

## ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

Our Online Study Groups are limited to a maximum of 12 members, have a varied number of sessions (6-10 weeks depending on the course), and will run from 1 - 2 hours. Fees vary accordingly. As always, each member researches a topic related to the general subject and shares their findings with the class. For additional details and possible topics, please visit [www.slrlondon.com](http://www.slrlondon.com).

### ENCORE

**Monday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**September 14 – November 23 (10 sessions; no class Oct 12, Thanksgiving)**

**Course Leader: Brenda Jackson; Zoom Host: TBA  
Fee: \$40; Maximum 10 members**

This is your opportunity to inform and entertain our group with a topic that you have presented previously. Choose one of your favorites to share with a new and enthusiastic audience.

### CANADA'S NORTH

**Monday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**September 14 – October 26 (6 sessions; no class Oct 12, Thanksgiving)**

**Course Leader: Alison Greenhill; Zoom Host: TBA  
Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members**

An area larger than Europe, rich in resources, a strategically important shortcut for Asian markets, and it is ours! The land of the midnight sun evokes images of igloos, sled dogs, polar bears, northern lights, Inuit carvings. Let's examine more – First Peoples, European exploration, Inuit culture, climate change, wildlife, tourism, sovereignty, current political issues, and much more.

### THE CRISIS IN CAPITALISM

**Monday 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**September 14 – October 26 (6 sessions; no class Oct 12, Thanksgiving)**

**Course Leader: Gary Sawyer; Zoom Host: TBA  
Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members**

Capitalism has lifted billions of people out of poverty, fostered a climate of research resulting in safer, more convenient household products, improved medical procedures and Rx drugs. However, it has also created incredible income and wealth inequality. Since 1978, the average CEO's pay has grown by 940%, the typical worker's pay rose only 12% and the top 10% of Americans hold 70% of all household wealth. Is there a better way?

### FRAGILITY AND MORTALITY IN LITERATURE

**Tuesday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**September 15 – October 20 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader: Deborah Roberts; Zoom Host: TBA  
Fee: \$40; Maximum 12**

Both fiction and non-fiction narratives about illness allow us to explore human fragility and mortality. Stories, memoirs, journals and poetry help support us from the isolating elements of illness, giving form to difficult-to-define experiences. When ones' world has exploded into uncertainty, having examples helps. Let's explore the diverse and poignant realms of illness in literature to determine how it can create a sense of comfort and connection.

### WHAT'S ON YOUR FORK?

**Tuesday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**September 15 – October 20 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader: Shari McNeill; Zoom Host: Peggy Matser  
Fee: \$40; Maximum 12**

By 2050 there will be 10 billion people in the world to feed. The food industry is a complex global collective of diverse businesses that feeds the world's population. Join us as we examine the wide range of topics concerning food: from field to fork, from GMOs and Beyond Meat, to milk made in petri dishes. What's on your fork?

### BEST SONG EVER

**Tuesday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**September 15 – October 20 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader and Zoom Host: Burton Moon  
Fee: \$40; Maximum 12**

Of course there can never be an absolutely best song for all time, but if you were to narrow your focus and make a commitment to Frank Loesser's 'Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat', for example, what could you say to convince your fellow participants that this in fact is the greatest song. Here's an opportunity to take a deep dive into some musical moments and how they have been magical for you.

### ACCIDENTAL SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES

**Wednesday 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

**September 16 – October 21 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader: George Cranton; Zoom Host: TBA  
Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members**

Some scientific discoveries come about after painstaking goal-oriented lab work. However, many incredible discoveries come about when someone finds something they weren't looking for. These are the result of a true accident or are the result of a creative mind realizing that a discovery could be repurposed into something incredible. Tell us about an intriguing accidental discovery.

### 21ST CENTURY CHINA

**Wednesday 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**September 16 – October 21 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader: Don Efron; Zoom Host: TBA  
Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members**

China is the most populous country and the second-largest economy in the world. Confident and booming economically, the country's transformation has had worldwide impact in the context of globalization, but China remains deeply authoritarian and conservative politically as it deploys its massive cash reserves spreading "soft power" around the globe. Join us as we attempt to understand this global giant.

