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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear members,

I hope you have enjoyed the first week of study groups. It was a treat to see just under 25 of you last week on campus for your in-person sessions. We will have many more join us on February 14 and 15 when we bring HyFlex participants on campus as well.

Last week we had a great turn out for Dr. Loraine Obler's talk as part of the Science Seminar series. If you have not yet, please reply to the survey: <https://formfaca.de/sm/fEWK1eP61>. If you missed it on Wednesday, you can watch the recording here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xBHK5ggFko1c8cL-SwOabkQfzxl12ERn/view?usp=sharing>

With the admissions committee, we also hosted an information session for 15 prospective members. We have another information session scheduled for March 14. If you would like to encourage friends to join LP², they can register here: <https://joinlp2.eventbrite.com>

A few reminders of upcoming dates, all of which are on the Zine calendar (<https://www.irpzine.org/irp-calendar/>)

- Friday, February 11: The Graduate Center is closed in honor of Lincoln's birthday, so no study groups will meet.
- Monday, February 14: Add/Drop deadline and single semester payer deadline for Spring fees. Please use the form to submit your requests here: <https://formfaca.de/sm/N4oTTkyRW>

- Friday, February 18: General Membership Meeting at 2pm, register here: <https://formfaca.de/sm/bUqcaUNXL>.

Read on for a tutorial on how to add your GC email account to your Gmail account to streamline your inbox management. More on the Tech committee's website: <https://sites.google.com/view/irptechstuff/gc-cuny-solutions?authuser=0>

All best,
Mariel

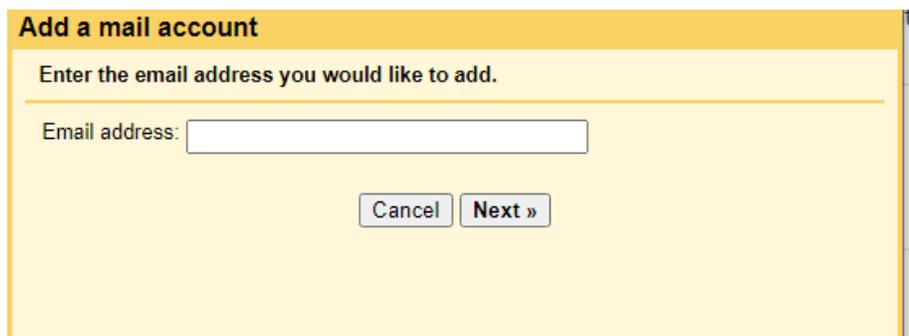
LP² Mail Forwarding Guide

GMail's mail forwarding function allows users to check incoming email on multiple email accounts at once. If you are someone who finds that you often miss emails about LP² or have trouble navigating multiple email addresses, you may wish to have the emails that come to your Graduate Center account forwarded to your G-Mail account. Below are the instructions to do so. Just remember that when you are prompted to reset your Graduate Center password every 180 days, you will need to relink your GC and GMail accounts.

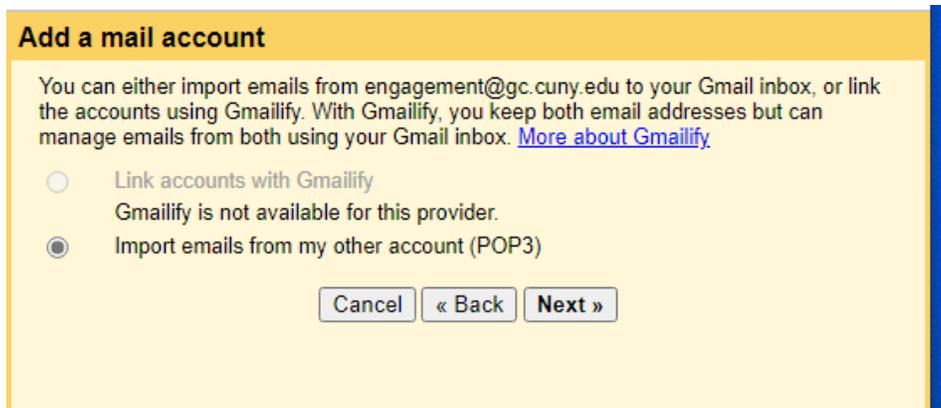
Instructions for GMail

Turn on automatic forwarding

1. On your computer, open [Gmail](#) using the account in which you would like to receive messages.
2. In the top right, click Settings  > **See all settings**.
3. Click the **Accounts and Import** tab.
4. In the "Check mail from other accounts" section, click **Add a mail account**.
5. Enter your Graduate Center email address.



