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OLLI NEWS — JANUARY 8, 2020

Nominating Committee

OLLI's Nominating Committee will be meeting in January to begin the process of developing the slate for the Board of Directors. The five members of this committee are:

- Judy Havemann
- John Bargeron
- Diane Renfroe
- John Aldock
- Mark Nadel
- Lisa Leinberger
- Cindy Lisec
- Tony Long

This committee's composition is such that two must be Board members and three non-Board members.

Print Catalog Additions/Corrections

The 2021 February Shorts/Spring Catalog has been mailed. We will list changes to classes, assigned readings, etc., here.

Changes to the print catalog:

#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 and to register.

#799 Henry Stimson and the American Century

This study group has been cancelled.

Register for the February Shorts & Spring 2021!

Registration is OPEN on the OLLI website for the **February Shorts (Feb. 1 - 5 and 8 - 12)** and **Spring Semester (March 1 - May 7)**. Both sessions will be held online via Zoom. The **Shorts Lottery is January 14** and the **Spring Lottery is February 10**.

Be sure to register *before* each session's lottery.

FEBRUARY SHORTS: There are two weeks of February Shorts this year: **February 1-5** and **8-12**. Each Short runs for 3, 4, or 5 days during one of the two weeks. The \$75 fee allows you to register for three Shorts before the lottery, then add a fourth by emailing the office after you receive your registration confirmation letter. Your course selections do not have to all be within the same week.

Click here to view the Shorts and to register: [February Shorts](#)

SPRING SEMESTER: Runs from March 1 - May 7. Each course is 8-10 weeks. The discounted \$270 membership fee allows you to register for three study groups before the lottery and then add a fourth by emailing the office after you receive your registration confirmation letter. **Click here to view study groups and to register:** [Spring Semester](#)

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.lli-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 on the image at left or click [here](#).

OLLI Breaks A Record!

This past Tuesday, OLLI hosted the first webinar in a four-part series on **Revisiting Washington's Black History, in partnership with the DC History Center (formerly the DC Historical Society)**. Attendance for Judge Rohulamin Quander's talk, "The Quander Family, Nearly 300 Years in America," broke previous records for a lecture or special event with **341 people in attendance**.

The second webinar, next Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, is "Washington's Role in American Music," a conversation with Maurice Jackson, Associate Professor, Georgetown University, and Davey Yarborough, Chairman and Artistic Director, Washington Jazz Arts Institute, plus introduction and kibitzing by Milton Coleman, retired Senior Editor, The Washington Post, and DC music aficionado.

[Register](#) online and/or view a recording of the first lecture at <https://www.lli-dc.org/events/revisiting2>.

Zoom Training Dates

Please mark your calendars! Learn how to use Zoom in an OLLI class with topics including: Navigating the controls, speaker view vs. gallery view, how SGLs manage discussions and Q&A, joining classes early, Zoom etiquette, etc.

Register by clicking on the live links below:

Study Group Leaders

[Tue. Jan. 19 \(1:00-2:00 PM\)](#)

[Wed. Jan. 20 \(10:00-11:00 AM\)](#)

[Thu. Jan. 21 \(12:00-01:00 PM\)](#)

Members

Mon. Jan. 25 (10:00-11:00 AM)

Tue. Jan. 26 (1:00-2:00 PM)

Wed. Jan.27 (11:00-12:00 Noon)

BOOKS

OLLI will be working with **Politics and Prose** for your book needs at a discount. To purchase books for classes, members can do any of the following:

- Go [here](#) to order from their website
- Call 202-364-1919 to order over the phone
- Visit Politics and Prose in person at 5015 Connecticut Ave NW

If purchasing books via their website, mention in the notes field that it is for an OLLI course and their web orders team will apply the **10% discount** to your credit card when it's officially processed. If you call or shop in person, mention the discount when paying.

Friday Lecture: Jack Bray

Face to Face, He Told Hitler "No"

Jack Bray

January 8, Friday, 10:00 AM

Online via Zoom

This is the story of Austrian Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg's four years resisting Nazism-and what Hitler's rise cost him. It is based on the book *Alone Against Hitler: Kurt von Schuschnigg's Fight to Save Austria From the Nazis*, by Jack Bray, a former Senior Partner of King & Spalding who practiced trial law for more than half a century. He lectured at OLLI at American University in 2017 on 16th century British rule of Ireland based on his book *The Tudor Wolfpack and the Roots of Irish America*.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/92608178584>

Webinar ID: 926 0817 8584

Next Friday Lecture: Norman Ormstein

Governing Ahead: Where Do We Go From Here?

Norman Ornstein

January 15, Friday, 10:00 AM

Online via Zoom

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 link will be provided in next Friday's 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.

Click here to [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 [here](#). More information at: [James](#)

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!](#)

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

American University students are learning online this fall and the AU [Center for Israel Studies](#) invites you to learn along with them during our many [virtual webinars](#). To receive notices about our online events [sign up for our event newsletter here](#). To receive notices about our online events sign up for our event newsletter here and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). We'd love you to join us!

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

- **The Viral Comfort of Nostalgia:** SOC professor Art Swift talked to Wired about why young people have embraced forms of media from decades ago. [Read](#)
- **AU Students Excel at Washington Post:** Students in SOC's signature Washington Post Practicum tackled work that gave them a front-row seat to history. [READ MORE](#)
- **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 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Research Professor Co-authors Election Security Book. SPA assistant professor Seo-young Silvia Kim's new book discusses the integrity of the 2018 mid-term elections in Orange County, California. [READ MORE](#)

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- Big World **podcasts** shine a spotlight on complex ideas and issues that matter. Each podcast features an expert from the School of International Service breaking down a big, important topic into small bite sizes. [Listen](#)
- [Watch](#) videos of past SIS Events
- **Russia-US Relations After Trump:** SIS professor Keith Darden joins the School of International Service's Big World the podcast to discuss the future of Russia-US relations.

[LISTEN HERE](#)

- **Curb the HIV Epidemic:** SIS professor Nina Yamanis spoke to the Washington Post about the steps DC is making to curb the HIV epidemic in the coming years. [Read](#)
- **How 2020 Made History:** SIS faculty list the year's events that they believe will make it into future history books. [READ MORE](#)

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.

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