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Tony Long Recognized in the Osher Network

In October, Executive Director Tony Long attracted lots of favorable attention at the Osher Institutes National Conference held in Arizona. The conference brings together the leadership of all 123 OLLIs around the country for three days of brainstorming, best practices, and cutting edge lifelong learning expertise. Tony has been invited to join the Content Committee for the next conference to be held in 2020. This is impressive recognition of a brand-new Executive Director who assumed his position only six months ago. Way to go, Tony!

The American Experience in Drama, Literature, and Photography

Many OLLI members have expressed the view that it would be beneficial to all members if our membership were more inclusive and diverse. As one way to address this issue, the Diversity/Inclusivity committee recommended, and the Board approved, a pilot program to offer several mini courses at locations east of Rock Creek Park in January, 2019. Our hope is that these mini courses will introduce OLLI to DC residents who live in communities where OLLI may not be well-known and, by so doing, to attract new members who may add to OLLI's diversity. Registration for these mini courses is now open to all OLLI members, and we welcome your participation. Descriptions of the courses and links for signing up are below. We hope that including both current OLLI members and prospective new members in these courses will enrich everyone's experiences.

#631 Understanding Families through Plays

Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 / 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church, 4501 Sixteenth St. NW

Cost: \$10

Led by Dr. Karen Gail Lewis, this study group will explore family dynamics and conflicts through reading and discussion of two powerful works, *Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry, and *Over the River and Through the Woods* by Joe DiPietro. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

#684 Contemporary Literature by African-American Writers

Tuesdays Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5 / 1:30–3:00 p.m.

All Souls Unitarian Church, 1500 Harvard St. NW

Cost: \$30

Led by Ellen Siegler, this study group will highlight the short-story craftsmanship of such exceptional writers as Edward P. Jones, Chimamanda Adichie, Roxane Gay, and James McBride; plunge into the creative, edgy writing of new authors; and explore provocative essays by such outstanding social and political commentators as Ta-Nahesi Coates, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, and Phoebe Robinson. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

#710 Four Photographers Documenting 20th Century America

Thursdays Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 / 1:30–3:00 p.m.

All Souls Unitarian Church, 1500 Harvard St. NW

Cost: \$30

Led by Elly Greene, this study group will focus on four extraordinary photographers – Dorothea Lange, Gordon Parks, Roy DeCarava, and Esther Bubley – who created images that picture America from 1930 to 1990. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Registration is currently open and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration closes on Friday, January 4.

Human Rights Conference

OLLI CELEBRATES HUMAN RIGHTS

To mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, OLLI members gathered for a full-day celebration this past Monday. Keynote speakers Dr. Diego Rodriguez, Director of the Academy for Human Rights at AU's Law School; and Dr. Esther Brimmer, CEO of NASFA: Association of International Educators, **offered perspectives on the history of the human rights movement and current-day opportunities and challenges to advance the agenda. More than a dozen OLLI study group leaders served as moderators and panelists.** The event included a film and discussion about Eleanor Roosevelt, the driving force in the creation of the 1948 charter of liberties. **Hats off to irrepressible OLLI member Bob Kolodney who conceived and organized the conference and even generously provided lunch to all!**



OLLI Book Club

The second annual OLLI Book Club will discuss the fascinating and provocative book by the acclaimed author Richard Reeves, *Dream Hoarders: How the American Upper Middle Class Is Leaving Everyone Else in the Dust, Why That Is a Problem, and What We Can Do About It*.

We hope that many OLLI members will read the book and come to the discussion which will be led by Richard Reeves. OLLI members and study group leaders Mark Nadel and John Peterson will join Mr. Reeves in the discussion.

The event will be held at **4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW in Room A (first floor) on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM**. There is no cost to attend. Please click [here](#) to register. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Newman at stanleynewman@prodigy.net.

Summer Curriculum Coordinators

OLLI is looking for several enthusiastic volunteers to help coordinate its summer academic programming for the June Minis and July Shorts. These programs run four weeks and one week, respectively. Summer Curriculum Coordinators will work closely with OLLI staff and be responsible for soliciting proposals, acknowledging receipt of proposals, and communicating with potential study group leaders. Interest and/or experience in at least one of the subject areas is preferable but not necessary. A love of OLLI's academic programming and a desire to help it grow is necessary. If you're interested in learning more about this position, please contact Lesley Diaz at ldiaz@american.edu.

Upcoming Events at OLLI at AU

ALLIANCE FOR NEW MUSIC-THEATRE, LIVE & ABOUT - 9TH SEASON: A JOURNEY IN MUSICAL LANGUAGES ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF MUSIC-THEATRE THROUGH PERFORMANCE & CONVERSATION

Number of sessions: 7

Sessions are at different locations in DC

First session: Thursday, Jan. 10, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

5th Floor, Room 1, Spring Valley Building, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Click [here](#) to view the season's performance details. For most performances, participants may select from one of two day/time options. **Registrants will be contacted shortly after the registration deadline to provide their selections.** Registration for this special group is separate from the spring semester and is on a **first come, first-served basis**. Size limit: 30.

Deadline: 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28

Cost: \$300 per person (covers introductory session and cost of all shows). Refunds available **ONLY** if group is cancelled due to low enrollment. **Transportation not included.**

Minimum: There needs to be at least 10 people registered to hold this group.

JAMES JOYCE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

1st Floor, Room A, Spring Valley Building, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

At this "birthday celebration" for James Joyce, participants will read the beginning of *Ulysses*. A complimentary light lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Please register if you are interested: <https://www.ollie-dc.org/events/jamesjoyce>.

Upcoming Events at American University

NOTE: For any AU-specific event, **please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

FILMS ACROSS BORDERS: STORIES OF WOMEN

Union Maids

School of Communications

Tues., December 18, 2018

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST

Free, but reservations recommended. Seating on a first-come, first-serve basis.

[RSVP](#) For Takoma location, [RSVP](#) For Shirlington location

Sitdowns, scabs, goon squads, unemployment, hunger marches, red baiting and finally the energetic birth of the CIO: the 1930s were a landmark period for the American labor movement. Union Maids is the story of three women who lived that history and make it come alive today.

Washington Winter Show of Antiques

Katzen Arts Center

January 11-13, 2019

General tickets are \$25.

For details and to purchase tickets, go to <https://www.washingtonwintershow.org/>

Founded in 1954, the Washington Winter Show, The Washington Antiques Show, is the second oldest charitable antiques show in the United States. Steeped in history, the winter Show features more than 40 dealers, guided walks, dealer talks, celebrity guests, and special events. The Washington Winter Show benefits at-risk children and families through services provided by Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, THEARC, and The Founders Board of St. John's Community Services.

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