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OLLI NEWS — NOVEMBER 20, 2020

Thank You!

Through our fall Match Campaign, we not only reached, but surpassed our fundraising goal, receiving more than \$42,000 in donations. With the original match promises of \$40,000, we brought in more than \$82,000. Our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every person who donated. Together, we are amazing!

Thanksgiving Closure

OLLI will be closed Wednesday, November 25, through Friday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. No classes are scheduled for these dates.

Propose A Study Group or Short!

The OLLI Curriculum Committee is accepting study group proposals for both the upcoming February Shorts and spring semester. We welcome proposals from both new and veteran Study Group Leaders. For more information about being a study group leader at OLLI, please visit the [Become A Study Group Leader page](#). If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group and would like to speak with someone, please email olli@american.edu and we will get in touch with you. To propose a study group, please click one of the links below. You will be prompted to login with your OLLI username/password. If you don't yet have an account, you will be able to create one.

The OLLI Board of Directors will determine study group format during its November meeting and those who have submitted a proposal will be notified afterwards. Please note that Study Group Leaders will have the option to conduct their class online regardless of the decided format. The following support will be provided for Study Group Leaders who teach over Zoom:

- Remote training sessions—both group and one-on-one as needed
- Continuous support from OLLI staff, including monitoring study groups remotely to handle troubleshooting
- Co-hosts to assist with muting and Q&A as needed
- Staff available by e-mail or phone
- Tips on remote teaching from current Study Group Leaders
- Step-by-step instructions developed specifically for OLLI
- Remote classes can utilize PowerPoints, videos, music, discussion, and guest speakers.
- Classes can require a book if it can be found for purchase on Amazon or another online retailer.
- Documents can also be sent to class members using an e-mail list OLLI provides.

February 2021 Shorts

The Feb. Shorts will be February 1-5. Shorts meet 3-5 times over the course of one week.

[Click here for the February Shorts Proposal Form](#)

Spring 2021

The spring semester will be March 1-May 7, 2021. Study groups are 8-10 weeks long and meet once a week.

[Click here for the Spring Proposal Form](#)

*****Proposal deadline for both sessions: November 29, 2020.*****

SGL Gifts

If you would like to make a gift to your SGLs, please do so on our [website](#). **SGL gifts will be accepted through Mon., Dec. 7.** Please note that you will need to make a separate contribution for each SGL. We will collect all of the donations, write a check to each SGL, and mail the check with any notes from members to the SGL. Thank you.

Final Feedback Due Dec. 6

As you finish your study group(s) for the semester, please take a few minutes to complete the final feedback form that is available on the OLLI website [here](#). **Feedback will be accepted through Sunday, December 6.**

Study Group Leaders, the Curriculum Committee, and the office staff greatly appreciate any feedback that you provide and thoroughly review all of the comments. Study Group Leaders have often told us how much they enjoy reading positive comments from their class members at the end of a session. Feedback can be words of encouragement, letting SGLs know what you most enjoyed about the course, as well constructive criticism, if any, that might be helpful for the next time.

Last Dates of Fall Courses

View a [list of Fall courses' last dates](#). If a class is not listed, please ask the SGL directly.

Friday Lecture Recordings Now Available

Recordings of **Friday Lectures** are now available on our [Lectures webpage](#). The link for the recording is below the lecture's description.

Lecture: Dorothy B. Gilliam
Thoughts on Journalism and Diversity
Fri., Nov. 20 - 1:30 PM

Zoom link: <https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/91763425777>

Webinar ID: 917 6342 5777

During her distinguished career, Dorothy Gilliam has become a revered icon in American journalism, a fierce advocate for women's rights, a fervent civil rights activist, and a renowned author. "Journalism took me places that I would not normally go," Gilliam says. She began her career in the segregated South, as a reporter for the Memphis Tri-State Defender, a black-owned newspaper. There, she covered major civil rights events, including the Little Rock Nine, the federally enforced integration of Arkansas' public schools. In 1961, she became The Washington Post's first female black reporter. An early assignment was covering James Meredith's integration of Ole Miss. At the time, Mississippi was infamously known in American black circles as "The Land of Black Death." On the assignment, skirting Klu Klux Klan members, Gilliam literally "slept with the dead," catching a few hours of rest nightly in a black funeral parlor.

