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Elections

Voting: March 16 – 31
Candidate list published: March 4

Spring Classes Begin

First day of classes: March 23

SummerFest

Catalog published: May 4
Classes: Fridays, June 1, 8, 15, 22

LLI Annual Meeting

Friday: May 18

Membership Renewal

June 1-21

New Member Applications

June 1-21

Fall Catalog Published

July 20

The February Message from LLI President Tom Esposito

LLI committees have recently been quite active to help keep us involved during the winter and prepare the organization for the coming year. First, intersession offered an excellent selection of diverse classes. They were well attended by LLI members and a few guests, who expressed their appreciation for being included. We owe a hearty thank you to Gene Burns and his committee for putting the program together.



LLI Intersession 2018 – Bard Professor Lauren Lynn Rose (left) presented Fun with Math

We have just concluded the process for nominating candidates for Council. The slate of nominees will be published by March 4, and the election will be held between March 16 and 30. Please be sure to vote when you receive your ballot by email. Responses are anonymous. We were delighted to see that some new volunteers want to bring their experience and fresh ideas to help run our organization.

Serving on the Council is one important way for LLI members to volunteer, but there are many others. As Felice Gelman says in her article this month, volunteering can be easy and rewarding. Some opportunities don't require you to show up on campus, but can be done remotely. If you don't know where you might fit in, try attending a couple of committee meetings. And remember, not all jobs require special skills. Sometimes, enthusiasm and willingness are more than enough.

You will have a confirmation email with your class assignments by the end of this month. If you didn't get into your preferred class, don't give up hope. People do drop out of their assigned classes fairly often, and new slots open up. As Chuck Mishaan suggests, keep checking the drop/add feature on our website, and you may get your choice after all.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again when classes start on March 23.



Olafur Eliasson: *The Parliament of Reality*
Bard College

Volunteering at LLI Is Easy and Rewarding by Felice Gelman

When I filled out my application to join LLI several years ago, of course I indicated I was interested in volunteering, but when I actually experienced the well-oiled machine that produces our semesters of classes, I was daunted. How would I fit in? Did I know enough to be truly useful? How much time would it take? What about the fact that I don't live near Bard? Volunteering seemed like jumping off a cliff—with a descent of unknown length and the landing spot invisible.

However, after a year or so, I took the leap, responding to a request to help back up a class manager who was going to be traveling during part of the spring session. News flash to all who felt as I had—it was easy. And it was a rewarding chance to demonstrate my appreciation for all the work and planning that goes into our wonderful communal learning experience.

As you can see from the last two pages of the December newsletter, more than a hundred people organize every session of LLI, each working on a small piece of the planning, communicating, and managing of the process. Many hands make light work, and there's something for everyone to do. Take a look at the committees listed in the [Helping LLI](#) section of the [Bard LLI](#) website to get some ideas for where you might fit in as a volunteer. You may see a fit for some of your talents or you may just find some friends who are already volunteering whom you'd like to work with. When you find something that interests you, email the committee chair to let him or her know you'd like to join in our efforts. They would love to hear from you.



Photographer: Yoram Gelman (LLI)

Felice Gelman

Changing Course Assignments by Chuck Mishaan, A/V Chair

Class assignments for Spring 2018 will be emailed to members in mid-February, after the close of registration. The email will also have a link to the drop/add system. Through that link, you will be able to add a class, depending on availability, or drop one of your assigned classes. The drop/add process will be open through the first two weeks of the Spring semester.

You will receive an email confirmation of any change that you have requested. Please be sure to print out that email and bring it to class to submit to the class managers. They will need to have this printout for their class records.

Looking forward to an educational and rewarding semester at Bard LLI!

Notes on the LLI Council Meeting

Council minutes are posted on our website, bardlli.com, after they are approved. Click on [About Us](#), Governance to find minutes from the last several months. Here's the report for January.

- LLI is now under the umbrella of the Bard Center for Civic Engagement. CCE is currently revising its website and will add Bard LLI to the new website, with a link to our website.
- We increased our donation to CCE for the 2017-2018 year and received a thank you note, saying that the money had funded student participation in unpaid summer internships in programs that address issues affecting people around the world.
- The Curriculum Committee is trying new class times for SummerFest, to increase classroom time: Classes will meet from 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., with a coffee break between them.
- The AV-Tech and Communications Committees are working on building a library of photos and videos of members, LLI events, presenters, and the Bard campus to use in our publications and on the website.
- Volunteer and Leadership Development surveyed new members about their reactions to the mentoring program. Most feedback was very positive.

Council will not meet on Monday, February 19, Presidents' Day.

Our next Council meeting will be: Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Bertelsmann Campus Center, Room 214. All LLI members are welcome to attend.

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