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OLLI NEWS — OCTOBER 9, 2020

CLASSES are Being Held on Mon. Oct. 12

Members should note that OLLI is open and classes are scheduled as usual on Monday, October 12.

Happy Hour with Jeff Porter, Thu., Oct 15

Join your friends at OLLI, for the **FIRST virtual OLLI Happy Hour for members on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 4:30 pm.** Jeff Porter, Chair of OLLI's Social Committee, will host a discussion on the Supreme Court nomination and its effect on the election. 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 [here](#). Please sign up latest by Oct. 14.**

OLLI Town Hall, OCT. 23

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

Come hear about the state of OLLI at American University. 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 American University's campus plan. Time for your questions and comments is an integral part of the Town Hall, so we hope to see you at the event. Please **register** by clicking [here](#) for the event.

Member Feedback

The fall preliminary feedback form is now available on the [OLLI website](#). We encourage you to take a

few minutes to provide feedback about each of your study groups thus far. The feedback is very helpful for study group leaders, as it helps them know what is working as well as what changes they might consider making for the remainder of the semester. Feedback is viewed by study group leaders, the curriculum committee, and the office.

Please provide feedback after you have attended two class sessions. **Feedback will be accepted through Sunday, October 11.**

Recurring Zoom Link Invitations

Recurring Zoom class invitations (links) will be emailed to you by 5 pm on the business day preceding your scheduled class(es), or latest by the morning of class. Please be sure to check your SPAM/JUNK/TRASH folders if the invitation is not in your regular email inbox. *When searching for OLLI Zoom links in your spam/junk/trash, please note that the sender is MaryFran@american.edu.*

To ensure you always have your Zoom link, you can also keep any invitations you receive for classes for or after Monday, October 5 -- the link will remain the same for the remainder of the semester. Again, you will still receive invitations for each class session.

Staff are still working remotely, so the fastest way to have a Zoom link re-sent to you is to request it by email at olli@american.edu -- requesting the link by phone can slow down our response time.

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

Joel Charny

Today, Friday, Oct. 9 : 1:30-2:30 PM

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

<https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/97915184035>

Webinar ID: 979 1518 4035

Lecture: Friday, Oct. 16: The United Nations

The United Nations - Friend or Foe? Superfluous or Necessary? with E. Michael Southwick

Ambassador Southwick served as a US diplomat for 36 years, beginning in 1967. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at three African posts and was ambassador to Uganda. In Washington, his tours included a variety of tasks, including cultural exchanges, economics, management, Congressional relations, intelligence, human rights, and UN affairs, culminating in two assignments as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. A strong advocate for economic and political reform including respect for human rights, he led or participated in numerous US delegations to international conferences. He was the chief US negotiator for the treaty to ban the use of child soldiers, since signed and ratified by the US. An advocate for multilateral approaches to world problems, he played a key role in the return of the United States to UNESCO and in opening the Universal Postal Union to the private sector. His awards include a Presidential Service Award from President George Bush and a medal from the government of Niger for helping to organize the successful international response to one of the worst droughts of the century. Since leaving the State Department, Southwick has worked at a think tank and has lectured on international affairs.

Serendipity! Thursday Oct. 28: Yeats Now, Joe Hassett

Yeats Now: Echoing Into Life with Joe Hassett

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

[Learn More and Register.](#)

Registrations are 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 lecture.

Smithsonian "Art Across Cultures" Tour

Wednesday, October 21, 3:30-4:30 PM, Online via Zoom

Register [here](#).

Register by 8:00 am on Wed., Oct. 20. (Maximum attendees 25, first come, first served)

The Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art is pleased to offer OLLI members a *complimentary*, online tour, "Art Across Cultures". The Smithsonian Institution has two museums of Asian art: the Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. The Freer Gallery houses one of the premier collections of Asian art, with objects dating from Neolithic times to the early twentieth century. The Sackler Gallery features both permanent and temporary exhibitions from ancient times to the present.

Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom link the morning of the tour. Please click the link in your e-mail 5 minutes prior to the start time. If you have any questions, please contact the museum at asiatours@si.edu.

American University News & Events

AU EVENTS & NEWS

AU FALL SCHEDULE OF STUDENT ARTS PERFORMANCES : View & Register [here](#)

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.](#)

Exploring Social Justice Series

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 COMMUNICATIONS

A conversation with Leonard Downie Jr

6 p.m. ET on Friday, Oct. 9,

Register: [here](#)

Former Washington Post Executive Editor Leonard Downie Jr. talks about his new book, "All About the Story." At a time when the role of journalism is especially critical, Downie draws on nearly 50 years at the news organization and the importance of getting at the truth.

Film: Stories of Resilience and Hope

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5pm ET

RSVP: [here](#)

Join us for a live virtual panel discussion about Spike Lee's 1989 dramatic exploration of racial tension "Do The Right Thing."

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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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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