Over 30 years at The Post, Gilliam moved from reporter to editor to columnist. She also served as president of the National Association of Black Journalists and founding director of the Young Journalists Development Project, The Post's long-term initiative to educate, cultivate, and hire aspiring young minority journalists. Gilliam's most recent book is her memoir, Trailblazer: A Pioneering Journalist's Fight to Make the Media Look More like America. She earned her bachelor's in journalism from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., and her master's at Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism.

Lecture: Judith Welles
Grit and Gusto: Farmerettes and Suffragettes
on the Homefront in WWI
Fri., Dec. 4 - 1:30 PM

Judith Welles is a writer and former journalist who has authored local history books about the area in which she lives including Potomac and Cabin John: Legends and Life of an Uncommon Place, and a biography, Lilly Stone. She also wrote a worklife e-book for Kindle, Get a Life, Try This! Judy has been a speechwriter for US Cabinet members and communications manager for federal agencies and major corporations, such as PricewaterhouseCoopers and IBM. She has been a Board member of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Trust for the national park, chaired the Montgomery County Commission on Aging, and is a speaker for Montgomery History (the Montgomery County historical society). She is a graduate of Vassar College.

Serendipity! Joe Snyder
Genghis Khan: The Man Who Conquered Eurasia
Wed., Dec. 2 - 3:30 PM

Genghis Khan, who conquered a huge part of the Eurasian continent, has a reputation as a fierce warrior and a cruel ruler. He was both, but he was also an exceptional administrator whose rule facilitated long-range trade and eventually led to the European colonial penetration of Asia.

Joe Snyder was a State Department Foreign Service Officer for thirty years, serving in Thailand, Iran, Taiwan, Malaysia and Austria, as well as Washington. After retirement from government service he was President of the American Australian Association in New York, Executive Director of the Asia Society's Washington Center and Director of Asia Programs at the Atlantic Council. For the past eleven years he has been a lecturer on cruise ships, private jet tours and Smithsonian Journeys land tours.

Registration is required in order to receive a Zoom invitation. [Register](#) by Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 8:00 AM. Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom invitation the morning of the Serendipity.

Eisenhower Museum Virtual Tour **Mon., Dec. 7 - 1:00 PM**

The Eisenhower museum, is pleased to offer a complimentary, virtual tour for OLLI members. Designed by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry, the **Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial** encapsulates Eisenhower's legacy in a four-acre urban park at the base of Capitol Hill. The memorial features a one-of-a-kind stainless steel tapestry depicting beaches of D-Day, heroic-sized bronze sculptures, and stone bas reliefs. This memorial was many years in the planning and opened in September of this year.

Rich in design and symbolism, we are fortunate to have with us **Victoria Tigwell, the Deputy Executive Director of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission**, to tell us in depth about the planning, design and building of the memorial. Join us for this fascinating look into Washington's new memorial.

[Registration](#) ceases on Friday, Dec. 4 at 1:00 PM. Zoom links will be emailed to registrants the morning of Monday, Dec. 7.

Hamlet, **Wed., Dec. 9 - 4:00 PM**

You are invited to tea at Elsinore. No actual tea but a recorded performance of Hamlet by William Shakespeare will be open to OLLI members on Wed., Dec. 9, at 4:00 pm via Zoom. Which Hamlet? To be decided by popular vote of the Shakespeare in Performance Study Group from among more than 10 contenders the group has been enjoying and discussing all semester. *Come find out what all the buzz has been about.* **No registration required. Zoom link will be included in the Fri., Dec. 4, newsletter.**

Invitation to Participate in Research

A group of academic researchers (from [Wichita State](#) and [George Mason Universities](#)) are currently recruiting healthy, older people for a series of studies and focus groups, all conducted remotely. We are investigating a range of topics related to cognitive aging, specifically social isolation and interventions aimed at reducing the effects of social isolation and promoting well-being. As with

all approved research, participants can withdraw at any time.

