Update from the OLLI Director

Dear OLLI Members,

OLLI (and the world) is a very different place than it was three weeks ago. Last week, Northwestern University made the determination to run all classes remotely for at least three weeks following spring break due to the COVID-19 emergency. In line with the
three weeks following spring break due to the COVID-19 emergency. In line with the University’s policy, OLLI will start to conduct some of our spring study groups and events remotely beginning Monday, March 23. OLLI coordinator were given the option to cancel their spring study group or run it remotely using Canvas and Zoom software. Sadly, not all study groups are suitable to be run remotely. However, we are pleased to say that almost half of our spring study groups will be running remotely starting this week.

All spring members should have received confirmation by email on which of their study groups are running remotely and which have been cancelled. We have been conducting online training sessions for all remote coordinators and study group members. We have two additional sessions coming up in case you were not able to join a session last week. Information can be found below in the section “Resources for Remote Study Groups”.

For those of you with cancelled study groups, the OLLI office will be reaching out to you by Monday, March 30 with a refund schedule or the option to donate the refund back to OLLI. Please DO NOT email or call the office directly about refunds - wait to be contacted. More information can be found in these FAQ sheets:

FAQs Regarding Cancelled Study Groups - Click Here
FAQs Regarding Refunds - Click Here

We'd like to thank our many coordinators who have embraced remote learning and have been working hard this past week to get their groups ready to begin.

For general updates on Northwestern's response to COVID-19, please monitor the university's COVID-19 website HERE.

Please stay well.

Sincerely,

Kirsty

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Resources for Remote Study Groups

Remote Learning Training Sessions:
Coordinators: Monday, March 23 at 9am
Members: Tuesday, March 24 at 1pm
Access link: https://zoom.us/j/6751857993

Helpful Links:
FAQs Regarding Remote Learning - Click Here
Basic Canvas Guide - Click Here
Tips: Virtual Conferencing Best Practices - Click Here
This Week

Call for Summer Proposals

Even though there is a great deal of uncertainty about the coming weeks, we think it is important to continue our planning, and OLLI is now accepting proposals for summer 2020 study groups. The summer session will run for 4 weeks starting on Monday, July 6. Proposals must be submitted by Monday, April 6 in order to be considered. Coordinators will be asked to indicate whether their study group can run remotely, should the need arise.

For Proposal Form (Word Doc) Click Here
For Proposal Form (PDF) Click Here
Remote Spring Study Groups Begin
Starting Monday, March 23

Location: canvas.northwestern.edu

The status of spring study groups have been emailed to all spring members. For those continuing remotely, your coordinator will be reaching out to you with your start date. For most groups, that will be this week. **One more online training sessions has been scheduled for anyone who still wants guidance on how the remote learning platforms work.** All you need to do to join a session is click on the access link provided below at the start of the meeting.

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Next Week

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**

**Brainstorming Sessions (via Zoom)**
**March 31-April 2**

Great study groups are the reason we continue to come back to OLLI. Study groups are proposed, and designed by our membership. Help us generate ideas for upcoming sessions by attending the Idea Week events online via Zoom! All members welcome and encouraged to attend. We'll be brainstorming study group ideas for upcoming Evanston and Online sessions.
At these 45 minute sessions you'll be able to: learn about the proposal process and benefits to coordinating; connect with experienced coordinators and members who share your interests; hear about resources, guidance, and support available to any member who would like to submit a proposal and coordinate a study group; share, hear, and generate ideas. Join any or all sessions

Tuesday, March 31
Creative Arts and Writing from 12-12:45pm
History and Government from 3:30-4:15pm

Wednesday, April 1
Contemporary Issues from 12-12:45pm
Literature from 3:30-4:15pm

Thursday, April 2
Philosophy and Religion from 12-12:45pm
Science, Technology, Medicine & Health from 3:30-4:15pm

Open to all current OLLI members. Registration is required.

REGISTER

Presented by the Study Group and Coordinator Development Committees in Evanston.
Stands the Test of Time

Tuesday, March 31

Location: Online via Zoom link sent to all registrants

A love for classical music and live orchestral music is nurtured overtime and we all hold the power to be stronger advocates for this art form. Elisabeth Scheffler-Madeja from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra joins us to discuss strategies and tactics that are changing the landscape of classical music consumption, the efforts to expand audiences for the art form, and what is being done to initiate and strengthen this appreciation for generations to come.

This event is free and open to all current OLLI members. Registration is required. The Zoom link for this event will be emailed to all registrants.

Presented by the Academic Enrichment Committee in Chicago.

UPDATE:

Northwestern's Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Northwestern University continues to monitor the situation on the global outbreak of Coronavirus. In an effort to keep the community informed a dedicated website has been created which will continue to be updated with messages, advisories, and information about COVID-19.

To access Northwestern's Coronavirus (COVID-19) website, Click Here
To read Northwestern's policy on self-isolation, Click Here

UPDATE:

Northwestern Libraries Closed
Please be aware that all Evanston and Chicago library buildings are now closed. The Library has set up a COVID-19 Library Update page to keep you informed regarding changes to the library system, remote resources and services. To access the update page - Click Here

UPDATE:

Northwestern Shuttle Changes Over Spring Break
Northwestern University spring break has been extended due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). It will now run from March 21 through April 5. Shuttles may be running on holiday schedules or not running at all during this time. Check the shuttle website for the latest information on schedule changes.

To access the Shuttle website - Click Here
Other News

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.

Help Desk: spsolli.sps.northwestern.edu
CH: maurita.gholston@northwestern.edu
EV: l-dangelo@northwestern.edu

Emergency Procedures and Northwestern University Emergency Notification System

CLICK HERE!

OLLI Online Help Desk
Click the link below to submit a 'ticket'. Watch your email for a reply from an OLLI staff member - you may be asked to supply additional information. Use this link to request help with NetIDs, schedule changes, tech support, etc.

CLICK HERE!

Submit Study Group Ideas All Year
Show your support in helping to create an engaging and dynamic offering of study groups at OLLI by submitting ideas whenever you think of them. All Ideas welcome!

CLICK HERE! Questions? Email the Study Group Committee ollistudygroupcommittee@northwestern.edu
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 a minimum of 6wks prior. Inclusion is at the discretion of the Director. Send submission requests to lee.lawlor@northwestern.edu