

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

Online Study Groups are 8 - 10 weeks, 2 hours/session, fees and maximum numbers vary.

In Study Groups, each member researches a topic related to the general subject and shares their findings with the class. For additional details, please visit www.slrlondon.com.

DO TRIALS BRING JUSTICE?

Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 am

September 20 – November 15 (8 sessions; no class October 11, Thanksgiving)

Course Leader: Michael Cormier; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 15 members

Across the ages, trials have often been more than just compelling stories of justice and punishment. They can illuminate entrenched political, class, gender, religious and other prejudices. Is justice always being served? Does idealism sometimes cloud justice? Can a trial be an impetus to bring about social change?

Possible Topics: Paul Bernardo/Karla Homolka, Gerald Stanley (Colten Boushie murder), House Un-American Activities Committee, Nelson Mandela, Chicago 8, China Uighur trials, Scopes Monkey Trial, Galileo, Socrates, Chauvin Trial.

HOW THE PLEASURES OF THE PALATE HAVE INFLUENCED HISTORY

Mondays 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

September 20 - November 15 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Cathy Cameron; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 15 members

History as told through the pursuit of pleasures of the palate. Think of the many common items that we use/have used: tea, coffee, sugar, vanilla, pepper, etc. From where were they first taken? Who and what were the driving forces that introduced them to our ancestors and into our diet? How did they become common objects in our kitchens today? Is exploitation inherent when using these items today?

Possible Topics: Tea, coffee, sugar, vanilla, cocoa, pepper, spices, potatoes, yams.

FUTURE SHOCK 2021

Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

September 21 – November 9 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Ian Clarke; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 15 members

In 1979 Alvin Toffler's Future Shock predicted rapid and unrelenting technological and social changes in the future. Here we are in 2021 and, if anything, change is accelerating. What are the technological changes that are coming and how will society be affected in the future?

Possible Topics: Industrial revolutions, energy, transportation, economy, money, work, medicine, medical procedures, food, communications, politics, future shock, entertainment, leisure, warfare, artificial intelligence, education, smart homes.

MODERN CANADIAN LITERATURE: REFLECTIONS ON DIVERSITY

Tuesdays 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

September 21 – November 9 (8 sessions)

Course Leaders: Cheryl Stephenson, Helen Olmstead;

Zoom Host: TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 15 members

It wasn't long ago that Canadian Literature was dominated by English- and French-speaking authors. Recently, however, their ranks have been joined by writers representing LGBTQ, Indigenous people, and those representing a variety of racial and ancestral backgrounds. Increasingly diverse settings, characters and themes are exposing us to populations and issues of which we often don't have the opportunity to relate. Who are these authors and what are they writing about?

Possible Topics: Kathleen Margaret (Kit) Pearson, Miriam Toews, Thomas King, Joshua Whitehead, Francesca Ekwuyasi, Natalie Zina Walschots, Jessica J Lee, Megan Gail Coles, Cory Doctorow, Samra Habib, Eden Robinson, Rohinton Mistry, Yann Martel, Esi Edugyan, Drew Hayden Taylor.

CHINA TODAY

Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30 am

September 22 - November 24 (10 sessions)

Course Leader: Ed Jambor; Zoom Host: TBA

Fee: \$65; Maximum 19 members

China's economic growth over the past 40 years has been outstanding. Will China become the world's next Superpower? In what ways do they excel in comparison to the rest of the world? What problems have resulted? What aspect of modern China piques your interest?

Possible Topics: China's leaders, demographics, cities, agriculture, industrialization, transportation, energy, military, politics, the environment, culture and even their food.

WHY ARE THEY GREAT LAKES?

Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

September 22 - November 10 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Lydia Keras; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 15 members

London is equidistant from two Great Lakes and reliant on them for drinking water and our temperate climate. How much do we know about the history, biology, physical features or economic significance of the Great Lakes? Why are they Great Lakes? Join us, and let's share some answers.

Possible Topics: What did the Great Lakes mean to indigenous populations? Will the Great Lakes fisheries survive? How significant is Great Lakes shipping to our economy? What is happening to the water levels of the lakes? Tourism on the Great Lakes; Shipwrecks in the Great Lakes; Marine wildlife of the Great Lakes, native and invasive species; and mysteries and legends surrounding the Great Lakes.

POST WORLD WAR I THEATRE AND FILM

Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

September 23 – November 11 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: John Husband; Zoom Host TBA

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From the end of the First World War to the onset of the second, the Western world went through one of the most turbulent periods in history. From the roaring twenties to the dirty thirties, many great playwrights and filmmakers offered new ways of looking at morals, social justice and life in general. Let's explore some of these thinkers and examine their influence on our modern world.

Possible Topics: Noel Coward, George Bernard Shaw, Jerome Kern, Richard Rogers, George Gershwin, Walt Disney, Charlie Chaplin, Leni Riefenstahl, Cecil B. DeMille, Bertolt Brecht, Frank Capra, John Ford, W.C. Fields, Fritz Lang.

