



Meet **Althea Brooks**, member of the Board of Directors and Curriculum and Diversity Committees at OLLI at UVA. A native of South Carolina, Althea began her career at UVA in the procurement office. Her first supervisor there was Gary Nimax, now UVA Assistant Vice President for Compliance, and President of the OLLI Board of Directors.

For the past 14 years, Althea has been the Senior Director of UVA's *Lifetime Learning* in the Office of Engagement, where she manages programs to enrich the intellectual life of UVA's alumni, parents, and friends. *Lifetime Learning* programs include faculty-led talks, extended learning seminars, travel opportunities, and online resources.

Thanks to Althea, this semester OLLI members will have full access to three popular UVA-generated online Coursera courses through the regular OLLI registration site [at no charge](#). Knowing OLLI members and their passion for lifelong learning, and working her UVA connections, Althea connected the OLLI Curriculum Committee with Dr. Kristin Palmer, Director of Online Learning Programs at UVA. In turn, Dr. Palmer and UVA's Office of the Provost have afforded OLLI members full access to three UVA Coursera courses, all scheduled for self-paced learning beginning September 21.

The UVA Coursera courses scheduled for Fall 2020 rollout are *Patrick Henry: Forgotten Founder*, taught by Dr. John Ragosta; *The Kennedy Half Century*, taught by Dr. Larry Sabato; and *How Things Work: An Introduction to Physics*, taught by Dr. Louis Bloomfield. Althea also arranged for Dr. Ragosta - historian, lawyer, award-winning author, and Senior Historian at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello - to provide a live Zoom lecture to complement his online course. Dr. Ragosta's Special Presentation, entitled *Patrick Henry v. Thomas Jefferson*, will be held on December 16, from 10:30-11:30 am, and is free and open to the public.

**To register for a UVA Coursera course, or Dr. Ragosta's Special Presentation, click [here](#).**

OLLI members also are invited to click [here](#) to join the UVA *Lifetime Learning* email list and receive notices to register for upcoming programs. This fall, all of the Lifetime Learning programs are online and free of charge.