Volunteers will be benefiting their peers as well as the greater scientific community and the researchers are happy to make a small donation to the preferred charity of any one who recruits five or more people for our studies.

Contact: Pam Greenwood, Associate Professor of Psychology, George Mason University, phone 703-993-4268 or email gmuarglab@gmail.com.

American University News & Events

AU ARTS

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. View the fall schedule and registration links [here](#).

AU EVENTS [Events Calendar](#)

Cooking Demo: Bulgarian Dishes, via Zoom

Friday, November 20 at 12:00pm ET

Celebrate International Education Week (IEW) by learning how to make two traditional Bulgarian dishes! Simona Assenova from AU Payroll will demonstrate her recipes for Tarator (cold yogurt soup) and Shopska Salad. [Register](#).

AU Thanksgiving Celebration: Open to the Community

Watch the film "Rudy" with Rudy!

Monday, November 23, 8 PM ET

We're celebrating Thanksgiving virtually this year by watching "Rudy" with Sean Astin, star of the 1993 classic film and a current student in SPA's online MPAP program. Join us for a chance to win door prizes, hear Sean talk with SPA Dean Vicky M. Wilkins about the making of the film—which chronicles the life of Daniel (Rudy) Ruettinger who walked on to the football team at Notre Dame despite significant obstacles. [Register](#).

AU's 140th Commencement, with Andrea Mitchell, MSNBC

December 13, 2020

Details forthcoming, mark your calendar.

Andrea Mitchell, NBC News' chief foreign affairs correspondent, host of MSNBC's "Andrea Mitchell Reports" and the network's leading voice on U.S. foreign policy and international diplomacy, will deliver American University's keynote address for its fall 2020 commencement. Mitchell will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during AU's 140th commencement.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Vision 2020: Election Stories from The Next Generation

This project focuses on magnifying the concerns of young voters from diverse experiences and backgrounds, leading up to the most critical election of our lifetime. [Nine AU student journalists](#), one student from Syracuse University, and another from University of Kansas were able to contribute to the project and have their stories published. [Learn More](#).

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Examining Antisemitism

This fall, AU is bringing together distinguished scholars of Israeli, American, and European history to examine antisemitism over the past seventy-five years in a series of conversations. [Learn more.](#)

AU Student Music Concerts

[Click here to view event calendar](#)

Questions? Call 202-885-ARTS or email auarts at american.edu.

To stay up to date on performances and events, join the AU Arts [mailing list](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Join American University Library as we begin our **2020-2021 Exploring Social Justice** series! This series, co-sponsored by the American University Library, the Center for Diversity & Inclusion, and the Kay Spiritual Life Center, brings exemplary leaders from diverse backgrounds who have advocated for various human rights and social justice issues. [Register today!](#)

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

American University students are learning online this fall and the AU [Center for Israel Studies](#) invites you to learn along with them during our many [virtual webinars](#). To receive notices about our online events [sign up for our event newsletter here](#). To receive notices about our online events sign up for our event newsletter here and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). We'd love you to join us!

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- Big World" **podcasts** shine a spotlight on complex ideas and issues that matter. Each podcast features an expert from the School of International Service breaking down a big, important topic into small bite sizes. [Listen.](#)
- [Watch](#) videos of past SIS Events
- **Sustainable Development**
Streams online at 11 a.m. ET, November 19
SIS partners with the Balsillie School of International Affairs for a global insights panel to discuss the durability of sustainable development goals in the wake of a worldwide pandemic. [Register.](#)

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.

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