is \$100 for up to 3 minis. Catalogs will be mailed First Class early next week. As usual, if a study group is oversubscribed, we will run a lottery.

Take A July "Shorts" to Keep Cool This Summer

OLLI at AU members told us in the member survey that they want more academic programming during summer months, so the Board of Directors has authorized a pilot academic program that we are calling the July Shorts. The program operates the same way as our February Shorts (minus the snow days): Members may take up to three 90-minute classes that run 3, 4, or 5 days during the week of July 16-20 for a flat fee of \$75.

If you would like to lead a July Short, please submit the online [proposal form](#) by June 1. This is a great opportunity for those who have always wanted to lead an OLLI at AU class but haven't yet had the time, or for those who have already taught here but want to spend their summer days in the classroom!

Registration for the July Shorts will begin in early June, so be sure to read your weekly OLLI newsletter for more information as registration nears.

Parkinson's Research.

Former Study Group Leader and Board Chair **Ed Goldin** died this week. Ed was greatly admired for his ability to explain physics in his down-to-earth and humorous manner. Some OLLI members plan to gather to remember Ed. We will share details when we have them.

Connect with Coffee & Conversations

Monday, April 30

11:15 - 11:45 AM

5th Floor Social Space

Jeffrey Drobis, Study Group Leader of Mindfulness Meditation will make a brief presentation with a Q&A. Come participate and grab some coffee and a snack.

Upcoming OLLI Events

Thursday, May 3

SGL Appreciation
Lunch

Tuesday, May 15

Board of Directors
Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

May Lectures

We will hold four lectures in May. Each lecture will be from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. The lectures will be held either in Room A on the First Floor or Room 601 on the Sixth Floor. We will announce the exact location once we have received confirmation from the University.

May 22 — Julie Kent

In Pursuit—A Ballerina Reflects on Her Artistic Journey

May 24 — Judge Milton C. Lee, Jr.

The Fathering Court

May 29 — Charles Lane

American Dream or Nightmare? Home Ownership Reconsidered

May 31 — Amat Alsoswa

Yemen: An Update

Read all of the details on the [OLLI website's Lecture page](#).

Reminder: RSVP to Anne Wallace Celebration

Tuesday, May 1, is the deadline for replying to attend the May 15 celebration in celebration of Anne Wallace and her years of service as Executive Director. [RSVP here](#).

James Joyce Bloomsday OLLI Op

Bob Kolodney is again organizing a Bloomsday Celebration on Friday, June 22. The tentative time is 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Visit the [OLLI Bloomsday website](#) to volunteer to read or to sign up to attend.

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Upcoming OLLI Events

Tuesday, May 22

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Julie Kent

*In Pursuit-A Ballerina
Reflects on her Artistic
Journey*

Tuesday, May 24

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

To Be Announced

Tuesday, May 29

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

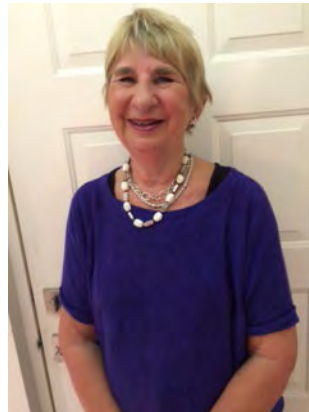
Charles Lane

*American Dream or
Nightmare? Home
Ownership Considered*

Thursday, May 31

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Letter from the Chair



Transitioning To A New Era

The end of June marks the end of our second fiscal year in our new “campus.” No longer preoccupied by the move, we have settled into our new home. Now we are evaluating where OLLI at AU is, and where we should be headed. We are reassessing our internal operations as well as our role as part of the larger AU community.

Internal Operational Changes

Change is underway. In late February, our long-time and devoted Executive Director, Anne Wallace, announced her retirement effective July 1. While Anne will be much missed, we are pleased that succeeding her as Executive Director effective June 1 is our current Deputy Executive Director, Tony Long, supported by Mary Fran Miklitsch in her new role as Director of Planning. Further strong support will continue to be provided by this year’s new staff —Jesse Williams as Operations Coordinator, Yolanda Oakcrum as Administrative Coordinator, and through late May, part-time AU senior, Eamon Martin. We’ve also implemented new policies and procedures. A Personnel Handbook is in place. Members receive preference in attending lectures. The newly formed Scholarship Committee processes tuition assistance requests. This Spring, the Board adopted an Americans with Disabilities Policy, setting the standard for accommodating members with special needs. Recently installed hearing loops in the six classrooms enhance the sound.

A New Relationship with American University

We have continued to enhance our relationship

Notable Numbers

Several members have inquired about how many members voted in the election or participated in the Survey. Election IDs and passwords were sent to 1,251 members (anyone who participated in a study group or short from Fall 2017 through Spring 2018). Of those, 330 (26%) voted. An invitation to participate in the survey was sent to 1,625 individuals (unique members of the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years). Of those, 531 (33%) took the survey, and 90% of those completed it.

with AU. We are not just AU tenants. We coordinate more closely with the University administration. During the year, AU was able to accommodate some of our additional space requests, as well as adopt a more beneficial financial arrangement with respect to the earnings OLLI receives on the more than \$2 million Osher endowment held by AU for OLLI. We also enhanced our curriculum with classes led by AU Departments of Biology, Chemistry and Physics professors, supplementing our already strong relationship with other AU departments and schools. A new OLLI-AU initiative has linked OLLI members one-on-one with 16 foreign AU graduate students for cultural exchanges and conversations through the AU International Accelerator program.

Looking Ahead: Transitioning to a New Era

OLLI has blossomed from a small staff with a limited budget and a few class offerings 36 years ago to an organization recognized nationally for its strong academic program, with nearly 100 courses each semester and nearly 1,400 members. We benefit from a sound financial basis and strong staff supported by hundreds of volunteers. Now what?

Board Identified Upcoming Challenges

The Board sees key challenges ahead. Our membership, growing approximately 5% a year, is now nearly 1,400. To accommodate the members, and make the best use of our new home, we will continue to explore initiatives such as year-round classes and/or expanded day, evening, and weekend classes. We hope to diversify our enrollees to represent a broader segment of the senior population. At the same time, we need to assure that our current finances, with a nearly \$1 million budget, will be able to fund needed expansion and desired enhancements. Coordinating our strategic plan with AU's will help us meet future space needs. Outreach to AU alumni, many of whom are members of OLLI, will strengthen our mutual ties. We are well on our way to meeting our \$150,000 fundraising goal for the initial phase of our Campaign 2020 this year, assuring sufficient income to meet expenses without unduly depleting the Friends of OLLI Fund. The balance of our

ambitious, three-year \$1.5 million Campaign 2020 lies ahead, as does a need for increased financial transparency to our members.

Strategic Planning Aided by Compass Strategic Alignment Grant

OLLI at AU is tackling these challenges as it plans its future. This year, a Strategic Planning Committee has been developing a proposed five-year strategic plan. The Committee has been aided since August by the nine-member Compass volunteer team provided through our \$150,000 Compass grant of professional staff time. Compass will release its report to the Board and Committee May 22. Results of the March membership survey and focus groups provide further input. The target date for the completion of the plan is this summer. Much has been done. Much is yet to be accomplished.

