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In Memoriam: Andrew Sens

With sadness, we share the passing of Andrew Sens. Andrew was a longtime OLLI member and the husband of Sharon Sens. We extend our deepest sympathies to Sharon and to their family and friends.

Adds/Drops and Refunds

Today, Friday, October 1 is the last day to add or drop classes. Today is also the last day to request refunds. Please email the OLLI office at olli@american.edu with any refund requests. Refunds are typically processed within 48-72 hours. A \$10 processing fee will be assessed.

October 8 Friday Lecture

Restaurants and Community During the Pandemic and Beyond

"Chef Geoff" Tracy

Friday, October 8

1:30 PM (via Zoom)

After graduating first in his class at the Culinary Institute of America, Geoff opened the original Chef Geoff's in 2000 followed by three other restaurants, including Lia's in Friendship Heights. Chef Geoff also provides food service for the Jesuit Residence at Georgetown University. He is the co-author of the *New York Times* best seller, *Baby Love: Healthy, Easy, Delicious Meals for Your Baby and Toddler*. Geoff has served as chairman of the executive board of the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington. Additionally, Chef Geoff's has contributed to hundreds of charities and local schools in the form of silent auctions and fundraising. In 2014, Geoff cooked in the White House as part of the First Lady's "Let's Move" initiative. In 2019, Geoff became the ambassador for La Cocina, a local organization with a mission to create opportunities for social and economic change through education empowerment, and culinary training. He has received numerous local and national awards including the Albert Uster "Chef of the Year" award.

The Zoom link will be included in the OLLI newsletter the morning of the lecture.

Sing Along. Please, Please Help Us!

Remember the Beatles hit "Help"? "Help! We need somebody. Help! Not just anybody." Due to a shortage in Federal Work Study students this semester, we are seeking a few technology volunteers. You must have experience starting and running Zoom meetings. Volunteers may serve as Virtual Room Monitors helping Study Group Leaders in online classes or may serve as Hosts in online social gatherings for members. If you are interested, please email Mary Fran. Be sure to list your Zoom experience in the email.

Fall In-Person Covid Protocols

To attend any in-person OLLI event on American University campus, you must:

- Be fully vaccinated, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions;
- Submit a brief OLLI form assuring he/she has been fully vaccinated, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions. Paper copies of forms are in classrooms. Email sbeatty@american.edu to request another vaccination form;
- Wear a mask;
- Study Group Leaders, while teaching, are the only people who are not required to wear masks provided they are sufficiently socially distanced from class participants; and
- Stay home if exhibiting any Covid-related symptoms.

Daily Class Zoom Link Emails

OLLI class Zoom links are being sent each morning by 8:00 AM from the e-mail addresses sbeatty@american.edu or nsingh@american.edu. DO NOT DELETE THESE

EMAILS. Please also check your spam and junk/trash folders for any link emails if you don't see them in your inbox. If you need to contact the office for a link, please **email us** at olli@american.edu and include the name and number of the class you're writing about. Emailing will get a faster response than calling because of the volume of phone calls we receive. Please also note that SGLs do not provide zoom links to members in their classes.

For maximum convenience, save the zoom links for each of your classes. Since each link is recurring, the same link will be used for all sessions of a particular class.

Recorded Classes

Fall members may access all recorded classes through **Friday, December 17**, by logging on (with username and password) to the OLLI [website](#). Once logged on, click on the **Study Groups** tab across the top. Next, scroll down and click on **2021 Fall Recordings**. This will bring you to the recordings page, organized by each day. Click on the day your class meets to find the recordings arranged by class time.

October 7 Serendipity Talk

How to Steal Priceless French Art

Helen Schwartz

Thursday, October 7

3:30-5:00 PM (via Zoom)

When German troops invaded France in 1940, they planned to seize fabulous French-owned art for Hitler's planned National Museum in Linz and wound up with about 8,000 pictures, much "free," (that is, looted). When the Wehrmacht, the traditional armed forces, refused to transport loot from France before a direct order from Hitler, Hermann Göring helped the official Plunder Committee (called the ERR, Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg) with the use of his private train car and seized art "Beyond the Dreams of Avarice," much from Jewish art dealers and art collectors. The Vichy French government grabbed as much as they could before the Germans could get it. And the French person, with absent Jewish neighbors, also often joined the looting. Author Helen Schwartz, OLLI favorite in DC and Saratoga, will use true-life examples from the historical record fictionalized in her historical thriller *Thieves of Paris*.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed the morning of the talk to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter.

