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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Hello members,

Thanks to those who joined on Friday for the conversation between Fridays@1 committee member Ken Witty and authors Hal Brands and Michael Beckley. We will distribute the link to the recording in the next week. Our next big event is the General Membership Meeting on May 5 at 2PM. If you are planning to attend virtually, the link to join by Zoom will be distributed closer to the date.

Voting is still open for the Advisory Board election. Please find your ballot in your email and submit your vote. More details below!

Summer registration opens today and the Grid and registration link are included in this issue. Fall registration will open later in May, preceded by a preview of the Grid.

Lastly, our assistant Monben Mayon is pursuing new opportunities and her last day with the Graduate Center and our office is May 4. We have so appreciated her contributions to our work and this program and wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

Until soon,
Mariel

AISI Office Hours

A reminder that the Office of Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovation (AISi) is located in Room 8309 on the 8th Floor, and you can reach our staff at lp2@gc.cuny.edu or 212-817-2474. The office is open Monday thru Friday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS: *Your vote is your voice.*

Don't be a Monday Morning Quarterback. Join the roughly 2/3s of LP² members that have made their voices heard!
You've still got time. Voting online continues through Wednesday, April 26.

Candidates' Web Page:

[2023 Advisory Board Candidates](#)

Board Candidate Forum:

[Advisory Board Candidates Forum Recording](#)

Results will be announced in the May 1 Observer and at the May 5 GMM.

(If you haven't received the ballot in your email box, contact Micky Josephs, Chair, Advisory Board Nomination and Elections Committee at mjosephs@gradcenter.cuny.edu.)

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2023 IS OPEN!

[Summer 2023 Grid](#) is below and [on the website](#).

Register now for Summer 2023 using this registration form:

<https://forms.gle/eMGow8QSLVAdRq9NA>

Detailed registration instructions are available at [LP2 Summer 2023 Registration \(constantcontactpages.com\)](#)

Tuesday, April 25, the office will send an all-member email with Summer '23 registration information and links.

Summer and Fall '23 LP² Academic Calendar and Registration Dates

Summer '23 Registration Dates

4/24-5/1 Registration

5/11 Schedules and Rosters Distributed

5/11-6/9 Add/Drop

Summer '23 Session

5/29 Holiday: Memorial Day

5/30 First day of Summer '23 Session (TUES)

6/19 Holiday: Juneteenth (MON)

7/4 Holiday: 4th of July (TUES)

7/5-7/11 Last Day of Summer '23 Session (depending on the day of the week)

Fall '23 Registration Dates

5/2-5/12 Grid Preview (Two Weeks)

5/15-5/30 Registration

Fall '23 Session

9/4 Holiday: Labor Day (MON)

9/5 First day of Fall '23 session (TUES)

9/15 Holiday: Rosh Hashanah (FRI)

9/25 Holiday: Yom Kippur (MON)

10/9 Holiday: Columbus Day (MON)

11/20-11/24 Thanksgiving Break

11/30-12/18 Last day of Fall '23 session (depending on the day of the week)

Summer 2023 - Study Group Grid (also linked here)

Tuesday
10:00-11:30AM

Wednesday
10:00-11:30AM

Thursday
10:00-11:30AM

[Plato: The Last Days of Socrates](#)

Zoom

Richard Zuckerman

1:00-2:30PM

1:00-2:30PM

1:00-2:30PM

[The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine](#)

Zoom
Eric Zimiles

[The Novella: A form of short novel where small can be beautiful and less can be more](#)

Zoom
Richard Zacks

[Current Issues in Foreign Affairs](#)

Zoom
Stephen Kalinsky
Arlyne LeSchack

[Secrets of the American Musical](#)

In-person
John Becker
Greg McCaslin

Summer 2023 starts Tuesday 5/30

Last day: Tuesday 7/11, Wednesday 7/5, Thursday 7/6

Holiday: Tuesday 7/4

May 5 General Membership Meeting

We will be gathering in person on the afternoon of May 5 for the first in-person GMM since the pandemic. We look forward to ending the year with a celebratory meeting, featuring all the “beyond the classroom” activities of LP².