Newest Team Members

Introducing the newest members of our team! Yolanda Oakcrum started working for OLLI at AU on May 1, and we are delighted to welcome her. She is our Administrative Coordinator. Generally she will be the first voice you hear on the phone and the first face you see as you walk into the office. Yolanda comes to OLLI with vast experience in customer service, an MA in the works, and she is also a published children's book author! Please stop by and introduce yourself.

Already onboard and admired by all is Jessie Williams, our Operations Coordinator. Jessie joined OLLI with more than 20 years experience in administrative and customer service. He enjoys assisting SGLs and members with technical issues! He is a DC native and a lifelong Redskins fan. We also understand that he is a terrific cook and grillmaster. We are hoping for a cook off with Tony.

Bloomsday OLLI Op

OLLI will be celebrating Bloomsday this year on Friday, June 22, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM by reading

Ithaca, James Joyce's favorite chapter from *Ulysses*. If you would like to participate as a reader, please contact the organizer, Bob Kolodney, at rbk987@verizon.net. Reservations to attend this program can be made on the [OLLI Bloomsday page](#). This is a free event.

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Learn About Iona House

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AU Events

In collaboration with the **AU Core Curriculum** and the **University Library**, CTRL would like to invite you to attend **one or several of the CTRL Pedagogy-Driven Instructional Workshops**, which take place on **Tuesday, May 15, Wednesday, May 16, Thursday, May 17, Tuesday, May 22, Wednesday, May 23, and Thursday, May 24** in the Mary Graydon Center. A light breakfast and lunch will be served on each day.

This year's program includes curriculum-based workshops on topics such as active learning, curriculum design, and grading strategies; instructional technology workshops on topics such as video creation, creating surveys in Qualtrics, and the Blackboard gradebook; a Community-Based Learning institute; two Complex Problems Faculty Fellows Workshops; as well as "Office Hours" hosted by faculty from each of the AU Core's five Habits of Mind.

You can view the complete schedule, read detailed session descriptions, and register for the workshops on our website at <http://edspace.american.edu/mayworkshops/>. If you have any questions, please reply to this email or call us at x2117.

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*President Carter, The
White House Years*

Thursday, May 24

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Judge Milton C. Lee Jr.

The Fathering Court

Tuesday, May 29

Message from Anne

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To all who planned and executed my amazing party Tuesday afternoon, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. What a treat to see so many familiar faces gathered in one room. From past board chairs to new members, I felt so honored and appreciated. It couldn't have been any more special. As I said, you will all be going with me in my heart. Thank you for the privilege of working with all of you.

All good wishes,

Anne Wallace

OLLI WIDE BOOK CLUB

There is a lot of enthusiasm to have an OLLI-wide book club. Stan Newman is organizing one. The first book selected is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. The New York Times review stated, "Now here comes Mr. Vance, offering a compassionate, discerning sociological analysis of the white underclass that has helped drive the politics of rebellion, particularly the ascent of Donald J. Trump." The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 10, at 10:00 AM at OLLI. The meeting will begin with remarks from a panel of folks who are familiar with the population discussed in the book, followed by a discussion by members. So that we know how many members are interested, please join the book club at www.ollidc.org/book_club.

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Compass Coaches



For the past 8 months, we have been working with Compass, the non-profit organization that has been helping OLLI develop its strategic alignment. Above is a photo of the members of the Compass team. Team leader Patrice Feinstein (center) and team member Judy Spector (third from left) are also new OLLI members.

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OLLI-IAP Partnership Program

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As reported previously this spring, our new OLLI-AU initiative has linked OLLI members one-on-one with 16 international AU graduate students for cultural exchange and conversation through the AU International Accelerator Program (IAP). The pilot partnership program ended May 8 with a final gathering of participants who expressed enthusiasm for continuing the program during the fall semester. The current plan is to expand the program to include up to 30 AU students.

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Upcoming OLLI Events

2018 Bloomsday Celebration

Friday, June 22
1:30-3:30 PM

[Register](#)

Book Club

Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

Tuesday, July 10
10:00 AM

[Register](#)

July Shorts

Monday, July 16 –
Friday, July 20

Letter from the Chair



Welcome!

Greetings from your new Board Chair. I will try hard to fill the large shoes left by outgoing Chair Myra Barron who led a period of remarkable change and growth as we completed our second year in the Spring Valley Building. From

strengthening ties to American University, managing the transition to a new staff leadership team, and expanding our academic program, OLLI at AU has evolved as a modern, professional nonprofit. I look forward to building on those successes, consolidating recent achievements, and ensuring that OLLI at AU continues to be an intellectually vibrant, financially strong, and welcoming community of lifelong learners.

The OLLI Board joining me in these efforts includes two new members, Alan Hausman and Martha Cutts. Departing are OLLI at AU's stalwart and invaluable Past Chair Stan Newman and our beloved and dedicated Secretary, Katy Adams. Tony Long has stepped up to the helm as Executive Director and Mary Fran Miklitsch as Director of planning. Together, with the support of our members, we are poised for another great OLLI

at AU year.

Compass Report, 5-Year Strategic Plan

Compass, an organization providing management services to nonprofits, recently concluded its eight-month strategic consulting engagement with OLLI at AU. Its final report offers many helpful recommendations, along with stacks of informative analysis and data, and best practices gleaned from comparable OLLIs. ([Click here to see Compass recommendation summary.](#)) Our Strategic Planning Committee is well underway in crafting a five-year plan to guide our future direction based on the Compass findings as well as the views of members and SGLs captured in recent surveys and focus groups.

Lots to Do!

In the coming year we will build on our new connections throughout the American University community. On the fundraising front, we have been deeply gratified by the generosity of OLLI at AU members and friends. We will nurture this culture of giving to support core programs, keep tuition affordable, fund special initiatives, and grow the Friends of OLLI Fund for future needs. We are determined to improve communication with our members, better recruit and deploy our volunteers, and continue to strengthen our academic program — lots to do!

Denise H. Liebowitz

Chair, Board of Directors

OLLI/International Student Partnership Program

This Spring, OLLI's Jeanne Kent and Cindy Jacobs from AU's International Accelerator Program (IAP) worked to pair IAP students with OLLI members for conversation and a cultural exchange. Fourteen pairs were formed and met regularly over 7 weeks. Both students and OLLI members declared the program a great success. You can read the [full report](#) here.

July Shorts

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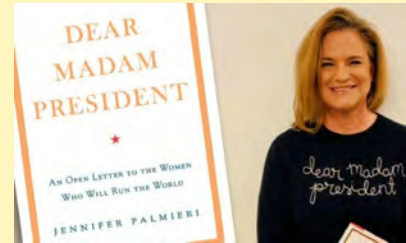
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Upcoming Events at AU



Book Talk: Dear Madam President

Thursday, June 21st at 4:30 PM

Constitution Hall at American University

Registration is Required: Click below to register

Join Jennifer Palmieri (SPA/BA '88), former White House Director of Communications and Hillary Clinton 2016 Presidential Campaign

Communications Director, for a talk about her new book Dear Madam President. Framed as a letter to the first woman president, and by extension, to all those working hard to succeed in any field, this book is empowering for future leaders and independent thinkers everywhere.

Book signing and reception to follow.

