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Dear members,

You can see the Fall 2022 study group grid [here](#). We will open registration this Wednesday, June 8 and will send detailed instructions at that time. As you peruse the options in advance of registration, remember that you can click on the title of the Study Group to see a preliminary syllabus with a description of the content, the coordinator bio, and reading list for the first several weeks. Study groups offered remotely on Zoom or as a HyFlex option are listed on the Grid as such. Six-week study groups are marked with one or two asterisks, denoting first or second session within the 12-week term.

The Fall Grid includes about 30% Zoom classes and 70% in-person classes at the Graduate Center. As is their practice, the Advisory Board and Graduate Center are continuing to closely monitor the community spread in New York City of new and emerging Covid variants. There are no changes to the current building access policies at CUNY, which require all LP² members to be up to date on vaccinations and use the Cleared4 Access Pass to enter the building. Masks are not currently required on campus but are strongly recommended in indoor public spaces, particularly for the immunocompromised and those over 65 years of age.

Remember that in March 2020, LP² (then IRP) was able to swiftly find its footing as the world as we knew it changed. If we need to pivot to a remote format for a period of time in the Fall, we will do so with the support of the LP² tech team, other members, and the Graduate Center staff. We do not foresee that need and would more likely use the tools we have to mitigate risk when meeting in person. For that, we ask for your flexibility as we proceed on with our plan for in-person discussion, connection, and collaboration.

Leading up to the Fall term and throughout the semester, there will be clear

communications to the membership about what to do if exposed, symptomatic, or testing positive for Covid 19 (*i.e.*, stay home, do not come to class). Likewise, if building policies change, you will receive information about campus access and any actions required on your part.

Look out for an email with the Registration Form link and instructions this Wednesday. Wishing you a wonderful summer, we look forward to seeing many of you on campus in the Fall!

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GC Campus Tours

We have adjusted the campus tour schedule based on your registration preferences. Please see below for updated dates

Get ready to attend study groups in person this Fall with a tour of the Graduate Center campus. The tour will include a preview of classrooms and public spaces in the building and a Q&A session addressing the nitty-gritty of campus access: student ID cards, Graduate Center email accounts, COVID policies, and using the library. All tours will be capped at 12 attendees.

Use this [form](#) to register for one of the campus tours below.*

- ~~Wednesday, June 8 — 10 to noon~~ **Cancelled**
- Thursday, June 23 - 10 to noon **New Date**
- Wednesday, June 29 - 2:00 to 4:00PM
- ~~Tuesday, July 19th — 10 to noon~~ **Cancelled**
- Tuesday, July 26 - 2:00 to 4:00PM

*There will be a dedicated tour for new members entering in the Fall of 2022. Those members should wait to hear directly from us.

GC Virtual Info Desk – Get Help with GC-CUNY Problems

Now, on Tuesdays, 9:00 to 11:00AM

Joanna and Monben are 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](#).

WHAT'S NEW?

For those of us who were unable to watch the live Webinar of Bill Siegel's conversation with Benjamin Rogers, the American Jewish Committee Director of Middle East Initiatives on "**The Abraham Accords: A New Development in the Middle East**," we can now provide the from link to the recording [here](#). There is a password required, which is: **#x3AvqV=**.

ArtSig Event

Architecture Tour of Park Avenue

Wednesday, June 29 at 2:00PM

Following on his popular architecture tours down Broadway, architect and LP² member Patrick Siconolfi is shifting his focus to Park Avenue. Join him at Park Avenue and 43 Street to begin the tour of iconic buildings. Finish at 57 Street for a glass of wine/coffee.

RSVP: Dick Kossoff at dkossoff@lp2nyc.org

Questions: Patrick Siconolfi at psiconolfi@lp2nyc.org

Covid Update from Barry Levine

You've been vaccinated. (Perhaps) you have been boosted. And, then you read about Covid for those 65+ in the New York Times: Now What? Barry Levine will update the LP² community on the latest news on Covid 19 (with a focus on folks 65+). Barry will also answer questions. The presentation will be on Zoom on Tuesday, June 14th at 3:30 P.M. If you would like to participate, please email Steve Kalinsky at skalinsky@gc.cuny.edu and Steve will send you a Zoom invite. And, if you have questions that you would like addressed, send them to Steve.

More on Covid

Every U.S. household can get up to 3 orders of at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests at no cost! Even if you have ordered free Covid test kits via USPS before, you can now more kits using this site:

<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Seeking Volunteers for *Roe v. Wade* Project

Joy Schulman is interested in working, alongside other groups and individuals, to save *Roe v Wade*. Any LP² members interested in working on this, email jschulman1@gc.cuny.edu.

Mentors & Mentees: Welcome to POUR @ 4 OUTDOORS

Tuesday, June 7

June 14 (rain date)

Location: Madison Square Park

Time: 4:00PM

Meeting location: inside the Park, southern end at the fountain/Shake Shack.
(East 23 Street)

Hosts: Susan Rubens/ Sue Goldman

Transportation:

*M1. Bus

*N,W,R,F,M,6. Subways

REMINDERS

Get Your Student IDs 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.

To request your Graduate Center student photo ID card:

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

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WEBSITE LOGIN

Logging in to the LP² Website

Please, do not seek help from the CUNY GC Engagement office or at the Info/Help desk

Like the Zine, the LP² website is solely managed by LP² members. The CUNY GC office cannot assist with logging in, training or help in using the new site. Please do not contact them for help. **Instead use the instructions and/or workshops below.**

For more help, including one-on-one, write to website@lp2nyc.org

How to Login to LP² website

To set a password on the new site, you MUST use the email address that appears for you in the Zine Member Directory.

- Basic Login Instructions can be found [here](#).
- Detailed Login Instructions with screenshots are [here](#). Save these and follow them to Login.
- For more help, including one-on-one, write to website@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

Break Activity

Stories Aloud with Sharon Girard (Zoom)

Mondays @ 3:00 to 4:30PM

July 18, August 1, 15, and 29

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

[Current GC Campus Covid Rules](#)

Call for Break Activities between Semesters

The Community Building Initiative seeks volunteers to lead activities

during the break from July 12 - August 31.

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.

MISSING LINKS DIRECTORY

[Graduate Center Password Reset](#)
[GC Portal](#)
[LP² Library Contact \(Mason Brown\)](#)
[Free Access – CUNY ARTS](#)

[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.

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.