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Dear Members,

Welcome to the first week of the Fall 2022 Session!

We look forward to seeing you in person on campus and to the many exciting in-person and virtual events and activities planned by the various committees and SIGs this fall.

I have a few reminders and housekeeping items to share with you.

First, a new team member joined the Office of Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovation (AISi) last week as a part-time Program Assistant. Katie Donia, who also happens to be a student at The Graduate Center, and will provide administrative support to the LP² Program. We'll have more to tell you about her in next week's Observer.

The AISi office is located in Room 8309 on the 8th Floor. The office is also the home of the LP² First Desk, staffed by LP² members who will help you get acquainted with The Graduate Center and answer your LP²-related questions. The First Desk will be open 9:30AM to 2:00PM Monday through Thursday, and 9:30AM to 12:30PM on Fridays.

All this week, you'll get to meet many First Desk volunteers as you arrive in the lobby of the Graduate Center. Please also be on the lookout for the LP² Cleared4 Help Desk staffed by Graduate Center administrators. If you're having challenges with your CUNY Cleared4 Access Pass, our staff will be posted in the lobby Monday, September 12th through Friday, September 17th to help you resolve those issues.

The add/drop period will remain open through Friday, September 23rd. Please

use the Add/Drop form linked [here](#) and send all registration-related questions to lp2@gc.cuny.edu

Finally, invoices for the 2022-2023 Academic Year membership fees will be sent via email this week.

As always, you can reach us at lp2@gc.cuny.edu or 212-817-2474.

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The LP² Advisory Board Welcomes Members to the Fall 2022 Semester

Welcome to the start of a milestone year for LP²: Many of us will be attending study groups at the Graduate Center for the first time; our study group schedule has shifted from predominantly Zoom to predominantly “in-person”; we will finally be able to say hello in person to the members who joined during the “zoom years” and we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of IRP/LP² on September 22nd.

We have a wonderful set of study groups to engage us and a new “First Desk” to assist members with navigating the GC building and to answer questions about the program. We expect a full program of SIGs and other extra-curricular activities to resume during this academic year.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and, on behalf of the Advisory Board, I wish you all of you a bountiful year!

Barbara
For the Advisory Board

CUNY GRADUATE CENTER: WHAT YOU NEED-TO-KNOW

Scroll down for all information on:

- Graduate Center Student IDs;
- CUNY Cleared4 Access Passes; and
- CUNY Academic Year 2022-23 COVID-19 Information and Safety Guidance.

THIS WEEK

Classroom Assignments

To see the Fall 2022 Grid with classroom assignments, click [here](#)

**The LP² First Desk Returns to Greet Us and Help Us
Navigate the GC Campus**



Volunteer to help make the new First Desk a success. (New members are encouraged to apply.)

Volunteers at the AISI Office Front Desk:

- are located at the center of the LP² member gathering place (AISI Office);
- serve as greeters or hosts;
- are guides in the building and its classrooms;
- answer questions in person and on the telephone;
- gather and relay tips on restaurants in the area;
- disseminate information on neighborhood events; and **have fun.**

Reply to Aileen Gitelson at agitelson@gc.cuny.edu to add your name to the list or request more information.

NEWS AND EVENTS

ONLINE ART SHOW

John Becker, *Reflections*

John says, "I noticed that a friend's sunglasses reflected the windows across the room."



CUNY GRADUATE CENTER NEED-TO-KNOW

Graduate Center Student IDs

If you have a Graduate Center student ID card:

Fall 2022 Term validation stickers will be distributed to members on campus throughout September. During the first week of the fall session, our staff will visit all classrooms to distribute stickers before each study group. Stickers will also be available in the Office of Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovation (Room 8309).

Members attending Fall 2022 study groups remotely can request to have the sticker mailed to them by sending an email request with their mailing address to lp2@gc.cuny.edu.

If you don't have a Graduate Center Student Photo ID card, you can

obtain it in two ways:

Via mail:

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

In-person:

- While on campus, please stop at the security desk in the lobby and inform the officer that you are an LP² student and need an ID card. You will be directed to the student ID office.

