

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear BCARF members,

We have just completed what I hope is our last year of activities influenced by the pandemic. As I write this letter, the Covid situation in Massachusetts and most of the US has improved dramatically, and the vaccines that have been widely distributed appear to be working even better than most vaccines for airborne viruses. This should lead to a return-to-normal for BCARF this Fall. We have scheduled some terrific presentations on timely topics, the Book Club is looking forward to in-person meetings, and even the museum tours will hopefully be scheduled. We also plan to welcome three years of new retirees into the association at our annual banquet next May! That open bar, good food, and chance to catch up with old colleagues will be an important step in re-energizing the social part of our association.

In spite of the pandemic restrictions, we had a collection of very timely and well-attended Zoom presentations during academic year 2020-21. These included presentations on Covid, on the election (right after the Jan. 6 insurrection), and on policing (immediately following the Chauvin trial). We also recognize that members who were away for the winter or who have moved away from the Boston area were able to join us via

Zoom, which has us considering the possibility of some winter Zoom meetings going forward.

I was well supported by the activities of the 2020-21 Executive Committee, and look forward to next year's meetings. Elected officers for 2021-22 are: Alec Peck, President; Clare O'Connor, Vice President; Michael Malec, Secretary; Harold Peterson, Treasurer; Matilda Bruckner, Member-at-large; and Maria Brisk, Member-at-large. In addition, Paul Spagnoli will continue to serve as Immediate Past-President and Fr. Joe Duffy will continue as the Jesuit Liaison. Peter Olivieri is our long-time Webmaster, and Laurel Eisenhauer is the Chair of the Book Club. We are also grateful to other members who serve on the Grants Committee and the Nominations Committee.

Be sure to check our website (bc.edu/retiredfaculty) for speakers, times, and locations of events during the coming year. Normal sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

Sincerely,

Alec Peck, LSEHD
President 2019-23



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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020–2021

PROGRAM MEETINGS

As usual, guest speakers were invited to make presentations to Association members at lunch time this year. The meetings were once again coordinated by Judith Wilt, with Paul Spagnoli filling in for Judith in the spring term. Alec Peck took care of the technical work required to hold the meetings via Zoom. In the coming year we plan to resume normal lunch meetings each month. Invitations to attend will be sent out by email. Check the calendar in this newsletter for upcoming dates. Guest speakers in 2020-21 were:

SEPTEMBER

A Killer by Design

Ann Wolbert Burgess, CSON

OCTOBER

Traders, Cops, and Robbers

James Anderson, Economics

NOVEMBER

From "Doing" to "Being" Digital in a Post-Covid World

Gerald Kane, CSOM

JANUARY

The 2020 Election

Kay Lehman Schlozman and **David Hopkins**, Political Science

FEBRUARY

The 5 W's of the Woods College

Karen Muncaster, Dean, Woods College of Advancing Studies

MARCH

Rogue Diplomats: The Proud Tradition of Disobedience in American Foreign Policy

Seth Jacobs, History

APRIL

Policing in Today's Society

William B. Evans, University Executive Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police

MAY

Boston College's Forum on Racial Justice in America

Vincent Rougeau, Dean, Boston College Law School

BCARF SEMINARS

Monthly seminars offer opportunities for retired BC faculty to share professional and other interests with members of the Association. Meetings include lunch. Invitations are posted via email prior to each meeting. Check the calendar in this newsletter for upcoming dates. Clare O'Connor organized and conducted the following seminars via Zoom in 2020-21:

SEPTEMBER

Representations of Land and Mayans in Guatemala, 1930s-1960s

Deborah Levenson-Estrada, History

OCTOBER

A Nurse Becomes a Patient – Perspectives on Covid-19

Rachel Spector, CSON

NOVEMBER

Conversations about Covid

Welkin Johnson, Biology

DECEMBER

Cretan Renaissance Literature to Brighten a Winter Day

Dia Philippides, Classical Studies

FEBRUARY

Twin Epidemics of Hate: The Civil War and Today

John Dacey, LSEHD

MARCH

The Accidental Curator

Jeffrey Howe, Fine Arts

APRIL

Jane Jacobs and the Future of Cities

Richard Keeley, CSOM

MAY

Global Trends: Forces that Shape Higher Education

Philip Altbach, LSEHD

THE JEAN MOONEY BOOK CLUB

The book club has been named for the late Jean Mooney, LSEHD, who died in January 2021. Jean was instrumental in the founding and ongoing development of the BC Association of Retired Faculty. She held multiple roles, including Vice President, Treasurer, program meeting moderator, chair of the annual banquet, and chair of the book club for the past ten years. In 2021-22 the club is planning to meet monthly at the BCARF office at 300 Hammond Pond Parkway. Please contact the current chair, Laurel Eisenhauer (laurel.eisenhauer@bc.edu), if you wish to receive notices about the club's activities. The following books were discussed in 2020-2021 via Zoom, with the assistance of Clare O'Connor:

