



January 1, 2021

### REGISTRATION FOR Great Decisions 2021 Starts Monday!

Registration for Great Decisions 2021 will be open on January 4. There is no charge to attend, but each session is limited to 50 registrants. The list of the preliminary topics for the upcoming 2021 edition of Great Decisions have been announced. The eight topics will each have a corresponding episode of GDTV that will broadcast on PBS and be available on DVD or streaming with [Vimeo](https://vimeo.com).



#### Great Decision Dates/Topics

- January 22, Global supply chains and national security
- February 26, Persian Gulf Security
- March 26, Brexit and the European Union
- April 23, The fight over the melting Arctic
- May 28, China and Africa

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You've registered for your spring OLLI class. Now what? Join us and learn the basics of using Webex. In this Coffee Chat, we'll talk about Muting and unmuting, turning video on and off and options for viewing presentations and lectures. We'll also talk about some basic etiquette of online learning. Get your coffee and join us for some chatting and learning about Webex.

- Wednesday, Jan 6 at 1pm
  - Friday, Jan 8, at 9am
- Click below to join the meeting.

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Need help downloading Webex? Check out our resources here: <https://web.uri.edu/olli/online-learning-resources/>

## CONNECTIONS & Conversations

Join us for an open discussion with other OLLI members and friends with whom you have something in common. This is a wonderful time to stay connected, see OLLI friends you haven't seen in a while, share memories, interests, and thoughts on the changes through the years. There is no need to pre-register. Simply click on the link and join the meeting. Let's begin the New Year in the company of friends!

I look forward to seeing many of you.

Happy New Year!

Beth Leconte, Director, OLLI at URI

#### EDUCATORS, Thursday, January 7, @ 10:00am

Hosted by OLLI member, Marie Lupino

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Do you remember your first day of school as a teacher? Tell us about your fondest memories and share some funny stories with your OLLI fellow teachers. What challenges did you face over your career? Share your thoughts and feeling about our teachers and students today adapting during the pandemic. Whether you taught preschool, were a school librarian, high school teacher, or college professor please join in us.

#### VETERANS Friday, January 8, @ 1:00pm

Hosted by OLLI member, Jeff Coons

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Join other OLLI veterans in an informal discussion on why you joined the military and how your life was changed by this period in your life. Are you better or worse for the experience? How did your experience impact your life? Would you encourage young adults to join, support a draft or would you discourage them from volunteering?

#### The MEN in OLLI (calling all male members) Monday, January 11@ 1pm

Hosted by OLLI member, Phil Kuehne

Meeting Link: [https://rhody.webex.com/meet/olli\\_bleconteuri.edu](https://rhody.webex.com/meet/olli_bleconteuri.edu)

Come listen, learn, share and have a few laughs with the men of OLLI. Let's talk about meaningful things impacting our lives and explore topics of interest. And give us some ideas for future classes and programs at OLLI. Since we cannot gather in person at OLLI and converse, let's do so online!

#### AUTHORS (calling all OLLI authors) Wednesday, January 13, @ 1pm

Hosted by OLLI member, Gale Eaton

Meeting Link: [https://rhody.webex.com/meet/olli\\_bleconteuri.edu](https://rhody.webex.com/meet/olli_bleconteuri.edu)

A chance to talk about your writing life. Do you do best with routines and outlines? Do you set yourself a word quota each day, or keep regular hours in case the muse visits? Do you work on one project at a time or go back and forth? How did the events of 2020 change your writing experience? We invite you to a social discussion of a solitary pursuit."

#### HEALTH PROFESSIONALS , Thursday, January 14 @ 11:00am

Hosted by OLLI member, Frank Hopkins

Meeting Link: [https://rhody.webex.com/meet/olli\\_bleconteuri.edu](https://rhody.webex.com/meet/olli_bleconteuri.edu)

Have you or are you currently in a Health Care Profession? Are you still passionate about Health Care? What worked well for you, where are your frustrations, and where are there opportunities for improvement? This past year has certainly offered an insight into the complex system called Healthcare, from a local level, through the states, to national & international approaches. Join us for a roundtable discussion and share your life experiences to help form worthwhile opinions on complex matters.

### Join us for great company and conversations!

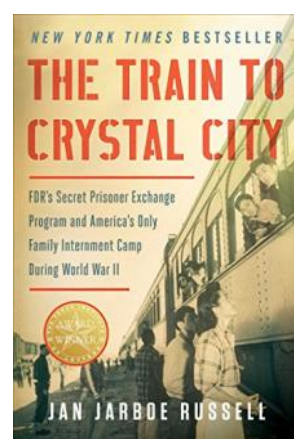
#### OLLI AUTHORS CORNER



Last week we told you about OLLI Member and instructor Lloyd Kaplan's new book. [Check out this great article published on Warwick Online](#). Stay tuned next week when we highlight another OLLI author!

If you'd like to share a book or project you've created, send the details to [OLLI@etal.uri.edu](mailto:OLLI@etal.uri.edu).

## BOOK GROUP



The January book is : **The Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America's Only Family Internment Camp During World War II**

By Jan Jarboe Russell

We will meet via Webex on Friday, January 15, at 1pm

Advance registration is **not** required.

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## PHOTO FRIDAY GROUP



The next meeting will be January 8, from 10 to 11:30am and the theme is HANDS.

If you would like to participate, [Click here](#) to add your photos to our group. The link to the zoom meeting will be sent out the day before the meeting.

You can submit your photos( limit to 3 please) anytime during the month. If you have any questions, please email [olli@etal.uri.edu](mailto:olli@etal.uri.edu) or call 874-4197.



#### Friday, January 8, at 1pm

Writer's Group meets on the first Friday, of each month at 1pm. Come share your writings, listen and learn from others, and most importantly have a good time. Email Susan Berman ([susanb99@yahoo.com](mailto:susanb99@yahoo.com)) for the link to the meeting.

### Are you on Facebook?

Here's a great tutorial to watch on how to join, set up security settings and post to Facebook <https://youtu.be/xu8rh9Ref4Y>

It's a great way to keep up to date with OLLI!

