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Members,

On Thursday last week, the US officially ended its COVID Health Emergency after more than three years. We have come such a long way together. On Monday May 22, the Graduate Center campus entry protocol returns to pre-pandemic practice. Cleared4 passes will no longer be used to gain entrance. LP² members will need to present their valid GC photo ID to enter the building. While you no longer need to report positive cases to the college, please be thoughtful and if you are not feeling well, stay home. You can read more here: <https://www.gc.cuny.edu/news/covid-19-information-and-safety-guidance>.

Please note that you have access to the Mina Rees Library over the summer with your GC Student ID.

Summer schedules were sent out last week. If you did not register early, you can still submit your preferences using [the add/drop form here](#) until June 9.

Fall registration opens today! I hope you've spent time considering the Grid. All of the most important information follows.

Happy summer!
Mariel

A Letter from Ariana

Dear LP² Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that my time at the Graduate Center will come to an end on May 31 of this year. I have decided to accept a position at another educational institution, where I will be serving as the Director of Research, a role that aligns more closely with my educational background.

I would like to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I received when the LP² community joined the Graduate Center. It was a challenging time when we first began our journey together due to the pandemic, but the LP² community swiftly adapted and continued to pursue its mission of peer-to-peer learning.

Witnessing the growth of study groups and observing the active engagement of the community, despite the absence of in-person meetings, was a source of inspiration for me. The ability of our members to be flexible and adaptable is a testament to their exceptional qualities, and I am honored to have been a part of such a community.

I wish each and every one of you the very best, and I am confident that you will continue to thrive in this amazing learning community of LP².

All my best,
Ariana

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.

By The Way

You may have noticed that there are now three editors on the masthead: Susan Rauch, who has done such a stellar job of editing our weekly newsletter for the last three years, will stay on as coach, advisor and guide while Irene Sax and Ruth Mackaman take over the management of the Observer.

And meanwhile...

As we come to the end of the academic year, we're curious:

Do you have any summer reading plans?

If so, are they "beach reads" or are you finally planning to tackle Proust or The Brothers K?

Send an email to isax@gradcenter.cuny.edu, and we'll share your answer in a summer issue of the Observer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall 2023 Registration is Open Now

Registration for Fall '23 study groups is open now through Monday, May 30.

[The Registration Form for Fall 2023 study groups is here.](#)

Information about each study group is listed on [the Grid](#). Click on any study group name to find a description of the topic and a draft syllabus.

For more details on registration rules and process, please review: [Fall 2023 Registration FAQs](#)

Admissions Committee Opening

The Admissions Committee has an opening for one member beginning in Fall, 2023. If you are interested in serving on the Admissions Committee, please click for the [Admissions Committee](#) description, criteria for membership and the application form. Please note that you must have been a member of LP² for at least 2 years and have coordinated at least one study group to be eligible. Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2023.

Fridays@1 Committee Openings

The Fridays@1 Committee is looking for a new chair or co-chairs as well as another committee member. Fridays@1 is a public lecture series sponsored by

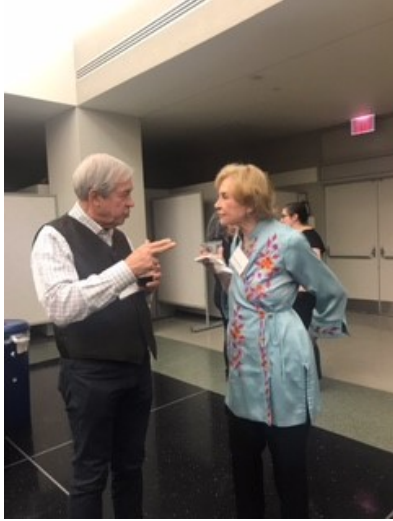
LP² that is for members as well as the CUNY community and the general public. It sponsors lectures of general interest two or three times each semester. Committee members are responsible for choosing speakers, working with speakers to develop presentations and introducing speakers at the event. Please click for the [Fridays@1 Committee Statement](#).

