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UPDATES

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JUDY HAVEMANN

A memorial service for Judy Havemann will be held at the **National Press Club (529 14th St NW Washington, DC 20045) on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

THE FALL LOTTERY IS TODAY!

The fall lottery will occur at **10:00 AM today**, but there will still be **plenty of time to register for the fall semester** (September 23-December 6) or add another class! After the lottery, you will see the status of each course (open or closed) on the OLLI website. 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. Once the lottery has concluded today, you will be able to add a fourth study group by logging into your account. The deadline to add/drop classes or request a refund is **Friday, October 4.**

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

FALL BOOKS

Most fall semester books are available through Politics and Prose book store at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008. Politics and Prose offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books for courses. Below is a list of fall

semester books that are not available at Politics and Prose, are available only as pay-to-order, or are available but without discount.

NOT Available

600 Intermediate Italian: *Il dono di Camilla*

601 Conversation Avancée Basée Sur un Roman Francophone - *La civilisation my mere*

739 Late Imperial China and the 20th-Century Revolutions - *Revolution and its Past*

806 Medical Qigong - *Healing Art of Qi Gong*

860 Who Was Socrates? - *Plato Complete Works*

Pay-to-order (and no discount)

200 Neuroscience of Conflict - *Making Peace with Conflict*

606 Übung Macht Den Meister - *German Vocabulary*

606 Übung Macht Den Meister - *German Short Stories*

631 Understanding Families Through Plays - *Everything is Wonderful*

631 Understanding Families Through Plays - *Familiar*

740 Japan's Early History to the 1868 Meiji Restoration - *Premodern Japan*

777 History of Early and Imperial Russia to 1917 - *History of Russia*

No Discount

741 History of Slavery in America: Jamestown to the Civil War - *Many Thousands Gone*

778 A Generosity of Spirit, A Generosity of Mind: Abraham Lincoln, Abolition President - *Prelude to Greatness*

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 at AU are eligible for a **10% discount** for the fall semester!



The flyer features a warm, autumnal background with orange and yellow leaves. At the top left is the OLLI logo, which includes the text 'OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE' and 'OLLI at American University'. To the right of the logo is a QR code with the text 'Scan for new member discount!' below it. The main text in the center reads 'OLLI at AU FALL 2024 SEMESTER IN-PERSON & ONLINE'. Below this is the slogan '"Where Curiosity Never Retires"'. Further down, it states 'FALL SEMESTER • LOTTERY: SEPTEMBER 6' and 'SEPTEMBER 23-DECEMBER 6'. At the bottom, there is a small globe icon and the text 'VIEW AND SELECT COURSES AT WWW.OLLI-DC.ORG'.

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!

160: Public Education and the Future of American Democracy - Public education in the US has been the pathway to success for many people and a bastion of our democracy. Today, America's K-12 education system is at risk, facing multiple internal and external challenges. This course will examine these issues in the context of the basics of how public education works, partisan politics, ongoing inequity, and the future of democracy. [View more info.](#)

433: The Developing Renaissance of Nuclear Power - Nuclear power is experiencing a renaissance as a carbon-free source of energy. We will discuss the basis for this renaissance. We will focus on how changes in thinking about power generation have addressed some of the major drawbacks associated with previous generations of nuclear power plants. [View more info.](#)

644: The Poetry of Wallace Stevens - Over the course of a 40-year career, Wallace Stevens wrote some of the finest poems of 20th-century American literature. His gaudy and sometimes difficult and whimsical language masked an abiding question: whether art, and in particular poetry, could be an adequate substitute for a religious belief that he considered untenable in the modern world. [View more info.](#)

773: War in the Skies: Europe 1939-1945 - This course traces the development of military aviation, the designers and fliers who participated in that development, and how that process led to the greatest clash of machines in the history of warfare. We follow the Luftwaffe, the RAF, and the USAAF through their early years and learn how each enjoyed its "Finest Hour". [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
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 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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The poster features a dark blue background. On the left is the book cover for 'My Life in Recipes' by Joan Nathan, showing a braided challah. On the right is a portrait of Joan Nathan. The event details are centered in white and yellow text. At the bottom are logos for the Meltzer Schwartzberg Center for Israel Studies and the Jewish Studies Program at 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) .

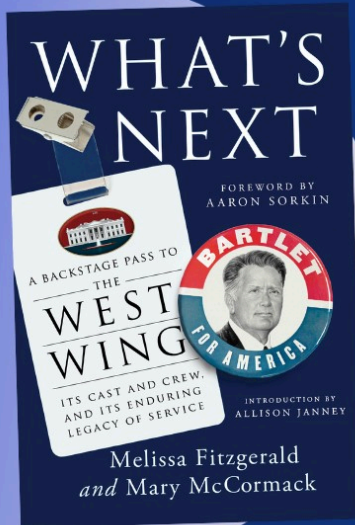
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A Sine Institute Book Event:

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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