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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BCARF members,

It is with great pleasure that I begin my term as President of the BC Association of Retired Faculty. The organization is healthy, growing, and fulfilling its mission to serve the retired faculty, the university, the community and society, and to promote collegiality among us for personal enrichment and active service. We have officers from the ranks of both older and newer retirees and the enthusiasm for continuing our programs is high.

Elected officers for 2019-20 are: Alec Peck, *President*, Judith Wilt, *Vice President*, Michael Malec, *Secretary*, David Northrup, *Treasurer*, Clare O'Connor, *Member-at-large*, and Dennis Sardella, *Member-at-large*. In addition, Paul Spagnoli will serve as *Past-President*, and Fr. Joe Duffy will continue as the *Jesuit Liaison*. Peter Olivieri is our long-time *Webmaster*.

In addition, Jean Mooney will continue to lead book club discussions about eight very different books ranging from historical novels to contemporary fiction and nonfiction, and Judith Wilt will likely organize docent tours of the Fall and Spring exhibits at the McMullen Museum.

Plans for next year include continuing the seminars, presentations, banquet, and other activities of the past year (why change if it isn't broken?) and potentially adding at least one new activity... more on this will be announced as information becomes available. Be sure to see our new website https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/academics/sites/retired-faculty.html for details on the whos, whats, whens, wheres, and everything else the BC Association of Retired Faculty enjoys.

Of course, there will also be a wonderful annual BCARF banquet where old friends and colleagues catch up on where they've been and what's new in their lives. An open bar, good food, and good colleagues always make it an enjoyable evening.

Retired faculty grants continue to attract proposals from a number of us. These up-to-$1000 grants support research and service activities of retired faculty. These have been growing in popularity and we are hoping to increase the number available for next year. Details on the grants and application procedure are available on our website.

Finally, over the next year or two the renovations on 300 Hammond Pond Parkway will continue, but the impact on us should be all to the good. This summer (2019) will be a bit awkward as our office is moved and this will mean that we are unable to access it for most of the summer, but by the Fall of 2019 we have been promised major improvements in the A/V equipment in room 100, and our office should have relocated down the hall to a new space, much like the old space but now just across the lobby from the location of our lunches. Restrooms, corridors, and the building in general will be getting a major facelift over the next year, and this should just improve our space all the more.

Please feel free to contact me (peck@bc.edu) if you have any questions or suggestions for new programs or activities. I look forward to a rewarding 2019-20 year of Association activities.

Sincerely,

Alec Peck
BCARF President, 2019-2021

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OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BCARF members,

The 2018-19 academic year was most notable for BCARF's move more than two miles from St. Clement's Hall, at the far northeastern corner of BC's Brighton Campus, to 300 Hammond Pond Parkway, BC's new property southwest of the Chestnut Hill Campus. Our office relocated there in September, and by the end of the fall term we were holding all of our lunch meetings there as well. The move was not without difficulties, as the long-term process of converting the former Temple Mishkan Tefila into University administrative and function space was only just beginning last fall. It was a challenge to get A/V equipment, to say nothing of food, for our lunch meetings; but the ample parking, after all the problems we had experienced on the Brighton Campus in recent years, made the move worthwhile. Aside from the logistical difficulties, I think those attending would agree that we had an interesting and highly enjoyable series of program meetings and seminars over the course of the year. The full list appears later in this newsletter.

Along with our move to new quarters the year 2018-19 also saw the complete redesign of the BCARF website. The new edition contains all the information from the old site, but it is presented in a more visually stimulating and attractive fashion resembling that of other University sites and conforming to what administrators nowadays think of as "the BC brand." We hope that it also makes what you need to know easier to find. The Association owes a great debt to Peter Olivieri, our web manager, for all the work he did to design and create the new website.

As I complete my two-year term as President I want to thank you all for your patience during some challenging moments. The staff of the Center for Centers, notably Jackie Delgado and Gaurie Pandey, was very helpful, as was their boss Peter Marino. Vice President Kelli Armstrong and her Space Planning team, particularly Christiana Linera, Marise Fallon, and Kelli's indomitable executive assistant Elaine Testa, secured us new space for our activities, first at St. Clement's and then at 300 HPP. I personally would never have survived the move to 300 HPP this year without the assistance of Al Travaglini of Facilities Services. None of BCARF's activities could take place without the support of Vice Provost for Faculties Billy Soo.

I especially want to thank the members of the Executive Committee, including my predecessor Dennis Taylor, who is leaving the committee after eight years of distinguished service, and Loretta Higgins who is retiring at the end of her term as Member at Large during which she chaired our Banquet Committee for two very successful years. Judith Wilt once again did an extraordinary job of orchestrating our monthly program meetings on top of her duties as BCARF Secretary, and David Northrup planned a fine schedule of monthly seminars which made my life much easier when I had to take over as seminar coordinator in December. Father Joe Duffy, S.J., prepared another annual update for his extremely useful *Guide for Faculty Retirement*. Member at Large Dennis Sardella contributed his valuable counsel as well as the superb photography skills of his wife Marjorie. Not least, I want to thank Alec Peck for agreeing to take over as President so that I could take another stab at retirement. I have promised Alec that the job will be much easier than I made it look. I will continue to serve on the Executive Committee during Alec's term, editing this edition of the newsletter and chairing next year's Banquet Committee; but I am hoping that I will now be able to reward my wife Pam for her patience and fortitude during the last two years by taking more time for travel and relaxation.

