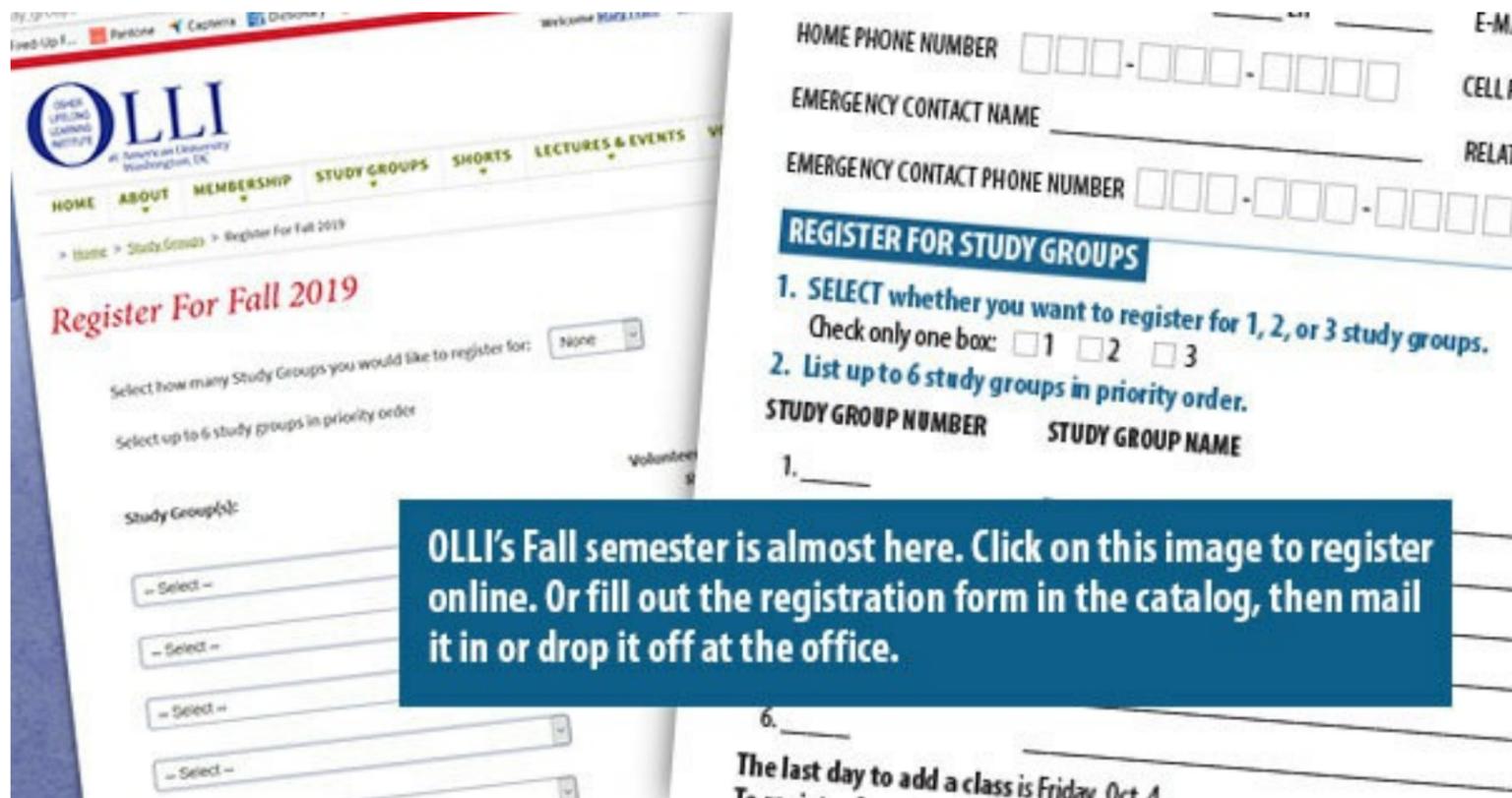




Where Curiosity Never Retires

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Registration for the fall semester is open. Fall catalogs have been mailed. Online registration is also available. **The lottery for class assignments is on September 3. The fall semester starts the week of September 23.** To register online, please click [here](#).

Study Group #612 Cancelled

The study group, *Cours de Lecture et Conversation en Français*, has been cancelled by the SGL for the fall semester. The few people who had registered for this class were contacted. We apologize for the inconvenience but hope to have the study group again next semester! This notice was posted on website too. To view, click [here](#).

Books at Politics & Prose

There is a listing of book availability at the Politics and Prose bookstore on our website. Some books are not available and some are pay-to-order only. For books not available in-store, suggestions of other online booksellers are listed. For detailed information on book availability, please click [here](#).

Steve Sherman Presentation

Steve Sherman will give a presentation of his recent 10-day study tour of Poland. He was part of a delegation of “American Jewish leaders” invited by the Polish government to learn, engage, and dialogue about Poland’s history, present, and future. The tour occurred at a time of controversy between Poland and the Jewish diaspora/Israel as well as at a time when Poland is seeking stronger ties with the US. Meetings were held with Jewish community members (temples/JCCs) and government representatives (Ministries of Justice/Foreign Affairs). The tour group had special tours

of museums like Solidarity, WWII, History of Polish Jews, and Auschwitz, and attended the Jewish Festival.

