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UPDATES

STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

The OLLI staff is working remotely through Wednesday of next week. We are still reachable by email (oli@american.edu) and by the office phone (202-895-4860). **We will be back in the office next Thursday, September 5.**

AU BUILDING SECURITY

There are new building access procedures at the Spring Valley Building. The building is now only accessible to those with an AU ID or PIN number. **OLLI members will receive the PIN number prior to the fall semester, but for any members coming to the building over the summer for any reason, please contact the OLLI office.** The updated system meets the needs of the AU community, while still maintaining access for those using the building for events and classes. We will send more detailed information as we get closer to the fall semester.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is open on the OLLI website for the fall semester (September 23-December 6). Each course description lists the format and whether the class will be recorded. Courses meet for a varying length of time (see each study group for the number of weeks). The membership fee (\$330 for the semester or \$600 for both fall and spring) allows you to sign up for three courses before the lottery. After the lottery, when you have received your class assignment letter, you can add a fourth study group by logging into your account. **Make sure to register before the fall semester lottery on Friday, September 6.**

REGISTER

NEW MEMBER 10% DISCOUNT

Are you new to OLLI or thinking about coming back after taking a break? Use the button below to register for the fall semester. A 10% discount will be applied for those who are new or who have not taken classes in five or more years. Click "Choose Lottery Selections" and then log in or create an account. You will see the discount when paying for the semester.

NEW MEMBER DISCOUNT

CATALOG EDITS/CHANGES

Below are catalog edits and changes made to classes after the catalog went to print. Class changes are also available on the [fall catalog changes](#) page of the website and are updated as they occur.

Catalog edit: In the Board of Directors list on pg. i, Mark Nadel was omitted from the list and Alan Hausman was incorrectly listed.

113 Shakespeare and Politics: Required books for the class:

Stephen Greenblatt, *Tyrant: Shakespeare on Politics*

Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*

Shakespeare, *Macbeth*

Shakespeare, *Richard III and Coriolanus*

Machiavelli, *The Prince*

160 Public Education and the Future of American Democracy: Now starts on Oct. 10

590 Looking at Architecture: CANCELLED

600 Intermediate Italian: This book will be used for the class: *Il dono di Camilla - Short Stories in Italian Beginners to Intermediate* (Vol. 1) (Italian Edition)

602 French Conversation Advanced: Now starts on Oct. 16

605 La Nouvelle dans la Littérature Française: Now starts on Oct. 15

613 Latin for Developing Translators: Now meets Thursdays at 10:00 AM, starting Sept. 26

621 Enjoying The New Yorker Together: John Foster is now the SGL

638 Odysseus: A Complicated Man: Now meets for 10 weeks

662 Demystifying English Grammar: CANCELLED

681 Laughter From the Bard of Stratford on Avon: CANCELLED

674 Powering Through James Joyce's Ulysses Together: View the updated description [here](#).

766 The Pacific Islands—Past, Present, and Future: No required book

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

ABOUT OLLI

Now is the time to tell your friends and family, near and far, that we invite them to join the OLLI experience this fall. Click on the flyer image for a downloadable .pdf file to share or contact the OLLI office at olli@american.edu for a prewritten message to post on your local listserv to help spread the word about our fall programming. New members to OLLI



OLLI at AU
FALL 2024 SEMESTER
IN-PERSON & ONLINE

"Where Curiosity Never Retires"

FALL SEMESTER • LOTTERY: SEPTEMBER 6

SEPTEMBER 23-DECEMBER 6

VIEW AND SELECT COURSES AT WWW.OLLI-DC.ORG

at AU are eligible for a [10% discount](#) for the fall semester!

NEW FALL CLASSES

There are 47 brand new classes this fall! Over the next few weeks we will be highlighting some of them in the newsletter. Click on the "View more info" link after each abbreviated description to find out more and/or register!

