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## October 18, 2019 OLLI News

### Note From The Chair



In the next week or so, you will be receiving a letter from Tony Long and me about our fall fundraising initiative. In our professional, working lives, we all worked hard to cover current expenses and to plan for the future. We at OLLI are doing the same thing. Keeping tuition reasonable and affordable is a high priority for us, despite increasing operating costs. Making sure we are financially prepared for the future is also a responsibility the Board of Directors takes seriously. We hope you will show your appreciation for what OLLI offers you and make a donation.

**On October 25, we will hold our annual Town Hall meeting instead of an afternoon lecture.** A special feature of this year's Town Hall will be a short presentation by Jodi L. Lyons, author of *Brain Health As You Age*. (Make sure if you google her that you include the middle initial;

otherwise you may think we have invited a female body builder!) Time for your questions and comments is an integral part of the Town Hall, so we hope to see many of you in Room A at 1:30 next Friday.

**The Spring Valley Café is now open on the 6th floor. Be sure to check it out before or after a class!**

## **Focus Groups**

If you know anyone with the expertise and experience as a group facilitator, please let the OLLI office know. We are considering doing some focus groups and would appreciate the help of a skilled group leader. You may call 202-895-4860 or e-mail [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).

## **Registration & Study Groups**

Fall registration has ended. Please note that you may only attend classes in which you are officially registered. You may still drop a class at any point, but refunds are no longer available and we are no longer allowing adds to any classes. All questions and concerns about classes and space availability **should be directed to the OLLI office**, either by e-mailing [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu) or calling 202-895-4860.

## **Member Appreciation Week**

OLLI is hosting a member appreciation week **October 28 - November 1**. Each day, we will have refreshments in the Social Space. On Monday, October 28 and Wednesday, October 30, we will have morning breakfast treats starting at 9:00 AM. On Tuesday, October 29, we will have afternoon dessert treats available at 11:15 AM until 1:45 PM. Thursday will feature special Halloween goodies from 11:15 AM until 1:45 PM. Finally, on Friday, November 1, we invite everyone to join us for pizza, which will be available at 12:30 PM, prior to the weekly lecture. We hope you will attend these social events whenever possible!

## **OLLI Jackets**

OLLI is now selling navy blue fleece jackets with the OLLI logo embroidered in white across the left front. These jackets have a collar, full zip front, and zippered pockets. Sample jackets in all sizes are available to try on in our office. The cost per jacket is \$26 and all sales are final, no refunds. Purchases will be available for pick-up at the OLLI office on Mondays approximately two weeks after the order is placed. To place your order for an OLLI jacket, click [here](#).

## WOMEN'S



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## DC Kids Need Your Help

OLLI member Alan Romick and a group that he works with, the DC Tutoring & Mentoring Initiative (DCTMI), are asking for your help with our DC youth.

With the school year underway, there's no better time to get involved as a volunteer tutor or mentor. **Nearly two out of three students in DC read below grade level, and many more have other academic and social-emotional needs.** The need is real and urgent. [Sign up](#) to tutor, read with a child, or simply provide a listening ear for as little as an hour per week.

DCTMI is eager to match you with one of our 50+ partner organizations and schools based on when and where you are available and other preferences. Our partners need help mornings, afternoons and evenings throughout DC as well as in the surrounding suburbs.

Opportunities include...

- Fostering a student's love of reading during lunch at School Without Walls @ Francis Stevens
- Coaching a high schooler through college applications Thursday nights at the American Institutes for Research on Whitehurst Freeway
- Mentoring a foster child through monthly outings and weekly communication
- Helping small groups of middle schoolers with homework weeknights in Southeast
- And many more!

For more information and if you are interested in volunteering in this program, contact Alan at [alan@headsweats.com](mailto:alan@headsweats.com).

## Documentary: Made In Boise

The daughter of OLLI members Fred and Carol Levison has produced a documentary film that will air on the WETA channel, as a part of their *Independent Lens* series, on **Monday, October 28, at 11:00 PM**. The film, produced by Beth Levison, tells a very unusual story about surrogate pregnancy and a community's support. The film was nominated for an Emmy award. We encourage you all to watch!

## Serendipities!

Our Social Committee-sponsored series called *Serendipities!* is underway. Throughout the year, OLLI members who wish, for example, to share a thought-provoking or unusual experience, talk about a book they have written, or be part of a small panel on a timely topic can express their

interest by e-mailing Social Committee Chair Jeff Porter at [jeff.portermia@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.portermia@gmail.com). We also encourage you to fill out the *Serendipities!* survey [here](#).

## **Upcoming Events at American University**

**For any AU-specific event, please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

### **EVENTS AT AU SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION**

#### **SIGNATURE SERIES, FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **FILMS ACROSS BORDERS: STORIES OF WATER - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7:00 PM**

**MALSI DOYLE AND MICHAEL FORMAN THEATER (McKINLEY BUILDING)**

**Free Parking in SIS Building**

#### ***THE GHOST FLEET***

The Ghost Fleet is a documentary feature that uncovers the vast injustice of slavery in the Thai fishing industry through thrilling escape stories. Thailand supplies a large portion of America's seafood, but Thailand's giant fishing fleet is chronically short tens of thousands of fishermen per year. Human traffickers have stepped in, selling captives from the region to the captains for a few hundred dollars each.

