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### Spring Open House

The Annual Open House for the spring semester will take place on **Tuesday, February 16 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!

### AU 2021 Campus Plan

American University has recently completed its 2021 Campus Plan that will guide its growth for the next ten years. Among the many issues the Plan addresses are the numbers of students enrolled and staff employed; the development and renovation of academic, residential, and athletic buildings; landscaping and open space preservation; student housing and rules of conduct; and parking regulations.

The OLLI at AU Board of Directors has been tracking development of the Campus Plan for the past 18 months through participation on the Community Liaison Committee, established to foster communication between the University and community organizations in the surrounding community. University representatives made a full presentation of the proposed 2021 Campus Plan to OLLI

members at our October Open House and the resulting Plan reflects extensive neighborhood engagement and consultation.

In response to a request from AU administrators, the **OLLI Board of Directors has sent a [letter of support](#)** to the DC Zoning Commission, which is currently reviewing the proposed Plan. The OLLI at AU Board is proud of the strong relationship with American University that extends beyond that of landlord/tenant in the Spring Valley Building. As the Board notes in its letter of support, the University is “an intellectually vibrant, financially secure, and community engaged partner that redounds to the benefit of OLLI at AU.”

**Our AU colleagues have further requested that OLLI members who wish to do so express their support of the Plan by February 22. You can review the Plan and submit your letter via the online portal [here](#).**

## Spring Registration Is Open

Register for the spring semester (March 1 - May 7) [here](#). You may add a fourth course by [emailing the office](#). The last day for course changes or refunds is March, 12.

## February Shorts Feedback

Please take a few minutes to complete the [anonymous feedback form](#) available online. You can also access the form on the website at Shorts > February Feedback. **Feedback will be accepted through next Wednesday, February 17.**

## Spring Semester Zoom Training

### Study Group Leaders

[Mon. 2/22 \(11:00-12:00 noon\)](#) | [Wed. 2/24 \(1:00-2:00 PM\)](#)

### Members

[Tue. 2/23 \(12:00-1:00 PM\)](#) | [Thu. 2/25 \(11:00-12:00 noon\)](#)

## Gifts for February Shorts SGLs

Traditionally, OLLI class members have collected a gift for the Study Group Leader(s) at [https://www.ollidc.org/sgl\\_gifts](https://www.ollidc.org/sgl_gifts). Participation is completely optional. Since we are not meeting in person, we are collecting gifts through our website. **SGL gifts will be accepted through Friday, March 5.**

## All Things Spring

### Closed Captioning

Closed Captioning will be enabled in Spring classes, so members with hearing loss can view subtitles and/or download a transcription of the class. Closed Captioning will be turned on in all classes.

The "Closed Caption" control should appear in your Zoom control bar. Click on it to select show or hide Subtitles or Transcription. You can control the size of the subtitles. You also can download the

transcription of the class. The captioning is not perfect, but it can be very helpful if you have need hearing assistance. Documentation on using Closed Captioning is available on the [Zoom Info page](#) of our website.

### **Zoom Links**

Zoom links for spring classes will be mailed each morning. They will be recurring links, that is, the link is good for all of the study group's meeting. We resend them weekly as a courtesy. If you can't find a link, please check your email spam and trash folders. If you still cannot find it, please [e-mail the OLLI office](#).

### **Handouts**

Class handouts will be posted on the website's [Spring Handouts page](#) as we receive them.

### **Study Group Changes and Cancellations**

- **113 The Decline of the American Republic**  
This study group has been moved to Fridays 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
- **798 Ulysses S. Grant: In Peace and War**  
This study group has been added. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **799 Henry Stimson and the American Century**  
This study group has been cancelled.
- **142 Intelligence & the U.S. Intelligence Community**  
This study group has been cancelled.
- **502 Intermediate/Advanced Folk Guitar**  
This study group has been cancelled.

### **Books**

Spring semester books are available at [Politics and Prose](#) at a 10% discount for OLLI members. Purchase books online, by phone, or in person at 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW.