MAY 5 GMM AGENDA

Proshansky Auditorium, Concourse Level, CUNY Graduate Center

2:00PM: GMM Starts

Welcome: Brian Peterson
 Mariel Villeré

Greetings: Barbara Marwell

Thank you to Outgoing Board Members and Committee Chairs

Welcome to Incoming Board Members

Response to questions **submitted in writing** to lp2@gc.cuny.edu BY MAY 2

2:25PM: Catered Refreshments

“Poster” Sessions: Posters will mark the places that we can visit and talk with members of Committees, Special Interest Groups and other “beyond the classroom” activities to experience the wide range of LP² programs, what they do and how to join them.

4:00PM: Meeting Adjourned

Note: The Meeting will be livestreamed for those unable to join in person. The link to register for the livestream will be distributed via email closer to the event. The posters portraying the “beyond the classroom” activities of LP² will also be viewable in a link from the streaming site.

Science Seminar Link

If you missed the excellent Science Seminar *Reflections on the Minds of Dolphins and Elephants* with Dr. Diana Reiss, you can use the following link to watch it at your leisure:

[4.4.23 Science SIG Seminar with Dr. Diana Reiss](#)

Curriculum Committee Openings

The Curriculum Committee has openings for up to four new members beginning in the fall 2023 semester. If you are interested in serving on the Curriculum Committee, please click on this link for the Curriculum Committee description, criteria for membership and the application form. Please note that you must have coordinated at least one study group to be eligible. Applications must be submitted by April 27, 2023.

[Curriculum Committee Application](#)

Help Desk Help Wanted



IS THIS YOUR UMBRELLA???

DID YOU KNOW...that the LP² Help Desk, located in the AISI Office, room 8309, has a lost and found, containing, at present, the items pictured above?

Would you like to be reunited with your item?

DID YOU KNOW...that you need the Spring 2023 sticker, affixed to and accompanied by your ID, for entry into the library?

THE HELP DESK can help with the above, and more! We are staffed by our LP² members. Our hours, until the conclusion of Spring SGs, are as follows:

Tue: 10:30-11:30	Rita Silverman
Wed: 10:00-11:30	Susan Herman
Thurs: 10:30-1:30	Michael Hill

We would like to expand our hours in the fall, especially before and after SGs, in order to be more helpful to more members at more times. Please contact lp2@gc.cuny.edu if you need more information about the Help Desk and/or to volunteer to staff the Help Desk in the fall.

The Help Desk is the best way to meet the membership; a happy way for new members to start participating in LP² activities.

Call for Break Activities between Semesters

The Community Building Initiative (CBI) seeks volunteers to lead activities during the late May and/or late July and August 2023 breaks. Your activity can meet once, twice or multiple times. It can be a book or movie discussion, a current events discussion, a travel adventure or art presentation or something entirely different. We also invite all current and past coordinators to offer a one-session encore presentation selected from a prior study group. Members will appreciate your efforts.

Tech help is available to assist you in running a Zoom session and you'll receive a Zoom link to send to participants. To propose your activity, contact Jane Case Einbender at jeinbender@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS - ArtSIG Event

ArtSIG Event

Mansa Contemporary
Jersey City
Friday, May 12 at 1:00PM

Join us for a return visit to Mana Contemporary, an innovative art space in Jersey City. We will stop at Allison Green's studio and talk with her about her vibrant botanical paintings. Then we will have a tour of Mana's current exhibitions.

Of special interest will be "In Retrospect," paintings about memory and self-reflection and "Out of Character," featuring two immersive kinetic sculptures. We will end our visit with wine/coffee in the café.

To reach Mana Contemporary, take PATH to Journal Square. The train leaves NYC from 33rd Street and 6 Ave., with stops at 23rd, 14th, Christopher and 9th Streets. The trip takes about 25 minutes.

At Journal Square, walk (about one mile) or take one of the waiting cabs to 888 Newark Ave. Dick and Carol will be at the station to direct you.

Admission \$10 Limit 18 people

To reserve: Dick Kossoff dkossoff@lp2nyc.cuny.edu

For more information about Allison Green's work: <https://allisongreen.net/>

For more information about Mana

<https://www.manacontemporary.com/visit/jersey-city/>

For a complete schedule of PATH trains

<https://www.panynj.gov/path/en/index.html>



Allison Green Moon Flowers 2018

We are grateful to Rosalie Zuckerman for her help in arranging this visit.

ONLINE ART SHOW

Title: *Unstable Housing*



Photographer: John Becker

John says: "I was walking near Penn Station and was struck by this distortion. I thought it would make an interesting picture."

