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## **JANUARY 25, 2019 OLLI NEWS**

### **February Shorts Registration**

Please note that **refunds for Shorts will no longer be available after next Friday, February 1**. Shorts study groups begin February 4. Although the lottery has taken place, there are some classes that are still open, so registration remains available. To see which classes are open or full, click [here](#). As a reminder, the **lottery for the Spring semester is February 12**.

### **Join Us for a Day in Philadelphia!**

We will be hosting a trip to Philadelphia, PA to be a part of the annual Flower Show on **Saturday, March 9**. As the nation's largest horticultural event, there will be **amazing displays, competitions in floral arranging, gardening presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and a marketplace for shopping**. We will provide bus transportation from a meeting location where you can park your car for the day. **Departure will be at 8:00 AM, and return arrival approximately 6:00 PM**. To get more details and to register, please click [here](#).

### **Special Lecture by The Washington Ballet**

Please join Ballet Master Ruben Martin of The Washington Ballet on **Wednesday, February 13, at 2:15 PM in Room A** for a discussion on the company's upcoming debut of the full-length classic, *The Sleeping Beauty*. Mr. Martin will provide a brief history of the timeless fairy tale and its characters and outline the different productions and interpretations of the 1890 choreography by Marius Petipa. He will also explain how The Washington Ballet's Artistic Director Julie Kent and Associate Artistic Director Victor Barbee have tailor-fit their production in size and scale for The Washington Ballet company. Their combined decades of personal experience with *The Sleeping Beauty* have given them a full understanding of the complexity of producing a ballet of this scope. **Dancers from The Washington Ballet's Studio Company will be on hand to**

**demonstrate the technique and mimes associated with the choreography.** The program will close with questions and answers from Mr. Martin and the dancers. This program will enhance your understanding and enjoyment of this beloved story ballet. To register for this lecture, please click [here](#).

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## **Pilot Program Thank You**

As part of OLLI at AU's continuing effort to build a more diverse membership, the Diversity/Inclusivity Committee spearheaded a pilot outreach this month that organized study groups at Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church at 4501 16th St, NW and All Souls Unitarian Church at 15 Harvard Street, NW. **Each of the three classes offered by Study Group Leaders Elly Green, Karen Gail Lewis, and Ellen Siegler attracted OLLI members as well as members of the two congregations and their surrounding communities.** Our hope is that having discovered the quality and variety of the OLLI curriculum, at least some of these new participants will want to join us here in the Spring Valley Building for our regular program. **Hats off to Karen, Elly, and Ellen and the entire Diversity/Inclusivity team, chaired by Betsy White, for finding a way to actually walk the diversity talk!**

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## **Coming Soon: Election of Board Members**

**The Process.** In late spring, members will elect four Board members. Under OLLI's newly revised Bylaws (December 2018), a five-member Nominations and Elections Committee comprised of both Board and non-Board members will consult with OLLI members, in particular Board members and Committee chairs, and prepare a list of four nominees for Board approval that will be placed on the ballot.

In addition to the Board-approved list, members can self-nominate and run as "at-large" candidates with a petition signed by at least 10 OLLI members. All candidates, whether on the list or at-large, run as individuals, with the top four vote-getters being elected. At-large candidates should contact the Office to obtain the petition form and instructions on how to submit.

**Responsibilities.** In brief, the responsibilities of Board members are: attend Board meetings (usually no more than ten a year), actively participate in other meetings and activities involving OLLI business, support OLLI's development efforts, and, although not required but strongly encouraged, support the OLLI committee system by serving as chairs or as members. Members are elected for three-year terms and are limited to two terms except in exceptional circumstances. For more details, click [here](#).

**Timeline.** Following is a list of key dates and deadlines in the election process.

- *Mid-January.* The Nominations and Elections Committee begins consultations with members to develop a list for candidates for Board approval. Interested members are also invited to recommend names directly to the Committee along with a brief paragraph on the candidate's background and qualifications and your reasons for supporting them. Send recommendations to [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).

- *February 4.* Deadline for interested members to submit recommendations to the Committee.
  - *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.
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## **Books at Politics and Prose**

**Politics and Prose bookstore (5015 Connecticut Avenue NW) offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books assigned at OLLI.** The store carries *all* of the books assigned for the February Shorts and *most* of the books for the Spring Semester. Visit their [website](#) for more information and to see the books for the spring that are either unavailable or available only by pay-to-order.

The books that are unavailable at Politics and Prose can be ordered online. Here are some suggestions for purchasing books online: [AbeBooks.com](#), [AddAll.com](#), [Alibris.com](#), [Amazon.com](#), [BookOutlet.com](#), [BookFinder.com](#), [Ebay.com](#), and [Powells.com](#).

