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OLLI NEWS — JANUARY 15, 2020

Holiday Closure

OLLI's offices are closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day next Mon., Jan. 18.

Nominations for OLLI's Board of Directors

In April, OLLI members will elect four members to the OLLI Board of Directors. This year's Nominating and Elections Committee, consisting of John Aldock, Cindy Lisec, Lisa Lienberger, Marc Nadel, and Diane Renfroe will prepare a slate of four nominees for Board approval that will be placed on the ballot.

If you would like to recommend an OLLI member or yourself for the Nominating and Elections Committee to consider as one of these nominees, please provide the name of the individual along with one or two paragraphs (not more) on this person's background, OLLI involvement, and why you are recommending him or her. **Please send these written recommendations to the Committee by email to olli@american.edu no later than Tues., Feb. 4, 2021.**

In addition to the Board-approved list, any member can self-nominate and run as an "at-large" candidate with a petition signed by at least ten OLLI members. All candidates, whether on the Board-approved slate or at-large, run as individuals, with the top four vote-getters being elected. In March, the OLLI office will provide petition forms and instructions for any at-large candidates. When considering a recommendation or an at-large candidacy, please keep in mind the expectations for OLLI Board Members: Directors are expected to make every effort to attend Board meetings. Directors are expected to support OLLI's development efforts as one of their philanthropic priorities.

Ours is a working board and Directors are expected to participate actively in meetings and the activities of OLLI at AU. Attendance at special events, e.g., Open House, Town Hall, Annual Meeting, is strongly encouraged. Directors must retain their membership in OLLI for the duration of their term. Board members may serve as chairs of committees, although this is not required. Committee

membership is, however, strongly encouraged.


Directors are elected for one three-year term, with the opportunity to run for a second consecutive term. **Don't forget, if you have a great suggestion for a new Board Member, the Nominating and Elections Committee would like to know who it is and the reasons for your recommendation by February 4, 2021.**

Revisiting Washington's Black History

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University
in partnership with the DC History Center presents

REVISITING WASHINGTON'S BLACK HISTORY

Four free events on Tuesdays in January 2021

 Rohulamin Quander	 Milton Coleman	 Maurice Jackson	 Davey Yarborough
 Carole Watson	 Michael Winston	 Colbert King	 Mara Cherkasky
 Edward Hayes	 James Jones	 James Pittman	

Jan. 5, 11:00 AM: The Quander Family: Almost 350 Years in America
Lecture by Rohulamin Quander, retired Senior Administrative Judge for DC and Founder, Quander Historical Society

Jan. 12, 11:00 AM: Black Washington's Role in American Music
Conversation with Maurice Jackson, Associate Professor, Georgetown University and Davey Yarborough, President and Artistic Director, Washington Jazz Arts Institute with Introduction by Milton Coleman, retired Senior Editor, *The Washington Post*

Jan. 19, 11:00 AM: Howard University—Kamala Harris' Alma Mater
Lecture by Michael Winston, PhD, Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University with Introduction by Carole Watson, PhD, retired Acting Chair, National Endowment for the Humanities

Jan. 26, 11:00 AM: Covenants, Redlining, and Segregation
Presentation by Mara Cherkasky, Co-Director, Mapping Segregation in Washington, DC followed by panel with Edward Hayes, JD, President Emeritus, Chevy Chase Citizens Association and Chair, So Others Might Eat; James Jones, JD, MD, former Director, DC Youth Opportunity Services; and James Pittman, Chair, Dunbar Alumni Federation and Founder, Historic Kappa House Restoration Foundation moderated by Colbert King, Columnist, *The Washington Post*

REGISTER AT: www.oli-dc.org/events/revisiting

This free series is being offered by OLLI in partnership with the DC History Center.

To register for the series, click [here](#).

Between 250 and 350 people have attended the first two events. Both received accolades from OLLI members and other attendees.

The third session on next Tues., Jan. 19, is Howard University—Kamala Harris's Alma Mater presented by Michael Winston, PhD, former Provost and Chief Academic Officer at Howard.

Friday Lecture: Norman Ornstein

***Governing Ahead: Where Do We Go From Here?*, Norman Ornstein**

January 15, Friday, 10:00 AM Online via Zoom

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/92025177102>

Webinar ID: 920 2517 7102

Norman Ornstein is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. He is a contributing editor and writer for *The Atlantic* and has been an election eve analyst for CBS News and BBC news. He is also Chairman of the Board of the Campaign Legal Center. He is the author, with Tom Mann, of the widely praised *New York Times* bestseller, *It's Even Worse Than It Looks: How the American*

Constitutional System Collided With the New Politics of Extremism. His latest book, with EJ Dionne and Tom Mann, *One Nation After Trump: A Guide for the Perplexed, the Disillusioned, the Desperate and the Not-Yet-Deported* was immediately on the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* best seller lists.

