



*Where Curiosity Never Retires*



**OLLI NEWS — April 30, 2021**

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## **Summer Registration is Open!**

### **June Minis (6/7-7/2)**

June Minis meet once a week for 4 weeks over Zoom. Members can register for 3 courses for \$100. The June Minis Lottery will be held on Monday, May 17. Assignment letters will be mailed the same day or next day. Last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, June 11. Requests for refunds must be made in writing (email is fine) by close of business, Friday, June 11. [Register before Lottery Day, Monday, May 17.](#)

### **July Shorts (7/12-7/16)**

Shorts meet over Zoom 3, 4, or 5 times within the one week. Members can register 3 courses for \$75. The July Shorts Lottery will be held on Monday, June 21. Assignment letters will be mailed the same

day or the next day. Last day for course changes and refunds is Friday, July 9. Requests for refunds must be made in writing (email is fine) by close of business, Friday, July 9. **[Register](#) before Lottery Day, Monday, June 21.**

## Spring Study Group Feedback

As you finish your study group(s) for the semester, please take a few minutes to complete the final feedback form, available [online](#). Feedback can be words of encouragement, letting SGLs know what you most enjoyed about the course, as well as constructive criticism.

**Feedback will be accepted through Sunday, May 9.**

*Please note that if your feedback was submitted successfully, you will see a confirmation on the next screen after submitting. If you do not see a confirmation, please open a new internet browser window or refresh your current browser and try again.*

## Class Recordings

Most classes are being recorded and made available to members taking spring classes.

All class recordings will be available for viewing through Friday, May 28. The recordings are listed by day of the week, under the "Study Groups" menu on the [OLLI website](#). Class recordings are posted each day by 5:30 PM. Only Spring members can access recordings and you must login to do so.

## SGL Gifts

To make a gift to your SGL(s), please use the [online form](#) or mail a check to OLLI by Friday, May 28. We will collect all of the gifts, write a check to each SGL, and mail the check with any notes from members to the SGL(s). **SGL gifts will be accepted through Friday, May 28.**

## 2021 Summer & Fall Music-Theatre Group

Alliance for New Music-Theatre is pleased to announce that we are re-launching our "Live & About" series in collaboration with OLLI. This program, which was added to OLLI classes in 2018, was interrupted in the spring of 2020 due to the pandemic.

Until we can meet again in person and attend live music-theatre performances in the DMV, we hope you will rejoin Alliance for New Music-Theatre as we re-emerge this spring with our new digital line up of Short Gems.

On a monthly basis, starting in June, we will feature the six Short Gems videos on YouTube. Following the viewing period, we will host an on-line discussion for each work with two options for joining on a weekday evening or weekend. These discussions will further explore the intent of the work, often with the artists or invited guest who may have a special relationship with the featured artist's work.

**Click [here](#) for more information and to register. The registration deadline is Friday, May 28.**

## STEM Survey

OLLI at American University was invited to participate in a National Science Foundation research project by one of our OLLI colleagues, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Berkeley. We reviewed this request and agreed to present the opportunity to our members. The following is your invitation to participate, which is entirely voluntary.

## **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY**

You are invited to participate in a research study that is being conducted by a team from University of California Berkeley; OLLI @Berkeley, the Fung Fellowship, and the Lawrence Hall of Science. Jennifer Mangold PhD, the Director of the Fung Fellowship, is the Principal Investigator.

More information is included below. If you have any questions, you can contact Jennifer at [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*.\\*\\*\\*](mailto:*****@*****.***), or Sarah Olsen at [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*.\\*\\*\\*](mailto:*****@*****.***).

## **STUDY PURPOSE**

The purpose of the study is to develop new methods for measuring participation, engagement and STEM advocacy among older adults.

## **WHAT AM I BEING ASKED TO DO?**

You are being asked to participate in a SURVEY about STEM advocacy. The survey asks about your attitudes and dispositions toward STEM advocacy, your likelihood to engage in certain advocacy behaviors, and your background related to STEM. Participation is completely voluntary.

- **Confidentiality:** The survey is anonymous; no personally identifiable information (e.g., your name) is connected to the survey data either directly or through a coding system.
- **Study Time:** Your participation will take approximately 15 minutes.
- **Study Location:** Your participation is entirely web-based; you will respond to the survey online using the attached link and submit it when finished.
- **Compensation:** You will not be paid for participating in this study.
- **Benefits:** There will be no direct benefit to you for participating in this study; however, it is hoped that the information gained will aid in the development of tools to measure the impact of older adult participation in STEM learning experiences.

## **LINK TO SURVEY**

This [link](#) will take you to the SURVEY that includes:

- A consent form that includes further information about the study and will ask you to agree to participate in the research study.
- The SURVEY itself, which contains questions related to your background, your attitudes and dispositions toward STEM advocacy, and your perceptions of likelihood to engage in certain advocacy behaviors.

Thank you for considering participating in the research study.

