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Dear all,

I look forward to seeing you on Friday at the General Membership Meeting at 2pm! If you are joining us by Zoom, the link follows and will be sent out later this week (no registration required for virtual attendance).

As promised the recorded Fridays@ talk on April 21 can be viewed at: [4.21.23 Fridays@1 with Hal Brands and Michael Beckley](#)

A reminder as we look ahead to the Fall semester: please secure your Student Photo ID! There are instructions below on how to request one from Graduate Center Campus Info.

Lastly, congratulations and welcome to the newly elected members of the Advisory Board. I am looking forward to the joint meeting of outgoing and incoming members this week and to working together starting this summer.

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 Election Results

Congratulations and Welcome to the Newly Elected Members of the LP² Advisory Board!

**BOB COHN
LESLEY HERRMANN
RUTH MACKAMAN
JUDY SIEGEL**

256 votes were cast, representing 78% of our members. A great example of democracy in action!

The new Advisory Board will officially take office on May 2 (tomorrow) and elect the Executive Committee for the coming year. The Board will next meet on June 7 and, as needed during the summer.

May 5 General Membership Meeting

AGENDA

2:00PM: 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
tomorrow

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 livestream the opening remarks is [here](#) and also will be distributed via email later this week. The posters portraying the “beyond the classroom” activities of LP² will also be viewable in a link from the streaming site. Password and registration are not required.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2023 CLOSES TODAY!

[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 \(constantcontactpages.com\)](#)

Summer and Fall '23 LP² Academic Calendar and Registration Dates

Summer '23 Registration Dates

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)

<u>Tuesday</u> 10:00-11:30AM	<u>Wednesday</u> 10:00-11:30AM	<u>Thursday</u> 10:00-11:30AM
<u>Plato: The Last Days of Socrates</u> <i>Zoom</i> Richard Zuckerman		
1:00-2:30PM	1:00-2:30PM	1:00-2:30PM
<u>The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine</u> <i>Zoom</i> Eric Zimiles	<u>The Novella: A form of short novel where small can be beautiful and less can be more</u> <i>Zoom</i> Richard Zacks	<u>Current Issues in Foreign Affairs</u> <i>Zoom</i> Stephen Kalinsky Arlyne LeSchack <u>Secrets of the American Musical</u> <i>In-person</i> 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****Open Call for Voices Online Submissions****Deadline: June 30, 2023**

All LP² members are invited to contribute their written work (poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memoir) to *Voices Online*, the publication that has displayed our members' creative work for many years. Please take this opportunity to share your work with your colleagues.

We expect the next issue of *Voices* to appear by the beginning of the fall term. During the fall we hope to have one or more readings of work from *Voices*.

We are not requesting photography currently. Photographers who wish to share their work should submit it to *The Observer*.

- You may submit one or two prose pieces. Short pieces are particularly appropriate to the on-line format. There is no minimum length; the maximum length is 2500 words.
- You may submit up to five poems, a maximum of ten pages.
- Previously published work should not be submitted.
- All submissions will be reviewed by several judges. Judges will not have access to identifying information about the creators of the pieces they are judging.
- If your submission is being considered for publication, an editor may contact you with comments or suggestions. The writer has the opportunity to review and agree to the final edited version.

Technical Guidelines:

- **All submissions should be attached to an email** that includes your name, phone number, e-mail address, the title(s) of the piece or pieces, the submission category, and the date of submission.
- **Please use Word format** (.doc or .docx). Files in .pdf format cannot be used and will be returned to sender.
- **Your poems or prose pieces should not contain any identifying information.** If the text of your piece includes your name (e.g., a memoir) delete the name and replace it with "(author)".

To Submit: Send via email to lp2voicesonline@gmail.com

All submissions will be acknowledged to verify receipt. If you do not receive a response within two weeks of your submission, please contact Charles Troob at ctroob@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

Help Desk Help Wanted

The LP² Help Desk, staffed by our members, is located in room 8309. They're there to help you from 10:30AM to 1:30PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until the end of the Spring session. We'd like to expand the hours in the fall, especially before and after SGs. The Help Desk is the best way to meet the membership; a happy way for new members to start participating in LP² activities. For information and/or to volunteer in the fall, please contact lp2@gc.cuny.edu.

Call for Break Activities between Semesters

Volunteers are needed to lead activities during the May and July/August breaks between semesters. Your activity can meet once, twice or several times and be a book or movie discussion, a current-events talk, a travel adventure, or an art presentation. If you are a current or past coordinator you could offer a one-session encore presentation from a prior study group. Members will

appreciate your efforts.

