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UPDATES

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 1:00-3:00 PM.**

Her service will also be livestreamed on YouTube for those who cannot attend in person. Please [click here](#) to watch live.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

There is still **plenty of time to register for the fall semester** (September 23-December 6) or add another class! You can see the status of each (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. Now that the lottery has passed, you can 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

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 and German Short Stories*

631 Understanding Families Through Plays - *Everything is Wonderful and 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 CHANGES

Below are class changes since last Friday's newsletter. All changes are still available on the [fall catalog changes](#) page of the website.

242 Marketing: CANCELLED

350 Protecting and Maximizing Your Retirement Income: Now meets for 4 weeks

662 Demystifying English Grammar: CANCELLED

668 Fiction Writers Bootcamp: CANCELLED

768 From Rifled Muskets to Killer Robots: CANCELLED

777 History of Early and Imperial Russia to 1917: CANCELLED



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.

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. **Please note that you must click on the button below to receive the discount.**

NEW MEMBER DISCOUNT

FALL SGR MEETING

OLLI will be having a meeting for fall SGRs on **Thursday, September 19, at 10:00 AM**, online via Zoom. This meeting will explain the SGR duties in detail and be an opportunity to ask questions.

A meeting reminder and Zoom link will be sent to SGRs once they're identified for the Fall semester. Please plan to attend if you have not served as an SGR. If you have any questions, please email the office at olli@american.edu.

LECTURES

FALL LECTURE SERIES

We are excited to announce the speakers for our upcoming fall lecture series! **Registration is required for in-person lectures.** Registration will open at 10:00 AM on the Friday prior to the lecture. The registration link will be included in the Friday newsletter the week prior to each lecture. 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.

No registration is required to attend online lectures. The Zoom link will be included in the 10:00 AM newsletter that morning.



**Marvin Tupper Jones, *Haiti and the Civil War*
September 27**

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Marvin Tupper Jones is a documentary photographer whose one-person shows have appeared at the Organization of American States, Howard University, California African American

Museum, and the Roanoke-Chowan Community College. Jones' decades-long career expanded to other forms of documentary media through the founding of the Chowan Discovery Group (www.chowandiscovery.org).



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*.



Anika Prather, *Anna Julia Cooper, Washington Educator*

October 11

1:30 PM

Online via Zoom

Dr. Anika T. Prather obtained her BA in elementary education from Howard University and has graduate degrees in education from New York University and Howard University. She holds a master's in liberal arts from St. John's College (Annapolis) and a PhD in English, Theatre, and Literacy Education from the University of Maryland (College Park). Her research centers on enhancing literacy among African American students through engagement with canonical literature.



Dana Tai Soon Burgess, *A Conversation with Dana Tai Soon Burgess*

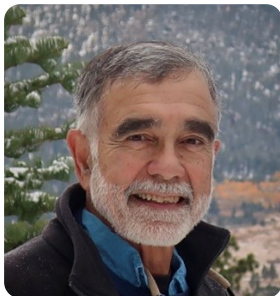
October 18

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Dana Tai Soon Burgess, a Korean American choreographer, has been referred to as “a national dance treasure” (*Washington Post’s* Sarah Kaufman). He has been a cultural ambassador for the US State Department for over two decades. Burgess founded Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company (DTSBDC.org) in 1992. It is the preeminent modern dance company in the DC region. In 1994, he received the Mayor’s Award for Outstanding Emerging Artist and his dance company was awarded the Mayor’s Arts Award for Excellence in 2005. Burgess’s book, *Chino and the Dance of the Butterfly: A Memoir*, will be available for purchase and signing immediately following the lecture.

October 25 - No lecture due to Town Hall meeting.



John Leshy, *The Past and Future of America’s Federal Lands*

November 1

1:30 PM

Online via Zoom

John Leshy is Professor Emeritus at the University of California College of the Law in San Francisco. Yale University Press published his comprehensive political history of America’s public lands, *Our Common Ground*, in 2022. Leshy was Solicitor of the Interior Department throughout the Clinton Administration, and earlier served as special counsel to the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee of the US House of Representatives.



Murry Sidlin, *The Defiant Requiem*

November 8

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Murry Sidlin is President and Artistic Director of The Defiant Requiem Foundation and creator of the concert-dramas *Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezín* and *Hours of Freedom: The Story of the Terezín Composer*, and the play *The Verdi Verdict* (Mass Appeal, 1943). He lectures extensively on the arts and humanities as practiced by the prisoners in the Theresienstadt (Terezín) Concentration Camp.



Esther Safran Foer, *The Capital Jewish Museum*

November 15

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Esther Safran Foer is President of the Board of Directors of the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum. She was born in Poland to Louis and Ethel Safran, Holocaust survivors who met in 1945. She spent her early childhood in a displaced persons camp before moving with her family to the US in 1949. The family later settled in Washington, DC. For 10 years she was the CEO of Sixth & I Synagogue, where she helped develop a nationally recognized model for young professional engagement within a historic synagogue and cultural center.



Carla A. Hills, *Government, Trade, and Policy: How Can We Learn from the Past*

November 22

1:30 PM

In-Person at OLLI

Ambassador Carla A. Hills served as US Trade Representative from 1989 to 1993 and was a member of President George H.W. Bush's Cabinet. She negotiated and concluded the North American Free Trade Agreement, led the US negotiations on the Uruguay Round of the World Trade Organization, and concluded many trade and investment agreements with countries worldwide.

OLLI EVENTS



US CAPITOL GROUNDS TOUR

In-Person Tour

Saturday, October 5

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

68 First Street SE | Registration Required

Tickets \$40 per person | No Refunds

Originally a wooded river terrace, the [US Capitol Grounds](#) now provide a park-like setting for the [Capitol Building](#), offering a picturesque

counterpoint to the building's formal architecture.

Join us on a unique and beautiful walk with **Steve Livengood**, Chief Guide and Public Historian of the United States Capitol Historical Society, for a private tour of the US Capitol grounds, originally landscaped by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1874. It was named an accredited arboretum in 2017. Steve is also on the board of The Olmsted Network, the national umbrella organization for the Olmsted legacy.

MORE INFO & REGISTER

AU EVENTS

MY LIFE IN RECIPES
Food, Family, and Memories

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

Monday, September 30
7:00 PM

JOAN NATHAN
Author of *King Solomon's Table*

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

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) .

MORE INFO/REGISTER

THE HILL + **SINE INSTITUTE**
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**What's America Thinking:
Young Voters
of Today,
Political Leaders
of Tomorrow**

**THE SINE INSTITUTE AND THE HILL PRESENT:
WHAT'S AMERICA THINKING: YOUNG VOTERS OF TODAY, POLITICAL
LEADERS OF TOMORROW**

Tuesday, September 17 | 4:00 PM | Registration Required

Constitution Hall, AU Main Campus

Join the AU community in a panel discussion reviewing Sine's new poll about young voters and what they're looking for in their leaders.

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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