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## **OLLI and IAP Buddy Network**

OLLI and the International Accelerator Program (IAP) at AU have developed a partnership program **to connect IAP international graduate students with interested OLLI members to foster understanding about cultures, career, and beyond.** AU-IAP graduate students are paired (matched) with participating OLLI members according to common interests. The pairs are introduced at a Meet-and-Greet event early in the semester. Each pair ideally meets once a week at times and places convenient for both until the Final Celebration at the end of the semester. **Our goal is to promote connection, conversation, and cultural exchange.** We are beginning our third semester of this program and currently have 20 participating OLLI members. Our goal is to expand that number for the spring semester. **If you have experience or an abiding interest in connecting with international students, please contact Jeanne Kent at [jeannes.kent@gmail.com](mailto:jeannes.kent@gmail.com) for more information.**

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## **Kick-Off For Online Discussion: World Survival And Optimization**

On **Monday, February 11 at 11:00 AM**, there will be an in-person kick-off session to launch the upcoming online discussion of the *17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN*. This is part of follow-up to the OLLI Human Rights conference in early December.

The kick-off will take place in **Room A at the Spring Valley Building on 4801 Mass. Ave. NW, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.** There will be a briefing on the *17 Sustainable Development Goals* and discussion guidance, followed by a **complimentary light lunch at 12:30 PM.**

Reservations are required because of space limitations, although this is a free event. The discussion **will run from Saturday, February 9 until Sunday, March 3**. You are invited to join the Sustainable Development Google Group by making a request at the discussion site ([Sustainable Agenda Discussion](#)) or by contacting one of the organizers, Bob Kolodney at [bobkolive@gmail.com](mailto:bobkolive@gmail.com) or Anders Zeijlon at [anderszeijlondc@gmail.com](mailto:anderszeijlondc@gmail.com). Attendance at the kick-off is not required in order to participate.

For more information and to RSVP, please click [here](#).

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## Calling All Study Group Reps!

As you register for your February Shorts and Spring study groups, please consider volunteering to serve as Study Group Representative (SGR) for one (or more!) of your study groups. SGRs play an integral role in helping to ensure each study group runs smoothly. **Duties include: taking attendance; making announcements from the class folder; collecting any photocopying charge; notifying the office of problems with technology, temperature, or light; calling members who are absent from class for more than two consecutive sessions; and collecting the class gift/distributing the card.**

OLLI will be having a **meeting for all new Spring SGRs on Wednesday, February 27 at 10:00 AM**. New SGRs are highly encouraged to attend. Previous SGRs are welcome to attend if they would like to get clarification about the role or ask questions. More information to come.

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## Welcomers Needed

After a successful first-ever OLLI Welcomer program in the Fall (over 200 new OLLI members were welcomed!), we've decided to continue it in the Spring semester. We are still in need of a few more volunteers for the program. **Welcomers ensure that each new OLLI member is individually welcomed with a phone call before the start of classes and touch base with new members by email during the semester and at the end, to see how it went.**

If you would like to be a Welcomer, you can select that volunteer role on the website when registering for the Spring semester or visit our *Volunteer* page [here](#). Or, you can send an e-mail to [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu). We will review the responsibilities at a meeting on **Thursday, February 14, at 10:00 AM in Room A on the first floor**. We encourage anyone interested in serving as a Welcomer for the first time to attend the meeting. Previous Welcomers are invited to attend as well.

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## Reminder: 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

Our readers are: Robert Aubry Davis; Enid Hyde; Walter Kamiat; Marcia Kass; Bob Kolodney; Steven Lamm; Larry Lawrence; Gail Lelyveld; Sandy Leibowitz; Dee Mahan; Patricia Mertz; David Palmeter; Susan Willens; Mark Wall; and Marilyn Wong Glysteen.

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

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## Beloved OLLI Member Passes Away

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that **Peter Gilbert of Chevy Chase/Washington DC died on Tuesday, January 22.** In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. **To send a memorial gift to the family of Peter Richard Gilbert** please visit the Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care Sympathy Store by clicking [here](#).

## Upcoming Events at American University

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

### AU SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS

***Reporter: A Conversation with Seymour Hersh***

**Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**AU McKinley Building - Doyle/Forman Theater**

Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist and best-selling author Seymour Hersh joins Investigative Reporting Workshop Executive Editor Charles Lewis to talk about his 50-year career uncovering some of the U.S. government's biggest secrets — from the Vietnam War My Lai massacre to Watergate abuses of power to the Abu Ghraib torture and prisoner abuse scandal. The free program includes a reception and book-signing by the author of *Reporter: A Memoir*. Reservations recommended, to RSVP click [here](#). First come, first seated.

### 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)

### ***Opening Reception For Winter Exhibition***

**Free and open to the public**

**January 26, 6:00-9:00 PM**

Mix and mingle with artists, curators, and fellow patrons at our Winter Opening Reception. See our four new exhibitions on view: *The Gifts of Tony Podesta, Nancy at Ninety: A Retrospective of Form and Color, Jirí Kolár (1914 - 2002): Forms of Visual Poetry*, and *Michael B. Platt with Carol A. Beane: Influences and Connections*, presented by the Alper Initiative for Washington Art.

### ***Yoga in the Galleries***

**January 30 - March 13, April 10 - May 22, Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**

**\$10 per class, \$5 for museum members, free for associate level members**

A peaceful Kripalu yoga class. All practice levels welcome. To register, click [here](#).

***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.

**AU CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES**

***Israel in the American Mind: The Cultural Politics of US-Israeli Relations, 1958-1988***

**With Author Shaul Mitelpunkt**

**Tuesday, February 5**

**AU Butler Board Room, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

To register, click [here](#).

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