Zoom Training

For Study Group Leaders on Leading a Class via Zoom

[Tue. 1/ 19 \(1-2:00 PM\)](#) | [Wed. 1/20 \(10-11:00 AM\)](#) | [Thu. 1/21 \(12-1:00 PM\)](#)

Members

[Mon. 1/25 \(10-11:00 AM\)](#) | [Tue. 1/26 \(1-2:00 PM\)](#) | [Wed. 1/27 \(11 AM-12:00 Noon \)](#)

Fall Survey & 2019-2020 Annual Report

The Fall 2020 Member Survey and the 2019-2020 Annual Report are now available to download from the [Corporate Documents & Surveys page](#) of the website.

Shorts & Spring Changes/Corrections

FEBRUARY SHORTS

- **916: School and Community: A Challenging Partnership**

This study group has been cancelled.

SPRING SEMESTER

- **113 The Decline of the American Republic, S. Elkin**

This study group has been moved to **Fridays 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM**

- **798 Ulysses S. Grant: In Peace and War**

The study group has been added to the spring. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **799 Henry Stimson and the American Century**

This study group has been cancelled.

Register for the February Shorts & Spring 2021

View and register for [February Shorts](#).

View and register for [Spring Semester](#).

Books

Once again, Politics and Prose is offering a 10% discount on all books for OLLI courses. Members can purchase books through these ways:

- Order from the [Politics and Prose website](#).

- Call 202-364-1919 to order over the phone.
- Visit Politics and Prose in person at 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW.

If you purchase a book in person or by phone, ask for the discount when paying. If purchasing via their website, mention the discount in the Notes field. Their web orders team will apply the discount when the order is processed.

Next Friday's Lecture: Kevin Bushweller

How COVID-19 Is Transforming K-12 Education: What the Public Needs to Know, Kevin Bushweller

January 22, Friday, 10:00 AM Online via Zoom

Kevin Bushweller is an assistant managing editor for Education Week who oversees coverage of educational technology, learning environments, and the weekly EdWeek Tech Leader, a news service for ed-tech leaders in K-12 education. He is also the executive project editor of Technology Counts, Education Week's annual report about the state of educational technology in U.S. schools. Formerly the executive editor of EdWeek Market Brief, he now also serves as director of editorial/business collaboration for Education Week.

Zoom Links will be included in the Friday newsletter.

February Serendipity! Talk

Railroads of the Civil War with Bernard Kempinski

Thursday, February 4 - 3:30-5:00 PM Online via Zoom

In the two decades before the start of the Civil War the railroads of the United States underwent a period of amazing growth and technological development. Nonetheless, railroads were still in their infancy at the start of the war. In this talk, Kempinski explains how railroads were built, operated, contributed to the start of the war, and affected its prosecution. Kempinski will also show examples of how he is modeling a civil war era railroad circa 1863 in Virginia.

Bernard Kempinski is a freelance writer who has written dozens of magazine articles and several books on model railroading. He is an active model railroader and has built models on commission for museums and individuals. A former U.S. Army captain, Bernard is retired defense analyst.

[Register](#). Registration ends at 8:00 AM the day of talk. Zoom links will be emailed to registrants that morning.

James Joyce Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, February 2 - 3:30-7:00 PM, Online via Zoom

Passages from selected *Ulysses* Episodes (chapters) will be read:

3:30 PM Introduction (with Telemachus segments) - Bob Kolodney

3:45 PM Proteus reading - Robert Aubry Davis

4:00 PM Cyclops reading - Michael Groden

4:15 PM Circe reading - Walter Kamiat

4:30 PM Ithaca reading - Christopher Griffin

4:45 PM Penelope reading - Dee Mahan

5:00 PM Film screening - *Ulysses* (1967 directed by Joseph Strick)

This event is free of charge but registration is required. [Register](#). More information at: [James Joyce Birthday Celebration Website](#)

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](#)

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!](#)

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Investigations and the Law

Tue. Feb. 9, 2021 6pm Eastern

RSVP: <https://investigations-and-the-law.eventbrite.com>

Join [Barbara Wall](#) and [Thomas Curley](#) in a conversation and Q&A about what to expect from your legal team. The conversation will be moderated by [Dr. John Watson](#), professor of Journalism at American University's School of Communication.

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Conversation with the UK Ambassador

Zoom, Jan. 26, 2-3pm, [Register](#)

SIS, the Transatlantic Policy Center, and the Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy will host a conversation with the British Ambassador, Karen Pierce, to the United States.

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.

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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