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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION

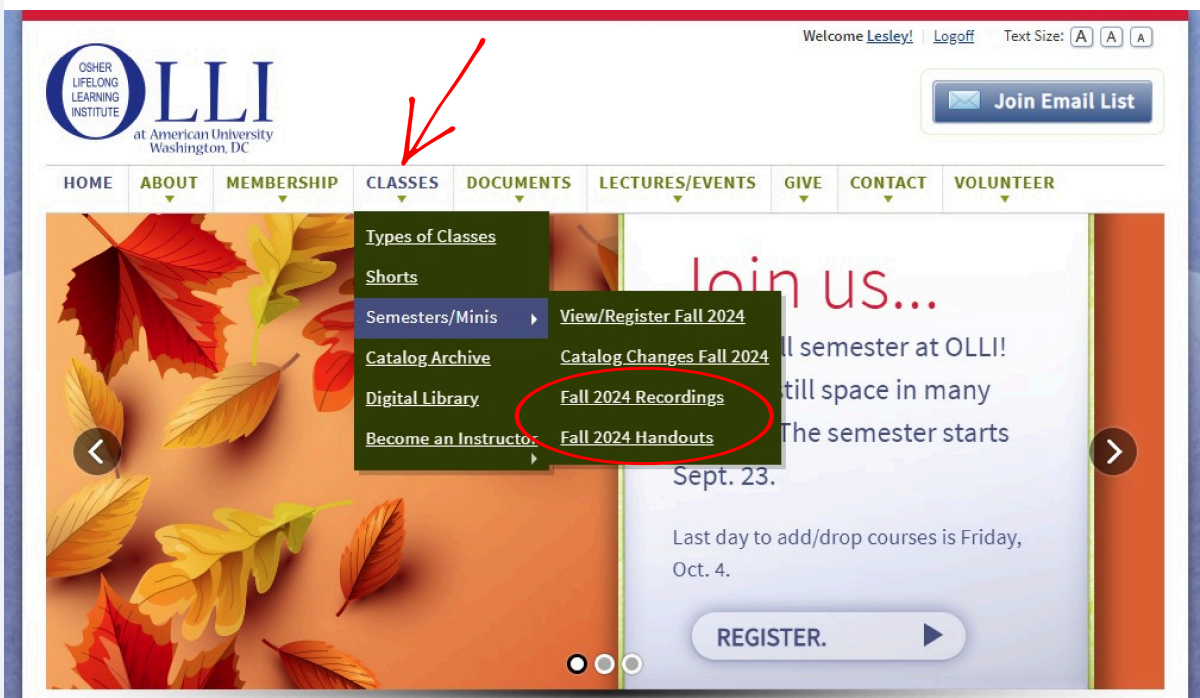
Today is the LAST day to register for the fall semester. You can see the status of each (open or closed) on the OLLI website. Now that the lottery has passed, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account. Add/drop classes or request a refund by **close of business today, Friday, October 4.**

Please make sure to **attend your registered classes** and arrive **on time** each day, as SGLs spend a prodigious amount of time preparing their classes for members.

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CLASS HANDOUTS AND RECORDINGS

Most classes during the fall semester are being recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session. [Fall recordings](#), as well as [fall handouts](#), are listed under "Classes," then "Semesters/Minis" (see image below). Each day's recordings during the semester are posted the following business day. You must first [login to your member account](#) in order to view the recordings and handouts. Both are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of the semester.



The screenshot shows the OLLI website interface. At the top left is the OLLI logo with the text "OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE at American University Washington, DC". To the right of the logo is the text "Welcome Lesley!" and "Logoff". Further right are text size controls "Text Size: A A A" and a "Join Email List" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: HOME, ABOUT, MEMBERSHIP, CLASSES, DOCUMENTS, LECTURES/EVENTS, GIVE, CONTACT, and VOLUNTEER. A red arrow points to the "CLASSES" menu item. A dropdown menu is open under "CLASSES", listing: Types of Classes, Shorts, Semesters/Minis (with a right-pointing arrow), Catalog Archive, Digital Library, and Become an Instructor. A sub-menu is open under "Semesters/Minis", listing: View/Register Fall 2024, Catalog Changes Fall 2024, Fall 2024 Recordings (circled in red), and Fall 2024 Handouts. Below the navigation menu is a large banner with a background of autumn leaves. The banner contains the text "Join us..." and "The semester at OLLI! Still space in many... The semester starts Sept. 23." Below this text is a "REGISTER." button with a right-pointing arrow. At the bottom of the banner are three small circles, with the middle one filled.

PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK

The [preliminary feedback form](#) is available on the OLLI website under "Classes" and then "Semesters/Minis." As always, feedback is anonymous.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to provide feedback about each of your study groups after attending **two class sessions**. **If you have any suggestions for improvement, please be mindful of stating them in a constructive and respectful manner.**

Paper copies of the feedback form are also available in each class folder (just ask your SGR for one) as well as outside the OLLI office. If you choose to complete a paper form, please drop it off at the office when you're finished.

Preliminary feedback will be accepted through **Friday, October 18.**

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The [Fall 2024 Membership Directory](#) is now available on the OLLI website. Members must be logged in to access the directory. Go to "Documents," and then "For Members Only."

STUDY GROUP TOPICS & SGLS

OLLI at AU is always looking for new class topics and Study Group Leaders to teach them. Below is a list of some of the top priorities. Do you or someone you know have an interest in leading a study group about one of these topics? The shorter February Shorts and summer sessions (June Minis and July Shorts) are a great way to get started in teaching at OLLI. During the February and July Shorts, study groups meet 2-5 times during one week. During the June Minis, study groups meet once a week for four weeks. Alternatively, the regular semester is a good option for anyone wanting to delve into a topic in greater depth. OLLI offers an orientation for new SGLs before every session.

OLLI is currently accepting study group proposals for the [February Shorts](#) and the [Spring Semester](#). The submission deadline is Sunday, November 24.

Please let the office know at olli@american.edu if you or someone you know might be interested in teaching one of these topics, or another one. We'll be happy to answer any questions and provide more information.

1. **Spanish (both beginner and intermediate)**
2. **Art History**
3. **Geography**
4. **Latin American History**
5. **Jazz**
6. **Financial literacy**

Registration is required for in-person lectures. Registration is open via the direct link below or the event on the [OLLI website events calendar](#). Each registrant may reserve **up to two seats**. Your name(s) must be on the list of registrants to enter the lecture and you must be in your seat five minutes before the lecture starts to guarantee your seat. **In-person fall lectures will be held at OLLI:** 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, in Room A on the first floor.



TODAY'S LECTURE

Samantha Bello, *Choosing Plays for a Theater Season*

October 4

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Samantha Bello is the Senior Director of Learning for Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, DC. She has directed *Will on the Hill* 2020-2023 with a cast that includes members of Congress, created/adapted *A Mini-Summer Night's Dream* and *A Tiny Tempest*, and directed staged readings in partnership with the National Academy of Sciences of Legacy of Light, *Ada and the Engine*, *The Ruby Sunrise*, *A Number*, *Proof*, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Arcadia*, *R.U.R.*, and *Miss Evers' Boys*.

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There has been a change to our lecture lineup. The lecture listed below will now replace the one previously listed for October 11.



NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE

Linda de Marlor, *Tax Tips for Seniors*

October 11

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Linda de Marlor is President of Tax-Masters, Inc. Her firm has represented over 3,000 clients worldwide working in TV, radio, medicine, real estate, law, politics, and professional sports. The firm has 20

CPA's, enrolled agents, career tax specialists, and certified financial planners. Linda has been an annual on-air tax-expert for ABC, CBS & Sirius/XM Radio; a featured speaker for #1 rated podcast, Conscious Millionaire, on iTunes; has had a weekly radio show, "Linda's Tax Tips and Listener Call In," for 20 years; and is regularly quoted in various business and real estate publications nationwide.

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OLLI HAPPENINGS

MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK

October 21-25 is Member Appreciation Week at OLLI! Each day, we will have refreshments and games in the **Social Space** located on the 5th floor.

