

THE OBSERVER
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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear members,

What a lovely reading on Friday afternoon done by contributors to Voices. I'm looking forward to doing these kinds of events in person in the future. If you missed Voices you may watch the [video here](#).

In the meantime, I encourage you to come to campus for your HyFlex study groups as the weather warms. If you do not have a Cleared4 pass, please reach out a week ahead of your planned visit to engagement@gc.cuny.edu.

A few reminders about campus operations are below and newcomers should take note. If you participate in a study group on Tuesday mornings on campus, please note that the CUNY Department of Public Safety has scheduled a fire drill for Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 10AM to comply with FDNY fire drill requirements. Please refer to the evacuation instructions sent via email and get in touch with us at engagement@gc.cuny.edu with any questions.

Spring Break for LP² is coming up and no study groups will meet Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1.

We have just recently set summer term dates and fall term dates:

Summer: May 31- July 11

Fall: September 12- December 16

Details of holidays and breaks will be updated on the GC and LP2NYC.org websites, as well as in The Observer.

When we return from Spring Break, we will have Fridays@1 with Roosevelt Montas (April 8 at 1PM). Please read on for details and the link to register.

See you soon!
Mariel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY SPRING BREAK! NO OBSERVER NEXT WEEK.

Coming to Campus? Scroll Down for Current GC-CUNY Protocols

Nominations for the Advisory Board

An election for four vacant seats on the LP² Advisory Board will be held online the week of April 11th. One seat, reserved for representing newer members must be filled by a member who has been in LP² for three years or less.

Nominations are due by Friday, March 25.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS [NOMINATION FORM](#) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE BOARD.

Any LP² member may run for the board after one year's membership. Members may nominate themselves or other members.

The advisory Board is the principal body advising the LP² Director and is responsible for suggesting and implementing LP² policy as it impacts the needs and interests of LP² members. The Board meets every two weeks during the academic year and as needed, during the summer.

Advisory Board members serve for three years. In addition to attending Board meetings, members of the Board may have responsibilities on Board committees or as liaisons to other LP² committees.

Visit Your LP² Member Website: www.lp2nyc.org

New Features:

- [Member Directory](#) and [Faces](#) with more info, control, & search capability.
- [Upcoming News and Events](#)
- [Library and Online Research Resource](#) page
- [Fall issue of Voices](#) and [Voices Photography slide show](#)
- [LP2 and GC Help](#) and [Tech Help](#) pages.

Login to see Member Directory

- Set your own unique personal password to make the site more secure and help keep personal information safe.
- Visit [LP² login page](#) (or click on the word Login at the top left of the blue bar at the top of any page on the site)
- Click on Forgot Password to set your password. There will be prompts that explain next steps. You will enter your personal preferred email; **this is your personal email that is in the Zine Directory**. Then check that email for a new link to reset your password.

Help

- Detailed step-by-step instructions are available.
- Email website@lp2nyc.org for instructions or one-on-one help.

CO-COORDINATOR(S) WANTED FOR A STUDY GROUP FOCUSED ON 1971

Penny Parson is looking for one or more co-coordinators for a 12-week study group in Fall 2022 on the year 1971 that will examine 1971 milestones through local/national/international news, music, television, movies, art, and attempt to answer the question: What is the impact of one year in culture? She can be reached at

Bparson1@lp2nyc.org



EVENTS

Update Your Profile! A Workshop on Making Yourself Findable
Thursday, April 7, 4:00-4:30PM | Zoom



What do you read? What are your interests? Where do you live?

LP² members want to know! Make yourself findable and make new friends. Learn how to update your Profile Photo, Cover Photo, Bio, Interests, Skills, Neighborhood, Contact info and more in the new LP² Member Directory. In this half-hour Zoom Workshop Denise Waxman will give a full tour of the new Member Directory, show you how you can search in ways you couldn't do before, find out more about members you have met in Study Groups and other ways to contact them others. Most important you can learn how to make yourself more findable by updating your photo and sharing what you want others to know about you. There will be an opportunity to get your questions answered and one-on-one help. You might even learn another computer trick or two. Write [Denise Waxman](mailto:DeniseWaxman@lp2nyc.org) at dwaxman1@lp2nyc.org to sign up.

