



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University (OLLI at AU) offers a unique opportunity to continue learning at the university level. Our approximately 1,600 members, many of whom are retired or semi-retired, come from various careers, ranging from business and academia, to medicine, government service and the arts. We share a deep desire to continue to learn about the world around us in an engaged community of informed and seasoned learners.

STUDY GROUPS

At the heart of the OLLI program are the study group courses led by OLLI members, American University faculty, and experts from Washington think tanks and public policy organizations. OLLI at AU offers nearly 100 study groups each Fall and Spring semester. The Fall semester runs September through November and the Spring semester March through May. Study groups meet once a week for 8-10 weeks and run for 90 minutes during one of three time frames: 9:45-11:15 am, 11:30 am-1:15 pm, or 1:45-3:15 pm. Short-format courses are also offered between semesters and during the summer.

LECTURES

In addition to the study groups, OLLI offers four lecture series throughout the year. Drawing on Washington's extraordinarily rich resource of senior public officials, policy experts, journalists, and authors, OLLI lectures are open to the public and are free of charge.

STAYING SAFE THROUGH THE PANDEMIC & BEYOND

Customarily, OLLI programs take place at American University's Spring Valley Building, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Since March 2020 and in accordance with public health guidelines, all programming has been conducted remotely via Zoom. Beginning with the Fall 2021 semester, OLLI programs will move to a hybrid format with both in-person and remote offerings.

ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

When in-person activities fully resume, OLLI will again provide many opportunities to learn and to socialize outside the classroom. Educational field trips, social gatherings, book club, and shared interest groups are just a few of the special events OLLI members organize each year.

OUR HISTORY

Originally established in 1982 as the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR), as part of the Continuing Education Department at American University, OLLI at AU was invited to become an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in 2005. As a member of the larger Osher Lifelong Learning Institute network, we are one of the 123 learning institutes nationwide funded in part by the Bernard Osher Foundation and dedicated to providing excellent educational opportunities for seasoned learners.

RECENT STUDY GROUP SAMPLER

- A Survey of Great French Composers
- Foreign Policy Challenges for the Year Ahead
- The Stories Behind the Vaccines
- Milan: City of Art
- Contemplating George Orwell
- The United States and World War I
- Looking at Architecture
- Henry Stimson and the American Century
- The Rich History of the Mediterranean

RECENT OLLI LECTURES

- *Making Theater Meaningful in DC and Beyond*, Raymond Caldwell, Producing Artistic Director, Theater Alliance
- *Negotiating the New Start Treaty*, Rose Gottermoeller, former Deputy Secretary General of NATO
- *Moving Walls and Making Space: Designing Exhibits at the National Gallery of Art*, Mark Leithauser, former Senior Curator, Chief of Design
- *Georgetown Slavery, Memory and Reconciliation Initiative*, Adam Rothman, Principal Curator, Georgetown Slavery Archive
- *Grit and Gusto: Farmerettes and Suffragettes on the Homefront in WWI*, Judith Welles is an author and former journalist
- *Populism and the Presidency*, William Howell, Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago