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## October 4, 2019 OLLI News

### Fall Registration

Fall registration has now ended. The waitlist process has now ended, as well as refunds. Next week, though, you may add a fourth class if it is open. To see which classes are still open, please click [here](#). To add a fourth class, please e-mail or call the office at 202-895-4860.

### Classroom Access

Please be aware that a number of OLLI classrooms have AU classes that meet in them prior to OLLI's 9:45 AM classes. These AU classes are from 8:00-9:30 AM. If you notice that there is a class in the room when you arrive, **please do not enter the classroom until after it lets out at 9:30 AM**. Entering while the class is still in session is disruptive to the instructor and students. We have been fortunate in the past to have access to these rooms prior to 9:30 AM, but OLLI's lease allows for access to these rooms from 9:45 AM-3:15 PM. The 15 minutes between the end of AU classes and the start of OLLI's classes is a short period of time, but we share these rooms with AU. Thank you for your help with this.

### Serendipities!

We have held our first Social Committee-sponsored series called *Serendipities!* Throughout the year, OLLI members who wish, for example, to share a thought-provoking or unusual experience, talk about a book they have written, or be part of a small panel on a timely topic can express their interest by e-mailing Social Committee Chair Jeff Porter at [jeff.portermia@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.portermia@gmail.com). We also encourage you to fill out the *Serendipities!* survey [here](#).

On **Monday October 14 at 11:45 AM in Room A**, Les Weinstein will give a presentation on the 2019 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), which he attended in September. He will give some background information on TIFF, which is one of the most prestigious and influential of all such festivals; share his mini reviews of the thirteen movies he saw there, including *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, *The Lighthouse*, *Pain and Glory*, *Parasite*, *The Personal History of David Copperfield*, and *The Two Popes*. His talk will also include the recipients of the 2019 TIFF awards; other international film festivals he has attended; and DC area movie clubs, one of which sponsors trips to film festivals. Discussion to follow.

## **Curriculum Committee - Opening in "The Arts"**

OLLI's Curriculum Committee is looking for an OLLI member with a background/interest in the arts (art history, studio art, movies, ballet, etc.) to possibly joining the committee. This person would oversee "The Arts" subject area. A minimum of one committee member is assigned to each area of the curriculum.

The Curriculum Committee is responsible for OLLI's core mission of providing members with the highest caliber of courses. Committee members plan and review the academic programming for fall, spring, and February Shorts; recruit study group leaders; and solicit proposals in their subject area. Members attend six meetings a year (from Sept-May) and work outside of meetings on recruiting study group leaders.

An orientation is provided for new committee members. The current "Arts" representative is also available to mentor the new representative while they transition onto the committee. If you're interested in being considered for this volunteer role, or have any questions, please e-mail [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).

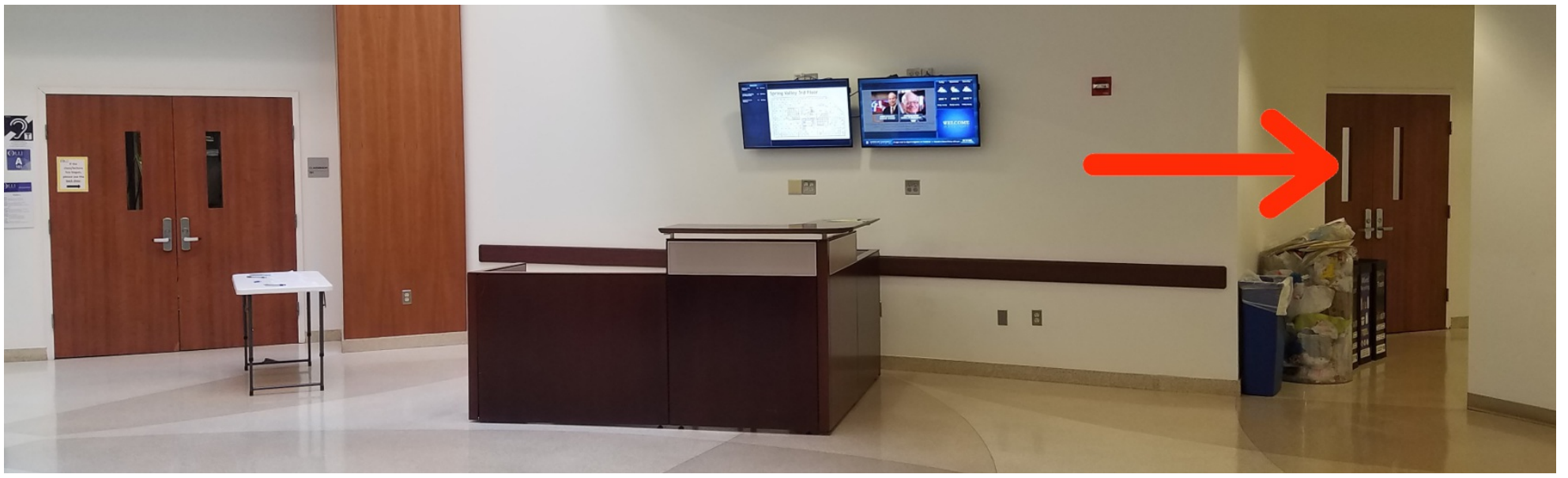
## **Penguins, Antarctica, Climate Change...And You!**

