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LET'S FALL TOGETHER

It is hard to believe that Summer 2020 is coming to a close. Even though we have all been through a tough time adjusting to pandemic living, the time has flown by, and our second virtual session is about to commence. In our 44 year history, this is the first Fall session we will not be together in Fromm Hall. As disappointing as that may be – we have a great line up of 17 virtual classes taught by the dynamic Fromm Institute faculty. The course topics range from politics, the Presidential race, history and law, to literature, dance, astronomy, music, art and architecture. While we may be physically apart, we can come together online — listening, watching and learning collectively.

Thank you to the over 800 students who have signed up for the Fall session. Throughout the stay-at-home orders, your support for the program has been amazing and your continued support helps keep the program thriving. If you have friends and family interested in lifelong learning please share our [Fall 2020 catalog](#) with them. We welcome anyone, from anywhere, who simply wants to keep their mind active. Below you will find some important dates to remember and don't forget to download Zoom on your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. Last week's newsletter provided you with resources on Zoom training. If you missed that issue, you can download the newsletter [here](#).

THE FALL 2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

September 14, 2020 – Fall Classes Begin

November 5, 2020 – Fall Classes End

November 9 - November 12 - Make Up Week

Holidays (no classes)

Monday, September 28 - Yom Kippur

Monday, October 12 – Indigenous Peoples Day

The Fromm Institute staff can be reached by phoning **415-422-6805** or via email – fromm@usfca.edu.

CONVERSATORY ON RACISM

The remaining Conversatory on Racism, moderated by Fromm Institute Prof. Mara Kolesas, is still open to [free registration](#). Next week on on **Sept. 8 at 1pm Mara Kolesas speaks with Fromm Institute Prof. Martin Carcieri** on “The Constitution and Race.” Registration for this final event is now open and found online [here](#).

2020 CENSUS PHONE RESPONSE LINE

Fromm Institute member, Diane Lawrence, wanted to share this important information about the 2020 census, especially now as census workers are trying to finish up the important information gathering during the COVID-19 pandemic. She offers a safer, non-intrusive way to respond to the 2020 census if you haven't already done so.

In August 2020, census workers began visiting households that have not responded to the census to help ensure that everyone is counted. Members of our community can minimize the need for census takers to follow up in person by responding to the census now—online, by phone, or by mail. The Census Bureau has made adjustments to its 2020 Census operations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By supporting the 2020 Census, over the next 10 years, data from the 2020 Census will inform the distribution of hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds each year that support education, health care, emergency services, housing and food assistance, and determine our representation in Congress.

You can respond to the 2020 Census online or over the phone: in English (844-330-2020), Spanish (844-468-2020), or 12 other languages [click here for more information](#).

The 2020 Census is safe, secure, and confidential. The responses cannot be used against people in any way. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. Everyone is kept anonymous.

A NOTE ON THE FROMM INSTITUTE'S DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Fromm Institute used to be a very paper-heavy organization. Printed catalogs and newsletters; handouts and flyers all floating around Fromm Hall. As the organization slowly shifted to a more environmentally friendly form of communications, the staff started printing fewer materials and began to concentrate on digital delivery of handouts, newsletters, and now catalogs too. The advent of the pandemic accelerated that process and now virtually all of our communications are coming to you through email. Some of you are saying you are not getting these emails and some communications are being tagged as Spam. The best way to avoid this is to add our two most used email addresses to your Contacts or Address Books on your tablet, laptop, or phone. It is best to create an entry as **The Fromm Institute** and aside from adding our phone number (415-422-6805), you should add webmaster@fromminstitute.org and fromm@usfca.edu. The webmaster email **will send out emails concerning your enrollment, your Frommcast membership if applicable and other communications concerning your classes (handouts, links to resources, etc.)** The general email box (fromm@usfca.edu) is used **to communicate with you directly and also sends out the weekly newsletter**. If at any point your mail application marks us as SPAM or JUNK then you will not see these important communications. The only way around this is to officially add us to your contact list and/or address book.

A Note on Payments: When you enroll on fromminstitute.org you may have noticed the option to pay by credit card. For us to be able to collect your membership monies at the time of enrollment we enlisted the help of **PayPal**. While you will never need to have a **PayPal** account to pay, they are the online system that processes your payments. Your receipt of that payment comes directly from **PayPal** and should not be marked as junk or a fraudulent transaction. Your credit card should show your registration fee as **PayPal***Friends of From...** If you have questions about any of our digital communications please call us at 415-422-6805 or send us a quick email to fromm@usfca.edu. We are always here to help.