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Volunteer Appreciation Day!

We value each and every person that has offered their service to any OLLI program. As such, OLLI and its Board of Directors would like to honor you. **Come celebrate, service, community, and lifelong learning on Thursday, May 16, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in our Spring Valley Building** (where OLLI classes are held) on the sixth floor. Please **RSVP by May 8**. To do so, click [here](#).

Summer Sessions

OLLI will be holding a selection of study groups this summer, during the June Minis and July Shorts programs. **The June Minis session will run from June 3-28. The July Shorts session will run from July 15-19.** There will not be printed catalogs for these courses, as they will be listed online only. June Minis will be listed under the *Study Groups* tab on our website and the July Shorts will be listed under *Shorts*. **June Minis registration will open on April 23 and the lottery will take place on May 30. July Shorts registration will open on June 10, and the lottery will take place on July 1.** Stay tuned!

Innovative Programs Committee: Great Debates Survey

The Innovative Program committee is considering hosting a series of debates. This survey will help us gauge OLLI members' interest in the idea, as well as identify potential volunteer debaters and debate topics that would be of most interest to OLLI members. If you may be interested, please take a minute and click [here](#) to complete the survey.

OLLI Volunteering Fair

OLLI member Bob Croog is proposing **a volunteer fair, to serve as a bridge between our members and members of surrounding communities.** All are welcome, including representatives of other volunteer organizations. For example, there are some OLLI members who volunteer with local public school systems, so those districts may send their volunteer coordinators to speak at the fair. **This event is set to take place on July 10, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Spring Valley Building of the AU campus, where all OLLI classes are held** (exact room will be determined). For more information, please contact Bob Croog: rdcroog@gmail.com, 301-215-7852.

OLLI Member Passes

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the death of a beloved OLLI member, Michael Weaver, who passed last week. Michael had only been a member since the Fall of 2018. He leaves behind another OLLI member, wife Tawney Harding. If you wish to send words of condolence, Tawney's e-mail address is: tawneyharding@yahoo.com.

Free Minds Book Club: Write Lunch

This coming **Tuesday, April 16, from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM**, OLLI and the Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop will co-sponsor our fifth "Write Lunch," led by Jenny Pierson and Ellen Siegler. **Write Lunch will take place in Room 2 on the 5th floor of 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW.** Participants are welcome to bring a bagged lunch to the event.

Free Minds conducts literacy programs, including poetry classes, for incarcerated youth in DC. They will provide us with a packet of poems written by incarcerated young men for us to read and to provide comments.

We are seeking a community of 20-25 OLLI members who will give the youth's poetry encouraging comments. Providing feedback on these poems is an enjoyable community activity and a great way to show these youth that others respect their work and appreciate their dedication. **A few men who have participated in and benefited from this program will be**

with us to share their experiences and express their appreciation. If you have questions, please contact Jenny Pierson at piersonjen17@gmail.com or 202-248-8288.

Please click [here](#) to register for this event.



Update on Election of Board Members

Under the OLLI by-laws (revised in 2018), the Committee on Nominations and Elections, after consulting with and inviting recommendations from OLLI members in general, has developed a list of four candidates to fill the four open Board positions. The Committee believes these candidates have amply demonstrated the skills, experience, background and energy needed for the important work of the Board. The list, which the Board has approved, will appear on the ballot for the election that begins in late April. The Committee would like to thank all those OLLI members who provided the many excellent recommendations for Committee consideration.



John Aldock. John joined OLLI two years ago after retiring as General Counsel of Goodwin Proctor LLP, an international law firm. He has served on the OLLI Finance Committee and assisted the OLLI Chair in negotiations with AU over space in our new building and the OLLI endowment. He previously served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for D.C., Chair of the Shea and Gardner law firm, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Rules of the U.S. District Court for D.C. and for many years as a member of the Board of the Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

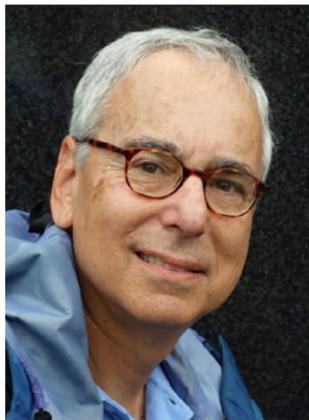


Myra Barron. Myra is a current Board member seeking a second term. She is on the Executive Committee and co-chairs the AU Relationship Committee. Previously she has served as Board Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Personnel Committee Chair. A lawyer by profession, she has worked in both the public sector — with stints as Assistant County Attorney and as Counsel to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority — and in the private sector, where she specialized in affordable housing and represented non-profits in business and related matters. She

has degrees from Smith (BA), Johns Hopkins (MA), and Georgetown (JD).



Linda Kiser. Currently a member of the Development Committee, Linda has been an OLLI member since 2012. She has extensive development experience, having spent many years as Director of Development in several local private schools and having served on various school and non-profit Boards as Chair/member of development committees. Prior to that, she had several years of public service, working with both the U.S. House and the Senate and for the Carter Administration. She currently serves as a tutor at The Academy of Hope, a charter school for adults working to get their GED. I'm a new Text block ready for your content.



Mark Nadel. Mark joined OLLI in 2012 and since then has taught several different courses on public policy. He is currently on the Curriculum Committee and has helped in the orientation of new SGLs. Previously, he taught political science at Cornell before joining the Government Accountability Office. He ended his federal career as an Associate Commissioner of Social Security. Since retiring, he has taught public policy at Georgetown and was a senior fellow at Georgetown's Government Affairs Institute. He has degrees from California (BA) and Johns Hopkins (PhD).

Next Steps

April 26. OLLI Annual Meeting. Candidates will be allowed 2-3 minutes to introduce themselves.

April 26 - May 10. The election takes place online.

May 13. The results are announced.

Upcoming Events at American University

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

AU Museum at the Katzen Arts Center

***Drawing Portraits: Learning to See Like an Artist* with Beverly Ress**

April - May, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Six-week class, Sundays

In this course, you will improve your ability to capture a likeness from life. Weekly topics cover

visually shifting from the right to left brain, working with the picture plane, cementing the basics of portraiture, working with light and shadow, and finally, creating a skillful self-portrait. Read more about DC artist and longtime teacher Beverly Ress [here](#). *Sundays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5 and 12, \$225 for the six-week class. To register, click [here](#).*

AU Center For Israel Studies

Screening of *The Passengers*

Saturday, May 11, 6:15 PM, E Street Cinema

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM, AFI Silver Theatre

These screenings are co-presented by AU's Center for Israel Studies and will be followed by a conversation with the filmmaker Ryan Porush. The Tuesday, May 14 conversation will be moderated by Laura Katz Cutler, Managing Director of the Center for Israel Studies at American University, and includes Porush and David Elcott of the Wagner School of Public Service at NYU, who is depicted in the film. To purchase tickets for *The Passengers*, please click [here](#).

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