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Spring Registration

There is one week left to register for open classes or to change your classes! There are almost 40 study groups with seats still available. You may change your study group selection online or by contacting the office now **through next Friday, March 15, when registration ends**. If you need a copy of your Class Assignment Letter, please [email the office](#) or call at 202-895-4860. **Please note that changes have been made for a few Spring study groups**. Visit the [Catalog Updates](#) page on our website under the Study Groups tab for the latest information.

Student Essay Contest: Climate Change

Recently, *The Washington Post* included an article about Alexandria Villasenor, a 7th grader who has been sitting outside of the UN Headquarters for weeks with signs asking adults to do something serious about climate change. The article talks about other young people's activities and a global strike they are organizing to demand action. **OLLI member Ron Ridker is a member of an organization called *Global Peace Service-USA* that has decided to start an essay contest for high school and middle school students to write about their feelings about climate change and what they would like to see done about it.** A committee of experts will judge the essays and prizes will be given out. Ron is asking for help with this program, which will include contacting school teachers to encourage them to enter the contest, raise funds for prizes, and other ideas about how to run the contest. **If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ron at 202-321-0367, or by e-mail at rbridker@gmail.com.**

Update on Election of Board Members

Following is a list of key dates and deadlines remaining in this year's election process.

- *March 15.* The Board's approved list of candidates is sent to members.
- *April 8.* Deadline for at-large candidate to submit self-nomination petitions, complete with 10 supporting signatures, to the Office.
- *April 26.* OLLI Annual Meeting. Each candidate will be allowed 2-3 minutes to address the group.
- *April 26 - May 10.* Online voting takes place.
- *May 13.* Results of the election are announced.

Lead a June Mini or July Short

OLLI always welcomes new study group leaders from within the OLLI membership and from the Washington, DC community who would like to share their knowledge and passion with members. The shorter summer sessions at OLLI can be a great time to lead a study group for the first time. There are June Minis (study groups meet once a week for 4 weeks) and July Shorts (study groups meet 3-5 times over the course of one week).

OLLI is now accepting study group proposals for both upcoming summer sessions. This year, the **June Minis are June 3-28** and the **July Shorts are July 15-19**. We welcome proposals from both new and veteran study group leaders.

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 April 15.**

[June Minis 2019 Proposal Form](#)

[July Shorts 2019 Proposal Form](#)

For more information about being a study group leader at OLLI, please visit our [Become A Study Group Leader page](#). If you have questions about teaching at OLLI and would like to speak with someone, please e-mail olli@american.edu with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

Warning from the Social Security Administration

The Social Security Administration asked various organizations to share this message:

We have become aware of reports of fraudulent telephone calls from individuals claiming to represent the Social Security Administration (SSA). In them, unknown callers are using threatening language to warn unknowing victims that they will be arrested or face other legal action if they fail to call a provided phone number or press the number indicated in the message to address the issue. In some instances, these unknown callers switch tactics and communicate that they want to help an individual with activating a suspended Social Security number. **Such calls are a scam, and are not coming from official SSA representatives.**

Social Security is committed to protecting the privacy and security of the people we serve. SSA states that no one should engage with such callers, and to report any suspicious calls to Social

Security's Office of the Inspector General **by calling 1-800-269-0271** or [submitting a report on the OIG website](#). SSA also urges you to read and share our [Social Security Matters blog](#), which provides more information on the nature of these fraudulent calls, as well as instructions on how to report such activity.

Volunteer Judges Needed for DC's National History Day

DC's National History Day program that is run through the National Archives is looking for volunteers to judge this year's competition that will take place Wednesday, April 10 (middle school division) and Thursday, April 11 (high school division). If you enjoy talking with teenagers and are interested in history -- we would be delighted to have you join us as judges for one or both of these days. Training on how to be an NHD judge will be provided.

For more information about National History Day please check out their Web site at <https://www.nhd.org/>. If you are interested please contact Elly Greene, at elly.greene@verizon.net.

Upcoming Events at American University

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

"Golda Meir: A Life in Politics" with Francine Klagsbrun, Amos Perlmutter Memorial Lecture

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

AU East Campus Constitution Hall

Free with [RSVP](#)

Author Francine Klagsbrun will discuss Golda Meir and her legacy. Klagsbrun's book, *Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel*, a biography of the fourth prime minister of Israel, won the 2017 Jewish National Book Award. Klagsbrun is a celebrated author of more than a dozen books and countless articles in national publications. Moderated by Pamela Nadell, Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History.

METROPOLITAN POLICY CENTER, AU SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Derek Hyra: Gentrification and the Great Recession

Wednesday, March 27, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

East Quad Building, Room 103

The Metropolitan Policy Center (MPC) is proud to announce its next Urban Speaker Series event with Derek Hyra, Director of the Metropolitan Policy Center and Associate Professor in the School of Public Affairs at American University. He will present a talk entitled "Gentrification and the Great Recession." Refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, click [here](#).

2019 MPC Annual Spring Lecture: Robert Sampson

"Urban Neighborhoods and American Life"

Wednesday, April 3, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SIS Founders Room

The Metropolitan Policy Center (MPC) is pleased to announce its fifth Annual Spring Lecture. Robert J. Sampson of Harvard University will deliver our keynote lecture. His talk is entitled *“Urban Neighborhoods and American Life.”* Robert J. Sampson is the Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences at Harvard University, founding director of the Boston Area Research Initiative, and Affiliated Research Professor at the American Bar Foundation. A reception will follow the lecture. To RSVP, click [here](#).

THE AU MUSEUM AT THE KATZEN ARTS CENTER

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

202-885-1300 | museum@american.edu

<https://www.american.edu/cas/museum/>

Nancy at Ninety Gallery Talk

Saturday, March 2, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Free and open to all, no RSVP required

Curator Claudia Rousseau will interview Nancy Frankel about her extensive career as a sculptor and how music and organic geometry have influenced her practice. With Sam Noto and Jacqui Crocetta.

Interference Concert

Thursday, March 7, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Free and open to all, no RSVP required

The musical collective INTERFERENCE will present contemporary and classical works that draw connections to the notion of process music, including minimalism, algorithmic music, and chance determinism. Featuring a combination of acoustic and digital music instruments, computer performers, and visual components.

JRA Distinguished Artist Lecture with Tim Harding

Sunday, March 10, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Free and open to all, no RSVP required

In describing his work, fiber artist Tim Harding uses words more applicable to painting and photography. He speaks about pixels and light/shadow, figure/ground, and references the Pointillists or Hockney and Rothko. Harding brings together elements of fine art and applied art to create textile pieces that defy categorization and allow them to be considered for their intrinsic beauty. To register for Harding’s accompanying workshop, click [here](#).

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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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