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August 9, 2019 OLLI News

A Talk with Steve Sherman

Steve Sherman will give a presentation of his recent 10-day study tour of Poland on Thursday, September 12. He participated with a group of American Jewish leaders who were invited by the Polish government to gain a better understanding of the Polish perspective on issues such as the history of Polish Jews and the Polish struggles to have their own country. Today, Poland has a fledgling Jewish community of about 10,000. Poland has preserved Auschwitz with its historical lessons and is seen by more than two million annual visitors. Poland is also seeking a NATO base in their country because of their concern about potential Russian aggression.

Mr. Sherman spent most of his career as an attorney with the U.S. Justice Department and also served in President Clinton's White House Counsel's Office. He has been attending classes at OLLI for the last couple of years. **This forum will take place on the first floor of our Spring Valley location in Room A at 11:00 AM. There is no fee, but please register [here](#).**

Fall Registration Is Open

Registration for the fall semester is open. Fall catalogs have been mailed out, and we also have some in the office. Online registration is also available. **The lottery for class assignments will be September 3. The fall semester starts the week of September 23.** To register online, please click [here](#).

Fall 2019 Music-Theatre Group

Join OLLI at AU and the Alliance for New Music-Theatre for the 10th season of *"Live & About."* An energetic and eclectic program has been put together for this fall with outings to different productions across the spectrum of music-theatre in the DC area.

Participants will enjoy the experience of attending performances as a group, expanding their appetites and critical appreciation for new forms, and supporting a variety of large and smaller music-theatre companies in our nation's capital. After each show, they will have the opportunity to deepen their experience by engaging with other group members in an informal gathering and sharing in discussions to understand the deeper intentions of the show's creators.

Performances include *LOVE SICK*, *The Tempest*, *Havel's Protest & Vaněk Unleashed*, and *Season of Advent and Light*. For more information and to register, please click [here](#). The **registration deadline is Friday, August 30**.

Become an OLLI Welcomer

Last fall, we implemented a Welcomer program to welcome each new OLLI member individually before the start of classes. Welcomers contact new members by phone to go over basic information about OLLI, our facilities (including parking!), and answer any questions. They would then touch base with them by e-mail during the semester and, at its end, see how it went. Each Welcomer is normally responsible for 3-4 new members. Although many of our veteran Welcomers will be on the job again this fall, **we need additional volunteers**. If you are interested in serving as a Welcomer (**and have never served as one before**), please send an e-mail to olli@american.edu by the end of the day on **Friday, August 23**. Coordinator John Bargeron will then be in touch.

We will review Welcomer responsibilities in detail at an **orientation meeting on Monday, September 9 at 11:00 AM** (room TBD). All first-time Welcomers are urged to attend. If you are interested in serving as a Welcomer but cannot attend the meeting, please let us know.

Steven Pearlstein to Speak at Book Club Meeting

The third annual OLLI Book Club will discuss the incisive and provocative book by acclaimed Pulitzer Prize author and *Washington Post* columnist Steven Pearlstein, *Can American Capitalism Survive?* This book is particularly relevant, given the current political climate. We hope many members will read the book and come to the discussion, which will be led by Pearlstein himself. **The event will be held on Wednesday, September 18, at 10:00 AM in Room A**. There is no cost to attend. Please click [here](#) to register. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Newman at stanleynewman@prodigy.net.

Housing Program

OLLI at AU is working with the American University School of Public Affairs (SPA) to gauge interest of OLLI members in providing accommodations to SPA graduate students in exchange for rent and/or agreed-upon services. Many graduate students from across the country come each year to AU, and need housing while they study for two years towards earning a Master's degree or four years towards a PhD from SPA.

Each SPA student seeking housing prepares an online form providing relevant personal information as well as the type of housing he or she is seeking. Interested OLLI at AU members can contact the office (202-895-4860) to get the list of such data and contact the student directly online, by e-mail and/or by phone.

If you are interested and/or would like more information, please e-mail OLLI at AU at olli@american.edu.

