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**OLLI NEWS — April 2, 2021**

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## **OLLI Annual Meeting: Fri., April 9th at 1:30 PM**

### **Friday, April 9 - 1:30 PM, via Zoom**

Join us for the online OLLI Annual Meeting on Friday, April 9. The annual meeting will be conducted via Zoom. **Zoom links will be emailed to all Spring members on the morning of the meeting. \*Please join the meeting by 1:20 PM.\***

Board candidates will give brief remarks to introduce themselves. Online balloting will begin after the Annual Meeting and election results will be announced on April 26.

## **Board of Directors Election**

After inviting recommendations from the OLLI membership, this year's Nominating Committee (Diane

Renfroe, Chair; John Aldock; Lisa Leinberger; Cindy Lisec; and Mark Nadel), has developed a list of four candidates to fill the four positions on the Board of Directors becoming vacant in June 2021. The Committee believes these candidates have amply demonstrated the skills, experience, background, and energy needed for OLLI at AU leadership. The list, which the Board has approved, will appear on the ballot for the election that is scheduled for April. Please note that an asterisk by a candidate's name indicates they're a current Board member. The Board-approved candidates are:



**MARTHA CUTTS\***

I retired in July 2016 after 47 years in K-12 education. Most recently I served for eight-plus years as Head of School at Washington Latin Public Charter School. In 1991, I moved to Washington, DC from Connecticut for my position at National Cathedral School as Assistant Head and Director of the Upper School. I have a BA from Mount Holyoke College and an MAT from Yale University. I served as Board Chair and Vice Chair and am currently Secretary. I have been or am now a member of OLLI at AU's Strategic Planning, Development, Lecture, and Diversity Committees. I have also been an OLLI Welcomer for three years. OLLI has been the highlight of my retirement; I look forward to helping the organization continue to grow and thrive.



**JO ANNE FRIEDENTHAL\***

Treasurer of the OLLI at AU Board of Directors, Chair of the Finance Committee, and a member of the Investment Sub-Committee. I am a retired attorney who specialized in securities, finance, and real estate law and have served as an arbitrator in securities matters. I was a partner in a large San Francisco law firm, and upon moving to DC, was Associate General Counsel for Freddie Mac. I have been a member of OLLI for 12 years and have had the opportunity to take a large variety of fascinating and challenging courses. I have acted as a Study Group Representative for several classes. In 2013, and again in 2016, I served as Chair of the Personnel Committee. I also have been a member of the Nominations Committee, and a committee to review and revise the By-laws.



### **STUART FRISCH**

I've been taking classes enthusiastically at OLLI since 2013. I am the Chair of the Personnel Committee and a member of the Governance Committee. Over the years, I have often served as a class representative and a welcomer for new members. I have also mentored several foreign students in the OLLI-IAP program. I am a graduate of Brooklyn College and Harvard Law School. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic in the late 1960s. I spent most of my legal career in government—10 years at the EEOC and 25 years at the Department of Justice, where I was a senior executive.



### **ALAN HAUSMAN\***

I have been a student at OLLI at AU for over a decade. For the last three years, I have served on the OLLI Board and, during this time, have served as Board Secretary, been on the Executive Committee, and currently serve as Chair of the Governance Committee. Prior to joining the Board, I served as Chair of the Personnel Committee and co-taught an OLLI class. In my prior life, I practiced law for over 30 years at law firms, for a major financial institution, and as Senior Counsel to a Congressional Select Committee. I have served on the boards of several non-profits and as an outside consultant to non-profits with an emphasis on management, corporate governance, and human resources. I am a graduate of Brooklyn College and Columbia Law School.

## **Self Nominations for Board Election**

Members interested in being placed on the ballot as at-large candidates can do so by filing a self-nomination petition supported by the signatures of 10 OLLI members. Candidates meeting the 10-member signature requirement will automatically appear on the ballot. **The deadline for submitting at-large petitions is 4:00 PM, today, Friday, April 2.** As part of the petition, candidates should provide a photo (a smartphone photo is fine) and a brief bio of no more than 100

words. Interested candidates should contact the OLLI office for the petition form and other details.

## International Accelerator Program

A recent issue of *Shorelight* magazine focused on the OLLI-AU/IAP Partnership. Shorelight helps international students study at top U.S. universities. The article asks, "Can international students benefit from an intergenerational buddy or mentorship program?" [Read the article.](#)

*\*Please note there is an error in the article stating that OLLI is relocating to another building. OLLI is not moving; the IAP Program is moving.*

## National Science Foundation: STEM Survey

The National Science Foundation is conducting a research project to develop measures that reflect older adult engagement in informal STEM learning experiences and potential involvement in STEM (STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) advocacy.

The research team includes 3 University of California - Berkeley entities; OLLI @ Berkeley, the Fung Fellowship, and the Lawrence Hall of Science Educational Research Group.

As part of the measure development, a survey will be conducted to capture older adults responses to questions involving potential interest in STEM and possible STEM advocacy behaviors.

Numerous OLLIs throughout the country are participating. OLLI @ American University has reviewed this opportunity and agreed to support it by providing the survey to members.

OLLI members do not have to have any personal or professional background in STEM fields to participate.

The survey will be sent the week of April 12th.

## Spring 2021 Membership Directory Online

The Spring 2020 Membership Directory is now online. No printed copies are available. You can download a copy [here](#). You must be a member and login to download a copy.

