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AU 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 before March 22. You can review the Plan and submit your letter via the online portal [here](#).

Last Day for Adds, Drops and Refunds

Today is the last day for changing courses or adding a 4th course. Today is also the last day for refunds, less a \$10 admin fee. Refunds may be requested by writing to the office at olli@american.edu.

Class Recordings

Most classes are being recorded and made available to members taking spring classes. The pages for class recordings can be accessed all semester under the heading **Study Groups** on the OLLI website: www.olli-dc.org. Class recordings will be posted each day by 5:30 PM. Only members taking spring classes can access this page on our website — you will need your OLLI username and password to log in.

Spring Notes on Invites, Handouts, etc.

- Zoom invitations are emailed each morning for that day's classes.
- **The invitations come from nsingh@american.edu** (not olli@american.edu).
- Look carefully at the invitation. There are two links. The first is to add the meeting to your calendar. The second is the link for joining the class.
- If you haven't received an invite, please check your Spam/Junk/Trash folder.
- **Class documents** can be downloaded from the [handouts page](#) of the website.
- **Closed captioning** is turned on in classes. To see the captioning, you must turn it on in your Zoom. You have the option to turn it off if you prefer not to see it, but it cannot be turned off for the class as a whole. Read more in our [Closed Captioning documentation](#).

Today's Lecture: Sanford J. Ungar, 1:30 PM

The Paradox of Free Speech in America

Sanford J. Ungar

Friday, March 12 - 1:30-2:30 PM, via Zoom

[Click on this Zoom Link](#)

Sanford J. Ungar, president emeritus of Goucher College, is director of the nonpartisan Free Speech Project at Georgetown University, which is documenting the status of free expression in education, government, and civil society in America, and also teaches undergraduate seminars there on Free

Speech. Ungar was director of the Voice of America for two years during the Clinton administration, and previously was dean of the School of Communication at American University. During his journalism career, he was a staff writer for *The Washington Post*, Washington editor of *The Atlantic*, managing editor of *Foreign Policy* magazine, and co-host of "All Things Considered" on NPR. He is the author or editor of six nonfiction books, including *The Papers & The Papers: An Account of the Legal and Political Battle over the Pentagon Papers*. Sanford Ungar earned an AB in Government magna cum laude from Harvard College and a master's degree in International History from the London School of Economics.

Cancelled: Next Friday's Lecture: Marie Arana

*****This lecture has been postponed until further notice.*****

Silver, Sword, and Stone: Three Crucibles in the Latin American Story

Marie Arana

Marie Arana is the Literary Director of the Library of Congress. Her most recent book, *Silver, Sword, and Stone: Three Crucibles in the Latin American Story* explores three enduring themes that have defined Latin America since pre-Columbian times: the foreign greed for its mineral riches, an ingrained propensity to violence, and the abiding power of religion. The book is available at Politics and Prose. Among her other books is the widely praised biography of Simón Bolívar, *Bolívar: American Liberator, and American Chica*, which described her bicultural childhood between North and South Americas. That book was a finalist for the National Book Award, the PEN-Memoir Award, and chosen best book of the year by several publications. Marie is the former editor in chief of "Book World" at *The Washington Post*.

Spring Study Group Preliminary Feedback

The spring study group preliminary feedback form is now available [here](#). Feedback will be accepted through Monday, March 15. Please provide feedback about each of your study groups so far. Your feedback is very valuable and viewed by Study Group Leaders, the Curriculum Committee, and the office.

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.oli-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://oli-dc.org/shortsproposalform>

Deadline for submission: Sunday, April 11.

Virtual Tour: American Visionary Art Museum

Baltimore's [American Visionary Art Museum](#) (AVAM) is a wonderful, quirky museum which specializes in collecting and displaying the works of self-taught artists. AVAM artists, the museum boasts, include “farmers, housewives, mechanics, the disabled, the homeless. . . all inspired by the fire within.” The museum specializes in original thematic exhibitions that seamlessly combine art, science, philosophy, humor and especially social justice and betterment. Enjoy a docent-led virtual tour of the museum’s highlights followed by a Q&A session. It should be a great session, join us!

To join OLLI on this virtual tour [click here](#). Tickets are only \$5. Limited to the first 50 people that register. Zoom links will be emailed on the morning of the event to all registrants. Tickets may be purchased until Friday, March 26 at 12:00 PM.

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

10th Anniversary Eco-Comedy Video Competition Awards

Fri., March 19, 2021, 7:00 p.m. EST, online

Join us for the 10th annual Eco-Comedy Video Competition on March 19th. [Register.](#)

AU CEF Student Filmmaker Q&A

Tue., March 23, 7:00 p.m., online, EST

Multiple Center for Environmental Filmmaking student films have been accepted to screen at [DC-EFF](#) and we will be hosting a student filmmaker panel. [Register.](#)

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

Wed., March 24, 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.](#)

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

SIS Global to Local: Seeking Asylum

Wed., March 17 • 3:30 p.m, EST. • Streaming

SIS professor Tazreena Sajjad will speak about asylum seekers with representatives from the Refugee Solidarity Network, Kids in Need of Defense, Tahirih Justice Center, and Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition. [Register.](#)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Empowering Truth: Why America needs true journalists

In a five-part seminar series, renowned photo-journalist, Ann Curry explores the value and vulnerabilities of truth and the fundamental skills we can develop, both practical and emotional to not only get it, but to defend it, and thus, each other. [Register.](#)

Inequality in Education

Wed., March 17 • 6 p.m, EST • Streaming

SPA professor Taryn Morrissey discusses how inequality in healthcare and education impact socioeconomic outcomes. Rep. Bobby Scott, a Democrat from Virginia, comments and Washington Post columnist Ruth Marcus moderates. [Register.](#)

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

Amos Perlmutter Memorial Lecture: A new Middle East or more of the same?

Mon., March 15, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm EST, online

Ehud Barak, Israel's Tenth Prime Minister, will speak about the strategic challenges posed by Israel's neighbors, the Iranian nuclear threat and the electoral stalemate in Israeli politics. [Register.](#)

The New Jewish Canon: Book Talk

Thu., March 25, 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM, EST, online

A conversation with Yehuda Kurtze and Claire Sufrin, co-editors of The New Jewish Canon: Ideas & Debates, 1980-2015. [Register.](#)

How Long Will the Next Israeli Government Last?

Wed., March 31 12:00PM-1:00PM, EST, online

Leading journalists discuss Israel's 4th election in 2 years, with editors of Times of Israel, Jerusalem Post and Haaretz. [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 Museum Spring Exhibits.](#)

James Renwick Alliance Distinguished Artist Series: Bisa Butler

Sun., March 21, 2-3PM EST, online

Trained as a painter at Howard University in Washington, DC, Butler shifted to a textile-based practice to add vibrancy and dimension she found lacking in her paintings. [Register.](#)

Legacy Russell: AU Department of Art Visiting Artist Series

Thu., March 25, 6PM EST, online

Join art critic Legacy Russell for a virtual lecture presented by American University's Department of Art and the AU Museum. [Learn more and Register.](#)

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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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