GRAD CENTER CAMPUS INFO

ID Cards and Stickers

- Graduate Center Student IDs can be obtained remotely or on campus. Please print your Spring 2023 schedule as proof of enrollment and identify yourself as an LP² member at the front desk. Public Safety will direct you to the ID office. Please reach out to lp2@gc.cuny.edu for instructions to request an ID remotely.
- Current term stickers are available in the AISI Office in Room 8309

Important Reminders About Your Graduate Center Email Account

Grad Center Email Instructions

In January, all LP² members received personalized instructions from the Graduate Center IT department with their new email address and initial password. If you can't locate these instructions, please contact lp2@gc.cuny.edu.

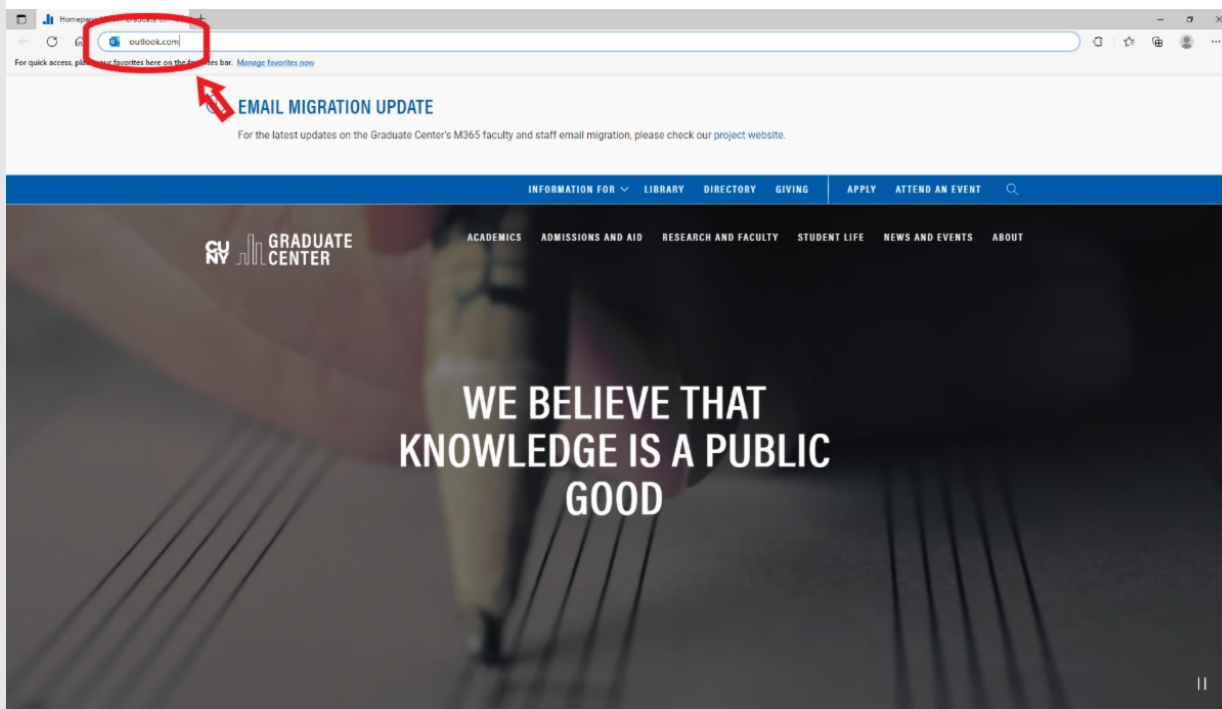
Things to keep in mind:

- Your email address changed from username@gc.cuny.edu to username@gradcenter.cuny.edu.
- You cannot forward your Grad Center email to an external account like Gmail or Yahoo; please see instructions below on how to check your email using Outlook on your computer and/or mobile device.
- You'll continue receiving communication from our office at your personal and Grad Center accounts.
- You have access to a free Microsoft Office 365 subscription for software to use on your personal computers and mobile devices. To learn more about what's available go to [Office-365-Plan-for-Current-Students](#)