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Ruth Mackaman at rmackaman@gradcenter.cuny.edu or Lesley Herrmann at lherrmann@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

Pictures from the General Membership Meeting

When 140 of us gathered at the Grad Center's Proshansky auditorium lobby on May 5, a few of our members were walking around, taking pictures. Here are some of the photos they took of the happy event. Thanks to Harold Berkowitz, Jerry Vogel and Sue Yellin for this record of LP2 members doing what we do best: talking.





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. Click here to read [more](#).

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 - PhotoSIG

PhotoSIG Event- Lee Friedlander Show

Wednesday May 24th at 11:00AM
Luhring Augustine Chelsea gallery
531 West 24 St., New York, NY
212.206.9100

Website: <https://www.luhringaugustine.com/>

From Alec Rill:

On May 24, the Art SIG will get to see the work of one of my favorite street photographers, Lee Friedlander, in a show curated by Joel Coen of the film-making Coen brothers. Sasha Helinski, Associate Director of the Luhring Augustine gallery, will give us a tour and answer our questions. The group will be limited to 25, so please RSVP as soon as possible. I will keep a waiting list in case we exceed that number. The visit is at 11AM and, as usual, I will arrange for lunch afterwards at a place nearby: Stay tuned for this.

Click [here to see the New York Times review of the show.](#)



A further note from Alec:

At the General Membership Meeting I gave away 95 fortune cookies, one of them with a slip saying that the holder had won a Holga 35 mm camera. Since nobody seems to have found that slip, I will hold another fortune-cookie/camera challenge among the people who come to the Friedlander Photo SIG.



Sara Miller holding a fortune cookie with Alec holding the camera at the General Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Other

Pour at Four Tomorrow



Tuesday, May 16 at 4:00PM
230 Fifth Avenue Rooftop Bar
5th Avenue (Between 26/27th Street)

Take the elevator upon entry to the roof!

Rain Date: Wednesday, May 24th
RAIN WILL CANCEL THIS EVENT

TRANSPORTATION:
Bus: M1, M2, M3

Train: N,R,W

Questions? Contact srubens@gradcenter.cuny.edu

MEMBER FORUM

Art Deco Walking Tour

The Art Deco Society of New York will hold a tour of the deco buildings of Midwood, Brooklyn on May 21 from 2PM to 4PM. Participants will meet at the Midwood Library, 975 East 16 Street at Avenue J (Transportation: Q train to Avenue J) for a slide presentation by architectural historian Matt Postal, who then will lead them on a walking tour of the neighborhood's stylish 1920s and 30s apartment houses, banks and offices. Thanks to Audrey Lipton, LP² members can join the tour at the discounted Partners price of \$35. [Click here to learn how to register for the tour.](#)

Rosalie Frost Photographs

From Rosalie:

Some of my black and white photographs are on exhibit at the Soho Photo Gallery, 15 White Street in Tribeca until June 4, 2023. The Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 1PM to 6PM. The exhibit, titled "Radiance (Ellis Island)", expresses the mysteries one still feels in the decayed former contagious disease hospital, where sick immigrants were treated until they were well enough to begin their new lives in America. The Gallery website is sohophoto.com

If you are traveling to Paris, I am pleased that a few of the "Radiance (Ellis Island)" prints will be shown there from May 19 to 21 in a group show sponsored by IMAGE-NATION at Galerie Joseph Le Palais, 5 Rue Saint-Merri, in the Marais district. I plan to attend the exhibition and then spend some days enjoying Paris.

ONLINE ART SHOW

Before the Storm



Photographer: Mel Oppenheim

Mel says: A view of the French countryside with an ominous cloud in the background. It was the summer before Covid.

GRAD CENTER CAMPUS INFO

[ID Cards and Stickers](#)

[Best Way to Request GC Tech Support](#)

[Using Your Graduate Center Email Account](#)

[Install Microsoft Office 365 for Free](#)

GRAD CENTER CAMPUS COVID-19 GUIDANCE

[COVID-19 Current CUNY GC Information](#)

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 Observer to Irene Sax at isax@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 Irene at isax@gradcenter.cuny.edu for inclusion in the Member Forum.