

Carleton University Association for Life-Long Learning Newsletter #8 (April 2026)



Still waiting but optimistically!

March and April have been quite busy, and we hope to see the results by the fall.

- 1) The executive committee (Karen Cohen, Andy Brook, Gail Larose and Peter Watson) had a meeting with David Hornsby (VP, Academic and Global Learning) and Patrick Lyons (Director, Teaching and Learning), to flesh out the future of the LLL program. David is mostly concerned with matters of policy and Patrick will be our operational contact. It is agreed that Carleton will take care of the essential services of registration, finances and course support.

David and Patrick confirmed that the university would designate a dedicated space for the program: Rooms 841, 842 and 843 on the fourth floor of the Library. These rooms are accessible by elevator or stairs and close to parking in Lot P1. The rooms are equipped for in-person, virtual or hybrid learning models, so our offerings could be in person or virtual. The rooms are also close to the Future Learning Lab. We feel this is almost ideal for our purposes: the rooms are a little smaller than we have used in the past but the central location on campus is important. Furthermore, the Bridgehead *Page Break* coffee shop on the ground floor will provide a good spot for pre- or post-lecture discussions.

The university would be transitioning to a new system for registration and fee collection (Course Merchant) to be implemented in summer 2026. It is intended that the lifelong learning program would be included in the rollout of this system. This would allow course materials to be posted to the site and for external users, e.g., non-Carleton students, to have access for registration and fee payment. CUALL would be able to link to this system from its website.

Ideally, we would have liked to have had an early summer start to the new program, but this would have required us to arrange for a temporary administrative system. We decided that it would be safer to bring the program on-line in the fall, with an initial offering of four six-week courses. The program committee already has a list of potential speakers and the next newsletter will have a list of offerings.

All of this was discussed and approved at a meeting of the ad-hoc committee on April 20. Since we now have official standing, we have changed the name of the

group: we are now Carleton University Association for Life-Long Learning, or CUALL, (pronounced See-you all!) and this will emphasize our formal connection to the university.

2. Part of the formula for success will be an active roster of speakers, and so this is an appeal for lecturers. Our surveys have shown a particular interest in the following topics: history, art appreciation and art history, political science (in particular current events), health, music, psychology, anthropology, archeology, sociology and film. However, we are open to considering essentially any topic, as a six week series of lectures by a single presenter, a series of lectures by different individuals on a common theme (e.g Recent Breakthroughs in Biology) or a workshop. These could be offered as a live class and/or over Zoom. Obviously we are looking for speakers who can convey their own excitement with a topic and are willing to adapt their presentation style to a rather different audience. Speakers will be paid an honorarium. We would encourage you to forward this message to anyone you feel might be interested. Replies should be sent to CUALLspeakers@gmail.com They should include your contact information, area of expertise, topics(s), previous teaching experience and preferred teaching format. We will follow up with a more formal approach later on.
3. Our LLL initiative is part of a world-wide movement to make universities more accepting of mature students. Part of this initiative is the [Age-Friendly Universities Global Network](#) : see <https://evollution.com/age-friendly-institutions-are-the-future-of-higher-education-growth> (thanks to Kerry Abel). We have recently been in contact with Dr. Michelle Porter, who is the Director of the Centre on Aging at the University of Manitoba and a leader of this initiative in Canada. She has agreed to give a Zoom talk on this on May 27: we will send round information on how to join this later on

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