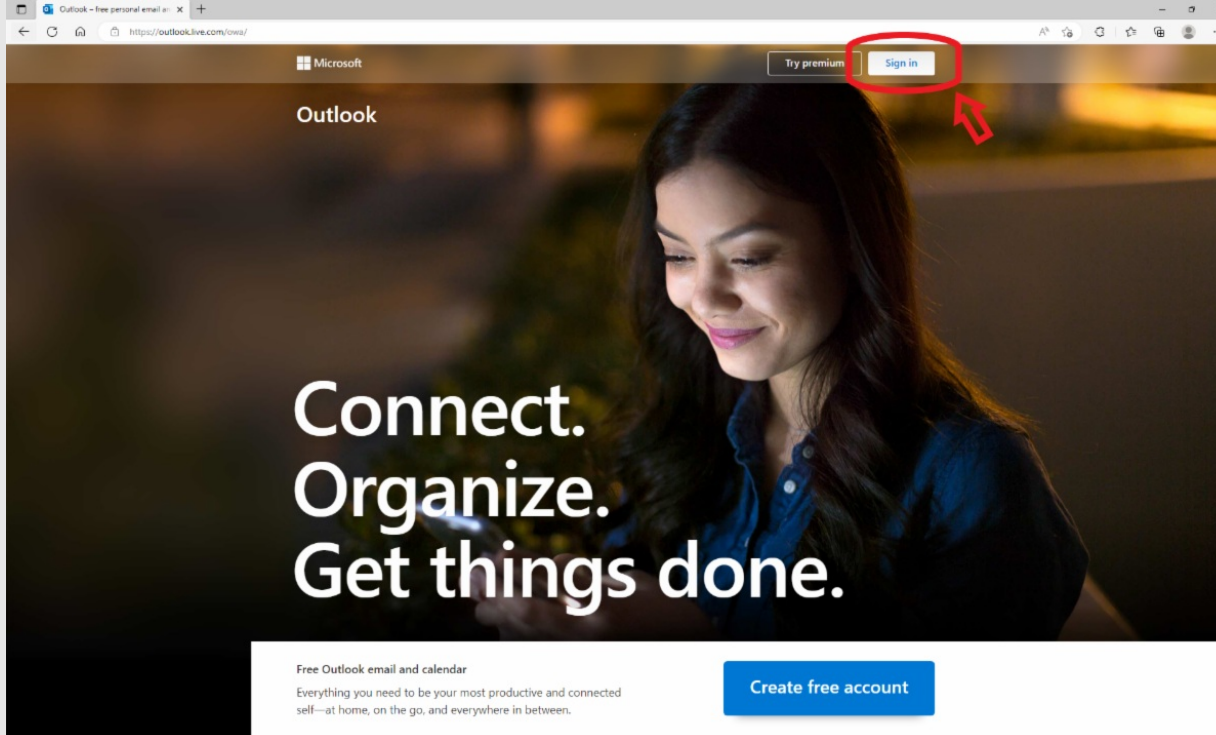
How to Check Your Grad Center Email

Use your internet browser (Safari, Chrome, Firefox, etc.) and go to the website www.outlook.com; log in with your new e-mail address and provided password.

