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JANUARY 4, 2019 OLLI NEWS

Letter from the Executive Director

Happy New Year!

The holidays are over, which means it is time to start thinking about the upcoming OLLI at AU classes you want to take. Catalogs are in the mail and online registration has begun for the February Shorts and the spring semester. You can register online for Shorts under the Shorts tab and for the spring semester under the Study Groups tab. Choosing classes is part of the fun, but there are numerous questions you must ask yourself: Do I go with the subject matter I know, or do I explore new academic terrain? Which days and times am I available? What do I do when two classes I really want are offered at the same time? And, which Study Group Leaders should I choose? Whether you go with the class or Study Group Leader you know well or venture into the unknown, you have lots of exciting options. Read through the catalog and then take the leap to register!

The process to register for classes is as follows:

- 1: Identify the number of study groups you are interested in taking (1, 2, or 3),
- 2: Prioritize up to six study groups based on your preferences for taking the study groups, (The more study groups you list, the higher the likelihood that you'll get the number of study groups you're interested in.)
- 3: SUBMIT or mail your registration, and
4. You will receive an email confirmation of your PENDING registration after you register online or after your registration has been received by the OLLI at AU office.

As a reminder, the February Shorts run from February 4 – 8, and the lottery is Tues., Jan. 22; and the spring semester runs from March 4 – May 10, and the Spring lottery is Tues., Feb.12. You will receive your official class assignment after the respective lottery dates.

I hope you are as excited about the upcoming February and spring classes as I am. Good luck choosing your classes!

Tony Long
Executive Director

Online Discussion on 17 Sustainable Goals of the United Nations

Bob Kolodney, who organized the OLLI UN Human Rights Conference in December, is organizing an online discussion on the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The online discussion will take place between Feb. 9 and March 3.

The UN's sustainable development goals were established in 2015. They include 169 targets to be met by 2030. The basic objective is to address the numerous challenges to humanity surviving and thriving. A great deal of preparation and negotiation went into the establishment of the goals. Whether or not they are realistic remains to be seen. The UN and the World Bank are attempting to be catalysts to mobilize the resources and efforts of countries, NGOs, corporations, and financial organizations to meet the goals.

An initial description of this discussion is on the Online Discussions Page of the [human rights conference website](https://sites.google.com/view/humanrightsolli2018/online-discussions) (<https://sites.google.com/view/humanrightsolli2018/online-discussions>). Some information and resources are linked. Information on how to participate in the discussion and additional materials will be added. Familiarity with the materials will enable an informed discussion. The current web page is focused solely on the sustainable goals. However, if anyone would like to lead a different human rights-oriented discussion, please email [Bob Kolodney](mailto:bobkolive@gmail.com) (at bobkolive@gmail.com). To hold the discussion(s) we will choose between several online bulletin boards. Your comments, suggestions and ideas are welcome.

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Upcoming Events at American University

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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 AT THE KATZEN ARTS CENTER

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

202-885-1300 | museum@american.edu

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January 26 - March 17, 2019

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Are You on a Neighborhood Listserve?

The Membership Committee is looking to increase the number of OLLI members overall and the number of OLLI members from underrepresented groups per our Strategic Plan. To accomplish this, the committee is pursuing a brief description of OLLI and the Spring Semester in neighborhood listserves. If you subscribe to a neighborhood listserve and would be willing to post info on OLLI, please contact the OLLI office at olli@american.edu or 202-895-4860.

Emergency Procedures

Please note that below are American University's evacuation procedures. In each room in the Spring Valley Building, including all OLLI classrooms, AU has posted an Emergency Quick Reference Guide (see right). The Guide is typically posted inside the room immediately to the side of the door.

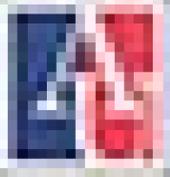
Know two ways out of classrooms, offices, and other areas you frequent as well as the location of fire alarm pull stations.

If you need to evacuate the building:

- Remain calm and exit the building in an orderly manner.
- Evacuate the building using the nearest safe exit or stairwell. Do not use the elevators.
- If unable to self-evacuate, Shelter-in-Place in a room with an exterior window and operable door. When sheltering in place, close all doors and windows. Make a list of all people with you. Report the list and your location to the AU Police Department (AUPD) by calling **202-885-3636** or by activating the Rave Guardian app.
- Notify AUPD when you exit the building if someone needs assistance. Be sure to identify the

person's location.

- Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in imminent danger (e.g., a fire).
- Never try to walk through smoke-filled or other imminently hazardous areas. If you see or smell smoke in the stairwells, close the door and use a different exit.
- Keep streets, fire lanes, hydrants, and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews.
- Return to the building when permitted to do so or comply with other instructions given by AUPD.



EMERGENCY QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

202-895-3838

Security Threat, Campus Lockdown



BOMB THREAT

Remain calm and follow instructions from police or other authorities. Do not touch anything suspicious.



ACTIVE SHOOTER

Run, hide, or fight. Get to a safe area and stay there until the all-clear is given.



ACTIVE BOMB

Evacuate immediately. Do not touch anything suspicious.

Follow instructions of police or other authorities. Do not touch anything suspicious. If you see a suspicious object, do not touch it. Report it to police.

If you see a suspicious object, do not touch it. Report it to police. Do not touch anything suspicious. If you see a suspicious object, do not touch it. Report it to police.

Medical Emergency



Call 911 for medical emergencies. Stay with the person until help arrives. Do not move the person unless instructed to do so.

Building Evacuation



FIRE

Stay calm. Follow instructions from police or other authorities. Do not use elevators.

Evacuate immediately using the nearest exit to your location. Do not use elevators. Stay low to the ground. Do not re-enter the building until instructed to do so by police or other authorities.

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BOMB THREAT

Remain calm and follow instructions from police or other authorities.



SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE

Do not touch anything suspicious. Report it to police or other authorities.

Weather Emergency



Follow instructions from police or other authorities. Stay indoors during severe weather.

Emergency Safety and Security Services

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JANUARY 18, 2019 OLLI NEWS

OLLI Member: *What is going on?! Why am I getting the Friday newsletter on Tuesday? Why didn't I get a lecture notice today?*

Mary Fran: *I love technology. When it works. Something went awry with our newsletter software last week. So the newsletter was mailed to some people, but not most. In an effort to keep everyone informed, we are resending the newsletter today and we resent the Lecture notice this morning. We have fixed the problem and should be back to normal now.*

A Message From Our Chair



GOOD GOVERNANCE AS WE CHANGE

For many nonprofits, the transition from a small volunteer group to a large professional organization can be perilous. What once was all-hands-on-deck doing jobs as needed grows into an enterprise with substantial budgets requiring sophisticated financial management, a professional staff with competitive salaries and benefits, legal and tax issues that need specialized expertise,

and on and on. Over the years, OLLI at AU Boards of Directors have successfully navigated this growth to meet the changing needs of our organization.

In the same vein, your current Board recently completed a comprehensive review of its bylaws and approved revisions at its December meeting. While many of these revisions relate to organizational “insider ball” issues and are of limited interest to the general membership, the change to our Board nominations and elections process is worth highlighting.

Past Process: the Nominations and Elections Committee solicited and selected from the membership **six** candidates to fill **four** open Board seats in a contested election. In addition, any other member could be on the ballot upon submitting a petition with twenty member signatures. We heard from many members with concerns about this contested election model:

- Some unsuccessful candidates, often some of our most active and talented members, felt discouraged from continued OLLI engagement;
- Some individuals with needed skills declined to be candidates because they did not want to engage in a contested election;
- The committee was not able to ensure that individuals with specific skills needed on the Board would be elected.

