

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

December 2014 Announcements



at American University Washington DC



HOLIDAYS

Dear OLLI Members:

We wish you a Happy Holiday season.

The OLLI office will be closed December 24, 25, and 26. We will reopen Monday, December 29. We will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015.

We wish you a safe and joyous New Year!

ONLINE DISCUSSION GROUPS

In January and February of 2015, we will offer the two online discussions listed below. For both groups, the only equipment necessary is a computer with internet access.

You can now register for either or both group(s). To do so, you must email the OLLI office indicating which group(s) you want to join.

SELECTED ESSAYS OF MONTAIGNE

Led by Bob Coe

This course will take place over a period of eight weeks. We will be discussing online one of Montaigne's essays each week, except for the longer, last essay which will take two weeks. I will ask a few questions relating to each essay before the start of the week. Note that none of the essays, except On friendship, was covered this fall in OLLI's 10-week Montaigne course, which will be repeated in the spring. The online course will be open to OLLI members and their friends.

Read a full description of this discussion group.

RISING INEQUALITY: A LONG-RUN AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Led by Al Hirsch

Several past OLLI study groups have dealt with the recent extremes of economic inequality in the U.S. A French economist, Thomas Piketty, has recently come forth with a new (best-selling) work and a novel approach to the subject. The book is *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. Piketty views income and wealth inequality in a long-run historical and a global context. He also peers ahead to inequality's (possible) future trajectory through the 21st century based on vast amounts of long

historical multi-country data and simple (i.e., comprehensible) theory. He proposes a global tax on wealth as a (partial) remedy. Because of the book's considerable length (577 pages), we will read and discuss selected portions of it over a period of 8 weeks.

Read a full description of this discussion group.