6. Click Next > Select "Import emails from my other account (POP3)" > Click Next



7. Enter your GC username and password using the dialogue box
8. Select "Leave a copy of retrieved messages on the server"
9. A verification message will be sent to your Graduate Center email address. Click the verification link in that message.
10. Go back to the settings page for the Gmail account you want to forward messages from and refresh your browser.
11. At the bottom of the page, click Save Changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Unmasking Bias

Nicole Javanna Johnson, [Dismantling Systemic Oppression in the Theater Industry](#)

Thursday, February 24 @ 7-8:30PM



Nicole Javanna Johnson is Founder & Creative Director of the Harriet Tubman Effect Institute, a human resource center and institute of research and strategy for justice advocacy. The institute seeks to promote empathy by producing empathy-driven artistry, participatory action research and social justice initiatives. Nicole is also Founder of Javanna Productions M.O.V.E (MOTIVATION OPPORTUNITY VISION ENTERTAINMENT), a non-profit arts and education company that provides community members with the resources and platforms necessary to address social issues creatively. A member of SAG-AFTRA and a leader in the educational theater community, Nicole is currently pursuing her PhD at New York University in the Music and Performing Arts Department of the School of Culture, Education and Human Development.

In Dismantling Systemic Oppression in the Theater Industry, Nicole will show how commitment to Diversity, Equity Inclusion (DEI) requires an ongoing process of learning and disaggregating data. She will share her experience as a researcher and consultant in the theater industry, offering LP² members insight into the education, principles and rhythms of effective initiatives in Broadway and regional houses. Through case study and power point style presentations Nicole will share the ups and downs of her work, encouraging participants to consider how they are participating in institutional change in their own communities.

To register for this event go to: <https://bit.ly/3BihIWZ>

Fridays@1

Jesse Eisinger, *Why Billionaires Don't Pay Taxes*
Friday, March 4, 1PM

Investigative reporter **Jesse Eisinger** led a team at ProPublica that obtained a vast trove of IRS data on the tax returns of the nation's



wealthiest people. 15 years of data show that billionaires like Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk and Warren Buffett pay little in income tax compared to their massive wealth – sometime nothing at all. Their reporting undermines the cornerstone myth of the American tax system: that everyone pays their fair share and the more money you earn the more you pay. Jesse will talk

about the implications of what their investigation discovered and also how they managed to obtain the information.

Jesse Eisinger is a senior editor and reporter at *ProPublica*. He is a Pulitzer Prize winner and former columnist for *Wall Street Journal*. He is author of *The Chickenshit Club: Why the Justice Department Fails to Prosecute Executives*.

To see Jesse discussing the *Propublica Report*, click here: [Bombshell Tax Report](#).

To register for the lecture, click here: <https://bit.ly/3gLk2fH>

On the Guilty Pleasure of Coordinating (From the Curriculum Committee)

It's surprising to realize that some LP2 members haven't yet taken advantage of the opportunity to coordinate a study group. Of course, there are some people who are new and are just getting used to what it's like to be **in** a study group, but then there actually are some others who haven't yet given themselves a chance to experience the most fun you can have legally in this organization.

If you find yourself in this category, there's just no need for you to miss out any longer. And it's free, too. All you need to do now to see if this will inspire you is to check out the Brainstorming workshop. You won't have to go on without coordinating in your life any longer.



