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CALLING ALL MEMBERS

It's Election Time and OLLI Needs You to Serve!

OLLI is currently looking for members willing to serve on the Advisory Council. There are a variety of positions available and positions will be filled for two-year terms. Please consider making the Advisory Council a part of your OLLI experience.

To learn about the Nomination Process - CLICK HERE
To apply for a position - CLICK HERE

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

To read the minutes from the March meeting - Click Here
To read the minutes from the November meeting - Click Here

Last Week to Submit Summer Proposals

OLLI is accepting proposals for the Summer 2019 study groups. The summer session starts on Monday, July 8 and runs for 4 weeks. Proposals must be submitted by Monday, April 15 in order to be considered.

For Proposal form with instructions (Word Doc) - Click Here
For Proposal form with instructions to print and fill out (PDF - Click Here
OPEN TO ALL CURRENT OLLI MEMBERS

Ancient Technology, Modern Empire: Roman Ruins and Empire-Building in Nineteenth-Century French North Africa

Wednesday, April 10 (EV)
12-1pm

Location: 500 Davis Center, Suite 700

When we think of nineteenth-century imperial technology, Roman ruins don't usually come to mind. In French North Africa, however, the study of Roman imperial technologies and the rehabilitation of Roman hydraulic works played an important role in advancing French settlement. Scholars have long viewed technology as an important agent of imperialism, emphasizing the role that "superior" technologies played in facilitating European conquest. The history of Roman-turned-French hydraulic technology, however, tells another story: one in which the French self-consciously turned to the ancient past for technical guidance, often after the failure of more modern efforts. This talk explores how the French repurposed the remains of the Roman empire in late nineteenth-century Algeria and Tunisia, and reveals some of the ancient roots of modern empire.

Jessica Biddlestone is a doctoral candidate in history at Northwestern University and a T.H. Breen Fellow at the Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies. Her dissertation, *France in Roman Africa: Antiquity and the Making of Empire in French Algeria and Tunisia*, explores how the French studied and used Roman ruins in their efforts to develop colonies in North Africa.

This event is free and open to all current OLLI members. Registration is required. This event will also stream to our Chicago campus. Registration is not required to attend the streaming.
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No Events Scheduled at This Time

Upcoming Workshops & Events

You can browse and register for all our upcoming workshops and events by visiting the OLLI Online Registration System. Once there, click on "Browse" then "Special Events, Workshops and Lectures".

Nazis, Red-Baiting, and Civil Rights...
Tuesday, April 23 at 12pm
Evanston: 500 Davis Center, Suite 700
Dr. Shana Bernstein discusses the emergence of interracial civil rights activism in mid-twentieth century Los Angeles.
Learn More

The Empty Throne
Thursday, April 25 at 12pm
Chicago: Wieboldt Hall, 339 E. Chicago Ave.
Ivo Daalder will discuss what he sees as the greatest lurch in U.S. foreign policy since the decision to retreat back into Fortress American after World War I and its consequences.
Learn More

Sensible Housing and
**Aging-in-Place**
*Thursday, May 2 at 12pm*
**Evanston:** 500 Davis Center, Suite 700
Join us to learn how technologies from the award-winning House project by Northwestern have been used to build "sensible housing" and aid aging-in-place in Evanston.
[Learn More](#)

**Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) New Development Tour**
*Friday, May 3 at 9:30am*
**Departs:** Wieboldt Hall, 339 E. Chicago Ave.
Join us for an insightful bus tour that takes us up close to see new CHA developments and learn about current efforts, planning, and the challenges faced by the CHA.
[Learn More](#)

**Caravans of Gold**
*Friday, May 17 at 11am or 1pm*
**Location:** Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Dr.
The first major exhibition to showcase the splendor and power of the lost kingdoms and commercial centers of Africa. The 11am tour leaves from the Chicago campus via bus. The 1pm tour meets at the Block Museum.
[Learn More](#)
JUST ADDED! **Bonus, Virtual, 7-week study group.** Have you ever asked yourself the question, "What is the meaning of life?" And what was your answer(s)? Or, were you stumped? Have no fear! This OLLI study group is coming to your rescue. We don't guarantee that the answers will satisfy, but you will at least be confused on a higher plane. In his *The Meaning of Life: A Very Short Introduction*, Terry Eagleton, noted literary critic and public intellectual, tackles the question in a serious but often amusing manner. He starts by dissecting the question itself, and then reflects across the centuries of thought by philosophers and writers, ranging across Aristotle, Shakespeare, Nietzsche, Chekhov, Freud, and the Book of Job, to name but a few. When apt, we may include short excerpts from some of the thinkers and writers Eagleton references. Eagleton's prose is light and often irreverent, but also very serious and intellectually complex. **This is a bonus study group and does not count toward your allotted study groups for the semester.** Registration for this group closes on April 19. Space is limited.

**REGISTER**

This study group will be conducted online using Zoom software. Training will be offered in advance for those unfamiliar with Zoom. Full details on the study group requirements and training can be found in the listing on the OLLI Online Registration System - [click here](#).
A quick link to all the Northwestern community diversity and inclusion events. Northwestern encourages community members to take part in events like these to increase their cultural competency and understanding. View All Upcoming Events.

Northwestern Public Events
See what is going on at Northwestern this month and next. Concerts, lectures, athletic events - there is always something going on. View April Events.

Reminder to All Members
If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the OLLI office on either campus for help. Do not call or go to other Northwestern departments. They will not be able to assist you. The OLLI office should be your contact for Net-IDs, payments, room issues, parking vouchers in Chicago, Wildcards, registration and emails. The OLLI offices can be reached by email or phone.

CH: maurita.gholston@northwestern.edu or 312-503-7881
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Chicago: Parking Pass Pick-Up Time
Parking passes may be picked up in the OLLI office from 11:30am to 1:30pm ONLY.

Evanston: Construction Project Information
The City of Evanston has launched a significant construction project on Northwestern's Evanston campus, and all members of the campus community are urged to use caution and leave extra time when driving or walking near the work site. To read the full announcement - Click Here.

Information from the City of Evanston - Click Here

Evanston: Street Parking Information
If you park on the street while attending study groups or events, be sure to read the street signs carefully to avoid a ticket. You can refer to the City of Evanston website for more information. Reminder, street cleaning has begun in Evanston. To access the City of Evanston website - Click Here.
Northwestern Shuttle

Check the shuttle website for the latest information as schedules can change due to weather and events on campus. To access the Shuttle website - Click Here.

The TransLoc Rider App can be used to track the shuttles in real-time. For information on how to get and use the app - Click Here.

Please note: The submission deadline for articles in the OLLI newsletter is the Monday prior to the issue in which you would like your information to appear. For events that require registration, the deadline is 6wks prior. Inclusion is at the discretion of the Director. Send submission requests to lee.lawlor@northwestern.edu

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