



*Where Curiosity Never Retires*



## OLLI NEWS — November 12, 2021

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### Holiday Closure: No Classes

The OLLI Office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday, November 24 through Friday, November 26. No classes will be held during that time. Since class Zoom link emails are automated, please disregard any link emails received over those days.

### Fall Feedback

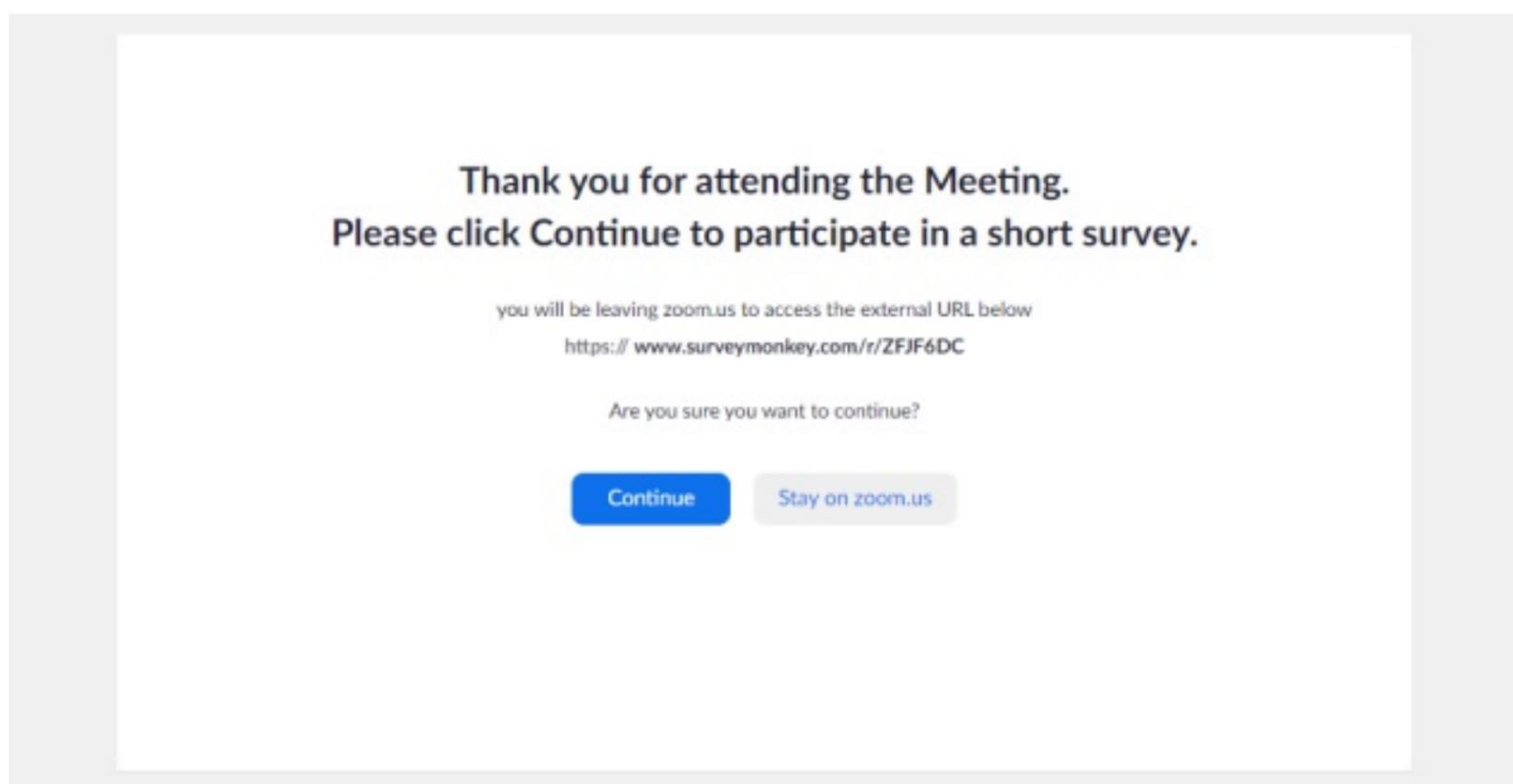
As you finish your study group(s) for the semester, please take a few minutes to complete the [final feedback form](#) that is available on the OLLI website. Paper copies of the feedback form are also available in each classroom as well as outside the OLLI office. If you choose to complete a paper

form, just drop it off at the office when you're finished. As always, feedback is completely anonymous.

