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OLLI Is Open on Monday

Classes will be held on Columbus Day, Monday, October 11. For a full list of upcoming dates, holiday observances, OLLI office closures etc, view the OLLI [Events Calendar](#).

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 unmuted 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.

Zoom Links: New Feature

Members can now easily access class zoom links by logging onto their online account on the OLLI [website](#). Once logged on, you will see the Overview page for your account which shows all your registered classes. Look under each class to see the Zoom link for that class. Zoom link emails will still be sent daily from **sbeatty@american.edu** and **nsingh@american.edu** email addresses. Do not delete Zoom link emails that are sent since each link can re-used for all sessions of a class. If you misplace one of the emails, you can always log into your account to get the link, as explained above.

Today's Friday Lecture October 8

Restaurants and Community During the Pandemic and Beyond

"Chef Geoff" Tracy

Friday, October 8

1:30 PM (via Zoom)

[Zoom Link](#)

Password: 301224

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.

Next Friday's Lecture October 15

The Stories Told by the Tenement Museum

Annie Polland

Friday, October 15

1:30 PM (via Zoom)

Annie Polland is an historian and museum executive. She has been director of New York's Tenement Museum since January 1, 2001. Prior to that, she had been the Tenement Museum's vice president of programs and interpretation from 2009 to 2018 before becoming Executive Director of the American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS). At the museum, she is spearheading efforts to show the lived experiences of Black and Irish communities in the Lower East Side during the late 19th-century. She received her PhD in history from Columbia University.

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

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.

Fall 2021 Member Directory

The Fall 2021 Members Directory is now available for download from the OLLI [website](#). Members must be logged on to the website to access the directory. Click on the Membership tab, and then click on For Members Only.

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.

Town Hall

Save the Date: Friday, October 22 at 1:30 PM

Come hear about the state of OLLI at AU. Hear from OLLI's Board Chair, Treasurer, and Executive Director. 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. Zoom links will be emailed to all members the morning of the Town Hall. Please note: There is no Friday lecture on this day.**

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.

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 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

Hail to the Chiefs of Staff

Wednesday, October 13

12:00 PM (streaming)

Join a webinar with two former Presidential Chiefs of Staff. Joshua Bolten and Jacob J. Lew will lead a conversation on consensus building and policy solutions and how they tackled these challenges in their important roles, moderated by AU alum Tara Palmeri (SOC/BA '08). [Register](#).

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Sustainable Agriculture through a Justice Lens

Tuesday, October 12

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

SIS professor Garrett Graddy-Lovelace moderates a panel discussion on issues of justice and equity within sustainable agriculture. [Register](#).

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Representative Barbara Lee and Abby Ginzberg—Barbara Lee: Speaking Truth to Power

Wednesday, October 13

6:00 PM (online)

WPI executive director Betsy Fischer Martin moderates a discussion between Representative Barbara Lee (D-California) and filmmaker Abby Ginzburg about the documentary *Barbara Lee: Speaking Truth to Power*. [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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