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May 15, 2020 OLLI NEWS

**Register for June Minis. Lottery is Monday.
Register for July Shorts. Lottery is June 2.**

Registration is open for the **June Minis** and **July Shorts**. There is no print catalog for the summer sessions, so registration is through the OLLI website. Please make sure to register before the lottery date for each session. Click to view courses and register:

[June Minis](#)

June 1-26

Lottery: Monday, May 18

[July Shorts](#)

July 13-17

Lottery: Friday, June 2

Due to Covid-19, the June Minis will be conducted online over Zoom. The July Shorts will also be over Zoom unless there is a change in circumstances closer to that time. We will have more information for members and several optional Zoom training sessions available.

New Class Added to June Minis

A new class has been added to the June Minis! Click the title below to read more about the class and to register.

1820 [Eriugena](#)

Fridays at 9:45 AM, starting June 5

Study Group Leader: Don Ross

OLLI Member Zoom Trainings

We are offering six Zoom training sessions for OLLI members taking a summer class. Each session will be conducted remotely over Zoom. Shortly before each training session, registrants will be e-

mailed an invitation to join the "meeting." There are two sessions scheduled each day on **Tues., May 26, Wed., 27,** and **Thurs., May 28.** Members need only sign up for one training session.

Topics will include:

- Joining a Zoom meeting via link or Meeting ID
- Testing audio before a meeting
- Muting and unmuting yourself
- Turning your video on and off
- Renaming yourself to your full name
- Speaker view vs. Gallery view
- Raising hand in view vs. in Participants panel
- Asking questions through the Chat panel
- Keeping Zoom up-to-date

Click one of the times below to register:

Tuesday, May 26:

[10:30 AM-12:00 PM](#)

1:00-2:30 PM **FULL**

Wednesday, May 27:

[10:30 AM-12:00 PM](#)

[1:00-2:30 PM](#)

Thursday, May 28

[10:30 AM-12:00 PM](#)

[1:00-2:30 PM](#)

Zoom Resources

By May 30, all Zoom users must download the most recent version, Zoom 5.0. There is a link to the download on our new Zoom at OLLI at AU page on the website. If you don't download Zoom 5.0 before May 30, you will have to download it before you join any Zoom meetings (including OLLI classes).

We have posted documentation on our website on using Zoom for both members and Study Group Leaders. Go to olli-dc.org > Study Groups > [Zoom at OLLI at AU](#).

Spring Semester Feedback

As you finish your study group(s) for the semester, please take a few minutes to complete the feedback form available on the OLLI website [here](#). Although this is not a typical semester, our study group leaders are eager to know what members think of their classes. As always, the feedback is completely anonymous. The form will be open through **Friday, May 22.**

Class Gifts for Spring Study Group Leaders

As Study Group Leaders teach on a volunteer basis, it has been long-time tradition among the members to collect (completely voluntary) monetary donations to accompany a thank you card. Because classes are meeting remotely this semester, members have asked how they can still contribute.

We have created a page on the website where you can donate to your SGL using a credit/debit card, as well as add a message if you wish. OLLI will collect all of the donations, write a check to each SGL, and send them any messages that were received.

Click here to make a donation to your SGL(s) by **Friday, May 22**: [Spring 2020 SGL Gifts](#)

Bloomsday by OLLI is Going Virtual

A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION: A ZOOM-POWERED ONLINE READING will be held from **4:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16**. Participants will read highlights, and will be able to scroll the script on screen to keep pace with the text that is being read. This event is free of charge but you must register.

Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom invitation the morning of the event. **Click to register:**

<https://olli-dc.org/events/Bloomsday2020>

Please let Bob Kolodney know by May 16 if you would like to participate as a reader and if there is a preferred chapter of Ulysses from which you would like to read. You can contact Bob at

bobkolive@gmail.com. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.

American University Events

AU Museum

During our closure, we are bringing you [#ArtWhereYouAre](#) with exhibition highlights and selections from our permanent collection on our digital platforms. Until we reopen, connect with our [Museum@Home](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). You'll find e-book catalogs, artist-inspired children's art activities, playlists inspired by exhibiting artists, information on virtual events, and more.

Gallery Talk: Gods & Monsters

May 21, 7PM EST

The mythic artworks of Viola Frey take center stage at our first virtual gallery talk. Featuring panelists: Squeak Carnwath, Exhibition Curator, Cynthia de Bos, Director of Collections and Archives, Artists' Legacy Foundation, Jack Rasmussen, AU Museum Director & Curator, and Mark Van Proyen, Associate Professor of Painting at the San Francisco Art Institute, and exhibition catalog essayist.

Register online: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/gallery-talk-viola-frey>

Online Workshop: Pent Up Pin-Up

May 30 & 31, 10AM-4PM

Guise & Dolls Figurative Sculpture Workshop with Melissa Ichiuji

A NEW online figurative sculpture workshop for seasoned artists and beginners. Get inspired through movement, journaling, and visualization. Learn basic techniques for building armatures, stitching, and joining soft materials to create a unique art doll that reflects the naked truth of your inner beauty. Express your secret self, share ideas, offer peer support! All are welcome.

Cost: \$150 (Materials are included and will be shipped directly to students. US only) Registration and payment must be completed by May 20 to ensure timely delivery of materials. Register online:

<https://www.melissaichiuji.com/au-class-registration/pent-up-pin-up>

Raw Hope of Humanity Rising

Please join us for two online public dialogues this Summer, co-hosted by the Third Space Network and the American University Museum. The series Raw Hope of Humanity Rising brings together artists, activists, media critics, cultural and government officials in interdisciplinary panels to discuss the political impact of Covid-19 during the run-up to the 2020 presidential election. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Panel 2: Information vs. Propaganda

Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 6:00-7:30pm

The distortion of truth and information through techniques of propaganda and disinformation that falsely attempt to persuade public opinion.

[Register for Information vs Propaganda](#)

Featuring:

- Randall Packer, Moderator (Creative Director, Third Space Network)
- Hasan Elahi (Artist, Director, School of Art, George Mason University)
- Will Stevens (U.S. Dept. of State Foreign Service Officer, Former Spokesperson, U.S. Embassy in Moscow)
- Siva Vaidhyathan (Professor, Modern Media Studies, University of Virginia)

Hasan Elahi, Tracking Transience 2.0

Panel 3: Idealism vs Cynicism

Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 6:00-7:30pm

The disruption of idealism essential to the core principles of democracy though cynical disdain for the rule of law, wisdom, truth, and logic.

[Register for Idealism vs. Cynicism](#)

Featuring:

- Randall Packer, Moderator
- Zoë Charlton (Artist, Associate Professor, American University)
- Lee McIntyre (Research Fellow, Center for Philosophy and History of Science, Boston University)
- Monica Montgomery (Executive Director, Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center)

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