

THE OBSERVER
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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello members,

I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful weather. I've been taking longer walks and spending more time with friends outdoors for evening meals while we can.

This week is a short one, but the next couple are fast paced. Today we have the Science Seminar talk. Member Bob Braff will interview Andy Reinmann and Bernie Belkin will moderate the Q&A. On Friday the 15th at 2PM, Advisory Board members will convene the Member Connect town halls. You will receive the Zoom link to join the small group discussion from the Advisory Board member leading your group. Next week on Monday we have the Unmasking Bias panel with Professor Michelle Fine and others, and on Friday, we launch Fridays@3 with writer Christian Davenport. Details and registration information are below. I hope you will join us for all of these exciting and new events!

Tomorrow I will hold office hours from 3-4 PM. You can join me in my virtual office here: <https://gc-cuny-edu.zoom.us/j/87450295130?pwd=Q3FMMUIqeWQzYVFUU1hhMmQzaWdpZz09>

Last week, I met with the Admissions Committee who recommended eight enthusiastic and promising applicants for membership. At this time, we do not anticipate holding another information session for Spring 2022 admissions.

And finally, please remember that payment for annual membership is due by this Friday, October 15.

Reach out with any questions or concerns.

My best,
Mariel

Our office contact information:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Member Connect Town Halls: Friday, October 15 @ 2PM

Your Opinions Count! Your opinions about the subjects we discuss at these online get-togethers will influence decisions to be made regarding our program. Discussions at the meetings don't end with the Zoom sessions; the Board analyzes your responses and shapes its actions accordingly.

If you have not already received your invitation from the Advisory Board member leading your group, be sure to check your GC-CUNY e-mail box; as a last resort, contact the office at engagement@gc.cuny.edu or call 212-817-2474. (Remember, our office is presently understaffed.)

P.S. You won't just be missing your chance to shape LP²'s future, you'll be missing a good time. (Better if you bring refreshments.)

Fridays@3

Christian Davenport: The Space Barons: Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, and the Quest to Colonize the Cosmos

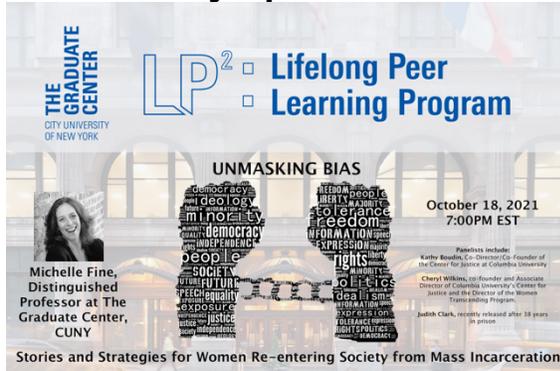


Friday, October 22, 3PM

Christian Davenport covers NASA and the space industry for the Washington Post. He is the author of "The Space Barons: Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and the Quest to Colonize the Cosmos", published in 2018 by Public Affairs. He was consulting producer of "Space: The Private Frontier" a two-hour documentary on the Discovery and Science Channels. He was also a

producer and co-host of “Space Launch Live,” Discovery Channel’s live broadcast of SpaceX’s first crewed mission, which won an Emmy award.

LP² Diversity Speaker Series.



Dr. Michelle Fine: Unmasking Bias: Stories and Strategies for Women Re-Entering Society from Mass Incarceration.

October 18, 7-8:30PM

The first in the LP² Diversity Speaker Series, Dr. Michelle Fine is a Distinguished Professor of Social

Psychology, Women's Studies, and Urban Education at the CUNY Graduate Center and a founding member of the Public Science Project, which works to produce critical interventions for use in social policy. An avid advocate for those who have experienced injustice, she utilizes their insights about the nature, origin, and solutions to such problems by making them her co-researchers.

LP² Director Mariel Villeré will moderate a panel discussion with Dr Fine, joined by three of these formerly incarcerated research collaborators, policy analysts, and organizers; Kathy Boudin, Co-Director/Co-Founder of the Center for Justice at Columbia University, Judith Clark, recently released after 38 years in prison, and Cheryl Wilkins, co-founder and Associate Director of Columbia University’s Center for Justice and the Director of the Women Transcending Program. This panel discussion spotlights these women and their stories as the key for change, weaving personal narrative and community research on social equity.

RSVP here: https://gc-cuny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VCw59hneSaa-g86aNXlvEg

(A link to one of Dr. Fine’s lectures is here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuXoKKXp6QM&t=710s>).

UPCOMING CURRICULUM COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS

**Need Some Help Completing Your Study Group Proposal?
Wed, Oct 20, 3:45-5PM on Zoom**

The Curriculum Committee is offering a workshop on COMPLETING A PROPOSAL. If you are thinking about submitting a study group proposal for next semester or for the future, join us to learn more about:

- Developing a successful proposal
- Finding appropriate resources on your topic
- Organizing a working syllabus
- Completing the Proposal Form

Experienced coordinators will be there to answer your questions and to share their techniques for developing a proposal, We encourage those of you who are at a later stage of proposal development to attend one of these workshops.

RSVP to Linda Anstendig lanstendig@gc.cuny.edu by Mon, Oct18; Zoom invitation will follow

Want To Learn Strategies for Enhancing Your Study Group Discussions?

Wednesday, Nov 17, 3:45-5PM

You are invited to attend THE ART AND SCIENCE OF LEADING A DISCUSSION on Zoom. We encourage new AND experienced coordinators to attend to share ideas and learn new ones.

RSVP to Linda Anstendig at lanstendig@gc.cuny.edu by Mon, Nov 16; Zoom invitation will follow.

ONLINE ART SHOW

From: Mary Padilla

Title: Yawning Horse

Statement: The drawing was done with marker on newsprint.



**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.

MEMBER FORUM

From Carol Chamlin:

You are invited to help honor Jerry at a Memorial Service on Saturday October 16 at 1:00-3:00PM in Ceremonial Hall at The New York Society for Ethical Culture 2 W 64th St New York NY

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@qc.cuny.edu

Observer Submissions Send items for the next week's Observer to Susan Rauch at srauch@gc.cuny.edu by 5PM on Friday. Send Online Art Show entries and suggestions for virtual tours to Carol Millsom at cmillsom@gc.cuny.edu.

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