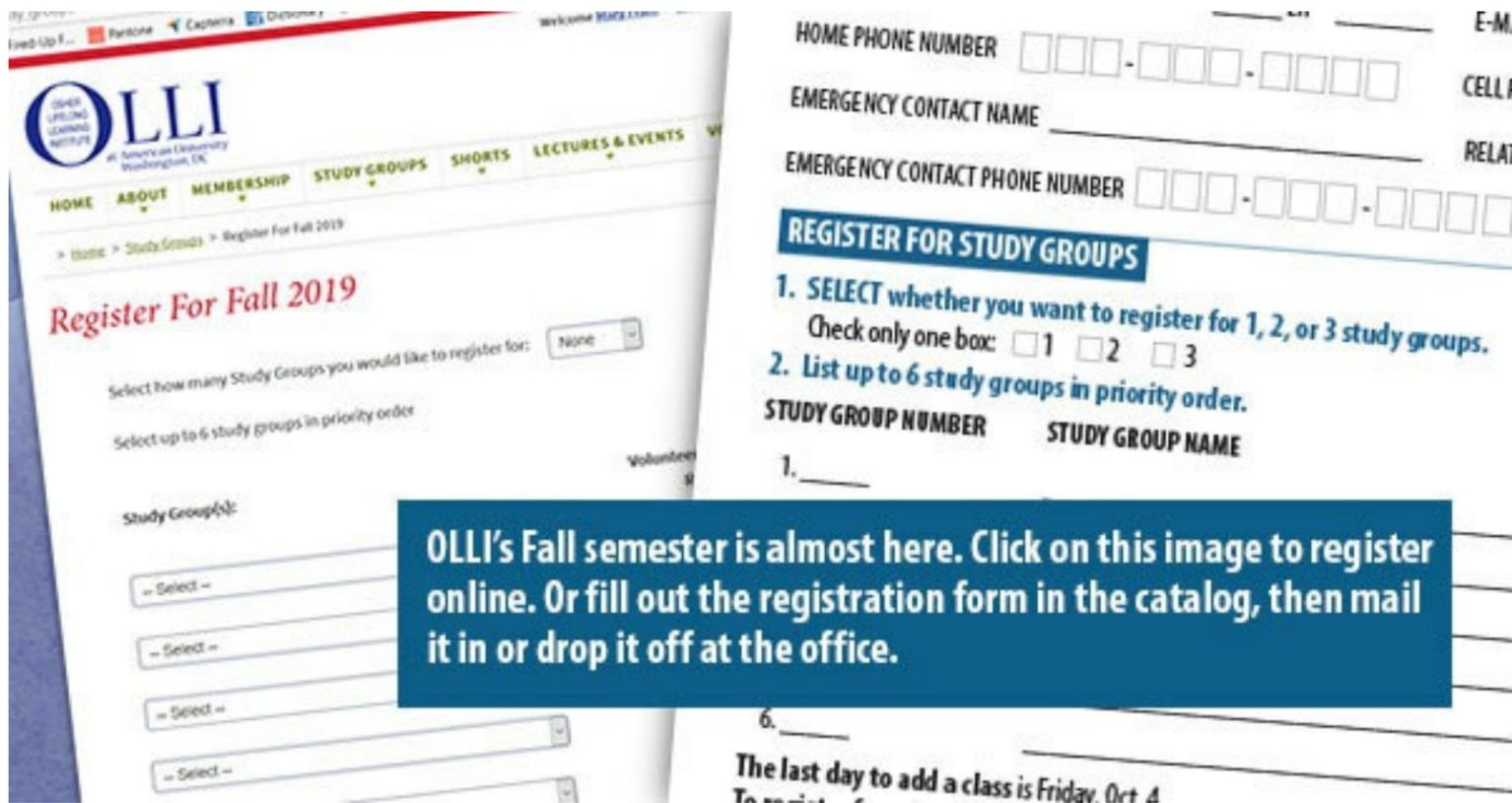




Where Curiosity Never Retires

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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 Tuesday, September 3. The fall semester starts the week of September 23.** To register online, please 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](#).

A Talk with Steve Sherman: Polish Tour

Steve Sherman will give a presentation of his recent 10-day study tour of Poland (Gdansk, Warsaw, Krakow). He was honored to be part of a delegation of American Jewish leaders invited by the Polish government to learn about Poland and to foster Polish and Jewish dialogue. 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 U.S. Meetings were held with Jewish community members (temples/JCCs) and government representatives (Ministries of Justice/Foreign Affairs). The group had special tours of museums like Solidarity, WWII, History of Polish Jews, and Auschwitz, and attended the Jewish Cultural 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 was also experiencing rising anti-Semitism. WWII brought the near annihilation of Poland's three million 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 as Poland was attacked and divided up by Germany and the Soviet Union. Today, Poland has a fledgling Jewish community of about ten thousand and there are efforts to grow and revitalize it. Poland has preserved Auschwitz with its historical lessons and is seen by more than two million annual visitors. In contrast, the Parliament has enacted, almost unanimously, a law penalizing those who accuse Poland of complicity in Nazi atrocities. 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 U.S. Justice Department. He also served in President Clinton's White House Counsel's Office, clerked for a U.S. District Court Judge, and was a past Chair of the Federal Bar Association Tax Section. He served on the Federal Inter-agency Holocaust Committee and is the son of Polish holocaust survivors.

This event will be held on Thursday, September 12 at 11:00 AM in our Spring Valley building (4801 Mass. Ave. NW) in Room A on the first floor. To register, click [here](#).

We Want You: Become a Welcomer



We are still short of volunteers needed to welcome each new OLLI member individually before the start of classes. Welcomers contact new members by phone to go over basic information about OLLI and our facilities (including parking!), answer questions, and then touch base a couple of times during the semester. Each Welcomer is normally 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, please send an e-mail to olli@american.edu by the end of the day on **Friday, August 30**.

We will review Welcomer responsibilities in detail at an **orientation meeting on Monday, September 9 at 11:00 AM** in Room A on the 1st floor of our Spring Valley building. All first-time Welcomers are urged to attend. If you are willing to serve as a Welcomer but cannot attend the meeting, please let us know.

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, 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.

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.

Books from the Levenbrook 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.

Upcoming Events at American University

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. Accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue, with an essay by Norma Broude, 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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