The following spring books are either **not available or available as pay-to-order only**:

#### **Not Available**

- 113 The Decline and Fall of the American Republic
- 142 Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy
- 475 Weekly Morbidity Mortality Reports
- 550 Neo-Classicism (Style and Civilization)
- 620 Eleven Short Stories (Undici Novelle)
  - Racconti Romani
- 695 The Jewish Husband
- 799 The Colonel: The Life and Wars of Henry Stimson
- 801 Living Religions
  - Dialogue in Islam
  - Toward a Global Civilization of Love and Tolerance
- 860 Meditations
  - Ethics
- 861 A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge
  - An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding

**Pay-to-Order:**

260 The Great War and the Death of God

620 Essential Italian Grammar

840 The Morality of War

860 Discourse on Metaphysics and Monadology

## If a Study Group is Full

Please contact the OLLI office about not getting into a class that's full. **Please do not contact a study group leader directly** to ask to be admitted into his/her class. Full classes typically have a waitlist. Members on the waitlist have priority if space opens in a class. The office offers waitlisted members available spots in the order in which they appear. Thank you.

## Volunteers Needed for Research Study: Successes and Difficulties of Aging

The Texas Tech University's Psychological Services is seeking Latino/Latina/Latinx adults, aged 60 and older, who speak English to participate in a research study on the successes and difficulties of Aging. Participation - initial, eligibility phone screen and 45 minute questionnaire - is completely voluntary. Participants can stop at any point during the study. After completion of the study, participants will be eligible to enter a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Contact: Dr. Brandy Piña-Watson, [brandy.pina.watson@ttu.edu](mailto:brandy.pina.watson@ttu.edu) or 806-834-8430; and [Victoria.Beach@ttu.edu](mailto:Victoria.Beach@ttu.edu) or 806-834-8815.

## 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.](#)

### Eyewitness to History

Thu., February 18, 2021, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. ET, via Zoom

This conversation and [non-partisan digital exhibition](#) examines the history of presidential visits at American University. [Register](#)

### The Long Arm of Slavery in the Development of American Gynecology

Thu., February 25th 11:30 AM ET, via Zoom

Dr. Cooper Owens addresses the influence and impact of medical racism in reproductive medicine. [Register.](#)

### SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

#### Next Generation Radio & TV

Fri., Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. ET, via Zoom

Join [Current](#) with Steve Bass, President and CEO of **Oregon Public Broadcasting** and Scott Fybush, for or a rich conversation on the next generation of TV and radio. [Register.](#)

### **UnPresided: Book Talk**

Thu, February 25, 2021, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM ET, via Zoom

BBC North America Editor **Jon Sopel** presents a diary of an election like we've never quite seen before. [Register.](#)

### **CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES**

#### **Jews of Color: American Jews, Race and History**

Mon., February 22, 9:45 - 11:00 AM, via Zoom

Join a philosopher, an historian, and a rabbinical student who draw on their research and their own life experiences to explore both the vibrancy and the challenge of a diverse American Jewish community. [Register.](#)

#### **Jewish Responses to Antisemitism from Rabbinic Times to Modern France**

Mon., March 1, 12 Noon-1:15 PM ET, via Zoom

French Rabbi Delphine Horvilleur explores how the hatred of Jews is seen through the lens of the sacred texts, rabbinical tradition and Jewish lore. [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.

#### **The Social Impact of Mural Art**

Wed., February 17, 2021, 6-7:30PM ET, via Zoom

Mural art in public spaces as an expression of social and political resistance by providing a collaborative platform for community action. [Register](#)

#### **AU Department of Art Visiting Artist Series**

Thu., February 18, 6PM ET, via Zoom

Join artist Clifford Owens for a virtual lecture. [Register.](#) [View the full Visiting Artist Lecture Series.](#)

#### **AU Dance Program: Gallery 2021**

Fri./Sat., February 26 & 27, 7:30PM ET, via Zoom

AU graduating Dance Majors live-stream an evening of creative projects that tour the galleries of the AU Museum. [Tickets, \\$5.](#)

## **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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