

The ELI Weekly

Out and About: Poetry, Travel, and Life

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Nothing

At Maine,
I saw mountains and mountains,
I heard birds singing,
I was wondering who I am.
At Florida,
I see geckos and geckos,
I hear gators making presentation.
But,
I am still wondering who I am.

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Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the recipients of the ELI Scholarships for the Summer 2021 Semester

Dr. Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:
Yuki Yanagita from Japan

Dr. J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:
Abdullah Alammari from Saudi Arabia

First Runner-Up:
Pamela Alba from Bolivia

Certificate Pick-up (in-person)

Thursday, April 22nd - 3:00pm -
4:00pm

If you're in Gainesville, you can receive your ELI certificate for this semester from members of the ELI Administration (Megan Forbes, Patricia Moon, Daryl Bish, Patricia Moon, Lia Brennehan, and Victoria Dolce) in front of the Gator statue near Matherly Hall. You can have an official photo taken of you receiving your certificate! Please sign up for a slot below. The ELI would love to congratulate you in-person!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-certificates>

- You must be cleared for campus, sign up, and have a mask with you to attend this event.

Commencement (Zoom)

Friday, April 23rd - 11:00am-12:15pm

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92398855675?pwd=SkVJaE9lZlZTRSYsSrQ2hPK2loa1h5UT09>

Meeting ID: 923 9885 5675
Passcode: 932809

Celebrate your accomplishments, see your friends, and say goodbye! The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, April 23rd from 11:00am to 12:15pm on Zoom. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, administrators, family, and friends are welcome to this special occasion.



CIP Weekday Activities

Monday, April 12th - Game Night (Zoom) - 6:00-8:00pm

Play fun virtual games with LAs and classmates! This week we will play the Game of Things and Uno!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96129662095?pwd=TmdldmVWkFlEkhBc0FwdFdOeW9NZz09>

Meeting ID: 961 2966 2095

Passcode: gamenight

Tuesday April 13th - Plaza Hangout (In-person) - 5:15-7:15pm

Come hang out face-to-face at the Plaza! Socialize and play some contactless games.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-plaza21>

- You must be campus cleared, sign up, and wear a mask to attend this event

Wednesday, April 14th - Coffee and Culture Talk (Zoom) - 6:00-7:30pm

Join us this week for a discussion about art and fashion!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99582032927?pwd=UIFOQ1pjaiswa3huUk41cnBuMEFiQT09>

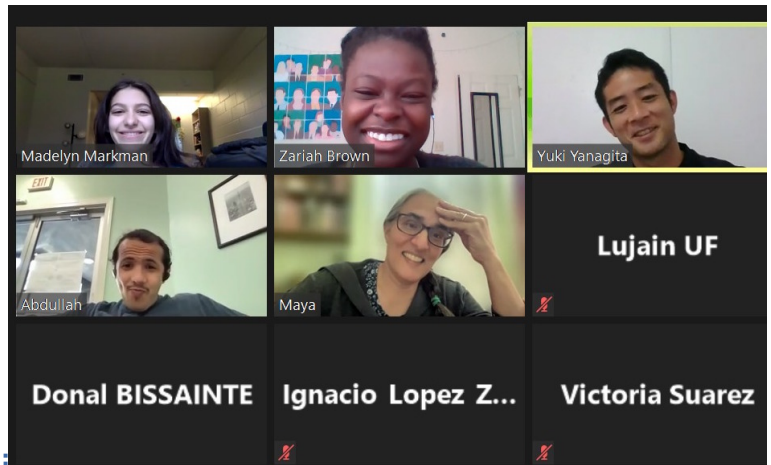
- Meeting ID: 995 8203 2927
- Passcode: 926123

Thursday, April 15th - Movie Night (Zoom) - 6:00-8:30pm

Come vote on a movie and watch it with LAs and ELI friends as we chat in the chatbox! Stick around for a fun discussion afterward! Movie choices this week are *The Princess Bride*, *Zootopia*, and *Soul Surfer*.