Sincerely,

Paul Spagnoli
BCARF President 2017-2019

AROHE MEETING

The Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) held its biennial meeting in October 2018 at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Jean Mooney, Jean O'Neil, and Judith Wilt represented BCARF. The two Jeans appear in the photo with the Emory University Mascot.

Keynotes and break-out sessions addressed individual preparation for retirement in an era of good health and longevity. This focus was balanced by discussion of successes and challenges in establishing and maintaining retirement organizations. Jean Mooney and Judith Wilt presented a survey of the growth of BCARF and the potential for sharing faculty focused activities with both administrative and staff centered associations in development. Jean O'Neil led the exhibition of BCARF newsletters and the BC *Guide for Faculty Retirement*. BCARF's representatives were also able to hold a breakfast meeting with Jesuit university representatives from Georgetown, Loyola of Chicago, Loyola Marymount, and Santa Clara, resulting in continuing communication.

2019 ANNUAL BANQUET

Ross Kelly and Robert Wolff

Profs. Lynda Lytle Holmstrom, Paul Gray, Michael Malec, John Williamson, and spouses with John Donovan

John Savage and George Ladd

Vice Provost Billy Soo

John Williamson, John Donovan, Paul Spagnoli

Joe Orlando

Margaret Murphy and Laurel Eisenhauer

RETIREE NEWS

Philip Altbach, EDUCATION
Phil was recently appointed to the International Advisory Committee (IAC) of the Lahore University of Management Science (LUMS) in Pakistan. LUMS is an innovative private university in Lahore. Phil continues to serve on the IAC of HSE University in Moscow, Russia. He is finishing up a collaborative research project on family-owned universities (there are hundreds of them worldwide) with Hans deWit and Edward Choi. The results will be published in Altbach, Choi, deWit, and Allen, eds. *The Global Phenomenon of Family-owned/Managed Universities* (Brill, 2019).

Matilda Tomaryn Bruckner, ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
I've been working on two projects: (1) Editing a book left unpublished at his death by my former dissertation advisor, Peter Haidu, *The Philomena of Chrétien the Jew: the Semiotics of Evil*. It will be published by Legenda, Modern Humanities Research Association (to be submitted February 2020). The BCARF was kind enough to fund a research assistant who has helped me with the footnotes and bibliography (and will do the index as well). I'll be working on my introduction this summer. (2) From my own current book project, I gave talks on "Hosting Quarrels: Bodies, Books, and Judges 19 in the *Bible Moralisée,* Vienna, ÖNB 2554," in two lecture series: at the Center for Late Antique and Medieval Studies, King's College London, 28 May 2019; and in "Medieval Questions," Cambridge University, 29 May 2019. I also served as respondent to "Chrétien the Jay: Avian Rhetoric in *Philomena*" for Prof. Eliza Zingesser (Columbia University), at Cambridge, 30 May 2019. Otherwise, taking care of grandchildren, cooking, gardening, walking, swimming, doing Tai Chi, etc.—enjoying life in retirement!

Robert Daly, S.J., THEOLOGY
My book, now definitively entitled *Sacrifice in Pagan and Christian Antiquity*, is scheduled for publication on Aug. 22, 2019, by T&T Clark/Bloomsbury. Pre-publication attention has been gratifying, as can be seen from the following back-cover blurb: "During his long career Robert Daly has written extensively on the subject of sacrifice in the ancient Christian world, and the primary strength of this latest volume is to provide a digest of recent studies on the subject, and especially of pagan concepts of sacrifice that will be unfamiliar to most readers. He also draws a helpful distinction between elite and non-elite adherents of both pagan and Christian religions that is not usually made. This is an enormously valuable work."—Paul Bradshaw, Emeritus Professor of Liturgy, University of Notre Dame, USA.

Laurel Eisenhauer, NURSING
I continue my interest in the local history of Essex, MA, by serving on the Bicentennial Committee. Related to that, I have researched various people of Essex and then posted a brief description on Facebook each week. I also, with the help of a BC Retired Faculty Grant, researched and developed six posters on Essex: Then and Now – the differences between recent day Essex and older periods of time. These posters are on exhibit at various Bicentennial events and in the Town Hall. My interest in the transportation needs of seniors and others in the town led me to volunteer to be the Essex representative on the Advisory Board of CATA (Cape Ann Transit Authority). This has been quite interesting and I am learning a lot about how transits are funded and some of the challenges.

Loretta Higgins, NURSING
Last August my husband and I went to California to visit Don's daughter in Oakland, saw friends in San Mateo, then met our daughter and family in Los Angeles. The highlights were a Universal Studio tour and being in the audience for tapings of two *Jeopardy!* shows. Mostly we did what our 13-year-old granddaughter wanted to do. I had not been to southern CA and loved the weather. Since then we have made several trips to Maryland to visit our granddaughter (and her mother and father). We look forward to going to China in September.

Lynda Lytle Holmstrom, SOCIOLOGY
I continue working with the Eastern Sociological Society Opportunities in Retirement Network; our ad hoc group now has become an official ESS Committee. Also, for some reason, this last year people kept asking to interview me about the rape research that Ann Wolbert Burgess and I began nearly five decades ago; it's nice to know people still are interested, although the downside is that violence against women remains, I think, the greatest health challenge of our day. I also went to various sociology and biographers' conferences; on the lighter side, I attended a luncheon in Seattle celebrating the 60th anniversary of the politically significant victory of the1958 Univ. of Washington crew (mere college kids) over a top-level, seasoned Soviet crew in a race held in Moscow behind the Iron Curtain in the midst of the Cold War.

