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The February Shorts Are Online

In response to the current wave of new Covid cases and expressions of concern from SGLs and members, **the Board has decided that all February Shorts will be conducted online.** While this is a disappointment to many of us, we think this decision puts us in the best position to deal with a rapidly changing health environment.

No action is necessary for those who have already registered for their February Shorts. We will update the member records for those of you who signed up for in-person or hybrid (in-person) to shift you to the online format.

Please note when registering that the following classes have been cancelled for the February Shorts:

- 911: The Development of Financial Legislation
- 943: Relativity
- 951: Sound Revolutions—A Brief History of Recorded Sound
- 962: Lady Chatterley's Lover: Then and Now
- 964: Book and a Movie

We are happy to let you know that plans for the Spring semester are unchanged. Currently, we anticipate that slightly more than half the classes will take place in-person. We will, of course, continue to monitor Covid as well as guidance from federal and district health authorities, and we will consult closely with AU. Our primary concern remains the safety of our members and SGLs. We will keep you posted through our website, the Friday newsletter, and other emails, so keep an eye out for updates from OLLI.

January Lecture Series

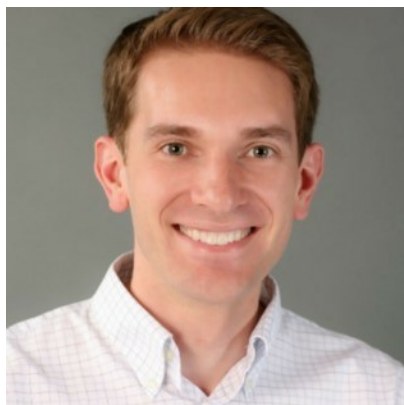
Location

January lectures will be held online via Zoom Webinar on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 AM, ***with the exception of the first lecture, which is 1:30-2:30 PM.*** We will send the Zoom link the morning of each lecture to those subscribed to the newsletter.

Reservations Not Required

Reservations are not required to receive the Zoom link and attend lectures in January. We will send the Zoom link the morning of each lecture. Each Friday newsletter will also have information about the following week's lecture(s).

Lectures



Thursday, January 13

1:30 PM *(All other lectures are at 10:30 AM.)*

Jonathan Ladd, *How the News and Social Media Shaped Recent Presidential Campaigns*

Jonathan Ladd is an associate professor in the McCourt School of Public Policy and the Department of Government at Georgetown and a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. He mainly studies and writes about public opinion, partisan polarization, and the news media. His book, *Why Americans Hate the Media and How it Matters*, won the Goldsmith Book Prize from Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy as well as the McGannon Award for Social and Ethical Relevance in Communications Policy Research. His articles have also appeared in political science journals such as the *American Journal of Political Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Political Science*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Behavior* and *Political Psychology*.



Tuesday, January 18

10:30 AM

Virginia Mecklenburg, *Edward Hopper and the Power of Place*

Virginia M. Mecklenburg is a senior curator at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. She has organized more than 30 exhibitions that have traveled to over 100 venues in the United States and abroad. She lectures widely and has written on Amalia Mesa Bains, Romare Bearden, George Bellows, Carmen Lomas Garza, Edward Hopper, Robert Indiana, William H. Johnson, Jacob Lawrence, Agueda Martinez, Jesús Moroles, Georgia O’Keeffe, Faith Ringgold, Norman Rockwell, John Sloan, Consuelo Jimenez Underwood, and other 20th- and 21st-century artists for exhibition publications such as *American Art*, *American Art Review*, and *The Magazine Antiques*. She is currently engaged in organizing “Subversive, Skilled, Sublime: Fiber Art by Women and William H. Johnson: The Fighters for Freedom.”



Thursday, January 20

10:30 AM

Shari Lawrence Pfleeger, *Who Wants to Know? Protecting Your Online Privacy in the 21st Century*

Shari Lawrence Pfleeger is well-known for her work in software engineering and cyber security. Most recently, she was Research Director for Dartmouth College’s Institute for Information Infrastructure Protection, a consortium of leading universities, national laboratories, and nonprofit institutions dedicated to strengthening the US cyber infrastructure. She joined the I3P after serving for nine years as a senior researcher at the RAND Corporation, where her work focused on software quality and cyber security. Previously, as president of Systems/Software, Inc., she led a consultancy specializing in software engineering and technology. She has also held several research and teaching positions at universities in the United States and United Kingdom, including City University of London, Durham University, the University of Maryland, and Howard University. Named repeatedly by the *Journal of Systems and Software* as one of the world’s top software engineering researchers, Dr. Pfleeger is the author of more than one hundred articles and dozens of books. She earned a PhD in information technology and engineering from George Mason University, and a Doctor of Humane Letters from Binghamton University. Pfleeger is also an award-winning poet, and she sits on the board of Alice

James Books, a collaborative press giving voice to poets who inspire change.



