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Spring Registration Is Open

Members can register for the spring semester (March 1 - May 7) [here](#). **Please register before the lottery date, next Wednesday, February 10.** You may add a fourth course after you receive your class assignment letter by [emailing the office](#).

February Shorts

Closed Captioning

Closed Captioning has been 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.

Zoom Links

Zoom links for next week's February Shorts will be mailed Monday morning and each morning of the class.

If you don't receive your link by 9:00 AM the day of class you can always use one of the previous links, since they're recurring. If you don't receive any link, or have misplaced your link, please check the spam and trash folder of your e-mail. If you still cannot find it, please [e-mail the OLLI office](#).

Handouts

All available handouts are now on the [website as PDFs](#).

Books

February Shorts 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.

Spring Changes/Corrections

SPRING SEMESTER

- **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.

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.

Nathan Billig Lecture Recording

For those members who are interested in viewing Nathan Billig's lecture from Friday, Jan. 29, [here](#) is the link to the recording. To download his PowerPoint presentation, go [here](#).

OLLI-International Accelerator Program Volunteers Needed

In spring 2018, OLLI and the International Accelerator Program (IAP) at American University launched the OLLI-IAP Partnership Program. It seeks to connect OLLI members with international graduate students to foster intergenerational friendship and to promote intercultural dialogue. We seek volunteers, preferably with some intercultural experience, to partner with an AU international graduate student. The goal is to meet virtually about once a week when possible for a minimum of one semester but preferably for two semesters. Because of current visa restrictions, our new students are beginning their program from their respective home countries but plan to come to the US when possible. There are five to six group zoom events scheduled throughout the semester.

If interested, please contact Lori Milstein lori.milstein@gmail.com and/or Jeanne Kent jeannes.kent@gmail.com

American University News & Events

AU ARTS

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

AU EVENTS [Events Calendar](#)

A Conversation with Bill Gates: How to Avoid a Climate Disaster

Wednesday, February 17

4:00 – 5:00 EST, via Zoom

[REGISTER](#)

Join AU, George Washington University and Howard University current students, staff, and faculty for a conversation with Bill Gates about his new book *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster*, what he's learned about this complex and far-reaching challenge, and why he remains hopeful that we can overcome climate change.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY 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 today!](#)

[The Half-Life of Freedom, Race, and Justice in America Today](#)

Thursday, February 11, 2021 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST, via Zoom

[Register.](#)

Join and listen to Jelani Cobb's riveting, auspicious keynotes: up-to-the-moment meditations and breakdowns of the complex dynamics of race and racism in America.

[The Long Arm of Slavery in the Development of American Gynecology](#)

February 25th 11:30 AM EST, via Zoom

[Register](#)

Dr. Cooper Owens addresses the influence and impact of medical racism in reproductive medicine.

[Is Wildness Over?](#)

March 18th 11:30 AM EST, via Zoom

[Register](#)

Paul Wapner will explain how current planetary ecological challenges are the result of trying to rid our lives of wildness.

[Inspiring Radical Creativity: Empowering Young, Diverse Voices to Tell Their Own Stories](#)

April 20th 11:30 AM EST, via Zoom

[Register](#)

Gabby Rivera unpacks how she navigates the world as a queer, Latinx, millennial woman; how she incorporates her heritage into her writing.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

What Does the CASE Act Mean for Filmmakers and Fair Use?

Friday, February 5, 2021 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET

RSVP: [here](#)

The CASE Act, creates a new venue for copyright disputes up to \$30,000. What does this mean for filmmakers? How does this affect your fair use decisions? Can you use this new venue to challenge someone who has unfairly exploited your work?

Investigations and the Law: What Journalists Need to Know

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

RSVP: [here](#)

Join [Barbara Wall](#) and [Thomas Curley](#) in a conversation and Q&A about what to expect from your legal team; how to work with a lawyer during the reporting process as well as after it; and what to do if your news organization doesn't have a law firm on retainer.

The Future of Internet Freedom, Part 2

Thursday, February 11, 2021 - 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RSVP: [here](#)

Internet Freedom remains one of the most pressing human rights issues of the day, but controversies continue to swirl around its future. Join us for a thought-provoking dialogue about the outlook for where priorities may change and how new policies may impact efforts to open the Internet in every corner of the globe.

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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