*"Keeping your brain stimulated and your spirit young"*

# ONLINE STUDY GROUPS continued

## PEOPLE MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

**Thursday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**September 17 - October 22 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader and Host: Burton Moon**

**Fee: \$40; Maximum 12**

Who are the people who have had the greatest positive impact on your life? Of course, there are many people through the course of our lives, either directly or through example, or their writings or public actions, who have helped us alter direction and shape our life. At this stage in life, who would you say had a major impact and why? Here is an opportunity to explore memories of people who have made a positive difference in your life.

## THE RISE AND FALL OF EMPIRES

**Friday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**September 18 – October 23 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader: Jeff Keenor; Zoom Host: TBA**

**Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members**

Empires have risen and fallen for millennia, from the Babylonian through the Incan to the British. Even the briefest survey of history will reveal the fact that no empire has permanently endured through the ages. Why do empires rise? Why do they fall? We will learn about many empires and ask if there are common characteristics that great empires across time and space share in their rise and fall.

# ONLINE DISCUSSION AND ACTIVITY GROUPS Number of sessions vary

## RACIAL BIAS, PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION

**Tuesday 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**September 15 - October 20 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader: Michael Johnson; Zoom Host: Lynn Hamilton**

**Fee: \$40; Maximum 12**

Racism, discrimination and bias are frequently in the news. What does it mean to be "racist?" Is racism new in Canada or has it always been lurking under the surface? Join us to discuss systemic racial bias in our personal lives, government, the police, and the courts; the U.S. influence; the power of symbols; and the effectiveness of action by celebrities. Can government successfully legislate against racism? How can we join the fight against racism and discrimination in Canada? Share your experiences and opinions with us.

## THE NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

**Wednesday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**September 16 – November 11 (5 sessions every other week)**

**Course Leader: Helen Olmstead; Zoom Host: TBA**

**Fee: \$35; Maximum 12 members**

This discussion group will give participants an opportunity to read and reflect on a variety of issues affecting our community and the world. By reading these books, each of us will learn more about the topics covered. Discussing them together will allow the thoughts and perspectives of others to enrich our understanding of the material. Our purpose is to more deeply understand the ideas that these authors are presenting and to consider the impact their work can have on our beliefs and our actions.

## THE RIGHT PLACE

**Thursday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**September 17 - October 15 (5 sessions)**

**Course Leader: Phyllis Brady; Zoom Host: Kathleen Hazelwood**

**Fee: \$35; Maximum 12**

Join us as we explore housing alternatives, delve into our expectations of living into old age and investigate options to consider. Topics include decisions on aging in place, downsizing, retirement communities, and co-housing, to name a few. Bring your questions and shared experiences so we can learn together.

## CANNABIS 101 – SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION

**Thursday 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**September 17 - October 22 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader: Shari McNeill; Zoom Host: TBA**

**Fee: \$40; Maximum 12**

Now that cannabis is legal in Canada, let's re-examine this plant. Why was cannabis illegal in the first place? What does it offer? Learn about THC and CBD, the medical benefits, methods of intake, consumables and edibles, what different plant strains do and safe usage. Learn how to buy with confidence.

## CREATIVE WRITING

**Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**September 17 - October 22 (6 sessions)**

**Course Leader: Deborah Roberts; Zoom Host: TBA**

**Fee: \$40, Maximum 12**

Creative writing is a form of artistic expression, drawing on imagination and open-minded thinking – the craft of making things up. Anyone can be a creative writer. In an encouraging and fun environment, we'll engage in varied writing exercises to stretch our mental muscles. From various forms – poetry, short stories, song, plays, and stream-of-consciousness – we'll construct and share our compositions. Join us for an enjoyable experience.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

**Friday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**September 18 - November 20 (10 sessions)**

**Course Leaders and Zoom Hosts: Susan Booth and Phyllis Brady**

**Fee: \$65; Maximum 12**

Death is the one great certainty in life and a personal journey each of us approaches in our own way. Let's consider our own unique path with death, dying and grieving by exploring this important, though uncomfortable, topic. Together we will be posing vitally important questions, sharing experiences, and offering thoughtful observations that can profoundly change the way we live and die.

## THE U. S. ELECTION

**Friday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**October 2 – November 6 (6 sessions)**

**Section 1: Edna Blomqvist; Zoom Host: TBA**

**Section 2: Lynn Hamilton; Zoom Host: TBA**

**Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members each section**

The next American Presidential election will be held on Tuesday, November 3. This discussion group will begin with short participant presentations on the mechanics of the American electoral system. The remaining sessions will be spent in structured discussions of the issues. The final session will take place immediately after the election (or when results are available) to talk about the results and their ramifications.