Jeffery Howe, ART, ART HISTORY, AND FILM
My first year of retirement has been interesting. I have taken advantage of being off the academic clock to travel when I want, and visited Piedmont and the French alps last September, and Tuscany in May. A trip to London and Paris in February to catch some important art exhibitions before they closed – I had to see my old friends Edward Burne-Jones at the Tate and Fernand Khnopff at the Petit Palais. Much of my time has been spent curating the next exhibition for the McMullen Museum, a comprehensive survey of the works of William Trost Richards, a late 19th century American landscape painter. There will be nearly 200 works in the show, with a lengthy catalog, so my transition to retirement has been softened by lots of research and writing.

Michael Keith, COMMUNICATIONS
Michael published his fifteenth short story collection in April, *Stories in the Key of Me: New and Selected* (Regal House Publishing).

Vera Lee, ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
I gave an illustrated lecture to the retired faculty in March regard-

ing my last book, *Roger, the Renegade Robot* (with technical support from my grandniece Elena Chartoff). Despite my bum hip, my tango partner, John Carmillia, and I danced two numbers at the German Center in West Roxbury, one with a cane (me) and the other with a whip (John). Am now starting work on my memoirs, trying to avoid the embarrassing parts.

Mike Malec, SOCIOLOGY
The Malec family's 50-year tenure at BC (Myrna earned a Ph.D. in English, sons Tim and Tom are from the classes of '88 and '93, and Tom later became a double Eagle) was interrupted with Mike's retirement last year, but will be resumed in the fall when grandson Matthew enters the class of 2023.

John McDargh, THEOLOGY
After a very satisfying 38 years on faculty in our Department of Theology I formally retired last Spring. The first fall of this new chapter I spent with my partner Tim investing the month of October in helping the Democratic volunteers of Orange Country, California in their successful efforts to "flip" the House of Representatives. We lived with my twin sister's family in Dana Point and traveled each day to the northern end of OC. It was an 8 – 10 hour, six day a week project but incredibly inspiring and energizing. We were mostly focused on grassroots get-out-the-vote work in a heavily Vietnamese and Chicano district around Westminster, CA. Finding that we were from Boston the amazing women who were the leadership of these efforts seemed to assume we knew political work inside and out and assigned us tasks like helping set up a field headquarters in a shopping mall and phone banks in local Panera's. We became a quick read. This past Spring at the request of my chair I returned to teach "Spirituality and Sexuality," an upper level theology elective I created fifteen years ago. I hope to be able to offer it every other fall semester beginning in 2020. Meanwhile I have continued doing volunteer chaplaincy with Catholic lifers at MCI Norfolk monthly, working with Newton synagogues and churches on refugee sanctuary, and whenever possible spending time at the 1850's farmhouse we have been restoring in Provincetown.

Jean Mooney, EDUCATION
I continued to chair the BCARF Book Club and also completed my fifth year as a volunteer at St. Columbkille's Partnership School in Brighton. I also administered a BCARF grant to help develop supplemental and remedial strategies for below grade-level St. Columbkille students and to assist in the development of their social as well as academic skills. In October I helped to represent BCARF at the biennial meeting of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) in Atlanta. At the AROHE meeting several colleges and universities reported substantial networks of volunteer service to their institutions, but we were unable to comment on our efforts at BC because of the lack of data. As a result Peter Olivieri and I are in the process of looking into the opportunity for retired faculty to volunteer with a variety of agencies and programs on campus. In the fall BCARF members will be asked to complete a questionnaire about any volunteer work they may be doing in their own communities or at BC.

David Northrup, HISTORY
The past year has been full of a mixture of travel adventures and professional activities. In September Nancy and I enjoyed a delightful OAT tour of Ireland and Northern Ireland, drinking plenty of Guinness but eschewing factory tours and the kissing of stones. From October through February, I again chaired the World History Assn.'s committee to choose the best dissertation in world history written in the previous two years. (Our choice was unanimous.) Also for the second year I participated in BC's Conversation Partners program, mentoring a delightful graduate student from India. To escape January's chills Nancy and I rented a small apartment in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, which is famous for its cuisine and mescal. We also explored the extensive centuries-old Indian ruins. In February a forum of articles on Atlantic history that I had edited appeared in the on-line journal *World History Connected*, including an essay I authored on the idea and limits of Atlantic history. In March I gave a presentation on the spread of Christianity in modern Africa at a conference on religion in World History at BC High. I am scheduled to give a fuller version of that talk to the BCARF research seminar in December. On my birthday (May 1) I received copies of the newly published *Oxford Illustrated History of the World*, to which I had contributed two chapters: one on "Philosophy, Science, Religion, and the Arts" in antiquity and the early medieval period, and the other on global "Economic and Ecological Encounters, 1350-1815." Late June found us in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where I presented a paper on pre-colonial African cities. I am currently writing an essay on Indian Ocean history for the catalog of an upcoming McMullen Museum exhibition.

Mark O'Connor, HONORS PROGRAM
Mary and I spent two months studying in Costa Rica this winter, just as we did a year ago. We really like it in Heredia; we're just about the only *extranjeros* around. I recommend to you the film I had to analyze for my class there, *Sueño en otro idioma* (2017, a big hit at Sundance). The Contreras brothers really did well by Mexican film with this one. And I much enjoyed discussing *Roma* with the Real Smart young folks there. Cuaron's accomplishment interested all of us at least as much for the discussions on racism, class, and language it has unleashed as the beautiful film itself. I am currently reading *Cien años de soledad*, and for things much briefer am enjoying the really short stories of a Costa Rican writer from a generation back, Carlos Salazar Herrera, *Cuentos de angustias y paisajes*. I'll be headed back to Tours to retrench the French in the fall, and from there to Poland, and then we head back to Perth to be with our Aussies, middle son Tim and Lauren (both BC04), Grant, Bradley and Myles.