New Process: Under the revised bylaws the Nominations and Elections Committee will prepare a slate of **four** candidates to fill the **four** open positions. In developing the slate, the committee will solicit and consider candidate recommendations from the broader OLLI membership. As before, once the Board-approved slate of four candidates is announced, any other member may also be added to the ballot by submitting a petition, but now with just ten member signatures.

In making these changes, the Board affirmed its support of a process that is accessible and transparent while enabling it to better recruit needed expertise to OLLI at AU’s leadership.

You can check out the revised bylaws now posted on the website (tap About, tap Corporate Documents). For additional details on the elections process, see the announcement below.

Denise Liebowitz

Chair, OLLI Board of Directors

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Books at Politics and Prose

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

Below are books for the **spring** that are either **unavailable** or **available only by pay-to-order** at Politics & Prose:

UNAVAILABLE:

SG 168 - *U.S. Military Capabilities and Forces for a Dangerous World - Rethinking the U.S. Approach to Force Planning*

SG 373 - *How to Get Rich Surely, But Slowly* **Available exclusively through Amazon.com**

SG 631 - *King o' the Moon*

Little Foxes

Familiar (copies of play will be provided in class)

The Last Mass at St. Casimir's

SG 695 - *Not Wanted On The Voyage*

Fifth Business

Tay John

The Tin Flute

SG 805 - *Voluntary Controls*

SG 806 - *Human Energy Systems*

SG 868 - *Hellenistic Philosophy*

AVAILABLE BUT ARE PAY-TO-ORDER:

SG 260 - *The Great War and the Death of God*

SG 695 - *Country of Pointed Firs*

The books above that are unavailable at Politics and Prose can be ordered online. Here are some suggestions for purchasing books online: AbeBooks.com, AddAll.com, Alibris.com, Amazon.com, BookOutlet.com, BookFinder.com, Ebay.com, and Powells.com.

OLLI and IAP Buddy Network

OLLI and the International Accelerator Program (IAP) at AU have developed a partnership program **to connect IAP international graduate students with interested OLLI members to foster understanding about cultures, career, and beyond.** AU-IAP graduate students are paired (matched) with participating OLLI members according to common interests. The pairs are introduced at a Meet-and-Greet event early in the semester. Each pair ideally meets once a week at times and places convenient for both until the Final Celebration at the end of the semester. **Our goal is to promote connection, conversation, and cultural exchange.** We are beginning our third semester of this program and currently have 20 participating OLLI members. Our goal is to expand that number for the spring semester. **If you have experience or an abiding interest in connecting with international students, please contact Jeanne Kent at jeannes.kent@gmail.com for more information.**

Online Discussion: Elimination of Poverty

As a follow-up to the OLLI Human Rights conference in early December, **there will be an online discussion on the "No Poverty" goal of the United Nations**, the first goal of the UN's *Sustainable Agenda for 2030*. **This discussion, open to all OLLI members, will take place from Saturday, February 9 - Sunday, March 3, and** will be led by Anders Zijlon and Bob Kolodney. It will take place in a Google Group. This group discussion is an opportunity to look closely at an initiative of the United Nations designed to help the world survive and thrive. The group is also intended as an introduction to the *17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN*, and part of an effort to develop a study group on the subject for the 2019 fall term. For more information and to participate in the discussion, please click here: [OLLIHumanRights-OnlineDiscussion](#).

Calling All Study Group Reps!

As you register for your February Shorts and Spring study groups, please consider volunteering to serve as Study Group Representative (SGR) for one (or more!) of your study groups. We need an SGR for each study group - 21 for the Feb Shorts and 98 for the spring! SGRs play an integral role in helping to ensure each study group runs smoothly. **Duties include: taking attendance; making announcements from the class folder; collecting any photocopying charge; notifying the office of problems with technology, temperature, or light; calling members who are absent from class for more than two consecutive sessions; and collecting the class gift/distributing the card.**

OLLI will be having an **SGR meeting for all new Spring SGRs on Wednesday, February 27 at 10:00 AM.** New SGRs are highly encouraged to attend. Previous SGRs are welcome to attend

as well if they would like to get clarification about the role or ask questions. More information will be sent about this meeting once SGRs are chosen for each spring study group. We hope you will consider volunteering to serve as SGR!

Welcomers Needed

After a successful first-ever OLLI Welcomer program in the Fall (over 200 new OLLI members were welcomed!), we've decided to continue it in the Spring semester. We are still in need of a few more volunteers for the program. **Welcomers ensure that each new OLLI member is individually welcomed with a phone call before the start of classes and touch base with new members by email both during the semester and at the end, to see how it went.**

If you would like to be a Welcomer, you can select that volunteer role on the website when registering for the Spring semester or visit our *Volunteer* page [here](#). Or, you can send an e-mail to olli@american.edu. We will review the responsibilities at a meeting on **Thursday, February 14, at 10:00 AM in Room A on the first floor**. We encourage anyone interested in serving as a Welcomer for the first time to attend the meeting. Previous Welcomers are invited to attend as well.

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AU CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

Israel in the American Mind: The Cultural Politics of US-Israeli Relations, 1958-1988

With Author Shaul Mitelpunkt

Tuesday, February 5

AU Butler Board Room, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

To register, click [here](#).

THE AU MUSEUM AT THE KATZEN ARTS CENTER

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

Opening Reception For Winter Exhibition

Free and open to the public

January 26, 6:00-9:00 PM

Mix and mingle with artists, curators, and fellow patrons at our Winter Opening Reception. See our four new exhibitions on view: *The Gifts of Tony Podesta*, *Nancy at Ninety: A Retrospective of Form and Color*, *Jiří Kolář (1914 - 2002): Forms of Visual Poetry*, and *Michael B. Platt with Carol A. Beane: Influences and Connections*, presented by the Alper Initiative for Washington Art.

Yoga in the Galleries

January 30 - March 13, April 10 - May 22, Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

\$10 per class, \$5 for museum members, free for associate level members

A peaceful Kripalu yoga class. All practice levels welcome. To register, click [here](#).

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February Shorts Registration

Please note that **refunds for Shorts will no longer be available after next Friday, February 1**. Shorts study groups begin February 4. Although the lottery has taken place, there are some classes that are still open, so registration remains available. To see which classes are open or full, click [here](#). As a reminder, the **lottery for the Spring semester is February 12**.

Join Us for a Day in Philadelphia!

We will be hosting a trip to Philadelphia, PA to be a part of the annual Flower Show on **Saturday, March 9**. As the nation's largest horticultural event, there will be **amazing displays, competitions in floral arranging, gardening presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and a marketplace for shopping**. We will provide bus transportation from a meeting location where you can park your car for the day. **Departure will be at 8:00 AM, and return arrival approximately 6:00 PM**. To get more details and to register, please click [here](#).

Special Lecture by The Washington Ballet

Please join Ballet Master Ruben Martin of The Washington Ballet on **Wednesday, February 13, at 2:15 PM in Room A** for a discussion on the company's upcoming debut of the full-length classic, *The Sleeping Beauty*. Mr. Martin will provide a brief history of the timeless fairy tale and its characters and outline the different productions and interpretations of the 1890 choreography by Marius Petipa. He will also explain how The Washington Ballet's Artistic Director Julie Kent and Associate Artistic Director Victor Barbee have tailor-fit their production in size and scale for The Washington Ballet company. Their combined decades of personal experience with *The Sleeping Beauty* have given them a full understanding of the complexity of producing a ballet of this scope. **Dancers from The Washington Ballet's Studio Company will be on hand to**

demonstrate the technique and mimes associated with the choreography. The program will close with questions and answers from Mr. Martin and the dancers. This program will enhance your understanding and enjoyment of this beloved story ballet. To register for this lecture, please click [here](#).

