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# Newsletter



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## ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

### FEBRUARY SHORTS

The February Shorts start next week and will be held for two weeks: **February 3-7 and 10-14**. Each Short course runs for 2-5 days during one of the two weeks. You may register for as many open courses as fit into your schedule for the \$100 fee. Your courses do not have to be all within the same week. Now that

the lottery has passed, you can add additional courses by logging into your OLLI account!

The last day to register or request a refund is **TODAY, Friday, January 31**

[MORE INFO/REGISTER](#)

## IMPORTANT SHORTS INFORMATION

### February Books

Most February Shorts 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 study groups. Below is a list of February Shorts books that are not available at Politics and Prose, are available only as pay-to-order, or are available without discount.

### **9708 Vintage Roots: Uncovering Spain's History Through Wine:**

*iVino!: The History and Identity of Spanish Wine:* **Pay-to-order & no discount**

*The Timeline History of the English Language:* **Not available**



### Hearing Loops

All of the classrooms at OLLI have hearing loops installed. "Hearing loops" are state-of-the-art "Listening Assistive" technology. There are three main parts to a hearing loop: the wire that is installed around and across the room, a microphone, and a transceiver (which picks up and amplifies the sound from the microphone). The system both amplifies the speaker's voice and suppresses background noise. We urge everyone who has hearing loss to take advantage of the hearing loops. The sound is remarkable. It's as if the person speaking is sitting right next to you.

### Access Your Online Class

If you accidentally delete the daily e-mail with your class Zoom link, or cannot find it again, you can access the Zoom link for each of your classes by logging into your OLLI member account on the website. The first page to come up will be your account page, which lists your classes (see image below). Under each class you will find the Zoom link for that class. Click the link to go into your class

at the specified time. If you leave this page and need to get back, simply click your name (hyperlinked in blue) at the top of the page. **For tips and instructions on how to use Zoom, [click here](#).**

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**MY ACCOUNT**

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**Overview**

Thank you for choosing your lottery selections. You'll find a summary of your study groups below. If you'd like to volunteer with OLLI, please [update your volunteer interests](#).

**MY SPRING 2024 STUDY GROUPS**

Registration for Spring 2024 Study Groups ends 3/15/2024  
[View All Study Groups](#)

You may register for up to 4 study groups. You have 2 choices remaining.

**Add a Study Group**

Study Group	Status	I want to:
<a href="#">137: Church and State Under the Constitution and the Courts</a> Thursdays 1:45 – 3:15 PM Class Format: In-Person	Registered	<a href="#">Drop this class</a>
<a href="#">156: AU School of International Service – Foreign Policy Challenges for the Year Ahead</a> Thursdays 9:45 – 11:15 AM Class Format: Online Zoom URL: <a href="https://oll-i-dc.org/zoom.us/j/92026397468?pwd=WinjLZ3hKROtYkVlcWl0KzRZUkUto2">https://oll-i-dc.org/zoom.us/j/92026397468?pwd=WinjLZ3hKROtYkVlcWl0KzRZUkUto2</a>	Registered	<a href="#">Drop this class</a>

Click on Zoom link here

## February Classroom Assignments

# 2025 FEBRUARY SHORTS ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

## 9:45 AM

### RM SHORTS COURSE

	DATES
A The Chatbot Revolution	Feb. 3-5
A Cutting the Cord: Streaming Alternatives to Cable TV	Feb. 6-7
5 Sharpen Your Creative Thinking and Problem Solving Skills	Feb. 3-5
6 The Fall of the Berlin Wall and German Unification	Feb. 3-7
A A User's Guide to Heart and Brain Health	Feb. 10-13
1 Poetry Workshop in the Mystic Tradition	Feb. 10-14
5 "It's the flu . . . just the flu"	Feb. 10-13

## 11:45 AM

### RM SHORTS COURSE

	DATES
A Instruments of the Orchestra	Feb. 3-6
1 The Right to Control How We Die	Feb. 3, 5 & 7
2 Creating a Local Healthy Ecosystem	Feb. 6-7
5 Notre-Dame de Paris	Feb. 3, 5 & 7
6 Vintage Roots: Uncovering Spain's History Through Wine	Feb. 3-4
A The Maltese Falcon and the Growth of Film Noir	Feb. 10-13
1 The History and Evolution of Our State Capitol Buildings	Feb. 10-12
2 Learning German Irregular Verbs	Feb. 10-14
3 1970-75 Turbulent Times	Feb. 10-12
4 Children's Book Workshop	Feb. 10-13
5 Contemporary Issues: Is the Past Prologue?	Feb. 10-13
6 Reality, Locality, and Causality	Feb. 10-12

## 1:45 PM

### RM SHORTS COURSE

	DATES
1 Winter Studio—Simplify Your Painting	Feb. 3-6
3 The Development of Capitalism and Socialism	Feb. 3-5
5 Transformation of Major League Baseball: 1946-1976	Feb. 3-5
6 Do Only the Rich Have Trusts? Key Strategies...	Feb. 3-4
A How to Listen to Jazz	Feb. 10-13
2 Cartooning: The Lost Art	Feb. 10, 12-14
5 Origin and Evolution of the English Language	Feb. 10-13
6 Discussion of Liana Millu's <i>Smoke Over Birkenau</i>	Feb. 10, 12 & 14

