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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

All,

My heart aches and my mind is distracted by the racist hate crime committed in Buffalo, NY over the weekend. The implications of the white supremacist thinking that drove the mass shooting are far reaching and dangerous to our democracy. I mourn the loss of the lives taken by an extremist targeting Black people and whose values and messages are becoming mainstream -- a scary thought when not prominently visible for the left. For those who are processing emotions around the recent killings and racism in our country, please connect with others in conversation.

Some housekeeping and reminders as we approach summer session:

- If you received a member participation survey based on the year you joined IRP/LP², please complete it by today's deadline.
- New members: look out for an email from engagement@gc.cuny.edu this week with more information about getting ready for the Fall term. Tomorrow, May 17th is the first orientation session and you should receive the Zoom link today from member and committee chair Richard Resnik.
- Summer study groups: If you received a registration reminder, please disregard -- it was sent in error after the deadline based on an automated send in our new software and we will remedy for the future. Summer schedules and rosters will be sent out in the next couple of days.
- Fall study groups: Fall registration will open with a preview of the grid on June 1st. Look for the schedule below.
- Our office is organizing sessions with members to get prepared for the Fall. Read on for dates and details.

Take good care,
Mariel

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212-817-2474

Mariel's eloquent and moving words capture the thoughts and questions that are coursing through all our minds. This is a time for all of us to renew our commitment to a pluralist, democratic society that cares for all of us.

Barbara Marwell
Chair, Advisory Board

Advisory Board
Executive Committee
Maury Harris
Michael Kessler
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Current GC Campus Covid Rules](#)

GET YOUR STUDENT ID and CLEARED4 PASSES NOW:

Watch Your email for Cleared4 Instructions. To access campus, you must be fully vaccinated and have a Cleared4 pass for validation. In anticipation of many live study groups during the Fall semester, we are sending Cleared4 instructions via email to those who need to register.

STUDENT ID and CLEARED4 PASSES

How to request your Graduate Center student photo ID card:

- Email security@gc.cuny.edu from your Graduate Center email address. Put "ID Card" as the subject.
- The email body must contain your name, your program (LP²) and your mailing address.
- Attach a "passport type headshot" JPEG picture taken within the past six months.

To access campus, you must be fully vaccinated and have a Cleared4 pass for validation. In anticipation of the Fall semester, we would like to get all members in the system over the summer if they are not already pass holders. We will send instructions via email to those who need to register.

Watch Your email for Cleared4 Instructions. If you want to come to campus before receiving instructions, email engagement@gc.cuny.edu a week before your intended visit.

NEW!! GC Virtual Info Desk – Help with GC-CUNY Problems

Tuesdays, 9:00 to 10:00AM – starting Tuesday, May 24

Joanna and Monben will be available to answer your questions about:

- Cleared4 passes;
- CUNY ID cards;
- Graduate Center email access;
- the library and;
- visiting the GC campus.

Sign up for an appointment using this [form](#).

Save These Date(s) for Fall 2022 Study Group Registration:

- **June 1** -- Fall grid emailed and posted on LP2nyc.org
 - **June 8** -- Registration opens (email with link will be distributed)
 - **June 22** -- Registration closes
 - **Week of July 11** -- Study Group Assignments and Rosters Distributed and Add/Drop Period Opens
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Have a friend you'd like to refer to LP²? On our Website, it's as easy as 1,2,3

The Admissions Committee has just scheduled a September 8 Information Session, the first of the 2022-23 Academic Year. The easiest and most direct way to attend an information session is to:

1. Go to the LP² Website, www.lp2nyc.org.
2. **Click on [Come to an Info Session](#)** (under Join the Conversation!)
3. **On the JOIN US page**, scroll down to the **CONTACT US** form, fill it out, and click on **Submit**.

It's also possible to get to the **CONTACT US** form via the GC-CUNY site. Either way the Engagement Office will respond about the Information Session if you request it.

ArtSIG: Architecture Walking Tour with Patrick Siconolfi

Wednesday, May 18 @ 2:00PM

Meet: Broadway at 32 St.