<https://american.swoogo.com/jpalmieri>

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Lottery for July Shorts

Tuesday, July 10

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Welcome To Lesley Diaz

Lesley Diaz is our new Academic Programs Coordinator. She recently moved to the DC area with her husband from Richmond, VA. She's a former elementary school teacher, having taught most recently at an International School in Peru. Some other countries in which she's lived include Saudi Arabia, Japan, and Cuba (as well as several different states). Although no longer teaching, Lesley loves still working in education, now with adult learners at OLLI. She previously worked as the Program Coordinator for the OLLI at UVA in Charlottesville, VA, and is thrilled to now be with OLLI at American University! In her free time, she likes to spend time with family, friends, and her cat, as well as watch movies, cook, and garden.

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OLLI Numbers

Now that OLLI at AU has a 12-month lease, we are taking advantage of the space to offer additional programs.

In June, we offered 27 Minis, which 277 members attended.

Letter from the Chair



We learned from the survey and focus groups conducted in the spring that many of our members want more nuts-and-bolts information about how OLLI at AU is run. “Your members want more information about the administration and

organization of OLLI: budget and finance, mission, etc.,” our outside facilitator reported. Fair enough, let’s start with the money.

In recent years, OLLI at AU has transformed from a modest volunteer organization into a much larger nonprofit with all the attendant requirements: more staff and benefits, technology, financial and legal advice, facilities, etc. The move into the Spring Valley Building came with moving costs, higher rent, and capital investments such as the installation of hearing loops in our 5th floor classrooms. Expenses climbed, and income did not keep pace, requiring us to dip into our reserve funds.

Next week, 14 first-time ever July Shorts are scheduled, with 134 members registered.

Our lease allows us to use the classrooms and social space from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. We are committed to optimizing the use of the space during those hours.

Upcoming OLLI Events

**Monday July 16 -
Friday, July 20**
July Shorts

We began the 2017-18 fiscal year with a budget in significant deficit: member tuition was projected to cover only 67 percent of total expenses of \$902,800. Earnings from two investment sources—an American University endowment established by the Bernard Osher Foundation for the benefit of OLLI at AU and the Friends of OLLI Fund, a reserve account owned by OLLI at AU— together were expected to cover another 15 percent of operating costs. The substantial funding gap was filled during the course of the year primarily by nearly \$138,000 in generous donations from loyal OLLI members and friends. As a result, we closed our 2017-2018 year with a significantly smaller deficit than anticipated.

The 2018-2019 budget with total expenses of \$798,113 reflects a far more sustainable model. Expanding our academic year to include June Minis and July Shorts has raised income, while reducing outlays for capital investments will lower expenses and decrease our dependence on donations to cover operating expenses. Our goals moving forward are to achieve financial stability that supports an academic program of unrivaled excellence and to maintain a fundraising effort that keeps tuition affordable, funds special initiatives, and grows the Friends of OLLI Fund for future needs.

To view the 2018-2019 budget go to:

olli-dc.org/2018-2019_budget

While many, perhaps most, of our members are focused mainly on their study groups, for those who said you want to know more about the nuts and bolts, I will give an occasional peek into the machinery in future letters.

Denise Liebowitz
Chair, Board of Directors

July Shorts

July Shorts take place next week (Monday, July 16- Friday, July 20). If you have not registered, visit the OLLI website at www.oli-dc.org to see which shorts still have space. You can take up to 3 Shorts for \$75.

PayByPhone Parking

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Fall Registration

Our Fall semester at OLLI is approaching! Please be on the lookout for the catalog the first week of August!

Upcoming Events at American University

July 21 and 22, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM, the Katzen Arts Center is offering a two-day bookmaking workshop led by artist Martha Edgerton. Each participant will create a memory book from scratch, making a deeply personal repository for their own stories. This will include sewing the book together and decorating the cover using various techniques, including paper and fabric collage. The cost is \$225 per participant. Register online at

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Fall Registration

You have been asking, and the Fall Catalogs are on the way. Catalogs will be mailed at the end of July. Online registration will begin Friday 27th. You can register at www.ollidc.org.

Housing Program

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We anticipate more about this proposed program will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks with possible student postings at that time. If you are interested and/or would like more information, please e-mail OLLI at AU at olli@american.edu. We plan to provide more details as soon as the program is underway as to how you will be able to access the student postings on-line so you can respond directly to the students seeking housing.

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AU in the News



Two SPA Women Serve as Assistant Secretary of State, 45 Years Apart

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DC Tour Guides Visit OLLI

Nearly 50+ members of the Guild of Professional Tour Guides of Washington, DC gathered in Room A on July 10 to conduct some of their annual membership business and to learn about the programs offered by OLLI at AU. Executive Director Tony Long, along with Curriculum Committee Chair Marianne Saponis, Board Chair Denise Liebowitz, and Board Vice Chair Martha Cutts spoke to a totally engaged audience of Washington tour guides who expressed lots of interest in our programs. Don't be surprised if a few of your fall classmates seem particularly well-versed in Washington tourism. And in a very nice gesture, the Guild made a \$500 donation to OLLI. An afternoon well spent!

Seeking Volunteers for the

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Look for Your Fall Catalog and Register Today

The Fall catalogs are in the mail and many have already arrived. If you have not yet received your catalog, please remember that they are sent bulk mail so they take time to arrive. If you have still not received yours by Friday, August 10, please give us a call. [Online registration](#) is open and all classes are viewable there as well.

Whether you register today or the day before the Lottery, every one has the same chances of getting into classes.

Whether registering by paper or online, **please make sure to register by the end of the day on September 3rd so that we receive your registration before the Lottery on the 4th.**

Fall 2018 Catalog Updates

The following are updates to the Fall 2018 print catalog. Please note any changes made to classes in which you have already registered or for which you plan to register.

SG 577: Guest speaker - Dan Sherman; Dramatic reader - Sharon Newman

SG 656: Required text: Tolstoy, Leo

available Monday through Thursday, 10 to 11:00 AM. You need to bring the following items in order to download the application:

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(author) with translation by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky. War and Peace, 2008. ISBN 13: 978-1400079988

SG 657: This study group has been **CANCELLED** as of 7/30/18

SG 688: This study group has been **CANCELLED** as of 8/3/18

SG 795: Reading expectations: 1-2 hours per week

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BookCloseouts.com is now BookOutlet.com. Half.com no longer exists - instead, visit Ebay.com

Catalog updates are added right away, as needed, to the OLLI website. To check for the updates, go to the OLLI website (olli-dc.org), click on "Study Groups" on the bar across the top, and then scroll down and click on "Fall 2018 Catalog Updates." You can also click [here](#) to go there directly.

AU's Bender Library

The steps to access "**My Library Account**" at AU's Bender Library have recently changed. In order to access your account, please follow the steps below. If you have any questions, please direct them to the library's Circulation Desk.

How to Access Your My Library Account:

- 1.** Contact the Circulation Desk at the AU library by either calling 202-885-3231, or coming in person, to have a temporary password set for your account. (Please have your user barcode number (21194....) and/or borrowing card readily available.)
- 2.** Once library staff has set your temporary password, go to the [Library Homepage](#), and click the "My Library Account" tab on the left-hand side of the screen.
- 3.** On the next screen, select "AU Alumni and Other Community Users."
- 4.** Log-in using the credentials provided by the Circulation Desk. (Log-in credentials are case-sensitive.)

