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**In-Person ELI Activities This Summer**

Thank you to everyone who joined us yesterday for the ELI’s first in-person activity -- our walking tour of Oakland and campus! As you may have seen in the email sent to ELI students on Tuesday, the ELI has permission to offer several additional in-person activities this summer:

- **Tour of Downtown Pittsburgh & Mt. Washington**: Saturday, July 10, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- **BYOBs (Bring Your Own Bites and Blankets) picnic** at Schenley Plaza in Oakland: Wednesday, July 14, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- **Carnegie Museum of Art & Natural History** in Oakland: Thursday, July 22, 4:30–6:30 p.m. (admission is free after 4:30 p.m.)

Look for more information about registration for these events in upcoming issues of the ELI News.

All participants in ELI social and cultural activities must follow [University, Pennsylvania](https://www.pitt.edu), and/or [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) guidelines for face coverings, personal protective equipment, and personal hygiene during the activity or event. In addition, everyone who participates in ELI activities is required to sign a waiver/legal release.

Stay safe and well, and we will see you back in classes on Tuesday, July 6 at your regular times.

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**English Loanwords in Taiwanese Mandarin**

By: I-Ting Wang

Loanwords from English are often seen in Taiwan. Factors are believed to be very diverse; economic growth, academic exchanges, the development of science and technology, multiculturalism, and cuisine are catalysts. Since the Qing Dynasty, Taiwan and the United States have had trade contacts. In the 1980s, Taiwan's economy gradually grew, and its import and export trade has rapidly impacted Taiwan's close ties with other English-speaking countries, especially the United States. As a result, English has not only become a second foreign language that Taiwan's education attaches great importance to learning, but it is also frequently incorporated into Mandarin. Typically, English conversion into Mandarin utilizes its original pronunciation, for instance, **bus (巴士)**, **sofa (沙發)**, **aspirin (阿斯匹林)**, **golf (高爾夫)**, **and amen (阿門)**. Without a doubt, English words have influenced Taiwanese Mandarin widely, including transportation, daily necessities, medicine, sports, and even religion. In addition, American cuisine is one of the most common scenarios where English words have entered Mandarin. **Coca Cola (可口可樂)**, **chocolate (巧克力)**, **cheese (芝士)**...
The University of Pittsburgh on Coursera

Coursera is a free online platform that provides lessons and lectures from top instructors and institutions at no cost. Coursera does not provide degrees, but may provide some industry-recognized credentials at the paid level.

The University of Pittsburgh is proud to join Coursera and offer a variety of guided projects and video lectures. One course provided by the University that may interest ELI students headed for careers and education in medical-related fields is Clinical Terminology for International and U.S. Students, presented by Valerie Swigart, Ph.D. R.N. and Michael Gold, Ph.D. Associate Professor Emeritus.

This platform is also a great way to gain experience with listening skills in an academic or professional environment while checking out a variety of higher-learning experiences.

Fourth of July: United States of America’s Independence Day

The American Revolutionary War, sometimes called the War for Independence, all started with the Declaration of Independence. It was written by Thomas Jefferson (later President Jefferson), because he was considered to be the best writer in the Continental Congress and was a highly respected negotiator. It was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 2, and the 13 colonies adopted it two days later. So, while July 2 was when America voted to separate from Britain, it wasn’t until July 4 that all of the colonies were in agreement and decision to go to war was in full effect.

The war lasted officially until 1783. In 1781, the British General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, VA. But it wasn’t until the Treaty of Paris in 1783 that America officially gained its independence and the war was over.

The Fourth of July is often celebrated with fireworks, speeches, and parades. These have all been traditional ways of celebrating state and federal holidays since before America’s independence. Fun fact: Massachusetts was the first state to make the Fourth of July an official holiday. In 1941, it became a federal holiday.

It’s worth noting that on federal holidays, most businesses will close or have limited hours. Banks and schools will close, and no mail will be delivered. Public transportation will run on a limited holiday schedule.

You can find more information on the history of the Fourth of July on History.com. Though many cities and towns are easing COVID-19 restrictions and holding big celebrations for the Fourth of July, there are still many ways to celebrate safely at home if that is what you prefer. PBS will air patriotic and historical programming all day, finishing with the Capitol Fourth program (including Washington, DC fireworks) starting at 8:00 p.m.

IEP/PAEP: Happening at Pitt

Here’s a selection of upcoming events from the University of Pittsburgh. Check the Pitt Events Calendar for details and even more things to do.

Tuesday, July 6

Pitt Campus Recreation and Fitness

Resumes Drop-In Format: Starting on July 6, all of the campus fitness and recreation facilities will resume the drop-in format. You will no
longer be required to reserve a time slot. University Covid-19 Guidelines still apply, including masks.

