

Wanted: Mentors



To welcome new members, LII is starting a Mentor Program. LLI's Volunteer and Leadership Development Team has created this program to add a personal touch to the new member experience.

Current members who elect to be mentors will be paired with one or two new members entering this September. The role of the mentor is to help new members find their way at LLI, introduce them to other new members, and answer questions during their early days at LLI. A mentor guide will be available to those who join the mentor team. To sign up, please contact Maddy Watterson or Bob Inglish at Ili@bard.edu.

Don't Miss the Seniors-to-Seniors Tea!

Each May, LLI "seniors" gather to honor Bard College's graduating seniors who were selected as recipients of the Dean Stuart Stritzler-Levine Seniors-to-Seniors Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to the honorees to assist with their senior projects. The grants are one of the many ways that LLI strives to give back to Bard and to strengthen the ties between the generations.

This year the event will be held on Monday, May 17th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Weis Cinema in Bertelsmann Campus Center. The student presenters used the funds to support the following projects:

- Helen Aracena (Anthropology): traveled to Japan, where she studied conceptions of racial and bi-racial identity in Japanese culture.
- Rebecca LaPoint (Human Rights/German Studies): traveled to Berlin to better understand the experiences of refugees and displaced persons in Germany.
- Julia Gordon (Political Studies): conducted research in Washington, DC regarding U.S. efforts to promote democracy in the Middle East.
- Kaitlynn Buchbaum (German Studies): studied the manuscripts and correspondence of W.G. Sebald at the German Literary Archive in Marbach am Neckar, Germany.
- Martie Stothoff (Photo/Biology): produced large-scale prints of the interactions between humans and animals.

At the end of the presentations, afternoon tea will be served with scrumptious sandwiches and desserts, at which time you'll have an opportunity to talk to the students and ask questions about their projects.



Afternoon tea is served each year at the Seniors-to-Seniors Tea

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