## Fall SGL Gifts

All of OLLI's Study Group Leaders are volunteers. Each academic session, we invite members to give them a gift in honor of all of the work they do to prepare and deliver their courses. This is completely voluntary on our members' behalf. Members may make a gift to Fall SGL(s) through December 17. Gifts can be made [online](#) *after logging on to your account on the OLLI website*, or by mailing a check to OLLI. Members can give gifts to all of their Study Group Leaders in a single form and with a single credit card transaction. The OLLI office will collect all gifts, write a check to each SGL, and mail the check with any notes from members to the SGL(s).

## Feedback Pop-Up at the End of the Last Zoom Class



This semester, at the end of each study group's last session (over Zoom), a screen will pop-up inviting members to complete final feedback for the course. The more feedback we receive from members, the better. Feedback provides valuable information to improve current and future courses. In the pop-up, click on **Continue** and you will be taken to the feedback form on the OLLI website.

## Propose a Study Group or Short!

The OLLI Curriculum Committee is accepting study group proposals for both the upcoming February Shorts and spring semester. We welcome proposals from both new and veteran Study Group Leaders. For more information about being a study group leader at OLLI, please visit the [Become A Study Group Leader page](#). If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group and would like to speak with someone, please email [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) and we will get in touch with you.

To propose a study group, please click one of the links below. You will be prompted to login with your OLLI username/password. If you don't yet have an account, you will be able to create one. Both February and spring classes will again be offered as in-person, online, and hybrid formats. Study Group Leaders select their format preference on the proposal form.

## February 2022 Shorts

The Feb. Shorts will be February 7-11. Shorts meet 3-5 times over the course of one week.

[February Shorts Proposal Form](#)

## Spring 2022

The spring semester will be March 7-May 13, 2021. Study groups are 8-10 weeks long and meet once a week.

[Spring Proposal Form](#)

**Proposal deadline for both sessions: November 29**

## Looking For a Co-SGL: Digitizing & Preserving Family Photos

OLLI is looking at offering an upcoming February Short titled *Digitizing and Preserving Family Photos*. The Study Group Leader, who offered this same Short last July, would like to find a tech-savvy co-leader to work with him. The class description is below. If you're interested in possibly co-leading this Short (whether you've been an SGL before or this would be your first time) and would like more information, please e-mail [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).

*After decades of taking and accumulating photos from our lives and our family's, we have too many photos to store yet too many memories to toss away. By scanning and digitizing your analog photos, those memories can always be shared, stored, and enjoyed for decades to come. Scanning apps like Photomyne make digitizing your photos easy while maintaining the quality of original photos. This course will explain why you should digitize your photos, how to digitize your photos, and how to use scanning apps to not only save your photos but also cherish the stories behind them. Class participants are encouraged to download the Photomyne app (there is a free trial - no purchase is required for the class), as well as come to the session with photos for scanning practice.*

## Today's Friday Lecture: 1:30 PM

***Spark: How Genius Ignites, from Child Prodigies to Late Bloomers***

**Claudia Kalb**

**Friday, November 12**

**1:30-2:30 PM**

[Zoom Link](#)

**Webinar ID: 968 4304 2780**

**Passcode: 816513**

Claudia Kalb is a *New York Times* bestselling author and independent journalist who reports on health, science, culture, and human behavior. Her most recent book, *Spark: How Genius Ignites, From Child Prodigies to Late Bloomers*, focuses on creativity and inspiration in 13 great achievers, from Isaac Newton and Yo-Yo Ma to Maya Angelou and Eleanor Roosevelt. In her work for *National Geographic* magazine, Claudia is exploring genius through the lens of biography, history, culture, and science. In her books, she investigates the attributes of individuals who have soared to great heights—throughout history and today. Her first book, *Andy Warhol Was a Hoarder: Inside the Minds of*

*History's Great Personalities*, delves into the challenges and triumphs of 12 icons, including Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, and Marilyn Monroe.

