NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear members,

I hope the Town Hall meetings on Friday were useful and enjoyable. For those who missed yours, feel free to reach out to your advisory board representative with comments and questions.

A reminder that your Graduate Center email passwords need to be reset every 180 days. You will receive an email when that date approaches – and it may not be the same date as a friend’s in LP² because the countdown is unique to each person. Follow the instructions in the email you receive from IT; if you know your password, you can reset it in the Outlook Web App (https://wa.gc.cuny.edu/owa/). If you do not know your password, you can use the self-service reset here: https://passwordreset.gc.cuny.edu/. Further instructions are below and in the Member Handbook: https://www.irpzine.org/lp%c2%b2-handbook/

Tonight at 7pm, we have the Unmasking Bias panel discussion with Michelle Fine and others involved in her community research on mass incarceration, gender bias, and re-entry. I hope you have registered and encouraged your friends and family to join us as well. Register here: https://gc-cuny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VCw59hneSaag86aNXIvEg

On Friday, October 22 at 3pm, we launch the Fall season of Fridays@3 with Christian Davenport, writer on space travel and the competing frontrunners in the contemporary space race. Register for this exciting talk here: https://gc-cuny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CEWFUizsSm-NTdXftlZNZQ

Last week’s Science Seminar with Andy Reinmann was a hit and thanks to all who came for the discussion. The recording is available here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/11bcOoSejYSavso7dU9rJ9SgKRK6R1dvO/view?usp=sharing
Thank you to the members organizing these wonderful talks covering a range of topics and I look forward to seeing you at both this week!

Best,
Mariel

CORRECTION: The recent obituary for Steven (Steve) August listed the address for member and IER Treasurer Colette Siegel with an incorrect apartment number. If you choose to make a donation to the IER in Steven’s name, please direct your check to: the Institute for Education in Retirement, Inc., c/o Colette Siegel, 47 East 88th St., Apt. 13D, New York, NY 10128.

How to reset your password:
- Log into the Outlook Web App
- Click on the gear icon (top right)
- Select “change password”
- Enter current password, new password, and confirm new password, per form fields:
If you retrieve your GC email using an application on your computer or through your Gmail account, you will need to update your password in those locations, on all devices, as well. If you continue to have trouble with your password, please contact engagement@gc.cuny.edu and our office will assist you or escalate your request to the GC IT Department as needed.

Our office contact information:
engagement@gc.cuny.edu
212-817-2474

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

NOTE TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS:
FROM NOW ON PLEASE SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE OBSERVER TO OUR NEW CONTRIBUTING EDITOR, MICKY JOSEPHS, at mjosephs@gc.cuny.edu.

THANKS, MICKY AND WELCOME!
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, Judith Clark and Cheryl Wilkins. This panel discussion spotlights these women and their stories as the key for change and the path to 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).
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. RSVP here https://gc-cuny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CEWFUizsSm-NTdXfItZNZQ

UPCOMING CURRICULUM COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS

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

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 today; 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 lanstending@gc.cuny.edu by Mon, Nov 16; Zoom invitation will follow.

ATTENTION COORDINATORS, PRESENT OR FUTURE
LP² PROVIDES HONORARIA FOR STUDY GROUP GUEST SPEAKERS

If you would like to invite an outside guest speaker to your study group, here is information about the LP² policy (Honorarium Policy) and the form to submit (Honorarium Request Form).

Each 12-week study group may have up to two paid guest speakers and each six-week study group may have one paid guest speaker. Guest speakers may be offered honoraria of up to $200. Unpaid speakers are not affected by this policy.

The form should be submitted for approval to the study group Curriculum Committee contact, who will forward it to the Finance Chair. Please see the Honorarium Policy for making payment after the guest has attended the study group session.
ONLINE ART SHOW

From: Maury Harris
Title: Skyscraper Envy: Metropolitan Virility
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.

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@gc.cuny.edu.

Observer Submissions Send items for the next week’s Observer to Micky Josephs at mjosephs@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 Micky at mjosephs@gc.cuny.edu for inclusion in the Member Forum.