

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

March 2012



IMPORTANT: JACKET MISSING

Someone managed to grab the wrong black Marmot jacket off the coat rack on Wednesday morning. The missing coat had keys and a cell phone in the pocket. Please look for it...**your** coat is on the coat rack in room 6. Call the office when it is found 202.895.4860. Thanks

March

2 Board Meeting, 1 pm--Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

14 Study Group Representative Luncheon, noon--TBC

16 Curriculum Committee Meeting, 1 pm--TBC

Speaker Series



Our speaker series began this week

Letter from the Board Chair

The OLLI Spring has arrived-not the spring determined by the weather and the flowers in bloom, but the one that begins with the start of classes, when our thoughts turn to the joy of learning in the arts, history, politics, and science. OLLI's growth boom continues. This semester we have 744 students taking 66 courses. The 744 include more than 140 new students. Thanks again to Anne Wallace and Lena Frumin for organizing the classes and finding space for us.



Thanks to all of you who contributed to OLLI this year. You responded to the end of year plea to support OLLI, your new alma mater, contributed along with your registration, and donated in memory of OLLI members who recently passed away. These contributions strengthen our financial position in anticipation of our future growth and need for more classroom space.

We have upgraded the A/V equipment with better sound systems, a new Hi Def 60 inch TV, and with WIFI in the classrooms to provide improved teaching tools to our SGL's, but not for our students to tweet and text during class. (We are mature adults.)

For our new students, please introduce yourselves to me and the other Board members, and for everyone, if you have questions or concerns come and talk to us. Enjoy the spring semester and help us celebrate our 30th year.

with a moving talk by Salifu Kamara. Salifu survived nine years as a child soldier in Sierra Leone. He braved horrific conditions, including beatings that have necessitated him using crutches, and the murder of practically all his family. He is now studying here at American University and somehow retains a gentle demeanor, sense of humor and optimism. Many members in attendance asked how they could help. Any donations to help him with his housing or food expenses would be much appreciated. He is also looking for a room near American University for the summer. Feel free to send any checks made out to **Salifu Kamara** to the office or place a check in an envelope in the lucite box at the church. The rest of the [spring speaker series](#) is online. Please join us Tuesdays from 12:15-1:15 pm.

Thanks, Lena Frumin

Yuliya Gorenman Concert

Join Yuliya at: "What Makes It Great?" Program with Rob Kapilow exploring Beethoven's sonata No. 3 for piano and cello on March 4, 2012 (Sunday) at 6 pm.

Zuill Bailey (cello) and Yuliya Gorenman (piano)

Sixth and I Historic Synagogue
600 I Street Northwest
Washington D.C., DC 20001
www.wpas.org or call (202) 785-WPAS (9727).

and The Gorenman Piano Project on Saturday, March 24th at 8 pm at the American University. This recital, Mozart Edition, will feature some of the composer's greatest works.

--Bob Goodman
Chairman, OLLI Board

Arnold Leibowitz's New Book

Longtime study group leader Arnold Leibowitz has just published *An Historical-Legal Analysis of the Impeachments of President Andrew Johnson, Richard Nixon, and William Clinton: Why the Process Went Wrong*. In an analysis of these Presidential Impeachments, Arnold makes the case that the impeachment process is divisive to the cohesion of the US. The book has been nominated for the Law and Society Association's 2011 James Willard Hurst Prize. Congratulations!

Summer 2012 Trip: London

Sign up soon for an OLLI trip to London from June 9-15. While the tour is based in the capital city, it offers these options, led by Gina Guglielmo:

- A Shakespeare play at the rebuilt Globe Theatre
- A day trip to nearby Rochester, site of Dickens' Home, Gad's Hill, and other settings for his novels
- A day trip to Chawton where Jane Austen lived and wrote

Go Ahead, the Tour Company, also offers several optional tours from London, including day trips to Windsor, Bath, Stonehenge, Stratford and the Cotswolds

Cost: \$2,500 (including airfare from Dulles, double-occupancy accommodation, hotel breakfasts, and transportation). \$300 deposit required, balance due March 2012.

Check out the trip at

<http://ginaguglielmo.grouptoursite.com> or contact Gina at ginargug@yahoo.com

or 202.965.4845 for additional information. A meeting for interested travelers will be held early in February.

Summer 2012 Trip: Italy

An Insider's Tour for OLLI members and friends to the Amalfi Coast Music and Arts Festival, July 17-25, 2012

Saturday, March 24, 2011 at 8:00
PM
American University
Katzen Arts Center
Abramson Family Recital Hall, 4400
Massachusetts Ave NW,
Washington, D.C. 20016
202-886-3634
[http://american.tix.com/Event.asp?
Event=390036](http://american.tix.com/Event.asp?Event=390036)

Cost: \$3,475 (airfare not included). Space limited-
register soon. Put together by OLLI member Mike Daniels and the
Festival organizers.

[To register and for more details click here](#)

Contact: music@amalfi-festival.org or 301.587.6189.

Lunch Conversations: Epigenetics

It is my desire to engage OLLI participants in discussions about diet and lifestyle and how they influence the development of chronic diseases, such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases.

We will discuss how Epigenetics, which is the interaction of the genome with the environment, is a central tenet in normal development of plants, fungus and animals and foundational on the development of Chronic diseases.

Reading material will be provided with articles and chapters of books. These meetings are very informal and discussions will be very open in order to stimulate the members in this fascinating subject. Please contact me at acafon@comcast.net or 202.966.3907 to let me know that you are interested and whether Monday, Wednesday or Thursday would be better for you.

--Tony Cafoncelli

Nomination & Election Committee

The Nomination and Election Committee has done their work and composed a roster, which will be mailed in April. If you would like to volunteer yourself you may submit to the committee a special form posted on the bulletin board at the Temple Baptist Church. Copies are also available in the office. The elections will be held at the annual meeting in May.

Curriculum Committee

We will soon begin work on assembling the fall 2012 semester. If you have an idea for a new class or would like to teach a class, please contact the member of the [curriculum committee](#) you think best represents your interest or Dave Palmeter, chair of the committee, at dpalmeter@comcast.net or (202) 387-0975.

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