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OLLI NEWS — DECEMBER 4, 2020

Final Member Feedback & SGL Gifts

Please take a few minutes to complete the study group feedback form that is available on the OLLI website [here](#). **Feedback will be accepted through Sunday, December 6.** Study Group Leaders, the Curriculum Committee, and the office staff greatly appreciate feedback that you provide.

If you would like to make a gift to your SGLs, please do so on our [website](#). **SGL gifts will be accepted through Sunday, Dec. 6.** 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.

Propose a Spring Study Group!

The OLLI Curriculum Committee has extended the deadline for spring semester study group proposals. 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](#). To propose a study group, please click the link down 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.

Both the February Shorts and spring semester will be conducted online over Zoom. The following support will be provided for Study Group Leaders:

- 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.

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](#)

****Spring Proposal deadline: Friday, December 11.****

Friday Lecture Recordings Now Available

Recordings of **Friday Lectures** are now available on our [Lectures webpage](#). The link for the recording is below the lecture's description.

TODAY's Lecture - Friday, Dec. 4 at 1:30 PM

Judith Welles

Grit and Gusto: Farmerettes and Suffragettes in WW I

Friday, Dec. 4 - 1:30 PM

Zoom link: <https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/93819271153>

Webinar ID: 938 1927 1153

Judith Welles is a writer and former journalist who has authored local history books about the area in which she lives including Potomac and Cabin John: Legends and Life of an Uncommon Place, and a biography, Lilly Stone. She also wrote a worklife e-book for Kindle, Get a Life, Try This! Judy has been a speechwriter for US Cabinet members and communications manager for federal agencies and major corporations, such as PricewaterhouseCoopers and IBM. She has been a Board member of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Trust for the national park, chaired the Montgomery County Commission on Aging, and is a speaker for Montgomery History (the Montgomery County historical society). She is a graduate of Vassar College.

Eisenhower Museum Virtual Tour

The Eisenhower museum is pleased to offer a complimentary virtual tour for OLLI members on **Monday, December 7, at 1:00 PM.**

Designed by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial encapsulates Eisenhower's legacy in a four-acre urban park at the base of Capitol Hill. The memorial features a one-of-a-kind stainless steel tapestry depicting beaches of D-Day, heroic-sized bronze sculptures, and stone bas reliefs. This memorial was many years in the planning and opened in September of this year.

Rich in design and symbolism, we are fortunate to have with us **Victoria Tigwell, the Deputy Executive Director of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission**, to tell us in depth about the

planning, design, and building of the memorial. Join us for this fascinating look into Washington's new memorial.

Click [here](#) to register. The registration deadline is Monday, December 7 at 8:00 AM. Zoom links will be emailed to registrants the morning of the tour.

Hamlet, Wed., Dec. 9 - 4:00 PM

You are invited to tea at Elsinore. No actual tea but a recorded performance of Hamlet by William Shakespeare will be open to OLLI members on Wed., Dec. 9, at 4:00 pm via Zoom. Which Hamlet? To be decided by popular vote of the Shakespeare in Performance Study Group from among more than 10 contenders the group has been enjoying and discussing all semester. *Come find out what all the buzz has been about.* **No registration required. Zoom link will be included in the Fri., Dec. 4, newsletter.**

Invitation to Participate in Research

A group of academic researchers (from [Wichita State](#) and [George Mason Universities](#)) are currently recruiting healthy, older people for a series of studies and focus groups, all conducted remotely. We are investigating a range of topics related to cognitive aging, specifically social isolation and interventions aimed at reducing the effects of social isolation and promoting well-being. As with all approved research, participants can withdraw at any time.

Volunteers will be benefiting their peers as well as the greater scientific community and the researchers are happy to make a small donation to the preferred charity of any one who recruits five or more people for our studies.

Contact: Pam Greenwood, Associate Professor of Psychology, George Mason University, phone 703-993-4268 or email gmuarglab@gmail.com.

Life Event Study – Earn up to \$40 for 80 min!

A research team at [Florida International University](#) collaborating with Iowa State University is interviewing people ages 9 - 90 as part of an 80-minute study on memory for recent life events, people, and activities. This research study consists of two separate online, Zoom sessions and you can earn up to \$40 for your participation. If you would like to take part in our study, please fill out this [pre-screening form](#) to see if you qualify:

Learn more: call 786-379-5118 or email eventstudy@fiu.edu

American University News & Events

AU News

American University receives \$4.5 million gift

The gift, [announced](#) Wednesday by AU President Sylvia Burwell, include \$3 million from the Bender Foundation and \$1.5 million from university trustee board member Stephanie Bennett-Smith. The Center for Athletic Performance, to be called CAP for short, is expected to include training space for athletes and provide new wellness resources for students. [Read more.](#)

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](#)

AU's 140th Commencement, with Andrea Mitchell, MSNBC

December 13, 2020

Details forthcoming, mark your calendar.

Andrea Mitchell, NBC News' chief foreign affairs correspondent, host of MSNBC's "Andrea Mitchell Reports" and the network's leading voice on U.S. foreign policy and international diplomacy, will deliver American University's keynote address for its fall 2020 commencement. Mitchell will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during AU's 140th commencement.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Vision 2020: Election Stories from The Next Generation

This project focuses on magnifying the concerns of young voters from diverse experiences and backgrounds, leading up to the most critical election of our lifetime. [Nine AU student journalists](#), one student from Syracuse University, and another from University of Kansas were able to contribute to the project and have their stories published. [Learn More.](#)

Internet Freedom

Streams online, Dec. 3, 2:30PM

SOC (and SIS) co-host an event exploring stories of people affected by online censorship around the world. SIS professor Eric Novotny and SOC professor Aram Sinnreich moderate.

[Register.](#)

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.](#)

AU Student Music Concerts

[Click here to view event calendar](#)

Questions? Call 202-885-ARTS or email auarts at american.edu.

To stay up to date on performances and events, join the AU Arts [mailing list](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

AU Symphonic Band & Orchestra

Fee: \$5.00 per person

Saturday, December 5, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm, online

Join AU's two largest instrumental ensembles, the AU Symphonic Band and the AU Symphony Orchestra, for a live Zoom presentation of our innovative work. [Register.](#)

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!

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

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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