Pilot Program Thank You

As part of OLLI at AU's continuing effort to build a more diverse membership, the Diversity/Inclusivity Committee spearheaded a pilot outreach this month that organized study groups at Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church at 4501 16th St, NW and All Souls Unitarian Church at 15 Harvard Street, NW. **Each of the three classes offered by Study Group Leaders Elly Green, Karen Gail Lewis, and Ellen Siegler attracted OLLI members as well as members of the two congregations and their surrounding communities.** Our hope is that having discovered the quality and variety of the OLLI curriculum, at least some of these new participants will want to join us here in the Spring Valley Building for our regular program. **Hats off to Karen, Elly, and Ellen and the entire Diversity/Inclusivity team, chaired by Betsy White, for finding a way to actually walk the diversity talk!**

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There is no cost to attend. Please register at: <https://www.oli-dc.org/events/jamesjoyce>.

Beloved OLLI Member Passes Away

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that **Peter Gilbert of Chevy Chase/Washington DC died on Tuesday, January 22.** In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. **To send a memorial gift to the family of Peter Richard Gilbert** please visit the Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care Sympathy Store by clicking [here](#).

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A Letter From Our Chair



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In recent months in our Friday newsletter, we have made an effort to fully explain the Board nomination and election process, advertise for volunteer positions, and alert members to special events. In my letter that appears (more or less) each month in the newsletter, I have written about

OLLI's evolving relationship with American University, our budget and financial condition, our interface with the Osher national network, our fundraising program, and other governance topics. (Miss a newsletter? Click on the "*Lectures and Events*" tab and under "[OLLI News](#)" you'll find them all.)

For some members, maybe most members, this is probably way too much information. I believe most of our members are focused on their classes, their OLLI friends and colleagues, and are happy to not have to fuss with the behind-the-scenes details. But for those who called for more sunshine and accountability, we have made an honest effort to deliver.

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Warning from the Social Security Administration

The Social Security Administration asked various organizations to share this message:

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Spring Flower Show Trip

We are pleased that the recent OLLI trip to Philadelphia, PA for the annual Flower

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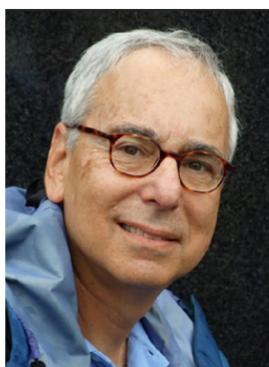
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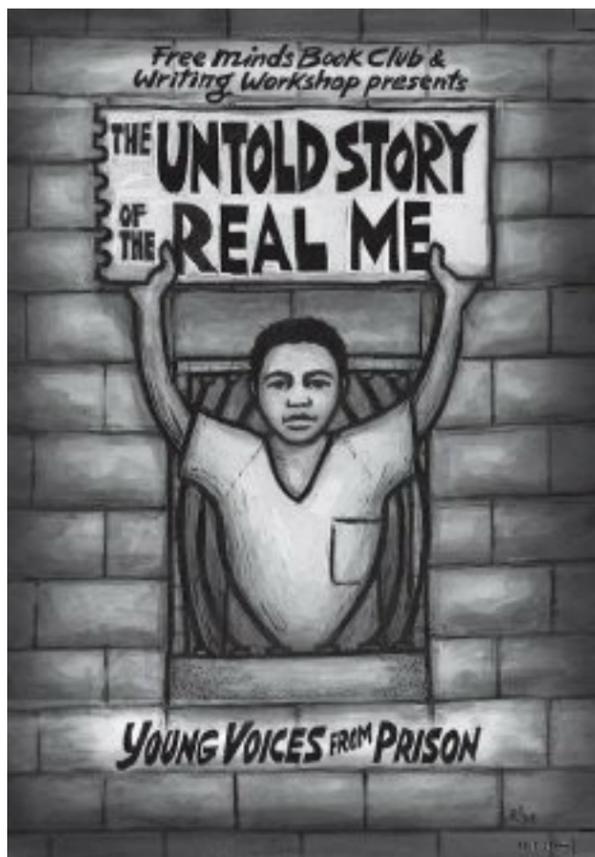
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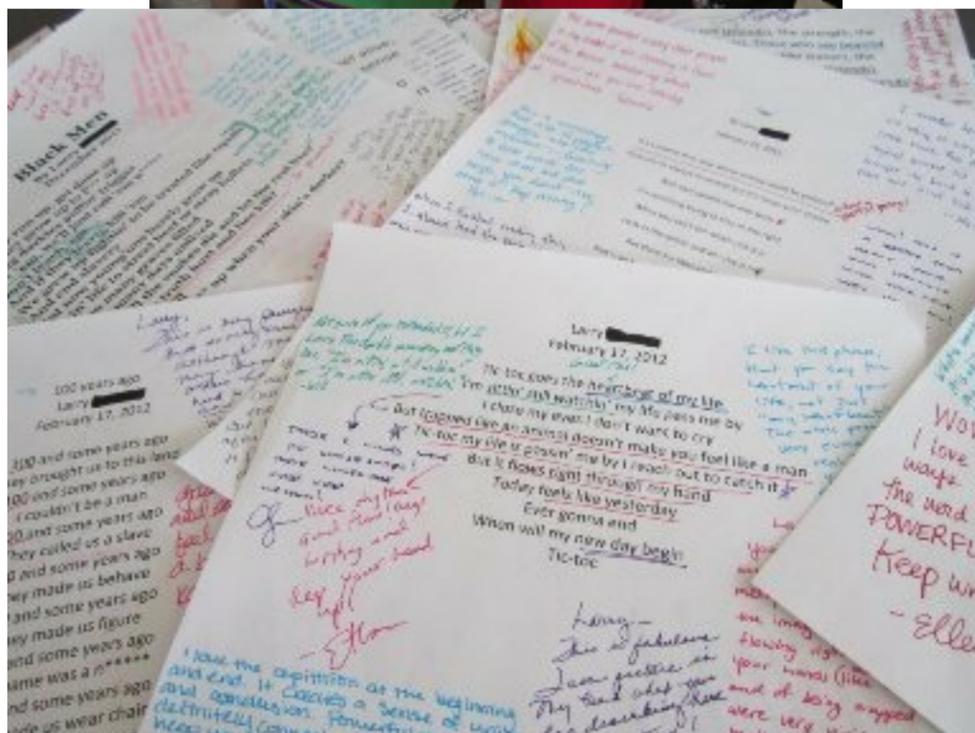


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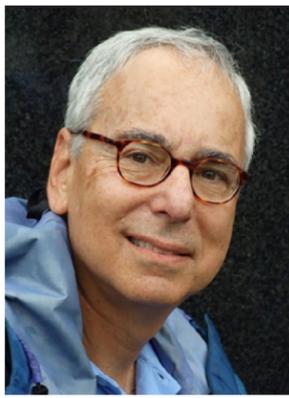
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Former Israeli Member of Knesset and public intellectual Einat Wilf will offer remarks on *"Women and Politics in Israel Today,"* followed by a discussion with moderator Tamara Wittes (Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution). Co-sponsored by Center for Israel Studies and Women and Politics Institute, School of Public Affairs. Questions: 202-885-3780.

METROPOLITAN POLICY CENTER, AU SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Derek Hyra: Gentrification and the Great Recession

Wednesday, March 27, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

East Quad Building, Room 103

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Letter from the Chair



GROWTH

Many members have expressed interest in plans for future OLLI at AU growth. The preparation of the five-year strategic plan that the Board adopted last fall was an opportunity for us to do a deep dive into the growth potential of OLLI at AU membership and programs and the impact of that growth on space and financial stability.