# Fall 2020

Got Questions?  
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## INTEREST GROUPS

Facilitators will confirm the date of the first meeting unless shown otherwise.

### **FRIENDS OF THE HYLAND with Mary Evans and Helen Bullas**

**Will not be meeting until further notice.**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor**

**Meets first Tuesday of each month**

**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$15 for 2020 - 2021 Year**

**Maximum 14 members**

Open to anyone with a digital camera, any skill level. Share photographs, tips and techniques, so that all increase their enjoyment of photography. Until we can meet in person, we will use Zoom and the "Share" function (coaching provided!).

### **THE LIVELY POETS' SOCIETY with Denise Ritchie and Ros Moorhead**

**Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays**

**September 17, October 1, 15, November 5, 19,**

**December 3 (6 sessions)**

**Time: 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Fee: \$15; Maximum 12 members**

Members meet twice monthly online to share and discuss poetry and poets – dead poets, live poets, ancient poetry, new poetry – let's explore together.

### **GINA BARBER SLR SINGERS with Susan Jones and Mike Zadorsky (FULL; no new members accepted at this time)**

**Meets on the lawn of Grosvenor Lodge during Fall Term as weather permits**

**Ongoing on Fridays: 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$15 for 2020-2021 Year**

### **THE SLUGS (Ukulele Ensemble) with Noële Hall (FULL; no new members accepted at this time)**

**Meets on the lawn of Grosvenor Lodge during Fall Term as weather permits**

**Ongoing on Fridays: 1:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$15 for 2020-2021 Year**

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### **FESTIVE BANQUET**

This event is still under consideration given the pandemic. A mass email will be sent closer to the time giving an update with details.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Online Classes Begin** week of September 14th.

**Thanksgiving:** Monday, October 12, no classes.

**Note: For additional details on all our groups, please visit our website at [www.slrlondon.ca](http://www.slrlondon.ca)**

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

## REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING COURSES

### All Courses Will Be Online for the Fall Term:

Due to the Covid pandemic SLR will not have a Program Preview or Open House for the Fall program. Instead we ask that you register for courses online by going to [www.srlondon.com](http://www.srlondon.com).

Online registration will open on **Monday, August 17, at 9:00 am.**

If you need help registering online, please refer to the instructions that accompanied the email in which you received this brochure.

You can also email us at [srlondonontario@gmail.com](mailto:srlondonontario@gmail.com) and request a copy of the 'How to Enroll Using SLR's Website' document.

### Annual Membership Fees Due:

It's time to renew your membership. All members must pay the yearly Membership Fee, which is **\$20** this year. Just select the Membership "product" and add it to your cart in addition to your course selection(s) before checking out.

### Waiting Lists:

If a course you want is FULL, you can add your name to a **Waiting List**. Sometimes openings become available in the first week. To join the waiting list, send us an email at [srlondonontario@gmail.com](mailto:srlondonontario@gmail.com). Be sure to tell us the **name of the course you want**.

### Payment Options:

The website accepts credit and debit cards. As soon as you pay by credit card or debit card you will get an automatic email notification.

You can also pay by cheque by selecting the **CHEQUE** button on the checkout page once you have selected your courses, added your Membership Fee, and checked out.

In the case of a cheque payment, you will NOT get an automatic email as the order gets put on 'Hold' until the payment is received. As soon as possible, fill out your cheque, making it payable to **SLR London**, and mail it to the address below or drop it off in the lockbox in the Grosvenor Lodge lobby. Once we have received your cheque, you will be notified.

Note 1: Registration is complete only when full payment has been received by SLR; cheques must be received before classes begin.

Note 2: We are unable to process post-dated cheques. Please do not send cash through the mail.

## MAILING ADDRESS

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## REFUND POLICY

No refunds are issued for Annual Membership Fees.

If SLR cancels a program, a full refund is issued.

A full refund of fees, less a nominal administration fee, will be issued up to the second session of a course.

Members who withdraw after the second week of term normally will not receive a refund.

Exceptions will be considered for medical or compassionate reasons.

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