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# The ELI Weekly

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## Home Country Tours

*Join us and show off your home!*

This Saturday, August 1, we will be doing home country tours. Show the ELI your favorite parts about your home country via screen sharing and discussion!

We will meet on Saturday from 4:00-6:00p.

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/91656379023?pwd=RGxSWk3c2ZQai9lbkNhbk0VYRnU2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 91656379023

Password: 195418

## The Weekday Activities

Monday Game Night: This week we will be playing Trivia with LAs and ELI students.

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/978081072?pwd=ZXh0QW9tTko4SGpBRzZCMXlpVzYwQT09>

Meeting ID: 978 081 072

Password: 250371

Wednesday Coffee and Culture Talk: Join LAs and students for a discussion this week on friendship! Bring your favorite warm drink.

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/91124973460?pwd=c2>

[4vMTM2MXp3aUNZWUFkL2ZMRE8yUT09](https://ufl.zoom.us/j/91124973460?pwd=c2)

Meeting ID: 911 2497 3460

Password: culture

Thursday Movie Night: Vote between Overboard, Narnia, and Hunger Games and watch with LAs and ELI friends! Use the chat feature to socialize during the movie!

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/6959649306?pwd=DQ4WmlZUXFaZVlsV0FkYzdhdhMFRLdz09>

Meeting ID: 695 964 9306

Password: Movies

## Financial Guarantees for Fall 2020 and Notes from the Office

Dear scholarship students, we hope to see you again in the Fall! Therefore, we have sent you an early reminder to request your new financial guarantee letter for the Fall semester if you plan to return. Almost all of you have financial guarantees that expire by August 7, 2020, which means that you will need to submit a new letter by the tuition deadline of September 10<sup>th</sup> for the Fall C semester to avoid owing a late fee. If you have any questions,

please email Jennifer Vann at [jvann@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:jvann@eli.ufl.edu).

**Fines and fees:** Please remember if you have any outstanding fees (library or infirmary, for example), you must clear them by the end of the semester, or we will not be able to release your grades and certificates to you.

**Gatorlink:** Remember, if you are not returning to the ELI in the fall, you will not be able to access your ufl.edu email address, one.ufl.edu, Canvas, or other gatorlink services after September 1st.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 29 to July August 4:

Students:

July 31: Hamza Aljaruosh

August 1: Ruolan Tong

August 4: Louisianne Soraia Drummond

Staff:

July 29: Todd Allen (Hey, that's me!)

July 31: Patricia Moon

Happy Birthday!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What is the difference between major and career?*

A: A major is what you study in university and a career is what you do for a job. For example, my major was linguistics but my career is English teacher.

*Q: Is the word “redneck” discriminating?*

A: Like so many words in this category, it depends on who’s using it and how it’s used. The term traditionally refers to less-educated, rural southerners (working out in the sun tends to produce a “red neck”). It can be used by such people in

a gentle, fun way, but it also can be directed at people to say that you think they are ignorant or backward. In general, unless you’re sure, it’s best to avoid using such terms.

## Grammar

*Q: What’s the difference between passive and adjectives made with past participle?*

A: The best way to test whether something is passive or an adjective is to add *by someone*. If it makes sense, then it’s probably a passive. If it doesn’t make sense, it’s probably an adjective. Sometimes it can be both. Another test you can try is to rearrange the words so the adjective/verb in question is before

the noun. Try it with the following examples:

- The dog was tired (by someone?). The tired dog...?
- The money was taken (by someone?). The taken money...?
- The vase was broken (by someone?). The broken vase...?

## Quote of the Week

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

**Oliver Wendell Holmes**



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