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Dear Members,

Today is the last day of the Summer 2022 study groups. We hope the term was enjoyable and enriching, and wish you a well-deserved, relaxing summer break! Our office has been busy processing your Fall 2022 registration requests, and I have news regarding the distribution of your study group assignments and the Fall Study Group Grid.

As mentioned recently, we have been working closely with the Advisory Board and the Curriculum Committee to review your comments and your registration preferences. The registration results show that an overwhelming majority of members have chosen to attend study groups in person or have selected a mix of in-person and Zoom study groups. However, we have also registered concerns from members who cannot participate in study groups in person this fall and desire a greater selection of Zoom options.

Thanks to dedicated study group coordinators, we have been able to make a few adjustments based on your collective feedback. The week of July 18, we will introduce an updated Fall Grid that will include a few more Zoom study groups. You will be able to adjust your registration requests during the Add/Drop period between July 18 and July 29.

Please note the revised timeline below:

Week of July 18:

- Study group schedules and rosters distributed
- Enhanced Fall Grid available on LP2nyc.org (website) and sent via email to the entire membership
- Add/Drop Period opens

Friday, July 29 - Add/Drop Period closes

We understand the course of the pandemic remains unpredictable, and along with the Graduate Center administration, we will continue to monitor the public health outlook in the coming weeks. We are prepared to shift and adjust study group modalities if warranted by rising infection levels or new Covid-19 variants.

As of now, we are looking forward to a primarily in-person Fall term and to welcoming many of you to the Graduate Center campus for the first time. Please read on for the announcement of additional campus tour dates this August.

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GC Virtual Info Desk:

GC Virtual Info Desk appointments are fully booked through the end of June. You can use the [sign-up form](#) to let us know your questions, and we will be back in touch to schedule appointments in July.



GC Campus Tours

Get ready to attend study groups in person 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.

Two new campus tour dates have been added. Please click through to the form to register.

- Wednesday, August 3 - 2:00 to 4:00PM
- Thursday, August 11 – 10:00AM to noon

Register for campus tours using this form.

GC Virtual Info Desk:

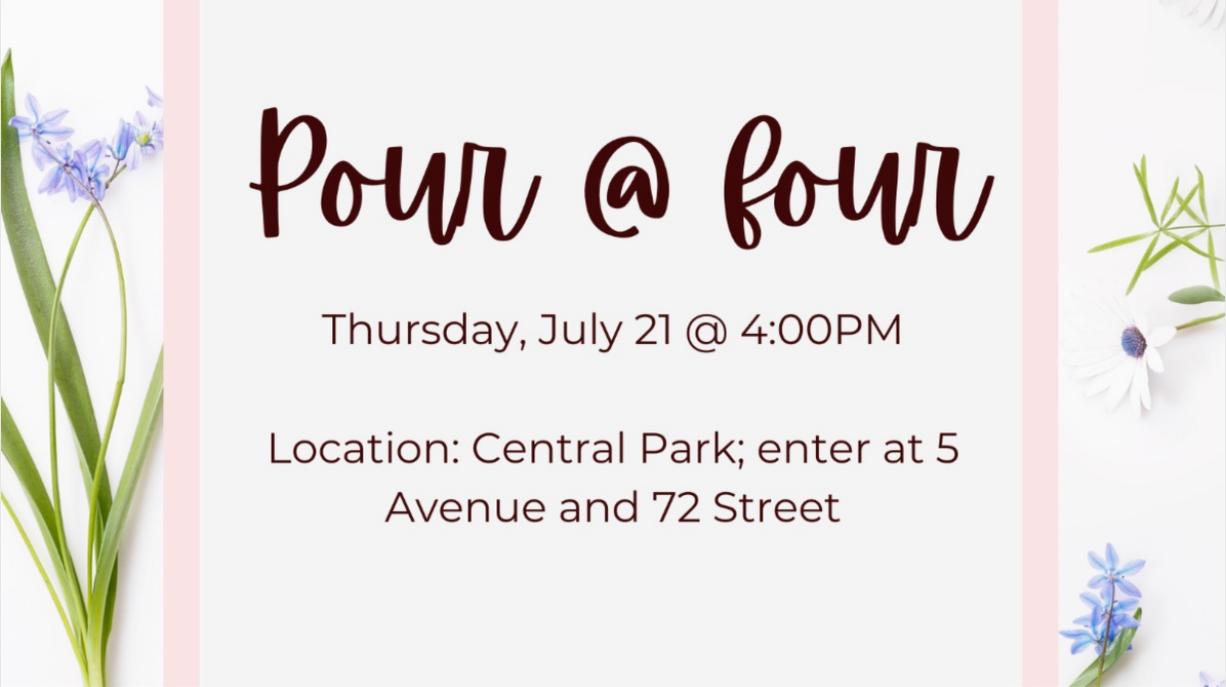
We also have new dates and hours for the GC Virtual Info Desk, please click through to the form to sign up for an appointment. Joanna and Monben will be available to answer your questions about:

- Cleared4 passes;

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

Sign up for an appointment using this form.

