

# The ELI Weekly



On Monday evening, the ELI will be attending Gainesville's annual Independence Day celebration: Fanfare & Fireworks! Come enjoy music, food vendors, and fireworks with your ELI friends! This is a wonderful way to experience an important tradition in the United States.

**When:** Monday, July 3rd from 7-10 p.m. Meet at the Reitz Union Subway at 6:45 p.m. to walk over together.

**Where:** Flavet Field on UF campus. If you have a car, you can park on campus and meet us there – look for the ELI banner!

**What to Bring:** A blanket to sit on, a packed meal for dinner or money for food, and bug repellent.

## Upcoming Activities

This Thursday afternoon, June 29th, come to visit Downtown Gainesville for our rotating CIP activity. You can take a free yoga class, see the Hippodrome and other sights, or eat dinner at a local restaurant.

Meet at Bo Diddley Plaza (take bus 1 to get there) from 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, July 8th, will be the second Volunteer Day of the semester. Details will be on the Activities Board outside of Matherly 10 and in next week's *Weekly*.

Come by early next week to sign up on outside of MAT 10. Activities will fill-up fast, so don't miss out!

## Notes From the Office

**4th of July Holiday:** Tuesday, July 4th, is Independence Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed. RTS buses will be running on Holiday Service this day (see <http://go-rtts.com/> for the schedule).

Remember, UF **will be open** on Monday, July 3rd, and **you will be counted absent if you miss class** on Monday.

**I-20s Expiring:** If you started at the ELI in Fall C 2016, your I-20 is going to expire on August 16 this year. If you want to continue studying at the ELI in Fall C 2017, you must see Daryl before August 16 to renew your I-20. If you don't, you'll need to leave the country after the end of this semester.

**Midterm Reports:** This week, your teachers will be giving you feedback on how you are doing in the class. Remember that their suggestions are a guide to help you improve and achieve the student learning outcomes for your classes. You should save your midterm forms from your teacher in case you have any questions or need a letters of progress.

**B-Term Deadlines:** The deadline for new B-term students to pay tuition and drop or add a class is Wednesday, June 28th. If you still need to submit proof of insurance or immunizations, the deadline is Friday, June 30th. If you miss these deadlines, go to the Main Office, Yon 314, immediately!

**Scholarship Students:** If you plan on returning for the Fall C 2017 semester, make sure to extend your financial guarantee for the entire semester and submit it by September 7th, 2017. If you have any questions, talk to Tiffany in the ELI Main Office.

**People Out:** Daryl will be out of the office from July 3rd until July 21st. If you need to see him, make an appointment in the main office to meet before or after those dates.

Victoria will be out from June 30th - July 11th. If you need help with Student Life while she is out, you can talk to Laura Jervis. If you have an emergency, you can still call or text the ELI emergency cell.

## My Life as an Undergrad: the Conclusion

*This semester, we have featured a guest column written by ELI teacher, Melina Jimenez. Below is the final installment of this column. If you are interested in reading the previous weeks of this column, you can find them on the ELI website under "Publications".*

I took ENC1102, an undergraduate writing course, because I want to prepare my students for the type and level of writing that they'll do as undergraduates and graduate students. Taking this course made me realize that the university is pushing the undergraduate students to do more academic reading and writing. The level of writing was much higher than I expected, and will probably be higher than you

expect! When students finish ENC1102, they should be reading scholarly, peer-reviewed articles and using at least 5 sources to write research papers. That also means that students who are entering the university for a masters and PhD MUST have extremely high levels of reading and writing skills.

For my own research project, my results were inconclusive; I still don't really know why ants take fingernail clippings into their nest because the ants in my project didn't behave the same as the ants outside. However, doing the research project was so much fun! If you want more details, feel free to ask me about the experience.

## Manners & Culture

*Q: With so many people killed by drunk drivers, why don't Americans ban alcohol?*

A: The US banned alcohol from 1920 to 1933, which we call Prohibition. However, Prohibition also caused organized criminal activity to increase. In addition, many citizens saw the law as unfair to the working class because they were the ones who got in trouble more often. The government also saw an opportunity to tax alcohol sales to increase money. For these reasons, the law became very unpopular and it was reversed. Now, all states have the same law: you can't drive if your blood alcohol level (BAC) is over 0.08. Some states have much stricter laws to protect against drunk drivers.

## Grammar

*Q: How is it possible to talk about something in the future that will be past before the future comes?*

A: Here is an example: "You will have learned a lot of English by the time you graduate." We call this Future Perfect.

*Q: How would I punctuate this sentence?*

"One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas."

A: "One morning, I shot an elephant in my pajamas."

Just add a comma to separate the time expression from the rest of the sentence. The issue with this sentence is that it's unclear who is wearing the pajamas. You would have to rewrite the sentence to make sure the elephant was not in your PJs!

## Birthdays!

Students:

June 28: Hassan Alsufyani

June 29: Hamad Alajmi

June 30: Ernesto Diaz Suarez

July 1: Hisham Alhaddab

July 1: Maria Espinoza Garcia

Staff:

None this week!

## Goodbyes ☹️

As some of you might know, two important people are leaving the ELI this week.

Tate Quiñones, our amazing CIP Assistant, is leaving on Tuesday. Elizabeth Pantaleon will be taking over for her beginning on June 28th.

Christine Kunkle, our remarkable Fiscal Assistant, is leaving on Friday. Tiffany will be filling in for her for the rest of the semester.

We are all so happy for you both, but you will be missed! Good luck from your ELI Family!



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