Photography SIG: First Group Trip

Saturday April 2 @12:00PM

Soho Photo Gallery

<https://www.sohophoto.com/>

15 White Street

New York, NY 10013

212-226-8571

Contact: Alec Rill at Arill@gc.cuny.edu

You don't have to be a photographer to participate in the Photography SIG, just have an interest in photography and the willingness to see great art and then have lunch as a group to talk about it. The first gallery we'll visit is the Soho Photo Gallery, which is a gallery fully dedicated to photography.

We'll meet at noon at the gallery door. That week the gallery is launching a new exhibit called Altered States; it is a (members) group show exhibiting photographs that were taken, or could have been taken, under the influence. It is a very creative show and I hope you will enjoy it. (Full disclosure: the show includes two photographs of mine.)

Afterwards, we will have lunch in a nearby restaurant. Please let me know if you are coming so I can make reservations for our group. See you there and welcome to the Photography SIG



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Fridays@1

Roosevelt Montás, *Rescuing Socrates: How the Great Books Changed My Life and Why They Matter for a New Generation*

Friday, April 8 @ 1:00PM



What is the value of a liberal education? In his recently published book, *Rescuing Socrates: How the Great Books Changed My Life and Why They Matter for a New Generation*, Dominican-born American academic Roosevelt Montás offers an intimate account of the continuing relevance of the classics of Western thought and literature, especially to members of historically marginalized communities. Montás will share with us the profound impact that the classics had on his life, and why they can still remake lives. At the same time, Montás will offer his bleak assessment of the state of liberal education in America today.

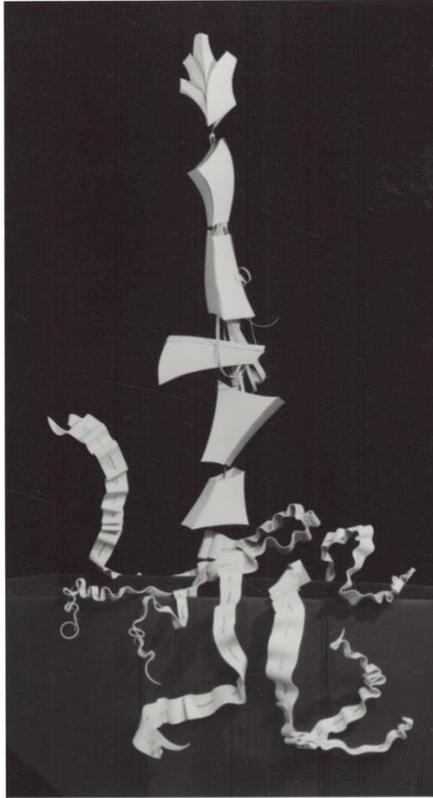
Montás emigrated from the Dominican Republic to Queens, New York, when he was twelve and encountered the Western classics as an undergraduate in Columbia University's renowned Core Curriculum, one of America's last remaining Great Books programs. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in English and comparative literature, serve as director of Columbia's Center for the Core Curriculum, and start a Great Books program for low-income high school students who aspire to be the first in their families to attend college. Montás is currently Senior Lecturer in American Studies and English at Columbia.

To register for the lecture, click here: [Register](#)

ONLINE ART SHOW

From: Mary Padilla

Title: plant 3



Mary says: *plant 3* is a five-foot high bunraku puppet made from museum board, plastic sheeting, and sculpture wire. I created it for a puppet theater piece I wrote in which plants engage in a Grand-Guignol-style encounter under the unseeing gaze of an Authoritative Botanist.

