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Letter from the Chair



Greetings from Judy Havemann, the new chair of the board of OLLI at AU. I am delighted to be working with all of you. First, a big thank you to Martha Cutts, who did a masterful job of steering the OLLI ship as we moved almost overnight last winter from in-person instruction to brand new technology for many of us.

In the first meeting of the new board, several decisions were made about the Fall semester. Here is the news.

- All OLLI classes will be offered on ZOOM when the semester begins in September. We will not be offering any classes or lectures in the Spring Valley Building through January 2021.
- Our Study Group Leaders will offer a full range of 95 classes on topics ranging from politics, law and government, to music and art, and to literature, history, science and philosophy.

- The course catalogue will be online and registration for fall classes will open on July 10.
- Many Fall courses will accommodate more participants than they could in person.
- OLLI will restore the popular Friday lecture series on Zoom, featuring such lecturers as film historian Glenn Frankel and former Obama administration White House Counsel Neil Eggleston.
- OLLI will add new Serendipities—one-time talks on subjects of interest to, and often by, our members.
- OLLI will reconvene the OLLI Book Club.
- OLLI will feature special experimental programs during the summer and early fall, such as OLLI coffees, where members can chat in small groups in a virtual social space.
- OLLI will reach out to former members who have moved away or who have found transportation difficult, as well as to others in the community. We will seek to make our classes as broadly accessible and diverse as possible.
- OLLI will offer a 10 percent, that is a \$30 reduction, in the Fall membership fee.
- OLLI will continually assess the conditions at American University and in the city and region as we seek to maintain the OLLI educational experience you have helped us create. Our aim is safety, accessibility, and flexibility. We will keep you abreast of the situation as it develops.

We are grateful to our staff for their hard work—entirely from home—during this period. Our remarkable Study Group Leaders have risen to the occasion and studied and practiced on technology that is new to many of them. A volunteer tech team has helped many of us familiarize ourselves with Zoom. All of this will continue throughout the summer.

Thank you, OLLI members, for your support and loyalty. I look forward to a great 2020-2021 academic year together. I'm a new Text block ready for your content.

Judy Havemann

Chair, Board of Directors

Register for July Shorts before June 26!

Registration remains open for the July Shorts (July 13-17). Please be sure to register before the lottery date, Friday, June 26. July Shorts will be held via Zoom. The last day to add/drop a July Short or request a refund is July 10. Click to view courses and register: [July Shorts](#).

Syllabus/Readings

Some July Shorts have a syllabus and/or readings listed on the website. Click on the title of the Short and you will get all the details on the course. If there is something you wish to know, and cannot find it listed under the course, please e-mail olli@american.edu.

Who's Zooming Who??!!

If you are having difficulty joining or staying on a Zoom class, please take advantage of the OLLI Tech Support Team who have volunteered to assist members. E-mail one of the Tech Support Team members to schedule up a time to work with them. **Download a list of the OLLI Tech Support Team members [here](#).**

Tips to ensure your readiness for classes:

If Zoom doesn't seem to be working, close your browser, re-open the browser, and join the meeting again. Or try a different browser. For example, if you were using Firefox, quit Firefox, and

try Google Chrome instead. Then, join the meeting again. If you have multiple devices, for example, a laptop and a tablet, download Zoom on each device. If one device doesn't work, try another.

Hamilton: Man & Musical, Redux

The lecture **Hamilton: Man & Musical** was given by Dan Sherman last Friday and attendees are still raving. We received quite a few inquiries about viewing it and are glad to announce that Dan is giving the lecture at other venues as well!

Click [here](#) to register for Dan's Hamilton lecture via Zoom by the Arlington, VA library on Monday, June 29, from 3:00-5:00 PM. For more information, [e-mail Dan Sherman](#).

American University Online 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.

Without Borders

The Paintings of Brian Maguire

Gallery Talk: Brian Maguire

June 25, 12:30-1:30PM ET

Dublin-based artist Brian Maguire and curator Lilly Wei will discuss Maguire's online Summer exhibition Without Borders. Since the onset of his professional career four decades ago, Maguire has been an instigator of numerous interactive projects with prisoners, refugees, and survivors. Featured in this exhibition are his architecturally sized paintings of ravaged buildings in Aleppo. Register to save your spot on [Crowdcast](#).

Who is She?

Artist: Terry Braunstein

Contemporary, international artist Terry Braunstein has been shown in museums and galleries in Spain, Italy, Russia, Israel, France, Japan, China, Pakistan, Chile, and across the U.S. Deeply rooted in Dada and Surrealism, Braunstein's works examine identity, alienation, life's passages, and myth evoking an imagery that is dreamlike, poetic and refreshingly authentic. In her retrospective exhibition spanning over 30 years, Terry Braunstein will be showing the original collages from which her exquisite and popular photographs were made. [Learn more.](#)

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 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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