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Class on Indigenous Baltic Minority Societies in "Vanishing Worlds," Taught by Joyce Johnston, Mason Adjunct English Professor, July 2020

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Alerts & Notices

- Fall term is September 21 – November 13.
- You should have received your fall-term catalog; it is online [here](#). Priority registration begins August 18 and ends August 26.
- Since catalog production, a few classes may have been changed, canceled, or added. Watch for a list of the changes at the OLLI website or in an OLLI *E-Blast*.
- Virtual coffee chat and fall-term class preview, Thursday, August 20, 9:30-11:00, via [Zoom](#) (meeting ID 869 0626 7824). All members welcome.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, August 28; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, August 25, at 6:00.

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Have You Always Wanted to Learn How to Register Through the Member Portal?



By Toni Acton, Member Services Committee Chair

Many of our OLLI members are still registering for classes the old-fashioned way—by paper. Since the OLLI office is closed, in order to register by paper you have to mail your registration form at least a week before the deadline to make sure it gets there on time. Wouldn't you like to register on your computer in the comfort of your own home, having the entire registration period to make your choice of classes? Now that we are all familiar with using our computers to take Zoom classes, it's time to take the next step in signing up for classes through the member portal.

If you're interested, contact Toni Acton at jacton1@cox.net to set up a time during the registration period when she can help you through the process.

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It's the RIGHT TIME



By Rosemary Lubinski, Outreach Committee Chair

It's the right time for you to tell your friends about OLLI's upcoming fall term of online courses and social activities.

Two-thirds of marketing executives believe that word of mouth advertising is the most effective marketing strategy. Your positive and personal experiences with OLLI are excellent testimony to share with friends.

When you talk, email, or chat with friends on other forms of social media, you can highlight the variety of interesting, high-quality online courses that are easily accessed at home via Zoom. You might also mention the online social activities and clubs. Finally, this is the time to tell your friends what a bargain joining OLLI is for new members. Right now, new members can join for \$300 for their first full four-term year. What a deal!

Please share the following address with your friends and encourage them to peruse the fall-2020 OLLI catalog: <https://olli.gmu.edu/2020fallcatalog>. Remember that registration begins August 18, 2020.

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Tallwood Book Club



By Betty Ellerbee, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will be meeting via Zoom on second Fridays from 2:30 to 4:00.

The September selection is *There There* by Tommy Orange. The October selection is *Sag Harbor* by Colson Whitehead. The authors have been scheduled for presentations at Fall for the Book and the National Book

Festival respectively.

Please note the change of time from the printed catalog.

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Coffee Klatch to Feature Fall Classes



By Toni Acton, Member Services Committee Chair

Join your OLLI friends at the coffee klatch on Thursday, August 20, from 9:30 to 11:00. Find out what everyone has been doing this summer, anything new happening at OLLI, and hear from some of the OLLI instructors who will be teaching classes this fall. Fall registration starts on August 18, so this is a perfect time to find out more about classes you might be thinking about taking this term.

Register for Event #1206 via the member portal or contact the registrar at ollireq@gmu.edu.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Oh, My Stars and Garters

*"Supper at such an hour!
My stars and garters! Who would be,
To have such guests, a landlady"
A Journey to Oxford: The London Magazine,
Volume 34, 1765*

My mother used to say
When she was vexed or otherwise surprised;
My father used more picturesque words
In like situations, but

Mother thought herself
A refined English-Canadian woman.

I never knew where she picked up the saying
And never thought to inquire
Until too late for her to tell me.

Since The Noble Order of the Garter
Is the highest order of knighthood
A British monarch can bestow
On the great and the good
Of the kingdom,
The star depicting the award
Gave rise to the old expression.

Whether Mother would believe
Its syllables adequate
To today's problems
Is yet another question.

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Arts & Music at George Mason



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Although Mason's campus is shut down, online entertainment continues for us to 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. Also, the Center for the Arts has a website [Mason Arts at Home](#), which has a calendar of online events.

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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 Aug 15	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
	1:00 pm	Personal Computer User Group- Zoom (Meeting ID: 937 3024 4342)
Mon Aug 17	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?- Zoom (Meeting ID: 825 1457 5625)
Tue Aug 18	9:30 am	Annex Art- Zoom (Meeting ID: 836 7207 3832)
	11:00 am	Spanish Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 811 997 392)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Wed Aug 19	10:30 am	The Tom Crooker Investment Forum- Zoom (Meeting ID: 861 1181 9898)
	1:00 pm	Audiovisual Committee Meeting-Zoom (Meeting ID: 977 8565 9174)
	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group- Zoom (Meeting ID: 801 645 074)
	4:00 pm	Ethnic Eats- Zoom (Meeting ID: 818 8261 0637)
Thu Aug 20	9:30 am	Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch- Zoom (Meeting ID: 869 0626 7824)
	11:50 am	All the News- Zoom (Meeting ID: 867 6218 8571)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Fri Aug 21	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation- Zoom (Meeting ID: 611 234 196)
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.- Zoom (Meeting ID: 993 949 463)
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605)
	2:00 pm	OLLI Players- Zoom (Meeting ID: 884 4258 2820)
Sat Aug 22	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
		What's in the Daily News?- Zoom (Meeting ID: 825 1457 5625)

Mon Aug 24	9:30 am	
Tue Aug 25	9:30 am	Annex Art- Zoom (Meeting ID: 836 7207 3832)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Wed Aug 26	10:30 am	The Tom Crooker Investment Forum- Zoom (Meeting ID: 861 1181 9898)
Thu Aug 27	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Fri Aug 28	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation- Zoom (Meeting ID: 611 234 196)
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.- Zoom (Meeting ID: 993 949 463)
	12:00 noon	Photography Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 669 666 340)
	12:00 noon	Yoga Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 890 2155 1445)
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605)
	2:00 pm	OLLI Players- Zoom (Meeting ID: 884 4258 2820)
Sat Aug 29	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club- Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)

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Deadline: Tuesday, 6:00, for that week's issue (Monday, 6:00, for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

Note: You can view past issues of *OLLI E-News* on the DocStore. To search the content of issues, use Search Our Site or put your search term in Google followed by "site:olli.gmu.edu/" without the quotes.

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