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JANUARY 31, 2020 OLLI NEWS

Nominations for OLLI Board of Directors

In April, OLLI members will elect four members to the OLLI Board of Directors. This year's Nominating and Elections Committee, consisting of John Aldock, Sue Edson, Elly Greene, Bob Kolodney, and Denise Liebowitz, will prepare a slate of four nominees for Board approval that will be placed on the ballot. If you would like to recommend an OLLI member or yourself for the Nominating and Elections Committee to consider as one of these nominees, please provide the name of the individual along with one or two paragraphs (not more) on this person's background, OLLI involvement, and why you are recommending him or her. Please have these written recommendations to the Committee (olli@american.edu) no later than Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

In addition to the Board-approved list, any member can self-nominate and run as an "at-large" candidate with a petition signed by at least ten OLLI members. All candidates, whether on the Board-approved slate or at-large, run as individuals, with the top four vote-getters being elected. In March, the OLLI office will provide petition forms and instructions for any at-large candidates.

When considering a recommendation or an at-large candidacy, please keep in mind the expectations for OLLI Board Members:

- Directors are expected to make every effort to attend Board meetings.
- Directors are expected to support OLLI's development efforts as one of their philanthropic priorities.
- Ours is a working board and Directors are expected to participate actively in meetings and the activities of OLLI at AU. Attendance at special event, e.g., Open House, Town Hall, Annual Meeting, is strongly encouraged.
- Directors must retain their membership in OLLI for the duration of their term.
- Board members may serve as chairs of committees, although this is not required. Committee membership is, however, strongly encouraged.

Directors are elected for one three-year term, with the opportunity to run for a second consecutive term.

Don't forget, if you have a great suggestion for a new Board Member, the Nominating and Elections Committee would like to know who it is and the reasons for your recommendation by February 11.

February Shorts Correction

The February Shorts room assignment e-mail listed the incorrect days for #930 *Rise of Digital Money*. The catalog is correct. The class meets M-F, February 3-7, at 1:45 PM. We apologize for any confusion.

Become a "Welcomer"

With the approach of the spring semester, we need volunteers to serve as Welcomers for new OLLI members. Welcomers are normally the first personal contact that new members have with OLLI. The Welcomer's job is to make them as comfortable as possible as they start out on what is for many of them a new journey. We reach out by telephone, and sometimes email, before the start of classes to provide basic information about OLLI programs, activities and facilities and to answer any questions they might have. We also follow up a couple of times during the semester to see how things are going and to get feedback on the overall OLLI experience. Now in its second year, the Welcomer program has become an essential and much appreciated part of our outreach efforts. If you have been thinking about doing some volunteer activities, this is a good way to begin. If you are interested, please contact Welcomer Coordinator John Barger on at jbarger@starpower.net.

Welcomers will receive a "guidance" package with relevant information along with a contact list shortly after the spring lottery on February 11. **For first-time Welcomers, there will also be an orientation/Q&A session at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 14 in Room 1** for those who have questions. We look forward to having you as part of our Welcomer team.

Spring Semester

Registration for the Spring semester is still open. You can register [online](#), by mailing in a paper registration form from the catalog, or by calling the OLLI office at 202-895-4860.

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. **The Spring semester lottery is on February 11.** For the best chance of getting into the study groups you want, please make sure to register **before** the day of the lottery.

Additional Study Group Added to Spring Semester

The below study group has been added to the Spring semester:

[389 Market Theory: Past and Present](#)

Fridays: 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

8 weeks, Starting March 6

Open House

Mark your calendar! The annual Open House for the spring semester will take place on **Tuesday, February 18 at 10:00 AM**. This is an organized program so if you want to hear the ins and outs of OLLI, come at 10:00. The program will be held in our Spring Valley Building at 4801 Mass. Ave NW, on the 1st floor in Room A. Please join us as we welcome returning members and introduce each other to newcomers! There will be coffee and refreshments afterward (approximately 11:00 AM) in the Social Space on the 5th floor and well as the opportunity to take a tour of OLLI.

Book Donations

With the spring semester arriving shortly, this is an opportunity to clear out your bookshelves for the new books you will soon be buying! Bring in any OLLI books you no longer want from previous study groups and leave them on the shelf opposite the coffee area in the Social Space on the 5th floor. There are slips of paper and pens for you to indicate the OLLI study group you used them for (if you remember!). Just clip the identifying slip onto the book and place it on the shelf. If you see a book you'd like, take it!

In Sympathy

OLLI member Joel Packer passed away this week. We have no further information at this time. We extend our sympathies to Joel's family and friends.

Upcoming Events at American University

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

UPCOMING ARTS EVENTS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

FEBRUARY

MUSIC

2020 Concerto & Aria Competition

Preliminary round: Saturday, February 1, 7:30 PM

Final round: Sunday, February 2, 3 PM

Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center

Student musicians compete in two rounds for the opportunity to perform as a featured soloist in a later concert with the AU Symphonic Band or Orchestra. Free.

<https://www.american.edu/cas/performing-arts/music/competition.cfm>

Contact: AU Arts, auarts@american.edu (202) 885-ARTS

DANCE

Movement Speaks: Rosy Simas

February 7, 8 PM

Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center

AU's dance program hosts Rosy Simas, dance artist and advocate, for a conversation surrounding the creation and presentation of interdisciplinary Native contemporary art that connects artists and audiences. In partnership with Dance Place. Free.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/869289453502163/>

Contact: AU Arts, auarts@american.edu (202) 885-ARTS

LITERATURE

Visiting Writers: Carmen Maria Machado

February 12, 7 PM

Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center

The author of *Her Body and Other Parties*, a finalist for the National Book Award and winner of the Bard Fiction Prize, reads from her new memoir, *In the Dream House*. Free.6g

<https://www.american.edu/cas/literature/mfa/visiting-writers.cfm>

Contact: Department of Literature, lit@american.edu (202) 885-2971

MUSICAL THEATRE

The Boy Detective Fails

February 13-15, 8 PM

February 15, 2 PM

Greenberg Theatre, 4200 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Young Billy Argo is a miraculous boy detective in the great tradition of the Hardy Boys and Encyclopedia Brown. With the able assistance of his sister and his best friend, Billy can solve any crime that comes his way—except for the most challenging and disturbing puzzle of all. This unique and remarkable musical is by turns hilarious, hopeful, troubling, and deeply moving.

<https://auartstix.universitytickets.com>

\$15 general admission; \$10 alumni, seniors, children under 12

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MUSIC

Henry Purcell's Dido and Aeneas: AU Chamber Singers

February 22, 7:30 PM

February 23, 3 PM

Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center

It is a story of endless love, evil conspiracies, and defiance of the gods—Purcell's musical tale of the forlorn Queen, Dido of Carthage, and her love for the Trojan prince, Aeneas. AU Chamber Singers, vocal soloists, and a period-instrument band present all the glory of Purcell's stunning music in a semi-staged performance of his most beloved tragic opera.

<https://auartstix.universitytickets.com>

\$10 general admission; \$5 alumni, seniors, children under 12

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