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## August 31, 2018 OLLI News

### Registration Lottery Day Tuesday, September 4!

Lottery day for Fall Semester registration will be held this upcoming Tuesday morning after the Labor Day holiday, on September 4. This marks the initial round of study group placements. To be included, please make sure that you have completed registration **by midnight Monday, September 3**. Please allow additional processing following the lottery, and expect to receive notification of your Fall study group schedule **by Thursday, September 6**. You may call into our office to register or, you're more than welcome to stop by in person. Please note that you are still eligible for Fall registration after the lottery, up until October 5, however, with limited availability. We look forward to embarking on another successful semester of learning with you at OLLI!

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### Fall Open House

All members are invited to attend OLLI's Fall Open House on **Tuesday, September 18, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon**. The program will take place in **Room A on the first floor at 10:00 AM, followed by refreshments in the Social Space on the Fifth Floor**.

Whether you're a new member or OLLI veteran, join us as we usher in the 2018-2019 academic year. You also will meet fellow members and study group leaders, catch up with old friends, and hear from some of the committee chairs.

## **Spring 2019 Mystery Book Study Group**

We are still in need of a couple more people interested in helping to teach a class on mysteries in the spring semester. The class will run like a book club, with a different person being responsible for a book and author each week. Susan Greif is willing to organize the group and lead two classes. She is looking for additional study group leaders to each take a week (or even share duties with a friend). If you're interested and would like more information, please e-mail Susan at [susangreif@gmail.com](mailto:susangreif@gmail.com).

## **Books at Politics and Prose**

Politics and Prose bookstore (5050 Connecticut Avenue NW) offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books

## **Reaching out to the State Department**

On August 23, in order to broaden our outreach effort, Judy Havemann formed part of a panel on Lifelong Learning at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute that addressed more than 100 foreign affairs officers enrolled in State's retirement seminar. Judy discussed all OLLI programs as well as the three in the Washington area. The panel was well received, as evidenced by the many questions after the session. As a follow-up to the panel, Martha Cutts and John Bargeron, joined by representatives from OLLI George Mason University, staffed a booth during State's August 28 Job and Volunteer Fair. This was the first time that State had included a panel on Lifelong Learning as part of the retirement program. We hope both will become regular parts of our outreach efforts.

**If you are involved in an organization that would be a great audience for OLLI outreach, please contact Membership Chair John Thorner at [johnathorner@aol.com](mailto:johnathorner@aol.com).**

## **OLLI Welcomers Needed**

We are still in need of a few more volunteers for the new OLLI Welcomer program starting this fall! Welcomers will ensure that each new OLLI member is individually welcomed before the start of classes and touch base with them both during the semester and at the end, to see how it went.

We will review the responsibilities in detail at an orientation meeting on **Monday, September 17, at 10:00 AM in Room A on the First Floor.**

We encourage anyone interested in serving as a Welcomer to attend the meeting, since this is a brand new program. If interested, please email [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) by the end of the day

assigned at OLLI. The store carries most of the books assigned for the Fall Semester. Click [here](#) to see a listing of the books that are unavailable.

on Friday, September 7. **If you would like to be a Welcomer, but are unable to attend the meeting, please let us know as well.**

## Upcoming Events at American University

**NOTE:** If you have a question about any AU-specific event, **please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

### Writer as Witness Colloquium

- **Date:** September 5, 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Bender Arena
- **Cost:** Free
- **Registration:** No registration required  
OLLI book club participants who read *Hillbilly Elegy* or members taking Joe Belden's *How Trump Won the Rural Vote*, will not want to miss AU's Writer as Witness Colloquium with Arlie Russell Hochschild speaking on her book, *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right*. Seeking to understand working-class Tea Party voters, Hochschild spent several years in southern Louisiana's environmentally devastated region called the Chemical Belt.

More information:

<https://www.american.edu/cas/literature/wsp/writer-as-witness.cfm>

### Movement Speaks: A Conversation with Julie Kent

#### *College of Arts & Sciences*

- **Date:** September 21, 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center
- **Cost:** Free
- **Registration:** Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Click [here](#) to register.

Join us for an evening of creative exploration with Julie Kent, Artistic Director of The Washington Ballet. Hear about the creative process, the challenges of

developing Washington, DC, into a thriving destination for dance, and how a new leader in a field predominantly led by men develops and reshapes an art institution. Joining Ms. Kent onstage will be AU President Sylvia M. Burwell, AU Director of Dance Britta J. Peterson, and Arts Management Professor and Department of Performing Arts Chair Andrew Taylor.

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