Tech help is available along with a Zoom link to send to participants. To propose an activity, contact Jane Case Einbender at jeinbender@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS - ArtSIG Events

May 12 Visit to Mana Contemporary Cancelled

Mana Contemporary asked us to postpone our tour scheduled for May 12 in Jersey City.

We are working to find another date. If you signed up and were looking forward to this event, let Dick know. (dkossoff@lp2nyc.org)

ArtSIG Event - Visit to the Warhol Exhibit

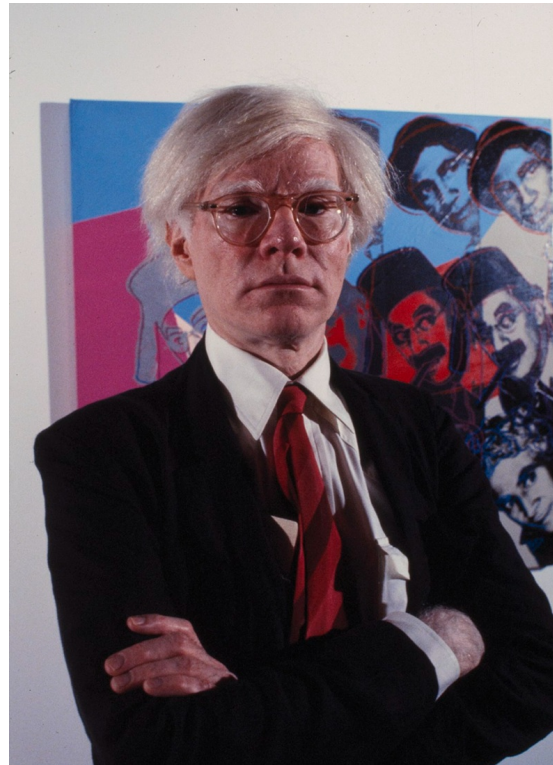
Tuesday, May 23 at 2:00PM
Brant Foundation
421 E. 6 St., New York, NY

See the latest exhibit -- *Thirty are Better Than One* – at the Brant Foundation’s East Village home. On view will be over 100 works by Andy Warhol drawn from the full span of his career. The show has been curated by Peter Brant himself, an early patron, collaborator, and close friend of the artist. Some of the work has only rarely been seen by the public.

Admission: Free. Limit 20

To RSVP: Dick Kossoff
(dkossoff@lp2nyc.org)

For more information about the Brant Foundation:



<https://www.brantfoundation.org/events/browse/upcoming/>

UPCOMING EVENTS - Other

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Discussion

Tuesday, May 2 at 4:00PM (Zoom)

AI seems to be everywhere these days. Opinions vary as to the implications of recent advances in AI, but everyone agrees it is moving very rapidly and is on the verge of changing our world in major ways.

Join LP² member Bernie Belkin and some of the class members from his 2020 AI Study Group, tomorrow, May 2, at 4PM, to discuss what is going on in the world of AI. We will talk about how AI works; how it differs from human intelligence; the latest advances, such as Generative AI, and Large Language Models; and the way these systems can be used in a variety of fields. We will also discuss ethical, privacy and intellectual property issues, the effect on jobs and the long-term fears of some developers that these systems could threaten society as we know it. This will be a moderated discussion following a brief introduction by Bernie.

To attend, click on [Artificial Intelligence Discussion](#).

ONLINE ART SHOW

Title: *Donatella and Arturo, Siblings. Madrid, Spain*
8" x 10" Oil on canvas



Painter: Sara Lishinsky

Sara says: "When I received a photograph of the children, I was impressed by their round, cherubic faces. I decided to paint the faces life-sized so that they take up the entire canvas."

GRAD CENTER CAMPUS INFO

ID Cards and Stickers

Graduate Center Student IDs can be obtained remotely or on campus.

To obtain on campus:

- Please come to the AISI Office in Room 8309 and we will call Public Safety and direct you to the ID office.

To obtain remotely:

- Email security@gc.cuny.edu from your Graduate Center email address. Enter "ID Card" in the subject line.
- The email body must contain your name as it appears in CUNYfirst, your program and your mailing address.
- Attach a "passport type headshot" JPEG picture taken within the past six months.

Current term stickers are available in the AISI Office in Room 8309 and will be distributed the first week of the Fall semester.

