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## JULY 17, 2020 OLLI NEWS

*\*The OLLI office will be closed next Tuesday, July 21 for an all-day, socially-distanced, staff meeting.. OLLI staff will be checking email periodically, though.*

## Fall Registration Is Open

Fall 2020 OLLI at AU registration is open. The Fall semester runs September 21 through December 4. Lottery day is Tuesday, September 8.

Our Study Group Leaders, the Curriculum Committee, and OLLI staff have been working for months to prepare for the upcoming semester. Please click [here](#) to see the array of almost 100 courses available and, to register. For members who prefer to print a copy of the catalog, you can [download a PDF](#) from the OLLI website. We will not be printing or mailing catalogs this semester. If you do print the catalog, please register online.

All OLLI courses this fall will be conducted via Zoom. The discounted rate of \$270 entitles you to register for up to four courses (three prior to lottery day and a fourth after you receive your assignment letter). We are also happy to inform you that many courses this fall will have increased capacity so fewer classes will be impacted by the lottery.

**If you registered for a spring class that was cancelled and is now rescheduled for the fall, you will be given priority registration for that class if you identify it as one of top three preferences.**

Please let your friends know that registration is open and they can attend from anywhere in the world! If they can log into Zoom, they can attend an OLLI class.

## Save the Date: A Summer Serendipity Zoom Book Chat

**Join Esther Safran Foer to discuss her new memoir, *I Want You to Know We're Still Here* at 10:30 AM, July 30.** A Zoom link will be emailed before the talk. Register [here](#).

Esther Foer is a longtime business consultant, the former CEO of the Sixth and I historic synagogue

in downtown DC, and the mother of three best-selling authors. Her son Jonathan wrote the hilarious and amazing novel, *Everything is Illuminated*, a fictionalized account of a search for his family roots in Ukraine. Published in 2002, it was the basis for a movie three years later. His mother's book tells the real and extraordinary story.

Esther will be in conversation with Susan Coll, author of five books and the president of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation. The chat will leave plenty of time for questions.

## 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 24. 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.

## Feedback for The July Shorts

As you finish your July 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 24.

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.

## Registering for the Fall Semester

We highly recommend that members get their registrations into our office BEFORE Lottery Day, September 8, 2020. Please consider the following:

- Identify the number of study groups you are interested in taking.  
(You must select 1, 2, or 3 study groups.)
- Prioritize up to 6 study groups based on your preference for taking the study groups.  
(1 = highest priority and 6 = lowest priority).
- Prioritize your study groups by whichever method works best for you: subject matter, time/day, location, or Study Group Leader.
- Prior to submitting your registration, please ensure that you have completed all items with an asterisk (\*).
- Submit your registration by pressing the "Confirm Registration" button.
- Immediately receive an email confirmation of your PENDING registration.
- After Lottery Day, you will receive an email confirming your ASSIGNED registration.
- RECURRING Zoom links for classes will be emailed to you, on Friday of the week prior to start of classes.

Class sizes are determined by Study Group Leaders' requests and OLLI staff, taking into account a variety of considerations. When a study group is oversubscribed, the registrations in that class are subjected to a random computer lottery process. However, all members have an equal chance at

getting into a class. Members who are not selected for an oversubscribed study group are put on a waiting list and will be contacted by the office if and when space becomes available.

Registration confirmation notices will be emailed to you within two days after Lottery Day. We will continue to accept registrations on a space-available basis until the semester begins on September 21. Classes can only be added/dropped through the third week of classes, whether it's a first class or a fourth class by going online or calling the office.

Notes:

1. Our study group leaders spend a prodigious amount of time preparing their classes. Please attend the classes for which you are registered and ONLY the classes for which you are registered.
2. OLLI reserves the right to cancel any study group. Members registered in a study group that is cancelled will be notified immediately so that they may select an available alternate.
3. Please email or call the office to add a fourth course AFTER you have received your ASSIGNMENT letter.

## Technology Tips

- If you are missing an email with from OLLI, check your Spam or Junk folder.
- If you wish to learn to use Zoom better during the month of August, email a member of the OLLI Tech Support Team for assistance. Download a list of the OLLI Tech Support Team members [here](#).

## American University News & Events

### AU IN THE MEDIA

#### What the DMV Could Lose without International Students

Fanta Aw, Vice President of Campus life and Inclusive Excellence, spoke to WUSA9 about the consequences of a now-rescinded Trump administration policy that could have forced international students to return home. [WATCH](#)

### AU ALUMNI

With the Office of Alumni Relations, AU's Alumni Association engages and sustains a lifelong and worldwide community of alumni, future alumni, and friends through opportunities for meaningful engagement aimed at increasing awareness, pride, participation, volunteer involvement, and philanthropic commitment to American University. [READ ALUMNI NEWS](#).

### SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

#### Coronavirus's Painful Side Effect

Carla Flink, assistant professor of public affairs, wrote an article for The Conversation about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on state and local budgets. Flink wrote, "Without more federal aid or access to other sources of money (like reserve funds or borrowing), government officials have

made it clear: Budget cuts will be happening in the coming years.”

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## **SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION**

### **Journalism Alumni Panel**

Free, Streams online at 1:00 p.m. on July 28

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SOC professor John Watson moderates Protests, Pandemic and Politics, a discussion about recent events featuring the Washington Post’s Moriah Balingit, CNN's Chandelis Duster, and WRC-TV’s Brandon Benavides.

## **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](#).

## **AU MUSEUM**

During the museum's closure, [AU Museum](#) is bringing you 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.

## **OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MISSION**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn.

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

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