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Connect with Coffee & Conversations

Thursday, March 29

11:15 - 11:45 AM

5th Floor Social Space

Bring a friend. Or meet a friend. Or make a friend. Have some coffee and a snack. Listen to one of OLLI's literature SGLs talk about the joys of writing or reading and studying a poem, short story, or book together.

Upcoming Dates at OLLI at AU

Below are some important dates we want you to put in your calendars:

April 13: OLLI at AU Annual Meeting. Meet the candidates for the upcoming 2018-19 Board and get an update on all that is happening at OLLI at AU.

May 15: Save the date for **Anne N. Wallace's retirement celebration**, 2:30-4:30 at OLLI at AU. Invitations will be mailed soon.

May 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and 31: May lecture series. Watch your email for more information.

June 4 - 29: June Minis. The catalog will be mailed by the end of April.

July 16-20: July Shorts. A new pilot academic program (similar in format to February Shorts). Watch your email for more information.

Focus Groups

The OLLI Board of Directors and staff are preparing a strategic plan that will guide the direction of our organization over the next five years. The views of OLLI members are critical to shaping this plan. As part of that process, we are holding three focus groups. Each focus group will consist of general and small-group discussion of several long-range planning issues including future growth and academic and non-academic programming. The three focus groups will consist of approximately 30 OLLI members, evenly divided between new members and OLLI veterans.

Participants in two of the focus groups have been randomly selected.

We are seeking 30 members to participate in the third focus group, which will be held on Wednesday, April 4, from 1:45 - 3:15 PM. Again, we are seeking 30 participants, equally divided between new and veteran members. The focus group will be held in 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. If you are already registered for one of the focus groups on Friday, April 6, please do not sign up for this focus group.

If you **joined OLLI in Spring 2016 or before** and you want to participate in the April 4 Focus Group, please [click here to register](#). We can only accommodate the first 15 members who register online.

If you **joined OLLI in Fall 2016 or later** and you want to participate in the April 4 Focus Group, please [click here to register](#). We can only accommodate the first 15 members who register online.

Write Lunch

On Friday, 20 April, from 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM, OLLI and the local nonprofit Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop will co-sponsor our third "Write Lunch" in Room 1 on the Fifth Floor. Literature SGLs Jenny Pierson, Ellen Siegler, and Elsa Newmyer are coordinating this event.

Free Minds conducts literacy programs, including poetry classes, for incarcerated youth in DC. They will provide us with a packet of poems written by incarcerated young men for us to read and to provide comments.

The first Write Lunch in May, 2017, and the second in October were both a success. Even more members participated in the second meeting. We are seeking a community of 20-25 OLLI members who will give the youth's poetry encouraging comments. Providing feedback on these poems is an enjoyable community activity and a great way to show these youth that others respect their work and appreciate their dedication. A few men who have participated in and benefited from this program will be with us to share their experiences in the program

and express their appreciation.

Please [click here to register](#) by April 13. If you have questions, contact Jenny Pierson, piersonjen17@gmail.com, 202-248-8288 or Ellen Siegler, ellsieg24@gmail.com, 202-244-8956.

Upcoming Events at American University

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

Films, Forums and Book Talks

The School of Communication is offering a wide variety of events in March and April. The events include one on the movie, *The Post*, with film clips and discussion, and one with a panel discussion titled *'Trust Me—I'm A Reporter': Restoring Trust in News*.

Click here for the [full schedule and information on how to register](#) for each event.

The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1 by J.S. Bach

Performed by Yuliya Gorenman

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 7:30 PM

Abramson Family Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center

Tickets: \$25 general public, \$10 students/seniors

http://auartstix.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event.asp?id=266&cid=33

The Politics of Truth

Wednesday, March 28, 7:00-8:00 PM

AU Constitution Hall

Click [here](#) to register.

Perceptions of reality now come in partisan shades of red and blue. Join us for a roundtable discussion with leading journalists: Molly Ball, *Time* and CNN; Robert Costa, *The Washington Post* and PBS; EJ Dionne, *The Washington Post*; and Shawna Thomas, Vice News. Moderated by Ron Elving, SPA Executive in Residence and NPR Senior Editor and Correspondent on the Washington Desk.

Understanding and Fighting Inequality

Ernesto Castañeda, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Thursday, April 5, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM

AU Library, Training and Events Room 150

Free. Refreshments will be served. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Ernesto Castañeda will share findings from his research, moving from the common discussion about individual virtue and merit to discuss group dynamics. Different types of inequality across time and space will be compared focusing on the experiences of immigrants and minorities. He will also describe how social movements in democratic regimes have traditionally fought to integrate excluded groups.

The Alper Initiative for Washington Art

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Gallery Talk with Michael Clark

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 5:00-6:00 PM

American University Museum at Katzen Arts Center

Free. Space is limited. Register on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gallery-talk-with-michael-clark-tickets-43627567228>

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