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## A Message From President Tom Esposito



My gratitude to Anne Sunners and her always hard-working, creative Curriculum Committee for the rich and diverse Fall 2017 array of courses. Special thanks to Dan Peterson and his amazing Registration Committee. And to Chuck Mishaan, and all those who made our first digital membership enrollment and registration a reality, our grateful indebtedness for taking us into the modern age.

To all those LLI volunteers who work so tirelessly to make this the satisfying and successful endeavor that it is: job well done and thank you!

A warm welcome back to campus to all LLI members and especially to our many new members, the largest "incoming class" since the very first LLI classes began. To all new members, LLI hopes you will enjoy your classes and find a path to participate in making our program happen. Returning members, please give new members a hand in finding their way around campus. You can spot new members by looking at their ID tags on the red lanyards (reminder: wear your ID tag) – new members have a five-digit number and a blue dot on their badges.

## About Those Numbers

The Registration Committee's work was made easier this year by new tech that can create many different spread sheets of information from the registration system. BUT...computers are wonderful and stupid – they don't know that Joe Jones is the same person as Joseph Jones and Susie Smith is the same as Susan Smith, which meant lots of painstaking checking by our technical team. To simplify things, we have all been given a membership number. Your membership number is in the email with your LLI Class Assignments. Make a note of it: you will need it to use the online Drop and Add process and for our Spring Registration.

## What You Need to Know is at [bardlli.com](http://bardlli.com)

There's a new tab on the LLI website, *On Campus*, and there you will find all the information about Bard LLI and maneuvering around the Bard campus. Click the link:

[www.bardlli.com](http://www.bardlli.com)

Go there to check out:

- ❖ Finding essential information about Bard LLI
- ❖ Class locations
- ❖ Class Manager Information
- ❖ How to Get a Bard ID
- ❖ How to Register Your Car – **A MUST!**
- ❖ Where to park on campus



Olin Hall

## Mentors Help New Members

Bob English and Maddy Watterson, working with the Volunteer and Leadership Development team, organized the 29 LLI members who volunteered to serve as mentors for our new members. Each mentor had two or three people whom they called to welcome and give a heads up about what's coming: class confirmation, their new-member orientation, and working with member services. The mentors will stay in touch with new members throughout their first year in LLI.

## Our Curriculum Committee Has Been Busy

LLI has our first Saturday classes this fall, with three courses on Saturday mornings, and we will have another SummerFest program next June. Feedback on SummerFest 2017 was positive, both for the courses and for the coffee break allowing for socialization. To add more time for socialization, the Committee is planning another experiment: a spring schedule that would shorten the third and fourth periods by 10 minutes, creating a 40-minute break from 1:00 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. Members could brown bag a lunch to eat in Olin, hop over to Kline Commons student dining rooms, or eat at a picnic table outside if the weather is good.

## A Special Request from Bard College to LLI Members

Brothers at Bard (BAB) is a character development and academic enrichment mentorship program for young men of color from underserved communities. Each year 10 -15 students from Bard volunteer to work as mentors. BAB requires community funding and support to carry out its message, and uses a crowdfunding site for donations. You can read about the program and make a donation by clicking this link :

<http://www.annandaleonline.org/s/990/2014/indextwocol.aspx?sid=990&gid=1&calcid=3905&calpgid=1600&pgid=1827&crid=0>

We hope you will consider making an individual contribution to this worthwhile Bard initiative.

Dr. Jonathan Becker, is vice president for academic affairs, associate professor of political studies, and Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at Bard College and our LLI Faculty Liaison. He has a *special request* for LLI members. BAB has an urgent need for transport for the program: can anyone donate a used car? It will, of course, qualify as a charitable deduction, and also provide vital support for Bard and the students involved. If you can help, email Bonnie Goad, Development Manager of the Center for Civic Engagement at [bgoad@bard.edu](mailto:bgoad@bard.edu).

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