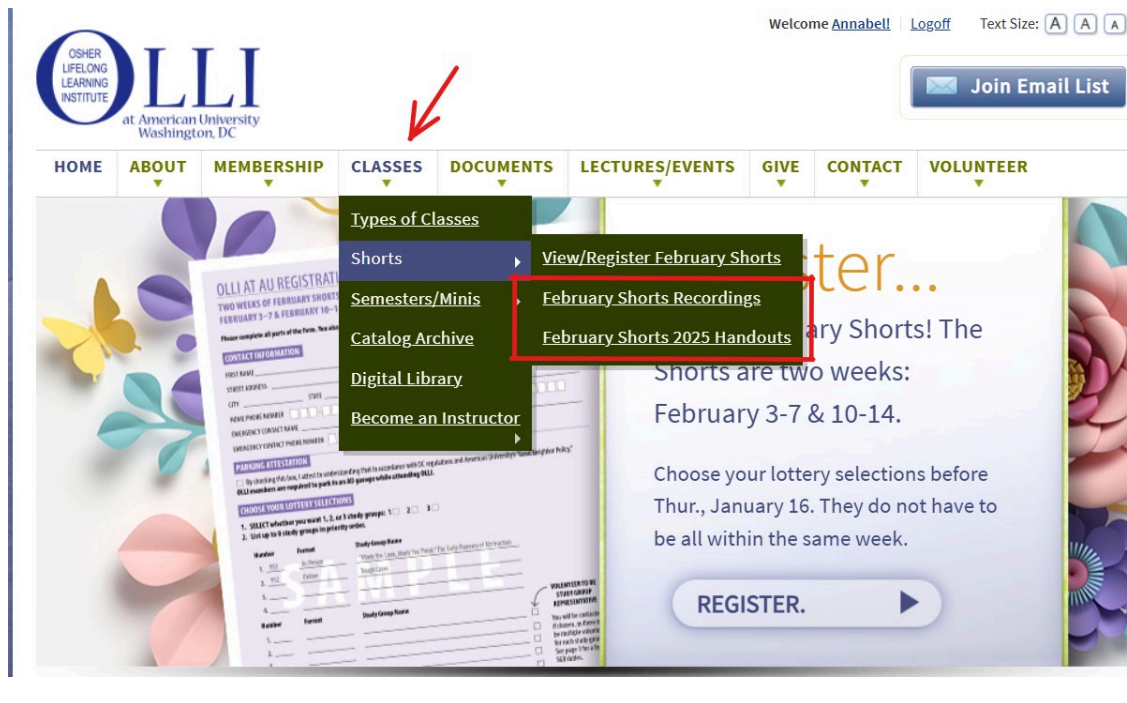
**Room A is on the first floor.**

**All other classrooms and the OLLI office are on the 5th floor.**

### Class Handouts and Recordings

Most classes during the February Shorts and spring semester will be recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session. [February Shorts recordings](#), as well as [February Shorts handouts](#), will be listed under "Classes," then "Shorts" on the OLLI website (see image below). Spring recordings will be listed under

"Classes," then "Semesters/Minis." Each day's recordings during the Shorts are added the same day. You must first [log into your member account](#) in order to view the recordings. Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.



## SPRING SEMESTER

The spring semester is March 3-May 9. Courses meet for a varying length of time (see each study group for the number of weeks). The membership fee is \$330 and allows you to sign up for three courses in 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 spring lottery on Wednesday, February 19.**

[MORE INFO/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 spring 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 CHANGES

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

### February Shorts Class Changes:

**9202 *Cartooning: The Lost Art*:** will now be held February 10, 12-14 (will not meet February 11)

**9204 *Can We Talk...About Your Health Care Wishes?*:** CANCELLED

**9601 *Auf Deutsch, Bitte*:** CANCELLED

**9605 *African American Poetry: Selected Topics*:** CANCELLED

**9607 *The Man Who Came to Dinner*:** CANCELLED

### Spring Class Changes

**113 *Shakespeare and Politics*:** CANCELLED

**725 *Red Sea: Exploring the Waterway Uniting and Dividing Africa and the Middle East*:** will now start on Wednesday, March 12

## VOLUNTEER

### SUMMER CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

OLLI's Summer Curriculum Committee is looking for an OLLI member with an interest in helping recruit new and previous study group leaders (instructors) for the June Minis and July Shorts.

The Summer Curriculum Committee, just as our regular standing Curriculum Committee, is responsible for OLLI's core mission of providing members with the highest caliber of courses. Committee members actively seek out new study group leaders and solicit proposals from previous ones. They acknowledge receipt of summer study group proposals, offer any suggestions of improvement/edits, and communicate with and support study group leaders to ensure a successful experience.

Committee members attend two meetings, one in early February and one in March, and work from home from February-April. Members preferably have interest and/or experience in at least one of the subject areas.

