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Dear Members,

Another reminder that now is a great time to request your Graduate Center student IDs and complete your Cleared4 Access pass documentation. You will need both items to attend in-person and hybrid study groups on campus.

Please note that if you already have a Graduate Center student ID card with an outdated term sticker on it (ex., Spring 2022, Fall 2021), there's no action to be taken right now. Fall 2022 stickers will be distributed by mail later this month. More information and instructions are included below.

It's also an excellent time to re-acquainted with your Graduate Center email account as you will need to know your username and password to use computer workstations on campus and to access library resources remotely. You can access your Graduate Center email at mail.gc.cuny.edu. If you have misplaced your Graduate Center email address, you can email us at engagement@gc.cuny.edu

In preparation for in-person attendance, please read on for highlights and links to the **Graduate Center's Covid-19 Information and Safety Guidance**.

Last but not least - as we gear up for this first semester at the Graduate Center with many in-person classes, we are trying to make the semester exciting, safe, and, as always, a learning experience. Those of you who were part of LP² during its New School days, will remember First Desk as the place outside the Director's office where a volunteer sat, greeted members, answered questions, and the phone.

Now that LP² is in its new location, we are reimagining First Desk as a central hub and a way to help everybody feel comfortable, safe, and empowered to

enjoy this new experience. The First Desk will be in the Office of Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovation (AISi) in Room 8309. We are looking for volunteers and hope you will join us in making the First Desk flourish in its new home.

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**The First Desk is Returning
to Help Build Community as We Return to the GC**

Volunteers Working in the LP² Office will

- Answer questions in person and on the telephone
- Be a guide in the building and its classrooms
- Serve as a greeter or a host for new people
- Gather tips on of restaurants in the area
- Disseminate information on events, etc. that may occur in the neighborhood

JOIN US to help make the new First Desk a success. Reply to engagement@gc.cuny.edu and agitelson@gc.cuny.cuny to add your name to the list for the Information Session in late August

VACCINATION

CUNY mandates that all students taking in-person and hybrid classes have up-to-date COVID-19 vaccinations, which includes a booster once eligible. Students at the Graduate Center are strongly encouraged to receive vaccine boosters once eligible. Please note the following guidelines for booster eligibility:

- Those 18 and older are eligible for a booster shot at 5 months after the completion of two dose regimen of Pfizer, 5 months after the completion of two dose regimen of Moderna or 2 months after the Johnson and Johnson (J&J) shot. The Pfizer or Moderna booster is preferred in most situations.
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THE GRADUATE CENTER'S VENTILATION SYSTEM MEETS CDC BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

The Graduate Center's ventilation system and the system at the Advanced Science Research Center meet or exceed recommended requirements. Two independent engineering firms hired by CUNY to provide an environmental assessment of all buildings have certified that the Graduate Center building, 365 Fifth Avenue, and the residence hall at 118th Street are safe for reopening and in-person learning. They are classified as Tier One buildings and rated as

meeting relevant CDC recommendations for ventilation in schools and child-care programs.

Student ID and Cleared4 Passes Now:

CUNY mandates that all students taking in-person and hybrid classes have up to date COVID-19 vaccinations, which includes a booster, once eligible. LP² members are required to upload their proof of vaccination to CUNY's Cleared4 system to obtain an electronic access pass needed to enter the Graduate Center.

In anticipation of the many live study groups during the Fall semester, we will again send Cleared4 instructions via email to those who need them to come on campus. Please be on a lookout for email from no-reply@cleared4work.com, this message might land in your Junk mail folder. If you have never received, or misplaced, those instructions please contact us via email at engagement@gc.cuny.edu.

If you don't have a Graduate Center Student Photo ID card, to request it use the instructions below:

- 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.

If you already have a Graduate Center ID card but it has an outdated term sticker on it (ex. Spring 2022, Fall 2021), there's no action to be taken right now. Fall 2022 stickers will be distributed this month.

WHAT'S NEW?

The Observer is Taking a Break

Next week's Observer (August 15) will be the last until Tuesday, September 6, the day after Labor Day and one week before the start of the Fall semester.

ArtSIG: Visit to DIA Beacon and the Hudson Valley

Friday, August 12
Meet: Grand Central Station
Time: 9:43AM train to Beacon

Join us for a scenic trip up the Hudson to view contemporary art in a converted box factory.



See a special exhibition at DIA Beacon, Andy Warhol – Shadows, and its extensive collection of art since the 1960s.

