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February Shorts Feedback

As you finish your Shorts courses this week and next, please take a few minutes to complete the anonymous [feedback form](#) that is available on the OLLI website. Your feedback helps us know what you think about the classes that are being offered, but most importantly, it serves as a reward for the time, effort, knowledge, and talent that our volunteer Study Group Leaders (SGLs) put into their classes. Your feedback encourages SGLs to keep up the great job they're doing or to make changes, when necessary. Feedback will be open through **February 25**.

At the end of each Short's last session over Zoom, a new internet window will pop-up inviting members to complete feedback for the course. When you see the pop-up (example below), click on **Continue** and **you will be taken to the feedback form on the OLLI website**.

Thank you for attending the Meeting.
Please click Continue to participate in a short survey.

you will be leaving zoom.us to access the external URL below

https://olli-dc.org/shorts_feedback

Are you sure you want to continue?

Continue

Stay on zoom.us

Click here to go to
the OLLI website
feedback form.

February Shorts 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 February Shorts SGL(s) through **February 25**.

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).

Spring Open House

Tuesday, February 22

10:00 AM, Online

The spring Open House will be held on Tuesday, February 22 at 10:00 AM via Zoom. No registration is required to attend. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the Open House.

Hear from John Barger, Board Chair; Dave Hensler, Board Vice Chair; Tony Long, Executive Director; and Mary Fran Miklitsch, Deputy Executive Director. Learn about events this spring including lectures, Serendipities, and social events.

Register for Spring

The Spring Semester is **March 7-May 13**. Courses meet once a week for 7-10 weeks. The \$300 membership fee allows you to sign up for three courses before the lottery. After the lottery, when you have received your class assignment letter, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account. For maximum convenience for our members, most of the online and hybrid classes will be recorded and available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of the semester. **Make sure to**

register before the Spring lottery next Tuesday, February 15.

[View Spring Semester and register.](#)

Catalog Changes

Registering online is the easiest way to be sure of the format of your selected classes. There have been quite a few changes since the catalog was published, mostly related to class format, and these changes are reflected in real-time in the online registration section of the website. You can also go to the [February and Spring 2022 Catalog Changes](#) page to view a current list of changes.

Spring Covid Protocols

OLLI at AU is adhering to the following Covid-related protocols for the spring semester:

- To attend any in-person OLLI class or function, members must be fully vaccinated and boosted, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions;
- To attend any in-person OLLI class or function, members must submit a brief OLLI attestation form stating he/she has been fully vaccinated and boosted, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions. The online form will be sent via email after the spring lottery (Feb. 15) to anyone registered to take a class in-person;
- All members must wear an N95, KN95, or KF94 mask when in the building, a classroom, or the OLLI office;
- Classrooms will be at regular capacity; and
- Any person exhibiting any Covid-related symptoms will be asked to stay home.

Spring Books

Below is a list of spring semester books that are either pay to order or not available at Politics and Prose:

200: *Making Peace With Conflict* - Pay to Order

260: *The Great War and Death of God* - Pay to Order

275: *Both Sides Now* - NOT AVAILABLE

475: *Weekly Morbidity* - NOT AVAILABLE

620: *Racconti Romani* - NOT AVAILABLE

630: *The Christmas Books Vol 1* - NOT AVAILABLE, (but Christmas Carol newer editions are in stock)

631: *The Cocktail Hour* - Pay to Order (different edition than what SGL requested, which is not in print)

Painting Churches - Pay to Order

Unavoidable Disappearance of Tom Durnin - NOT AVAILABLE

645: *The Gate of Angels* - NOT AVAILABLE

Galatea 2.2 - Pay to Order

699: *Dear Diego* - NOT AVAILABLE

Zooms Links and Recorded Classes

Zoom Links Available in Member Accounts

If you accidentally delete the daily e-mail with your class Zoom link, or cannot find it again, you can access the Zoom link for each of your classes by logging into your OLLI member account on the [website](#). The first page to come up will be the one that lists your classes. Under each class you will find the Zoom link for that class. Click the link to go into your class at the specified time. If you leave this page and need to get back, simply click your name (hyperlinked in blue) at the top of the page. View a [video tutorial](#).

Class Recordings

Most online classes during the February Shorts and Spring Semester will be recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session. [February Shorts recordings](#) are listed under "Shorts" on the OLLI website. Spring recordings will be listed under "Study Groups." Each day's recordings are added to the website by 5:00 PM. You must first log in to your member account in order to view the recordings. Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.

Virtual Tour: The Heart of DC Part 3

Wednesday, February 23

3:30-4:30 PM, Online

In our third session on the capital's "historic center" join OLLI's Tammy Belden as she continues down the National Mall discussing the history, buildings, and gardens of the Smithsonian; the Capitol Reflecting Pool; the United States Botanic Garden; as well as three of the newest memorials in the city. Did you know that Mary Ann Hall's bordello once stood at the site of today's National Museum of the American Indian - the largest and most luxurious of more than 100 brothels in the city during the 1800's? Guess who their best clients were? That is just one of the little-known stories we will hear about this area. Join us for an enjoyable hour of facts and fun.

Registration for the event is not required. Zoom invitations will be sent to all newsletter subscribers on the morning of the event.

Share OLLI With Your Friends and Family

Staying connected is more important now than ever! Taking OLLI classes via Zoom allows our learning community to stay connected while broadening its horizons and extending its reach. We miss being able to have all in-person classes, but we have adapted, and even thrived, in the age of Zoom-learning.

Now is the time to tell your friends and family, near and far, that we invite them to join the OLLI experience this fall. OLLI at American University is one of 124 OLLIs around the country, all of which are currently online. Each is unique in course content and delivery, but all are dedicated to lifelong learning in their communities. Whether your friends explore our program or an [OLLI near them](#), they will be in for a treat by taking an OLLI class.

American University News & Events

Center for Israel Studies

This spring, American University's Jewish Studies Program and Center for Israel Studies together host a new webinar series of four talks: "[Europe's Jews Before the Holocaust](#)," thanks to the generosity of the Knapp Family Foundation.

Wednesday, February 16

1:00 PM, Online

Conscious History: Polish Jewish Historians Before the Holocaust

Join author Natalia Aleksion, Professor of Modern Jewish History at Touro College, and Professor Lauren Stauss as they discuss how a dedicated group of Jewish historians devoted themselves to creating a sense of Polish Jewish belonging, while also fighting for their rights as an ethnic minority.

[Register](#).

Wednesday, February 23

12:00 PM, Online

"Welcome to Theaterland!" with Roy Horovitz

Did you know that Israel has the highest rate of theater-goers per capita? Please join us as our Israel Institute Visiting Scholar, Dr. Roy Horovitz, explores the intense contemporary Israeli theater scene, using English readings and clips. [Register](#).

AU Arts

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

AU Museum

Spring Schedule

January 29-May 22

Friday-Sunday, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Reservations are not required for your visit. Admission is always free. Regarding groups and any questions about your visit, email museum@american.edu. Access the museum [online](#).

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