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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 Committee, consisting of John Aldock, Cindy Lisek, 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 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 Thu., 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 Committee would like to know who it is and the reasons for your recommendation before Thursday, February 4, 2021.**

February Shorts

Closed Captioning

Closed Captioning has been turned on in all classes. The "Closed Caption" control should appear in your Zoom control bar. Click on it to select show or hide Subtitles or Transcription. You can control the size of the subtitles. You also can download the transcription of the class. The captioning is not perfect, but it can be very helpful if you have need hearing assistance.

Zoom Links

If you're registered for February Shorts classes that meet next week (Feb 1-5), you should have received your class Zoom link(s) this morning via email. We will resend the same recurring link between 8:00-9:00 AM each morning that the class meets. The second week of Shorts (Feb 8-12) links will be sent next Friday, February 5 and again, the morning of each class session.

If you don't receive your link by 9:00 AM the day of class you can always use one of the previous links, since they're recurring. If you don't receive any link, or have misplaced your link, please check the spam and trash folder of your e-mail. If you still cannot find it, please e-mail the OLLI office at olli@american.edu.

Handouts

All handouts that we have received are now available online as PDFs. Click [here](#) to go to the handouts page on the OLLI website. Look for your classes. If we've received class materials from the SGL, links to those handouts are listed below the class. This page will be updated as we receive materials from SGLs.

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 online, by phone, or in person at 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW.

Shorts & Spring Changes/Corrections

FEBRUARY SHORTS

- **916: School and Community: A Challenging Partnership**
This Short has been cancelled.
- **942: Mathematics Everywhere**
This Short now meets on February 1, 2, 3, 5 (skipping Thursday). It still meets at 11:45 AM as originally planned.
- **920: Clear Thinking in the age of Data Overload**
This Short now meets on February 1, 3, 4, 5 (skipping Tuesday). It still meets at 9:45 AM as originally planned.

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**
This study group has been added. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **799 Henry Stimson and the American Century**
This study group has been cancelled.

Requesting Admittance to Study Groups

We ask that members contact the OLLI office with questions/concerns about not getting into a class that's full. Please do not contact a study group leader directly to ask to be admitted into his/her class. When a class is full, there is often a waitlist, and the members on the waitlist have priority if someone drops out of the class or the study group leader decides to open their class to more. If space opens up in either of these ways we will contact members on the waitlist, in the order in which they appear, to offer a spot. Thank you.

Today's Lecture: Nathan Billig

On Growing Older and Wiser and Joining a Village

Nathan Billig

Friday, January 29

10:00-11:00 AM

Online via Zoom

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://olli-dc-org.zoom.us/j/95964064012>

Webinar ID: 959 6406 4012

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.

OLLI-International Accelerator Program Volunteers Needed

In spring 2018, OLLI and the International Accelerator Program (IAP) at American University launched the OLLI-IAP Partnership Program. It seeks to connect OLLI members with international graduate students to foster intergenerational friendship and to promote intercultural dialogue. We seek volunteers, preferably with some intercultural experience, to partner with an AU international graduate student. The goal is to meet virtually about once a week when possible for a minimum of one semester but preferably for two semesters. Because of current visa restrictions, our new students are beginning their program from their respective home countries but plan to come to the US when possible. There are five to six group zoom events scheduled throughout the semester.

If interested, please contact Lori Milstein lori.milstein@gmail.com and/or Jeanne Kent jeannes.kent@gmail.com

Revisiting Washington's Black History

Many thanks to all of our presenters in the Revisiting Washington's Black History series. And a special thanks to Judy Havemann, who developed the series and to the [DC History Center](#). Recordings of all of the programs as well as links to some of the documents that were discussed in the last presentation are available on the [Lecture Recordings](#) website page.

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](#).

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 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

[New Jersey Senator Cory Booker](#)

January 29, 2021 • 6 p.m. • Streaming

Senator Cory Booker (D-New Jersey) will join SPA professor James Thurber for the first in a series of James A. Thurber Dialogues on American Democracy. [REGISTER](#)

First Lady and Professor: How Jill Biden Will Balance Her Responsibilities

[WATCH](#)

Anita McBride, executive-in-residence in the School of Public Affairs, spoke to CBS News about Jill Biden's role as First Lady and the work needed to transition the White House from one administration to another.

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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