There is still space remaining in next Friday's lecture, *Penguins, Antarctica, Climate Change...And You!* given by Ron Naveen. The lecture will take place Friday, October 11, from 1:30-2:30 PM in Room A on the first floor of 4801 Massachusetts Ave NW. **If you would like to register, please click here: <https://olli-dc.org/events/2019Oct11Lecture469240850>. You will be prompted to create a username and password.**

Ron Naveen has been working in Antarctica for more than 30 years and counting penguins for Oceanites and the Antarctic Site Inventory project for 25 of those years. Ron founded Oceanites, a US-based, nonprofit science and educational organization, in 1987 and began the Antarctic Site Inventory project in 1994. He is the lead author and photographer of various publications, and was the subject of the award-winning documentary "*The Penguin Counters*."

## **Reminder About Room A**

When attending a study group or Friday lecture in Room A on the first floor, **please make sure to enter through the back door if the class/lecture has already begun**. The back door is shown in the photo below, marked with the red arrow. It can be disruptive to the speaker and class members when members enter through the front door after the start time. We thank you for your help with this.



## Free Minds Poetry Workshop

On **Tuesday, October 15, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM**, OLLI and the local nonprofit Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop will co-sponsor our fifth "Free Minds Poetry Workshop." Jenny Pierson and Ellen Siegler are coordinating this event. This event will be held in the Social Space on the 5th floor of our Spring Valley building at 4801 Mass. Ave.

Free Minds conducts literacy programs, including poetry classes, for incarcerated youth in DC. They will provide us with a packet of poems written by incarcerated young men for us to read and provide comments.

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 with us to share their experiences in the program and express their appreciation.

If you have questions, contact Jenny Pierson at [piersonjen17@gmail.com](mailto:piersonjen17@gmail.com) or 202-248-8288. To register, please click [here](#).

## Upcoming Trip: Museum of the American Revolution

**There are still plenty of seats left for our trip to Philadelphia, PA to visit the Museum of the American Revolution on Saturday, October 26!** The museum has a collection of several thousand objects, works of art, manuscripts, and printed works from the period of the American Revolution. It is located just two blocks from Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and the U.S. Mint, which you can also visit. On the day of the trip, we will meet at nearby Temple Baptist church, where parking will be available for the day, to board the bus to Philadelphia, and return in the evening. **The cost will be \$55**, which includes museum admission and transportation. For more details and to register for this trip, you may visit the events calendar on our website, or click [here](#).

## OLLI Book Exchange

There is now an 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 they would like. **It would be especially helpful to donate any books that are on the [booklist](#) for this upcoming fall semester.**

There is a box with slips of paper, pens, and paper clips in the book exchange area. If you donate a book, please fill out one of the slips of paper with as much information as you know (study group title, number, and leader from the class in which the book was used) then clip it to the cover of the

book. **The book exchange will be ongoing.** Jacqui Gallagher, the organizer, hopes this will be an activity that will enable members to share interests and make new connections – both intellectual and personal. If you have any questions, please contact Jacqui at [gallagherjacqueline@gmail.com](mailto:gallagherjacqueline@gmail.com) or 202-333-7957.

## **Senior Wellness Health Fair**

Join Forest Hills of DC for a Senior Wellness Health Fair on **Saturday, October 5, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, located at 4901 Connecticut Avenue NW.** Take advantage of free health screenings, including a Blood Pressure and Balance Clinic, and receive your no-cost flu shot — provided by CVS Pharmacy — so bring your insurance cards. Nutritional tips for healthy eating will be available. Also, bring your questions about Assisted Living at Forest Hills of DC. Information will be provided on our Respite Programs and the Memory Care Day Program at Forest Side.

Stop in and get to know your local five-star Assisted Living community. Parking conveniently located on campus. For questions, please call Janice Johnson, RN, Nurse Educator at (202) 966-7623.

## **Upcoming Events at American University**

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

### **Water-Food-Energy Nexus Cooperation and Peacebuilding in the Middle East**

**Tuesday, October 15**

**11:20 AM - 1:00 PM**

#### **Abramson Family Founders Building, SIS Building**

Join us as students and alumni from the School of International Service, Summer 2019 Graduate Practicum on Environment and Peacebuilding in the Middle East, present their research findings with faculty advisors, Dr. Eric Abitbol and Dr. Ken Conca. Pizza served. RSVP required. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

### **A State at Any Cost: The Life of David Ben-Gurion Book Talk with Israeli Historian Tom Segev**

**Tuesday, October 15**

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

#### **Abramson Family Founders Room, SIS Building**

The Center for Israel Studies is pleased to invite you to hear Tom Segev, Israel historian, author, and journalist who will discuss his new biography of David Ben-Gurion, highlighting the history of Zionism and Israel. Tom Segev is one of Israel's most established journalists, and he has had a number of books in the New York Times' Best Books of the Year lists. Books will be available for purchase and signing at reception after the event.

Free with RSVP <https://tinyurl.com/SegevAU>.

### **FALL EVENTS AT THE AU MUSEUM-KATZEN ARTS CENTER**

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

*Free and fully accessible*

### **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.

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