5. After logging-in, please click the "Personal Details" tab and then select "Update Log-In Credentials" to change your password to something more secure. Please note: *passwords must contain at least one capital letter, at least one lowercase letter, and at least one numeric digit.*

6. Once you have reset your password, you can go back to the "Overview" tab to see what you have checked-out and renew any books that are eligible for renewal.

Books at Politics & Prose

Politics and Prose bookstore (5050 Connecticut Avenue NW) offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books assigned at OLLI. The store carries most of the books assigned for the Fall Semester. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Below are assigned books for the fall that are **unavailable** at Politics & Prose:

SG 120: Mark Twain's *Tale of Today: Halley's Comet Returns*

SG 373: *How to Get Rich, Surely But Slowly*

SG 631: *Over the Tavern*

SG 792: *Rendezvous with Destiny*

SG 795: *Russia and the Soviet Union: A Historical Introduction from the Kievan State to the Present*

SG 685: *Fools* from the Neil Simon plays

Books can also be ordered online (often at reduced prices) or purchased at other book stores. Here are some online suggestions for purchasing books: AbeBooks.com, AddAll.com, Alibris.com, Amazon.com, BookOutlet.com, BookFinder.com, Ebay.com, and Powells.com.

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Fall 2018 Registration and Lottery Day

Registration for the fall 2018 semester is well under way and registrations have been flowing into the OLLI office through the [online registration system](#), via phone, and by mail.

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OLLI OP - Universal Declaration of Human Rights Celebration

OLLI members Bob Kolodney and Terry Provance are organizing a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, set for **Monday, December 10, 2018**.

OBJECTIVES: The principal objectives are to

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provide attendees with a stimulating learning experience and the opportunity to meet and discuss matters related to human rights with other OLLI members.

WEBSITE: There is a preliminary supporting website at [OLLI HUMAN RIGHTS/2018](#) which has some short videos, a listing of some areas of interest, historical influences, links to documents, and some possible discussion questions (the table of contents is in the upper left-hand corner of the home page).

YOUR IDEAS WANTED: This commemorative event will be a teach-in. The organizers are putting together the components, and your suggestions are welcome. If you have ideas and/or would be interested in participating in the program in some way, please contact Bob Kolodney and Terry Provance at bobkolive@gmail.com.

Spring 2019 Mystery Book Study Group

WANTED: Persons interested in helping to teach a class on mysteries in the spring semester. The class will run like a book club, with a different person being responsible for a book & author each week. Susan Greif is willing to organize the group and lead two classes. She is looking for six additional study group leaders to each take a week (or even share duties with a friend). If you're interested and would like more information, please e-mail Susan at susangreif@gmail.com.

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Fall Music-Theatre Group

There are still several spaces available in the special music-theatre group this fall. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis and will be closed when there are 20 registrants. For a list of the **season's performances**, please click [here](#). For **more information about this group and/or to register**, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the OLLI office at olli@american.edu.

AU School of Communication Martin Luther King Jr. Panel Discussion

On Wednesday, August 22, Voice of America and AU will team up to explore little-known facts about the conscious connection between Dr. King and African leaders as they pursued their independence from colonial rule.

This live, internationally-televised panel discussion will take place at AU's School of Communication in the Malsi Doyle & Michael Forman Theater, which is on the 2nd Floor of the McKinley Building. Tickets are free and are available through Eventbrite. For more information and to reserve your ticket, please click [here](#).

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Welcome to Terri Greene

Please join us in welcoming Terri Greene, OLLI's new Administrative Coordinator. Terri is a native of Prince George's County, Maryland, and previously worked for 16 years as an Administrative Coordinator for the nonprofit, Business Executives for National Security (BENS) in Washington, DC. She is a former education major and has a longstanding background and interest in education and teaching. In her free time, she loves to cook, create/experiment in the kitchen, as well as explore different restaurants throughout the DC area—she even has a food blog!

Fall Open House

All members are invited to attend OLLI's Fall Open House on **Tuesday, September 18, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon** in the 5th floor Social Space.

Join us, whether you're a new member or OLLI veteran, as we touch on some of the highlights of OLLI. You will also meet fellow members and study group leaders, catch up with old friends, and hear from some of the committee chairs.

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OLLI Welcomers Needed

We all know OLLI as a warm and welcoming community, and this year we are formalizing a program to ensure that each new OLLI member is individually welcomed before the start of classes. We hope to find some additional members interested in serving as one of our official "Welcomers."

We all can remember the excitement and butterflies of the first day in a new school. Having one person reach out and answer questions or describe the strong sense of the OLLI community can help to launch a newcomer's experience at OLLI in grand style.

We will review the responsibilities in detail at an orientation meeting on **Monday, September 17, at 10:00 AM**, but at a minimum it involves reaching out to up to three new OLLI members before the start of classes and touching base at the end of the semester to see how it went.

If you are interested in serving as a Welcomer, and are able to attend the meeting, please **email olli@american.edu by the end of the day on Friday, August 31**. If you would like to be a Welcomer, but are unable to attend the meeting, please also let us know.

Membership Perks at the Katzen AU Museum

Discover American University's treasure of contemporary art by becoming a museum member for as little as \$50 a year! Members enjoy invitations to gallery openings, artists' talks, discounts on yoga classes, and more. If your taste runs to culture and classic rock you won't want to miss the **September 7 Members' Preview** for a private reception and gallery talk on the work of Robert d'Arista followed by a jam session of the museum director's band, *The Artifacts*. Band

members include several special friends of OLLI at AU so this would be a great time to show them our support. More information can be found at:

<https://www.american.edu/cas/museum/>

Baseball Tickets Giveaway

OLLI member Stanley Cohen has kindly donated Washington Nationals baseball tickets for OLLI members. The tickets are for the game on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:05 PM. They will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are limited to two per household. If you would like a pair of tickets, please e-mail the office at olli@american.edu by Wednesday, August 29, at 8:00 AM.

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August 31, 2018 OLLI News

Registration Lottery Day Tuesday, September 4!

Lottery day for Fall Semester registration will be held this upcoming Tuesday morning after the Labor Day holiday, on September 4. This marks the initial round of study group placements. To be included, please make sure that you have completed registration **by midnight Monday, September 3**. Please allow additional processing following the lottery, and expect to receive notification of your Fall study group schedule **by Thursday, September 6**. You may call into our office to register or, you're more than welcome to stop by in person. Please note that you are still eligible for Fall registration after the lottery, up until October 5, however, with limited availability. We look forward to embarking on another successful semester of learning with you at OLLI!

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We are still in need of a couple more people interested in helping to teach a class on mysteries in the spring semester. The class will run like a book club, with a different person being responsible for a book and author each week. Susan Greif is willing to organize the group and lead two classes. She is looking for additional study group leaders to each take a week (or even share duties with a friend). If you're interested and would like more information, please e-mail Susan at susangreif@gmail.com.

