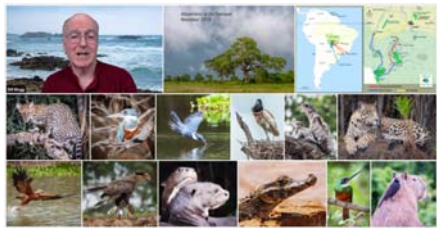


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*Fine Art Photographer Bill Mugg Describes His 2018 Trip to The Pantanal, the World's Largest Tropical Wetland, in the Heart of South America, at the May 8 Photography Club Meeting*

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### Alerts & Notices

- *Reminder:* The OLLI Personal Computer User Group (OPCUG) online meeting is May 16 (tomorrow) at 1:00—[Zoom](#) (Webinar ID: 937 3024 4342).
- The catalog for summer term (beginning June 22) has been mailed. priority registration runs May 22-June 1. Since catalog production, some summer-term classes have been added, changed, or canceled. The changes are available at [this link](#).
- The revised summer catalog indicating the online classes is now available on the OLLI website: [click here](#) to view.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, May 22: regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00.

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### From the Desk of the Executive Director



Mason Student Scholars



*By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director*

Every year OLLI Mason provides George Mason University students with scholarship awards as a way of giving back to the university for its steadfast support in facilitating our program. This year there were 23 Mason student scholars, eight of whom are featured here. Congratulations students and thank you to the Friends of OLLI donors for funding this important program!



Briann Sobieski  
NOVA Mason Transfer Student

Kristina Bhardwaj  
School of Music

Madison Hoffman  
Department of English



Luke Ratcliffe  
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Markus Bjoerkheim  
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Patricia Mikell  
Department of History  
and Art History

Sarah D'Alexander  
Mason Facilities

Zachary Mascorro  
School for Conflict  
Analysis and Resolution

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### Tell a Friend about OLLI



*By Rosemary Lubinski, Outreach Committee Chair*

During the COVID-19 crisis, many of us have reached out to family and friends to keep in touch. Undoubtedly, you have heard from folks you have not seen recently. These calls, emails, and texts are an excellent opportunity for you to tell others about the stimulating experiences you have attending OLLI classes. We have been fortunate that many classes were offered on-line and could be accessed at home and even by those who do not live in our area.

To help OLLI maintain membership, we all need to reach out and tell others about this valuable resource for seniors. Your personal experience with OLLI classes is a powerful and meaningful marketing tool. Tell your friends and family about the scope of class topics and clubs, the interesting discussions, what you learned, and how easy it is to access from the comfort of your home.

Please tell a friend a day and pass on OLLI's web address (<https://olli.gmu.edu>) so your friends and family (near and far) can take a look and join the group. You can also give them the web address for the up-to-date summer catalog indicating the online classes: <https://olli.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Summer2020-catalog.pdf>.

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Photo of the Month



The May 2020 Photo of the Month theme was National Parks. We selected John Nash's photo "Kayaking Great Falls" which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).  
 -- By Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Breakup

You are slowing, dimming, fainting,  
 your energy flagging. No vitamin  
 B<sup>12</sup> can help you.  
 No Resveratrol can retard your decline.  
 No cosmetic surgery can rejuvenate you.  
 I know you are dying.  
 Our many years together are ending,  
 the countless hours in bed delighting,  
 learning, traveling.  
 Soon I will be forced to take  
 up with a new digital gigolo.  
 I will abandon you  
 to a foreign trash heap  
 and fall in love with a Gen7 iPad.

Carolyn F. Wyatt

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Arts & Music at George Mason



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Although Mason's campus is shut down, they are still producing online entertainment which we can access and enjoy. Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just send an email to Brianna Schoen at [bschoen@gmu.edu](mailto:bschoen@gmu.edu). Also, the Center for the Arts has a website [Mason Arts at Home](#) which has a calendar of on-line events.

Meetings & Clubs

**Please note:** Physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled until further notice in accordance with Mason's guidelines. OLLI is conducting its classes and activities online. Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates and check the [OLLI Calendar](#) for revised information.

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend (online), meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (**bolded** below).

Sat May 16	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Tai Chi Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289) Computer Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Webinar ID: 937 3024 4342)
Wed May 20	2:00 pm	Memoir Writing Group- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 801 645 074)
Thu May 21	1:45 pm	<b>Reston Program Planning Meeting-<a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 599 912 435)</b>
Fri May 22	9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 2:00 pm 2:00 pm	Craft & Conversation- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 611 234 196) <b>Virtual Coffee Klatch-<a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 650 410 348)</b> Homer, etc.- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 993 949 463) Photography Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 669 666 340) Cooking Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605) OLLI Players- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 884 4258 2820)
Sat May 23	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Tue May 26	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Spanish Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 811 997 392) <b>Loudoun Program Planning Meeting-<a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 885 5123 1429)</b>
Wed May 27	12:15 pm 2:00 pm	<b>Special Events Program Planning Meeting-<a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 524 106 880)</b> Memoir Writing Group- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 801 645 074)
Fri May 29	9:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 2:00 pm	Craft & Conversation- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 611 234 196) Homer, etc.- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 993 949 463) Cooking Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605) OLLI Players- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 884 4258 2820)
Sat May 30	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club- <a href="#">Zoom</a> (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)

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