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**Toni Acton, Member Services Committee Chair, Hosts the Fall 2021
 Grab 'n' Go Coffee Klatch, October 22.**

October 29, 2021

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

- *Note:* Starting in 2022, you will need to register for clubs each term (e.g., when you register for 2022 winter term). This allows OLLI to maintain current club rosters and ensures that you receive emails about your club's activities and events.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, November 5; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, November 2, at 6:00.

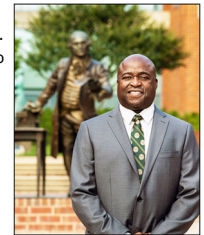
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From the Desk of the Executive Director Mason President Marks Anniversary and Hosts Lecture and Forum Series



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

The month of October marked the first year since Dr. Gregory Washington's investiture as George Mason University's eighth president. In celebration, Dr. Washington hosted a series of lectures and forums to discuss the "Grand Challenges" and "Issues of Our Time" which highlighted many scholars familiar to OLLI classrooms, including Dr. Stephan Crew, Dr. Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, Dr. Steve Pearlstein, and Dr. Virginia Espina, to name a few.



Dr. Gregory Washington



These scholars shared their research on our environment, immigration policy, media, and social issues and provided their thoughts on the impact of these topics for Mason students, the United States, and the world. I encourage you to check out GMU TV at <https://gmutv.gmu.edu/> to view video recordings of these terrific events. At OLLI, thanks to the tireless work of OLLI program coordinators, we are fortunate to enjoy lectures from our wonderful Mason professors as part of our regular programming.

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Let Summer 2022 be Your Time to Teach at OLLI





By Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Program Planning Group Co-chair

If you have ever thought about volunteering to share your expertise on a subject with OLLI members, now is the time to submit your course idea(s) for our 2022 summer session. OLLI invites you to share your expertise on topics that reflect your knowledge in any area including:

- Classes with a multicultural focus
- The 4th and 5th estates (news media and social media)
- International culture and issues
- The psychology of social media.

If you have an interest in teaching any classes (via Zoom or hybrid) or have questions or ideas of your own, please contact either of the following Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events (HSS/CE) committee chairpersons:

Camille Hodges mimihodges4@gmail.com
 Peg O'Brien mazob@live.com.

Additionally, you may fill out the course proposal form found at [this link](#). The form will go directly to the OLLI program planners.

The deadline for submitting proposals to teach during the summer 2022 session is January 28, 2022. We encourage multi-session classes. Thank you!

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History Club November Meeting



By Elizabeth Lambert, History Club Coordinator

The November Zoom meeting of the History Club will take place this coming Wednesday, November 3, at 4:00. Our speaker is Elva Card, OLLI member and teacher, who will give us a brief history of Korea and discuss that country's modern divided situation. As Elva aptly describes Korea's place: "It is sometimes called a shrimp caught between two whales." The two whales, of course, are China and Japan.

Elva's particular interest in Korea began with a three-week teacher seminar in Korea that included lectures at Yonsei University and a tour of South Korea. Based on her experiences and ongoing studies of Korea, Elva's presentation will shed light on a country that is unique in many ways. It is, indeed, timely; we hope you will join us on November 3.

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Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Program Planning Group Meeting



By Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events Program Planning Group Co-chair

Good Morning!

I know you are all enjoying the fall weather as well as OLLI fall courses. Our next meeting of the Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events (HSS/CE) Program Planning Group will be via Zoom on Thursday, November 18, at 10:00.

Shannon Morrow will send the link a few days before the meeting date and I will send the agenda at the beginning of that week. Everyone should have received a technology update from me as well as reading information in the *OLLI E-News*.

I hope you will join us on November 18.

Continue to be safe and well.

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Boo to You!...and Halloween, too!



By John Nash, E-News Editor

We know the line from Percy Bysshe Shelley's *Ode to the West Wind*: "O, Wind! If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Let's paraphrase that a bit: "O, Leaves! If Fall comes, can Halloween be far behind?"

Halloween is this Sunday and the weather in our area promises to be good for bringing out all those ghosts and goblins and trick 'r treaters. This is one of my favorite holidays as it is for many people. Statistics show that over the past years Halloween has grown in importance as a holiday celebration, with a large commercial boost from costumes, decorations, parties, and – yes – candy!



