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Board of Director Elections

After inviting recommendations from the OLLI membership, this year's Nominating Committee (Diane Renfroe, Chair; John Aldock; Lisa Leinberger; Cindy Lisec; and Mark Nadel), has developed a list of four candidates to fill the four positions on the Board of Directors becoming vacant in June 2021. The Committee believes these candidates have amply demonstrated the skills, experience, background and energy needed for OLLI at AU leadership. The list, which the Board has approved, will appear on the ballot for the election that is scheduled for April. Please note that an asterisk by a candidate's name indicates they're a current Board member. The Board-approved candidates are:



MARTHA CUTTS*

I retired in July 2016 after 47 years in K-12 education. Most recently I served for eight-plus years as Head of School at Washington Latin Public Charter School. In 1991, I moved to Washington, DC from Connecticut for my position at National Cathedral School as Assistant Head and Director of the Upper School. I have a BA from Mount Holyoke College and an MAT from Yale University. I served as Board Chair and Vice Chair and am currently Secretary. I have been or am now a member of OLLI at AU's Strategic Planning, Development, Lecture, and Diversity Committees. I have also been an OLLI Welcomer for three years. OLLI has been the highlight of my retirement; I look forward to helping the organization continue to grow and thrive.



JO ANNE FRIEDENTHAL*

Treasurer of the OLLI at AU Board of Directors, Chair of the Finance Committee and a member of the Investment Sub-Committee. I am a retired attorney who specialized in securities, finance, and real estate law and have served as a arbitrator in securities matters. I was a partner in a large San Francisco law firm, and upon moving to DC, was Associate General Counsel for Freddie Mac. I have been a member of OLLI for twelve years and have had the opportunity to take a large variety of fascinating and challenging courses. I have acted as a Study Group Representative for several classes. In 2013, and again in 2016, I served as Chair of the Personnel Committee. I also have been a member of the Nominations Committee and a committee to review and revise the By-laws.



STUART FRISCH

I've been taking classes enthusiastically at OLLI since 2013. I am the Chair of the Personnel Committee and a member of the Governance Committee. Over the years, I have often served as a class representative and a welcomer for new members. I have also mentored several foreign students in the OLLI-IAP program. I am a graduate of Brooklyn College and Harvard Law School. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic in the late 60's. I spent most of my legal career in government—10 years at the EEOC and 25 years at the Department of Justice, where I was a senior executive.



ALAN HAUSMAN*

I have been a student of OLLI at AU for over ten years. I have been serving on the OLLI Board for three years. During this time, I have served as OLLI Secretary and currently serve as Chair of the Governance Committee. Prior to serving on the Board, I co-taught an OLLI class. In my prior life, I practiced law for over 30 years at law firms, for a major financial institution, and as Senior Counsel to a Select Congressional Committee. I have served on the board of several non-profits and as an outside consultant to non-profits with an emphasis on corporate governance, management, and human resources. I am a graduate of Brooklyn College of CUNY and Columbia Law School.

The OLLI Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, April 9 and will be conducted online with candidates giving brief remarks to introduce themselves. Stay tuned for further information about how to remotely participate in the Annual Meeting. Online balloting will begin after the Annual Meeting and election results will be announced on April 26.

Members interested in being placed on the ballot as at-large candidates can do so by filing a self-nomination petition supported by the signatures of 10 OLLI members. Candidates meeting the 10-member signature requirement will automatically appear on the ballot. The deadline for submitting at-large petitions is Friday, April 2. As part of the petition, candidates should provide a photo (a smartphone photo will be fine) and a brief bio of no more than 100 words. Interested candidates should contact the OLLI office for the petition form and other details.

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.

Cancelled: Today's Lecture

****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 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.

Next Friday's Lecture: Robert Einhorn

Nuclear Negotiation with Iran and North Korea

Robert Einhorn

Friday, March 26

1:30-2:30 PM, via Zoom

Robert Einhorn is a senior fellow in the Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Initiative and the Center for Security, Strategy, and Technology, both housed within the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution. Einhorn focuses on arms control (U.S.-Russia and multilateral), nonproliferation and regional security issues (including Iran, the greater Middle East, South Asia, and Northeast Asia), and U.S. nuclear weapons policies and programs. Before joining Brookings in May 2013, Einhorn

served as the U.S. Department of State special advisor for nonproliferation and arms control, a position created by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in 2009. In that capacity, he played a leading role in the formulation and execution of U.S. policy toward Iran's nuclear program, both with respect to sanctions and negotiations between Iran and the P5+1 countries. He also helped shape the Obama administration's overall approach to nonproliferation; supported nonproliferation goals through diplomatic contacts with China, Russia, and key non-aligned countries; and addressed nuclear security and strategic stability challenges in South Asia. He played a key role in the development of the 2010 Nuclear Posture Review and served as U.S. delegation head in negotiations with South Korea on a successor civil nuclear agreement.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be included in next Friday's newsletter.

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](#).

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.ollidc.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](#).

Virtual Tour: American Visionary Art Museum Monday, March 29 at 3:30PM

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 on Monday, March 29, [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., EST, online

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 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.](#)

Former Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović

Mon., March 22, 4 p.m, EST, Streaming

Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, Croatia's first woman head of state, will kick off her Sine fellowship with a series on building consensus on the global stage. [Register.](#)

Sarah McBride

Tue., March 23, 7 p.m., EST, Streaming

AU alumna Sarah McBride will join the Kennedy Political Union, AU Pride, and Visible to talk about her election as the nation's first transgender state senator. SPA dean Vicky Wilkins moderates. [Register.](#)

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

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. [Register.](#)

Peace Corps 2.0: A Symposium

Wed., March 31, 4-7PM EST, online

Panelists for this virtual event, all returned volunteers, will reflect on Peace Corps today and explore roadmaps for dealing with the challenges ahead. [Register.](#)

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