Jean O'Neil, NURSING
Jean helped to represent BCARF at the October 2018 Emory University meeting of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education in Atlanta. The meeting is described else-

where in this issue.

John Paris, S.J., THEOLOGY
I was a visiting professor of pediatrics at Stanford Medical School from January to April. Then went as a visiting scholar to Campion Hall, Oxford, where I spent most of the time writing. Then to the BC summer theology program in Rome where I gave a couple of talks on "Art and Religion." Now in Paris for the Cambridge University Press' International Bioethics Retreat and a talk on why "The Doctor Always Knows Best" is not a good basis for bioethical analysis. Back to BC on July 9th and then will spend the next spring semester as the Donald MacLean Chair in the department of political science at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. It is an interesting way to "retire."

Alec Peck, EDUCATION
Having been elected president of BCARF, I am looking forward to a very interesting next few years as we continue to build the strong organization that the Executive Committee and my predecessors have built. In addition, I do lots of pro-bono work. I spend several days each year taking calls from parents of children with disabilities who need support in their efforts to raise their children, and I occasionally represent them at IEP meetings with schools. After 30 years on the board, I was also given "emeritus" status on the Board of the Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health residential school in Massachusetts. I also travel to Jamaica each year to study the needs of children with severe disabilities who have been abandoned by their families and to develop behavior plans for some of them at the Mustard Seed orphanages. I then maintain and adjust these plans via weekly videoconference calls with the staff. Finally, when there's time, there's travel with my wife…and golf!

Harold Petersen, ECONOMICS
Harold has published a book entitled *56 Years: Two Journeys: How a Lutheran Became Ignatian in His Years at Boston College and How Boston College Stayed Ignatian as It Grew*. He will lead a seminar in the fall on why he felt compelled to write the book and how he navigated the process of self-publication. Harold reports that self-publication is much easier that it was years ago. It can be done completely online and with no financial outlay. The book is available from Amazon both as a paperback and as an electronic version.

Dia Philippides, CLASSICAL STUDIES
Dia is looking forward to a conference on Crete in June (with her thanks for the support of a BCARF grant), where the "Year of *Erotókritos*" will be celebrated. *Erotókritos* is the title of the major literary romance of the Cretan Renaissance, contemporary (ca. AD 1600) to El Greco, also a product of Crete. Over the past winter, Dia hibernated in Harvard's archives, researching the legacy of Evro Layton (1924-2005). This internationally-known scholar of early Greek printing in Venice and first bibliographer to the Modern Greek Studies Association (of North America) expanded many major library collections in Hellenic Studies; her personal interests included a collection of several hundred cookbooks, subsequently donated to the Schlesinger Library.

Dennis Sardella, CHEMISTRY AND PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Dennis is happily continuing his work as a docent at the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA, for the seventh year. In addition to leading gallery tours for visitors, it allows him the opportunity to research, speak and write on the role of icons in Eastern Christian spirituality. Last September he presented a research seminar entitled "From Catacombs To Cathedrals – Churches Through Time" to BCARF, two more times as special gallery lectures at the Museum and once to the St. Mary's (Franklin, MA) Women's Group. He also presented his lecture on "The Symbolic Language of Icons," on four other occasions during the year, including as a special lecture/tour of the Museum's collection to Steve Pope's and Tom Epstein's BC classes.

Marjorie Sardella, PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Marjorie continues her fine art photography and gave two invited presentations featuring her work: "Bonjour de France," at Magnolia Heights Retirement Community, Franklin MA, and "A Virtual Pilgrimage In France, Italy and Austria" at the Sisters of St. Chrêtienne, Marlboro, MA. Two of her photographs, "Me and My Shadow" and "Raven About Stonehenge," were awarded third place and first place in photography, respectively, at recent Franklin Art Association exhibits. Twenty of her works are on exhibit at The MMAS Art Center at Great Woods. She also participated in Massachusetts Art Week to celebrate Franklin's recent designation as the newest of Massachusetts' Cultural Districts. Finally, she continues to serve as BCARF "unofficial" official photographer, and produced the slide show for the BCARF Annual Banquet, as she has for the past three years. Whenever weather permits, Dennis and Marjorie can be found tending to, and enjoying, their beloved gardens.

Cynthia Simmons, SLAVIC AND EASTERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
In June, Cynthia attended the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Summer Convention in Zagreb, Croatia, to deliver a paper entitled "Striving Toward Multiculturalism in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Critical-Thinking and Ethics Education." Earlier in the academic year, she contributed to the growing interest in reconsidering Slavic Studies in the post-WWII/Cold-War era with reminiscences on education in the field in the late 1960s and 1970s for the teachers' association for Slavic (AATSEEL). She continues (now philanthropic) work in Bosnia in support of TPO Foundation Sarajevo.

Bill Torbert, MANAGEMENT
I have yet to finish the book I thought I was on the verge of finishing a year ago, but I have had the pleasure of presenting a few bits of it to our Research Seminar this spring, and have also been reading it into chapter by chapter podcasts, which I discuss with whoever shows up for a monthly webinar this year. With the help of friends and colleagues at London-based Global Leadership As-

sociates, I am completing a kind of card game with more than a hundred individually illustrated cards to be used in leadership development contexts. It helps "players" identify and talk about their foremost past, present, and future characteristics. Each card has a secret key which when revealed can be used by the participant to see which of eight different leadership action-logics characterize them at different points in their lives. I'm also desperately trying to learn enough about cybernetics to offer a keynote address at their annual conference in three weeks about how my approach (Collaborative Developmental Action Inquiry) relates to theirs. In between times, there have been trips (Germany, Singapore, Cambodia, Bali, Taiwan, Japan) and visits here from four grandchildren. And, during May, I had the great privilege of spending a lot of time with my dear BC colleague and friend, Sev Bruyn and his wife Louise, as he readied himself and found his way across the threshold we call death.

