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Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the OLLI at AU **Annual Meeting on Friday, April 26 at 1:30 in Room A!** At the meeting, you will meet the candidates for the Board of Directors, hear an update on our Strategic Plan, get an overview of our financial picture, and have a chance for comments and questions.

Double Your Money For Every Dollar You Donate, OLLI Gets Two!

Don't delay, donate today! Many thanks to all those who have contributed to our \$20,000 matching campaign thus far. **As of April 18, we raised \$16,360, so those who haven't given yet can still help us cross the finish line.** The \$20,000 we raise will be matched by the handful of donors and all board members who collaborated to make this incentive possible. To donate online, click [here](#).

Grandparents Camp

In the April 1 newsletter, we provided some preliminary information about a pilot program for OLLI grandparents and grandchildren we were looking into offering for a week in August. **Research concerning insurance and liability led us to the conclusion that offering such a program will not be possible for us.** We are, however, happy to share a list of activities that we were considering. Find the list [here](#).

Summer Sessions

OLLI will be holding a selection of study groups this summer, during the June Minis and July Shorts programs. **June Minis will run from June 3-28. July Shorts will run from July 15-19.** There will **not** be printed catalogs for these courses, they will be listed online only. June Minis will be listed under the *Study Groups* tab on our website and the July Shorts will be listed under *Shorts*. **June Minis registration will open on April 23 and the lottery will take place on May 20 **** **(Note: In last week's newsletter, we incorrectly listed the date as May 30).**** **July Shorts registration will open on June 10, and the lottery will take place on July 1.** Stay tuned!

Upcoming Trip to the Arlington National Cemetery!

We will be hosting a trip to the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on Saturday, June 8. People come from all over the world to visit this remarkable resting place for over 400,000 of our U.S. servicemen and women and their families. Please join us as we tour the site and discuss its history, traditions, and many of the former soldiers buried there. **The walking tour will last about two hours. There is no fee and it is very convenient to get to, with a metro stop just one block from the entrance and very reasonable parking onsite.** This trip will be led by our trips coordinator, Tammy Belden. For more details and to register, please click [here](#). You can also call the OLLI office to register (202-895-4860) or e-mail to olli@american.edu.

OLLI Volunteering Fair

OLLI member Bob Croog is proposing **a volunteer fair, to serve as a bridge between our members and members of surrounding communities.** All are welcome, including representatives of other volunteer organizations. For example, there are some OLLI members who volunteer with local public school systems, so those districts may send their volunteer coordinators to speak at the fair. **This event is set to take place on July 10, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Spring Valley Building, where all OLLI classes are held** (exact room will be determined). For more information, please contact Bob Croog: rdcroog@gmail.com, **301-215-7852.**

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.



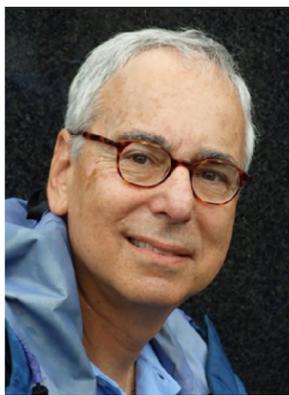
John Aldock. John joined OLLI two years ago after retiring as General Counsel of Goodwin Procter LLP, an international law firm. He has served on the OLLI Finance Committee and assisted the OLLI Chair in negotiations with AU over space in our new building and the OLLI endowment. He previously served 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 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.

In Memory

It is with sorrow that we report the death of former **OLLI member and study group leader, Mark Ozer.** He died on Monday, April 15.

Upcoming Events at American University

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

AU Museum at the Katzen Arts Center

Family Day

April 27, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All are welcome to AU's Family Fun Day! All activities are free and inspired by our current exhibitions. Create hands-on art projects, explore art with a scavenger hunt, take a tour with one of our guides, listen and participate in storytelling and music-making, and more. This event is free, but please register in advance and check-in at the door. You do not need to print your Eventbrite ticket. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register [here](#).

MFA Thesis Opening Reception & Gallery Talk

May 4, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Celebrate the accomplishments of AU's Department of Art MFA thesis candidates by welcoming *Turbulence* to the museum. A gallery talk with the artists will be held from 5-6PM, followed by the opening reception from 6-7PM. Free and open to all, no RSVP required.

JRA Distinguished Artist Lecture: Elizabeth Brim

May 5, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

As a blacksmith, Elizabeth Brim has forged a place for herself in a male-dominated field. She plays on that contrast in her work with her "unique juxtaposition of the feminine and the

ferrous." She not only makes wonderful and sought-after artistic objects, but also salient social commentary. Free and open to all, no RSVP required. To register for Brim's accompanying workshop, click [here](#).

The Moving Print: An Evening of Print & Performance

May 9, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Two premier dance companies collaborate to present an exploration of the printmaking process through dance. Director/Choreographer Leah Glenn, of Leah Glenn Dance Theater and artist Steve Prince, a participant in the exhibit Forward Press: 21st Century Printmaking, present "*Youngest of Nine*," "*Fault Lines*," "*Idiosyncrasies*," "*Oasis*," and "*Runnin'*." Director/Choreographer of DC's own UpRooted Dance, Keira Hart-Mendoza, and Susan J. Goldman of Lily Press®, present a selection of collaborative pieces; "*Paper Dolls*," "*Targets*," and "*Malevich's Black Square*." Free and open to all, to reserve a spot, please RSVP [here](#).

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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