Books at Politics and Prose

Politics and Prose bookstore (5050 Connecticut Avenue NW) offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books

Reaching out to the State Department

On August 23, in order to broaden our outreach effort, Judy Havemann formed part of a panel on Lifelong Learning at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute that addressed more than 100 foreign affairs officers enrolled in State's retirement seminar. Judy discussed all OLLI programs as well as the three in the Washington area. The panel was well received, as evidenced by the many questions after the session. As a follow-up to the panel, Martha Cutts and John Barger, joined by representatives from OLLI George Mason University, staffed a booth during State's August 28 Job and Volunteer Fair. This was the first time that State had included a panel on Lifelong Learning as part of the retirement program. We hope both will become regular parts of our outreach efforts.

If you are involved in an organization that would be a great audience for OLLI outreach, please contact Membership Chair John Thorner at johnathorner@aol.com.

OLLI Welcomers Needed

We are still in need of a few more volunteers for the new OLLI Welcomer program starting this fall! Welcomers will ensure that each new OLLI member is individually welcomed before the start of classes and touch base with them both during the semester and at the end, to see how it went.

We will review the responsibilities in detail at an orientation meeting on **Monday, September 17, at 10:00 AM in Room A on the First Floor.**

We encourage anyone interested in serving as a Welcomer to attend the meeting, since this is a brand new program. If interested, please email olli@american.edu by the end of the day

assigned at OLLI. The store carries most of the books assigned for the Fall Semester. Click [here](#) to see a listing of the books that are unavailable.

on Friday, September 7. **If you would like to be a Welcomer, but are unable to attend the meeting, please let us know as well.**

Upcoming Events at American University

NOTE: If you have a question about any AU-specific event, **please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

Writer as Witness Colloquium

- **Date:** September 5, 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Bender Arena
- **Cost:** Free
- **Registration:** No registration required
OLLI book club participants who read *Hillbilly Elegy* or members taking Joe Belden's *How Trump Won the Rural Vote*, will not want to miss AU's Writer as Witness Colloquium with Arlie Russell Hochschild speaking on her book, *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right*. Seeking to understand working-class Tea Party voters, Hochschild spent several years in southern Louisiana's environmentally devastated region called the Chemical Belt.

More information:

<https://www.american.edu/cas/literature/wsp/writer-as-witness.cfm>

Movement Speaks: A Conversation with Julie Kent

College of Arts & Sciences

- **Date:** September 21, 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center
- **Cost:** Free
- **Registration:** Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Click [here](#) to register.

Join us for an evening of creative exploration with Julie Kent, Artistic Director of The Washington Ballet. Hear about the creative process, the challenges of

developing Washington, DC, into a thriving destination for dance, and how a new leader in a field predominantly led by men develops and reshapes an art institution. Joining Ms. Kent onstage will be AU President Sylvia M. Burwell, AU Director of Dance Britta J. Peterson, and Arts Management Professor and Department of Performing Arts Chair Andrew Taylor.

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A Letter from the OLLI Board of Directors' Chair



A CULTURE OF GIVING

You will soon be receiving in the mail the 2017-2018 OLLI at AU annual report, part of your Board's effort to keep OLLI at AU members and friends better informed. The report gives us an opportunity to

acknowledge our generous donors who gave a whopping \$189,716 and to share an extraordinary statistic: 27% of OLLI members gave a financial gift in the past fiscal year. This remarkably high rate of participation would be the envy of most any university or nonprofit organization. This is particularly true since traditionally, OLLI at AU has done little active fundraising apart from the standard end-of-year appeal.

During the past year, we stepped up the fundraising effort, and when we asked, you gave.

In 2017-2018, the generosity of OLLI at AU donors helped close a significant budget gap. And while the budget for the current

fiscal year is in balance and reflects a far more sustainable model going forward, we will continue to look to the generosity of donors to help support our core programs while keeping tuition affordable.

Our new five-year strategic plan, scheduled for Board approval later this month, calls for initiatives on several fronts that will require investment. Initiatives, such as expanding the participation in the OLLI academic program of think tanks, museums, and cultural organizations or acquiring the technology to engage older adult learners and keep pace with new developments, will require funding beyond that available through tuition alone.

There are many reasons and ways to give. In recent months, several funds have been established for targeted needs. The Anne N. Wallace Fund supports staff development and training; the Zuckert, Scoutt & Rasenberger gift provides scholarships for OLLI members in need; and the Alfred E. and Sylvia K. Brown Memorial Fund sponsors social and volunteer appreciation activities.

And, finally, the generosity of OLLI at AU members today ensures that our remarkable lifelong-learning enterprise will thrive and grow in the years ahead and will be there for our successors. By building our reserve fund, we responsibly prepare OLLI at AU for the future and ensure that it will have the space and resources to accommodate a growing membership and provide an unrivaled academic program.

In the coming year we will be asking for your continued commitment to OLLI at AU as we all pursue the shared effort to secure our financial future.

OLLI Goodwill

The collage class would like all members to be aware that they welcome your old treasures! So, **feel free to stop by the office to drop off things you wish to**

donate, such as: magazines, old broken jewelry, any interesting plastic or fabric scraps, and art supplies.

Fall Open House

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Whether you're a new member or OLLI veteran, join us as we usher in the 2018-2019 academic year. You also will meet fellow members and study group leaders, catch up with old friends, and hear from some of the committee chairs.

OLLI Welcomers Needed

We are still looking for more volunteers for the new OLLI Welcomer program this fall! As a Welcomer, you would provide a warm reception to new OLLI members before the start of classes and touch base with them throughout the semester, making certain they've had a rewarding term.

An orientation meeting will be held for this program on **Monday, September 17, at 10:00 AM in Room A on the First Floor.**

Since this is OLLI's newest program, we encourage anyone interested to attend the meeting. If you are interested, please email olli@american.edu by Wednesday, September 12. **If you would like to be a Welcomer, but are unable to attend the meeting, please let us know as well.**

Fall Semester Classes

Please be reminded that classes for the fall semester **will begin on September 24**. Also, remind your friends that have never attended OLLI before that they are

eligible to take a **single class that is OPEN for \$100**. Just call the OLLI office to register!

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September 10, 2018: Beloved Member Passes Away

Good morning,

We regret to inform you that Susan Blacklow, widow of Willie Blacklow, passed away. Her death notice appeared in Sunday's *Washington Post* newspaper (September 9, 2018). In the past, Susan, alongside her late husband, assisted with current events study groups at OLLI. A memorial service for Susan will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 10 AM at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Fall Open House

OLLI's Fall Open House is approaching! We invite all members to please join us on **Tuesday, September 18, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The program will take place in Room A on the first floor at 10:00 AM, followed by refreshments in the Social Space on the Fifth Floor.**

We welcome new members and OLLI veterans alike to join us as we usher in the 2018-2019 academic year. You also will meet fellow members and study group leaders, catch up with old friends, and hear from some of the committee chairs.

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Additional Beginners' Spanish Class Added!

We are pleased to announce that, with the huge popularity of interest in our Study Group *622: Beginning Spanish 101*, another session has been added. If you are interested in the additional class, click [here](#) for more information and give us a call so we can get you registered.

One Class at \$100 for OLLI First-Timers

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Just call the OLLI office to register! To view a listing of Fall 2018 classes, please visit our website and click *View All Fall 2018 Study Groups* from the *Study Groups* dropdown menu.