Monday (Oct. 21)

- 9:00 AM - Breakfast treats
- 9:15 AM - Spelling Bee game starts

Tuesday (Oct. 22)

- 11:15 AM - 1:45 PM - Dessert treats
- 11:20 AM - Scattergories game starts

Wednesday (Oct. 23)

- 9:00 AM - Breakfast treats
- 9:15 AM - Spelling Bee game starts

Thursday (Oct. 24)

- 11:15 AM - 1:45 PM - Dessert treats
- 11:20 AM - Spelling Bee game starts

Friday (Oct. 25)

- 12:30 PM - Sandwich wraps, prior to the annual meeting

[MORE INFO](#)

OLLI Lunch Group

Interested in getting together with other OLLI members for lunch? OLLI Social Committee Chair, Jeff Porter, is organizing a lunch on **Thursday, October 17** at Millie's restaurant (across from OLLI) at 12:00 PM.

Up to 12 people can attend. Each person pays for their own lunch. If you're interested, please reach out to Jeff at djporter2@mac.com.

OLLI EVENTS

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 below. **There is a box in the Social Space to collect any donations from OLLI members.**

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AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY



Most Needed Items:

- Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, deodorant, period products, etc.)
- Gluten-Free and Other Allergen-Safe Items
- Cultural Food Staples
- Baking Items (Cooking Oils, Vinegars, etc.)
- Breakfast Items (cereals, oatmeal, breakfast bars, Pop-Tarts, etc.)
- Non-Dairy Milks (shelf stable: soy, almond, oat, etc.)
- Healthy Snacks (granola bars, protein bars, pretzels, Cheez-Its, etc.)
- Pasta (easy-to-make pastas such as mac and cheese, ramen, etc.)
- Heat & Eat Items (rice, lentils, etc.)
- Canned Goods (soups, veggies, fruit)
- Nut Butters (peanut butter, almond butter, etc.)
- Jellies and Spreads
- Sauces, Seasoning, and Condiments
- Nuts and Seeds
- Paper Goods (napkins/paper towels)
- Teas and Instant Coffee Packets
- Seasonal Items: soups and chilis (best given between November and February), holiday favorites (items such as boxes of stuffing, or other holiday favorites are nice near those days)

Contact

themarket@american.edu

<https://www.american.edu/student-affairs/the-market.cfm>

Location

Mary Graydon Center, Room 134
American University
4400 Massachusetts Ave NW,
Washington, D.C., 20016

SERENDIPITY TALK

Ed Linz, *Lessons from the Vietnam War*

Tuesday, October 8 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Online via Zoom

This talk will focus on events leading to U.S. involvement in Vietnam culminating in an avoidable war with casualties over two million, including 58,000 Americans. There will be a discussion of the French colonial era, the rise of Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh, South Vietnamese politics, and U.S. policy decisions. There will also be a detailed examination of the conduct of the war, with an emphasis on the tactical decisions leading to heavy casualties among Americans and their communist opponents. This will be an interactive session soliciting questions and comments.

Ed Linz, a 1965 graduate of the Naval Academy, is the author of five books, including recent works on the Great Depression and the Vietnam War. During the Vietnam War he served on a nuclear attack submarine and later was Commanding Officer, USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN-642). He holds advanced degrees from Oxford University and George Mason University. Linz lives in Maine and Virginia. He was the recipient of a heart transplant in 1994.

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter the morning of the talk. If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to attend, please join the email list at https://www.oli-dc.org/join_email_list.

AU EVENTS

PERIL Presents a Brown Bag Lunch Event: The 2024 Election: Addressing Anxieties and Building Confidence

Wednesday, October 9 | 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Kerwin Hall 301



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A BROWN BAG LUNCHEON ON THE ELECTION: ADDRESSING ANXIETIES AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE

October 9 | 12:00-1:30 PM | Registration Required

Kerwin Hall, Room 301

Bring your lunch and join us for an in-person brown bag luncheon focused on Election Safety & Anxiety specifically designed for the university community. With the upcoming elections, many are feeling uncertain about the security of the process and anxious about the potential outcomes. Engage in an open dialogue, ask your questions, and gain the knowledge and reassurance you need to navigate this election season with confidence. We look forward to a meaningful and supportive conversation!

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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