Robbie Tourse, SOCIAL WORK
Robbie received the 2018 National Association of Social Workers' Lifetime Achievement award. She and two co-authors, Johnnie Hamilton-Mason and Nancy J. Wewiorski, published *Systemic Racism in the United States: Scaffolding as Social Construction* (Springer, 2018).

Rebecca Valette, ROMANCE LANGUAGES
We still live across from Commonwealth Avenue on Mount Alvernia Road, in the house we bought 50 years ago in celebration of my receiving tenure at Boston College. That purchase was a great decision: especially since I had only a five minute commute on foot to my office! Today, proximity to campus makes it easy for me to read at daily Mass at St. Mary's, check out books at O'Neill, walk the Burns labyrinth, and, in fall, to attend BC football games. This past Christmas, our entire family traveled to Tulum, Mexico, to celebrate my 80th birthday: three children and their spouses (who call themselves our "outlaws"), eight grandchildren, and one "grand-outlaw". Our spacious beachside hacienda allowed us all to have meals together, and offered a variety of activities for the younger set. In May, we flew to California for granddaughter Caroline's commencement from Mills College (Master of Fine Arts in Translation), and then returned home the next day to attend granddaughter Zoé's Boston College commencement (Master of Science in Social Work). Retirement has given me the time to pick up the flute again. I have been taking lessons twice a week at the All Newton Music School: one hour with my flute teacher, and one hour with a piano teacher/accompanist. Becoming a student again late in life is one way of staying "young": as the mind and body drift slowly downhill, one still has the joy of experiencing a modest sense of upward progress in the music realm. At my 60th Mount Holyoke College alumnae reunion this spring, I performed in recital with several of my former classmates. God willing, I might even be able to play with them again at my 65th reunion, five years hence! *On verra!*

Judith Wilt, ENGLISH
Both travel and writing plans were affected this past year by health problems in the family. A brother's wife diagnosed with small cell lung cancer in California and a brother who suffered a stroke (now reasonably well recovered) in Texas meant visits there rather than to Manhattan, and a wistful dream of Hawaii went back to the bucket list: a planned essay-long treatment of the paper I gave in October on Dickens is back in the drawer. As for that paper on Flannery O'Connor and zombies (?!) which a journal returned with kind regrets – that will go back to the bottom of the drawer. How lovely, though, to be retired, and able, mentally as well as career-wise, to accept such substitutions and postponements. The journal *Victorians* published my essay "Wuthering Heights in the Twilight Universe" in the fall, and *The D. H. Lawrence Review* published my review of a new book on ghosts and other figures and sources in modernist fiction in the spring, both pointing to the turn my writing has taken in retirement, to connect popular culture and classic literature. A similar turn is evident in the writing I've been doing on my long time favorite writer, the Best Historical Novelist in the World, Dorothy Dunnett (1923-2001). The Dorothy Dunnett Society publishes a full color journal four times a year with news about republications of her books (a TV series rumored in the offing), papers given at conferences on her works, travel writing by readers visiting places treated in the novels (Paris, Moscow, Constantinople, Cairo), and essays both historical and literary by enthusiasts like myself. In 2017-18 that journal, *Whispering Gallery*, included my piece comparing the Leonardo Da Vinci of the best-selling biography by Walter Isaacson with the hero of her 8 volume series set in 14th century Europe and Africa called *The House of Niccolo*, and another piece comparing that hero's close friend, a gifted African who in and out of slavery runs caravans and businesses and even a Venetian bank before returning to his distinguished jurist family at one of the centers of Islamic culture, Timbuktu. I'm now writing a piece on Dunnett's twentieth-century "comedy mystery" series to see what happens when I apply current theory from literature's "disability studies" to the bifocals-wearing post-James-Bond spy hero she called, mischievously, Johnson Johnson. I got re-interested in this spy series because, after teaching a one-credit spring 2019 course at BC on romance, science and detective novels set in different historical periods, I decided that my spring 2020 one-credit course would be on spy stories, starting with Kipling's 1901 novel *Kim,* which coined the famous phrase for espionage, "The Great Game," and finishing with a contemporary spy novel on the current technological spy game/race between the U.S. and China.

Arch Woodside, MANAGEMENT
In this calendar year (2019), I am serving in the following positions: Visiting Research Professor, Wall College of Business Administration, Coastal Carolina University, January-May, 2019; Distinguished Visiting Professor, Yonsei University, Seoul, ROK, May-July, 2019; Visiting Professor of Marketing, Mannheim University, Germany, September-October, 2019. My new book will be released in December 2019: *Accurate Case-Outcome Modeling*, Bern: Springer.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018–2019

PAST PROGRAMS

The monthly lunch, social, business and program meetings were once again coordinated by Judith Wilt. Check the calendar in this Newsletter for next year's dates, times, and locations. An email invitation designating speaker and topic precedes each monthly meeting.

