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## **FEBRUARY 15, 2019 OLLI NEWS**

### **Spring Registration**

**Class Assignment Letters.** The Lottery was held this Tuesday. If you have not received your Class Assignment Letter, please [email the office](#) or call at 202-895-4860.

**Many Study Groups Are Still Open.** There are 48 study groups which still have seats available. You may change your study group selection online or by contacting the office now through Friday, March 15, when registration ends.

**Study Group Changes.** Please note that changes have been made for a few Spring study groups. Visit the Catalog Updates page on our website under the Study Groups tab for the latest information.

### **Spring Open House on Monday**

The Spring Open House will be held Mon., Feb. 18, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in Room A on the first floor of the Spring Valley Building at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. The Open House provides an overview of OLLI, tours for new members, refreshments, and the opportunity to greet new and veteran OLLI members. Join us and bring a friend who might want to join OLLI!

### **UN Human Rights Sustainable Development OLLI Online Discussion Group**

This discussion deals with the "State of the World" and covers our real life challenges which were missing from the recent State of the Union Address. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals are the comprehensive approach of the United Nations to the measures that can be taken between now and 2030 for Humanity to Survive and Thrive.

This discussion is an excellent educational opportunity because there are many fascinating

interrelated subjects and we have links to outstanding resources to help us learn about them. We have outstanding authorities to lead our four discussion categories: Anders Zeijlon (Economic); Nancy Donaldson (Social); Ron Ridker (Environmental), Ed Elmendorf (Institutional Collaboration).

**[Join now.](#)**

## Grand Camp Survey

OLLI is considering offering a late-August, week-long program for OLLI grandparents and their grandchildren ages 6-12. Earlier this week, we emailed a survey to members to assess how much interest there is for such a program. **The deadline for replying to the survey is next Friday, Feb. 15.** If you missed the first notice, here is a link to the [online survey](#). Paper copies are available in the OLLI office. Thank you for your input.

## Sandra Levenbook

It is with great sadness that we announce that beloved member and Study Group Leader Sandra Levenbook died this past week. Sandra led study groups at OLLI on Russia, Turkey, and the Ottoman Empire for 27 years. Sandra's knowledge of European history, wit, and charm will be greatly missed by those who encountered her or studied with her. There are no immediate plans for a memorial service, but we will pass along any information we receive.

## Update on Election of Board Members

Following is a list of key dates and deadlines remaining in this year's election process.

- *March 15.* The Board's approved list of candidates is sent to members.
- *April 8.* Deadline for at-large candidate to submit self-nomination petitions, complete with 10 supporting signatures, to the Office.
- *April 26.* OLLI annual meeting. Each candidate will be allowed 2-3 minutes to address the group.
- *April 26 - May 10.* Online voting takes place.
- *May 13.* Results of the election are announced.

## Lead a June Mini or July Short

While attending an OLLI study group, have you ever thought about leading your own? OLLI always welcomes new study group leaders from within the OLLI membership and from the Washington, DC community who would like to share their knowledge and passion with members. The shorter summer sessions at OLLI can be a great time to lead a study group for the first time. There are June Minis (study groups meet once a week for 4 weeks) and July Shorts (study groups meet 3-5 times over the course of one week).

OLLI is now 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**. We welcome proposals from both new and veteran study group leaders.

**If you would like 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.**

[June Minis 2019 Proposal Form](#)

[July Shorts 2019 Proposal Form](#)

For more information about being a study group leader at OLLI, please visit our [Become A Study Group Leader page](#). If you have questions about teaching at OLLI and would like to speak with someone, please e-mail [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

## Upcoming Events at American University

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

### AU SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS

***Reporter: A Conversation with Seymour Hersh***

**Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**AU McKinley Building - Doyle/Forman Theater**

Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist and best-selling author Seymour Hersh joins Investigative Reporting Workshop Executive Editor Charles Lewis to talk about his 50-year career uncovering some of the U.S. government's biggest secrets — from the Vietnam War My Lai massacre to Watergate abuses of power to the Abu Ghraib torture and prisoner abuse scandal. The free program includes a reception and book-signing by the author of *Reporter: A Memoir*. Reservations recommended. To RSVP click [here](#). First come, first seated.

### AU COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

***North American Premiere: Saltzman - A Choral Symphony: Halevi***

**Sunday, February 24, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**The National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue NW**

**\$5-\$15**

The combined forces of the AU Symphony Orchestra, Chorus, and Chamber Singers are joined by the Strathmore Children's Chorus and guest soloists Janice Meyerson and Rob McGinness to perform the North American premiere of Arnold Saltzman's *A Choral Symphony: Halevi*. For tickets, click [here](#).

### THE AU MUSEUM AT THE KATZEN ARTS CENTER

**Open Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

202-885-1300 | [museum@american.edu](mailto:museum@american.edu)

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

***The Gifts of Tony Podesta***

**Curated by Klaus Ottmann and Jennifer Sakai**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

***Nancy at Ninety: A Retrospective of Form and Color***

**Curated by Claudia Rousseau**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

***Jiří Kolář (1914-2002): Forms of Visual Poetry***

**From the Collection of Museum Kampa, Prague**

**Curated by Aneta Georgievska-Shine**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

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

**Presented by the Alper Initiative for Washington Art**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

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