

HELPFUL LINKS

[Parking](#) | [Registration](#) | [Events Calendar](#) | [Past Newsletters](#)



Where Curiosity Never Retires



OLLI NEWS — NOVEMBER 6, 2020

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.

Fall Courses Last Dates

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

Today's Lecture: Jason Samenow How Is Climate Changing Affecting Washington's Weather, 1:30 PM

How Is Climate Changing Affecting Washington's Weather?

Jason Samenow

1:30-2:30 PM

Is it warming up and how are rain and snow changing? What do the latest climate change simulations project for the region? The Washington Post's weather editor and chief meteorologist for its Capital Weather Gang, Jason Samenow, will walk you through the data and discuss the implications.

Samenow also produces forecasts for WAMU, 88.5, Washington, DC's NPR affiliate and has loved weather since he was a child. From 2000 to 2010, he worked as a climate change analyst for the federal government, monitoring, analyzing, and communicating the science of climate change. He founded CapitalWeather.com in early 2004, the first professional weather blog on the Internet, which became part of The Post in 2008. At the University of Virginia, he earned a degree in environmental science, focusing in atmospheric science. He went on to earn a master's in atmospheric science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Samenow is a past chairman of the DC Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and earned the Digital Seal of Approval from the National Weather Association.

Zoom link: <https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/92495080934>

Webinar ID: 924 9508 0934

**Lecture: Fanchon Silverstein,
Art inSight: Understanding Art and Why It Matters
Fri., Nov. 13, 1:30 PM**

Art inSight: Understanding Art and Why It Matters

Fanchon Silverstein

Friday, November 13

1:30-2:30 PM

In an illustrated talk, Fanchon will discuss ways to collaborate with artists by describing what we see. Close attention can create a dialogue that leads to insights into diverse ways of interpreting the world among individuals and across cultures. She looks forward to hearing your thoughts and questions.

Fanchon Silberstein is an educator and writer who designed an innovative workshop, "Art and Intercultural Communication" for international audiences. She was Director of the US Department of State's Overseas Briefing Center where she designed and taught workshops for employees and families to prepare them for service abroad. She served on the board of the National MultiCultural Institute, and was a docent for the Smithsonian Institution's Hirshhorn Museum, chairing the program during her tenure and assisting museum educators in training new docents. She holds a BA in English and Art History from the University of Michigan and a Master's in Special Education from George Washington University. She lived and worked in Southeast Asia, Pakistan and Brazil.

Fanchon's recently published book, Art inSight, explores pathways to understanding art when, as beholders, we engage in direct and active observation. The book delves into art from many times and cultures to explore ways its makers saw the world and how contemporary artists see ours. An encounter with art is like meeting a stranger, and questioning strangeness can lead to greater understanding of ourselves and others.

Reservations are not required to receive the Zoom link and attend lectures this Fall. We will include the Zoom link in the 10:00 AM newsletter the morning of the lecture.

Serendipity! Franklin & Winston, Nick Glakas Tues., Nov. 10, 3:30 PM

Franklin & Winston – The Partnership That Saved the World

Nick Glakas

Tuesday, November 10 - 3:30 PM

The epic friendship and extraordinary partnership of Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill was played out over the course of nine meetings totaling 113 days over a six-year period from September 1939 until FDR's death in April 1945. Their meetings took them around the world, from Washington to Quebec, from Cairo to Casablanca, from Marrakesh to Tehran, from Malta to Yalta. It was no easy task for one of them who was paralyzed below the waist and confined to a wheelchair or the other whose age, health and work habits were of constant concern to his family, friends and doctors. This lecture will examine their nine meetings and the issues they resolved to win the war and establish a new course for a future peace.

Nick Glakas is a retired lawyer and Smithsonian lecturer. For the past 8 years, he has lectured on cruise ships around the world as well as at Cambridge, Georgetown and George Washington universities. He has clerked for 2 federal judges, served as general counsel of the Senate Appropriations Committee and been senior vice president of ITT Corporation. He is a former naval officer who served aboard a destroyer and an LST in the Mekong Delta, later attending law school at Georgetown and Cambridge University.

Registration is required in order to receive a Zoom invitation. [Register](#) by Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 8:00 AM. Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom invitation the morning of the

Serendipity.

Serendipity! Christo vs. Warhol, Carl Weichel Thurs., Nov. 12, 3:30 PM

Christo vs. Warhol; Eclectic Art and Eccentric Personality

Carl Weichel

Thursday, November 12 - 3:30 PM

Christo, with his wife, turned epic-scale environmental works into temporary popular art. Across continents, they used mountains, islands, farmlands, museums, and bridges. For Christo his esthetics was the process — workers, politics, negotiations, and construction difficulties. Envisage Andy Warhol and you see soup cans, Marilyn Monroe, videos, and gender-bending art. As portraitist, publisher, publicist, and salesman, he built a branded enterprise. We'll view videos, critique art, and compare personalities.