We learned that in recent years, annual net membership growth has been fairly consistent at 4 to 6 percent. On the space side, we are in year three of a ten-year lease with AU that includes the use of six classrooms with a seating capacity ranging from 20 to 30, and a lecture hall with 105 seats. These spaces, shared with the university, are generally available to us weekdays year-round from 9:45 AM to 3:15 PM.

Our analysis reveals that we are operating at around 85 percent classroom capacity, leaving some 400 seats available each semester (although, of course, none of those seats are in classes that have waitlists). In addition, our current academic calendar leaves classrooms unused for parts

of each year.

The Board has concluded that in the coming few years we will be able to continue to grow in our Spring Valley Building at our historic, moderate pace by filling more classroom seats, extending our academic calendar, and possibly lengthening the daily class schedule. The Board has consistently resisted “capping” membership as several other OLLIs have been forced to do. We do not want to turn away those seeking to share the lifelong learning experience that we so value. Nor do we want more growth in the coming few years than we can reasonably accommodate in our existing space. We also know that any expansion of academic offerings will require an expanded pool of Study Group Leaders. This is a balancing act.

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Denise Liebowitz

Board Chair

Safety in Room A: The Lecture Hall

In the past two weeks, three members have fallen in Room A and been injured. At least two of the members missed the step from the highest level down to the third row of desks. We have met with the head of AU Facilities to review that area and other potential problem areas. Non-skid caution tape has been added to the top level to mark the step down. Caution tape has also been added to all of the steps on the back stairs. In the upcoming week or two, caution tape will be added to the ramp on the far side of the room. In addition, caution tape of a color combination other than yellow and black will be added to the steps adjacent to the ramps on either side of the room going from the first level to the upper levels.

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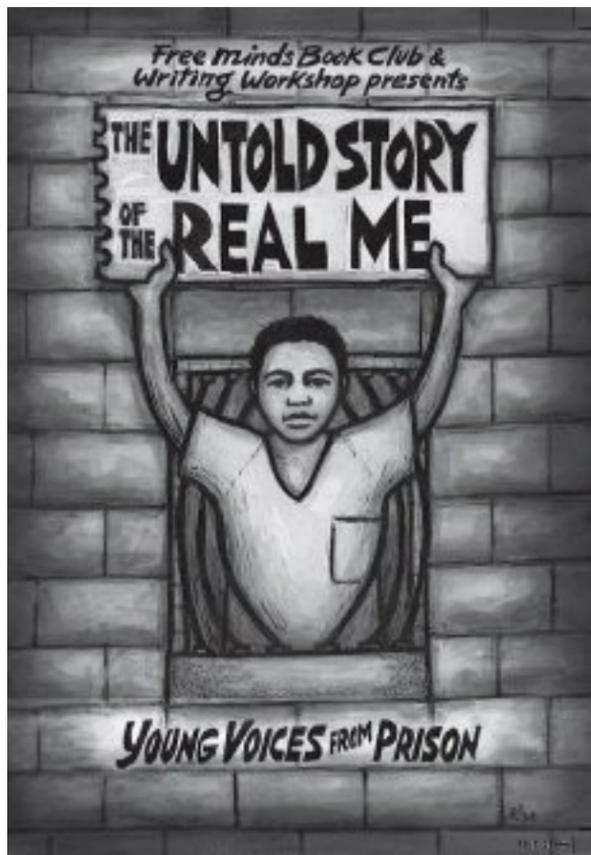
Monday through Friday, August 12 to 16

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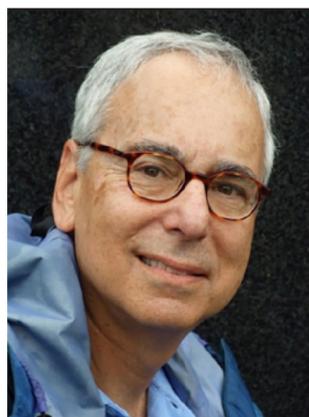
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Georgia Governor's Race: Voter Suppression, Electoral Fraud, Voter Intimidation, or Malpractice?

Tuesday, April 2

Lunch at 11:45 AM, Event begins at 12:15 PM

AU Constitution Hall

Contested elections decided by narrow margins bring forth the fault lines of election administration and politics. Last November, the Georgia Governor's race was decided by approximately 50,000 votes out of 3.9 million votes cast. There are lawsuits and congressional investigations underway to determine if all the citizens of Georgia were treated fairly and if all their votes counted. Bill Sweeney will walk us through the details of registering, voting, and counting in Georgia and ask you to decide if the results reflect the outcome. To RSVP for this event, click [here](#).

2020 Election: Bots, Trolls, Fake News, and Deep Fakes

Wednesday, April 3, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Kerwin Hall, Room 301

Join us for a panel discussion about the 2020 Elections with experts immersed in the effort to manipulate the political process from both a domestic and an international perspective. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, click [here](#).

Can Free Speech Be Progressive?: A Conversation with Louis Michael Seidman

Wednesday, April 3, 2:30 PM

Hughes Formal Lounge

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Can the Confirmation Process Be Saved?

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Thursday, April 4, 4:05 PM - to 5:20 PM

Kerwin Hall, Room 311

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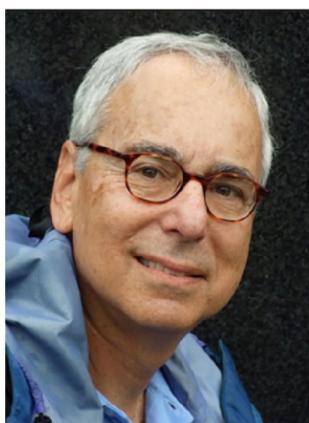


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- Keep tuition affordable
- Strengthen academic and cultural programs
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EVERY GIFT — LARGE OR SMALL — IS VALUABLE

SUPPORT WHAT YOU LOVE.

To donate online, click [here](#).

Volunteer Appreciation Day!

We value each and every person that has offered their service to any OLLI program. As such, OLLI and its Board of Directors would like to honor you. **Come celebrate, service, community, and lifelong learning on Thursday, May 16, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in our Spring Valley Building** (where OLLI classes are held) on the sixth floor. Please **RSVP by May 8**. To do so, click [here](#).

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Free Minds Book Club: Write Lunch

This coming **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. **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.

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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**

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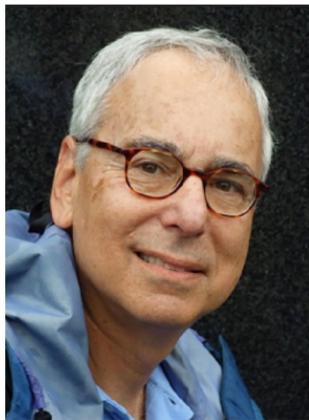


