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Summer Registration is Open!

June Minis (6/7-7/2)

June Minis meet once a week for 4 weeks over Zoom. Members can register for 3 courses for \$100. The June Minis Lottery will be held on Monday, May 17. Assignment letters will be e-mailed the following day. Last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, June 11. Requests for refunds must be made in writing (email is fine) by close of business, Friday, June 11. [Register](#) before **Lottery Day, Monday, May 17.**

July Shorts (7/12-7/16)

Shorts meet over Zoom 3, 4, or 5 times within the one week. Members can register 3 courses for \$75. The July Shorts Lottery will be held on Monday, June 21. Assignment letters will be e-mailed the following day. Last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, July 9. Requests for refunds must be made in writing (email is fine) by close of business, Friday, July 9. **[Register](#) before Lottery Day, Monday, June 21.**

Books for Classes

As usual, OLLI is working with Politics and Prose for books this summer. To purchase books for classes, members can do any of the following:

- 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 the book is for an OLLI course. 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. Politics and Prose encourages online orders over phone orders, as the phone lines can have long wait times.

Another source for supporting independent bookstores is www.indiebound.org - this website lists all independent bookstores by zip code.

Books not available at Politics & Prose:

July Shorts

963 American Century Cycle (August Wilson): Themes and Character Development

Book: *Layman's Guide to Ten Plays in the August Wilson American Century Cycle*

(The SGL will let class members know how they can purchase the book.)

Books available without 10% discount:

June Minis

1700 Florence - City of Science, Political Theory, Economics, Philosophy, and Oh, Yes, Art

Book: *The Companion Guide to Florence*

Spring Study Group Feedback

Please take a few minutes to complete the final feedback form, available [online](#). Feedback can be words of encouragement, letting SGLs know what you most enjoyed about the course, as well as constructive criticism.

Feedback will be accepted through this Sunday, May 9.

Please note that if your feedback was submitted successfully, you will see a message on the next screen thanking you for submitting feedback. If you do not see this, please either open a new internet browser window or refresh your current browser and try again.

Class Recordings

Most classes are being recorded and made available to members taking spring classes.

All class recordings will be available for viewing through Friday, May 28. The recordings are listed by day of the week, under the "Study Groups" menu on the [OLLI website](#). Class recordings are posted each day by 5:30 PM. Only Spring members can access recordings and you must login to do so.

SGL Gifts

To make a gift to your SGL(s), please use the [online form](#) or mail a check to OLLI by Friday, May 28. We will collect all of the gifts, write a check to each SGL, and mail the check with any notes from members to the SGL(s). **SGL gifts will be accepted through Friday, May 28.**

Propose a Study Group for the Fall!

Fall Semester: Sept. 20-Dec. 4

(Study groups meet once a week for 8-10 weeks.)

[Proposal form](#)

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 *****@*****.*** with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

To propose a study group, click the link above. **You will need to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.**

We are still working out the format for the fall semester, but encourage anyone who would like to teach to submit a proposal. Study group leaders will be followed up with to sort out format details once we know more.

May 11 Lecture: Bradley Graham & Lissa Muscatine

Politics and Prose

Bradley Graham and Lissa Muscatine

Tuesday, May 11

10:30-11:30 AM, via Zoom

Bradley Graham and Lissa Muscatine are co-owners of Politics and Prose bookstores in Washington, D.C. They purchased the company from the original owners in 2011.

Brad, in addition to his day-to-day involvement managing P&P, serves as a member of the board of the American Booksellers Association. Previously, he spent 30 years with the Washington Post as a reporter and editor focused mostly on foreign and national security affairs. He also has written two books—*Hit to Kill*, an account published in 2001 of renewed U.S. efforts to build a national missile defense system, and *By His Own Rules*, a biography of Donald Rumsfeld published in 2009.

Lissa is a veteran of journalism, government, and politics. As a journalist, she started with the *Delta Democrat-Times* in Greenville, Mississippi, and the *Washington Star* before joining the *Washington Post*, where she spent 12 years covering local schools, higher education, Maryland state politics, and sports. Moving into government, she served in the Clinton administration as a presidential speechwriter, chief speechwriter to the First Lady and, in the final year of the

administration, director of communications and press secretary to the First Lady. Later in the Obama administration, she was chief speechwriter and senior advisor to then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. She also served as a senior advisor on Mrs. Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign and a collaborator on Mrs. Clinton's White House memoir, *Living History*. Currently, Lissa is writing her own book based on her work with Mrs. Clinton.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be emailed to those subscribed to the newsletter on the morning of the lecture.

May 13 Lecture: Christine Grady

Connecting Bioethics and COVID

Christine Grady

Thursday, May 13

10:30-11:30 AM, via Zoom

Christine Grady is a nurse-bioethicist, senior investigator, and Chief of the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center. Her research focuses on clinical research ethics, including informed consent, vulnerability, study design, and recruitment, international research ethics and on ethical issues faced by nurses and other healthcare providers.

