



## April 6, 2018 OLLI at AU News

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## Connect with Coffee & Conversation

**Tuesday, April 10**

**1:15 - 1:45 PM**

**5th Floor Social Space**

Join us to hear one of the literature Study Group Leaders talk about leading a study group on fiction, non-fiction, short stories, or writing a memoir.

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## Upcoming OLLI Events

### From the Board Chair



#### In the Middle

Here we are in the middle of the semester. Spring classes have been underway since March and run through early May. Planning for June Minis is at the halfway mark. Proposals are due May 9 and registration starts later in May. The fourth of our seven Spring 2018 lectures takes place today, April 6. Registrations have reached an all-time high as the topics having wide appeal —education, constitutional law, politics, the arts, and literature. And we are at about mid-point in our election cycle for Board members. Six candidates were nominated in late March. Voting is open from April 13 through April 27. Come to the April 13 Annual Meeting to hear the candidates speak and to get an update on OLLI at AU, followed by a brief Q&A to hear your comments and concerns.

On a broader theme, we are several months into our strategic planning, having started in earnest this past Fall. Results of our member survey are posted on the website (under the “About” menu) and three member focus groups met this week. Last August, Compass announced our strategic alignment grant. The nine-member Compass team will give its final report in late May. With the benefit of all of this input, the Strategic Planning Committee hopes to introduce its preliminary proposal in late June.

We embrace our growing partnership with American University. Since the fall, we have met with many AU officials, departments, schools, and programs. As we move toward summer, we are coordinating with the AU Office of Finance and Vice President and Treasurer on space and other matters.

**Friday, April 13**

Annual Meeting

**Friday, April 20**

Write Lunch

**Tuesday, May 15**

Reception & Tribute to  
Anne Wallace

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## Write Lunch

On Friday, 20 April, from 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM, OLLI will co-sponsor a "Write Lunch" in Room 1. Join other OLLI members in providing positive comments on poems written by young men who are incarcerated. Please [click here to register](#) by April 13.

We are working with the Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations for closer connections with AU alumni. Several members are AU alumni and we hope more will join OLLI at AU. We have enhanced our ties to the School of Arts and Sciences, which is offering their first study group this semester. We also continue to benefit from lecturers from the Music Program, the School of International Service, and the School of Public Affairs. With the AU International Accelerator Program, we've begun a program linking our members with AU international graduate students to engage in conversation and share cultures.

Each semester, we have luncheons to honor our Study Group Leaders and Study Group Representatives. Many of our 90-plus volunteer SGRs came to the luncheon in their honor on March 27. We will thank and honor our dedicated SGLs on May 3.

We need help to fund our organization. Tuition accounts for only about two-thirds of our more than \$900,000 expenses. Fundraising helps to fill this gap. Campaign 2020 has a \$150,000 goal for this fiscal year, which ends in June. Thus far, we are *more* than halfway, having received \$120,000 in gifts and pledges.

Please join us at the May 15 reception and tribute to our long-time Executive Director, Anne Wallace, who is retiring in June. In recognition of her service, the Anne N. Wallace Fund, part of Campaign 2020, has been established to support and enhance staff development. At the reception culminating this transition year, we can celebrate OLLI at AU's remarkable achievements during Anne's nearly 15 years at the helm. And we can look forward to continued growth and positive developments as we chart new paths in the years ahead. **Upcoming**

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## Annual Meeting on April 13

**The Annual Meeting will be held Friday, April 13, from 1:30-2:30 PM in Room 601 on the 6th Floor.** This is your opportunity to meet the candidates for the Board of Directors and to participate in a Question-and-Answer session on

OLLI today and into the future. Voting for the board begins after the meeting and continues until April 27. You may vote for 4 of the 6 nominees.

## **Upcoming Events at American University**

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

***In Search of Israel: The History of an Idea***

**Tuesday, April 10, 7:00-8:30 PM**

**Constitution Hall, American University East Campus**

**Free with RSVP. [Click here to RSVP.](#)**

AU Professor Michael Brenner, Seymour and Lillian Abensohn Chair in Israel Studies, will discuss his new book, *In Search of Israel: The History of an Idea* with Arie Dubnov, Max Ticktin Chair in Israel Studies, George Washington University. American historian Walter Laqueur calls the book a "must-read for everyone who is interested in the subject" of Zionism in the twentieth century.

Books available for purchase and signing at reception after event.

Co-sponsored by AU Center for Israel Studies, Department of History and Jewish Studies Program. Questions? Laura Cutler, [cutler@american.edu](mailto:cutler@american.edu), 202-885-3780.

**The American University Library presents an Exploring Social Justice event:**

***Criminal and Juvenile Justice Reform in the U.S.***

**Marc Schindler, Executive Director of the Justice Policy Institute**

**Wednesday, April 11, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

**AU Library, Training and Events Room 150**

**[Click here to RSVP.](#)**

Marc Schindler, executive director of the Justice Policy Institute, will talk from his perspective as an attorney, researcher, and former juvenile corrections administrator, about the justice reform landscape in the United States. Issues covered will include how to break America's addiction to

incarceration and help build safer and stronger communities.

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