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## OLLI NEWS — OCTOBER 23, 2020

### OLLI Town Hall Today, Fri., 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. To attend, you must [register](#) by 11:00 AM today.

***Please note: There is no lecture today.***

### Check Your Email Junk & Trash Folders

Valuable email can be misdirected to your Junk (or Spam) folder or even into your email program's Trash folder. Make it a habit to check both folders on a regular basis. (Checking the folders every Monday morning is a great habit!)

### In Memoriam: Margaret Beveridge

Margaret Beveridge, a long-time OLLI member, passed away on the morning of Oct. 19, surrounded by family. She will be missed.

### OLLI's Second Online Happy Hour: Nov. 4

Join your OLLI friends for the second virtual OLLI Happy Hour on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 4:30 PM. Jeff Porter, Social Committee Chair, will host a discussion on the Election's 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.](#)

## Last Dates for Classes

Please [click to view a list](#) of the last dates of the Fall classes. If you do not see your class on this list, please inquire during the next class or contact your SGL directly.

## Member Directories Available

The [Fall 2020 Membership Directory](#) is available to download. Members must login to access the directory. There are no printed copies this semester.

## Recurring Zoom 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 each week so you don't have to worry if you lose or delete an invite. When searching for class Zoom links, please note that the sender is maryfran@american.edu. To have a Zoom link resent, email [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).

## Lecture: Glenn Frankel, Fri., Oct. 30, 1:30 PM

### ***The Hollywood Blacklist and the Making of High Noon* with Glenn Frankel Friday, October 30 - 1:30-2:30 PM via Zoom**

Glenn Frankel is an author and journalist. Most recently, he was director of the School of Journalism and G.B. Dealey Regents Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. He also spent four years as a visiting journalism professor at Stanford University. He was a longtime Washington Post reporter, editor, and bureau chief in London, Southern Africa, and Jerusalem, where he won the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for “balanced and sensitive reporting” of Israel and the first Palestinian uprising. He is the author of *Beyond the Promised Land: Jews and Arabs on the Hard Road to a New Israel*, *Rivonia’s Children: Three Families and the Cost of Conscience in White South Africa*, and *The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend* (a New York Times and Los Angeles Times bestseller and a Library Journal Top Ten book for 2013). His new book, *High Noon: The Hollywood Blacklist and the Making of an American Classic* explores the Hollywood blacklist and the making of the classic western High Noon.

**Reservations are not required to attend lectures this fall. We will include the Zoom link in next Friday's 10:00 AM newsletter.**

## 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](#). 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](#) by Tues., Nov. 10 at 8:00 AM. Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom invitation the morning of the Serendipity.**

## **Planet Word Virtual Tour: Nov. 11**

**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 3:00 PM, Tue., Nov. 10.](#)** Zoom links will be emailed to registrants the morning of Nov. 11.

## Serendipity! Thurs., Nov. 12 Christo vs. Warhol with Carl Weichel

### ***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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## Literacy Council of Montgomery County Presents Bridging the Gap

The mission of the Literacy Council of Montgomery County, Maryland is to advance social and economic equity for under-served adults through academic instruction and workforce development. LCMC is affiliated with [ProLiteracy](#), the largest volunteer adult literacy organization in the United States. LCMC offers the [Bridging the Gap program](#) to start a dialogue about equity and how to build a more just society through the power of education.

## 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](#).

## **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**

### **ABetterU Skills Development Institute**

Saturday, October 24, 2020

11:00 AM - 2:30 PM via Zoom

The Skills Development Institute will address community and political awareness, personal growth, tools for jobs, and financial literacy. This day of professional development, skill-building, and interactive training is open to students, alumni, and members of the AU community. Register [here](#).

### **Can the “Center” Hold? How?**

Monday, October 26, 2020

5:30 PM, live, online event

Increasingly divided, America seems to be tearing itself apart. William Galston, from The Brookings Institution, makes the case for rebuilding the moderate middle. Register [here](#).

## **SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**Nomadas** (Film, 81 min.)

Tuesday, October 27 at 5:30 pm

Join AU for the United States Premiere of *Nomadas*, a mesmerizing exploration of the diverse Mexican biosphere, followed by a live virtual conversation between the filmmaker, AU SOC Alumnus Emiliano Ruprah, and AU SOC Professor Maggie Burnette Stogner. *Nomadas* follows some of the world’s most charismatic animals as they travel to Mexico across the span of a year. Register [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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