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## November 5, 2018 OLLI News



## A Big Day for OLLI at AU

**By all measures, last Friday's lecture and reception with President Sylvia Burwell was a hands-down success. The very large Room 1 in Kerwin Hall was nearly filled with OLLI members, friends, and AU students, faculty, and administrators.** In her remarks, President Burwell reviewed the Past, Present and Future of the Affordable Care Act and laid out a balanced path forward through the current partisan landscape.

**On behalf of the OLLI membership, Board Chair Denise Liebowitz presented President Burwell with a \$500 gift for the university's Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholars program.**

Special kudos to Board member and Lecture Committee Chair Judy Havemann who managed caterers, manned garage kiosks, hired traffic cops, and did everything else to ensure a flawless event.

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## AU Temperature Policy

The OLLI office has received several concerns about the temperature in our classrooms. **Please be aware that according to AU policy, the temperature range in all its facilities is set anywhere between 68-78 degrees year round. This is outside of OLLI's direct control,** so we suggest members dress in layers for your comfort.

**Seeking**

## Letter from the Chair



### OLLI NATION

Last week, Executive Director Tony Long and I attended the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes National Conference held over three days in the deserts of Scottsdale, Arizona. The Osher Foundation holds

these gatherings once every 18 months for the board chairs and executive directors of its 122 OLLIs around the country. As a first-time participant, I found the chocked-full agenda of presentations, round-table discussions, and sharing of best-practice ideas all energizing and inspiring.

Tony and I learned that no two OLLIs are alike. Their membership size, academic offerings, governance, and levels of community and university engagement vary widely. We learned that in New Hampshire OLLI members helped a low-income family recover from a devastating house fire by providing shelter, money, and home-cooked meals. An OLLI in South Carolina recently raised enough money to endow a fund for university faculty who lead some of their OLLI classes. And in Vermont, after speakers laid out the legalities and science at an “Everything You Wanted to Know about Medical Marijuana” event, OLLI members left with free samples!

OLLI at AU is now successfully implementing two great ideas that were presented at the previous Osher Conference in 2016. Our partnership with AU’s International Accelerator Program that pairs an OLLI member with a graduate student for English language conversation and cross-cultural friendship was suggested by another OLLI, as was our new OLLI-wide book club.

In the coming weeks and months, Tony and I will be discussing with the Board and membership some of the best ideas we heard at the conference



## Advice and Opinions!

### Calling all OLLI grandparents!

Would you like to be part of a focus group? As we contemplate a late-August 2019 program for grandparents and their 6- to 12-year-old grandchildren, we are looking for 8-10 grandparents who would be willing to be part of a 90-minute focus group to explore the idea. If you are interested, please let us know by e-mailing [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).

## Parking Guidelines

Parking is available in **the garage beneath 4801 Massachusetts Ave at the rate of \$2 per hour**. All members are required to park in AU lots while attending OLLI. **Parking on the street while attending OLLI likely will result in a \$200 parking ticket from AU.** For full parking information, click [here](#).

## For Your Safety

for fundraising, diversity building, and university partnership that we think might work for us.

But for both of us, the biggest take-away is how extremely fortunate we are in the relationship we enjoy with American University. Nearly all OLLIs share similar challenges of space and budget, but our independent governing structure within the AU community permits us the freedom to meet those challenges without constraint by our host university. We enjoy the benefits of a close association with AU while also being able to shape our own destiny, which is not the case for many of our counterpart organizations. Tony and I came home thanking our lucky OLLI-at-AU stars.

Denise Liebowitz

*Chair, Board of Directors*

## OLLI Text Messages

We now have the ability to mass text all members. We would use texts to notify members of class cancellations, building issues, event reminders, etc. **To opt in for inclusion on this contact list, login to your account and select *Text Messaging from the menu on the left.*** Please check your member record to make sure you have included your cell phone number. We can text all members or a specific groups of members, for example, the members of a study group. You can opt out of OLLI Texts at any time.

## Holiday Party

OLLI's annual holiday party will take place on **Wed., December 12 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on the sixth floor of the Spring Valley building**. More details will soon follow.

## Study Group Proposals

**The OLLI office is still accepting study group proposals for both February Shorts and Spring Semester**

**Please be aware that when traveling to our building, it is safest to utilize the crosswalks.** We are located on a very busy street and your safety is our foremost concern.

**2019. February Shorts are February 4-8 and the Spring Semester is March 4-May 10.** During the February Shorts, study groups meet between 3-5 times over the course of one week. In the Spring Semester, study groups are 8-10 weeks long and meet once a week. OLLI's Curriculum Committee and Board of Directors review proposals for each academic session and approve the final list of classes. For more information about leading a study group, please click [here](#).

**If you would like to propose a study group, please click one of the links below.** You will be prompted to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time. **The proposal deadline for both sessions is November 25.**

- [February Shorts 2019 Proposal Form](#)
- [Spring 2019 Proposal Form](#)

## **70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

**On Monday, December 10, OLLI will hold an all-day conference** to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The conference will include two panels and a film. **Among the keynote speakers will be Dean Emeritus Dean of the Washington Law School at American University. The moderators and panelists are all OLLI study group leaders.** For information and to register, click [here](#).

## **Upcoming Events at American University**

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

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***Late Fall Opening Reception***

**Date:** Saturday, November 10

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Location:** AU Museum, Katzen Arts Center

Mix and mingle with artists, curators, and fellow patrons at our Late Fall reception.

View our two new shows, *Ian Jehle:*

*Dynamical Systems* in the Alper space, and

*Tribe: Contemporary Photography from the*

*Arab World*. Then, take a second look at

three ongoing exhibitions, *Finding a Path,*

*Emilie Brzezinski & Dalya Luttwak: A*

*Conversation; Selections from the Artery*

*Collection; and Jim Sanborn's Without*

*Provenance: The Making of Contemporary*

*Antiquity. Free and open to all.*

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***Art Looting: The Challenge of  
Holocaust Restitution***

**Date:** Wednesday, November 14

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Location:** Mary Graydon Center, Room 200

To RSVP, click [here](#).

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***Local Initiatives to Address Climate  
Change in the Trump Era***

**Date:** Thursday, November 15

**Time:** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Location:** Spring Valley Building, 4801  
Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 603

Global Peace Services USA and The  
Center for Environmental Policy at AU  
invite you to join us for a vital discussion.

This will be a conversation with Mary Cheh,

DC City Councilmember, Ward 3; Eric

Coffman, Chief, Office of Energy and

Sustainability, Montgomery County; and

John Morrell, Energy Manager, Office of

Sustainability and Environmental

Management, Arlington County.

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***President Carter: The White House  
Years***

**Date:** Friday, November 16

**Time:** 12:30 PM

**Location:** AU Kerwin Building, Room 301

The Center for Congressional and  
Presidential Studies invites you to join

**Stuart E. Eizenstat** as he discusses his

new book and reflects on his long career in

public service, including his time as Chief White House Domestic Policy Adviser to President Jimmy Carter (1977-1981). Lunch will be served. To RSVP, click [here](#).

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***Sine Nomine***

**Date:** Saturday, November 17

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Location:** AU Museum at the Katzen Arts Center

**Cost:** \$25

In a singular collaboration between the AU Museum at the Katzen Arts Center and Experiential Orchestra, audience members will be invited to experience the provocative art of **Jim Sanborn** through a curated soundscape that pairs the simulated antiquities in *Without Provenance: The Making of Contemporary Antiquity* with millennia-old musical compositions, all of which are "*sine nomine*," or "without a name."

To register, click [here](#).

**OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

**Our Mission:**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn. OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that curiosity never retires.

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