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## **APRIL 5, 2019 OLLI NEWS**

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### **Lead a June Mini or July Short**



**OLLI is still accepting study group proposals for both upcoming summer sessions.** This year, the **June Minis are June 3-28** and the **July Shorts are July 15-19**. June Minis meet once a week for 4 weeks and July Shorts meet 3-5 times over the course of one week. **We welcome proposals from both new and veteran study group leaders.**

To propose a study group, please click one of the links below. You will be prompted to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time. **The proposal deadline for both sessions is April 15, but if you'd like to submit a July Shorts proposal and need an extension, please let us know.**

[June Minis 2019 Proposal Form](#)

[July Shorts 2019 Proposal Form](#)

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## **Parking Alert For Friday, April 12**

Recently, an OLLI member requested that we alert members if we know ahead of time that there will be additional parking in the garage. **On Friday, April 12, 2019, New Eagle Day events begin campus-wide. With an expected record-breaking number of incoming freshmen and their families coming to campus, parking will be severely impacted.** The Spring Valley Building Garage should be impacted less than other parking lots, but OLLI members should consider carpooling or taking mass transit. The WMATA Trip Planner website (<https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/>) provides information on traveling from one point to another using the subway, Metro buses, or walking at any specific time of day.

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## **Calling All Dog Lovers!**

OLLI member Tammy Belden winters in Mexico where she volunteers at an animal shelter. There are few adoptive homes there locally, so Tammy is bringing five of her new best friends back to DC to find their "forever" homes. She is **looking for foster families who are willing to take one of these pets into their home and teach them how to live the good life.** Experienced dog owners would be best. Can you help? Get in touch with Tammy: 240-994-2573 or [tamarabelden@gmail.com](mailto:tamarabelden@gmail.com). For more information, please click [here](#).



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## Spring Member Directory

The 2019 Spring Member Directory has now been published. It is available online, under the *Members Only* section of our website. To view, click [here](#). A limited number of printed copies are available on the small desk outside of the OLLI office.

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## Free Minds Book Club: Write Lunch

On **Tuesday, April 16, from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM**, OLLI and the Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop will co-sponsor our fifth "Write Lunch," led by Jenny Pierson and Ellen Siegler. **The Write Lunch will take place in Room 2 on the 5th floor of 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW.** Participants are welcome to bring a bagged lunch to the 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.

**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** and express their appreciation. If you have questions, please contact Jenny Pierson at [piersonjen17@gmail.com](mailto:piersonjen17@gmail.com) or 202-248-8288.

Please click [here](#) to register for this event.



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## Update on Election of Board Members

Under the OLLI by-laws (revised in 2018), the Committee on Nominations and Elections, after consulting with and inviting recommendations from OLLI members in general, has developed a list of four candidates to fill the four open Board positions. The Committee believes these candidates have amply demonstrated the skills, experience, background and energy needed for the important work of the Board. The list, which the Board has approved, will appear on the ballot for the election that begins in late April. The Committee would like to thank all those OLLI members who provided the many excellent recommendations for Committee consideration.



**John Aldock.** John joined OLLI two years ago after retiring as General Counsel of Goodwin Procter LLP, an international law firm. He has served on the OLLI Finance Committee and assisted the OLLI Chair in negotiations with AU over space in our new building and the OLLI endowment. He previously served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for D.C., Chair of the Shea and Gardner law firm, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Rules of the U.S. District Court for D.C. and for many years as a member of the Board of the Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

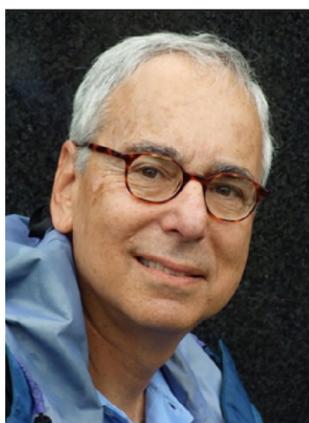


**Myra Barron.** Myra is a current Board member seeking a second term. She is on the Executive Committee and co-chairs the AU Relationship Committee. Previously she has served as Board Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Personnel Committee Chair. A lawyer by profession, she has worked in both the public sector — with stints as Assistant County Attorney and as Counsel to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority — and in the private sector, where she specialized in affordable housing and represented non-profits in business and related matters. She has degrees from Smith (BA), Johns Hopkins (MA), and Georgetown (JD).