An orientation is provided for new committee members. If you're interested in being considered for this volunteer role, or have any questions, please e-mail [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).

## SERENDIPITY TALK

**Peter Meyers, *Confessions of a Criminal Defense Lawyer***

**Thursday, February 6 | 3:30-5:00 PM**

**Online via Zoom**

Peter Meyers will share his challenges in representing indigent and marginalized defendants charged with serious crimes—murder, assault, rape, robbery, and drug offenses. Peter will share his experiences in communicating with clients and their families and the strategies that he adopts to defend them against a criminal justice system that is stacked against them. His talk will also address, and invite discussion, of key policy questions: Police stops are safeguards adequate to prevent bias? Does our sentencing policy make sense—as applied to juvenile and adult offenders? Do we have the right approach to possession and or distribution of illegal drugs? What is the typical experience of a DC prisoner and are inmates being rehabilitated?

*Peter Meyers brings both real-world and academic experience to this topic. For over 30 years, he has taught at George Washington University Law School where he formerly headed the criminal justice appeals clinic and currently teaches a course on the regulation of illegal drugs. Peter has been practicing as a criminal defense attorney in the District of Columbia for over 40 years.*

## SERENDIPITY TALK

**Dan Moskowitz, *Music That Mirrors the Spirit of Its Times: The Past Nine Decades***

**Thursday, February 13 | 3:30-5:00 PM**

**Online via Zoom**

On what will be his 90th birthday, Dan Moskowitz will lead us on a journey of popular songs from the past decades that embodied some of the zeitgeist of their era, from Rudy Vallee's Depression era "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime" to Beyoncé's 2016 "Formation."

*For more than ten years, magazine writer Dan Moskowitz has led courses and delivered Serendipity talks at OLLI at AU about many aspects of American popular music.*

**No registration is required for either Serendipity.** The Zoom link will be emailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the talks. If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to attend, please join the email list at [https://www.ollie-dc.org/join\\_email\\_list](https://www.ollie-dc.org/join_email_list).



**SPRING WINE AND CHEESE WELCOMER**  
**Wednesday, February 12 | 3:30-5:00 PM**  
**Spring Valley Café, 6th Floor**  
**\$15/person | Registration Required | No Refunds**

**OLLI Facilities Tour at 3:15 PM**

Join us for an in-person spring semester wine and cheese welcome event! Various wines and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Attendance is limited to the first 120 members that register. The deadline for registrations is Friday, February 7, at 4:00 PM.

New to OLLI? A tour of the OLLI facilities will be given at 3:15 PM on the fifth floor by the elevators.

[\*\*MORE INFO/REGISTER\*\*](#)

**OLLI DISCUSSION GROUP ON ELECTION ISSUES**

**Tuesday, February 11 | 1:45-3:15 PM**

**Wednesday, February 12 | 9:45 AM-11:15 PM**

**6th Floor, Room 603**

**Reservation Required | Limited to 45 people each**

With the election behind us and three weeks into the new administration, we will be discussing some of the most significant changes that are in the works. With so many changes, there is a lot of information out there. If you want to share your information or your opinions, come join OLLI's Current Events and Policy study group leaders, Jeff Porter and David Callet, for a discussion about the current administration's policies. This is an informal gathering of up to 45 people to discuss these topics. This is a free event open to all OLLI members; registration is required, and refreshments will be provided by Jeff Porter.

[\*\*REGISTER FOR FEB 11\*\*](#)

[\*\*REGISTER FOR FEB 12\*\*](#)





## **ALLIANCE FOR NEW MUSIC-THEATRE**

### **Live & About Winter/Spring 2025 Season**

Alliance for New Music-Theatre has put together another eclectic program for the 2025 winter/spring season with outings to five 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**

## **THE MARKET AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

Join OLLI in supporting the Market at AU. American University offers the Market Food Pantry, providing free groceries and limited personal-care items to help students experiencing food insecurity. Donations are needed now more than ever. Find a list of items the AU Market needs on their [Amazon Wishlist](#), or view the general list of Market needs [here](#). **There is a box in the Social Space and outside the OLLI office to collect any donations from OLLI members.**

**AU EVENTS**

*Help us welcome the Spring 2025*

# Sine Institute Fellows



Nadia **MURAD**  
(CAS/BA '24)



Tara **PALMERI**  
(SOC/BA '08)



Hon. Sylvia **BURWELL**

*Moderated by Emmy Award-Winning Journalist and  
Media Consultant* **Antoine Sanfuentes (CAS/BA '89)**



## February 4th, 2025 | 1 PM ET

*Doors open at 12:30 PM ET*

### Constitution Hall - American University

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SINE INSTITUTE  
of POLICY & POLITICS

# Nadia MURAD

(CAS/BA '24)



President and Chairwoman, Nadia's Initiative;  
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

## #2025SineFellow

***THE POWER OF PERSONAL STORIES AND THE ROLE OF ACTIVISM***

**February 6 | 4:00 PM**

**Location will be shared closer to event date**

**Registration Required**

**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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