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## May 10, 2019 OLLI NEWS

### Reminder: June Minis Registration

Please note that registration for the June Minis session is still open. There are 28 study groups being offered - 20 of which are new - and 10 new study group leaders. From Alfred Hitchcock to comedy improv to knitting, there is sure to be something for everyone. **The lottery to determine which classes you were selected for will take place on May 20.** So, expect an e-mail with your class schedule by the next day. To view June Minis study groups and to register, please visit our website or, click [here](#). Registration for the July Shorts will open June 10. You may view the July study groups [here](#).

### AU Students and OLLI Members Partner Together

The highly successful partnership of OLLI at AU members and students in the university's International Accelerator Program closed out its second academic year with a celebration in late April. **AU's Accelerator Program helps international students transition to the U.S. university system and bridges gaps in language, culture, and academics. Thirty OLLI members are each paired with a student for English-language conversation and cultural exchange.** Each pair develops its own relationship: meeting in coffee shops, sharing dinners in members' homes, exploring DC, celebrating holidays, etc. It has become clear that many of these friendships will endure long beyond the students' time on campus. **Hats off to OLLI-IAP Coordinator Jeanne Kent and AU Student Services Advisor Cindy Jacobs for spearheading this cross-cultural partnership.**



OLLI member Rita Hadden organized an event at the Tenley Library for an executive of Deloitte, a major international consulting firm, to talk to Accelerator graduate students about the company's work culture, recruitment strategies, etc.



OLLI members and their Accelerator student partners at Mount Vernon.

## **We Invite You to a Shakespeare Viewing**

Members of this spring semester's study group *Shakespeare in Performance: Tackling Taming of the Shrew* voted on the movie version they most wanted to see in full. This surprisingly popular, frequently funny, and ambiguous "problem play" will be shown in full, with a brief intermission, followed by time for comments and reactions. The viewing will take place on **Friday, May 17, from 11:45 AM - 3:00 PM in Room A** on the first floor of our Spring Valley Building. The OLLI community is welcome!

## **2019 Bloomsday: Readers Wanted**



If you would like to participate as a reader in this year's OLLI Bloomsday Celebration, please contact Bob Kolodney at [bobkolive@gmail.com](mailto:bobkolive@gmail.com). **The reading will run from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Friday, June 21 in the lecture hall (Room A) at 4801 Mass. Ave. NW**, and will consist of Chapters 5 (Lotus Eaters), 6 (Hades) and 7 (Aeolus) of *Ulysses*. It will be followed by an off-site cast party to which all attendees are invited. If you would like to attend on June 21, please click [here](#). This is a free event, but reservations are required.

## **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](mailto:olli@american.edu).

## **OLLI Volunteering Fair**

OLLI member Bob Croog is proposing a **volunteer fair, to serve as a bridge between OLLI members and members of surrounding communities.** Representatives of other volunteer organizations are welcome. 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](mailto:rdcroog@gmail.com), 301-215-7852.

## **Upcoming Events at American University**

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

### **AU Conference for High Impact Research**

**Monday, May 13, 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM**

**AU Library, Main Campus 440 Mass. Ave.**

Join in a discussion with American University faculty who have new books that explore the theme of identity in various ways. Each faculty member will provide a short summary of their book with a view to working later in the year with the Library to create a public program around the theme of identity featuring these publications. Also, one of the faculty presenters' father is a devoted OLLI member! For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

### **AU Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**

***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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