



## March 9, 2018 OLLI News

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## Thank You

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... to **Sue Edson** for helping guide members to classes this week.

## Noise Alert

Starting Mon., March 12 and ending by Fri., March 16, from 8am until 3pm daily, tree contractors will perform tree work at various locations (weather permitting) at the Spring Valley location. Noise

## From the Executive Director Anne Wallace

Dear OLLI at AU Members,

I will be retiring from OLLI at AU at the end of June. Thank you all—membership, Board and staff—for affording me this wonderful opportunity. It has been a privilege to serve as your Executive Director and be a part of this vibrant and thriving community of learners. Although we have faced many challenges over the years, we have come out stronger, bolder, and more cohesive. We are one of the oldest OLLIs in the network and have continued a standard for academic excellence second to none. The future is bright, and the sky is the limit, as the following remarks from the Chair makes clear.

I have many new adventures ahead, and I'll be carrying all of you with me. Thank you very much,  
Anne

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## From the Chair Myra Barron

### Change Comes to OLLI at AU

#### *Introduction*

With gratitude, we wish Anne Wallace all the best as she steps down as Executive Director June 1 and begins a well-deserved retirement as of July 1. We welcome our new leaders as of June 1—Tony Long as Executive Director and Mary Fran Miklitsch as Director of Planning—who, supported by Operations Coordinator Jesse Williams and Administrative Assistant Susan Kalil, will take us—OLLI at AU—to new heights.

interruption or disturbance is expected.

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## **Connect with Coffee & Conversation**

**Tuesday, March 13**

**11:15 AM**

**5th Floor Social Space**

Meet and mingle with other OLLI members. Come hear SGL Eric Kearsley talk about Great Moments in Physics. And grab some coffee and a cookie.

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

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**In the event of inclement weather, OLLI now follows American University.**

We post any opening delay or closure on our website by 6:30 AM and send an email to members at the same time.

If the University delays opening until 11:00 AM, then our morning classes (at 9:45 AM) are cancelled for the day. The mid-day (11:45 AM) and afternoon (1:45 PM) classes will be held.

### *A Tribute to Anne Wallace, Retiring Executive Director*

The names OLLI and Anne Wallace were synonymous for many years. We appreciate Anne's contribution in bringing us to where we are today. Her cheerfulness and enthusiasm are familiar to our members. They define her outgoing personality. Anne came to OLLI (then known as The Institute for Learning in Retirement) in the fall of 2003. At that time there were about 440 members, a budget of about \$165,000, offerings of 50 classes, and only one other full-time employee. OLLI operated out of Temple Baptist Church and other sites.

During Anne's years as *Executive Director*, OLLI relocated to its modern, new home on the AU campus, and renamed itself to more closely identify with AU. She oversaw an increase in the budget to nearly \$1 million, in the staff to 5 full-time employees, in the number of classes offered to more than 90 each semester, and the number of members to more than 1300 each year. In addition, during her tenure, OLLI at AU received from the Osher Foundation what is now over a \$2 million endowment held by AU, and accumulated nearly \$1 million in its Friends of OLLI Fund. This is a record of achievement for which Anne and all of us are justly proud. We will miss Anne and all that she has brought to OLLI at AU.

### *Welcome to Tony Long, Executive Director-Elect*

At this time, we welcome Tony Long as our new *Executive Director* who will begin June 1. Tony joined OLLI five years ago and most recently serves as *Deputy Director*. Tony's leadership at OLLI at AU, especially as *Curriculum Coordinator*—recruiting study group leaders, scheduling classes, and helping to develop a class lottery system—has helped OLLI at AU earn its reputation as one of the premier academic OLLIs among the 120 such organizations nationwide.

Tony brings academic credentials, technical skills, and management expertise to his new position. He has experience serving as an administrator of a small consulting firm, including managing its

If the University is closed for the day, then OLLI is closed and all classes are cancelled for that day.

Whether or not to hold a make-up session and when the session is held is up to the individual Study Group Leader.

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## Free Tickets

**Voyager Ensemble** playing works by Ravel, Bacri, Dutilleux, and Debussy. Monday March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the

**Embassy of France.**

4101 Reservoir Rd. NW Washington, DC. (La Maison Francaise) Click [here](#); click on tickets;

click on Enter

promotional code: type "complimentary" and follow the steps. Please be sure to enter the

name that corresponds to a government issued id. **Each attending**

**person's name must be entered or the person will not be able to pass security.**

**DOORS CLOSE**

**PROMPTLY AT 7:00**

**pm.**(Please allow for security screening process.)

Many thanks to **Nancy Snyder** for the information.

budgets and contracts, and has served as an English professor at the University of the District of Columbia. He earned an AA from Northern Virginia Community College, a BS from Old Dominion University, and an MA from Johns Hopkins University. Tony's wide-ranging background and OLLI experience will facilitate a smooth transition to his role as *Executive Director*.

*Welcome to Mary Fran Miklitsch,  
Director of Planning-Elect*

We also welcome Mary Fran Miklitsch as *Director of Planning* as of June 1. Mary Fran also has been at OLLI at AU for five years, most recently as *Communications Director*. In her new role, Mary Fran will expand her role in guiding databases, communications, and technology. She brings technology and management experience from prior positions at a trade association, The New England Journal of Medicine, and her own design firm. Mary Fran received her BA from Catholic University and has studied extensively at the Massachusetts College of Art, the Corcoran School of Art, and the Maryland Institute, College of Art. Her skills are evident in our artfully designed publications.

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## The Future of OLLI at AU — What Do YOU Think?

The OLLI Board of Directors and Strategic Planning Committee are imagining what OLLI at AU could look like in the next five years and we want your opinions. **From Monday, March 12, through Friday, March 23, our website will have a link to a Member and Study Group Leader Survey that we hope you will complete.** We urge you to take the survey online, but for those who prefer, paper versions will be available in the office. Make your voice heard on OLLI classes, space, growth, and more!!

**Upcoming Events  
at American University**

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

**The Mohamed Said Farsi Chair for Islamic Peace and Center for Israel Studies present**  
***The United States and the Israel-Palestine Peace Process Past and Future***

March 26, 2018

American University East Campus Constitution Hall

**Registration:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-united-states-and-the-israel-palestine-peace-process-past-and-future-tickets-43149946652>**

**Cost to attend:** Free with RSVP.

**Contact:** Laura Cutler, [cutler@american.edu](mailto:cutler@american.edu),  
202-885-3780

**The Alper Initiative for Washington Art**  
presents

***Gallery Talk with Michael Clark***

**Sat., April 14, 2018, 5:00 PM - 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>**

Michael Clark (a.k.a. Clark Fox) has been an influential figure in the Washington art world for more than 50 years. Dividing his time equally between the capital and New York City, Clark was in the middle of the action, making innovative works that draw their inspiration from movements as diverse as Pop Art, Op Art, Conceptual Art, Minimalism, and the Washington Color School.

Join us in the Alper Space for a conversation with Clark, Jim Harithas, former director of the Corcoran Gallery of Art in the 1960s and current director of the Station Museum of Art in Houston, and Paul Richard, art critic for *The Washington Post* from 1967-2009.

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