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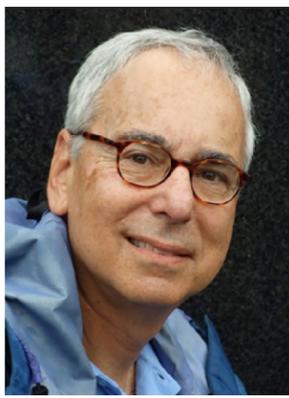
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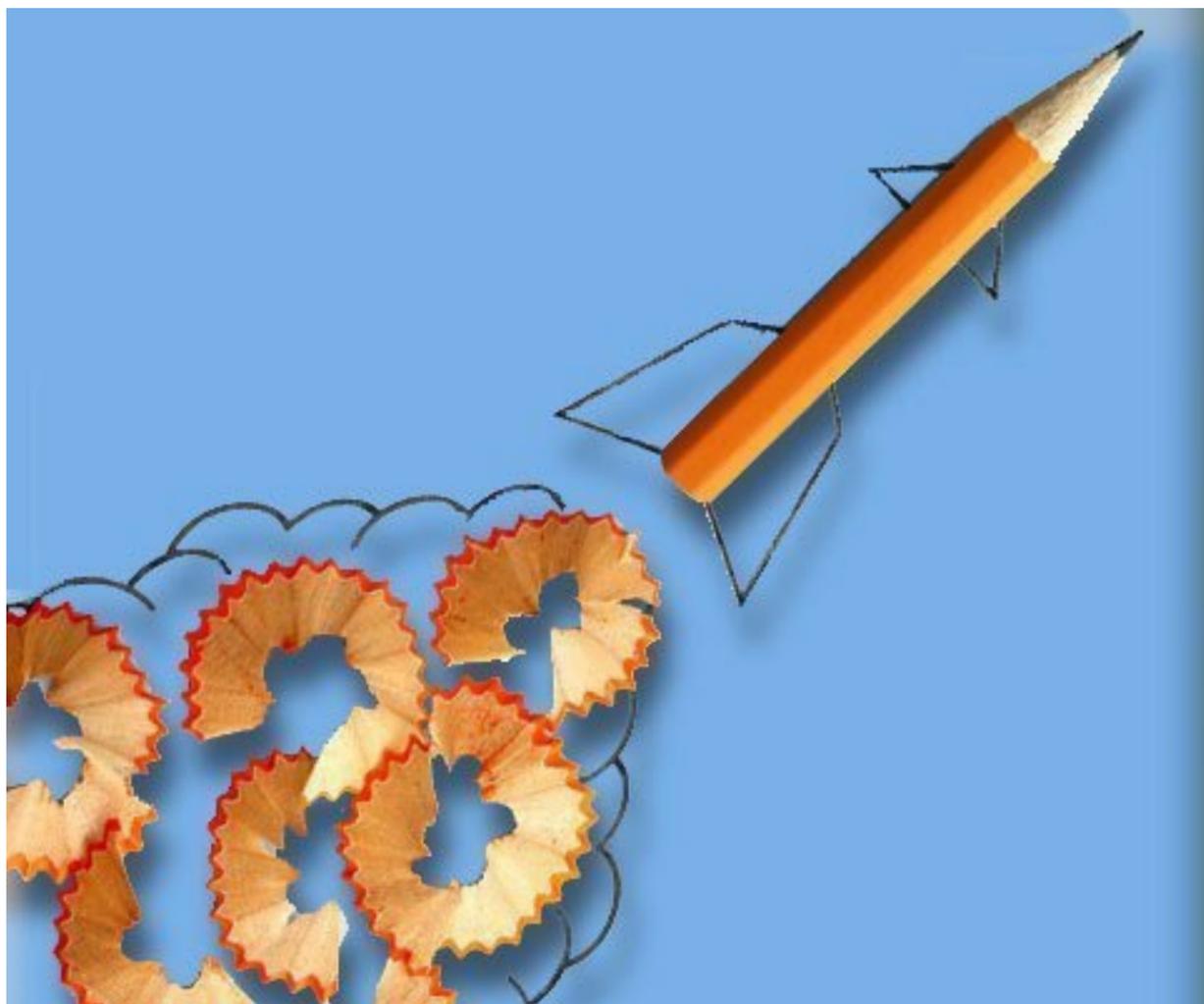


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AU Center For Israel Studies

The 21%: The Lives of Arab Citizens of Israel

Sunday, May 19, 4:30 PM

AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

Join us for our 9th annual in-depth exploration of the daily lives and challenges of Arab Citizens of Israel. The program will feature screenings of two mid-length films—*Freedom Train* from director Tawfik Abu Wael, and *Be/Longing* by Amit Breuer—followed by a conversation with the main subject of *Be/Longing*, Amal Rihan and JDC Israel Tevet's Director of Employment Programs for Arabs and for Career Advancement, Suzan Hasan. The discussion will be moderated by Ron Gerlitz, Co-Executive Director, Sikkuy: The Association for the Advancement of Civic Equality. Both the films and the conversation to follow center on the challenges faced by Arab women in Israel regarding career opportunities, racism, and the struggle for equal treatment. For more information

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Monday, May 20, 7:30 at the AFI Silver Theatre in Silver Spring, MD

Wednesday, May 22, 6:15 PM at the Bethesda Row Cinema

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A Farewell From Our Board of Directors Chair

THE HAND-OFF

The shelf life of an OLLI at AU Board Chair is short, and my sell-by date has arrived. Our good fortune is that Vice Chair Martha Cutts is stepping up to lead the Board and membership. Martha has a distinguished record of achievement in her 47-year career in education serving as Assistant Head of the National Cathedral School as well as Director of Cathedral's Upper School. She concluded her career as Head of the Washington Public Latin Charter School. Highly diverse and with a classics-based curriculum, Washington Latin is ranked as one of the very best public high schools in the city.

Hunter Rawlings, a member of the school's Board of Governors and former president of Cornell University, says of Martha, "As Head of the Washington Latin Public Charter School almost from its inception, she built it into a first-rate learning environment in which children thrive, work hard, and graduate with excellent opportunities to attend colleges of every kind. Martha has left the strongest of legacies, as thousands of parents in Washington, DC recognize."

Concluding their terms on the Board are three valued OLLI leaders, Dave Palmeter, Betsy White, and Gloria Kreisman. John Aldock, Mark Nadel, and Linda Kiser are joining as new directors, and Myra Barron is returning to the Board for her second term. So much talent coming and going!

It's been a good year for OLLI at AU. Now extending into the summer months, our academic program has grown, offering a record 256 Fall, Spring, Mini, and Short courses. Committed and

knowledgeable study group leaders are, of course, at the heart of the OLLI mission, and this year 36 new SGLs have been recruited to our talent pool. Our finances are solid. We are concluding the budget year with a surplus and the Friends of OLLI Fund is growing. During his first year as Executive Director, Tony Long has demonstrated skill, vision, and confidence in leading his staff and managing our program.

The new strategic plan is helping us monitor and moderate our membership growth so that we don't overwhelm our space or our faculty. The OLLI-American University relationship continues to strengthen. This year the AU College of Arts and Sciences joined the line-up of university schools and departments offering OLLI courses, and several distinguished AU faculty members were featured in our lecture program. The number of OLLI members partnering with international graduate students for cultural exchange has doubled during the past year.

So many people to appreciate and admire: study group leaders, staff members, committee chairs, donors, Board members, volunteers. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve this past year. My principal takeaway is that at OLLI, as in most worthwhile endeavors, it takes a village. And the best is yet to come.

See you in class,
Denise

Thank you, thank you!

May saw a flurry of thank-you events for members who help make the OLLI at AU community special. We expressed our gratitude to some of our most generous donors at a late-afternoon reception. The Spring SGL luncheon featured service pins for all those with more than five years of teaching to their credit. (Linda Freeman, Irwin Lebow, and Arnold Leibowitz, and Jenny Pierson all earned 20-year pins!) Also at the luncheon, door-prize winners walked off with a variety of treats and tables of SGLs competed in a trivia contest. OLLI key chains and more door prizes (an apple tarte for a family celebration, a hand-knit scarf to ward off the chill in Room A, and a big bag of macaroons for when all else fails) were given at the volunteer appreciation coffee hour. To round out the morning, guitar-strumming troubadour Steven Cutts serenaded volunteers with a musical expression of appreciation (click [here](#) to view the lyrics). Thank you to one and all!

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June 15-August 11, 2019 and September 3-October 20, 2019

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Crossing Boundaries & Breaking Borders: DMV Printmaking

June 15-August 11, 2019

Curated by Matthew McLaughlin

Presented by the Alper Initiative for Washington Art

The District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) region is full of boundaries and borders, both physical—like the state lines that divide these artists—and imagined—political ideology, economic class, gender identity, religious belief. These boundaries delineate spaces, groups, ideas, and more, but they are easily walked over, pushed through, and broken down. Furthermore, the artists featured in *Crossing Boundaries and Breaking Borders: DMV Printmaking* also question, push, and break down the traditional notions of what printmaking is as a technique, how it can be used, and how printmaking can be defined.

