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OLLI NEWS — SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Fall Open House

The annual open house for the fall semester will take place on **Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 AM**. It will be held online via Zoom. **Click [here](#) to register**. Zoom links will be emailed to registrants the morning of the event. Please join us as we welcome returning members back for another semester and introduce each other to OLLI newcomers!

Welcomers Needed!

We are short of Welcomers to reach out to new members for the fall semester. Our new colleagues are joining an organization they cannot see or visit at present. Welcomers reach out in person to welcome them, tell them what to expect, and serve as a resource as needed over the semester. Remember what it was like when you first joined? Now is your chance to return the favor. Please *note: Volunteers should have been OLLI members for at least one academic session*. Click [here](#) to volunteer or send an e-mail to olli@american.edu

Register for Fall Now!

The Fall 2020 semester runs September 21-December 4. **All Fall OLLI courses will be conducted via Zoom.**

Please click [here](#) to view courses and register online. If you want to print a copy of the catalog, you can [download a PDF](#).

Note: The discounted rate of \$270 entitles you to register for a fourth class. To register for a fourth class, please e-mail the OLLI office at olli@american.edu.

Introduce OLLI to Friends & Family

Tell your friends, near and far, that we invite them to join the OLLI experience this fall. OLLI at AU is one of 124 OLLIs around the country, all of which are currently online. Each is unique in course content and delivery, but all are dedicated to lifelong learning in their communities. Whether your friends explore our [OLLI at AU](#) program or an [OLLI near them](#), they will be in for a treat by taking an OLLI class.

OLLI Holiday Closures

OLLI will be closed during the fall semester only on Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 25-27, of Thanksgiving Week. SGLs will communicate directly with their class participants regarding any other dates on which they will not hold their classes.

Class Handouts

Members can access and download class handouts in PDF format on our [website](#). We will update this page as Study Group Leaders make new material available. The page will be available for the duration of the semester.

Zoom Accessibility

Zoom is beta testing closed captioning for hard of hearing individuals. OLLI at AU is not endorsing any other software, but we do want to share this information with you. Until Zoom offers free closed captioning, there is a voice-to-text workaround that is free and easy to use. Google Live Transcribe shows speech and sound as text on your screen, so you can participate in conversations around you more easily. You can type responses on the screen, get alerted when your name is spoken, and search within transcriptions.

Read more and download the [Google Live Transcribe app \(free\)](#) which is **only available for Android cellphone devices**. Simply setup your Android phone adjacent to the sound source (e.g. laptop, desktop or iPad) and the app will transcribe any voice being broadcast. The accuracy is quite reliable with minimal latency. There are various voice-to-text apps for Apple devices but none are currently comparable to the quality of Google Live Transcribe. Therefore, it may be worth your while to buy and use a cheap Android device that is internet-capable for the use of Google Live Transcribe alone.

Books for Classes

OLLI is working with Politics and Prose as usual this fall. To purchase books for classes, members can do any of the following:

- Order from their [website](#)
- Call 202-364-1919 to order over the phone
- Visit Politics and Prose in person at 5015 Connecticut Ave NW

If purchasing books via their website, mention in the notes field that the book is for an OLLI course. Their web orders team will apply the 10% discount to your credit card when it's officially processed. If you call or shop in person, mention the discount when paying.

Books not available at Politics and Prose:

140 - *United States and Asia*

168 - *US Military Capabilities and Forces*

549 - *Faber Pocket Guide to Bach*

620 - *Undici Novelle*

620 - *Racconti Romani*

725 - *Penguin Atlas of African History*

869 - *Proslogion*

Books that are only pay-to-order:

515 - *Peter Camenzind*

793 - *Theodore Roosevelt*

793 - *Woodrow Wilson*

869 - *Summa Theologiae*

677 - *Our Emily Dickinson*

Politics and Prose encourages online orders over phone orders, as the phone lines can have long wait times.

Fall AU Library Services for OLLI Members

The AU Library will not be able to provide OLLI members with access to physical collections this fall. There also will be no online access because the licensing agreements with their content providers limit access to AU students, staff, and faculty. This limitation is expected to continue through at least December 2020.

F. Scott Fitzgerald Library Festival

Barbara Kingsolver is the 2020 recipient of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Achievement in American Literature. On Saturday, October 3, special guest and Keynote Speaker Clint Smith will introduce our honoree. The 24th Annual Festival theme is "Literature and Social Justice." Events will be livestreamed and available September 17, September 24, October 2, and October 3. Visit the [Library website](#) for more information.

American University News & Events

AU EVENTS

Campus Conversations

President Sylvia M. Burwell spoke to Washingtonian magazine as a part of the magazine's Campus Conversations series. Burwell discussed AU's response to COVID-19, as well as her own background in dealing with pandemics. [Watch.](#)

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.](#)

Request a Ballot Week

Online 10:00 a.m- 7:00 p.m. Sept. 8-13

The University Library and AUSG are hosting a virtual Request a Ballot Week. Learn how you can register to vote or request a ballot in our online chat. [LEARN MORE.](#)

Hogan: Still Standing

Streams online at 1:00 p.m. on Sept. 15

Sine Institute speaks with Maryland governor and cancer survivor Larry Hogan, about his memoir Still Standing, with introductory remarks by AU president Sylvia M. Burwell.

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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](#). Some of our Fall 2020 online events include our series, "Antisemitism Since the Holocaust: America, Israel and Europe," a tribute to the late Yitzhak Rabin with his daughter Dalia Rabin and Ambassadors Dennis Ross and Itamar Rabinovich, and a special event on The Changing Relationship between Diaspora Jews and Israel with Jewish Agency Chairman (and former Israeli opposition leader) Isaac Herzog. To receive notices about our online events [sign up for our event newsletter here](#). We'd love you to join us!

THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING WORKSHOP

Pamela Roberts, Director of Development, The Investigative Reporting Workshop at AU, invites OLLI members to attend an upcoming panel discussion and presentation of PBS FRONTLINE Presents: Plastic Wars on September 15 from 6-7. The IRW is bringing together other AU Schools & Centers such as: the Center for Environmental Filmmaking, the Office of Sustainability, and the School of Communication. [Here is a link](#) for more information and to the Eventbrite registration.

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 SIS Events Bulletins.](#)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Films Across Borders showcases critically acclaimed films, documentaries and shorts and from around the world. Co-hosted by a variety of Schools within American University, in partnership with embassy cultural organizations, arts institutions and environmental groups, the series focuses on a distinctive timely and compelling theme each year. [View Schedule 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.

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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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