October 14 Serendipity Talk

You Are Not American: Citizenship Stripping from Dred Scott to the Dreamers

Amanda Frost

Thursday, October 14

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

We think of our citizenship as immutable—as much a part of our identity as our height or eye color. But as law professor Amanda Frost has discovered, the US government regularly revoked citizenship to suppress dissent and deny civil rights to all considered "un-American." Women who married

noncitizens, persecuted racial groups, labor leaders, and political activists were all stripped of their citizenship, and sometimes deported, by a government who denied their membership in “We the People.” Drawing on the narratives of those who lost their citizenship and fought to get it back, Frost will describe a hidden history of discrimination and xenophobia that continues to this day.

Amand Frost is the Bronfman Distinguished Professor Law and Government at American University, where she writes and teaches in the fields of constitutional, immigration, and citizenship law. Her recently-published book *You Are Not American: Citizenship Stripping from Dred Scott to the Dreamers* was listed by the New York Times book review as a “[New & Noteworthy](#)” book. (The book is available for purchase [here](#)). In addition to her academic writing, she frequently publishes in mainstream publications such as *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *Slate*, and *The American Prospect*. She is a regular columnist for [SCOTUSblog](#), the leading blog covering the U.S. Supreme Court.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed the morning of the talk to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter.

Fall Reminders

Class Handouts

Handouts for many of the fall study groups are available on the [Fall 2021 Handouts](#) pages of the website, after members logon to the OLLI [website](#) with their username and password. The handouts pages will stay available through the semester. If no handouts are listed for a class, then we have not received any from the Study Group Leader.

Zoom Recording Disclaimer

Zoom is requiring all meetings and webinars that are recorded to include a disclaimer. In order to join the meeting, **you must click on Agree**. If you click Cancel, you won’t be able to join the class or lecture. If you mistakenly clicked on Cancel but want to join the meeting, you can click on the invitation again, then click Agree in the disclaimer. Remember, If you don’t want to be seen in a meeting, turn off your video. We don’t show attendee names in our recordings.

Update Your Information

If you move or change your phone number(s) or email, please log in to your [OLLI account](#) and update your contact information. You can also e-mail your updated information to the OLLI office at olli@american.edu.

American University News & Events

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

The Madrid Peace Conference Legacy: Thirty Years Later

Wednesday, October 13 (via Zoom)

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Join us for a special event commemorating the Madrid Peace Conference, featuring Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, former spokesperson of the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace process; Dr. Yossi Beilin, former Israeli minister of justice and founder of the Geneva Initiative; and Dr. Daniel Kurtzer, former US ambassador to Israel and Egypt. [Register](#).

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Films Across Borders Opening Night Event: With Drawn Arms

Tuesday, October 5

6:00-7:00 PM (online)

Join us for a powerful virtual conversation about the award-winning film "With Drawn Arms" moderated by School of Communication Dean Sam Fulwood III. This film explores runner Tommie Smith's decision to raise his fist in protest of racial inequality when accepting his gold medal at the '68 Olympic games and the ramifications afterwards. [Register](#).

"We Are Sorry This Video Is Not Available in Your Country"

Thursday, October 7

1:00-2:00 PM (online)

During this event, Dr. Pavel Zahrádka conducts an ethical analysis of the moral conflict over access to premium audiovisual online content (films, TV shows) in the EU, which is currently regulated by geo-blocking. The event will be moderated by AU professor Aram Sinnreich. [Register](#).

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Chinese and Russian Engagement in Africa: A Data Dialogue

Friday, October 1

11:00 AM-12:30 PM (streaming)

SIS hosts a panel discussion about what Chinese investments and Russian military assistance tells us about the geopolitical landscape in Africa. SIS PhD student Anastassiya Perevezentseva moderates. [Register](#).

AU ARTS

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

AU MUSEUM

Fall Schedule

Saturday, August 28-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](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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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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