Dr. Grady has authored more than 200 papers in the biomedical and bioethics literature and authored or edited several books, including *The Oxford Textbook of Clinical Research Ethics*. She is an elected fellow of the Hastings Center and the American Academy of Nursing, research fellow at Kennedy Institute of Ethics and an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Grady holds a BS in nursing and biology from Georgetown University, a MSN in community health nursing from Boston College, and a PhD in philosophy from Georgetown University.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be emailed to those subscribed to the newsletter on the morning of the lecture.

2021 Summer & Fall Music-Theatre Group

Alliance for New Music-Theatre is pleased to announce that we are re-launching our "Live & About" series in collaboration with OLLI. This program, which was added to OLLI classes in 2018, was interrupted in the spring of 2020 due to the pandemic.

Until we can meet again in person and attend live music-theatre performances in the DMV, we hope you will rejoin Alliance for New Music-Theatre as we re-emerge this spring with our new digital line up of Short Gems.

On a monthly basis, starting in June, we will feature the six Short Gems videos on YouTube. Following the viewing period, we will host an on-line discussion for each work with two options for joining on a weekday evening or weekend. These discussions will further explore the intent of the work, often with the artists or invited guest who may have a special relationship with the featured artist's work.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register. The registration deadline is Friday, May 28.

Virtual Music Event: Mozart and the King

Mozart & the King

Presenter: Nancy Jo Snider and Friends

Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4

2:00-3:30 PM, via Zoom

Join us for a special two-day online presentation about the last three string quartets of W.A. Mozart known as the "Prussian" quartets. *This performance is dedicated in loving memory to Kim Harwood Miller, an extraordinary musician, violinist, friend and one of the best quartet players ever:*

- **Session 1 (Thursday, June 3) 2:00-3:30 PM.** This session will provide an overview about the quartets and serve to establish context;
- **Session 2 (Friday, June 4) 2:00-3:30 PM.** This session will feature a *LIVE* string quartet that will begin with illuminating excerpts and conclude with a performance of the entire quartet and, hopefully, a little "surprise".

The event is free of charge but you must register in order to receive a Zoom invitation. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to registrants the morning of June 3 and will be recurring (please use the same link each day). [Register](#)

2021 Bloomsday by OLLI

This year's Bloomsday Celebration will take place on **Wednesday, June 16 from 3:30 to 7:00 PM.** This Zoom event will feature live readings and a film screening. The readings will be passages from James Joyce's *Ulysses* paired with passages from his other works. These "twins" will be linked on the basis of what they have in common (such as subject matter or character) and distinctive differences (such as time, geography, style, point of view, emotion). This linking will enable us to track developments in the lives of Joyce and his characters. , The contrasts between passages will bring into relief his multifaceted writing talents.

We are looking for readers for the celebration. **If you would like to be a reader, please contact Bob Kolodney at *****@*****.***. This event is free of charge but you must register in order to receive a Zoom invitation. Registrants will be e-mailed the Zoom invitation the morning of the event. [Register.](#)**

Virtual Tour of the Jewish Community of Rome

Virtual Tour of the Jewish Community of Rome, Italy

Tuesday, May 25

3:30-4:30 PM, via Zoom

The Jewish Community in Rome, Italy, is the most ancient residing outside of the Holy Land. The first migrants came as merchants to this most important city of what would eventually become the Roman Empire, and stayed through the centuries, witnessing and participating in events that shaped European history, world history and the history of the Jewish people. Join OLLI for a tour through their history and the places they lived.

We are pleased to offer this virtual event through a partnership with the Italian tour company Casa Mia. Priscila Corti, a native Roman, will be our professional guide for this upcoming adventure. It should be a great time as we make our way through the city of Rome following in the footsteps of this ancient community.

[Register.](#) Tickets are only \$5. Limited to the first 300 persons that register. A Zoom link will be emailed the morning of the event to all registrants. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, May 24, 8:00 A.M. Refunds are available only if the event is cancelled. **When registering, you must check**

the box, "Refunds are available only if the event is cancelled" in order for your payment to be processed.

Keep an eye out for our next Casa Mia offering in June when Eleonora Baldwin, celebrity, bilingual journalist, and gastronome, takes OLLI on a culinary and cinematic tour of Rome!

Gandhi Center: Indian Art: History and Appreciation

OLLI members are invited to join the Gandhi Center each Saturday in May, 10:00-11:30 AM, via Zoom for a complimentary series of four presentations on Indian Art by Benoy K. Behl, an art historian from New Delhi. [Learn more.](#)

American University News & Events

UNIVERSITY-WIDE

141st Commencement

Sat., May 8, 11:00 AM, Streaming

Join AU's Spring commencement for the nearly 2,900 graduates across eight schools. Former Obama administration official Todd Park delivers the commencement address. [Register](#)

It's Time - Join President Sylvia Burwell on May 12

Wed., May 12, 12:30 PM, Streaming

Join AU's President Sylvia Burwell for a special announcement about the university's changemaking power. [Register](#)

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS

SpotlightDC Wants to Fund Your Ideas

Tue., May 11, 2021, 12:00 PM, online

SpotlightDC's mission is to raise funds and award them to journalists working on projects in the Washington metro area. Join journalists Harry Jaffe and Margaret Engel, to learn how to query the organization, apply for funds, and write a proposal. [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.](#)

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