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## OLLI NEWS, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

### Register for Fall Now!

The Fall 2020 semester runs September 21-December 4. **Lottery day is Tuesday, September 8. 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](#).

If you registered for a Spring 2020 semester class that was cancelled and is now rescheduled for this Fall, you will be given priority registration for that class *if* you identify it as one of top three preferences.

Many courses this Fall will have increased capacity so fewer classes will be impacted by the lottery.

**Note: The discounted rate of \$270 entitles you to register for a maximum of 4 (four) courses, three prior to lottery day, and a fourth *after* you receive your assignment letter on lottery day. To register for a fourth after you receive your letter, please e-mail the OLLI office at [olli@american.edu](mailto: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.

### 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 before the start of 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](mailto:olli@american.edu)

## Zoom Training for Members

Learn how to use Zoom in an OLLI class with topics including: Navigating the controls, speaker view vs. gallery view, how SGLs manage discussions and Q&A, joining classes early, Zoom etiquette, etc. Register for a session by clicking on a link below.

- **Wed. Sept. 9** (10:00-11:15 AM) Register [here](#)
- **Thu. Sept. 10** (1:00-2:15 PM) Register [here](#)
- **Fri. Sept. 11** (10:00-11:15 AM) Register [here](#)

## 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 will still be working with Politics and Prose for book needs this fall.** To purchase books for classes, members can do any of the following:

- Go [here](#) to 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 it is for an OLLI course and 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.

## 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.

## American University News & Events

### AU NEWS & EVENTS

[Watch](#) President Sylvia Burwell's words of welcome for the Fall 2020 semester.

### 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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