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92962712031?pwd=dnZhVnh5WTJxWE5FNGZaRndyOFN0UT09>

- Meeting ID: 929 6271 2031
- Passcode: movienight



Talent Share, April 3, 2021

Weekend Activities

Saturday April 17th - Lake Wauburg (In-person) - 12:00 to 3:00pm

See the one of Gainesville's most beautiful lakes with your ELI friends and boat for free with your UFID! You must have your Gator1 ID to enter the park. Please note that no buses run to the lake so you should arrange for other transportation. See signup for details.

Sign Up Here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-lake6>

- You must be campus cleared, sign up, and wear a mask to attend this event.

Saturday April 17th - ELI Escape Room (Zoom) - 5:00 to 7:00pm

For our last Saturday activity of the semester, join us for a fun ELI themed puzzle game that will require you to think with your ELI friends to solve some challenges! You will celebrate the ELI and your semester along the way!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/91971673774?pwd=ZXlsYWlXlYVUrNjhwSnhPVGdEcEphQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 7167 3774

Passcode: 946325



Conversation Partners: Want to meet with an English speaker every week to practice English and make a friend? Sign up for a conversation partner! You can sign up by emailing Tate at conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu.

Notes from the Office

COVID-19 Requirements:

Face-to-face students, this week you must do the weekly COVID-19 screening AND a saliva test. If you got a test last week, that does not count for this week. You must follow the above schedule with the rest of the ELI students. Everyone is required to do a test this week.

Please complete the screening, schedule a test, and forward Victoria your test appointment confirmation by 3pm on Monday, April 12. **You must make your test appointment on or before Thursday, April 15.**

1. Complete the screening and schedule a test: <https://uf.tfaforms.net/440>
2. Log in to your UF email account with your GatorLink Username and Password: <https://outlook.com/ufl.edu>
3. Forward the test appointment confirmation email to Victoria: vcshelly@ufl.edu

If you do not forward the test appointment confirmation email by 3pm on Monday, April 12, you cannot attend classes. Please email Victoria with any questions!

COVID Testing Calendar:

Week of 4-12: Test	Week of 4-19: Screening only
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Charges Due:

Every ELI student should log in to ONE.ufl.edu and look at the "Campus Finances (Bursar)" tile to see if they owe any fees to the university. For example, you may need to pay for services you received at the Student Health Care Center or printing in a library. If you have a scholarship, it will not pay these charges.

Certificates:

Semester certificates and grade reports will be available in my.ELI by Monday, April 26th. You will be able to find your certificate in your profile under "my profile" and "documents" in myELI. Hard copies of certificates can be picked up in the ELI main office beginning April 26th. If you would like a friend or family member to pick up your certificate for you or you would like us to mail your certificate to a US mailing address, you should email Min at minsang921@ufl.edu. If you need a hard copy of your certificate sent to you to an international address by FedEx you should email your name, exact mailing address, and phone number to StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu. You will also have to pay a \$25 certificate shipping fee.

Check-in for Summer C 2021:

To register for the Summer C 2021 classes, **you must check in for the Summer C semester in myELI between May 3rd – 7th**. Checking in reserves your space in classes. Instructions for checking in are on page 12 of the [myELI user guide](#). If you need help accessing myELI, please let Daryl know. If you do not check in using myELI, you may not be able to take Summer C 2021 classes. Plus, you will have to pay a \$100 late check in fee.

TOEFL and IELTS with STEP Online:

The ELI offers 6-week on-line courses with many great topics, including TOEFL and IELTS classes. Look at the full list of STEP online classes (<https://eli.ufl.edu/programs/step-online/>) and tell your friends and family about them. You can be anywhere in the world to take these classes. Contact StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu for application information.

Notes from the Editor

Do you have something to say? Say it in the Weekly! Send your grammar questions, culture questions, and stories to Maya Shastri at mshastri@ufl.edu.

Birthdays!



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