



November 2021 eBulletin

MAKE WAY FOR HYBRID LEARNING



In-person classes return! MCLL will be offering hybrid learning starting in the winter session in **January**. Some of our classrooms are being prepared to welcome in-person participation. Meanwhile, the majority of our study groups and lectures will continue to be offered online. All in-person learners will be required to show **proof of Covid-19 vaccination** and observe rules regarding distancing. Watch for more details in our winter program, to be posted online before **registration opens December 6**.

Tell your friends: Our Fall Open House successfully attracted several new members, so we're going to do it again. A **Winter Open House** will take place **Thursday, November 25 at 10 a.m. EST**. If you know other seniors who might want to connect, exchange, share, and learn with their peers in retirement by becoming a member of the McGill Community for Lifelong Learning, please encourage them to [register here](#). Newcomers will discover what we offer, and learn how they can benefit from MCLL membership.

Seniors and decision-making: In September Concordia psychology PhD student **Alexa Ruel** and her professor **Ben Eppinger** gave a lecture to MCLL members on the effects of aging on learning and decision-making abilities. They will further investigate the topic in an online event on to **Thursday, November 25 from 3 to 4 p.m.** In a 20-minute talk they will explain how they research the topic using computer tasks and electroencephalography (EEG), and show how their work can be applied to helping make everyday decisions and learning experiences easier for older adults (e.g. creating computers that take into consideration the changes seen in cognition and decision-making abilities across the lifespan). Their talk will be followed by 40 minutes of discussion with attendees. For more information, contact alexa.ruel@mail.concordia.ca.

A year in summary: The MCLL **Annual Report** is now available [here](#).

Indigenous awareness: Our Community Outreach Committee is interested in forming a group to help make Indigenous issues more visible at MCLL. This could be done by seeking out lecturers for our regular Friday lectures or moderators for a study group, informing members of events going on at McGill or elsewhere, and much more. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ana Milic at mcll.scs@mcgill.ca.

Preparing classroom areas for change: As we move into a new hybrid system of learning at MCLL, the need for physical distancing will require

adjustments to our space. A team of graduate students from the McGill School of Physical and Occupational Therapy has done a study of MCLL's physical installations and recommended measures to bring them into line with the concept of Universal Design. We are looking for members to be part of a task force to oversee implementation of these measures. Some knowledge of Universal Design would be an asset. For more information contact Ana Milic at mcll.scs@mcgill.ca.

Language swap: MCLL and *Projet changement*, a community group from the Plateau, are holding conversation workshops online. **Michèle Dupont** from *Projet changement* is offering a French-language conversation workshop for MCLL members, while **Ros Acutt** and **Claire Booth** (Zoom host) are helming an English conversation workshop for members of the French-speaking group.

Let's not lose touch: Have you moved in recent years? If you haven't already told us, you can update your coordinates by going to your Athena profile on mcgill.ca/mcll .

News, opinions and views on any MCLL-related topic are most welcome. Just contact Susan Purcell, the eBulletin editor, at suepurcell@videotron.ca, or call her at (514) 488-3503.

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