

## Welcome to SOAR's Fall Semester, 2024!

Dear SOAR Member:

SOAR is proud to announce our Fall 2024 program of courses designed for life-long learners. You will find all associated registration materials in this paper or email packet *and* on our website:

Please be advised that Alicia Walter has had to relinquish her role as Chair of SOAR for personal reasons, but will continue as a member of the Board. Vice Chair David Mathie, who chairs the Curriculum and Scheduling committees, felt he could not take on the additional duties. The Board agreed with him. While it searches for a nominee for Chairmanship, the Board has asked me (Edmund Russell) to serve as interim Chair. I have agreed to serve through no later than December 31st. There is no precedent for this situation. Once registration is complete and the semester begun, I will take the time to review things with the membership in a separate letter. In the meantime ready yourselves for an exciting educational experience with SOAR.

- This Fall semester starts on **Tuesday, September 3** and ends on **Friday, November 8**
- **COVID Vaccinations:** We will not be checking class attendees' Covid vaccination status this Fall. We are again following SUNY Potsdam's policy, which does not require students to be vaccinated.
- **Booklet:** Our course booklet includes course descriptions, dates, times, and locations.
- **Calendar:** All updates to courses will be reflected on our website. <https://www.soarnorthcountry.com>
- **Registration Form:** Registration is by paper, not online, this Fall. Please complete both sides (we will share this information only with SOAR Board members) and return, along with the membership fee (\$85) to the SOAR Office: **SOAR, 382 Van Housen Extension  
SUNY Potsdam, 44 Pierrepont Ave Potsdam, NY 13676**
- **Membership Fee:** A fee of \$85 for the 2024-2025 academic year (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025) is paid only once within the two semesters. Make your check out to "PACES-235" with "SOAR dues" in the memo line.
- **Locations:** Descriptions of most locations and maps of the four local colleges can be found on our website. If you wish paper maps, please indicate this on the registration form.
- **Meet the Chef:** Our Fall Meet the Chef is a luncheon on October 16th. If you would like to attend, please fill out the enclosed flyer and return it to the SOAR Office by **September 30**.
- **Fall Luncheon:** The date for our November Fall luncheon is yet to be determined. We will send out mailings with details as the time draws nearer.

After we process your registration, we will mail you a **confirmation letter** which lists the courses you are either registered in or waitlisted for. We will also mail you a **parking permit** and a **SOAR name badge**, both of which will be used for the Fall and the Spring semesters. Your name badge is your membership card, which also allows you entrance to campus facilities. Also, we like to learn each other's names so please wear name badges to class.

**NOTE:** *All changes to courses, such as cancellations, time or room changes, will be posted on our website.* If you are registered in the course, you will also be notified by email.

**Edmund Russell**  
Board Interim Chair

**Carol McRobbie**  
Registration Chair

**David Mathie**  
Curriculum/Scheduling Chair