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Registrations

Shorts study groups begin February 4. Please note that refunds are now no longer available for the Shorts session. We look forward to seeing you Monday! Spring semester registration remains open, **with the lottery being held on February 12.** Please note that changes have been made for a few Spring study groups. Please visit the catalog updates page on our website under the Study Groups tab, or click [here](#).

Join Us for a Day in Philadelphia!

We will be hosting a trip to Philadelphia, PA to attend 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](#).

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.
- *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.

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

Reminder: *Preservation and Enhancement of Human Existence* - Kick-off for online discussion on **Monday, February 11 at 4801 Mass Ave NW, in Room A, starting at 11:00 AM.** To RSVP, click [here](#). This online discussion on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN runs from Saturday, February 9 to Sunday March 3.

At the kick-off session, there will be a briefing on the Sustainable Development Agenda, introduction of discussion topics and demonstration of the logistics of the online discussion, followed by an informal lunch with the discussion leaders. It is not necessary to attend the kick-off in order to participate in the online discussion.

The 17 Sustainable Development Objectives deal with the real problems and opportunities of the world, and our online discussion promises to be a learning opportunity with respect to our real life situation and the possibilities for optimizing the position of humanity at a time when many in the United States stagnate in a dream world of willful ignorance. The discussion will allow us to draw on the expertise and wisdom of OLLI members about practical solutions to existential challenges faced by a growing world population (7.5 billion projected to be 9.5 billion by 2050). Some intriguing questions likely to be discussed:

- Has globalization outlived its usefulness?
- Could fully enabling and empowering women eliminate poverty?
- How could democracy be tailored to make it the best form of government for social and economic development?
- Are there viable solutions to meet worldwide needs for food, clean water, and sustainable energy?
- What are the best approaches to education and training for human survival and fruitful lives, and why?

For more information on this discussion, please click [here](#).

Books at Politics and Prose

Politics and Prose bookstore (5015 Connecticut Avenue NW) offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books assigned at OLLI. Visit their [website](#) for more information. The store carries *all* of the books assigned for the February Shorts and *most* of the books for the Spring Semester. Click [here](#) 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 also 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](#).

OLLI and IAP Buddy Network

OLLI is continuing its attempt **to connect IAP international graduate students with interested 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 for more information.**

Calling All Study Group Reps!

As you register for your 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.

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. 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.

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.

AU COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

North American Premiere: Saltzman - A Choral Symphony: Halevi

Sunday, February 24, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

The National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue NW

\$5-\$15

The combined forces of the AU Symphony Orchestra, Chorus, and Chamber Singers are joined by the Strathmore Children's Chorus and guest soloists Janice Meyerson and Rob McGinness to perform the North American premiere of Arnold Saltzman's *A Choral Symphony: Halevi*. For tickets, 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/>

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

Nancy at Ninety: A Retrospective of Form and Color

Curated by Claudia Rousseau

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

From the Collection of Museum Kampa, Prague

Curated by Aneta Georgievska-Shine

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

Presented by the Alper Initiative for Washington Art

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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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