Carl Weichel has held various positions over his career in marketing, design, and advertising in Australia, South Africa, Canada, and San Francisco, and continues to consult. Carl has led OLLI study groups on Political Polarization, The 1960s, Eastern Religions and Philosophies, and Our Hidden Brain.

Registration is required in order to receive a Zoom invitation. [Register](#) by Thursday, Nov. 12 at 8:00 AM. Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom invitation the morning of the Serendipity.

Second Happy Hour: Thurs., Nov. 19, 4:30 PM

Join your OLLI friends for the second virtual **OLLI Happy Hour on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 4:30 PM.** Jeff Porter, Social Committee Chair, will host a discussion on the 2020 Election results. OLLI's Happy Hour online forum is an informal event intended for members to gather socially and share their thoughts and insights on designated topics. [Register.](#)

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

Genghis Khan: The Man Who Conquered Eurasia with Joe Snyder

Wednesday, 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.

Planet Word Virtual Tour: Wed., Nov. 11, 4:00 PM

Planet Word - DC's Newest Museum Free Online Tour

Wednesday, November 11 - 4:00-5:00 PM via Zoom

[Planet Word](#), Washington, DC's newest museum, is pleased to offer a complimentary, virtual tour for OLLI members. Planet Word is housed in the beautifully renovated Franklin School in downtown Washington, DC. Its mission is to “inspire and renew a love of words and language through unique, immersive learning experiences.”

Rebecca Roberts, the Museum’s Curator of Programming, with OLLI member and co-host, Tammy Belden, OLLI Trips Chair, will explain how the museum was conceived and became a reality, as well as describe the wide variety of exhibits and immersive learning experiences offered throughout the building. Join us for this presentation and we know you will want to visit it in person when the opportunity arises in the future.

[Register](#) by Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 3:00 PM. Zoom links will be emailed to registrants the morning of Nov. 11.

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](#)

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.](#)

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!

Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism

Thursday, November 12, 11:20 am-12:35 pm ET

Two scholars of high reputation in Jewish history and the history of antisemitism bring their expertise

to this topic. Dina Porat is Professor Emerita of modern Jewish history at Tel Aviv University and David Myers is Professor of Jewish History at UCLA. The discussion will be moderated by the Director of the Center for Israel Studies, Michael Brenner. [Register.](#)

Israel in the Shadow of COVID-19 Just the Facts

Maryland Israel Development Center

Tuesday, November 17, 12:00 - 1:00 PM EST, via Zoom

The coronavirus crisis has affected nearly all aspects of Israeli society, from the healthcare and education systems, to the labor market and economy, at large. This panel presentation by Israeli and US experts will provide an assessment of Israel's response to the pandemic. [Click Here to RSVP](#)

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.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Election 2020 Recap

Streams online at 12 p.m. November 10

SOC, SPA, and the Kennedy Political Union host Seven Days After: What Happened?, a virtual panel examining the US election one week after. [REGISTER](#)

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Serengeti Rules, Film

Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 pm EST

Join us for a **live, virtual panel discussion** about the award-winning film The Serengeti Rules. Maggie Burnette Stogner, executive director, Center for Environmental Filmmaking, and AU School of Communication professor, will moderate the discussion with Kiho Kim, AU College of Arts and Sciences professor; Sean Carroll, head of studio, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios; and Fred Tutman, clean water advocate and Patuxent Riverkeeper. [Register.](#)

[Covering the Trump Presidency \(YouTube\)](#)

PBS NewsHour's Yamiche Alcindor spoke about her experience as a journalist covering President Trump's presidency and her experience as a civil rights journalist. As she puts it, covering the Trump presidency is different than covering other administrations. "What I do know is that I covered hurricanes, and I covered all sorts of mayhem as a breaking news reporter and this feels — very chaotic. It feels like every day is different."

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.

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*.

Website www.oli-dc.org | **Phone** 202-895-4860 | **E-mail** oli@american.edu

Study Group Location 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Mailing Address 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW | Washington, DC 20016

Tony Long, *Executive Director* | Mary Fran Miklitsch, *Deputy Executive Director*

Lesley Diaz, *Academic Programs Coordinator*

Jesse Williams, *Operations Coordinator*

Niranjan Singh, *Administrative Coordinator*

[Join E-Mail List](#)

[View Our Website](#)