UPCOMING CURRICULUM COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, February 8 @ 4PM (TOMORROW): Brainstorming – Let's Get Started

Where do ideas for study groups come from? Where do you fit in the process? Brainstorming – Let's Get Started will be an informal forum for discussion. It will stimulate you to think of a study group that you might like to coordinate or co-coordinate in the future. We will help you decide what will work. We invite you to join us, even if you haven't yet formulated a study group idea. Bring your questions and open minds **tomorrow**, February 8 at 4 pm. Here is the Zoom link for the meeting: [Brainstorming Workshop Zoom Link](#)

NEW MEMBER BIOS

Peter Thom

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Peter says: I was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and raised in Montreal. I think this was important in allowing me some distance and skepticism when later encountering the many myths and claims about the US origin story and claims about our supposed unparalleled wisdom and democracy arising from that origin story.

In my third year of college, I was offered the choice between a record deal in New York and completing my college education. I chose the former on the basis that colleges would stick around while record deals were rare and stale dated.

My wife and I then moved to New York, she to pursue a career in dance and I to chase a music career. We raised two wonderful daughters who each have two children and live in Brooklyn. After 40 years, I returned to college, completed a master's degree in science, and practiced genetic counseling for a number of years. My wife taught at Sarah Lawrence College in the dance dept. for 40 years. Unfortunately, she passed away three years ago and is sorely missed.

I have always been an auto-didact, keeping up my reading in science throughout my music career. I continue, now in the LP² program, yet another foray into learning.

Paula Thesig

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Paula says: This is a picture of me a few pre-Covid years ago, posing next to a bunch of plates. That was then and this is now. A lot and nothing has happened between that morning in Sicily and today as I look forward to LP² as a step toward restarting an interesting life.

I am a retired high school librarian. I like to say that “I used to be a search engine.” I am extremely lucky to have wonderful children and grandchildren who live nearby. I also have a husband Jim, who laughs at my jokes and loves football and the New York Times. I don’t love football but I love reading and talking about books.

I enjoy cooking and Jim loves to eat. We have Riverside Park and our dreams of traveling again.

ONLINE ART SHOW

From: John Becker

Title: Old Reflecting on the New



John says: I was struck by the reflection of an old building on the shiny front of the new building NYU is putting up on Houston St.

Calling All Painters, Sculptors, Photographers, Block Printers, Ceramicists and Textile Artists!

Display the creative work you have been doing this summer in the Online Art Show. Send a photograph of your work with a title and a brief statement about it to Carol Millsom at cmillsom@gc.cuny.edu. Art works appear in The Observer in the order in which they are received.

MEMBER FORUM

“Hello” from a new LP² photographer

New (1 semester) member and photographer **Alec Rill** has sent us this photo:

Title: Snow through my Window

Alec says: There was snow!!!! Yes, here is a picture from my apartment during the storm. Snow is becoming rarer and rarer; I hope I keep seeing the snow for many more years. Here is my version of "snow through my window"



Passages

The Observer will be printing short notices of the deaths of family members of LP² members. Contact information for members is listed in the Directories of the Zine and the website.

We're sorry to inform you of the death of Stan Plesent, husband of long-time member, **Gloria Plesent**.

We're sorry to inform you of the death of a son of members **Lenore and John Cooney**.

ONGOING LP² EVENTS

The Women's Group meets at 3:45PM on Thursdays. Contact Arlyne LeSchack at aleschack@gc.cuny.edu.

The Men's Group meets at 3:45PM on Wednesdays. Contact Jay Fleishman at efleishman@gc.cuny.edu.

Stitch Away Stress meets at 4PM Tuesdays. Members share skills and enjoy the meditative benefits of handwork. Contact Michelle Harris at mharris@gc.cuny.edu.

Observer Submissions Send items for the next week's Observer to Micky Josephs at mjosephs@gc.cuny.edu by 5PM on Friday. Send Online Art Show entries and suggestions for virtual tours to Carol Millsom at cmillsom@gc.cuny.edu.

Member Forum If you have something to share with the LP² community, e.g., a photo, an article, a book or a web site that you've discovered and think would be interesting to members, send it to Micky at mjosephs@gc.cuny.edu for inclusion in the Member Forum.