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Letter from the Executive Director

Welcome to the Spring 2021 Semester.

I hope that you are as excited as I am about the start of classes next week. The beginning of each new semester is always a busy period. During normal times, we are busy printing classroom signs, preparing handouts, and purchasing lots of coffee. Now, of course, we are creating Zoom meetings, emailing class links, and training people on how to use Zoom. Mary Fran, Jesse, Lesley, Niranjana, Sally, and I are ready to support our 91 Study Group Leaders, dozens of support and leadership volunteers, and 1101 members in making this another successful semester.

Here are a few important tips to remember for this semester:

ZOOM LINKS: Your class link(s) will be emailed to you each day by 8 am. If you don't receive your class link, please email the office at olli@american.edu - it's important to include the class name and/or class number when you email the office so that we can send you the link right away. For maximum convenience, save the zoom links for your classes, as they are reusable until the end of semester.

CLASS RECORDINGS: Most classes will be recorded and made available to members taking spring classes. The page for class recordings is <https://www.lli->

[dc.org/2021_spring_recordings_mondays](https://www.oli-dc.org/2021_spring_recordings_mondays) and can be accessed all semester. Class recordings will be posted each day by 5:30 pm. Only members taking spring classes can access this page—you will need your OLLI username and password to log in.

FRIDAY LECTURES: Lectures will be held each Friday at 1:30 pm. You do not need to register for the lectures, and the lecture's link will be included in our Friday newsletter.

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER AND OLLI WEBSITE: The OLLI website and newsletter are the best sources of information for upcoming events and activities at OLLI. The OLLI website is <https://www.oli-dc.org>. The newsletter will be emailed to you each Friday at 10 am. Again, the newsletter will include the link for each Friday's lecture.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE OFFICE: As the OLLI staff is still working remotely, whenever possible, it is best to email oli@american.edu if you need immediate assistance. It's remarkable that we are only a couple of weeks shy of one year that our program has been completely remote. We think our OLLI community has done a great job in converting to online delivery, but we are eager to meet again in-person. The coming months will include continued planning for what comes next—how we return safely to in-person classes while continuing to take advantage of our successes online.

The work continues, and until we are together again, I wish you a great spring semester!

Best,

Tony Long
Executive Director

All Things Spring

Closed Captioning

Closed Captioning will be enabled in all Spring classes, so members with hearing loss can view subtitles and/or download a transcription of the class. To take advantage of the captioning, you must turn it on in Zoom.

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.

Waitlists

If a member drops a class, the OLLI office will contact the first person on the waitlist to offer her/him a seat in the class. If a class is full, please do not contact the study group leader directly to ask to be admitted. Members on the waitlist have priority. Thank you.

Study Group Changes and Cancellations

- **113 The Decline of the American Republic:** Moved to Friday 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
- **798 Ulysses S. Grant: In Peace and War:** Added. [Read more](#).

- **799 Henry Stimson and the American Century:** Cancelled.
- **142 Intelligence & the U.S. Intelligence Community:** Cancelled.
- **502 Intermediate/Advanced Folk Guitar:** Cancelled.

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 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.olli-dc.org/studygroupform>

Deadline for submission: Sunday, April 11.

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

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

Deadline for submission: Sunday, April 11.

Gifts for February Shorts SGLs

Traditionally, OLLI class members have collected a gift for the Study Group Leader(s) at https://www.olli-dc.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.**

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

On the Othered Hand: Tactility, Music, and Marginalized Users

Thu., March 11, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. EST, Online

Join AU professor Victoria Simon for a talk on the theories of users and universal interface design in music technology have played in the cultural formation of smartphone and tablet technology.

[Register.](#)

Charting a Path: How to Bring Diverse Approaches to Investigative Projects

Wed., March 24, 2021 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. EST, Online

A seminar with panel discussion after, about the role of journalists of color in investigative reporting. Those who have ideas, or are actively working on a story but need help, can submit a pitch to compete for small awards. [Register.](#)

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

Jewish Responses to Antisemitism from Rabbinic Times to Modern France

Mon., March 1, 12:00-1:15 PM EST, 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.](#)

The Ravine: A Book Talk

Thu., March 11, 11:20 AM -12:35 PM EST, via Zoom

In 2009, [Wendy Lower](#), the acclaimed author of Hitler's Furies, saw a rare photograph. Extraordinary detective work in Ukraine, Germany, Slovakia, Israel, and the U.S. led Lower to identify the image as a secret act of resistance. [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 DANCE PROGRAM

Gallery 2021

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

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

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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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