HIGH-ACHIEVING FAMILIES

Thursdays 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

September 23 – November 11 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Gary Sawyer; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 15 members

Some families spring into prominence from nowhere. It could be from industrial innovation, a scientific

or mechanical invention, cultural success, or political victory. Sometimes the next generation maintains or even expands the original success – but sometimes they end up as mediocrities or failures. Why do some families fail and others succeed over generations?

Possible Topics: Kennedy, Ford, Bronfman, Irving, McCain, Medici, Trudeau, Borgia, Caesar, Stronach, Weston, Eaton, Coppola, Barrymore, Bach, Mitford, Mirvish.

POTPOURRI – ANYTHING GOES

Thursdays 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

September 23 – November 11 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Brenda Jackson; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 15 members

The field is wide open for any topic you think will challenge the intellect, tickle the funny bone, provoke controversy, stimulate discussion or just keep us informed. Do you have some insight that you have always wanted to share with others? Here you will have an attentive and appreciative audience.

ONLINE DISCUSSION AND ACTIVITY GROUPS

Number of sessions and fees vary

CURRENT GLOBAL ISSUES with George Cherian

Mondays 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

September 20 - October 25 (5 sessions; no class October 11, Thanksgiving)

Zoom Host: TBA

Fee: \$35; Maximum 12 members

COVID-19 had both short and long-term impacts on several global affairs. These and many other issues of concern in the world that cross national boundaries and affect the global communities will be the main focus. Examples include international trade policy, refugees, terrorism, trafficking of drugs and weapons, summer olympics and national movements for social changes. Each week, topics chosen by the group will be discussed.

CASTE: A PREVAILING DISEASE IN OUR SOCIETY with Susan Booth and Phyllis Brady

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:30 am

September 21 - October 26 (6 sessions)

Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members

Isabel Wilkerson's powerful award-winning book details how a caste system influences government and political systems and practices, as well as affecting our everyday lives. Each week we'll focus on assigned chapters to gain more understanding about how they inform our history and current culture, politics, beliefs, and behaviour. Will we ever be able to move beyond race and class?

TED TALKS ON THE BENEFITS OF MUSIC with Burton Moon

Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

September 21 – October 19 (5 Sessions)

Zoom Host: Shari McNeill

Fee: \$35; Maximum 12 members

Music is a fundamental aspect of humanity - so exactly how does it impact us? Discover what experts say about the power of music to improve our physical,

mental, and emotional health. We will meet weekly to view and discuss 2 or 3 music-themed TED Talks. Join us for an exchange of ideas on how we might enhance our lives through the power and beauty of music.

ART @ LARGE ENCORE with Diana Coates and Pat Patterson

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

September 15 - October 20 (5 sessions; no class Oct 13)

Fee: \$35; Maximum: 14 members

In case you missed it! Join us for Art@Large Encore as we meet five great local artists from past sessions.

THE WAR ON CLIMATE CHANGE with George Cranton

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

September 22 - October 27 (6 sessions)

Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members

Fire and flood. Drought and famine. War and plague and pestilence. Climate change has it all and it must be stopped now. We'll talk about how to do that. Each week we will have our chosen topics of focus - what nations and governments must do, technologies and strategies, and what we each should do to prevent complete disaster. Come tell us what you think.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY IN RETIREMENT with Brian Henderson

Thursdays 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

October 7 – November 4 (5 sessions)

Zoom Host: TBA

Fee: \$35; Maximum 12 members

Do you know where your money goes? How do you develop a plan so you know? What options are available? How much can you afford to spend for pleasure? Are you prepared for the unexpected? Reverse mortgages are being promoted. Are they a good idea? How should you invest your nest egg? We will discuss the ways you can best manage your money during retirement.

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Got Questions?
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ONLINE DISCUSSION AND ACTIVITY GROUPS

Number of sessions and fees vary

LIVELY POETRY READS with Denise Ritchie and Ros Moorhead

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

September 23, October 7, 21, November 4, 18, December 2 (6 sessions)

Fee: \$30; 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.

LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH AND DYING with Susan Booth and Debra Martin

Fridays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

September 24 – November 26 (10 sessions)

Fee: \$65; Maximum 12 members

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 critically important questions, sharing experiences, and offering thoughtful observations that may profoundly change the way we live and die.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD FEATURE FILMS with Diana Lloyd

Fridays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

October 22 – December 10 (8 sessions)

Zoom Host: Jean Surry

Fee: \$55; Maximum 16 members

Canada's amazing NFB short films have been enjoyed by SLR members during recent discussion groups. For movie-going fans, we now invite you to explore some of the 200+ feature length films that have won national and international acclaim over the past 80 years. Join fellow armchair critics as we research, discuss and rate these treasures.

