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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

There is still **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

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

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.

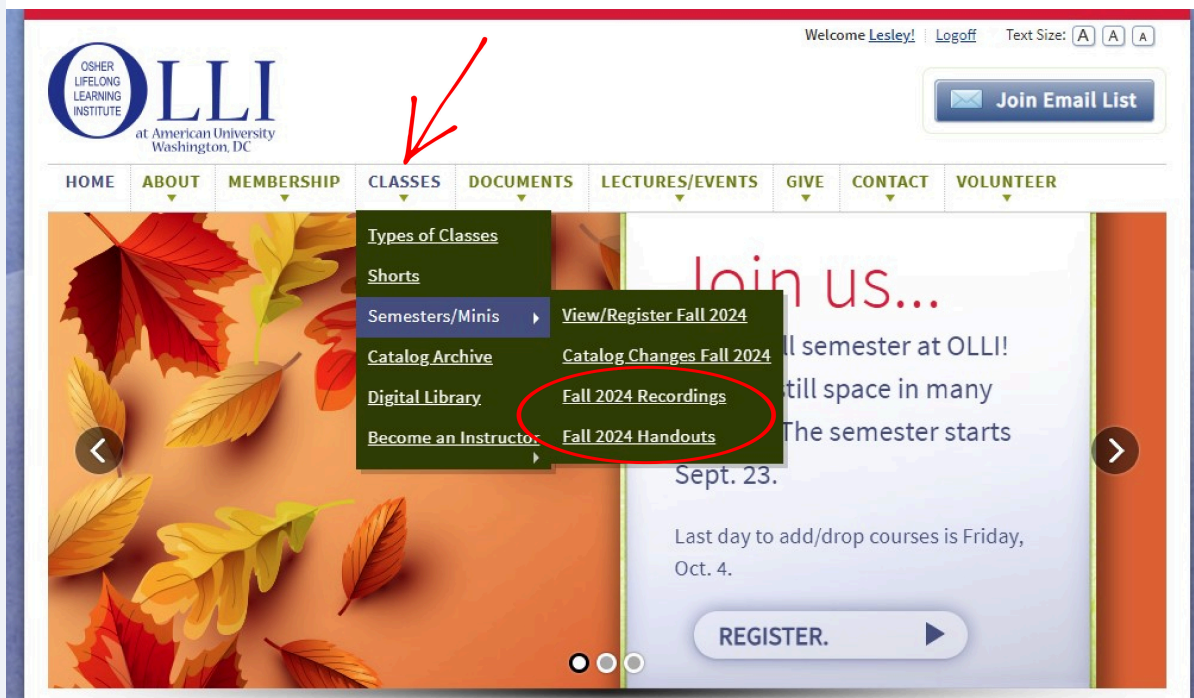
OLLI is currently accepting study group proposals for the [February Shorts](#) and the [Spring Semester](#). The submission deadline is Sunday, November 24.

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**

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 [log in to your member account](#) in order to view the recordings. Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.



The screenshot shows the OLLI website header with the logo 'OSHER LIFE LONG LEARNING INSTITUTE OLLI at American University Washington, DC'. The navigation menu includes: HOME, ABOUT, MEMBERSHIP, CLASSES, DOCUMENTS, LECTURES/EVENTS, GIVE, CONTACT, and VOLUNTEER. A dropdown menu is open under 'CLASSES', listing: Types of Classes, Shorts, Semesters/Minis (with a sub-menu for 'View/Register Fall 2024'), Catalog Archive (with a sub-menu for 'Catalog Changes Fall 2024'), Digital Library, and Become an Instructor. The 'Fall 2024 Recordings' option is circled in red. A red arrow points to the 'CLASSES' menu item. The background features a banner with autumn leaves and a 'Join us...' announcement for the fall semester at OLLI, with a 'REGISTER.' button.

LECTURES

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

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).

There are plenty of seats available—if you have not yet registered, please feel free to come and bring a friend!



NEXT WEEK'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*.

REGISTER

VOLUNTEER

LECTURE COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

OLLI's Lecture Committee is looking for several additional members to join the committee. The Lecture Committee is responsible for OLLI's core mission of providing OLLI members with the highest caliber of lectures during the fall and spring semesters and the January and May lecture series. Committee members propose potential speakers from

the Washington, DC area and beyond; reach out to potential speakers; collect necessary information for publicity purposes; attend lectures whenever possible, and when appropriate, introduce the speaker/moderate the Q&A; and attend four committee meetings a year.

Committee members should be willing to make appeals to speakers on behalf of OLLI and recognize trends, topics, and experts on a wide range of subjects. If you're interested in being considered for this volunteer role, or have any questions, please e-mail

olli@american.edu.

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

Space is available

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

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.

THE MARKET AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Students should never go hungry because they can't afford enough to eat. We are asking members to help OLLI support 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. Student needs have elevated significantly in recent years, so 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 outside the office to collect any donations from the OLLI members.**

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING

THE MARKET

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>

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American University
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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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Open to students, faculty, and staff.



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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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