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Please Welcome Our New Board for 2020-21

Please join us in welcoming our new Board for the year 2020-21! We are absolutely delighted to have our Board members' stewardship, commitment, and expertise!

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Add or Drop July Shorts Before July 10!

The Lottery was run today for the July Shorts (July 13-17). Please look for an email with your assigned classes. July Shorts will be held via Zoom. **The last day to add/drop a July Short or request a refund is July 10.** Click [here](#) to view **July Shorts** courses.

Syllabus/Readings

Some July Shorts have a syllabus and/or readings listed on the [website](#). Click on the Short title to

learn details course details. For other course information, or to contact your SGL, please e-mail olli@american.edu.

Zoom Training for July SGLs and Members

For Study Group Leaders

To learn how to host a Zoom class and manage participants effectively, please attend one of these sessions:

[Wed 7/1 10:00-11:30 AM](#)

[Thu 7/2 1:00-2:30 PM](#)

For Members

To learn how to join a Zoom class and participate effectively, please attend one of these sessions:

[Wed 7/8 10:00-11:30 AM](#)

[Thu 7/9 1:00-2:30 PM](#)

Here are a few other Zoom tips:

- If you are missing an email with a link to your Zoom class, check your Spam or Junk folder.
- If Zoom freezes for more than a few seconds, 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.
- 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;
- If you are having difficulty joining or staying on a Zoom class, contact a member of the **OLLI Tech Support Team**. Download a list of the OLLI Tech Support Team members [here](#). E-mail one of the members to schedule time.

Housing Fall AU Students

Many American University students are seeking off-campus housing this fall due to the the University's need to limit on-campus housing to freshman and sophomores. If you might be interested in renting/providing a room for an AU student this fall, please visit this link for information on how to do so and the requirements: <https://www.american.edu/ocl/housing/off-campus-housing-services.cfm>

Please be advised that "residential housing licenses are required for all rental properties in the District of Columbia including homes, apartments, condominiums, basement apartments and apartment buildings."

July Lecture on Zoom First Flight: How the Wright Brothers Solved the Aviation Problem of Controlled Flight

Date: Friday, July 17

Time: 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Click here to register: [July 17 Lecture](#)

Join us for a lecture given by Christian Godart to learn about Orville and Wilbur Wright's groundbreaking flight and their contributions to aviation history.

Christian Godart is an historian and docent at Smithsonian Air & Space Museum. He also volunteers at the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kitty Hawk.

Please note that the cut-off for registration is 8:00 AM the day of lecture. Zoom invitations should arrive in your email before 12:00 Noon.

Feedback for June Minis

As you finish your June classes, please take a few minutes to complete the anonymous feedback form that is available online. **You can complete the form under the Study Groups tab on the website, or access it by clicking [here](#).** Feedback will be accepted through Friday, July 3.

Your feedback will be read by the Curriculum Committee and shared with Study Group Leaders. Our Study Group Leaders appreciate constructive feedback, so please let them know what you thought worked well and/or what might be helpful for the next time.

SGL Gifts

It has been a long-standing tradition among OLLI members to collect (completely voluntary) monetary gifts to accompany a thank you card for our (volunteer) Study Group Leaders.

Gifts will be accepted through Friday, July 3. OLLI staff will send a check to each SGL, accompanied by any messages that were received. **Click [here](#) to make a gift to your SGL(s), using a credit/debit card, as well as add an optional message.**

American University News & Events

AU Museum

During the museum's closure, AU Museum is bringing you [#ArtWhereYouAre](#) with exhibition highlights and selections from its permanent collection on its digital platforms. Until the museum reopens, connect at [Museum@Home](#) and follow the museum 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.

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, 6:00-7:30 PM

Register: [here](#)

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

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)

Center for Israel Studies

The Center for Israel Studies at American University was created to study, examine, and interpret the rich landscape of Israel as a nation and a people. Idea and place come together in creative tension to find their expression in the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Israel's world leadership in arid agriculture and its fusion of diverse influences in dance are two examples of how idea and place merge to shape Israeli contributions to the world. **View videos [here](#).**

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OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that *curiosity never retires*.

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