**Linda Kiser.** Currently a member of the Development Committee, Linda has been an OLLI member since 2012. She has extensive development experience, having spent many years as Director of Development in several local private schools and having served on various school and non-profit

Boards as Chair/member of development committees. Prior to that, she had several years of public service, working with both the U.S. House and the Senate and for the Carter Administration. She currently serves as a tutor at The Academy of Hope, a charter school for adults working to get their GED. I'm a new Text block ready for your content.



**Mark Nadel.** Mark joined OLLI in 2012 and since then has taught several different courses on public policy. He is currently on the Curriculum Committee and has helped in the orientation of new SGLs. Previously, he taught political science at Cornell before joining the Government Accountability Office. He ended his federal career as an Associate Commissioner of Social Security. Since retiring, he has taught public policy at Georgetown and was a senior fellow at Georgetown's Government Affairs Institute. He has degrees from California (BA) and Johns Hopkins (PhD).

### **Next Steps**

**April 8.** Members interested in being placed on the ballot as at-large candidates can do so by filing a self-nomination petition supported by the signatures of 10 OLLI members. Candidates meeting the 10-member signature requirement will automatically appear on the ballot. The deadline for submitting at-large petitions is April 8. As part of the petition, candidates should provide a photo (a smartphone photo will be fine) and a brief bio of no more than 100 words. Interested candidates should contact the Office for the petition form and other details.

**April 26.** OLLI annual meeting. Candidates will be allowed 2-3 minutes to introduce themselves.

**April 26 - May 10.** The election takes place online.

**May 13.** The results are announced.

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## **Volunteer Judges Needed for DC's National History Day**

DC's National History Day program that is run through the National Archives is looking for volunteers to judge this year's competition that will take place Wednesday, April 10 (middle school division) and Thursday, April 11 (high school division). If you enjoy talking with teenagers and are interested in history -- we would be delighted to have you join us as judges for one or both of these days. Training on how to be an NHD judge will be provided.

For more information about National History Day please check out their Web site at <https://www.nhd.org//>. If you are interested please contact Elly Greene, at [elly.greene@verizon.net](mailto:elly.greene@verizon.net).

## **Upcoming Events at American University**

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

## **AU SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### **Madison Prize**

**Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 PM**

### **Butler Board Room**

Please join AU School of Public Affairs to honor the inaugural recipients of the Madison Prize. Our recipients exemplify respect for the institutional values of Congress and the need for compromise in a democratic society — the very traits outlined by James Madison in Federalist 10. The event will feature a conversation with Senator Alexander. Cocktail reception to follow. Please RSVP by April 3. To RSVP, click [here](#).

## **AU Washington College of Law**

### **Evan Thomas Book Talk: *First: Sandra Day O'Connor***

**Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 PM**

### **Claudio Grossman Hall**

Noted journalist, and best-selling author Evan Thomas will discuss his new book about America's first female Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor. Reception and book signing to follow. To register, click [here](#).

## **AU Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**

### **Gallery Talk: *Forward Press***

**April 6, 5:00 PM**

Join curator Susan J. Goldman and the artists of *Forward Press: 21st Century Printmaking* to learn how their works reinterpret centuries-old printmaking techniques in the digital age. Free and open to all. To RSVP, please click [here](#).

### **Spring Opening Reception**

**April 6, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Mix and mingle with artists, curators, and fellow patrons at our Spring opening reception and enjoy five new exhibitions on view. Free and open to all, no RSVP required.

### ***Drawing Portraits: Learning to See Like an Artist* with Beverly Ress**

**April - May, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

### **Six-week class, Sundays**

In this course, you will improve your ability to capture a likeness from life. Weekly topics cover visually shifting from the right to left brain, working with the picture plane, cementing the basics of portraiture, working with light and shadow, and finally, creating a skillful self-portrait. Read more about DC artist and longtime teacher Beverly Ress [here](#). *Sundays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5 and 12, \$225 for the six-week class. To register, click [here](#).*

## **AU Center For Israel Studies**

### **Screening of *The Passengers***

**Saturday, May 11, 6:15 PM, E Street Cinema**

**Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM, AFI Silver Theatre**

These screenings are co-presented by AU's Center for Israel Studies and will be followed by a conversation with the filmmaker Ryan Porush. The Tuesday, May 14 conversation will be moderated by Laura Katz Cutler, Managing Director of the Center for Israel Studies at American

University, and includes Porush and David Elcott of the Wagner School of Public Service at NYU, who is depicted in the film. To purchase tickets for *The Passengers*, please click [here](#).

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