Dear OLLI Members,

This semester has not turned out how any of us anticipated. We stopped on-ground study groups one week into the term. In week two, hundreds of students and coordinators
groups one week into the term. In week two, hundreds of OLLI students and coordinators trained to do their study groups remotely. Now, at the end of week three, forty-one study groups have recommenced with their weekly meetings, and reports coming from these study groups are overwhelming positive. Nevertheless, I feel sincere regret for those coordinators and students unable to continue. Here are some things that we have done/are doing to help those whose study groups have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

(i) Offer every OLLI student the opportunity to register in a remote study group.

(ii) Offer training to all students and coordinators to bridge the technology gap.

(iii) Offer free webinars (online lectures) and other remote programming to all OLLI students to fill the learning gap.

(iv) Allow spring coordinators a one-step process to resubmit their spring proposals for the fall semester.

(v) Allow spring coordinators (if they wish) to keep the same time slot in the fall semester that they had scheduled this spring.

Please know that I am looking into the logistics of offering priority registration in the fall to those who were registered in a cancelled spring study group (assuming the identical study group is offered in the fall). It is inherently difficult to administer in practice, but, please know that I am trying to determine if this would be possible.

**Online Lectures (Webinars) are Starting this Week.**

This week we are offering two webinar lectures, presented by the Academic Enrichment Committees in Chicago and Evanston. Registration Information for both is below. More webinars are planned for April, and they will be added to the Online Registration System later this week. **For those of you with cancelled study groups,** remember you are still a member of OLLI and you may register for our webinars even if your study group(s) was cancelled. Please take advantage of this membership benefit.

**Refund Schedule for Cancelled Study Groups.**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the OLLI office will be reaching out to members in cancelled study groups starting Monday, March 30 with a refund schedule or the option to donate the refund back to OLLI. This is not a quick process and we ask for your patience. 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**

Reminder to all members - if you need assistance with Canvas, Zoom, NetIDs, etc. please submit a ticket to the OLLI Help Desk. DO NOT contact NUIT directly. They will not be able to help you at this time. If we cannot solve the problem, we will contact NUIT on your behalf.

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

Please stay well.
Sincerely,

Kirsty
Kirsty Montgomery, Ph.D.
Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Northwestern University

Resources for Remote Study Groups

Remote Learning Training Sessions:
If you missed the training sessions or need a refresher, log onto Canvas and go to the OLLI Student Canvas site. We’ve posted a link to a video recording of the hour-long session training session we conducted on Canvas and Zoom.

Helpful Links:
FAQs Regarding Remote Learning - Click Here
Basic Canvas Guide - Click Here
Tips: Video Conferencing Best Practices - Click Here
To access Canvas, log in at: canvas.northwestern.edu

OLLI Office Contacts:
Email: olli@northwestern.edu
OLLI Help Desk: spslli.sps.northwestern.edu

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

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.
Please note, requests for Course Reserves has changes. Information regarding the changes can be found on the Library Blog page. The OLLI - Click Here

If you need help finding digital resources for your study group, reach out to the OLLI librarian subject specialist, Tracy Coyne, for help.

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**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 is interested in coordinating a study group.
would like to submit a proposal and coordinate a study group; share, hear, and generate ideas. Join any or all sessions. Meeting link will be emailed to all registrants.

**Monday, March 30**
Creative Arts and Writing from 12-12:45pm

**Tuesday, March 31**
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.*

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**About OLLI Webinars**

In lieu of in-person lectures, the OLLI spring lecture series will now be conducted as webinars. Webinars function slightly different from OLLI remote study group meetings. Here's how:

- **Webinars are live lectures** (not recorded), but attendees are not seen and their microphones are muted. Only the speaker and host are seen and heard.
- **Attendees are able to ask the speaker questions** using the Q & A text box at the bottom of their screen. The webinar host will read some of the questions out loud for the speaker to answer during the short Q & A session at the end of the presentation.
- **Access is via a website link.** Once registration is completed, all attendees will be emailed a link to access the lecture. Simply click on the link provided at webinar start time to join.
- **Webinars are open to all current OLLI members.** Registration is required. Remember, even if your spring study group was cancelled, you are still an OLLI member and our webinars are a benefit of that membership.

**Questions?** Email olli@northwestern.edu
ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT WEBINAR - FREE AND OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

The Future of Orchestras: An Art Form that Stands the Test of Time

Tuesday, March 31
12-1pm

Webinar 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 prior to the lecture.

Registration closes on Monday, March 30 at noon.

Elisabeth Scheffler-Madeja is the Director of Marketing for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT WEBINAR - FREE AND OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

America and the Middle East: Allies and Authoritarians
Thursday, April 2
12-1pm

Webinar Location: Online via Zoom link sent to all registrants

Focusing on the current U.S. standoff with Iran, Professor William Reno will join us to explore the consequences of the U.S. shift from a Cold War era strategy in the Middle East, one that was based upon regional balancing and did not involve long-term stationing of US troops. The shift after the Cold War to permanent stationing of troops and democracy promotion has entangled the U.S. in domestic and regional politics in unanticipated ways. President Trump’s foreign policy rhetoric seems to signal a return to the status quo ante, yet policy has not followed rhetoric. Is there a distinct Trump policy with regard to U.S. engagement in the Middle East, and if so, to what extent does it break with the legacies of the past?

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 prior to the lecture.

Registration closes on Wednesday, April 1 at noon.

William Reno is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Northwestern University.
Presented by the Academic Enrichment Committee in Evanston.

Next Week

No events scheduled at this time.

Other News

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

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
For service updates and announcements - Click Here

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

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!

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**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

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**THE END**

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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

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