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## February 28, 2020 OLLI NEWS

### Coronavirus

As we start the new semester and there are concerns about the spread of Coronavirus, please be assured that OLLI is following American University's and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advice. We have posted reminders in classrooms and social spaces on how to stay healthy. We also have purchased soap dispensers for each classroom. As always, if you are not feeling well, please be considerate of your fellow classmates and consider staying home.

- **American University's statement**  
<https://www.american.edu/ocl/healthcenter/s2020-coronavirus.cfm>
- **American University's Resources**  
<https://www.american.edu/ocl/healthcenter/coronavirus-resources.cfm>
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website on the Coronavirus:**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **District of Columbia Health**  
<https://dchealth.dc.gov/coronavirus>

### We Share Classrooms

Please be aware that AU classes meet in several OLLI classrooms before our 9:45 AM classes. The AU classes end at 9:30 AM. If there is a class in a room when you arrive, please do not enter the classroom until after it lets out. Entering while the class is still in session is disruptive and disrespectful. We share these rooms with AU. Thank you for respecting our AU colleagues.

### Reminder to Update Your Cell Phone Number

Please check your member record and update your cell number if necessary. You also can email or call the OLLI office to update it. Sometimes we send alerts via text, so we need current cell numbers.

## Spring Semester Books Available

OLLI members receive a 10% discount when purchasing books for their study groups from Politics and Prose. On our website is a [list of books](#) for spring courses which are either pay-to-order or are not available at Politics and Prose. There is also a list of other online booksellers.

## Adding a Spring Study Group

The Spring semester begins Monday. **There are still study groups that are open.** View the full list of spring study groups [here](#). The column on the right will let you know the status of each study group. Double click on the column head "Status" to bring the open study groups to the top. Members can register for classes through March 20.

During the third week of the semester (March 16-20) members can add a fourth study group to their schedule. If you would like to add a fourth study group, please call the office during that week.

## Book Donations

Bring any OLLI books (from previous study groups) you no longer want and leave them on the shelf opposite the coffee area in the Social Space. Jot the study group title on one of the available slips of paper and clip the note to the book. If you see a book you'd like, take it!

## Upcoming Events at American University

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

#### **MARCH**

#### **MUSIC**

**The Gorenman Bach Project: Yuliya Gorenman, Piano**

**March 21, 7:30 p.m.**

**Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center**

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist and American University musician-in-residence Yuliya Gorenman continues her exploration of Bach's keyboard masterpieces in the fourth recital of The Gorenman Bach Project. \$25/\$10

#### **ART**

**Becoming Guanyin: Artistic Devotion of Buddhist Women in Late Imperial China**

**March 25, 3 p.m.**

**Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center**

Visiting art historian Yuhang Li of the University of Wisconsin- Madison lectures on Buddhist women's devotion to China's most popular female deity, as expressed through painting, embroidery, jewelry, and other arts. Free.

## LITERATURE

**Visiting Writers: Monica Sok**

**March 25, 7 p.m.**

**Abramson Family Founders Room, School of International Service**

Monica Sok's poetry offers "quiet wisdom without sentimentality." She reads from her forthcoming debut collection, *A Nail the Evening Hangs On*. Free.

## THEATER

**The Birds by Aristophanes**

**March 26-28, 8 p.m. and March 28, 2 p.m.**

**Greenberg Theatre, 4200 Wisconsin Avenue NW**

First performed in the spring of 414 BC, the story is simple and timeless: humans frustrated with life on earth seek a utopia. They find it in the trees with the birds. And then things get messy and complicated. With a distinct contemporary Greek influence, this production includes songs, dances, the building of an aerial city, fights, flights, marriage, an eventual usurpation, and more. \$15/\$10

## LECTURES & TALKS

**"Love, Fear and Guilt: American Jews and Israel in the 1948 War"**

**Helen and Daniel Sonenshine Lecture with Professor Derek Penslar**

**Tuesday, March 31, 7:00-8:30 PM**

**American University East Campus, Constitution Hall**

Please join us for this inaugural Helen and Daniel Sonenshine lecture!

Derek Penslar, William Lee Frost Professor of Jewish History at Harvard University, will speak on American Jews' attitudes towards Israel during the Israeli War of Independence.

[Click to RSVP](#)

## FILM

**BREAKING BREAD - Directed by Beth Elise Hawk (*Israel*)**

**Sunday, March 22 11:00 AM**

**Cafritz Hall, Edlavitch DCJCC, 1529 16th Street NW, Washington, DC**

Join the Greater Washington Forum on Israeli Arab Issues and the Edlavitch DCJCC for the 10th annual in-depth exploration of the daily lives and challenges of **The 21%: The Lives of Arab Citizens of Israel**. View a special screening of *Breaking Bread* followed by a moderated conversation and a *Shuk*.

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## OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MISSION

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