New ticket service launched by IT at the Grad Center

Best Way to Request IT Support

If you need help with Graduate Center credentials or on-campus tech issues, the best way to request IT support is to email itservices@gc.cuny.edu or chat online at www.gc.cuny.edu/it. Note that after three days of inactivity or if the issue has been resolved, the ticket will close and you will need to start a new email to itservices@gc.cuny.edu if you need to continue the conversation.

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.

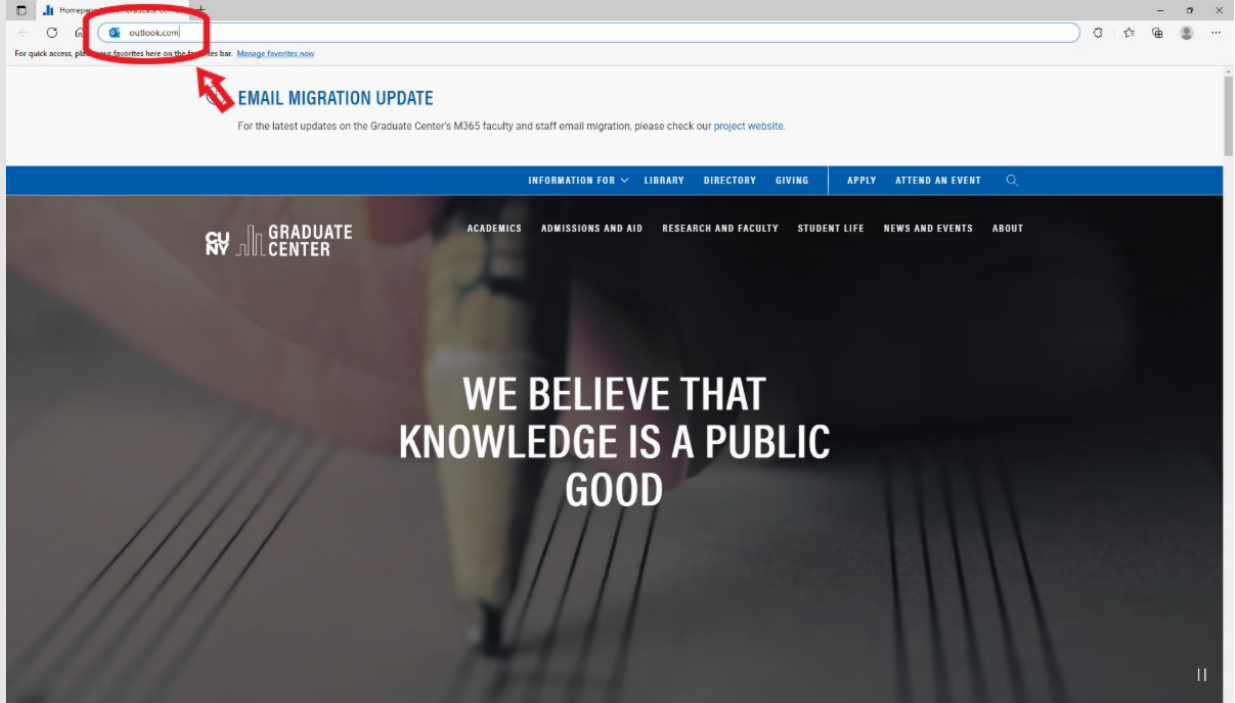
Things to keep in mind:

- 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](#)