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F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival

Established in 1996 to celebrate the centenary of F. Scott Fitzgerald's birth in the city where he is buried, the *F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival* is co-sponsored by the City of Rockville and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc., a non-profit corporation. This one-day event seeks to honor the works of F. Scott Fitzgerald and those of prominent American literary artists, as well as to encourage and assist aspiring writers and students interested in the literary arts. **For more information on this event, being held on October 20, please visit <http://fscottfestival.org/>.**

Upcoming Events at American University

NOTE: If you have a question about any AU-specific event, **please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

American University presents: The Gorenman Bach Project. Yuliya Gorenman, piano.

Bach Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: AU Katzen Performing Arts Center

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist and American University's musician-in-residence, Yuliya Gorenman is undertaking a monumental project performing Bach's keyboard works. Rarely heard in its entirety in a single concert, Bach's timeless masterpiece, The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book II, has thrilled, challenged, and inspired artists and audiences for almost three centuries.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go

to http://auartstix.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event.asp?id=360&cid=48.

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Upcoming Events at American University

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Teju Cole Visits American University for two events:

Blind Spot

VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Doyle-Forman Theater (MCK)

Politics and Prose

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201)
McKinley Building

Prolific author, photographer and *New York Times* photography critic Teju Cole will read and show slides from his most recent work, *Blind Spot*. The book assembles photographs and text that chronicle Cole's international travel in a dramatically changing world. At once a lyrical essay on place, and a collection of photographs that insist on seeing what often goes unseen, *Blind Spot* invites the reader to think through the radical implications of bearing witness.

Light refreshments will be available in the Doyle-Forman Lobby at 6:30 PM.

To RSVP, click [here](#).

Known and Strange Things: Art and Activism in the 21st Century

BISHOP C.C. McCABE LECTURE SERIES

Date: Thursday, October 4

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Katzen Arts Center

Artist and scholar Teju Cole's art practice includes photography, novels, art installations, essays, and Spotify playlists. Cole will speak about the possibilities of art and activism at a time of wrenching political division. How can art enter and transform national conversations? What can activists teach artists about meaningful creative expression in the 21st century?

To RSVP, click [here](#).

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to http://auartstix.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event.asp?id=360&cid=48.

Upcoming October Events at the AU Museum:

JRA Lecture with Tim Tate

Date: October 7, 2018

Time: 2:00 PM

Local artist Tim Tate, named one of the "Rising Stars of the 21st Century" by the Museum of American Glass will discuss his latest body of work that combines the media of glass and video. This lecture is presented in partnership with the James Renwick Alliance as part of their Distinguished Artist Series. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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Fall Registration Is A Record Breaker!

This fall, OLLI at AU is welcoming the **largest number of members ever: 1,160 and 202 of those are new members, another record-setting number.** The other good news is that in spite of this growth, most members found places in most of the classes they requested.

Both returning members and new ones were welcomed at an Open House and standing room-only orientation program the week before classes began. And **special thanks to Jeanne Kent, Ellen Passman, and their tireless Social Committee for laying out plenty of morning coffee and treats and OLLI hospitality.**

Kudos also to Lesley Diaz, Martha Cutts, Barbara Rollinson, and Ginny deRoze who this year instituted a new effort to organize OLLI volunteers to personally welcome new members. **More than forty “Welcomers” reached out to new members** with a phone call or an email and will touch base at several points during the semester, making sure all new arrivals truly feel they have become part of a community.

Refunds

Deadline for Refunds: The deadline for requesting a refund is **next Friday, Oct. 5.** You may request a refund online or by contacting the office. If you paid by credit card, your refund will be automatically returned to the credit card you used. If you paid by check, OLLI will mail a check to you. **There is a \$10 service charge for refunds.**

Fourth Class

Adding A Fourth Class: If you wish to add a fourth study group, you may do so after Friday, Oct. 5. You must register for the study group, not just show up. The study group must be “open,” that is, it must be accepting registrants. You can view the list of open study groups on the website. Go to “View All Study Groups,” then doubleclick on the column head “Status” at the far right. That will bring all open study groups to the top of the list. You can also stop by the office and ask to be added to a study group. Please determine ahead of time in which study group(s) you are interested.

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Gandhi Jayanti

The Gandhi Memorial Center in cooperation with the Embassy of India will present

Call for Docents at AU Museum

The AU Museum is searching for enthusiastic, art-loving storytellers who want to join their team of museum docents. This diverse group would lead tours of their interesting exhibits. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please click the link: [I'm Interested](#)

Write Rite Workshop

On **Friday, October 19, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, OLLI and the Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop will co-sponsor our fourth “*Write Rite*” (formerly “*Write Lunch*”), led by Jenny Pierson and Ellen Siegler. Free Minds conducts literacy programs, including poetry classes, for incarcerated youth in DC. They will provide us with a packet of poems written by incarcerated young men for us to read and to provide comments.

We are seeking a community of 20-25 OLLI members who will give the youth's poetry encouraging comments. Providing feedback on these poems is an enjoyable community activity and a great way to show these youth that others respect their work and appreciate their dedication. **A few men who have participated in and benefited from this program will be with us to share their experiences** in the program and express their appreciation. If you have questions, **contact Jenny Pierson:** piersonjen17@gmail.com or 202-248-

"Gandhi Jayanti" on **Tuesday, October 2 at 7:30pm.**

All are welcome to join in the 149th birth anniversary observance of Mahatma Gandhi in the Golden Lotus Temple. Special remarks will be offered by the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indian Embassy, Ambassador Santosh Jha and by the Director of the Gandhi Memorial Center, Srimati Karuna. This program is free. For more information: www.gandhimemorialcenter.org or 301-320-6871.

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Free Minds will also host an exciting new lecture **next Friday, October 5**, led by Mbachur Mbenda, outreach coordinator, and James Allen, Poet Ambassador, highlighting their efforts in empowering the young inmates. It will be held **in Room A on the first floor, from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.** *To register, click here* :

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/olli-at-au-free-minds-tickets-50186619530>

Free Minds appeared this week on an episode of the PBS's new series *The Great American Read*. The episode, titled *Heroes*, showed the book club members discussing Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. To view this episode online, please visit the PBS website, or click [here](#).

Upcoming Events at American University

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Signature Series at the AU School of Communication

Films Across Borders: Stories of Women

Date: October 5 - December 18

Films Across Borders: Stories of Women is a multi-cultural series of cinematic works by and about women. Showcasing 50+ films in 14 venues throughout the DC area from October 5 to December 18, the series highlights the importance of gender-balanced perspectives and gives voice to vital and diverse female viewpoints through dramatic features, documentaries and shorts.

Screenings and featured speakers will explore key issues around the female gaze, women in film, and the ways in which women, fighting for equality on screen and behind the camera, raise awareness about

key social issues, inspire action and pave the way for stories of other underrepresented populations.

RBG

Date: October 5

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Malsi Doyle and Michael Forman Theater, McKinley Building

American University features *RBG*, the 2018 acclaimed documentary on Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, as its opening night event for the series. *RBG*, directed and produced by Betsy West and Julie Cohen, explores the exceptional life and legendary career of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The special opening night event will include a pre-screening reception and post-screening discussion with panelists Robert Barnes, Supreme Court *Washington Post* Reporter, and Julie Cohen, *RBG* co-director; moderated by Betsy Fischer Martin, executive director, AU Women & Politics Institute. Audience Q&A is encouraged.