My wife always put me in charge of dispensing the treats when the doorbell rang. When confronted with a chorus of "trick 'r treat" I'd sometimes look serious and say, "What kind of tricks can you do?" There was usually a stunned, puzzled look, but then creativity kicked in. I've had some Robinson cheerleaders doing cheers on my front yard, many wobbly cartwheels, and some pretty bad singing. But all laced with lots of laughter...and candy!

Once, my son and grandson dressed up as Batman and Robin and came over to trick 'r treat us.

They were sitting in the living room when I went to answer the doorbell. There was a little guy all dressed up as Batman. "Wow! You look great! But I've got the real Batman in my house!" He looked around me, saw my son still in costume, and shot right past me into the house! Fortunately, his parents were nearby, laughing, so there was only a fleeting moment of panic of having a young child enter my house unaccompanied!



Sadly, my neighborhood has "matured" and there are fewer trick 'r treaters that come out now. So if you see a tall, gray-haired guy behind a Covid mask saying "trick 'r treat," give him some candy or something stronger! But don't expect a trick...those days are over!

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Wouldn't that be a pity

She fears me
 minute me
 a speck
 to her mammoth magnitude
 All I ask is a drop or two
 of blood
 just a morsel of life force
 Surely a creature
 of her majesty
 can bestow
 an imperceptible nod
 to the sanctity of others'
 humble existence
 That I may ply myself
 on her beneficence
 I wait poised on a lowly branch
 arms extended in supplication
 hoping she passes
 skims a hand in my direction
 so I may latch on
 burrow in
 suck my fill
 Till I need her no more
 and drop engorged
 to a well-won slumber
 What's that you say?
 She could suffer from a disease I transfer
 blossoming into a bullseye

or some such annoyance

Well, wouldn't that be a pity *Susan Rexroad*

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, October 29 through November 8



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Mason's campuses are in the process of reopening. Limited programs at both Fairfax and Manassas campuses, along with virtual performances, are available 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 and access to many past performances. Information can also be found at [CFA ticket purchase page](#), [Center for the Arts YouTube Channel](#), or the [Hylton ticket purchase page](#).

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Jerusalem Quartet, Strings

Sun, Nov 7, 4:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$60, \$51, \$36, half-price for youth through grade 12.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

Mason School of Theater, A Concert Presentation of *Footloose*

Fri, Oct 29, 8:00
 Sat, Oct 30, 2:00 and 8:00
 Sun, Oct 31, 2:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$30 adults; \$15 students, faculty/staff, and seniors.

Mason Symphony Orchestra Concert

Wed, Nov 3, 8:00
 Concert Hall

Admission: \$12 adults, \$8 seniors, and \$5 youth through grade 12.

Mason Choirs Fall Concert

Sat, Nov. 6, 4:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$12 adults, \$8 seniors, and \$5 youth through grade 12.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibition: Carroll Sockwell - Grey

Continuing through Sun, Nov 14

Hylton Performing Arts Center, Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Admission: Free.

Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra: Swingin' with the Met

Sat, Oct 30, 8:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$46, \$39, \$28.

Axial Dance: Scary Talented!

Sun, Oct 31, 12:30

Large Rehearsal Hall

Admission: \$14.

Somers Voice: Sistas, the Musical

Fri, Nov 5, 7:00

Sat, Nov 6, 2:00 and 7:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$25.

Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra: Picture of Pictures at an Exhibition

Sat, Nov 6, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20 adults; \$15 seniors.

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For further details on any of the above events, see the [CFA event calendar](#) and the [Hylton Center event calendar](#).

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Student Scholarship Spotlight Event

From Mason's Dewberry School of Music

RSVP to ringle@gmu.edu by November 3 to get the Zoom link.

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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. 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, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (bolded below). The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members; you may also log in at the [member portal](#) and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.*

Sat Oct 30	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue Nov 2	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Nov 3	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club
	4:00 pm	History Club
Thu Nov 4	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Nov 5	10:00 am	Town Hall Meeting
	1:00 pm	Thanksgiving Volunteer Celebration
Sat Nov 6	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue Nov 9	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club

Wed Nov 10	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group
	4:00 pm	Spanish Club
Thu Nov 11	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Nov 12	9:30 am	Photography Club
	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	11:00 am	Classic Literature Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	1:00 pm	Annual Veterans Day Celebration
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club
	2:30 pm	Tallwood Book Club
Sat Nov 13	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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About OLLI E-News

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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.

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