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OLLI News, July 31, 2020

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New: Zoom Coffee Chat on Aug. 4

At 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 4, OLLI will debut the first of several online “Coffee Chats” for OLLI members.

How it works. These are informal social gatherings, with no leaders, conducted via Zoom. After a few minutes of instruction at the beginning on how the process works, everyone will be randomly sorted into small groups of 6 to 8 people for a 12-minute “coffee chat.” At the end of the 12 minutes, you will be randomly re-sorted into a different group for another 12-minute session. There will be four group sessions in all, which means the Coffee Chat will run slightly under an hour.

What do we talk about? Talk about whatever you want: how you are faring during the pandemic, what you are currently reading, OLLI classes you have taken or plan to take in the fall, the weather, whether we are alone in the universe, etc. Just make sure everyone has a chance to talk.

Feedback. At the end, please participate in a brief poll to tell us what you think about the Chats format and how we might improve them.

Note. You must register in advance. Click [here](#) to register. OLLI will email the invitation link on the morning of the event. **Register no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, August 3.**

Lecture August 20: The Golden Age of Television

Date: Thursday, August 20

Time: 1:00-2:15 PM

Location: Zoom

Register [here](#) by: Thursday, August 20 at 8:00 AM.

This presentation by Brian Rose will look at the forces that made the “golden age” of American TV such an intriguing chapter in TV history and why it was so short-lived. Brian Rose is a Professor in the Department of Communication at Fordham University, where he has taught since 1982.

In loving memory of Jean Rose, who found such joy in classes at OLLI at AU.

Fall Registration Is Underway

The Fall 2020 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 available courses 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.

American University News & Events

AU FALL OPERATING PLAN CHANGE

Read President Sylvia Burwell's announcement [here](#).

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The COVID-19 pandemic has surfaced income disparities in the US economy, leading to critical decisions made by the President and lawmakers both federally and locally. View SPA Associate Professor Bradley Hardy's remarks [here](#).

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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.

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