## Proposals for Summer 2021

### June and July Study Group Proposals

The OLLI office is now accepting study group proposals (to teach a class) for both of the upcoming summer sessions. We welcome proposals from both new and veteran Study Group Leaders. For more information about being an SGL at OLLI, please visit [Become A Study Group Leader](#) on the OLLI website. If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group and would like to speak with someone about the experience, please email [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

To propose a study group, please click one of the links below. **You will need to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.** The OLLI Board hasn't yet made the official decision, but summer classes likely will be via Zoom. We will be providing the same support for summer SGLs as we have for previous virtual sessions:

- Group SGL Zoom training (done virtually)

- One-on-one Zoom training as requested
- Instructional documents and videos
- “Virtual Room Monitor” for SGLs who request one (help with muting/unmuting, managing chat and/or virtual raised hand, and sharing PowerPoint)
- Handouts for OLLI members provided digitally on OLLI website

**June Minis: June 7-July 2 (Classes meet once a week for 4 weeks)**

Proposal form: <https://www.oli-dc.org/studygroupform>

**July Shorts: July 12-16 (classes meet 3, 4, or 5 times that week)**

Proposal form: <https://oli-dc.org/shortsproposalform>

**Deadline for both sessions: Sunday, April 11.**

## Today's Lecture: Mark Leithauser, 1:30-2:30 PM

***Designing National Gallery Exhibits, Mark Leithauser***

**[Zoom link](#)**

**Passcode: 306430**

Mark Leithauser recently retired as Senior Curator, Chief of Design at the National Gallery of Art. He directed the Gallery’s Design Division, which is responsible for the design and installation of all exhibitions, both temporary and permanent, focusing on the architectural, historical and artistic intent of the presentation. He is also an artist in his own right, and his drawings and paintings have been widely exhibited. **No registration is required.**

## April 16 Lecture: Raymond Caldwell

***Making Theater Meaningful in DC and Beyond, Raymond Caldwell***

***Friday, April 16 - 1:30-2:30 PM, via Zoom***

Raymond Caldwell is the Producing Artistic Director at the Theater Alliance, which he joined in 2017 to curate and produce the company’s inaugural Word Becomes Action Festival. He was elevated to Associate Artistic Director at the beginning of 2018 and became the director in 2019. Previously he was a Resident Director and full-time lecturer at Howard University’s Theater Department. Caldwell is an accomplished actor, director, and teaching artist. As an actor, he has toured nationally and internationally. He has worked with playwrights including Ntozake Shange, Edward Albee, and Tarell Alvin McCraney. Internationally, he has directed and developed new-work in India, Ukraine, Greece, Germany, and the UK. For five seasons, he has worked for Arena Stage’s Community Engagement Division, following a year spent as the company’s prestigious Allen Lee Hughes Community Engagement Fellow. He received a BFA in Acting from the University of Florida, and a MFA in Acting from Ohio State University.

**No registration required. The Zoom link will be included in next Friday's newsletter.**

## Online Happy Hour: Thurs., April 8, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Join your friends at OLLI, for the third virtual OLLI Happy Hour for members on Thursday, April. 8 at 4:00 PM. Jeff Porter, Chair of OLLI’s Social Committee, will host. OLLI’s Happy Hour online forum is an informal event for members to gather socially and share their thoughts and insights. [Register.](#)

The cutoff for registration is 8:00 AM on Thu., April 8, or 40 people, whichever comes first. Zoom links for registrants will be sent via email that morning.

## Virtual Tour Suggestions

There are many opportunities to learn virtually-OLLI, of course, being one of the best! We occasionally will note offerings outside OLLI for your benefit. Check out: [Capitol Conversations by the Capitol Visitor Center](#), which features Capitol guides speaking on the Capitol's historic spaces, artwork, artifacts and statues. In April, the Visitor Center virtual schedule includes a virtual tour of the Capitol grounds, the Congressional Cemetery, Congress and baseball, and more. The programs are free and easy to register for.

## American University News & Events

### AU LIBRARY

Join American University Library's **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.](#)

### SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

#### **Cultivating Fear: Anti-Muslim Bias in the Media and Society**

Tue., April 6th, 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM, online

Join a discussion with panelists that include Muslim journalists, advocates, and researchers discussing their religious identity and how it intersects with their work, communities, and personal lives.

[Register.](#)

### SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

#### **Spotlight on the Eastern Mediterranean**

Tue, April 6, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, online

Alexandra Papadopoulou, Greece's Ambassador to the U.S., and Marios Lysiotis, the Republic of Cyprus' Ambassador to the U.S., will discuss the Eastern Mediterranean as a hotbed of political tension, and more. [Register.](#)

### SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

#### **A Conversation with U.S. House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn**

Thu., Apr. 8, at 6:00 PM, streaming

Join a conversation US House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn, as he reflects on his experience and offers his perspective on the Biden Administration, the prospects for racial progress, and the state of U.S. democracy. [Register.](#)

#### **Empowering Truth: Why America needs true journalists**

In a five-part seminar series, renowned photo-journalist, Ann Curry explores the value and vulnerabilities of truth and the fundamental skills we can develop, both practical and emotional to not only get it, but to defend it, and thus, each other. [Register.](#)

## Building Policy Consensus on the World Stage: The Pitfalls, Progress, and Possibilities

Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, Croatia's first woman head of state, will kick-off her Sine fellowship with a **seminar series** on building consensus on the global stage. [Register.](#)

### CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

#### Germany's Responsibility in Fighting Antisemitism Today

Mon., Apr. 12, 5:30PM - 6:30PM via Zoom

Join an online conversation between Dr. Emily Haber, Germany's Ambassador to the United States, and CIS director Michael Brenner. [Register.](#)

### AU ARTS

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

## OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MISSION

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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