End with a glass of wine near the Flatiron Building

RSVP to: Dick Kossoff at dkossoff@lp2nyc.org

Questions: Patrick Siconolfi at psiconolfi@lp2nyc.org

The Abraham Accords: A New Development in the Middle East

Thursday, May 19, 4:00 pm

LP² member Bill Siegel and Benjamin Rogers, the American Jewish Committee Director of Middle East Initiatives, will discuss the impact of the 2020 Abraham Accords on the future of Middle East engagement. [Read more](#)

[here.](#)

Register Here for This Conversation

LP² WEBSITE WORKSHOPS

LP² Website Basics: How to Login, Bookmark, and Use It!

Thursday, June 2 @ 3:00PM (Zoom)

Learn how to create and save your password for the site, how to reset it yourself if you forget it, bookmark the site (or make it a favorite) so you can get to it with a single click, how to get help 24/7 if you forget any of this. Get your questions answered and one-on-one help. [Read more here.](#)

To sign up, email Denise Waxman at dwaxman1@lp2nyc.org

Update Your Profile! A Workshop on Making Yourself Findable

Wednesday, June 15 @ 3:00-3:30PM (Zoom)

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 There will be an opportunity to get your questions answered and one-on-one help. [Read more here.](#)

To sign up, email Denise Waxman at dwaxman1@lp2nyc.org

Mondays @ 3:00 to 4:30PM

July 18, August 1, 15, and 29

This summer, we're considering stories by Grace Paley, Felisberto Hernández, Kate Chopin, Zora Neale Hurston, Deborah Eisenberg, Nikolai Gogol, Nicole Krauss, Eudora Welty, Italo Calvino.

Please email Sharon at sgirard@gc.cuny.edu for the Zoom link; also, indicate if you would like to be a reader.

Fall Information Session Scheduled

Thursday, September 8, 2:00-4:00PM, LIVE

Location: CUNY Graduate Center

The easiest and most direct way to join an Information Session is to:

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3. On the **JOIN US** page, scroll down to **CONTACT US**, fill out the form and click **Submit**.

MISSING LINKS DIRECTORY

[Graduate Center Password Reset](#)
[GC Portal](#)
[LP² Library Contact \(Mason Brown\)](#)

[LP² Member Website](#)

- [Member Directory](#)
- [Faces](#)
- [Library and Online Resource page](#)
- [LP² and GC Help](#)
- [Tech Help](#)

Linkedin Learning (formerly known as Lynda)

- [LinkedIn learning at NYPL](#) and [Get a NYPL Library Card](#)
- [LinkedIn Learning at BPL](#) and [Get a BPL Library Card](#)
- [LinkedIn Learning at QPL](#) and [Get a QPL Library Card](#)

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.

REMINDERS

Zine Shuts Down June 6th - Login to lp2nyc.org NOW.

On Monday, June 6th, the Zine will redirect you automatically to the new website at lp2nyc.org. Click on **Log In** in the upper left corner. And click on **Forgot Password** to set your password. You will be asked to enter your **personal preferred email address - this is the email address that is on the Zine Directory**. A new link to reset your password will be sent to that personal email address. **Take a minute now to check the Zine Directory and make sure you know what email address appears there.** [Read more here.](#)

Call for Break Activities between Semesters

The Community Building Initiative seeks volunteers to lead activities during either or both of the breaks from May 16th - 27th and July 12th - August 31st.

To propose your activity, contact Jane Case Einbender at jeinbender@gc.cuny.edu.

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.

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.

Schedule for submitting articles for The Observer and Website - New DEADLINE DATE

Members wishing to submit information for publication in The Observer or listing on the Website have a **new deadline: the Wednesday before the Monday publication date**. In addition, we urge you to send us your material as early as possible so that it can be entered onto the LP²calendar, which is managed by the Graduate Center. If you have an event to publicize, please notify Micky Joseph at mjosephs@gc.cuny.edu **at least one month in advance** to ensure that the event receives maximum publicity.

Member Forum Submissions: (starting September 2022) 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 Josephs at mjosephs@gc.cuny.edu for inclusion in the Member Forum.