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Board of Director Election

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 an 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 12 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 1960s. 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 at OLLI at AU for over a decade. For the last three years, I have served on the OLLI Board and, during this time, have served as Board Secretary, been on the Executive Committee, and currently serve as Chair of the Governance Committee. Prior to joining the Board, I served as Chair of the Personnel Committee and 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 Congressional Select Committee. I have served on the boards of several non-profits and as an outside consultant to non-profits with an emphasis on management, corporate governance, and human resources. I am a graduate of Brooklyn College 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 participate in the Annual Meeting. Online balloting will begin after the Annual Meeting and election results will be announced on April 26.

Self Nominations for Board Election

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 is 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.

In Memoriam

With sadness, we share the death of Miriam Polan who passed away in January. She had been an OLLI member since 2014 and was an avid participant in Rose Mosner's collage class. We extend our deepest sympathies to Miriam's family and friends.

National Science Foundation: STEM Survey

The National Science Foundation is conducting a research project to develop measures that reflect older adult engagement in informal STEM learning experiences and potential involvement in STEM (STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) advocacy.

The research team includes 3 University of California - Berkeley entities; OLLI @ Berkeley, the Fung Fellowship, and the Lawrence Hall of Science Educational Research Group.

As part of the measure development, a survey will be conducted to capture older adults responses to questions involving potential interest in STEM and possible STEM advocacy behaviors.

Numerous OLLIs throughout the country are participating. OLLI @ American University) has reviewed this opportunity and agreed to support it by providing the survey to members.

OLLI members do not have to have any personal or professional background in STEM fields to participate.

The survey will be sent the week of April 12th.

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.

Today's Lecture: Robert Einhorn

Nuclear Negotiation with Iran and North Korea

Robert Einhorn

Friday, March 26

1:30-2:30 PM, via Zoom

[Click here for Zoom Link](#)

Passcode: 724014

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.

Next Friday's Lecture: Mark Leithauser

April 2

Mark Leithauser, Moving Walls and Making Space: Designing Exhibits at the National Gallery

Mark Leithauser recently retired as Senior Curator, Chief of Design at the National Gallery of Art. He directed the Gallery's Design Division, which is responsible for the design and installation of all exhibitions, both temporary and permanent, focusing on the architectural, historical and artistic intent of the presentation. He is also an artist in his own right, and his drawings and paintings have been widely exhibited.

No registration required. Zoom links will be included in our newsletter post about the lecture next Friday.

Olli's Third Online Happy Hour Thursday, April 8 4:00 - 5:00 PM

OLLI's Third Online Happy Hour

Thursday, April 8, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Join your friends at OLLI, for the THIRD virtual OLLI Happy Hour for members, Thursday, April. 8 at 4:00 pm. Jeff Porter, Chair of OLLI's Social Committee, will host. OLLI's Happy Hour online forum is an informal event for members to gather socially and share their thoughts and insights. [Register.](#)

Zoom links for registrants will arrive on email on the morning of Thu., Apr. 8.

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

Cultivating Fear: Anti-Muslim Bias in the Media and Society

Tue., April 6th, 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM, online

Join a discussion with panelists that include Muslim journalists, advocates, and researchers discussing their religious identity and how it intersects with their work, communities, and personal lives.

[Register.](#)

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Spotlight on the Eastern Mediterranean

Tue, April 6, 2021, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, online

Alexandra Papadopoulou, Greece's Ambassador to the U.S., and Marios Lysiotis, the Republic of Cyprus' Ambassador to the U.S., will discuss the Eastern Mediterranean as a hotbed of political tension, and more. [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.](#)

Building Policy Consensus on the World Stage: The Pitfalls, Progress, and Possibilities

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

Understanding the Role of Business, Philanthropy, and Government in Creating Economic Justice

Tue., March 30 at 5:30 p.m., Streaming

Wes Moore, CEO of Robin Hood, one of the largest anti-poverty forces in the nation, examines the root causes of poverty; he challenges persistent and dominant narratives and discusses the effects of systemic racism. [Register.](#)

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

How Long Will the Next Israeli Government Last?

Wed., March 31 12:00PM-1:00PM, 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](#).

Peace Corps 2.0: A Symposium

Wed., March 31, 4:00-7:00PM, 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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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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