648: Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Workshop - When writing genre fiction, how do you create a world that feels real and grounded enough to excite not only imagination, but empathy? How do you create characters who don't exist in our lives that our readers can relate to? In this interactive workshop, we will focus on writing speculative fiction (science fiction, fantasy, and horror).

[View more info.](#)

766: The Pacific Islands—Past, Present, and Future - Have you ever fantasized about vacationing or moving to an island in the Pacific? Here is your chance to experience life in Micronesia, Polynesia, and Melanesia. [View more info.](#)

837: The Soul of Hinduism - The Soul of Hinduism is realized by devotees through a vast philosophical tradition that ranges from the Vedas and Upanishads to epics and devotional poetry. In this class we will explore basic words and symbols of the ancient Vedic tradition as well as the guru tradition and other influences. [View more info.](#)

OLLI EVENTS



ALLIANCE FOR NEW MUSIC-THEATRE

Live & About Fall 2024 Season

Alliance for New Music-Theatre has put together another eclectic "**Live & About**" series for the 2024 fall season with outings to four different productions 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 discussion to understand the deeper intentions of the show's creators.

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)

AU EVENTS



Israeli Writers Series

Join The Conversation:
Creativity in a Time of Crisis

with author and filmmaker
Etgar Keret

Monday, September 16
1:00-2:15 PM

 MELTZER SCHWARTZBERG
CENTER for ISRAEL STUDIES
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY • WASHINGTON, DC

 Department of Literature
COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES • American University

 Jewish Studies Program
COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES • AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

"CREATIVITY IN A TIME OF CRISIS" WITH WRITER AND FILMMAKER ETGAR KERET

Monday, September 16 | 1:00-2:15 PM | Registration Required

**American University School of International Service Building, Abramson
Family Founders Room**

Please join the Meltzer Schwartzberg Center for Israel Studies, the Jewish Studies Program and Department of Literature as award-winning Israeli writer and filmmaker Etgar Keret reads selections from his new book, *Autocorrect* (2024), and discusses his life and work, including the challenge and imperative of creativity in the current moment in Israel and around the world. The talk will be followed by a reception with book sales and signing.

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)

MY LIFE
IN RECIPES
Food, Family, and Memories

JOAN NATHAN
Author of *King Solomon's Table*

Join the Conversation
with *My Life in Recipes*
author
Joan Nathan

Monday, September 30
7:00 PM

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Jewish Studies Program
COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES • AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

"MY LIFE IN RECIPES" WITH JOAN NATHAN

Monday, September 30 | 7:00-8:30 PM | Registration Required

American University Museum, Katzen Arts Center

In her most personal book yet, Joan Nathan, the best-selling and award-winning authority on global Jewish cuisine, tells her personal journey through recipes from family history to the discovery of food from all over the world. In conversation with CIS Director Michael Brenner, Joan Nathan will reveal a treasury of recipes and stories, followed by a book sale/signing and dessert reception hosted by the Jewish Studies Program and Meltzer Schwartzberg Center for Israel Studies (CIS) .

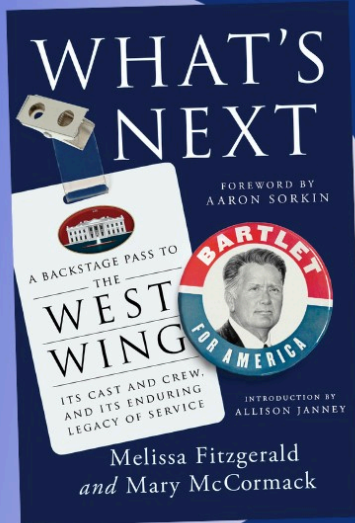
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A Sine Institute Book Event:

WHAT'S NEXT?

A Backstage Pass to the WEST WING

With WEST WING Cast Members:



Melissa Fitzgerald

“Carol Fitzpatrick”
Assistant to the Press
Secretary



Mary McCormack

“Kate Harper”
Deputy National Security
Advisor

Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024 | 12 PM ET
Constitution Hall, AU Main Campus

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University

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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