JANUARY 2018 *(inadvertently omitted from 2018 Newsletter)*
"Special Needs of Ghetto Citizens": Race, Community Mental Health, and Deinstitutionalization in Washington DC, 1963-1987
Martin Summers, History and African and African-Diaspora Studies

SEPTEMBER
Living on the Water: Exploring Art History and the Coastal Environment through Venice and Boston
Gail Kineke, *Earth and Environmental Sciences, and Stephanie Leone, Art, Art History, and Film*

OCTOBER
Gabelli Presidential Scholars: The Best Program You Never Heard Of
Kathleen Bailey, Political Science, and Students

NOVEMBER
What Happened in the 2018 Elections?
David Hopkins, Political Science

JANUARY
Cancer as a Metabolic Disease: Implications for Novel Therapies
Thomas Seyfried, Biology

FEBRUARY
Facing Two Directions: Mayan Women, Genocidal Harm, and Transnational Migration
Brinton Lykes, LSOE

MARCH
Staying Engaged: Research at the Intersections of Aging, Work, and Health
Tina Matz-Costa, Social Work

APRIL
Today's Campus and Tomorrow's
Daniel Bourque, Vice President for Facilities Management

MAY
Technology at BC: What's Here Now and What the Future Promises
Mike Bourque, Vice President, Information Technology Services

Richard Rowland, Robbie Tourse, and Martin Summers

Judith Wilt, Gail Kineke, Marian St Onge, Stephanie Leone, and Clare O'Connor

The Audience for David Hopkins

PROGRAM MEETINGS 2018-19

Brinton Lykes, Jean Mooney, Cathy Schneider, Judith Wilt

Michael Bourque

Patricia and Alec Peck, JeanMooney, and Jean O'Neil at the March program meeting

Daniel Bourque and Judith Wilt

BCARF BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

The Book Club, chaired by Jean Mooney, meets monthly in the Donovan Suite for a general discussion focused on a collectively chosen book. BCARF members and spouses participate. The following books were discussed in 2018-2019:

- **September**: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng
- **October**: *Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World* by Eileen McNamara
- **November:** *The Punishment She Deserves* by Elizabeth George
- **December**: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage County Murders and the Birth of the F.B.I.* by David Grann
- **January:** *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova
- **February**: *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny
- **March**: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
- **April**: *Marmee & Louisa: The Untold Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Mother* by Eve LaPlante
- **May**: *The Winter Soldier* by Daniel Mason

BCARF RESEARCH SEMINAR

The research seminars are open to retired BC faculty interested in sharing professional research or intellectual interests with invited speakers. The meetings include lunch. Invitations are posted via email prior to each meeting. Check the calendar in this Newsletter for upcoming dates. In 2018-2019 the list of seminars included:

SEPTEMBER
From Catacombs to Cathedrals: The Historical Development of Places of Worship
Dennis Sardella, Chemistry

OCTOBER
Shakespeare, Sex, and Religion: A Short History of Idolatry
Dennis Taylor, English

NOVEMBER
The Genome Revolution:
How DNA Sequencing Is Changing Our View of the Biological World
Clare O'Connor, Biology

DECEMBER
Insulting God and Smearing Your Neighbor: Blasphemy and Speech Codes in Medieval Spain
Dwayne Eugène Carpenter, Romance Languages and Literatures

FEBRUARY
University-Community Partnerships: Working Together for the Common Good
Jean Mooney, Education

MARCH
Roger! The Renegade Robot, A Graphic Novel
Vera Lee, Romance Languages and Literatures

APRIL
Marmee & Me:
Numbskull's Living Inquiry and the Unfinished Struggle of Personal, Social, and Scientific Development: An Autobiography
William Torbert, Management

MAY
America after Trump
Alan Wolfe, Political Science and the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life

RESEARCH SEMINAR PRESENTERS

Dennis Sardella and Bob Daly

Jean Mooney

Dennis Taylor, Cathy Schneider, Alec Peck, William Torbert

RESEARCH SEMINARS 2018-19

Alan Lawson and William Torbert

Clare O'Connor and Dwayne Carpenter

Alan Wolf

Judith Wilt and Jean O'Neil

Clare O'Connor

Alan Lawson, Ben Brinbaum, and Charles Smith

NEW RETIREES

Welcome to the following faculty who now join us in retirement as of Spring 2019:

Alexis Anderson, Law
Jennifer Baglivo, Mathematics
Oliva Blanchette, Philosophy
Shawn Copeland, Theology
James Flagg, Romance Languages and Literatures
Anderson Franklin, Education
Penny Hauser-Cram, Education
Richard Keeley, Management
T. Ross Kelly, Chemistry
Marvin Kraus, Economics
Robin Lydenberg, English
Patrick Maney, History
Ruth McRoy, Social Work
Junona Moroianu, Biology
William H. Petri, Biology
Michael Rush, Finance
Judith Shindul-Rothschild, Nursing
Robert Signorile, Computer Science
Joseph Tecce, Psychology
John Williamson, Sociology

Oliva Blanchette and Harold Petersen

Judith Shindul-Rothschild and Billy Soo

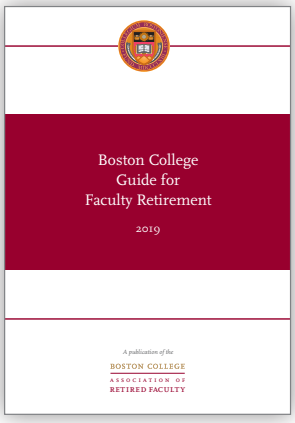
REMEMBRANCES

Condolences to the families and colleagues of the following:

Severyn T. Bruyn, Sociology
Mary D. Griffin, Education
Demetrius Latridis, Social Work
Rena Lamparska, Romance Languages and Literatures
Joseph Longo, English
Vincent M. O'Reilly, CSOM
Ernest Siciliano, Romance Languages and Literatures
Charles Smith, Education
Francis Soo, Philosophy
Donald J. White, Economics
Leon Williams, GSSSW

Individual obituaries can be found in the "Remembering Our Colleagues" section of the Association website. BCARF especially regrets the passing of Mary Griffin, one of our pioneers and the compiler of *Our Proud Refrain: Faculty Recall Life on the Heights in the Fifties and Sixties,* a 2010 publication whose full text that is available on the BCARF website.

