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STAFF WORKING REMOTELY

The OLLI staff is currently working remotely, for the most part. We can still be reached by email at oli@american.edu or by phone at (202) 895-4860.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The **February Shorts and spring semester registration is open!** There are more courses than ever before—**112 spring courses** and **39 February Shorts!**

OLLI is continuing to offer classes in three formats: **in-person, online, and hybrid.** The format for each course is listed online and in the print catalog.

The February Shorts & spring catalog will be in the mail early next week! Look for your copy in your mailbox soon. In the meantime, look at classes and register online or click the catalog image to see a pdf of the catalog.

FEBRUARY SHORTS

The February Shorts 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 up to three courses in the lottery for the \$100 fee. **Your courses do not have to be all within the same week.** After the lottery, once you receive your class assignment letter, you can add additional courses—as many open courses as fit in your schedule—by logging into your OLLI account. To take more courses, you can even stack several within the same time slot. For example, if you have a course scheduled for February 3-5 (Mon-Wed) at 11:45 AM, you can add another that meets February 6-7 (Thu-Fri), also at 11:45 AM, instead of having to choose between the two.

Make sure to register before the February Shorts lottery on Thursday, January 16.

[VIEW CLASSES/REGISTER](#)

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.

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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

LECTURES

JANUARY LECTURE SERIES

We are excited to announce the speakers for our upcoming January lecture series, which will be held online via Zoom Webinar! We extend our gratitude to the Lecture Committee and all those who suggested and contacted speakers: Ellen Babby, Joe Belden (Chair), Tamara Belden, Helen Blank, Jim Blasiak, Ethan Buyon, Edward Cohen, Martha Cutts, Lisa Harper, Dave Hensler, Jeanne Kent, Lynn Lewis, Mark Nadel, Irvin Nathan, Paul Vamvas, and Marc Pearl.

Reservations are not required for any online lectures. We will send the Zoom link the morning of each lecture to those subscribed to the newsletter.



Christopher Leinberger, *Reimagining Cities*

January 21

10:30-11:30 AM

Online via Zoom

Christopher Leinberger is co-founding partner and managing director of Places Platform, a proptech start-up developing a big data analytical platform of 100% of US real estate; and founding partner of Arcadia Land Company, a New Urbanism/transit-oriented development firm dedicated to land stewardship and walkable communities, focused on the Philadelphia area. Leinberger established the

real estate and urban analysis research programs at George Washington University School of Business and is now an Emeritus Professor.



Erwin Chemerinsky, *No Democracy Lasts Forever*

January 23

10:30-11:30 AM

Online via Zoom

Erwin Chemerinsky is an American legal scholar known for his studies of U.S. Constitutional Law and federal civil procedure. Since 2017, Chemerinsky has been the dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law. Previously, he was the inaugural dean of the University of California, Irvine School of Law. from 2008 to 2017. Chemerinsky was named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2016. The National Jurist magazine named him the most influential person in legal education in the United States in 2017. In 2021, Chemerinsky was named President-elect of the Association of American Law Schools. His latest book is *No Democracy Lasts Forever*.



Giovanni Russonello, *Jazz in DC*

January 28

10:30-11:30 AM

Online via Zoom

Giovanni Russonello is a writer, editor, educator and organizer working at the intersection of music, politics and U.S. history. Gio is presently writing a book about Gil Scott-Heron and Washington, D.C., in the 1970s and '80s, under contract to Metropolitan/Macmillan. A 2024 DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities fellow, he also edits capitalbop.com, an award-winning web magazine covering the D.C. jazz scene, which he co-founded in 2010. The only person to have served as both a politics columnist and a music critic for the New

York Times, he has also contributed reporting, reviews and essays to the Atlantic, the Washington Post, NPR Music, JazzTimes, Politico and others.



Richard Bell, *The Reverse Underground Railroad: Slavery and Kidnapping in Pre-Civil War America*

January 30

10:00-11:00 AM (Note different time)

Online via Zoom

Richard Bell is Professor of History at the University of Maryland and author of the book *Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and their Astonishing Odyssey Home* which was a finalist for the George Washington Prize and the Harriet Tubman Prize. He has held major research fellowships at Yale, Cambridge, and the Library of Congress and is the recipient of the National Endowment of the Humanities Public Scholar award and the Andrew Carnegie Fellowship. He serves as a Trustee of the Maryland Center for History and Culture and as a fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

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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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