INTEREST GROUPS

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor

Meets First Tuesday of each month, starting

October 5th

11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Fee \$15 for 2021-2022 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 SLUGS (Ukulele Ensemble) with Noële Hall (FULL)

Ongoing on Fridays: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Meets on the lawn of Grosvenor Lodge during Fall Term as weather and COVID guidelines permit

Fee: \$15 for 2021-2022 Year

COMPUTER CLINIC with Western Students

Coordinators: Jean Surry and Phyllis Brady

Dates TBD: Weekly, October and November; (Watch for update notices)

Fee: Free with SLR membership; Advanced registration required

Here's a great opportunity to expand your IT skills. Western student volunteers are matched with SLR members to provide one-on-one assistance. At Grosvenor Lodge, bring your laptop, tablet or smart phone and your questions. Online/Zoom help will also be available.

Weekly registration required:

slr.computer.clinic@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF THE HYLAND with Mary Evans and Helen Bullas

When permitted, we will meet 2nd Sunday of the month from September to June for early matinee at the Hyland Theatre followed by lively discussion at a local restaurant.

Members will be notified prior to the first meeting.

Fee: Cost of movie; discussion free for members.

OTHER ACTIVITY GROUPS

The **GINA BARBER SLR SINGERS, RECORDER ENSEMBLE**, and **PLAY ON** have been suspended for the duration of the pandemic. SLR members will be advised when it is deemed safe for these valued groups to resume their activities.

Note: For additional details on all our groups, please visit our website at www.slrlondon.ca

SOCIAL EVENTS

Please pay for these separately.

VIRTUAL FALL PROGRAM PREVIEW

Friday, May 28, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

(Registration Opens at 3 p.m. following Preview)

Join us for a spirited and fun peek preview of our Fall Programming opportunities. Each of our course leaders are given just 1-1/2 minutes to convince you to sign up for their class – not an easy task! We will also have lively entertainment and an opportunity to socialize.

Note: Zoom opens at 1:00 for check-in and socializing; Presentations begin at 1:30 sharp, followed by an optional short online registration tutorial.

ROMEI (Retired Old Men Eating In) with Sandy Kechnie

Wednesdays 12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Sept 22 – Nov 10 (8 sessions)

Zoom Host: TBA

Fee \$10; Maximum 8 members

Come on men, let's Zoom! Join our council of elders and enjoy online fellowship with other men from the comfort of your own home. We'll discuss anything we

want over a scrumptious meal of our own making. We'll share a peck of friendship, a bushel of ideas and a barrel of laughs. See you in our virtual dining room!

JULIETS (Let's Do Lunch – Zoom Style) with Linda Munn and Ann Vandebosch

Wednesdays 12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Sept 22 – Nov 10 (8 sessions)

Zoom Host TBA

Fee \$10; Maximum 8 members

Open to all ladies who enjoy great conversation and friendship while enjoying your own prepared lunch in the comfort of your own home. Sharing mealtimes with others is a great opportunity to stay connected and perhaps learn some new recipes. Join us for fun, food and fabulous company.

TRIVIA GAMES NIGHT

Wednesday, November 3, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Details to Follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ONLINE FALL PROGRAM PREVIEW (See Social Events for details)

Friday, May 28, 1:30 – 2:30 (Zoom opens at 1:00 for check-in and socializing; Presentations begin 1:30 sharp, followed by an optional short online registration tutorial).

FALL REGISTRATION

Opens at 3 p.m. immediately following the Program Preview on May 28th, and continues until courses begin the week of September. Courses are on a first-come/first-served basis.

DISCUSSION COURSE LEADERS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 11, 10:00 – 12:00 noon (Details TBA)

STUDY COURSE LEADERS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 17, 10:00 – 12:00 noon (Details TBA)

PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 2, 10:00 – 12:00 noon (Details TBA)

This workshop is designed to take all the worry out of making a presentation. All are welcome – newcomers and current members – who want to improve their presentation skills, including PowerPoint. You will receive advice on researching, preparing and presenting your topic.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (No classes)

Monday, October 11.

WINTER 2022 PROGRAM BROCHURE

Released Monday, November 22.

WINTER 2022 PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

Friday, November 26th

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

All Courses Will Be Online for the Fall Term.

Due to COVID-19 we will not have a Fall Open House, but will have a Program Preview online (see Mark Your Calendar for date).

You can register for courses online by going to www.srlondon.com or in person at the Coach House on dates TBA, or via regular mail. If unsure how to register online, go to the Zoom tab on the website to get the easy step-by-step instructions. Annual Membership Fee for New Members:

Annual Membership Fee:

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" on the website 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 prior to or in the first week. To join the waiting list, just click on the link below to send us an Email. Be sure to tell us the **name of the course you want**.

Payment Options:

The website accepts credit and some (not all) 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**. First select your courses, add your Membership Fee and proceed to checkout. After filling in your information, select the CHEQUE option (found just before the PLACE ORDER tab).

In the case of a cheque payment, you will receive a confirmation email which confirms your registration and will remind you to send a cheque asap making it payable to SLR London. If not received within a reasonable amount of time, SLR reserves the right to cancel your registration. Please mail it to the address below or drop it off in the Grosvenor Lodge Coach House on the days and times specified in a future email. 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.

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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 \$5 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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