BOSTON COLLEGE GUIDE FOR FACULTY RETIREMENT



This booklet prepared by the BCARF is intended to offer assistance and information to faculty members who have retired or are nearing retirement. Joseph Duffy, S.J., originally edited the booklet and since then he has worked with successive BCARF presidents to prepare annual revisions. The responses of pre- and post-retirement readers have highlighted its useful information and value. It is available in paper copy and on the website of the BCARF (www.bc.edu/retiredfaculty), where it is updated annually.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: *2018-2019*

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Banquet: **Loretta Higgins**

Program Meetings: **Judith Wilt**

Research Seminars: **Paul Spagnoli**

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Boston College Guide for Faculty Retirement: **Joseph Duffy, S.J.**

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BCARF thanks Loretta Higgins, who has completed her two-year term as Member at Large, and especially Dennis Taylor, who is leaving the Executive Committee after eight years, including four as President. Dennis also edited the annual Newsletter four times during those years.

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2018-2019 Executive Committee

Loretta Higgians and Dennis Taylor

Dennis Taylor, Paul Spagnoli, Dennis Sardella

RETIRED FACULTY GRANT PROPOSALS INVITED FOR 2020-21

A limited amount of funds has been made available by the Provost's Office for the purpose of providing grants for projects undertaken by members of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty. Grants will support travel and expenses for research, lectures, conferences, education, publishing, volunteer work and/or other significant activities carried out directly by the applicant. Normally a grant will be from $100 to $1,000 per person. A committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty will review all applications and make the awards.

Each April an announcement will be made calling for proposals for research projects for the following academic budgetary year (June 1-May 31).

Projects should be designed to be completed at least by the end of the academic budgetary year following the year of the award. A brief report on the outcome of the funded effort should be prepared and submitted to the President of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Cover sheet
- Description of proposed project (two pages maximum)
  - » Objectives for the proposed work and its significance
  - » Relationship of proposed project objectives to your longer term goals
  - » Relationship to other work by you or others
- Proposed budget (one page maximum)
- Summary CV

CRITERIA OF SELECTION:

The merit of the proposal as judged by the reviewers will be the primary criterion. In addition, priority will be given to proposals that will:

- Assist retired faculty members to sustain or redirect their careers in the areas of research, education or service or to make significant progress on important projects
- Likely produce significant results
- Assist in bringing existing projects to a successful conclusion
- Reflect favorably on the University and its community of retirees

TIMING OF PROPOSAL AND AWARD:

Proposals should be submitted to the President of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty no later than the last working day of April. Awards will be announced the first week of May. Address proposals to: President of BCARF, Alec Peck (peck@bc.edu).

EXPENSE REPORT

Receipts should be retained and submitted, up to the amount of the grant, to: Center for Centers, Fiscal and Events Specialist, 10 Stone Ave, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. Receipts should be submitted within 1 month of when the expense occurred, and in any event by April 15.

BCARF GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2019-20:

- **Matilda Tomaryn Bruncker** for travel to the annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America in Berkeley, California, March 2020.
- **Dwayne Eugène Carpenter** for travel to Madrid to continute research on slander in medieval Spanish municipal charters.
- **Deborah Levenson** for travel funding related to a collaborative project on Guatemalan Modern and Contemporary Art.
- **Jean Mooney** to support her work on curriculum development for St. Columbkille's School in Brighton, MA.
- **David Northrup** for travel to the annual conference of the World History Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2019.
- **Alec Peck** to support his work on an oral language development program for students with disabilites at Jamaica Mustard Seed, a group of eight orphanages.
- **Dia Philippides** for travel to an international conference on Crete in celebration of the *Erotókritos*, the literary masterpiece of the Cretan Renaissance.
- **Marian St Onge** for editorial assistance to aid the completion of a biography of Louis Adrien Favre: Priest, Poet, and French Resistance Hero.
- **Cynthia Simmons** for travel to an international conference of the Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies in Zagreb, Croatia, June 2019.
- **Rachel Spector** for travel to the annual conference of the Transcultural Nursing Society International in Richmond, Virginia, October 2019.
- **Judith Wilt** for travel to the annual conference of the North American Victorian Studies Association in Columbus, Ohio, October 2019.

NEED COMPUTER HELP?

The Faculty Micro Resource Center (FMRC), 617-552-4349, is at your service in the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) on the second floor of O'Neill Library. 250H, x2-4349, and with a Projects Lab in Carney Hall. Its moderators are M.J. Connolly Slavic/Eastern Languages, cnnmj@bc.edu, 617-552-3912, and Kit Baum, Economics, baum@bc.edu, 617-552-3673

Contact the Moderators by email at any time for assistance. The facility in O'Neill 250H is available on a walk-in basis anytime when the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) is open, and the Moderators can arrange for your 24/7 access to the Projects Lab in Carney (3D printing, legacy equipment, etc).