**JazzLive Series Kick-off:** 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust to kick off their free JazzLive series with Roger Humphries + RH Factor on Fort Duquesne Blvd. between 7th and Stanwix St. Enjoy the unique sounds of jazz with some of the best performers around for absolutely free. There are more jazz musicians lined up to play in the upcoming weeks, so check out the list and mark your calendars (and sign up for the free Pittsburgh Cultural Trust newsletter to stay updated on all the best local music and arts news).

**Wednesday, July 7**

**Game Night Wednesday:** 8:00-10:00 p.m. Practice your English skills and engage in some friendly gaming competition. Registration required. You must use your Pitt log-in credentials.

**Thursday, July 8**

**Black Widow Movie Premier:** 7:00-11:15 p.m. Watch the new Marvel movie Black Widow, which explores the background of Avenger team member Natasha Romanoff, with other Pitt students. Tickets are $5 (refundable) and the event is limited to 95 students, so get your tickets as soon as possible. Masks are required on public transportation. Click on the link for full details about the Chartiers Valley Luxury Theatre and how to get tickets.

**Wednesday, July 14**

**How to Succeed at Pitt:** Session 1 starts at 8:00 a.m. and Session 2 starts at 2:00 p.m. Join a live training experience led by Pitt peers that walks you through the 5 essential skills for success at Pitt. You must use your Pitt credentials to log in. Registration required for both sessions.

**Thursday, July 1**

**Dance and Be Fit with Roland:** 7:00-8:00 p.m. Get your friends and family involved in the fun dance activity on Schenley Plaza. All levels of experience are welcome, and the instructor will break down the group into socially distanced lines. Registration required.

**Friday, July 2**

**Northside Farmers Market:** 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Allegheny Commons Park (East Ohio Street and Cedar Avenue). Support local vendors and stock up on the deliciously in-season produce you can carry. Food stamps, debit and credit cards are all accepted. So slather on the sunscreen, grab some reusable bags, and kick off a yummy weekend.

**Music on the Mon:** starting at 7:00 p.m. on July 2, Friday nights at the South Side Works will be filled with the sounds of Music on the Mon. Kick off features Bill Deasy & Ferdinand the Bull. Head to the North Lot and enjoy summer the way you were meant to with friendly folks and live music. The 75 Ellsworth (inbound) bus stops at several locations in the South Side Works, and there are some cool stores and restaurants to check out if you arrive early. (Some dates are Saturdays. Click the link for a full list of South Side Works events.)

**Sunday, July 4**

**Pittsburgh Area Fireworks:** One of the best Independence Day traditions is fireworks, and Pittsburgh loves to put on a flashy display of them every year. The Pitt News wrote up a guide to viewing the Fourth of July fireworks in the Pittsburgh Area. Pro tip: make sure to show up a few hours early to grab a good spot. Also, these events get very crowded, so it’s also a good idea to keep a close eye on drinks, use hand sanitizer, and bring a mask. If crowds aren’t your style, you can also watch them on
television on most local channels, or watch the Capital Fireworks live from Washington DC on PBS.

**Wednesday, July 7**

**Movies on the Mon:** starts at 7:00 p.m. A companion event to the Music on the Mon, Movies on the Mon also takes place in the North Lot at the South Side Works on Wednesday nights. These films are all shot in and around Pittsburgh, and local food and beverage trucks will be on site (remember you must be 21 years old with proper state or federal ID to purchase and/or consume alcohol). You can arrive early to eat at one of the local restaurants, and enjoy a musical opener before the movie. Kick-off event features musical opener Miss Mungo and the movie *Sudden Death*.

**IEP: ELI Writing Contest**

The ELI is holding a competition for students in all Writing classes. There will be one winner in each level (4, 5, 6), and the winners will be announced at the ELI Closing Ceremony.

If you have written a good composition in your writing class this semester, you should tell your writing teacher that you would like to enter it in the writing contest. Your teacher will then submit your paper for you. Your entry will be read anonymously by judges (your name will be removed from the paper, so they won’t know who you are). The judges will choose the best composition from each level.

**The deadline for entries is Thursday, 29 July at 12:00 p.m.**

If you are in level 4, 5, or 6, your entry must be an essay that you wrote in class this semester. Each student can enter only one composition.

Good luck!

**Write for the ELI News**

The ELI loves to publish articles by its students. Would you like to share your thoughts or an essay you wrote? Would you like to write about your American experience? Would you like to teach us something about your culture? If so, please email your submissions to us at ELIpitt@pitt.edu. This is a good chance to improve your English and have your writing published. All levels are welcome! Please note that submissions to the ELI News cannot be submissions to the ELI Writing Contest.

**ELI Joke of the Week**

This week in the ELI Joke section we are doing riddles. Riddles are an ancient form of entertainment that features a mysterious question that requires a witty answer.

**Question:** “What has one voice, walks on four legs in the morning, two at noon, and three in the evening?”

**Answer:** A man, who crawls as a baby, walks on two feet when grown, and leans on a staff or cane as an elder.

- from *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles

**Question:** I am always running, but never get tired or hot. What am I?

**Answer:** The refrigerator

- from *Reader’s Digest*