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OLLI NEWS — OCTOBER 16, 2020

OLLI Town Hall on Fri., Oct. 23

Members: Join us for a virtual Town Hall via Zoom on Friday, Oct. 23 at 1:30 PM.

Come hear about the state of OLLI at AU. Hear from OLLI's Board Chair, Treasurer, and Executive Director. We will also welcome Ed Fisher and Maria Barry of American University to give a brief presentation of the University's campus plan. Time for your questions and comments is an integral part of the Town Hall, so we hope you will join us. You must **register** to attend by clicking [here](#).

Please note: There is no Friday lecture next week since OLLI's Town Hall meeting will be taking place.

Recurring Zoom Link Invitations

The Zoom links you are now receiving are recurring, that is, they will work for the rest of the semester. We also are emailing them to you each week so you don't have to worry if you lose or delete it. Also, check your Junk/Spam and Trash folders if you haven't received a link.

When searching for OLLI Zoom link e-mails, please note that the sender is maryfran@american.edu.

Finally, to have a Zoom link re-sent to you, email olli@american.edu.

Zoom Link for Today's Lecture at 1:30 PM

The United Nations - Friend or Foe? Superfluous or Necessary?

E. Michael Southwick

This lecture will provide a brief historical overview of the "problem of peace," i.e., how nations over the centuries have tried to avoid war. E. Michael Southwick will describe America's interactions with the international community, starting with George Washington's warning about avoiding entangling alliances to the decision in 1945 to be a founding member of the United Nations. Among the significant issues and developments in this relationship to be discussed will be the Korean War,

human rights, and humanitarian operations.

Ambassador Southwick served as a US diplomat for 36 years, beginning in 1967. He had seven overseas assignments: Kathmandu, Kigali, Geneva, Bujumbura, Niamey, Nairobi, and Kampala. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at three African posts and from 1994 to 1997 was ambassador to Uganda.

Please click the link below by 1:25 PM to join the webinar:

<https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/98885097083>

Webinar ID: 988 8509 7083

Serendipity! Thurs., Oct. 29 Yeats Now, Joe Hassett

Yeats Now: Echoing Into Life with Joe Hassett

Thursday, October 29 - 3:30-4:30 PM via Zoom

W. B. Yeats often has just the right words for important occasions. Yeats scholar and author Joe Hassett will discuss memorable lines from Yeats's poetry that help us articulate our thoughts about significant moments in our own lives. Inviting Yeats into our lives line by line turns out to be an easy point of entry into the work of this astonishingly vital poet.

Joe Hassett is a Washington trial lawyer and author. His books include W. B. Yeats and the Muses and The Ulysses Trials: Beauty and Truth Meet the Law. Joe attended Canisius College, Harvard Law School, and University College Dublin (PhD).

Joe's newest book, *Yeats Now: Echoing into Life* is due to be released September 25 and can be ordered now from Book Depository at <https://www.bookdepository.com/>

Registration is required in order to receive a Zoom invitation. Register [here](#). The registration deadline is Thursday, October 29, at 8:00 AM. Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom invitation the morning of the Serendipity.

Serendipity! Tues., Nov. 10 Franklin & Winston, Nick Glakas

Franklin & Winston - The Partnership That Saved the World with Nick Glakas

Tuesday, November 10 - 3:30-4:30 PM via Zoom

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 [here](#). The registration deadline is Tuesday, November 10 at 8:00 AM. Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom invitation the morning of the Serendipity.

Serendipity! Thu. Nov. 12 - Christo vs. Warhol

***Christo vs. Warhol; Eclectic Art and Eccentric Personality* with Carl Weichel**

Thursday, November 12 - 3:30-5:00 PM via Zoom

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.

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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](#).

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](#).

"25 Years: Israel/U.S. Relations Since Rabin" via ZOOM

Monday, October 19 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Join an enlightening panel discussion around Israel-US relations. Panelists will include Rabin's

daughter, Dalia Rabin, Ambassador Rabinovich, and Ambassador Ross, all who knew Rabin well.

[RSVP For Rabin Tribute here.](#)

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 COMMUNICATIONS

Twelve Days to the Election

Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 5pm ET

RSVP: [here](#)

Join us for a virtual panel to examine/assess the U.S. election landscape and reconvene to assess the outcome at midday on November 10.

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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