You may also contact the BC Computer Help Center at 617-552-4357 [HELP] or www.bc.edu/help.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways in which retired faculty can volunteer both at Boston College and in the surrounding community. Listed below are a few of these opportunities.

If you have suggestions for other ways in which retired faculty might contribute their knowledge, expertise, and service, please contact BCARF. To get involved with any of the activities listed below, contact the person listed.

COMMENCEMENT

Contact the Commencement Office at commencement@bc.edu indicating your interest in volunteering and the preferred assignment. There are orientation meetings shortly before commencement.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

New England Ignatian volunteers are mature men and women, open to participating in year-long spiritual development program, which includes service to the community. Volunteers commit to the equivalent of two days per week of service, over a ten month period; meet monthly with a spiritual director; participate in two days of reflection, one overnight retreat, and monthly meetings of the volunteers. At these meetings, volunteers share their reflections and service experiences. For information, contact Dave Hinchen, IVC Regional Director, 31 Fairview Street, Roslindale, MA 02131, 617-327-2292, dhinchen@ivcusa.org, www.ivcusa.org.

CONVERSATIONAL PARTNERS WITH INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Many opportunities exist to host or mentor an international student. For more information, contact Rosemary Krawczyk (rmk1105@yahoo.com). Anyone willing to be a holiday host should contact Adrienne Nussbaum at 617-552-8005.

TEACHING IN RETIREMENT: CAPSTONE COURSES

Several retired faculty have mentioned Capstone courses in their "news."

Do what you loved: teach. The Capstone Program flourishes thanks to some INSPIRED RETIRED faculty like Rachel Spector, John Dacey, Bob Capalbo, Deborah Levenson-Estrada, John McDargh. Or ask Harold Petersen or Dennis Taylor about it. Heck – John Donovan (who recently turned 101) taught well into his 80s! The salary for teaching a Capstone course is similar to that for teaching a part-time course. Teach material you love to help seniors only to look backward and forward. They reflect on choices they made to shape their educations. They ponder future long-term commitments in career, relationships, citizenship, and spirituality (i.e., overall meaningfulness). Take any approach as long as it covers those categories and requires substantial reading and written work.

Contact Capstone Director Jim Weiss at james.weiss@bc.edu.

LOCATIONS AND PARKING

With the exception of the two McMullen Museum tours and the end of year banquet, all Association activities in 2019-20 will take place at 300 Hammond Pond Parkway in Chestnut Hill. Monthly program meetings and seminars will take place in room 100 on the ground floor, just to the right of the main entrance. Book Club and Executive Committee meetings are held in the Association's office just to the left of the entrance, opposite the meeting room. Ample free parking should be available in the large parking lot to the left of the building. No BC parking permits are required.

BCARF EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2019-2020

All meetings except for the annual banquet are on Thursdays. Program meetings, featuring guest speakers, and seminars, presented by Association members, are scheduled from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, with a light buffet lunch at 11:30 and a presentation beginning at noon. The Book Club meets from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. The Executive Committee meets from 1:30 PM to 3 PM (except noon to 1:30 PM on January 16 and May 28 only). In addition to the events listed below, docent-led tours of McMullen Museum exhibitions will be scheduled each semester at a date and time to be announced.

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday, September 12, 10:00 a.m.
  Book Club
- Thursday, September 12, 11:30 a.m.
  Seminar
- Thursday, September 12, 1:30 p.m.
  Executive Committee
- Thursday, September 19, 11:30 a.m.
  Program Meeting

OCTOBER

- Thursday, October 10, 10:00 a.m.
  Book Club
- Thursday, October 10, 11:30 a.m.
  Seminar
- Thursday, October 10, 1:30 p.m.
  Executive Committee
- Thursday, October 17, 11:30 a.m.
  Program Meeting

NOVEMBER

- Thursday, November 7, 10:00 a.m.
  Book Club
- Thursday, November 7, 11:30 a.m.
  Seminar
- Thursday, November 7, 1:30 p.m.
  Executive Committee
- Thursday, November 14, 11:30 a.m.
  Program Meeting

DECEMBER

- Thursday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.
  Book Club
- Thursday, December 5, 11:30 a.m.
  Seminar
- Thursday, December 5, 1:30 a.m.
  Executive Comittee

JANUARY

- Thursday, January 9, 10:00 a.m.
  Book Club
- Thursday, January 16, Noon.
  Executive Committee
- Thursday, January 23, 11:30 a.m.
  Program Meeting

FEBRUARY

- Thursday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.
  Book Club
- Thursday, February 13, 11:30 a.m.
  Seminar
- Thursday, February 13, 1:30 p.m.
  Executive Committee
- Thursday, February 20, 11:30 a.m.
  Program Meeting

MARCH

- Thursday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.
  Book Club
- Thursday, March 12, 11:30 a.m.
  Seminar
- Thursday, March 12, 1:30 p.m.
  Executive Committee
- Thursday, March 19, 11:30 a.m.
  Program Meeting

APRIL

- Thursday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.
  Book Club
- Thursday, April 16, 11:30 a.m.
  Seminar
- Thursday, April 16, 1:30 p.m.
  Executive Committee
- Thursday, April 23, 11:30 a.m.
  Program Meeting

MAY

- Thursday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.
  Book Club
- Thursday, May 7, 11:30 a.m.
  Seminar
- Thursday, May 7, 1:30 p.m.
  Executive Committee
- Thursday, May 14, 11:30 a.m.
  Program Meeting
- Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.
  Annual Banquet in the Murray Room of the Yawkey Center
- Thursday, May 28, Noon
  Executive Committee Transition Meeting