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Town Hall
Today: Friday, October 22 at 1:30 PM

Come hear about the state of OLLI at AU. Hear from OLLI's John Barger, Jo Anne Friedenthal, Martha Cutts and Tony Long. Time for your questions and comments is an integral part of the Town Hall, so we hope you will join us. **No registration is required. Use this [Zoom link](#) to attend.**

Please note: There is no Friday lecture today.

OLLI is on Facebook



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.

Next Friday's Lecture: October 29

Hunger in America—An Ongoing Scandal

Jim Weill

Friday, October 29

1:30-2:30 PM (via Zoom)

Jim Weill has had a 50-year career as a leading anti-poverty and social justice advocate. After law school, Jim worked at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago as Director of Federal Litigation and Special Impact Projects. He served as counsel in several cases on plenary review in the US Supreme Court, arguing two of them; and oversaw the Foundation’s attorneys on dozens of class action and impact cases on Social Security, Medicaid, Food Stamps, other public benefits, immigration, and challenges to discrimination against racial minorities, women, and children born out of wedlock. From 1982 to 1998, Jim was Program Director and General Counsel at the Children’s Defense Fund, where he played a lead role in Medicaid expansions, enactment of the Children’s Health Insurance Program, creation of the Vaccines for Children Program, and three major expansions of the Earned Income Tax Credit. Jim was President of the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) from 1998 until his retirement at the end of 2019. During that time FRAC led efforts to expand participation and improve benefits in key anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs, with particular emphasis on SNAP, school lunch and breakfast, afterschool and summer food programs, childcare food, WIC, and income supports like the refundable Child Tax Credit.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be included in the OLLI newsletter the morning of the lecture.

Serendipity Talk: October 28

Celebrating Frank Loesser

Dan Sherman

Thursday, October 28

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

Although best known for the musical *Guys and Dolls*, Frank Loesser's career included many well-known songs in a career that encompassed popular song, Hollywood films, and several very successful stage musicals. This talk will explore Loesser's brilliant lyrics and music by reviewing his career using a multimedia approach that will include many performance clips, including Loesser himself.

Dan Sherman has taught several courses on musical theater and film musicals at OLLI, along with many other venues in the area. He holds his PhD in economics from Cornell and retired as Managing Director at the American Institutes for Research.

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

Serendipity Talk: November 4

West Side Story: Then and Now

Dan Sherman

Thursday, November 4

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

West Side Story, a retelling of Romeo and Juliet in a world of urban gang violence, revolutionized the Broadway musical in terms of its plot, music, and integration of dance. The 1957 play was made into an award-winning film musical in 1961 and will soon be seen in new film directed by Steven Spielberg. This talk will view the musical's creation, discuss its innovations, and describe its performance history using a mix of audio and video clips, including those featuring the work's creators—Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, Jerome Robbins, and Arthur Laurents.

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Fall Reminders

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.

Zoom On Camera Reminder

As a reminder, when you are in a Zoom class, anything you do or say can be seen and heard by all in the class if you haven't muted yourself and/or turned off your camera. Please keep this in mind when

in your classes and make sure to mute yourself and turn off your camera when needed.

Virtual Tour Series: Heart of DC-Part 2: November 9

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Tammy Belden

Tuesday, November 9

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

Join OLLI for a second virtual tour in a series of illustrated talks, led by Tammy Belden, on our capital's "historic center" and its most iconic memorials and sites.

In July, we began with the western end of the National Mall covering such sites as the Lincoln, Viet Nam Veterans, and Korean War memorials. We now progress down the Mall to its center: the Washington Monument, the White House, and the Jefferson, discussing smaller and lesser known spots along the way. Did you know that the White House was originally considered riverfront property; that the Washington Monument is sited approximately 390 feet from its original planned location; and that the original statue in the Jefferson Memorial was made of plaster painted a bronze color? Although you may already be familiar with many of these facts, we will cover some controversies, engaging anecdotes, and facts that you may not have heard!

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be emailed to all members the morning of the event.

Knowledge Management Survey for Retirees

Researchers at NC State University hope to learn about your recent retiree experience via anonymous electronic survey. Those of you who have retired within the last five years are asked to consider participating in this quick five-minute [survey](#). Your experience as a recent retiree may be helpful to employers to improve their ability to manage future retirements and the knowledge transfer process. The survey will include a few questions about you and then ask about your experience. The survey has been reviewed by the NC State University Institutional Review Board (IRB). The summary results may be shared in sum or part in academic and business publications to help employers improve. The last date for participating in the survey is November 30.

Contact: Beth Ritter, bmritte2@ncsu.edu or 919-513-1726

American University News & Events

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

Two States or One? Rethinking the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Monday, November 1

11:30 AM-12:30 PM (via Zoom)

Join our panelists who will discuss the viability of the two state solution, as well as the alternatives, including how one bi-national state might look. Speakers: Omri Boehm (New School), Yael Aronoff (Michigan State University), Saliba Sarsar (Monmouth University). [Register](#).

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Films Across Borders: Stories in a Changing World featuring Girl Rising 5th Anniversary

Tuesday, October 26

12:00-1:00 PM (via Zoom)

Join us for a live virtual panel discussion on Girl Rising. This fifth anniversary edition of Girl Rising travels the globe to meet nine unforgettable girls, striving beyond circumstance and overcoming nearly insurmountable odds to achieve their dreams. [Register](#).

CEF Presents National Park Service Student Video Showcase

Friday, October 29

6:00-7:15 PM (online)

The Center For Environmental Filmmaking presents a showcase of outstanding student videos that reveal the extraordinary values and resources of the National Park Service.

[Register](#).

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Populism, Polarization, and National Identity

Francis Fukuyama

Monday, October 25

5:30-7:00 PM (Streaming)

Political scientist and author Francis Fukuyama joins SPA for a discussion on populism and polarization and what it means for national identity. [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.

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

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