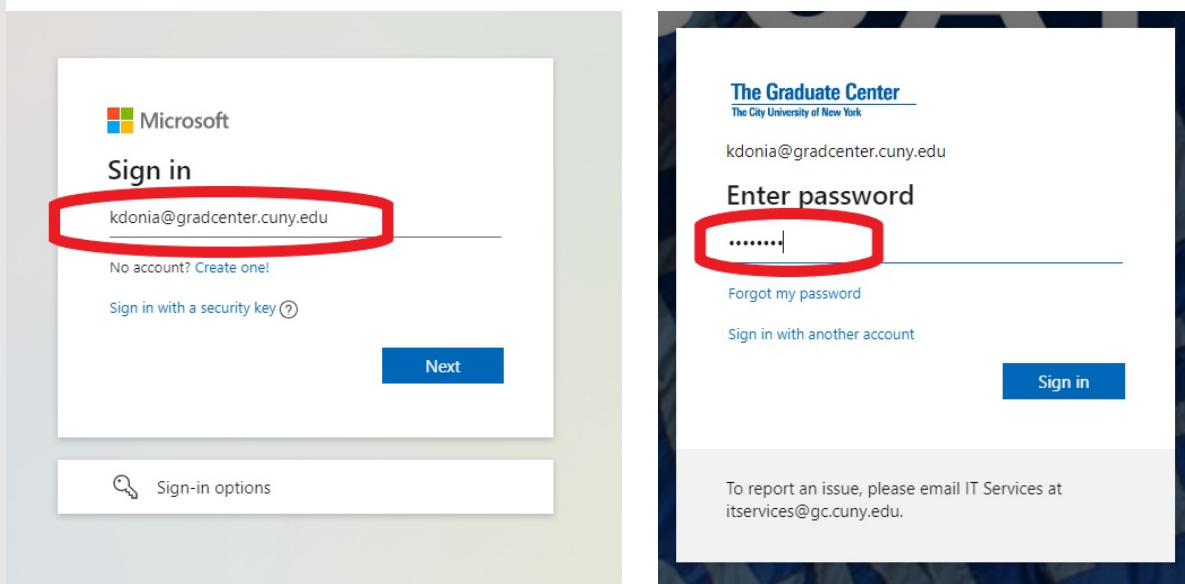
1. Go to outlook.com



2. Click on the Sign-in button at the top right corner of the page.



3. Sign in with your Grad Center email and password



If You've Forgotten Your Password: Go to www.passwordreset.microsoftonline.com and follow the instructions.

Some helpful guides as you take the next steps with Outlook and Microsoft 365:

- [MS365 Guide for GC Graduates and Students](#)
- [Set up an Outlook account on the iOS Mail app - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Set up email in the Outlook for Android app - Microsoft Support](#)
- [Outlook training - Microsoft Support](#)

GRAD CENTER CAMPUS COVID-19 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.

Important notes about being on campus this Spring:

- LP² members who test positive for COVID-19, whether through a testing provider or with an at-home kit, must email the Graduate Center's Covid-19 Campus Coordinator at reactivation@gc.cuny.edu. The Coordinator will work with AISI staff to aid in identifying and notifying those who may have been exposed.
- CUNY mandates that all students taking in-person and hybrid classes be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. LP² members must upload their proof of vaccination to CUNY's Cleared4 system to obtain an electronic access pass, which must be presented to enter the building. If you don't have a Cleared4 pass, please contact our office at lp2@gc.cuny.edu.
- Watch this [how-to video](#) to add a shortcut to your Cleared4 CUNY Access Pass to your smartphone.
- At this time, CUNY does not have a mask mandate. Masking is optional and recommended in crowded public spaces at times of high transmission in NYC.
- Regular testing is recommended and especially after travel. If you feel sick, stay home.
- CDC guidance on [isolation](#) and [exposure](#). Quarantining is no longer necessary if you have been exposed to a person who has tested positive and do not experience symptoms yourself.

ONGOING LP² EVENTS

The Women's Group meets on Zoom on Thursdays at 4:30PM. Contact aleschack@gradcenter.cuny.edu if you would like the link.

The Men's Group meets in person every Wednesday at 1:20PM in Room 8400. Contact Jay Fleishman at efleishman@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

Stitch Away Stress meets at 4PM on Tuesdays. Members share skills and enjoy the meditative benefits of handwork. Contact Michelle Harris at mharris@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

REMINDERS

Website Login

For security reasons, you must login to use the Website Directory.

How to Login:

To login you need to set your own unique personal password. This

makes the site more secure and will help keep everyone's personal information safe.

Visit [LP²login page](#) or click on the word **Login** at the top left of the site anytime in order to Login OR Reset your Password.

Click on **Forgot Password** to set your password for the first time. There will be prompts that explain next steps. You will enter your personal preferred email. Then check that email for a new link to reset your password. (This method makes sure that only YOU can reset your password.) Then just follow the prompts.

Detailed step-by-step instructions are available. If you need these instructions AND/OR one-on-one help, email website@lp2nyc.org.

Calling All Painters, Sculptors, Photographers, Block Printers, Ceramicists and Textile Artists!

Display the creative work you are 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@lp2nyc.org. Art works appear in The Observer in the order in which they are received.

Observer Submissions

Send items for the next week's Observer to Susan Rauch at srauch@gradcenter.cuny.edu by 5PM on Wednesday. Send Online Art Show entries and suggestions for virtual tours to cmillsom@lp2nyc.org.

Member Forum 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 that you think would be interesting to members, send it to Susan at srauch@gradcenter.cuny.edu for inclusion in the Member Forum.