6:00 pm -- Opening Night reception; Media Innovation Lab; AU McKinley Building

6:30 pm -- *RBG* film screening (98 minutes, In English); Doyle/Forman Theater, AU McKinley Building

8:15 pm -- Panel discussion and audience Q&A

Free, but reservations required. Seating on first come/first served basis. *To register:*

[RBGFilmsAcrossBorders.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rbg-films-across-borders)

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A Note From Our Chair



THE LONG VIEW

With a large and growing program to manage every day, it's important that the Board and staff not lose sight of **the big OLLI at AU picture**. When the Board established a Strategic Planning Committee last Fall, OLLI at AU was entering its second year in its excellent new facility in AU's Spring Valley Building. After years of focusing on the move, we were finally able to lift our heads and look ahead to **long-term growth of programs and membership and the impact of that growth on space and financial stability**.

In establishing the new committee, the

Friday Lectures

Please note that all Friday lectures will be held in **Room A on the first floor** for the remainder of this semester.

Cantate Chamber Singers

One of our area's premier chamber choirs **would like to offer OLLI members discounted tickets to their October and December concerts.** Visit their website - cantate.org - and enter **OLLI** as the discount code to receive \$35 tickets for only \$20! Brochure available for viewing at the OLLI office. For any other questions about this offer, **please contact Bridget Young at 202-641-7099.**

Board identified several **inter-related key issues** to be addressed in the plan:

- Membership growth
- Space to accommodate that growth
- The quality of the academic program
- The character of the OLLI community
- Financial management and fundraising
- The OLLI-American University relationship

With assistance from Compass, a strategic consulting service that provides pro bono management advice to nonprofit clients in the Washington area, the planning committee and Board, over a nine-month period, **developed growth scenarios, analyzed the market of life-long learning opportunities in the Washington area, conducted member surveys and focus groups, interviewed AU faculty and senior administrators as well as directors of comparable OLLIs around the country, and prepared five-year projections linking growth of membership, budget, and classroom space.**

At its September meeting, the Board of Directors approved a strategic plan that sets the direction of OLLI at AU for the coming five years. It is ambitious, specific, and with realistic steps to achieve its goals. I hope you will **take a few minutes to look at the plan, the data we developed, the conclusions we drew, and the implementation actions we recommended** – all **124 pages** of it! (There is a **summary** for the less wonkish among us.)

*Denise Liebowitz
Chair, Board of Directors*

Study Group Registration

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Seeking Advice and Opinions!

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Date: Tuesday, October 16

Time; 7:00 PM

Location: Constitution Hall, Room 1

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Innovative Programs Committee Meeting

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- Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 PM - 4 PM; 8 PM - 10 PM
- Friday, Oct. 26, 8 - 10 PM
- Saturday, Oct. 27, 2 PM - 4 PM; 8 PM - 10

PM

Location: Greenberg Theatre

Cost: \$10-

\$15

To register, click [here](#).

B List Composers

Date: Saturday, October 27

Time: 7:30 PM - 9 PM

Location: Abramson Family Recital Hall,
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Cost: \$5 - \$10

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Date: October 24

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Meet at AU School of International Service

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RSVPs should reply to nnvillage@gmail.com. NNV’s “recent” retiree network is aimed at retirees (or near-retirees) in their sixties and seventies who are looking to build a healthy, connected retirement. NNV is a volunteer-driven nonprofit that helps members stay independent and connected to the community as they age. See nnvdc.org for additional information.

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Israel Abroad: The Israel Diaspora Past and Present, International Conference

Date: Sunday, October 28

Time: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: AU East Campus Constitution Hall, 3501 Nebraska Ave, NW

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Location: AU Museum, Katzen Arts Center

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View our two new shows, *Ian Jehle:*

Dynamical Systems in the Alper space, and

Tribe: Contemporary Photography from the Arab World. Then, take a second look at

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President Carter: The White House Years

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Sine Nomine

Date: Saturday, November 17

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Location: AU Museum at the Katzen Arts Center

Cost: \$25

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November 5, 2018 OLLI News



A Big Day for OLLI at AU

By all measures, last Friday's lecture and reception with President Sylvia Burwell was a hands-down success. The very large Room 1 in Kerwin Hall was nearly filled with OLLI members, friends, and AU students, faculty, and administrators. In her remarks, President Burwell reviewed the Past, Present and Future of the Affordable Care Act and laid out a balanced path forward through the current partisan landscape.

On behalf of the OLLI membership, Board Chair Denise Liebowitz presented President Burwell with a \$500 gift for the university's Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholars program.

Special kudos to Board member and Lecture Committee Chair Judy Havemann who managed caterers, manned garage kiosks, hired traffic cops, and did everything else to ensure a flawless event.

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Letter from the Chair



OLLI NATION

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these gatherings once every 18 months for the board chairs and executive directors of its 122 OLLIs around the country. As a first-time participant, I found the chocked-full agenda of presentations, round-table discussions, and sharing of best-practice ideas all energizing and inspiring.

Tony and I learned that no two OLLIs are alike. Their membership size, academic offerings, governance, and levels of community and university engagement vary widely. We learned that in New Hampshire OLLI members helped a low-income family recover from a devastating house fire by providing shelter, money, and home-cooked meals. An OLLI in South Carolina recently raised enough money to endow a fund for university faculty who lead some of their OLLI classes. And in Vermont, after speakers laid out the legalities and science at an “Everything You Wanted to Know about Medical Marijuana” event, OLLI members left with free samples!

OLLI at AU is now successfully implementing two great ideas that were presented at the previous Osher Conference in 2016. Our partnership with AU’s International Accelerator Program that pairs an OLLI member with a graduate student for English language conversation and cross-cultural friendship was suggested by another OLLI, as was our new OLLI-wide book club.

In the coming weeks and months, Tony and I will be discussing with the Board and membership some of the best ideas we heard at the conference

Advice and Opinions!

Calling all OLLI grandparents!

Would you like to be part of a focus group? As we contemplate a late-August 2019 program for grandparents and their 6- to 12-year-old grandchildren, we are looking for 8-10 grandparents who would be willing to be part of a 90-minute focus group to explore the idea. If you are interested, please let us know by e-mailing olli@american.edu.

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for fundraising, diversity building, and university partnership that we think might work for us.

But for both of us, the biggest take-away is how extremely fortunate we are in the relationship we enjoy with American University. Nearly all OLLIs share similar challenges of space and budget, but our independent governing structure within the AU community permits us the freedom to meet those challenges without constraint by our host university. We enjoy the benefits of a close association with AU while also being able to shape our own destiny, which is not the case for many of our counterpart organizations. Tony and I came home thanking our lucky OLLI-at-AU stars.

Denise Liebowitz

Chair, Board of Directors

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Scarlet Diva

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Tuesday, Nov. 20, 9:20 PM

Location: AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center

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For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

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Jeanne Dielman, 23 Commerce Quay, 1080 Brussels

Date: Sunday, November 18

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center

A singular work in film history, Chantal Akerman's JEANNE DIELMAN, 23, QUAI DU COMMERCE, 1080 BRUXELLES meticulously details, with a sense of impending doom, the daily routine of a middle-aged widow — whose chores include making the beds,

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cooking dinner for her son and turning the occasional trick.

