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May 22, 2020 OLLI NEWS

Register for June Minis or Add a Fourth Class

The June Minis will begin on Monday, June 1. The lottery took place this week and class assignment letters have been mailed to members. There are still classes that are open. **Starting next Thursday, members can e-mail olli@american.edu to register for a fourth class.** View the full list of June Minis [here](#). The column on the right indicates the status (open or closed) of each study group. Double click on the column heading "Status" to bring open study groups to the top of the list. **The last day to register for a June Mini is Friday, June 5. This is also the deadline to request a refund.**

Register for the July Shorts

Registration is open for the **July Shorts**. Please make sure to register before the lottery date below. The July Shorts will be held over Zoom unless there is a change in circumstances closer to that time. Click to view courses and register:

[July Shorts](#) (July 13-17) Lottery: Friday, June 2

Class Sizes

Class sizes at OLLI are not determined simply by room size or Zoom meeting capacity. Our Study Group Leaders, who are all volunteers, in determining class size, we first ask Study Group Leaders for their preference. For example, an SGL might want only 20 students in order to have discussion. This is true on Zoom, not just in person. After the Lottery, if a class is overenrolled, we approach the SGLs of those classes and ask them if they would be willing to take more students. Almost all do. For the June Minis, many SGLs have changed their teaching strategy to allow the maximum number of students. Others have agreed to increase their class size slightly higher to a number they find manageable. We believe this is a fair process.

June Lecture — Hamilton: Man and Musical

Date: Friday, June 12

Time: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Location: Online via Zoom

Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom invitation the morning of the lecture. This lecture is free of charge but you must register in order to receive a Zoom invitation.

Click here to register: <https://olli-dc.org/events/HamiltonLecture>

Alexander Hamilton has always been known as a central player in America's early history, but the smash Broadway musical Hamilton has focused new attention on the life of this fascinating individual. This multimedia presentation draws on both Hamilton's biography and his depiction on stage to examine his accomplishments, discuss his relationship with Aaron Burr, and reflect on the appeal of the musical. It includes recordings from the musical's soundtrack and interviews with its creators.

Dan Sherman is an economist who lives in Alexandria and has been in the Washington area since earning his doctorate from Cornell in 1985. He has a great love of music and theater, and his interests include opera (especially Wagner) and American Musical Theatre. Since 2010, Dan has taught courses to several OLLI groups on both classical composers (Wagner and Verdi) and great musical theater composers, including Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Jerome Kern, Kurt Weill, and Lin-Manuel Miranda. His presentation on Hamilton is among his most popular talks, and he made his debut with OLLI at American University with an earlier version of this talk in Spring, 2017.

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 website. If you don't download Zoom 5.0 before May 30, you will have to download when you try to join a Zoom meeting (including OLLI classes).

On our website, we have posted documentation using Zoom for members and Study Group Leaders at olli-dc.org > Study Groups > [Zoom at OLLI at AU](#).

Curbside Pickup Is Back at Politics and Prose

Beginning Tuesday (May 19), Politics and Prose resumed its curbside pickup service. As Politics and Prose has regularly ordered books for OLLI study groups and offered them at a discount, we appreciate members supporting the bookstore.

Bloomsday by OLLI is Going Virtual

BLOOMSDAY: 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. You can contact

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

Survey on Coping with Coronavirus Pandemic

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PARTICIPATE IN:
**COPING WITH CORONAVIRUS
PANDEMIC STUDY**

Must Be 50 Years or Older to Participate

To understand how Older Adults are coping with the Coronavirus in the U.S.

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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.

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 Vaidhyanathan (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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