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Letter From The Chair



Some old Board members are out; new voices have been brought in. The Chair has stepped aside; new leadership is now in place.

You might think this was the drama of a hostile corporate merger or a palace coup . . . but, in fact, it is merely OLLI's annual process of adjusting the oversight of this thriving organization. Instead of representing radical, discombobulating upset, our new Board lineup represents continuity.

While we thank Gloria Kreisman, Dave Palmeter, and Betsy White for their years of thoughtful Board service, we welcome John Aldock, Linda Kiser, and Mark Nadel. Far from having been deposed, Denise Liebowitz remains on the Board as an ongoing voice of institutional wisdom. We are all grateful for her outstanding leadership in 2018-2019 and her commitment to OLLI. As I assume the duties of Chair, I am supported by Board officers Judy Havemann as Vice Chair, Alan Hausman as Secretary, and Jo Anne Friedenthal as Treasurer.

OLLI at AU, this organization which plays an important role in our lives, is led day in and day out with such professionalism by Executive Director Tony Long and the strong team he has built. Photos and bios of each of the 5 staff members and our two interns will soon be available on the

OLLI website, which will help you recognize staff members if you stop by the office.

315 members took part in June Minis, and 185 have thus far signed up for July Shorts. These relatively new summer programs are allowing us to make good use of the space which we rent year-round. If you haven't yet signed up for a July Short, be sure to do so before the lottery deadline next Tuesday, July 2! You will be able to check the website to see the fall offerings as of July 23; the catalog should arrive in the mail a couple of weeks after that. The Curriculum Committee has been hard at work shaping the offerings for the coming fall.

If OLLI went in for an annual physical exam, the doctor would proclaim it fit as a fiddle with a promising lifetime ahead of it!

Best wishes for a Happy 4th of July,

Martha Cutts

Chair, OLLI Board of Directors

Office Closed July 4-5 And No Newsletter Next Friday

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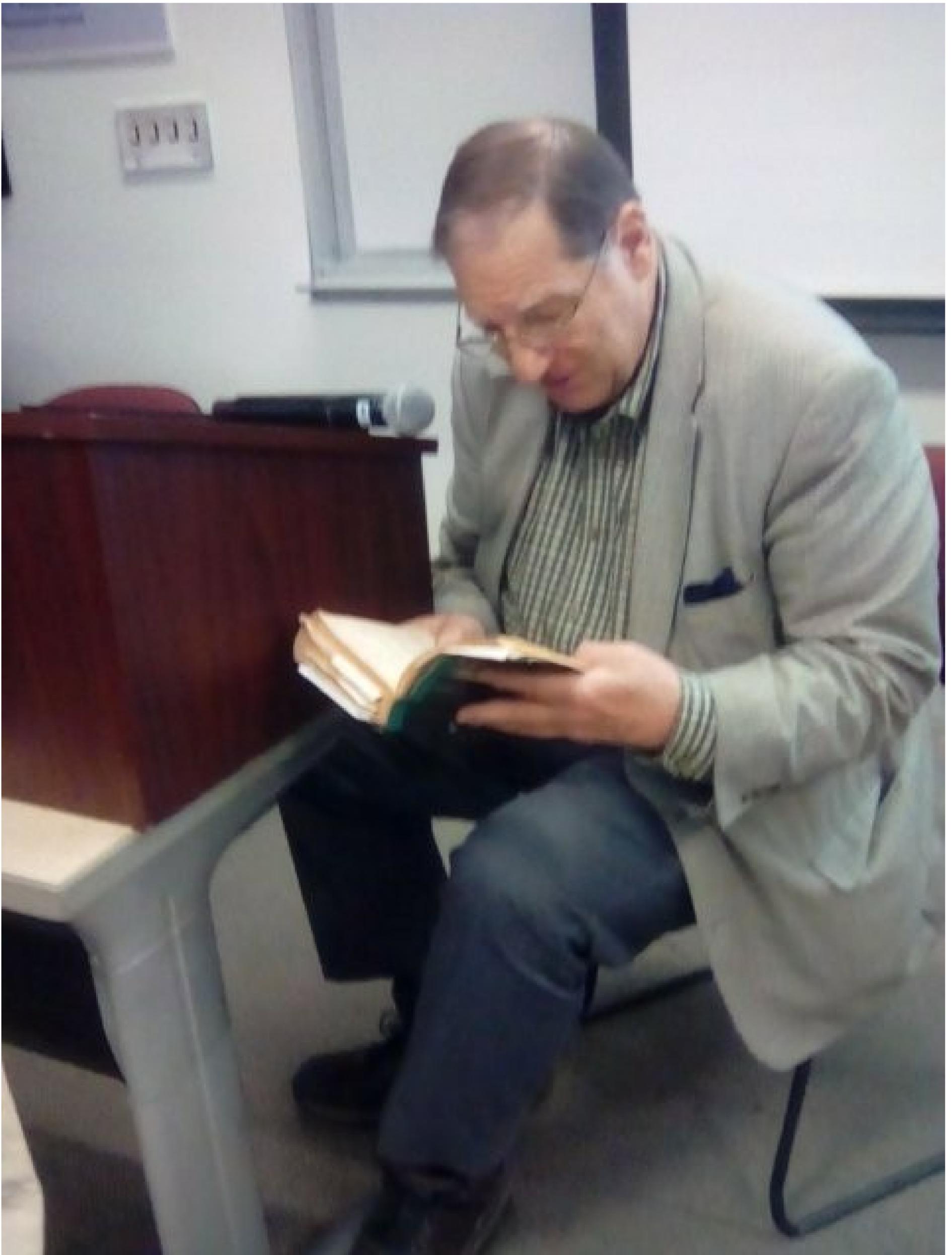
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- o plastic bags by the back door of Room A

- o food for compost and mixed recycling in the lobby
- o printer cartridges and cell phones at AU's library

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- o Bring a reusable water bottle or coffee mug to class with you
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Transportation

- o Walk to OLLI if you live nearby
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African Twilight

A Forty Year Odyssey Meets the Return of a Legend

Film screening, August 1, 6:30PM

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July Shorts Feedback

We hope you enjoyed the Shorts that ended today. You can provide anonymous feedback about your courses by clicking [here](#). **Feedback will be accepted through next Friday, July 26.** Study Group Leaders, the Curriculum Committee, and the office staff greatly appreciate any feedback that you provide and thoroughly review all of the comments. Study Group Leaders (SGLs) have often told us how much they enjoy reading positive comments from their class members at the end of a session. Feedback can be words of encouragement, letting SGLs know what you most enjoyed about the course, as well as constructive criticism, if any, that might be helpful for next time.

Come Join the Humor Exchange

On Thursday, July 25, there will be a one-hour Humor Exchange at OLLI, to which all members are invited to attend to share jokes, humorous pieces, and stories. We will be showing comedic YouTube videos and welcome suggestions of others to show as well. The humor exchange will be followed by an informal lunch. You are not obliged to bring a humor piece to attend. The event is free, but registration is required. Click [here](#) to register. Please send any humorous pieces that you would like to appear on screen to Bob Kolodney at bobkolive@gmail.com. **The exchange will run from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Room A on the 1st floor, followed by lunch at 12:00 PM in the 5th Floor Social Space.**

***Citizen Kane: What Makes It Great?* A Lecture by Dan Sherman**

Made nearly 80 years ago, *Citizen Kane* was immediately recognized for its technical brilliance and

creative energy. This lecture will describe the making of this great film, its creators, and the controversies behind it. **OLLI Study Group Leader Dan Sherman will be holding this event on Thursday, July 25, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in Room A on the 1st floor** of our Spring Valley building. There is no cost to attend, but please register by clicking [here](#).