Tuesday, January 25

10:30 AM

Patricia Cole, *Child Development—The Importance of the First Three Years*

Patricia Cole leads ZERO TO THREE's work in federal policy formulation and legislative strategies in a range of areas affecting infants and toddlers, including early care and learning, home visiting, child welfare, infant-early childhood mental health, and health care. Ms. Cole has over thirty years of experience in policy at the federal and state levels. Prior to her current position, she was a consultant on children and family policy, working with ZERO TO THREE and the National After School Association. From 1989 to 1994, she served as staff to Senator Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT), Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Children and Families. Among her responsibilities was oversight of key programs and was instrumental in legislation that included two reauthorizations of Head Start and the creation of Early Head Start; reauthorizations of the Human Services Act (which included the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance and Community Services Block Grants); the Child Care and Development Block Grant; the Family and Medical Leave Act; and the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

**OLLI does not endorse any of the viewpoints expressed
by the speakers in its series.**

We thank the Lecture Committee and all those who suggested and contacted speakers:
Helen Blank, Martha Cutts, Lesley Diaz (Staff Liaison), Chuck Edson, Judy Havemann,
Jeanne Kent, Lynn Lewis, Mark Nadel (Chair),
Stan Newman, Diane Renfroe, Joan Simmons, and
Delbert Spurlock

Share OLLI With Your Friends and Family

Staying connected is more important now than ever! Taking OLLI classes via Zoom allows our learning community to stay connected while broadening its horizons and extending its reach. We miss being able to have all in-person classes, but we have adapted, and even thrived, in the age of Zoom-learning.

Now is the time to tell your friends and family, near and far, that we invite them to join the OLLI experience this fall. OLLI at American University 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 program or an [OLLI near them](#), they will be in for a treat by taking an OLLI class.

Registration Is Open

February Shorts

The February Shorts will be held **online via Zoom** for two weeks: **February 7-11** and **February 14-18**. Each Short course runs for 2, 3, 4, or 5 days during one of the two weeks. You may register for up to three courses for the \$75 fee. **Your course selections do not have to be all within the same week. Make sure to register before the February Shorts lottery on Thursday, January 13.**

[View Feb Shorts and register.](#)

Spring Semester

The Spring Semester is **March 7-May 13**. Currently, OLLI is continuing plans to offer classes in three formats: **In-Person Only, Online Only, and Hybrid**. Courses meet once a week for 7-10 weeks. The \$300 membership fee allows you to sign up for three courses before the lottery. After the lottery, when you have received your class assignment letter, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account. **Make sure to register before the Spring lottery on Tuesday, February 15.**

[View Spring Semester and register.](#)

February & Spring Catalog

The February Shorts & Spring catalog has been mailed out. Look for your copy in your mailbox this month.

Below are catalog changes for the February Shorts and Spring Semester:

February Shorts

****All February Shorts courses are now online.****

911: The Development of Financial Legislation: *CANCELLED*

943: Relativity: *CANCELLED*

951: Sound Revolutions—A Brief History of Recorded Sound: *CANCELLED*

956: 21st-Century Art: *No reading is required.*

962: Lady Chatterley's Lover: Then and Now: *CANCELLED*

964: Book and a Movie: *CANCELLED*

Spring:

113: Shakespeare's Political Theory: *Now meets Mondays at 11:45 AM, starting March 7.*

444: Algorithms—How Machines Think: *CANCELLED*

633: Wallace Stevens and Company: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

646: How to Wash A Child's Heart: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

655: Early Twentieth-Century American Fiction: *CANCELLED*

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AU Arts

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. [View the schedule and](#)

[registration links.](#)

AU Museum

Spring Schedule

January 29-May 22

Friday-Sunday, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Reservations are not required for your visit. Admission is always free. Regarding groups and any questions about your visit, email museum@american.edu. Access the museum [online](#).

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