WHAT'S NEW?



Pour @ four

Thursday, July 21 @ 4:00PM

Location: Central Park; enter at 5
Avenue and 72 Street

Meet at: Kerbs Boathouse/Conservatory Water (Model Boat Pond)

Directions: *First right upon entering the park. Follow the path to the patio facing the pond.*

Hosts: Susan Winston & Susan Rubens

Transportation:

*Subway: N, R, W, 6.

*Bus: M1, M2

Questions or concerns:

Contact Susan R. at srubens@gc.cuny.edu

No Rain Date. Rain will cancel this event!

NEW Break Activity

THE GREAT LP² READ

***Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan**

Thursday, August 25 at 2:00PM

Join with your colleagues for our fifth Great LP² Read with a novel that tackles the intersection between old technologies and new as well as a quest for the secret to eternal life: part love letter to books; part

technological meditation; part thrilling adventure; part requiem, mostly set in a hole-in-the-wall San Francisco bookstore.

Chosen as one of the best 100 books of 2012 by *The San Francisco Chronicle*; it was on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller list and the NPR Hardcover Fiction Bestseller List.

To participate, email Jane Case Einbender at jeinbender@gc.cuny.edu obtain the book and read it on your own. You'll receive a Zoom invite before the session.

...and don't forget

Crime and Punishment with Steve Kalinsky (Zoom)

Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4:00PM

July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17

Many of us have been watching the recent hearings in Washington where some of the operative words have been "crime" and "punishment". With that in mind, Steve will be hosting a book group reading and discussing "CRIME AND PUNISHMENT" by Fyodor Dostoevsky. We will be using the Richard Pavear and Larissa Volokhonsky translation, published by Vintage Classics (1993). The book is available in paperback and on Kindle. All LP² members are welcome to participate.

Contact Steve at skalinsky@gc.cuny.edu for a Zoom invite.

Stories Aloud with Sharon Girard (Zoom)

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.

PASSAGES

The LP² community extends its sympathies to Maury Harris and his family on the sudden and unexpected death on June 25 of his brother, Jerry Harris, who lived in Houston, Texas.

The members of the LP² community extend their sympathy to Irene Sax and her family on the death on July 7 of her husband of 66 years, Dr. Albert Sax, a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst.

REMINDERS

Call for Break Activities between Semesters

The Community Building Initiative seeks volunteers to lead activities during the break from July 12 - August 31.

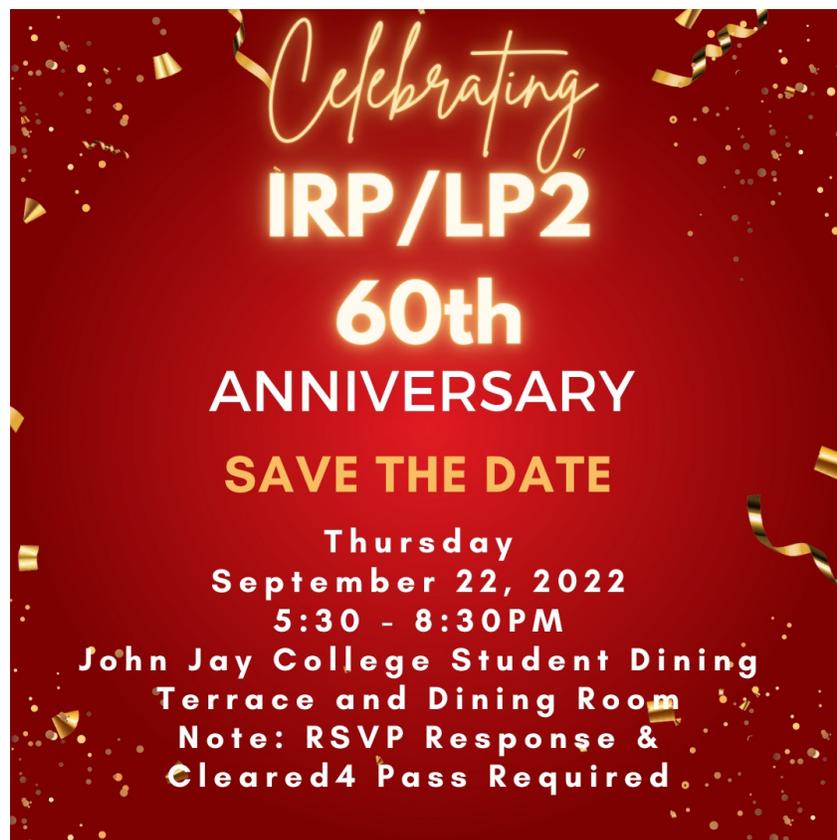
To propose your activity, contact Jane Case Einbender at jeinbender@gc.cuny.edu.

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.



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.

[Current GC Campus Covid Rules](#)

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.