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## **Fall In-Person Covid Protocols**

We have been coordinating with American University and have been guided by the University's Covid-related protocols for its faculty, staff, and students to ensure that we provide a safe environment for those who will be returning to in-person OLLI instruction for the fall semester. Below are the Covid-related protocols for the fall that we are currently following:

- To attend any in-person OLLI class or function on the American University campus, the person must be fully vaccinated, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions;
- To attend any in-person OLLI class or function, the person must submit a brief OLLI online form assuring he/she has been fully vaccinated, unless granted certain medical or religious exemptions. The online form will be sent via email after lottery day (September 7) to anyone registered for a class in-person;
- All in-person classroom participants must wear masks;
- Study Group Leaders will NOT be required to wear masks provided they are sufficiently socially distanced from class participants—classrooms will be arranged for this purpose;

- Classrooms will be capped at 15 class members, plus the Study Group Leader (and Virtual Room Monitor for hybrid courses); and
- Any person exhibiting any Covid-related symptoms will be asked to stay home.

## Register for Fall

Registration is open on the OLLI [website](#) for the fall semester (September 20-December 3). The fall lottery is on September 7. Be sure to register by 8:00 AM on September 7 for the best chance of getting into your preferred study groups. Please note that registering during the open registration period before Lottery Day does not guarantee enrollment in your preferred classes. If a study group is oversubscribed on Lottery Day, registrations in that class are subjected to a random, computerized lottery. Given the greater number of options, you can now prioritize up to 12 classes for the lottery, instead of just six. As always, the lottery will then assign you to up to three classes. Members who are not selected for a study group are put on the waiting list and will be emailed by the office if space becomes available. We will continue to accept registrations on a space-available basis until October 1. [View classes and register.](#)

## Fall Catalog Changes

- **201 Evolution of the Mind:** This study group is cancelled.
- **292 Living Healthier and Happier in Retirement:** This study group will now meet online.
- **479 Understanding Environmental Issues:** This study group now starts on Wednesday, Sept. 22.
- **579 New Art Movements of the Late 18th Century Through the 19th Century:** This study group will now meet online.
- **607: Beginning-plus Spanish:** This study group will now meet online.
- **646: Poetry Craftshop: Between My Eyes Is Always the Rain, the Migrant Rain:** This study group will now meet online.
- **690: Anthony Trollope's The Prime Minister (Palliser 5):** We will not read *The Fixed Period*, just the PM and short online writing by women. I now recommend an anthology: *Criminals, Idiots, Women & Minors: Victorian Writing by Women on Women*, ed. by Susan Brownmiller. Broadview Press.
- **740 Race in America:** This study group is online only, as stated in the catalog. Please disregard the mention of hybrid in the sentence about class capacity in the description.
- **747 Poisonous Places:** This study group now starts on Oct. 14.
- **805 Meditation Class:** This study group now starts on Oct. 1.
- **806 Medical Chi Kung:** This study group now starts on Sept. 27.

## Holiday Office Closure

The OLLI office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6.

## September 9: In-Person Happy Hour

**Thursday, September 9**

**4:00-6:00 PM**

**Location: Pizza Paradiso, opposite OLLI at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW**

Join OLLI and Jeff Porter, Chair of the Social Committee, for a hosted in-person happy hour on Thursday, September 9, from 4:00-6:00 PM, on the outdoor patio of Pizza Paradiso, located opposite OLLI at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Refreshments will be served. Attendance is limited to the first 30 members that register. Tickets are \$10 per person. The [registration](#) cutoff is Wednesday, September 8, at 8:00 AM or 30 registrants, whichever comes first.

## Fall Music-Theatre Group

**Alliance for New Music-Theatre** is pleased to announce the relaunch of our “**Live & About**” series which was interrupted in the spring of 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We have put together a very energetic and eclectic [program](#) for this season (Sept.-Dec.) with outings to three different productions in the DC area, introducing our group to all new hosting theatre venues, plus a preview with reception in December of one of our original works in development. The cost is \$195 per person, which covers the cost of all shows. Registration for this special group is separate from the fall semester and is on a first-come, first-served basis. [View more information and register.](#)

Per theater guidelines, all Live & About participants this season will be required to show proof of Covid vaccination.

## Fall Semester: Tips and Reminders

### Print Catalog

OLLI's fall catalog has been mailed. Look for a copy in your mailbox.

### Membership Fee

The fee paid each semester (or for both the fall and spring semesters) is a membership fee. The membership fee entitles you to all the benefits of membership at OLLI at AU and is not a fee per study group. The fee for Fall 2021 is \$270 and for Spring 2022 will be \$300. Members can either choose to pay separately for each semester or to pay \$550 during fall registration for both Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 (saving \$20).

### Registering for Classes

Your registration is complete when you receive an email confirmation. If you registered and did not receive a confirmation, you may not have clicked on the "Submit Registration" button on the registration page. To verify, you should log back into your account, and if needed, complete the registration process.

### Back-to-Back Classes

When registering for fall classes, please take note of each study group's format, especially for any classes that are back-to-back. For example, if you register for two classes in consecutive time slots, and one is held in-person and the other online, there is only a 30-minute break between classes. Keep this in mind when reviewing your final registration letter post-lottery. If you need to make any

changes to your registration, before or after the lottery, you can log into your account or contact the office.

#### **Fourth Course**

To add a fourth class after Lottery Day, September 7, you no longer need to contact the office—simply log into your account on the website and add the additional class.

## **American University News & Events**

### **AU SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION**

#### **Stories From the Heart of Afghanistan and America's Longest War**

**Sunday, August 29 at 2:00 PM (virtual event)**

This panel discussion brings together the untold stories of Afghan families torn apart by decades of conflict, and two journalists who covered the wars that left Afghanistan in pieces. This panel discussion is about the human cost of war. Panelists Include: Bill Gentile, journalist and professor; Bob Nickelsberg, photojournalist; Rohila, displaced Afghan citizen; and Rahman Nawroz, displaced Afghan citizen.

[RSVP here](#)

#### **Visual Journalism on the Edge**

**Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM (virtual event)**

“Visual Journalism on the Edge” is an event that aims to draw attention to new challenges facing journalists, especially visual journalists, working the craft in today’s divisive environment of “fake news” and “enemies of the people.” This panel discussion will discuss the craft of photojournalism and documentary filmmaking. Panelists include professor [Bill Gentile](#), photojournalist [Maranie Staab](#), and investigative journalist [Frank Smyth](#), and will be moderated by [Sue Morrow](#), editor and designer of the *News Photography* magazine for the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA). The event explores ways to counter and to cope with new challenges facing the craft.

[RSVP here](#)

### **AU ARTS**

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

### **AU MUSEUM**

The [museum](#) is again open to visitors. Patrons and university community members can now experience shows on display at the [Katzen Arts Center](#).

Follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). You will find e-book catalogs, artist-inspired children’s art activities, playlists inspired by exhibiting artists, information on virtual events, and more.

### **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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