## Next Lecture: Wednesday, November 17

### ***Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care***

**Dayna Matthew**

**Wednesday, November 17**

**3:30-4:30 PM** (via Zoom)

As Dean of the George Washington University Law School since 2020, Dayna Matthew is the first woman to hold that position. She is an expert in issues of health equity and public health policy. Previously, she was at the University of Virginia Law School as the William L. Matheson and Robert M. Morgenthau Distinguished Professor of Law and was a professor of public health sciences at the UVA School of Medicine. She served as Director of the Equity Center at UVA, which works to build relationships between the university and its surrounding community to address racial and socioeconomic inequality. She also is a non-resident fellow in the Center for Health Policy at the Brookings Institution. A prolific writer, she is author of the recent book *Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care* and has authored or co-authored dozens of book chapters and articles, focusing largely on health care reform, public health law, health disparities, patient protection, and antitrust laws and civil rights.

**Registration not required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed the morning of the lecture to all OLLI newsletter subscribers.**

## Serendipity Talk: November 15

### ***Uncovering New Possibilities: Insights From Our Time***

**Carl and Kimberly Weichel**

**Monday, November 15**

**3:30-4:30 PM** (via Zoom)

Author, thought leader, and OLLI Study Group Leader, Kimberly Weichel will share highlights from her new book, *Uncovering New Possibilities: Insights From Our Time*, which explores how this pandemic era is affecting us personally and collectively, and what new possibilities might emerge. The ten chapters explore: why women's leadership has been so effective and why it's important now; wisdom from Eastern healing and spiritual traditions; how our emotions subconsciously shape our behavior and life decisions; charting our second half of life with renewed vigor and grace; living a more resilient, peaceful life even during a crisis; how we transform gender norms and educate men and boys; and tuning our moral compass to live a more enriching life. **She and her husband Carl, who co-authored four chapters, will highlight together several key themes covered in their OLLI courses.**

**Registration not required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed the morning of the talk to all OLLI newsletter subscribers.**

**OLLI is on Facebook**



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Curious about what we are up to? OLLI’s members and study group leaders are at the heart of the work we do. If you're looking for ways to find out about OLLI events, connect with other members, and spread awareness of our mission, we hope you will follow and join in the conversation on our recently launched [Facebook page](#). Facebook attracts a very diverse audience of retirees and is a way to reach out to lifelong learners who might not know about us.

**Art Event: November 20-21**

Please join us for

# WATERCOLORS

by the  
Gang of Five

Original Paintings & Giclee Prints

**Saturday** November 20<sup>th</sup> **Noon to Six**  
**Sunday** November 21<sup>st</sup> **Noon to Five**

**Opening Reception**  
**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Four to Six**



*Watercolors by the Gang of Five*  
Milton Shinberg, et al  
Yellow Barn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD  
Saturday, November 20: 12:00-6:00 PM  
Sunday, November 21: 12:00-5:00 PM  
Free Admission

Join OLLI SGL Milton Shinberg and his fellow artists from the Potomac Valley Watercolorists for an in-

person art show of watercolors painted by Milton, et al. **The opening reception is on Saturday, November 20 from 4:00-6:00 PM.**

## American University News & Events

### SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

***Why Creative Culture (and Comedy) Matters for Social Justice***

**Wednesday, November 17**

**4:30-5:30 PM**

**Mary Graydon Center, Rooms 126-128**

SOC professor Caty Borum Chattoo talks about her work as the executive director of the Center for Media and Social Impact as part of the Provost's Distinguished Lecture Series. [Register.](#)

### AU ARTS

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. [View the schedule and registration links.](#)

### AU MUSEUM

**Fall Schedule: until Sunday, December 12**

**Friday-Sunday only**

**11:00 AM-4:00 PM**

The [museum](#) is again open to visitors. View [upcoming exhibitions](#). Patrons and university community members can now experience shows on display at the [Katzen Arts Center](#). Follow the museum on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

### OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MISSION

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.

OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that *curiosity never retires*.

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