Poland has had a long, rich, and tragic history of uneasy co-existence with its Jews. In 1939, Poland was the cultural center of the Jewish world, but also was experiencing rising anti-Semitism. WWII brought the near annihilation of Poland's 3,000 Jews by the Nazis, and many of its remaining survivors were expelled by Poland's anti-Zionist Communists in 1968. Non-Jewish Poles were also victims of the Nazis/Soviets as Poland was attacked and divided up by Germany and the Soviet Union. Today, Poland has a fledgling Jewish community of about 10,000 and there are efforts to revitalize it. Poland has preserved Auschwitz with its historical lessons and is seen by more than 2,000 visitors annually. In contrast, the Parliament has enacted, almost unanimously, a law penalizing accusers of Poles for their complicity with the Nazis. Poland is also seeking a NATO base in its country because of its concern about possible Russian aggression.

Steve spent most of his career as a trial attorney with the US Justice Department and also served in President Clinton's White House Counsel's Office. He was a past Chair of the Federal Bar Association Tax Section, and served on the Federal Interagency Holocaust Committee. He has been attending classes at OLLI for the past couple of years.

Steven Pearlstein to Speak at Book Club Meeting

The third annual OLLI Book Club will discuss the incisive and provocative book by acclaimed Pulitzer Prize author and *Washington Post* columnist Steven Pearlstein, *Can American Capitalism Survive?* This book is particularly relevant, given the current political climate. We hope many members will read the book and come to the discussion, which will be led by Pearlstein. **The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 18, at 10:00 AM in Room A.** There is no cost to attend. Please click [here](#) to register. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Newman at stanleynewman@prodigy.net.

Fall 2019 Music-Theatre Group

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 small 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.

Performances include *LOVE SICK*, *The Tempest*, *Havel's Protest & Vaněk Unleashed*, and *Season of Advent and Light*. For more information and to register, please click [here](#). The **registration deadline is Friday, August 30.**

Join OLLI at AU and the Alliance for New Music-Theatre for the 10th season of "*Live & About.*" An energetic and eclectic program has been put together for this fall with outings to different productions across the spectrum of music-theatre in the DC area.

Become an OLLI Welcomer

Last fall, we implemented a Welcomer program to welcome each new OLLI member individually before the start of classes. Welcomers contact new members by phone to review basic information about OLLI and our facilities (including parking!), and to answer any questions. Welcomers then touch base with new members by e-mail during the semester and, at its end, find out how it went. Each Welcomer is typically responsible for 3-4 new members. Although many of our veteran Welcomers will be on the job again this fall, **we need additional volunteers.** If you are

interested in serving as a Welcomer (**and have never served as one before**), please send an e-mail to olli@american.edu by the end of the day on **Friday, August 23**. After that, Coordinator John Bargeron will be in touch with you.

We will review Welcomer responsibilities in detail at an **orientation meeting on Monday, September 9, at 11:00 AM in Room 3** on the 5th floor. All first-time Welcomers are urged to attend. If you are interested in serving as a Welcomer but cannot attend the meeting, please email olli@american.edu.

Baseball Tickets!

We have several tickets to a Washington Nationals baseball game on September 3 at 7 PM. They will be playing against the New York Mets. Please contact the office if you're interested. A big thank-you to OLLI member Stanley Cohen for providing these tickets!

Books from the Levenbook Library

The daughter of Sandra Levenbook, long-time Study Group Leader, who passed away recently, donated Sandra's books to OLLI members to take. Most of the books focus on European, Middle Eastern, or Russian history, as well as some miscellaneous titles related to history and politics. Feel free to peruse the collection in the Social Space (Spring Valley Building, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 5th Floor) and take as many books as you want.



Housing Program

OLLI at AU is working with the American University School of Public Affairs (SPA) to gauge interest of OLLI members in providing accommodations to SPA graduate students in exchange for rent and/or agreed-upon services. Many graduate students from across the country come each year to AU, and need housing while they study for two years towards earning a Master's degree or four years towards a PhD from SPA.

Each SPA student seeking housing prepares an online form providing relevant personal information as well as the type of housing he or she is seeking. Interested OLLI at AU members can contact the office (202-895-4860) to get the list of such data and contact the student directly

online, by e-mail and/or by phone.

If you are interested and/or would like more information, please e-mail OLLI at AU at olli@american.edu.

AroundTownDC

[AroundTownDC](#) is a website sponsored by the District of Columbia Office on Aging and Iona. The website is an event directory for people age 60 and up to learn about programs and activities, and get involved in Wards 2 & 3.

Upcoming Events at American University

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

FALL EVENTS AT THE AU MUSEUM-KATZEN ARTS CENTER

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

Free and fully accessible

Early Fall Opening Reception

Saturday, September 7, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Free and open to all

Grace Hartigan and Helene Herzbrun: Reframing Abstract Expressionism

September 3-October 20, 2019

Curated by Norma Broude, American University Art History Professor Emerita

Free and open to all, no RSVP required

Grace Hartigan (1922-2008) and Helene Herzbrun (1922-1984) were both remarkable painters of the second Abstract-Expressionist generation who lived and worked as influential artists and teachers in the Baltimore/Washington region for many decades. This show brings together more than two dozen large-scale and rarely seen works by Hartigan and Herzbrun from private and public collections, many in the Baltimore/Washington area. For more details, click [here](#).

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

September 3-December 15, 2019

Curated by Jennifer Riddell, Presented by the AU Museum Project Space

Using the medium of drawing to varied and distinctive effect, Rogers, Sures, and Watkin trace human connections to the natural world—across time and varied landscapes. The three artists work from both a consciousness of drawing's ties to illustration and evidence; and, the medium's unique ability to transmit the artist's "hand" and personal response to their subject. From the deserts of Kenya, forests of the Midwest, to the Potomac watershed, these artists are deeply attuned to the mutually affecting relationship between the anthropological and natural worlds.

There will be a gallery talk on Saturday, September 7, from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM, followed by the Fall Opening Reception. Please RSVP for the talk [here](#).

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