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

Joy Schulman and Marietta Meyers have organized:

New Museum Field Trip

Friday, April 1 @ 1:30PM

235 Bowery, New York City 10002

Exhibition: Faith Ringgold: American People

Faith Ringgold explores the issues of gender, racial Identity, social justice and equity in her paintings, soft sculptures and story quilts for which she is best known. The exhibition brings together over 50 years of her work and “examines the artist’s figurative style as it evolved to meet the urgency of political and social change.”

For more information, please view the New Museum’s website.

To sign up, contact Joy Schulman at jschulman1@lp2nyc.org or

Marietta Meyers at <http://mmeyers1@lp2nyc.org>.

To attend with the group, go to the website and buy a timed ticket for April 1 at 1:30PM. Student tickets are \$12. There is also a list of affiliations with complimentary admissions on the New Museum website

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Richard Herrmann says: Here is a photo I took of a subway mosaic. I call it “**Subway Hound.** “



From Mary Elwood: Lourdes Bernard: The Women of April



The New York Studio School presents *The Women of April*, a group of works on paper by Lourdes Bernard that commemorate the 57th anniversary of the April 1965 revolution and US invasion of the Dominican Republic.

The narrative images celebrate the role of “The Women of April,” untrained civilian resistance fighters who fought against the 42,000 US Marines ordered by LBJ to invade the small Caribbean nation. The Women of April were attorneys, journalists, artists, teachers, academics, housewives and students.

Lourdes Bernard is a Dominican-American artist raised in Brooklyn, a graduate of Syracuse University School of Architecture and The New York Studio School.

Exhibition Dates

Monday, March 14, 2022 – Sunday, April 10, 2022

New York Studio School

8 W 8th St, New York, NY 10011

Exhibitions are free and open to the public from 10am to 6pm daily. Before entering the New York Studio School, you must complete this survey (<https://nyss.org/covid-survey/>). Masks / Face Coverings required & Room Capacities must be followed.

MISSING LINKS DIRECTORY

[Graduate Center Password Reset](#)
[GC Portal](#)

[LP² Member Website](#)

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What links would you like to see included? You don't have to know the actual link, just what you'd like to be able to link to without cleaning out your desk to find the paper you wrote it down on.

Send your requests and suggestions to Micky Josephs at mjosephs@gc.cuny.edu or Susan Rauch at srauch@gc.cuny.edu.

GC-CUNY Campus Covid Protocols

For those who are coming to campus:

- **Masks are no longer required in all campus spaces.**
- **The rest of the Covid-19 policies remain in place.** If you do not have a **Cleared4 Pass**, email engagement@gc.cuny.edu a week before your intended visit. **Cleared4 Pass** (or “Blue Pass”) system automatically renews passes on their expiration date, If you lose your pass, email engagement@gc.cuny.edu to manually extend it.
- **Bring GC-CUNY ID or other official ID.**

Additional Campus Operations Info: Reporting positive cases and contact tracing:

- If you are feeling sick, DO NOT come to class.
- If you come into close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes total, even if in segments) with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please be sure to wear a close-fitting mask around others and test at least five days after exposure (regardless of symptoms). You do not need to stay home *unless* you develop symptoms.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, do not come to class and isolate for 5 days before testing. Take precautions until day 10 including wearing a well-fitting mask when around others. Please notify me at mwillere@gc.cuny.edu so that I can manage contact tracing while maintaining your privacy and give further guidance per CUNY’s policy, following CDC guidance.
- Unfortunately, the COVID-19 testing centers on CUNY campuses are not available for use by LP² members at this time. I will update you if this changes. NYC offers free COVID-19 testing and all New Yorkers can receive a free COVID-19 virus PCR test. Diagnostic tests are available through NYC [COVID Express sites](#) or through other public and private sites (search via the [COVID-19 Test Site Finder](#)). Further information on free testing can be accessed by calling 311 or the [NYC Health and Hospitals website](#).

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.