



OLLI

at American University Washington DC



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

May 2009

Calendar

May

1: Study Group Leader Luncheon (noon, Mary Graydon Center)
Board Meeting (1:30 pm TBC)

5: Last Tuesday Lecture

8: Last Day of Classes

15: Annual Meeting and Luncheon (noon, Mary Graydon Center)

June

Lecture Series: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in June at the Katzen Arts Center (see list in newsletter and on [website](#).)

July

Catalogs Mailed

August

Registration begins

September

9: Lottery

30: Classes Begin

Letter from the Chair



Do you want to have some fun and also help a most worthy cause? Volunteer with OLLI. We are always looking for people to help with mailings and work on various committees. We so appreciate those who are already giving their time so generously to this organization, and hope they continue to do so, but we always welcome new faces. Some committees that could use help include: Administration, Hospitality, Study Group Representative Coordinators, Newsletter, and Lecture.

This year I have truly enjoyed experiencing lectures in different sites on the AU Campus and at the United Methodist Church, and I hear tell that the Gandhi Center experience was spectacular. We were delighted to have the Spanish lunch bunch Wednesday at noon and hope that will continue. Anyone interested in sharing their language another day would be welcome.

Thanks to Barbara Rollinson and Beverly Zweiben, we had a fine lecture series this spring, and thanks to Barbara, Mickey Klein, and Beverly, we have another terrific lecture series (which will be held in the Katzen Arts Center) lined up for June. Check the [website](#) for a full list of lectures.

We are so grateful to the Study Group Leaders who, each semester, give their time and expertise. Our thank you luncheon for them is May first.

If you haven't signed up to join us at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on May 15, please do so before May 8. It will be at the Mary Graydon Center and costs \$25. Forms are available in the Temple Baptist Church. If you haven't already voted for Board members, you will have one final opportunity to do so at this meeting. Election results will be in the June newsletter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors. I came to the task enthused about OLLI and am leaving it with even greater excitement about our future.

--Selma Rosenthal

Annual Meeting and Luncheon: Friday, May 15

Please join us at American University's Mary Graydon Center at noon. We will enjoy lunch and each other's company. Those who have not voted for Board members



will have an opportunity to do so. Please submit a \$25 check made out to OLLI by May 8 to reserve your spot.

OLLI Study Group Leader, Helen Schwartz, Receives Fulbright Award

Helen Schwartz, Emerita Professor of English, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey during the 2010 academic year.

[Helen](#) is happy to talk with anyone interested in applying for a similar grant or to those OLLI members with experience in Turkey.

Joan Aron Contribution

Thanks to the members of the *History of the CIA* class who made a generous contribution to the OLLI Future Fund in memory of Joan Aron.

Study Group Leader Course Next Fall

Will Blacklow will be taking the helm of the third Study Group Leader course, offered in the fall for four sessions. This is a great opportunity for those of you interested in perfecting your skills or gaining new ones. Please [email](#) the office if you are interested in participating in the class or have someone to recommend.

Gandhi Center Class

The People of OLLI: Arnold H. Leibowitz

When 70 students crowd into the church basement on Friday mornings for their Constitution course, they listen to Arnold Leibowitz, one of the world's experts on Change of Status, the process whereby a territory or protectorship becomes an independent state, a US state, or a territory. Leibowitz has helped many of these entities write their constitutions, and, since 1964 when he was General Counsel of the US Commission on the Status of Puerto Rico, he has represented all of them before the federal government.



One of his six books, *Defining Status: A Comprehensive Analysis of US Territorial Relations*, has been cited by the Supreme Court, by a number of lower courts, and in numerous articles.

Lest anyone think that constitution writing is a dull, albeit necessary, task, Leibowitz's sojourn in Palau (a North Pacific island group) was marked by a murder, a bombing, and a suicide - all relating to the proposed constitution. From that experience he wrote *Embattled Island: Palau's Struggle for Independence*. The book has been praised as "the definitive work on Palau," and "wonderful, and quite readable ..." It's even on Oprah Winfrey's Around the World Reading List.

