



Where Curiosity Never Retires



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Letter from the Chair



Many thanks to those of you who have helped us get to 79% of our \$126,000 goal in this year's Annual Fund drive! Since those who have already given don't receive further appeals, many of you don't know about the recent \$10,000 challenge to raise our participation rate. We want to surpass last year's rate of 24%. To do so we need donations from 155 people who haven't given yet this year. These donations will be matched up to \$10,000. In addition, Development Committee Chair Martha

Cutts offered to knit a hat or scarf for the 40th donor who responded to this challenge. Judy Wagner is the lucky winner! Martha is so excited about this challenge that she has now committed to a scarf or hat to the donor who gets us to the finish line of 25%.

We increased our participation rate by 3% in the first day of this challenge! Help us keep that momentum going by supporting what you appreciate and value about OLLI at AU.

John Bargeron

Chair, Board of Directors

Register for Spring

The Spring Semester is **March 7-May 13**. Courses meet once a week for 7-10 weeks. The \$300 membership fee allows you to sign up for three courses before the lottery. After the lottery, when you have received your class assignment letter, you can add a **fourth study group** by logging into your account. For maximum convenience for our members, most of the online and hybrid classes will be recorded and available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of the semester. **Make sure to register before the Spring lottery on Tuesday, February 15.**

[View Spring Semester and register.](#)

Registering Online Keeps You Up to Date!

Registering online is the easiest way to be sure of the format of your selected classes. There have been quite a few changes since the catalog was published, mostly related to class format, and these changes are reflected in real-time in the online registration section of the website. You can also go to the [February and Spring 2022 Catalog Changes](#) page to view a current list of changes.

Class Size and the Lottery

Class sizes are determined by Study Group Leaders' requests, classroom capacity, and the office. If a study group is oversubscribed on Lottery Day, registrations in that class are subjected to a random, computerized lottery. Members who are not selected for said study group are put on a waitlist and will be emailed by the office if space becomes available.

Mask Policy at AU

The mask policy at AU was recently updated. Any person attending an event on the AU campus, including OLLI classes or visiting the OLLI office, must now wear an N95 or KN95 mask.

February and Spring Recorded Classes

Most online classes during the February Shorts and Spring Semester will be recorded. One of the benefits of taking classes during a particular session is access to all class recordings for that session.

[February Shorts recordings](#) will be listed under "Shorts" on the OLLI website. Spring recordings will be listed under "Study Groups." Each day's recordings are added to the website by 5:00 PM. You must first log in to your member account in order to view the recordings. Recordings are available for viewing up until two weeks past the end of each session.

Spring Catalog Changes

113: Shakespeare's Political Theory: *Now meets Mondays at 11:45 AM, starting March 7. Format has changed to ONLINE.*

148: James Madison: Political Theorist and Politician: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

171: Current Events and Public Policy I: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

172: Current Events and Public Policy II: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

200: The Neuroscience of Conflict: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

254: The World of Tricksters—from Loki to Banksy: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

260: The Impact of the Great War on Western Culture and the Western Worldview: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

262: Leadership Skills for Everyone: *CANCELLED*

305: International Trade: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

444: Algorithms—How Machines Think: *CANCELLED*

475: The Stories Behind the Vaccines: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

565: Seeing More, Enjoying More at the Ballet: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

611: Hebrew Conversation for Beginners: The required book for this class is *Conversational Hebrew Quick and Easy* by Yatir Nitzani, available on Amazon.

617: The Great French Songbook: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

633: Wallace Stevens and Company: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

646: How to Wash A Child's Heart: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

653: Plagues We Have Known: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

655: Early Twentieth-Century American Fiction: *CANCELLED*

690: Anglo-Indian Novels: The Raj, Its Aftermath, and Diaspora: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

699: Diego Rivera and Angelina Beloff in Paris: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

703: America's Rise and... Decline: *CANCELLED*

782: The Transformation of China-From Traditional China to Mao: *Format has changed to ONLINE.*

There are likely to be additional changes in the coming weeks, so please be sure to check the OLLI at AU website for the most current [course-specific changes](#).