Full survey link: [https://berkeleylha.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6xMJIVu6jBZqUFo](https://berkeleylha.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6xMJIVu6jBZqUFo)

## **Propose a Study Group for the Fall!**

**Fall Semester: Sept. 20-Dec. 4**

*(Study groups meet once a week for 8-10 weeks.)*

[Proposal form](#)

We welcome proposals from both new and veteran Study Group Leaders. For more information about being an SGL at OLLI, please visit [Become A Study Group Leader](#) on the OLLI website. If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group and would like to speak with someone about the experience, please email [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*.\\*\\*\\*](mailto:*****@*****.***) with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

To propose a study group, click the link above. **You will need to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.**

*We are still working out the format for the fall semester, but encourage anyone who would like to teach to submit a proposal. Study group leaders will be followed up with to sort out format details once we know more.*

## Today's Lecture: William Howell 1:30-2:30 PM

***Presidents, Populism, and the Crisis of Democracy***

**William Howell**

**Friday, April 30**

**1:30-2:30 PM via Zoom**

**[Zoom Link](#)**

**Passcode: 856655**

William Howell is the Sydney Stein Professor in American Politics at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, a professor in the Department of Political Science and the College, and the director of the Center for Effective Government. He has written widely on separation-of-powers issues and American political institutions, especially the presidency. He currently is working on research projects on Obama's education initiatives, distributive politics, and the normative foundations of executive power. Howell is the author, most recently, of *Presidents, Populism, and the Crisis of Democracy and Relic: How Our Constitution Undermines Effective Government—and Why We Need a More Powerful Presidency*. Additionally, he is the author or co-author of several other books on American political institutions. Before coming to Harris, Howell taught political science at Harvard University and the University of Wisconsin. He received his PhD from Stanford University.

**No registration is required. The Zoom link is included above.**

## May Lecture Series

May lectures will be held via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 AM, *with the exception of the May 24 lecture, which is on a Monday*. Reservations are not required. We will send the Zoom link the morning of each lecture to those subscribed to the newsletter. Each Friday newsletter will have information about the following week's lectures. [Read more.](#)

## Virtual Tour of the Jewish Community of Rome

**Virtual Tour of the Jewish Community of Rome, Italy**

**Tuesday, May 25**

**3:30-4:30 PM, via Zoom**

The Jewish Community in Rome, Italy, is the most ancient residing outside of the Holy Land. The first migrants came as merchants to this most important city of what would eventually become the

Roman Empire, and stayed through the centuries, witnessing and participating in events that shaped European history, world history and the history of the Jewish people. Join OLLI for a tour through their history and the places they lived.

We are pleased to offer this virtual event through a partnership with the Italian tour company Casa Mia. Priscila Corti, a native Roman, will be our professional guide for this upcoming adventure. It should be a great time as we make our way through the city of Rome following in the footsteps of this ancient community.

**Register. Tickets are only \$5.** Limited to the first 300 persons that register. A Zoom link will be emailed the morning of the event to all registrants. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, May 24, 8:00 A.M. Refunds are available only if the event is cancelled. **When registering, you must check the box, "Refunds are available only if the event is cancelled" in order for your payment to be processed.**

*Keep an eye out for our next Casa Mia offering in June when Eleonora Baldwin, celebrity, bilingual journalist, and gastronome, takes OLLI on a culinary and cinematic tour of Rome!*

## 2021 Bloomsday by OLLI

This year's Bloomsday Celebration will take place on **Wednesday, June 16 from 3:30 to 7:00 PM.** This Zoom event will feature live readings and a film screening. The readings will be passages from James Joyce's *Ulysses* paired with passages from his other works. These "twins" will be linked on the basis of what they have in common (such as subject matter or character) and distinctive differences (such as time, geography, style, point of view, emotion). This linking will enable us to track developments in the lives of Joyce and his characters. , The contrasts between passages will bring into relief his multifaceted writing talents.

We are looking for readers for the celebration. **If you would like to be a reader, please contact Bob Kolodney at [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*.\\*\\*\\*](mailto:*****@*****.***).** Registration information will be provided closer to the event date.

## Gandhi Center: Indian Art: History and Appreciation

OLLI members are invited to join the Gandhi Center each Saturday in May, 10:00-11:30 AM, via Zoom for a complimentary series of four presentations on Indian Art by Benoy K. Behl, an art historian from New Delhi. [Read more.](#)

## American University News & Events

### AU ARTS

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. View the schedule and registration links [here](#).

### AU MUSEUM

During the museum's closure, [AU Museum](#) is bringing you exhibition highlights and selections from its permanent collection on its digital platforms. Until the museum reopens, connect at [Museum@Home](#) and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). You'll find e-

book catalogs, artist-inspired children's art activities, playlists inspired by exhibiting artists, information on virtual events, and more. [AU Museum Spring Exhibits.](#)

## **SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Visions 2021 Awards Ceremony**

**Wed., May 5, from 8:00 PM, online**

Celebrating its 41st year, the School of Communications showcases outstanding visual student work from both graduates and undergraduates. [Register.](#)

## **OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MISSION**

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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