Support Environmental Sustainability

Last week, we shared some ways that OLLI members can participate in environmental sustainability at AU. Below are some more ways you can get involved and learn more:

- Learn about and/or tour the AU Arboretum -

<https://www.american.edu/finance/facilities/Arboretum-and-Gardens.cfm>. You can also volunteer with the Campus Beautification Day held annually in April.

- Attend films and events with AU's Center for Environmental Filmmaking -

<http://www.american.edu/soc/cef/>

- Attend events on policy and environmental issues with AU's Center for Environmental Policy

- <https://www.american.edu/spa/cep/>

Bastille Day Celebration

To all who attended our Bastille Day festivities last Friday:

Thanks for coming, and particularly for bringing fine comestibles, music and a lively holiday spirit. Charles de Gaulle would have been pleased to note the atmosphere in the very capital of the US which could easily be mistaken for "Quebec Libre" There were about 50 of us, and we were able to carry out an excellent dress rehearsal for blowout that followed (when the over-consumption of champagne and other alcoholic beverages is encouraged). Unfortunately, not everyone appears in the photos included because many of those taken were too blurry to be used - we have to look into getting a better photographer (and projectionist).

- *Bob Kolodney*, OLLI Member and coordinator of this event







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July 20, 3-4:30PM

Anthropologist Delande Justinvil, who served as one of the curators on this exhibition, will be joined by historians and activists from historic black communities of Montgomery County and Dr. Adrienne Pine for a talk on Plans to Prosper You. Free and open to all, no RSVP required.

African Twilight

A Forty Year Odyssey Meets the Return of a Legend

Film screening, August 1, 6:30PM

Angela Fisher and Carol Beckwith have spent over 40 years traversing the African continent photographing the vanishing rituals, ceremonies and cultures of Africa. This documentary by Realitymediaonline documents the spectacular launch of their double volume book of the vanishing

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Summer Open House at Forest Hills of DC

An information session on the new Assisted Living Respite Program and Referral and Move-In Programs will be held on **Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 4:00 PM - 6:30PM**. Come join us to hear details on services and price points. There will also be a walking tour of apartments at Forest Hills. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshing spirits will be provided. We are located at 4901 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008. **Please RSVP by August 1 to Marianna Blagburn at mblagburn@foresthillsdc.life**

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December 6, 2019 OLLI News

Holiday Party & Art Show

The OLLI Board of Directors invites you to our annual **Holiday Party & Art Show** taking place on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM**. The location will be in our Spring Valley building in the cafeteria on the 6th floor. There will be guest musicians, The AU Artifacts, wine and hors d'oeuvres. The cost to attend is \$30, no refunds. We hope to see you there! To register, click [here](#).

2020 Programs

Please note that catalogs for the **Spring 2020 semester and February 2020 Shorts program will become available within the last week of this month**. There will be a mass mailing of the catalogs and they will also be available online. February Shorts will be held from February 3-7, and the Spring semester will begin March 2.

Wanted: Study Group Rep Coordinator

OLLI is looking for an additional volunteer to serve as Study Group Representative (SGR) Coordinator alongside Ginny DeRoze and Jacqui Gallagher. 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, calling class members who haven't attended so a waitlist spot can be opened up, letting the office know of any technology problems in the classroom, and circulating the class thank you card, among other duties.)*

Some study group leaders select their own SGRs. Otherwise, SGR Coordinators are provided with a list of members who have expressed interest in being SGR for each study group, or the attendance list if there are no volunteers. Coordinators then call members before classes start in order to find an

SGR for each study group. For more information about being an SGR Coordinator, or if you're interested in volunteering for this role, please e-mail olli@american.edu.

Awesome Opportunity: Join an OLLI Remote Learning Pilot

In 2020, OLLI will be offering a remote-learning pilot in 2020 to be led by OLLI veteran SGL Carol Light. We are seeking 8-10 reasonably tech-savvy volunteers to take part. Participants will need a laptop or tablet equipped with a video camera and microphone and Zoom, a free videoconferencing software that can be downloaded from the internet. Zoom allows users to participate in group discussions with the capability to see and hear each other and to share materials, including videos.

The pilot will consist of three sessions. The first session will be held at OLLI so we can make sure participants have the necessary hardware and software and review the basics of connecting and participating online in Zoom. Members will participate from home (using Zoom) in the second and third sessions. During the second session, members will view a short video on a topic of general interest, then discuss it just as in any OLLI study group. During the third (and last) session, members will provide feedback on participating remotely, the Zoom format in relation to the OLLI study group model, and how OLLI might use remote learning in the future.

We hope to hold the pilot in January, but please let us know if you are interested in participating regardless of when the pilot is held. To do so, please fill out the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V7Y99MZ>. If you have any questions, please e-mail Mary Fran Miklitsch, maryfran@american.edu, and Carol Light, clightdc@hotmail.com. Further details will be provided along with a survey to determine which three dates in January work best for the most members.

Fall Final Feedback

As you finish your study group(s) for the semester, please take a few minutes to complete the final feedback form that is available on the OLLI website [here](#).

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Feedback will be accepted online through Monday, December 9.

James Joyce Birthday Celebration

On Friday, January 31, we will celebrate acclaimed author James Joyce's birthday. Readings will be conducted on the eighth and ninth chapters of *Ulysses*. All OLLI members are welcome at this free event, but registration is required. Registration can be completed through the Events Calendar page of our website, found [here](#). We are also seeking readers for the party, so if you are interested, please contact Bob Kolodney at bobkolive@gmail.com.

Member Essays

The class members in this fall's class, *Best Recent Essays to Read and Write*, read a dozen recent American essays. They ranged widely in subject matter from spying in North Korea to the Women's March in Washington, as well as more personal topics. We observed their organizing principles, their levels of language, their closeness to the reader. Then, some class members began to write their own essays. They read them to the class, listened to comments, and accepted applause. We felt that those writers who wanted to share their work should do so. We hope you will enjoy them. ~ Susan Willens

Please click [here](#) to view the essays.

Extra Books After a Study Group?

With the semester coming to a close, this is a reminder that if there are any books from the semester that you no longer need, they may be donated to the **OLLI book exchange located in the Social Space on the 5th floor**. Members are welcome to donate books from past study groups, as well as take books you'd like. There is a box with slips of paper to fill out, pens, and paper clips in the book exchange area. If you donate a book, please fill out the paper with as much information as possible (title, number, and leader of the study group in which it was used) then clip it to the cover of the book. The book exchange will be ongoing.

Are You A Member of A Retirement Association?

Last year, as part of OLLI at AU's diversity efforts, OLLI representatives spoke at meetings of the retirement organizations of the National Education Association (NEA), the State Department, and the World Health Organization (WHO). Also, the 1818 Society (of the World Bank) recently included an article about OLLI in its newsletter. We hope to continue speaking with such groups. If you are a member of a similar organization, please let us know by calling 202-895-4860 or e-mailing olli@american.edu.

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Radical Link: A New Community of Women, 1855-2020

Curated by Sarah Gordon

November 9-December 15, 2019

Radical Link is the latest project by Tel Aviv-based multi-media artist Michal Heiman. Traversing time, space, gender, race, and institutional practices of asylum, Heiman offers a new way to extend solidarity to those who engage in acts of resistance by creating a new community. It includes women who have been subjugated by the Surrey County Asylum in London, and the San Servolo Asylum in Venice, asylum seekers, artists, activists, prosecutors, gatekeepers, and those who have suffered under the violence of racism and misogyny. Through the strategies of intervention and the use of archival materials, photographs, films, sound work, and her presence in the gallery, she generates the political, cultural, gendered, and psychic conditions of a potential "radical link."