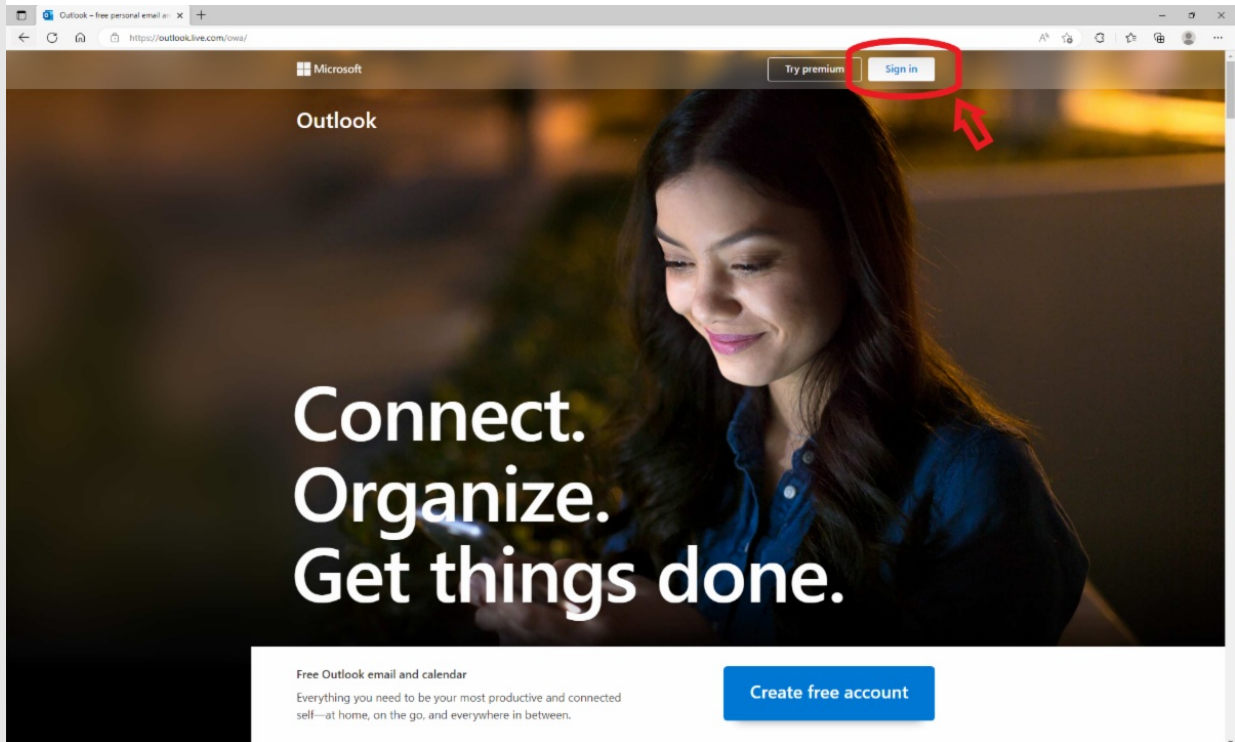
How to Check Your Grad Center Email

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.

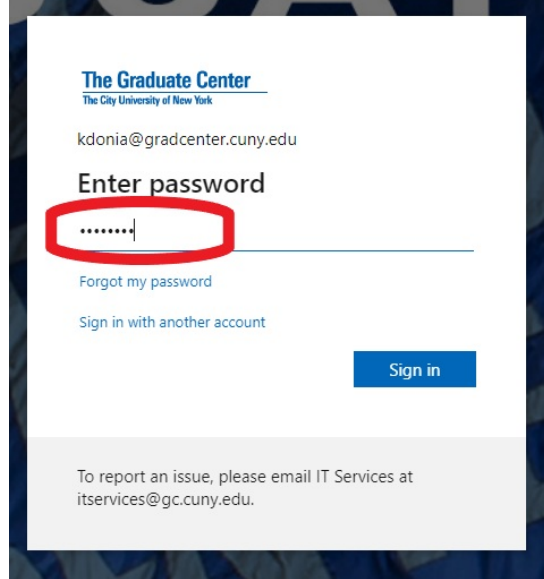
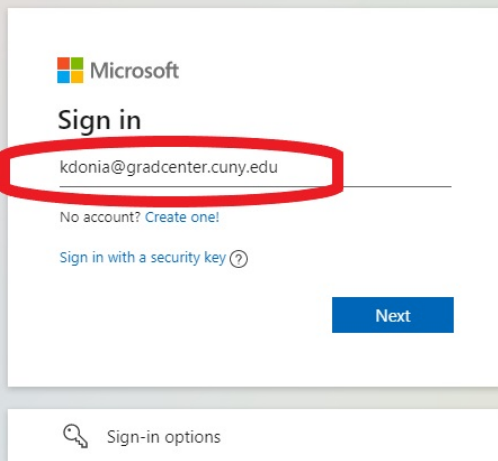
1. Go to outlook.com



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](#). **Last week, CUNY announced the end of the emergency COVID-19 vaccination mandate for students, faculty, and staff, effective May 23.** After working with State and City health officials to arrive at the decision, the University is aligning with the federal government's plan to end the Public Health Emergency. CUNY has reported low positive test results, consistent with the city and state's declining infection rates. With the end of the vaccination mandate, CUNY will end its testing program and testing sites will close by the end of June. The recommendation to keep up to date with vaccinations remains.

Cleared4 will no longer be used at the Graduate Center; members will enter by showing their student photo IDs. In anticipation of the Fall semester, please make sure you have an ID and if you do not yet have yours, please see directions above [Grad Center Campus Info] on how to request an ID from Graduate Center Public Safety.

Members will receive Fall 2023 validation stickers the first week of classes.

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.