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Spring Notes on Invites, Handouts, Recordings, etc.

- Zoom invitations are emailed each day **between 5:00 and 8:30 AM** for that day's classes.
- The invitations come from nsingh@american.edu (not olli@american.edu).
- Look carefully at the invitation. There are two links. The first is to add the meeting to your calendar. The second is the link for joining the class.
- If you haven't received an invite, please check your Spam/Junk folder.
- [Handouts](#) can be downloaded from the website (Spring 2021 Handouts under the Study Groups menu).
- Most classes are being recorded. [Recordings](#) are available each day **by 5:30 PM** on the website (listed by the day under the Study Groups menu). To get to another day's recordings, click on the links to each day at the top of the page or select the day from the Study Group menu.
- Closed captioning is turned on in classes. To see the captioning, you must turn it on in your Zoom. Read more in our [Closed Captioning documentation](#).

Today's Lecture: Michael Abramowitz, 1:30 PM Today

***Freedom in the World* by Michael Abramowitz**

Friday, March 5 - 1:30-2:30 PM, via Zoom

[Click on this Zoom Link](#)

Passcode: 845637

Michael J. Abramowitz is president of Freedom House. Before joining Freedom House in February 2017, he was director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Levine Institute for Holocaust Education. He led the museum's genocide prevention efforts and later oversaw its public education programs. He was previously National Editor and then White House correspondent for the *Washington Post*. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and former fellow at the German Marshall Fund and the Hoover Institution. A graduate of Harvard College, he is also a board member of the National Security Archive.

Next Friday's Lecture: Sandy Ungar

Friday, March 12 - 1:30-2:30 PM, via Zoom

Sanford J. Ungar, *The Paradox of Free Speech in America*

Sanford J. Ungar, president emeritus of Goucher College, is director of the nonpartisan Free Speech Project at Georgetown University, which is documenting the status of free expression in education, government, and civil society in America, and also teaches undergraduate seminars there on Free Speech. Ungar was director of the Voice of America for two years during the Clinton administration, and previously was dean of the School of Communication at American University. During his journalism career, he was a staff writer for The Washington Post, Washington editor of The Atlantic, managing editor of Foreign Policy magazine, and co-host of "All Things Considered" on NPR. He is the author or editor of six nonfiction books, including *The Papers & The Papers: An Account of the Legal and Political Battle over the Pentagon Papers*. Sanford Ungar earned an AB in Government magna cum laude from Harvard College and a master's degree in International History from the London School of Economics.

Reservations are not required to receive the Zoom link and attend lectures. We will include the Zoom link for this lecture in this newsletter.

Proposals for Summer 2021

June and July Study Group Proposals

The OLLI office is now accepting study group proposals (to teach a class) for both of the upcoming summer sessions. 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 olli@american.edu with your contact information and we will get in touch with you.

To propose a study group, please click one of the links below. **You will need to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.** The OLLI Board hasn't yet made the official decision, but summer classes likely will be via Zoom. We will be providing the

same support for summer SGLs as we have for previous virtual sessions:

- Group SGL Zoom training (done virtually)
- One-on-one Zoom training as requested
- Instructional documents and videos
- “Virtual Room Monitor” for SGLs who request one (help with muting/unmuting, managing chat and/or virtual raised hand, and sharing PowerPoint)
- Handouts for OLLI members provided digitally on OLLI website

June Minis: June 7-July 2 (Classes meet once a week for 4 weeks)

Proposal form: <https://www.oli-dc.org/studygroupform>

Deadline for submission: Sunday, April 11.

July Shorts: July 12-16 (classes meet 3, 4, or 5 times that week)

Proposal form: <https://oli-dc.org/shortsproposalform>

Deadline for submission: Sunday, April 11.

Gifts for February Shorts SGLs

Traditionally, OLLI class members have collected a gift for the Study Group Leader(s) at https://www.oli-dc.org/sgl_gifts. Participation is completely optional. Since we are not meeting in person, we are collecting gifts through our website. **SGL gifts will be accepted through today Friday, March 5.**

American University News & Events

AU 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.](#)

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

On the Othered Hand: Tactility, Music, and Marginalized Users

Thu., March 11, 2021, 3:00 p.m. EST, Online

Join AU professor Victoria Simon for a talk on the theories of users and universal interface design in music technology have played in the cultural formation of smartphone and tablet technology.

[Register.](#)

Charting a Path: How to Bring Diverse Approaches to Investigative Projects

Wed., March 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. EST, Online

A seminar with panel discussion after, about the role of journalists of color in investigative reporting. Those who have ideas, or are actively working on a story but need help, can submit a pitch to compete for small awards. [Register.](#)

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

SIS Global to Local: Girls' Education

Mon., March 8, 11 a.m., EST, Online

In honor of International Women's Day, SIS professor Naomi Moland leads a discussion about the challenges girls worldwide face in gaining an education. [Register.](#)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Empowering Truth: Why America needs true journalists

In a five-part seminar series, renowned photo-journalist, Ann Curry explores the value and vulnerabilities of truth and the fundamental skills we can develop, both practical and emotional to not only get it, but to defend it, and thus, each other. [Register.](#)

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

The Ravine: A Book Talk

Thu., March 11, 11:20 AM -12:35 PM EST, via Zoom

In 2009, [Wendy Lower](#), the acclaimed author of *Hitler's Furies*, saw a rare photograph. Extraordinary detective work in Ukraine, Germany, Slovakia, Israel, and the U.S. led Lower to identify the image as a secret act of resistance. [Register.](#)

Amos Perlmutter Memorial Lecture: A new Middle East or more of the same?

Mon., March 15, 11:45 am - 1:00 pm EST, Online

Ehud Barak, Israel's Tenth Prime Minister, will speak about the strategic challenges posed by Israel's neighbors, the Iranian nuclear threat and the electoral stalemate in Israeli politics. [Register.](#)

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.](#)

James Renwick Alliance Distinguished Artist Series: Bisa Butler

Sun., March 21, 2-3PM EST, online

Trained as a painter at Howard University in Washington, DC, Butler shifted to a textile-based practice to add vibrancy and dimension she found lacking in her paintings. [Register.](#)

Legacy Russell: AU Department of Art Visiting Artist Series

Thu., March 25, 6PM EST, online

Join art critic Legacy Russell for a virtual lecture presented by American University's Department of Art and the AU Museum. [Learn more and Register.](#)

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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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