Meet as a group at Grand Central to take Metro North 9:43AM train to Beacon, NY. Arrive at 11:13AM and walk a half mile to the museum or wait for the free loop bus. Our tour is at noon followed by lunch in the café. Continue to visit the collection (the museum closed at 5:00PM) or take the loop bus from the museum to explore the town of Beacon and its historic buildings and art galleries. Perhaps stay in town for dinner. Return to the city whenever you like. There are two trains per hour between 4:00 and 6:00PM; one per hour before and after those times.



Admission: Cost of tour is \$125 to be divided among those participating plus \$14 admission. For 12 participants the total cost would be about \$24. Train fare to and from Beacon: \$35 off peak. Tickets may be purchased online or at the station

For more information on DIA: <https://www.diaart.org/visit/visit-our-locations-sites/dia-beacon-beacon-united-states>

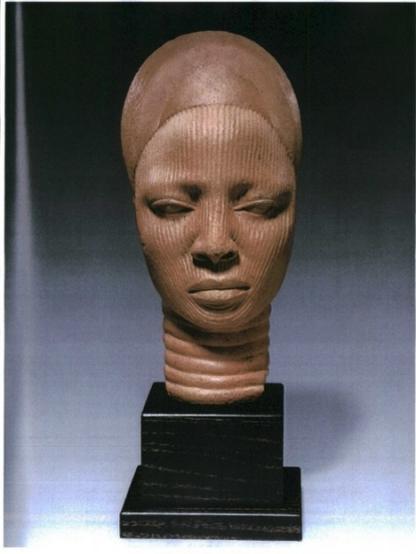
For more information on Beacon: <https://www.planetware.com/new-york/top-rated-things-to-do-in-beacon-us-ny-104.htm>

To let us know you are coming: email Dick at dkossoff@lp2nyc.org

NEW BREAK Activity!

**An Introduction to West African Art and Culture with Moya Duffy
Thursday, August 18 at 2:00PM (ZOOM)**

Join Moya for a quick tour of aspects of precolonial West Africa, which influenced western modern art and artists like Picasso. She will also consider the limitations of the English language in discussing an art and culture so removed from ours. She will draw on her experiences from living in Liberia in the early '70s, which first piqued her interest in the



history and culture of West Africa.

Email Moya at mduffy1@gc.cuny.edu to sign up. You'll receive a Zoom link before the session.

PhotoSIG Tour at the International Center of Photography (ICP) and lunch at the Essex Street Market (WAITING LIST ONLY)

Thursday, September 1 at 11:45AM

Meet: ICP at 79 Essex Street (between Delancey and Broome Streets)

Telephone: (212) 857-0000

Website: <https://www.icp.org/>

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

The Great LP² Read

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

Thursday, August 25 at 2:00PM

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.

Celebrating IRP/LP²

60th

ANNIVERSARY

**When: Thursday, September 22, 2022
5:30 - 8:30PM**

**Where: John Jay Dining Commons -
524 W. 59th Street**

Beautiful indoor and outdoor spaces

Transportation Information

**Subway: 1, A, B, D to 59th
St/Columbus Circle**

Bus: M11, M31, M57

Several parking garages close by.

Program Highlights

Hors d'oeuvres, Buffet Dinner and Drinks

Video featuring interviews with LP² Members and a brief history of IRP/LP² -
Produced by Linda Gottlieb and Rich Goldman

Our Lives in Popular Song: Hits from the '60s to the '90s - Compiled by James
Smith

Name That Song: Can you identify these hits from a 20-second excerpt?

The preliminary invitation/RSVP will be in your mailboxes soon!

Note: RSVP response and current Cleared4 Pass will be necessary for entry.

Like to Sing?



Carol Groneman encourages LP² members to check out *Encore Creativity*, a choral arts organization formed to provide music and creativity for older adults. Carol has been an enthusiastic member for four years and other LP² members have joined from time to time.

No auditions, no experience necessary and you don't have to know how to read music; they will train you to

“sing and enjoy it.” If you’d like to know more, [click here](#) or go to their [website](#).

Terry Hamilton, Susan and Ron Forlenza, hosts of **Harlem Poetry and Bites** on July 12, call it a big success. Fourteen people attended (including a fall inductee to LP²). To support a diverse presentation, hosts asked people to bring a special poem, possibly including Harlem poets. The group was creative and included a poem read in Spanish, one by Robert Hayden, a haiku by Sonia Sanchez, (who has published a book showcasing haiku as a poetry form), a comparison of a poem by Langston Hughes to one by Walt Whitman and many others. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and looks forward to encore events. (Some members have volunteered already.)

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.

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.