CUNY Cleared4 Access Passes

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

CUNY Academic Year 2022-23 COVID-19 Information and Safety Guidance

[The Graduate Center's COVID-19 guidance](#) follows [CUNY's COVID-19 Guidelines](#). All members of our community should be familiar with the protocols and services that are in place to keep our community safe and supported during the 2022-23 academic year. Reducing the risk of the spread of COVID-19 on our campus is a community effort that is grounded in mutual respect, designed to foster an environment for safe learning, researching and working together. Please refer to the highlights and visit the [Graduate Center's Covid-19 page](#) for more details.

Vaccination

[CUNY mandates](#) that all students taking in-person and hybrid classes be fully vaccinated. LP² members must upload their proof of vaccination via the Cleared4 platform and are required to present their Cleared4 access pass on their smartphones when entering the building.

Masking

At this time, CUNY does not have a mask mandate. Masking while on campus is optional. Anyone who would like to continue wearing masks in any settings is welcome to do so at any time. The Graduate Center recommends our students, faculty and staff to wear a mask in crowded and public spaces to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At the Graduate Center, masks are available for our community, and you can request one at the front desk and at the main desk in the library (first floor). LP² members will also be able to obtain KN95 masks in the Office of Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovation in Room 8309 (8th floor).

Testing

For the health and safety of our entire community, we highly recommend that LP² members get regular and recurring testing. If you are sick, stay home. If you do not feel better in three days, please consult your health care provider.

LP² students should consider testing if you have been traveling before returning to campus.

Isolation and Exposure

CUNY continues to follow the latest CDC guidance on [isolation](#) and [exposure](#). Quarantining is no longer necessary if you have been exposed to a person who has tested positive. Any students, staff or faculty who test positive with COVID-19 or are exposed to someone with COVID-19 must follow the steps below.

Reporting Positive COVID-19 Results

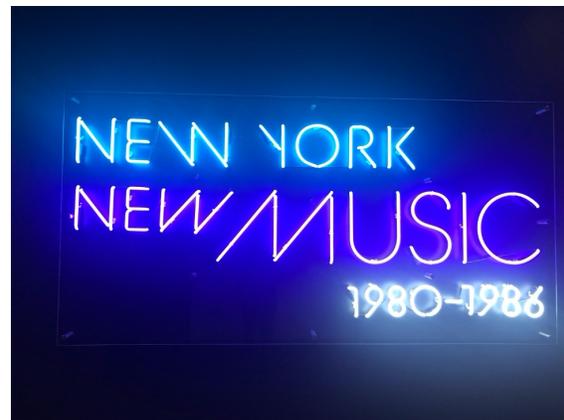
LP² students who test positive for COVID-19, whether through a testing provider or with an at-home kit, must contact the Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovation (AIS) staff by emailing lp2@gc.cuny.edu and copy the Graduate Center Covid-19 Campus Coordinator at reactivation@gc.cuny.edu. The Coordinator will work with the AISI staff to aid in identifying exposures and notify close contacts of the exposure.

Contact

Contact COVID-19 Campus Coordinator, Daniela Verdejo Salazar at reactivation@gc.cuny.edu for further information.

MEMBER FORUM

Alec Rill highly recommends the “amazing exhibit” currently showing, at the [Museum of the City of New York](#). The exhibit, [Celebrating the City](#), consists of a large number of New York photos made over the years by both famous and lesser-known photographers. Alec adds that if you have energy and like music, there is also an exhibit about NY Music (1980 - 1986).



Fall Grid with Study Group Room Assignments

To view and print the fall grid with study group room assignments, please click [here](#).

REMINDERS

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.

(Note: The Women's Group will continue to meet Thursday afternoons at 3:45pm except for the second week of the month when the Group will meet in person from 1:15 to 2:15pm- Tuesdays 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13. First in person meeting 9/13@1:15 in room 9205 at the GC.)

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 and/or 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 Josephs at mjosephs@gc.cuny.edu **at least one month in advance** to ensure that the event receives maximum publicity.

Member Forum Submissions: 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.