Zooms Links Are Available in Member Accounts

If you accidentally delete the daily e-mail with your class Zoom link, or cannot find it again, you can access the Zoom link for each of your classes by logging into your OLLI member account on the [website](#). The first page to come up will be the one that lists your classes (see image below). Under each class you will find the Zoom link for that class. Click the link to go into your class at the specified time. If you leave this page and need to get back, simply click your name (hyperlinked in blue) at the top of the page. View a [video tutorial](#).

MY ACCOUNT

- ▶ [My Account](#)
- [Edit Account](#)
- [Update Volunteer Interests](#)
- [Text Messaging](#)

Overview

Thank you for registering. You'll find a summary of your shorts courses below. If you'd like to volunteer with OLLI, please [update your volunteer interests](#).

MY FEBRUARY SHORTS 2022 SHORTS COURSES

Registration for February Shorts 2022 ends 2/4/2022
[View Shorts Courses](#)

You may register for up to 3 shorts courses. You have 2 choices remaining.

[Add a Shorts Course](#)

Click on
Zoom link
here

Courses	Status	I want to:
910: The National Security/Military Challenges Facing the Biden Administration February 14-16 9:45 – 11:15 AM Class Format: Online Zoom URL: https://ollidc-org.zoom.us/j/97396647628?pwd=aDdFdnRFaWp6QmpIMzJxL01vWkhr	Registered	Drop this class

Share OLLI With Your Friends and Family

Staying connected is more important now than ever! Taking OLLI classes via Zoom allows our learning community to stay connected while broadening its horizons and extending its reach. We miss being able to have all in-person classes, but we have adapted, and even thrived, in the age of Zoom-learning.

Now is the time to tell your friends and family, near and far, that we invite them to join the OLLI experience this fall. OLLI at American University is one of 124 OLLIs around the country, all of which are currently online. Each is unique in course content and delivery, but all are dedicated to lifelong learning in their communities. Whether your friends explore our program or an [OLLI near them](#), they will be in for a treat by taking an OLLI class.

New OLLI Author

Chris Madison, an OLLI at AU member until his move to Philadelphia, has just published a short book, *Out: Being Myself*, about his experiences coming out at age 60. Much of the book was written in Marilyn Smith's OLLI memoir writing class. The book is available at [Amazon](#).

American University News & Events

Center for Israel Studies

This spring, American University's Jewish Studies Program and Center for Israel Studies together host a new webinar series of four talks: "**Europe's Jews Before the Holocaust**," thanks to the generosity of the Knapp Family Foundation.

Monday, February 7

1:00 PM, Online

Israel as a Jewish Democratic State: Vision and Challenges

Tzipi Livni, former Israeli Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Justice, will

deliver the Amos Perlmutter Memorial Lecture in which she will discuss what it means to be a “Jewish” state. [Register](#).

School of Communication

Monday, February 7

7:00 PM, Online

Monica Lewinsky

Writer and speaker Monica Lewinsky joins the Kennedy Political Union for a conversation with SOC professor Molly O'Rourke about social media and cyber bullying. [Register](#).

Tuesday, February 8

6:30 PM, Online

Ongoing Attacks on Democracy: The State of Far-Right Extremism in America

Experts from the Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL) join SOC dean Sam Fulwood III and professor Kurt Braddock for a conversation exploring the state of far-right extremism just over a year after the January 6 insurrection at the US Capitol. [Register](#).

School of International Service

Tuesday, February 8

11:30 AM, Online

A Conversation on Branding Nations and Cities

SIS professor Robert Kelley moderates a panel discussion on how cities or countries try to improve or better define their reputation or image, like hosting the Olympics. [Register](#).

AU Arts

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

AU Museum

Spring Schedule

January 29-May 22

Friday-Sunday, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Reservations are not required for your visit. Admission is always free. Regarding groups and any questions about your visit, email museum@american.edu. Access the museum [online](#).

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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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