Room Needed

For the past three years, Woodrow Wilson Center scholars have been speaking in the Scholars World Series at OLLI. From time to time, the Woodrow Wilson International Center invites visiting international fellows who need housing. One in particular is seeking help, Jamil Hasanli. Jamil is an Azerbaijani historian, author, and politician who was the only candidate to run for president against the authoritarian Azerbaijani leader. He served two terms as a member of the Azeri Parliament from

2000-2010 (when Azerbaijan had a democratic parliament) and now is a leader of the Azerbaijani opposition movement, focused especially on the plight of political prisoners. **Jamil is returning to the states this fall (late September 2019-late February 2020) after being awarded a Reagan-Fascell Fellowship at the United States National Endowment for Democracy. He is bringing his 15 year old grandson with him so he can experience an American public high school.** If you or anyone you know would be willing to rent to or host Jamil and his son, please contact Christian Ostermann at the Wilson Center (Christian.Ostermann@wilsoncenter.org, or 202-355-8559). Christian can provide further information and vouch for Jamil's reliability, thoughtfulness, and kindness. Jamil has a very limited budget. He is willing to house sit, share a room with his grandson, rent a small basement apartment, etc.

Summer Open House at Forest Hills of DC

An information session on the new Assisted Living Respite Program and Referral and Move-In Programs will be held on **Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 4:00 PM - 6:30PM**. Come join us to hear details on services and price points. There will also be a walking tour of apartments at Forest Hills. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshing spirits will be provided. We are located at 4901 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008. **Please RSVP by August 1 to Marianna Blagburn at mblagburn@foresthillsdc.life**

2019 National Book Festival

The 19th annual Library of Congress National Book Festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, and they still need volunteers! The event is free and open to the public. For news and updates, follow the festival blog and subscribe to the latest updates. More than a hundred best-selling authors, novelists, historians, poets, and children's writers will be on hand. Featured authors will include restaurateur/chef Jose Andres and award-winning journalist Henry Louis Gates, Jr. For more information, please visit the Library of Congress website, or click [here](#).

AU Shuttle Summer Schedule

The Red Route AU shuttle that runs between our Spring Valley Building and the Tenleytown-AU metro station is now on a summer schedule. **As such, the shuttle will only run every 15 minutes from 7:00 AM - 10:15 AM. Thereafter, it will only run every 30 minutes between 10:15 AM - 4:00 PM.** For more details, you may visit the AU website's shuttle services page, or click [here](#).

Upcoming Events at American University

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

Summer Exhibitions and Events at the AU Museum

Being Here as ME - New Media Art Exhibition of Women Artists from Taiwan

Curated by Yu-Chuan Tseng

June 15-August 11, 2019

Being Here as ME presents six women artists striving towards constructions of female subjectivity.

Pey-Chwen Lin, Tzu-Ning Wu, Yung-Chieh Wu, I-Chun Chen, Pei-Shih Tu, and Hui-Chan Kuo create new media artworks through diverse mediums and methods. Their work transcends gender discussions, and through social strategies, action, and engagement they express their concerns and create artworks revealing their anxiety and opinions about the ecology of society, science, technology and the environment.

Plans to Prosper You: Reflections of Black Resistance and Resilience in Montgomery County's Potomac River Valley

June 15-August 11, 2019

The exhibition title takes its name from bible verse Jeremiah 29:11 to echo the central role of the Black church in bringing communities together, inspiring hope, and acting as a vector for social change. The goal of this exhibition is to offer a space of learning and meditation that highlights the Black history of Montgomery County and western Washington, DC and pay homage to the communities who championed fights against racial discrimination through faith, family, and fellowship. While this exhibition highlights the communities of Scotland, Tobytown, and Macedonia-Moses, we hope that Plans to Prosper You will inspire similar exhibitions and continue to prompt in-depth collaboration within and beyond these communities.

Passages: Keith Morrison, 1999-2019

Curated by Judith Stein

June 15-August 11, 2019

Passages: Keith Morrison, 1999-2019 surveys thirty paintings and watercolors by the Jamaican-born Keith Morrison. A magician of color and space and a teller of tales, fanciful and real, Morrison focuses on the tangible and spiritual components of culture. His subjects encompass Afro-Caribbean and Meso-American art and architecture, as well as the somber history of the Middle Passage. By turns mystical, meditative and joyous, Morrison's work invites our entry into the rich visual world of his making.

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