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OLLI NEWS — JANUARY 22, 2020

Register for the February Shorts & Spring 2021

View and register for [February Shorts](#).

View and register for [Spring Semester](#).

Class Assignment Letters

Last week, class assignment letters for the February Shorts were e-mailed to members. Please check your inbox, spam, and junk/trash folders. If you wish, please email us with your request for a copy to olli@american.edu.

In Memoriam

With sadness, we share the death of Iris Berets. Iris was the wife of long-time OLLI member Ralph Berets. Ralph and Iris were devoted members of the Understanding Families Through Plays course taught by Dr. Karen Gail Lewis. Iris' obituary was published [here](#). We extend our deepest sympathies to their family and friends.

Nominations for OLLI's Board of Directors

In April, OLLI members will elect four members to the OLLI Board of Directors. This year's Nominating and Elections Committee, consisting of John Aldock, Cindy Lisec, Lisa Lienberger, Mark Nadel, and Diane Renfroe will prepare a slate of four nominees for Board approval that will be placed on the ballot.

If you would like to recommend an OLLI member or yourself for the Nominating and Elections Committee to consider as one of these nominees, please provide the name of the individual along

with one or two paragraphs (not more) on this person's background, OLLI involvement, and why you are recommending him or her. **Please send these written recommendations to the Committee by email to olli@american.edu no later than Tues., Feb. 4, 2021.**

In addition to the Board-approved list, any member can self-nominate and run as an "at-large" candidate with a petition signed by at least ten OLLI members. All candidates, whether on the Board-approved slate or at-large, run as individuals, with the top four vote-getters being elected. In March, the OLLI office will provide petition forms and instructions for any at-large candidates. When considering a recommendation or an at-large candidacy, please keep in mind the expectations for OLLI Board Members: Directors are expected to make every effort to attend Board meetings. Directors are expected to support OLLI's development efforts as one of their philanthropic priorities.

Ours is a working board and Directors are expected to participate actively in meetings and the activities of OLLI at AU. Attendance at special events, e.g., Open House, Town Hall, Annual Meeting, is strongly encouraged. Directors must retain their membership in OLLI for the duration of their term. Board members may serve as chairs of committees, although this is not required. Committee membership is, however, strongly encouraged.

Directors are elected for one three-year term, with the opportunity to run for a second consecutive term. **Don't forget, if you have a great suggestion for a new Board Member, the Nominating and Elections Committee would like to know who it is and the reasons for your recommendation by February 4, 2021.**

Revisiting Washington's Black History

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University
in partnership with the DC History Center presents

REVISITING WASHINGTON'S BLACK HISTORY

Four free events on Tuesdays in January 2021

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|  Rohulamin Quander |  Milton Coleman |  Maurice Jackson |  Davey Yarborough |
|  Carole Watson |  Michael Winston |  Colbert King |  Mara Cherkasky |
|  Edward Hayes |  James Jones |  James Pittman | |

Jan. 5, 11:00 AM: The Quander Family: Almost 350 Years in America
Lecture by Rohulamin Quander, retired Senior Administrative Judge for DC and Founder, Quander Historical Society

Jan. 12, 11:00 AM: Black Washington's Role in American Music
Conversation with Maurice Jackson, Associate Professor, Georgetown University and Davey Yarborough, President and Artistic Director, Washington Jazz Arts Institute with Introduction by Milton Coleman, retired Senior Editor, *The Washington Post*

Jan. 19, 11:00 AM: Howard University—Kamala Harris' Alma Mater
Lecture by Michael Winston, PhD, Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University with Introduction by Carole Watson, PhD, retired Acting Chair, National Endowment for the Humanities

Jan. 26, 11:00 AM: Covenants, Redlining, and Segregation
Presentation by Mara Cherkasky, Co-Director, Mapping Segregation in Washington, DC followed by panel with Edward Hayes, JD, President Emeritus, Chevy Chase Citizens Association and Chair, So Others Might Eat; James Jones, JD, MD, former Director, DC Youth Opportunity Services; and James Pittman, Chair, Dunbar Alumni Federation and Founder, Historic Kappa House Restoration Foundation moderated by Colbert King, Columnist, *The Washington Post*

REGISTER AT: www.olli-dc.org/events/revisiting

This free series is being offered by OLLI in partnership with the DC History Center.

To register for the series, click [here](http://www.olli-dc.org/events/revisiting).

Between 250 and 350 people have attended the first three events. All have received accolades from OLLI members and other attendees.

In the fourth and final session on next Tues., Jan. 26, Colbert King, columnist for the Washington

Post, leads a panel of DC residents who experienced D.C. as a segregated city, and will talk about how they navigated home-ownership in Chevy Chase, Eckington, and Dupont Circle.

Today's Lecture: Kevin Bushweller

How COVID-19 Is Transforming K-12 Education: What the Public Needs to Know with Kevin Bushweller

Friday, January 22

10:00-11:00 AM

Online via Zoom

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/96510382046>

Webinar ID: 965 1038 2046

Kevin Bushweller is an assistant managing editor for Education Week who oversees coverage of educational technology, learning environments, and the weekly EdWeek Tech Leader, a news service for ed-tech leaders in K-12 education. He is also the executive project editor of Technology Counts, Education Week's annual report about the state of educational technology in U.S. schools. Formerly the executive editor of EdWeek Market Brief, he now also serves as director of editorial/business collaboration for Education Week.