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Faces Places

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Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Malsi Doyle and Michael Forman Theater, McKinley Building

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member Helen Schwartz is proposing to use a conversational French book (several copies will be made) and meet at 9:45 AM on Thursday, December 6 in the OLLI building in classroom 6. If you're interested, please send your name, contact information, and whether an alternate time is necessary for you to meet. This will be subject to revisions in method or meeting date according to those who respond. No grammar, no teacher to correct anyone, but we'll try to recruit a native French speaker as a resource. Amazon has used copies of the book from \$2. If you're interested, please email Helen at helenjs29@gmail.com or call at 301-907-3238.

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Letter from the Chair



BUILDING THE AU RELATIONSHIP

In early November, OLLI at AU welcomed nearly 400 members and AU students, faculty, and administrators to Kerwin Hall for a lecture by University President Sylvia Burwell followed by a Katzen Center reception. In her remarks, President Burwell reviewed the Past, Present, and Future of the Affordable Care Act, which she shaped as Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services. After her talk and on behalf of the OLLI membership, I was honored to present President Burwell with a \$500 gift for the university's Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholars Program.

The event underscored the strong and growing ties between OLLI and American University and highlighted our lifelong learning program as a valued and contributing part of the university community.

It wasn't always so. Perhaps like yours, my introduction to OLLI took place in the basement of the Temple Baptist Church, an inadequate space available to us for only a few months of the year. I knew that OLLI was somehow connected to American University, but apart from one or two excellent courses taught each semester by generous AU faculty, there was little other evidence of the relationship.

In the fall of 2016 we made the long-anticipated move into the Spring Valley Building establishing all our classes, lectures, offices, and social space under one roof. With great classroom technology and fully modern, functional spaces, we were finally in a facility worthy of the OLLI mission.

As we made ourselves at home, we began to realize the benefits of a strong relationship with the university. Additional AU schools and departments are contributing to our academic program. For the first time this fall, faculty from the AU Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Math & Statistics, and Physics led a very well received STEM course. AU interns provide valuable help to our office staff, and twenty-two OLLI members are currently partnering with an equal number of AU international students for English language conversation and cross-cultural exchange.

In the months and years ahead, we look forward to strengthening these OLLI-AU ties, as we find additional ways to collaborate around our shared values of academic excellence, service, and lifelong learning.

Denise Liebowitz,
Chair, Board of Directors

Wanted: Study Group Rep Co-Coordinator

OLLI is looking for an additional volunteer to serve as Study Group Rep (SGR) Coordinator with Ginny DeRoze. For each academic session - Fall/Spring, February and July Shorts, and June Minis - coordinators help to find SGRs for the study groups. (SGRs play a vital role in ensuring classes run smoothly: taking attendance, making announcements, letting the office know of any technology problems in the classroom, and circulating the class thank you card, among other duties.)

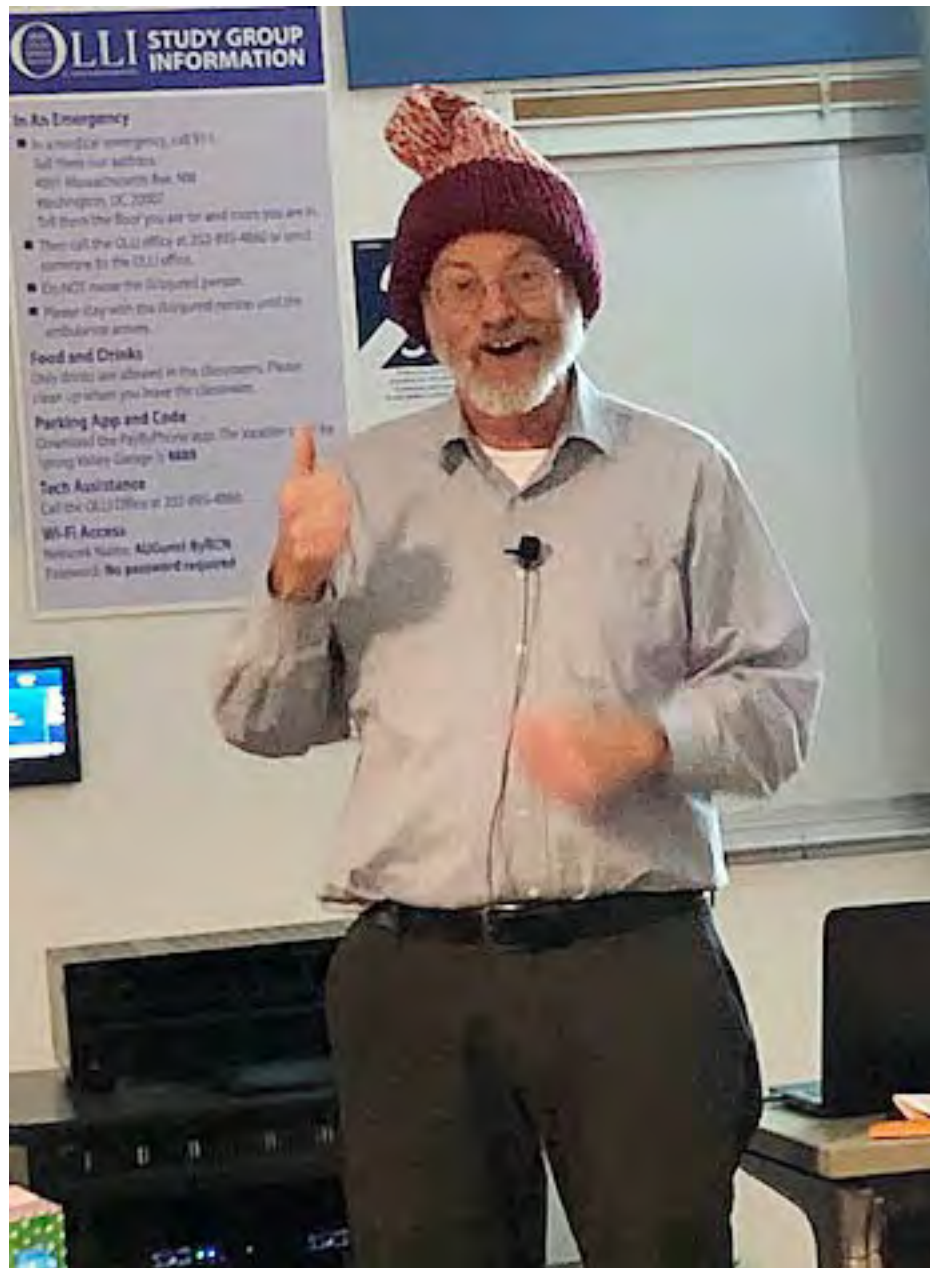
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Upcoming Events at OLLI at AU

HOLIDAY PARTY & ART SHOW

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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Upcoming Events at American University

FILMS ACROSS BORDERS: STORIES OF WOMEN -- SCREENING OF FACES PLACES

School of Communications

Wed, December 5, 2018

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST (6:30 pm Reception; 7 pm Film Screening)

Free, but reservations recommended. Seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

RSVP <https://facesplacesfilmsacrossborders.eventbrite.com>

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Tony Long Recognized in the Osher Network

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Human Rights Conference

OLLI CELEBRATES HUMAN RIGHTS

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

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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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