The exhibition is accompanied by a fully illustrated book, including essays by curator Sarah Gordon; Sharon Sliwinski, Professor of Information and Media Studies at the University of Western Ontario; Orna Ben-Naftali, Émile Zola Chair for Human Rights and Lecturer at the Haim Striks School of Law; and artist Michal Heiman.

Dark World: Photographs by Frank Hallam Day

November 9-December 15, 2019

Over the past dozen years, Frank Hallam Day's personal work has been devoted largely to exploring the world at night. The visually intriguing dark world offers mysteries and ambiguities, and lends itself to the introspective creative space he prefers. His work comments on a number of salient themes: the relationship between contemporary society and nature and the pace of technological change, aging, isolation, and obsolescence. The markedly formal, unabashedly elegiac images also investigate influences from the history of painting to a degree unusual in contemporary photography. Day's work has been described as "intimate yet subtly epic." He looks for an "annunciatory light" transforming everyday things, like plastic market bags and public phones, into objects of special significance. In the words of Louis Jacobson at the Washington City Paper, he "showers a ray of almost spiritual light into the night's dark corners."

Ongoing Exhibitions:

Topographies of Life: Pam Rogers, Lynn Sures, Mel Watkin

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2020 February Shorts & Spring Semester

Online registration for the February Shorts and the Spring semester will open Monday. Catalogs are at the printer and will be mailed by Dec. 27. February Shorts will be held from February 3-7, and the Spring semester will begin March 2. Remember: OLLI does not process registration as first-come, first-served. All registrations go into a random, computerized lottery.

2020 January Lectures

Save the dates! January lectures will be held from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in Room A on these Tuesdays and Thursdays: Jan. 7 and 9, 14 and 16, and 21 and 23.

2020 Winter/Spring Music-Theatre Group

Alliance for New Music-Theatre is pleased to announce their 2020 Winter/Spring season of "Live & About." They have put together a very energetic and eclectic program for this Winter/Spring season with outings to six different productions in the DC area.

"Live & About" is an outreach and community engagement series representing different Washington, DC theatre companies and shows across the spectrum of music-theatre.

Participants will enjoy the experience of attending performances as a group, expanding their appetites and critical appreciation for new forms, and supporting a variety of large and smaller music-theatre companies in our nation's capital. After each show, they will have the opportunity to deepen their experience by engaging with other group members in an informal gathering and sharing in discussions to understand the deeper intentions of the show's creators. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Awesome Opportunity:

Join an OLLI Remote Learning Pilot

In 2020, OLLI will be offering a remote-learning pilot in 2020 to be led by OLLI veteran SGL Carol Light. We are seeking 8-10 reasonably tech-savvy volunteers to take part. Participants will need a laptop or tablet equipped with a video camera and microphone and Zoom, a free videoconferencing software that can be downloaded from the internet. Zoom allows users to participate in group discussions with the capability to see and hear each other and to share materials, including videos.

The pilot will consist of three sessions. The first session will be held at OLLI so we can make sure participants have the necessary hardware and software and review the basics of connecting and participating online in Zoom. Members will participate from home (using Zoom) in the second and third sessions. During the second session, members will view a short video on a topic of general interest, then discuss it just as in any OLLI study group. During the third (and last) session, members will provide feedback on participating remotely, the Zoom format in relation to the OLLI study group model, and how OLLI might use remote learning in the future.

We hope to hold the pilot in January, but please let us know if you are interested in participating regardless of when the pilot is held. To do so, please fill out the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V7Y99MZ>. If you have any questions, please e-mail Mary Fran Miklitsch, maryfran@american.edu, and Carol Light, clightdc@hotmail.com. Further details will be provided along with a survey to determine which three dates in January work best for the most members.

Wanted: Study Group Rep Coordinator

OLLI is looking for an additional volunteer to serve as Study Group Representative (SGR) Coordinator alongside Ginny DeRoze and Jacqui Gallagher. For each academic session— Fall and Spring semesters, February and July Shorts, and June Minis—coordinators help to identify SGRs for the study groups. (SGRs play a vital role in ensuring classes run smoothly: taking attendance, making announcements, calling class members who haven't attended so a waitlist spot can be opened up, letting the office know of any technology issues, and circulating the class thank you card, among other duties.)

Some study group leaders select their own SGRs. Otherwise, SGR Coordinators are provided with a list of members who have expressed interest in being SGR, or the attendance list if there are no volunteers. Coordinators call members before classes start in order to find an SGR for each study group. For more information about being an SGR Coordinator, or if you're interested in volunteering for this role, please e-mail olli@american.edu.

James Joyce Birthday Celebration

On Friday, January 31, we will celebrate acclaimed author James Joyce's birthday. Readings will be conducted of the eighth and ninth chapters of *Ulysses*. All OLLI members are welcome at this free event, but registration is required. Registration can be completed through the Events page of our website, found [here](#). We are also seeking readers for the party, so if you are interested, please contact Bob Kolodney at bobkolive@gmail.com.

Member Essays

The class members in this fall's class, *Best Recent Essays to Read and Write*, read a dozen recent American essays. They ranged widely in subject matter from spying in North Korea to the

Women's March in Washington, as well as more personal topics. We observed their organizing principles, their levels of language, their closeness to the reader. Then, some class members began to write their own essays. They read them to the class, listened to comments, and accepted applause. We felt that those writers who wanted to share their work should do so. We hope you will enjoy them.

— Susan Willens

Please click [here](#) to view the essays.

Are You a Member of a Retirement Association?

Last year, as part of OLLI at AU's diversity efforts, OLLI representatives spoke at meetings of the retirement organizations of the National Education Association (NEA), the State Department, and the World Health Organization (WHO). Also, the 1818 Society (of the World Bank) recently included an article about OLLI in its newsletter. We hope to continue speaking with such groups. If you are a member of a similar organization, please let us know by calling 202-895-4860 or e-mailing olli@american.edu.

Upcoming Events at American University

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

LATE FALL EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS AT THE AU MUSEUM-KATZEN ARTS CENTER

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

Free and fully accessible

Radical Link: A New Community of Women, 1855-2020

Curated by Sarah Gordon

November 9-December 15, 2019

Radical Link is the latest project by Tel Aviv-based multi-media artist Michal Heiman. Traversing time, space, gender, race, and institutional practices of asylum, Heiman offers a new way to extend solidarity to those who engage in acts of resistance by creating a new community. It includes women who have been subjugated by the Surrey County Asylum in London, and the San Servolo Asylum in Venice, asylum seekers, artists, activists, prosecutors, gatekeepers, and those who have suffered under the violence of racism and misogyny. Through the strategies of intervention and the use of archival materials, photographs, films, sound work, and her presence in the gallery, she generates the political, cultural, gendered, and psychic conditions of a potential "radical link."

Dark World: Photographs by Frank Hallam Day

November 9-December 15, 2019

Over the past dozen years, Frank Hallam Day's personal work has been devoted largely to exploring the world at night. The visually intriguing dark world offers mysteries and ambiguities, and lends itself to the introspective creative space he prefers. His work comments on a number of salient themes: the relationship between contemporary society and nature and the pace of technological change, aging, isolation, and obsolescence. The markedly formal, unabashedly elegiac images also investigate influences from the history of painting to a degree unusual in contemporary photography. Day's work has been described as "intimate yet subtly epic." He looks for an "annunciatory light" transforming everyday things, like plastic market bags and public

phones, into objects of special significance. In the words of Louis Jacobson at the *Washington City Paper*, he “showers a ray of almost spiritual light into the night’s dark corners.”

Ongoing Exhibitions:

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