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## **JANUARY 4, 2019 OLLI NEWS**

### **Letter from the Executive Director**

Happy New Year!

The holidays are over, which means it is time to start thinking about the upcoming OLLI at AU classes you want to take. Catalogs are in the mail and online registration has begun for the February Shorts and the spring semester. You can register online for Shorts under the Shorts tab and for the spring semester under the Study Groups tab. Choosing classes is part of the fun, but there are numerous questions you must ask yourself: Do I go with the subject matter I know, or do I explore new academic terrain? Which days and times am I available? What do I do when two classes I really want are offered at the same time? And, which Study Group Leaders should I choose? Whether you go with the class or Study Group Leader you know well or venture into the unknown, you have lots of exciting options. Read through the catalog and then take the leap to register!

The process to register for classes is as follows:

- 1: Identify the number of study groups you are interested in taking (1, 2, or 3),
- 2: Prioritize up to six study groups based on your preferences for taking the study groups, (The more study groups you list, the higher the likelihood that you'll get the number of study groups you're interested in.)
- 3: SUBMIT or mail your registration, and
4. You will receive an email confirmation of your PENDING registration after you register online or after your registration has been received by the OLLI at AU office.

As a reminder, the February Shorts run from February 4 – 8, and the lottery is Tues., Jan. 22; and the spring semester runs from March 4 – May 10, and the Spring lottery is Tues., Feb.12. You will receive your official class assignment after the respective lottery dates.

I hope you are as excited about the upcoming February and spring classes as I am. Good luck choosing your classes!

Tony Long  
*Executive Director*

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## **Online Discussion on 17 Sustainable Goals of the United Nations**

Bob Kolodney, who organized the OLLI UN Human Rights Conference in December, is organizing an online discussion on the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The online discussion will take place between Feb. 9 and March 3.

The UN's sustainable development goals were established in 2015. They include 169 targets to be met by 2030. The basic objective is to address the numerous challenges to humanity surviving and thriving. A great deal of preparation and negotiation went into the establishment of the goals. Whether or not they are realistic remains to be seen. The UN and the World Bank are attempting to be catalysts to mobilize the resources and efforts of countries, NGOs, corporations, and financial organizations to meet the goals.

An initial description of this discussion is on the Online Discussions Page of the [human rights conference website](https://sites.google.com/view/humanrightsolli2018/online-discussions) (<https://sites.google.com/view/humanrightsolli2018/online-discussions>). Some information and resources are linked. Information on how to participate in the discussion and additional materials will be added. Familiarity with the materials will enable an informed discussion. The current web page is focused solely on the sustainable goals. However, if anyone would like to lead a different human rights-oriented discussion, please email [Bob Kolodney](mailto:bobkolive@gmail.com) (at bobkolive@gmail.com). To hold the discussion(s) we will choose between several online bulletin boards. Your comments, suggestions and ideas are welcome.

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## **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*.

### **Schedule**

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Reading of First Three Chapters of *Ulysses*

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Complimentary Light Lunch

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Reading of Fourth Chapter of *Ulysses*, and Extracts from *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*

3:00 - 4:30 PM Showing of *A Portrait of the Artist* film

There is no cost to attend. Please register at: <https://www.oli-dc.org/events/jamesjoyce>.

## Upcoming Events at American University

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

### **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.

### **EVENTS AT THE AU MUSEUM AT THE KATZEN ARTS CENTER**

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

202-885-1300 | [museum@american.edu](mailto:museum@american.edu)

#### ***The Gifts of Tony Podesta***

**Curated by Klaus Ottmann and Jennifer Sakai**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

This first major exhibition drawn from our Corcoran Legacy Collection features strong and provocative photography and sculpture donated by Tony Podesta over the past decade to the Corcoran Gallery of Art, now part of the American University Museum's holdings.

#### ***Nancy at Ninety: A Retrospective of Form and Color***

**Curated by Claudia Rousseau**

**January 26 - March 17, 2019**

This retrospective of seven decades of the work of Washington, DC sculptor Nancy Frankel celebrates her ninetieth birthday in 2019. In addition to her freestanding works in three dimensions, a few of her many graphite drawings and tempera paintings will be represented, as well as one of her large wall reliefs.

#### ***Jiří Kolář (1914-2002): Forms of Visual Poetry***

**From the Collection of Museum Kampa, Prague**

**Curated by Aneta Georgievska-Shine**

## January 26 - March 17, 2019

This exhibition is dedicated to one of the most remarkable Czech poets and visual artists associated with Modernism, Jiří Kolář (1914-2002). During the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia, Kolář encountered considerable challenges, including a prison sentence for the critical stance towards the system expressed in his poetry. The selection is representative of the main aspects of his oeuvre as it evolved over several decades.

### ***Michael B. Platt + Carol A. Beane: Influences and Connections***

**Presented by the Alper Initiative for Washington Art**

## January 26 - March 17, 2019

This exhibition is a collaborative offering from one of Washington's most prolific pairs; an offering of visibility from one world into another. Inspired by the ancestral stories told by the indigenous keepers of Australia's most sacred grounds, Platt and Beane fuse poetic image with word.

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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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