Leibowitz's professional interests also include immigration and refugees. As Special Counsel to the US Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Law, he was the primary draftsman of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. In addition, he has worked on economic development issues and has taught at the University of Iowa Law School and the Howard University School of Business and Public Administration.

With his large body hunched over the podium, his bald head cradled in one hand, and his rat-a-tat delivery hinting of a New York City accent, Leibowitz has become a popular OLLI teacher of courses as varied as Yiddish literature, great trials, and the reforms of the Gilded Age. He graciously welcomes questions from the floor at any time and knows his students so well that he calls on them by name. After each class, he invites a few students to join him for lunch so that they can get to know each other better.

After graduating from Yale Law School, the tennis playing Leibowitz went to Harvard for the summer to work on a novel. The novel remains unfinished, but he did succeed in meeting and courting another Harvard summer school student. He and Sandy have been married for 54 years, and now live in a friendly, sun-filled home in DC, comfortably filled with children's toys for their three grandchildren and the art they have



This in from the Gandhi Center Class offered this spring: "Here is a photo from the session at the Gandhi Center last week. It was a wonderful afternoon lecture and demonstration of Hindustani Classical Vocal Music. The Center seemed to enjoy having us as much as our members enjoyed the class. Look for another class next spring."

Memorial Walk for Lyn (Marilyn) Howe on Sat. May 9

To benefit Depressive Illness Awareness. Meet between 8:30 and 9 am at 3414 Idaho Ave, NW, near Wisconsin Ave, enjoy coffee, banana nut bread, and a string trio, and then proceed on a 3-mile walk.

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Lecture Committee

The fall lecture committee is now forming. Please let the [OLLI office](#) know if you are interested in helping to identify and contact interesting speakers.

Piano Recital

Join Grace and Irwin Lebow as their grandson, Samuel Oram and fiancée, Shou Ping Liu, give a piano recital on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM at the Levine School, 3801 Upton St., NW, Washington

collected from their travels. Here in the city they enjoy attending theater, especially the thought-provoking plays at Studio Theater.

--Jacqui Gallagher

Terrific June Lecture Series

Join us at the **Katzen Arts Center**
Nebraska & Massachusetts Avenues at Ward Circle.

Parking: street parking and in the
Katzen Arts Center lot at \$1.50/hr.

AU Transportation Services will offer OLLI members the opportunity to buy a pass for all 12 lectures on June 2 between 9:15 and 10 am. Bring a check to the first lecture for \$36 made out to *American University* or cash.

*Special thanks to the coordinators of this lecture series:
Barbara Rollinson, Beverly Zweiben, and Mickey Klein*

10:00 am - 11:50 am No reservations are needed.

June 2: Alice and Lincoln Day

Film and Discussion of: Scarred Lands and Wounded Lives- The Environmental Footprint of War

June 3: Tersh Boasberg

Historic Preservation in Washington, DC

June 4: Lynn Olson

Not Playing the Game: How Winston Churchill Came to Power

June 9: Stan Cloud

Poland and the Jews

June 10: Sid Davis & Bill Sheehan

Obama's First 100 Days

June 11: Yitchok A. Breitowitz

Bio-ethics and Jewish Law

June 16: Robert Peoples

*Our Journey to a Sustainable World-
the Role of Green Chemistry*

June 17: Ambassador Richard Schifter

The Need for United Nations Reform

June 18: David Levy

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Directions in Art

June 23: Denyse Sabbagh

Immigration Issues

June 24: Roger Lewis

Design Competitions: Pushing the Architecture Envelope

June 25: String Quartets Live

Beethoven and Mendelssohn

(Detailed descriptions found on the [OLLI Website](#))

Hands on Mobile Project

On **Monday, May 4 from 2:00 to 4:00**, Kevin Reese (actor and artist) will be working at the Chevy Chase Library (just south of Chevy Chase Circle) on the first day of a community mobile-making project. He will have a model there and would like help drawing and cutting out pieces, sanding corners and setting them to wires. Kevin will be delighted to have up to 10 people. Please check out his website at



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