Zoom Training

Members

[Mon. 1/25 \(10-11:00 AM\)](#) | [Tue. 1/26 \(1-2:00 PM\)](#) | [Wed. 1/27 \(11 AM-12:00 Noon\)](#)

Fall Survey & 2019-2020 Annual Report

The Fall 2020 Member Survey and the 2019-2020 Annual Report are now available to download from the [Corporate Documents & Surveys page](#) of the website.

Shorts & Spring Changes/Corrections

FEBRUARY SHORTS

- **916: School and Community: A Challenging Partnership**

This study group has been cancelled.

SPRING SEMESTER

- **113 The Decline of the American Republic**

This study group has been moved to **Fridays 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM**

- **798 Ulysses S. Grant: In Peace and War**

The study group has been added to the spring. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **799 Henry Stimson and the American Century**

This study group has been cancelled.

February Shorts Books

All February Shorts books are available at Politics and Prose. Once again, the bookstore is offering a 10% discount on books for OLLI courses. Members can purchase books through these ways:

- Order from the [Politics and Prose website](#).
- Call 202-364-1919 to order over the phone.
- Visit Politics and Prose in person at 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW.

If you purchase a book in person or by phone, ask for the discount when paying. If purchasing via their website, mention the discount in the Notes field. Their web orders team will apply the discount when the order is processed.

Next Friday's Lecture: Nathan Billig

On Growing Older and Wiser and Joining a Village with Nathan Billig

Friday, January 29

10:00-11:00 AM

Online via Zoom

Nathan Billig is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Georgetown University Medical Center. He has been on the faculty, in various capacities, for over 40 years. He also maintained a private practice of general and geriatric psychiatry during that time. Over the course of his career, Dr. Billig had interests in psychotherapy, geriatrics and psychiatric problems in physically ill patients. He is the author of two books on the subject of geriatric psychiatry for the general public. Over the last ten years, he was a founder, Vice President and President and Board member of Chevy Chase At Home, a Village formed to assist older adults in the Chevy Chase area to continue to live at home with a variety of practical services, transportation, and social, cultural and physical activity programs.

Zoom Link will be included in the Friday newsletter.

James Joyce Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, February 2

3:30-7:00 PM

Online via Zoom

Passages from selected *Ulysses* Episodes (chapters) will be read:

3:30 PM Introduction (with Telemachus segments) - Bob Kolodney

3:45 PM Proteus reading - Robert Aubry Davis

4:00 PM Cyclops reading - Michael Groden

4:15 PM Circe reading - Walter Kamiat

4:30 PM Ithaca reading - Christopher Griffin

4:45 PM Penelope reading - Dee Mahan

5:00 PM Film screening - *Ulysses* (1967 directed by Joseph Strick)

This event is free of charge but registration is required. [Register](#). More information at: [James Joyce Birthday Celebration Website](#)

February Serendipity! Talk

***Railroads of the Civil War* with Bernard Kempinski**

Thursday, February 4

3:30-5:00 PM

Online via Zoom

In the two decades before the start of the Civil War the railroads of the United States underwent a period of amazing growth and technological development. Nonetheless, railroads were still in their infancy at the start of the war. In this talk, Kempinski explains how railroads were built, operated, contributed to the start of the war, and affected its prosecution. Kempinski will also show examples of how he is modeling a civil war era railroad circa 1863 in Virginia.

Bernard Kempinski is a freelance writer who has written dozens of magazine articles and several books on model railroading. He is an active model railroader and has built models on commission for museums and individuals. A former U.S. Army captain, Bernard is retired defense analyst.

[Register](#). Registration ends at 8:00 AM the day of talk. Zoom links will be emailed to registrants that morning.

American University News & Events

AU ARTS

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

The 2021 Theatre and Musical Theater Capstone Cohort

Online: Fri., Jan. 22 & Sat. Jan. 23, 7:30PM EST

[Tickets](#)

AU's students who make up the 2021 Theater Senior Capstone Cohort, guided by Nathan Blustein and Jessica Wu, AU Capstone Professors, have been using theater to explore how the problems and promise of the seemingly distant past resonate uncannily with daily life.

AU EVENTS [Events Calendar](#)

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Join American University Library's **2020-2021 Exploring Social Justice** series! This series, co-sponsored by the American University Library, the Center for Diversity & Inclusion, and the Kay Spiritual Life Center, brings exemplary leaders from diverse backgrounds who have advocated for various human rights and social justice issues. [Register today!](#)

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Investigations and the Law

Tue. Feb. 9, 2021 6pm Eastern

RSVP: <https://investigations-and-the-law.eventbrite.com>

Join [Barbara Wall](#) and [Thomas Curley](#) in a conversation and Q&A about what to expect from your legal team. The conversation will be moderated by [Dr. John Watson](#), professor of Journalism at American University's School of Communication.

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Conversation with the UK Ambassador

Zoom, Jan. 26, 2-3pm, [Register](#)

SIS, the Transatlantic Policy Center, and the Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy will host a conversation with the British Ambassador, Karen Pierce, to the United States.

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.

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