Once at sea, the men may never return to land – unless they escape. These boats work the islands of Indonesia and Thailand, but also off the coasts of West Africa and Europe. Attempts to “certify” where fish come from, and who is catching it, are in the works but are currently hit-and-miss. In the meantime, as fishing stocks are depleted and commercial fishing operations toiling under tighter and tighter budgets, the need for slave labor grows. Threats and punishments do too. Next time you order a fish in a restaurant or buy it from a freezer at your local shop, ask yourself, who caught this fish?

Featured panel discussion with Jon Bowermaster, filmmaker and Mercedes García Pérez, Head of Global Issues & Innovation, Delegation of the European Union to the U.S. Panel discussion will be moderated by Maggie Burnette Stogner, executive director, Center for Environmental Filmmaking. Reservations suggested: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/films-across-borders-the-ghost-fleet-tickets-65034497934>

### **EVENTS AT THE CENTER FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES**

#### **Impeachment: The Constitutional Remedy of Last Resort**

**Stephen S. Weinstein Courtroom, AU Washington College of Law**

**November 6, Lunch Served 12 PM, | Panel 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM**

Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law Louis Caldera and two attorneys — Daniel Freeman and Alan Baron — who worked for the House Judiciary Committee on every impeachment inquiry in the past 40 years — will discuss the impeachment process including the House's role in an impeachment investigation and its adoption of articles of impeachment, as well as the Senate's role in the subsequent trials. They will also discuss the philosophy behind the creation of the impeachment remedy contained in the constitution and how effective that philosophy has been. Panel hosted by David Barker. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

#### **Barbara Sinclair Lecture**

## **Warren Building, Terrace Level, Room NT01**

**November 18, 6:00 PM**

The American Political Science Association and the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies invite you to the second annual Barbara Sinclair Lecture. Awarded to a prominent congressional scholar, this lecture is given in honor of Dr. Sinclair's significant and lasting contributions to the study of Congress. Professor Frances Lee of Princeton University will deliver the 2019 lecture. Reception to follow. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

## **LATE FALL EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS AT THE AU MUSEUM-KATZEN ARTS CENTER**

*Open Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

*Free and fully accessible*

**Opening Reception is Saturday, November 9, from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.**

### ***Radical Link: A New Community of Women, 1855-2020***

**Curated by Sarah Gordon**

**November 9-December 15, 2019**

*Radical Link* is the latest project by Tel Aviv-based multi-media artist Michal Heiman. Traversing time, space, gender, race, and institutional practices of asylum, Heiman offers a new way to extend solidarity to those who engage in acts of resistance by creating a new community. It includes women who have been subjugated by the Surrey County Asylum in London, and the San Servolo Asylum in Venice, asylum seekers, artists, activists, prosecutors, gatekeepers, and those who have suffered under the violence of racism and misogyny. Through the strategies of intervention and the use of archival materials, photographs, films, sound work, and her presence in the gallery, she generates the political, cultural, gendered, and psychic conditions of a potential "radical link."

The exhibition is accompanied by a fully illustrated book, including essays by curator Sarah Gordon; Sharon Sliwinski, Professor of Information and Media Studies at the University of Western Ontario; Orna Ben-Naftali, Émile Zola Chair for Human Rights and Lecturer at the Haim Striks School of Law; and artist Michal Heiman.

### ***Dark World: Photographs by Frank Hallam Day***

**November 9-December 15, 2019**

Over the past dozen years, Frank Hallam Day's personal work has been devoted largely to exploring the world at night. The visually intriguing dark world offers mysteries and ambiguities, and lends itself to the introspective creative space he prefers. His work comments on a number of salient themes: the relationship between contemporary society and nature and the pace of technological change, aging, isolation, and obsolescence. The markedly formal, unabashedly elegiac images also investigate influences from the history of painting to a degree unusual in contemporary photography. Day's work has been described as "intimate yet subtly epic." He looks for an "annunciatory light" transforming everyday things, like plastic market bags and public phones, into objects of special significance. In the words of Louis Jacobson at the Washington City Paper, he "showers a ray of almost spiritual light into the night's dark corners."

Ongoing Exhibitions:

**Topographies of Life: Pam Rogers, Lynn Sures, Mel Watkin**

**September 3-December 15, 2019**

## Curated by Jennifer Riddell, Presented by the AU Museum Project Space

Using the medium of drawing to varied and distinctive effect, Rogers, Sures, and Watkin trace human connections to the natural world—across time and varied landscapes. The three artists work from both a consciousness of drawing’s ties to illustration and evidence; and, the medium’s unique ability to transmit the artist’s “hand” and personal response to their subject. From the deserts of Kenya, forests of the Midwest, to the Potomac watershed, these artists are deeply attuned to the mutually affecting relationship between the anthropological and natural worlds.

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