- **September:** *Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall* by Eva Laplante
- **October:** *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance during the Blitz* by Erik Larson
- **November:** *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
- **December:** *The Mirror and the Light* by Hilary Mantel
- **January:** *All the Devils Are Here* by Louise Penny
- **February:** *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman
- **March:** *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
- **April:** *The Searcher* by Tana French
- **May:** *Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson
- **June:** *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende



Jean Mooney

NEW RETIREES

Welcome to the following faculty who now join us in retirement as of Spring 2021:

John Anderson, English
Jane Ashley, CSON
Ali Banuazizi, Political Science
Martha Bayles, Honors Program
Betty Blythe, Social Work
George Brown, Law
Alston Conley, Art, Art History, and Film
Michael Connolly, Eastern, German and Slavic Languages & Studies
James Cronin, History
Johannes DeWit, LSEHD
Mary Ann Glynn, CSOM
Nettie Greenstein, LSEHD
Janet Helms, LSEHD
Michael Himes, Theology
Dorothy Jones, CSON
William Keane, Mathematics
Gail Kineke, Earth and Environmental Studies
Ellen Mahoney, CSON
David McFadden, Chemistry
David McMenamin, Philosophy
Ina Mullis, LSEHD
Kevin O'Neill, History
Jane Regan, STM
Alan Rogers, History
Francine Sherman, Law
Ellen Winner, Psychology

RETIREE NEWS 2021

Philip Altbach, LSEHD

Well, I sort of failed "retirement 101" and remain somewhat professionally active. At present I am working on a collaborative research project examining the results of various "academic excellence initiatives" that countries such as China, Russia, Denmark, and others have undertaken to build up their "world class universities." The project is coordinated by me, Maria Yudkevich at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow and Jamil Salmi, formerly of the World Bank. Like most of us, I have been at home during the whole of the covid period. I live quite close to campus, and make regular use of the wonderful BC swimming pool – especially pleasant this summer as it is mostly empty!

Albert Beaton, LSEHD

Marquis Who's Who announced in May that it had once again selected Al for inclusion in Who's Who in the World in recognition of his distinguished career in higher education, spanning over six decades.

James Bernauer, S.J., PHILOSOPHY

I am in my first year of retirement and so I am still dealing with all sorts of academic tasks, most on Zoom alas. I do have a recent publication though: "Foucault et la théologie contemporaine: Un examen personnel" in *Foucault, les Pères, le sexe* (Éditions de la Sorbonne, 2021). Also my book of last year, *Jesuit Kaddish: Jesuits, Jews, and Holocaust Remembrance* (University of Notre Dame Press), won an award from the Catholic Media Association: second place in the category of Ecumenism or Interfaith Relations.

Maria Brisk, LSEHD

I published two new books in 2021: *Language in Writing Instruction: Enhancing Literacy in Grades 3-8* (New York: Routledge), and a book on *Systemic Functional Linguistics*, co-edited with Mary Schleppegrell, *Language in Action: SFL Theory across Contexts* (Sheffield, UK: Equinox). I also published a new article with two co-authors, Zhongfeng Tian and Ed Ballard: "Autobiography Writing Instruction: The Journey of a Teacher Participating in a Systemic Functional Linguistics Genre Pedagogy Professional Development," *System*, 97 (April 2021). Finally, I taught an online course on "Genres of Writing" for the Lynch School's professional continuing education program.

Matilda Bruckner, ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

As I look back over the year that Covid made, isolation and its effects are at the top of my list: although I had the advantage of living in Newton in a nice neighborhood, wonderful for our daily walks, and in a house with plenty of space to move around, it has been especially difficult to watch how the changes forced by Covid have affected my husband. His decline into the sink hole of Alzheimer's has accelerated, which means that more and more of my time is dedicated to helping him and managing our lives. On the plus side, both of our sons purchased new houses

this spring, a first one for our son Daniel in San Francisco, a step up for our son Raphael whose family has now moved from Sharon to Newton to a house 15 minutes from our house (a mother's dream!). Professionally, I have had times when work has been difficult, but I have made progress on revising several chapters in my ongoing book project, "Biblical Encounters: Inscripting Jewish and Christian Dialogue in Medieval French Literature." In February I published a review of a book on the fables of Marie de France in *French Studies*, and wrote another on a book about the women troubadours (it won't appear in Tenso until 2023!), and added a blog on "Peter Haidu and Me" to the website for the book I edited for him (<http://www.mhra.org.uk/publications/Philomena-Chretien-Jew>). With a colleague, I put together a session proposal for a roundtable that was accepted for the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, 6-9 January 2022, in New Orleans: "Coming to terms: Is 'Antisemitism' always-already there?" I'm currently working on a plenary talk about troubadour song, "Quirky Consumables," for a conference this October: "Festin de la littérature médiévale: Women, Food, Knowledge, and Poetry, A Conference in Honor of Wendy Pfeffer," Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York. And of course I have enjoyed serving as a member-at-large on the Executive Committee of the BCARF.

M. Shawn Copeland, THEOLOGY

Laurie Cassidy and I co-edited a new book, *Desire, Darkness, and Hope: Theology in a Time of Impasse, Engaging the Thought of Constance FitzGerald, OCD* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2021).

John Dacey, LSEHD

I have just finished my first historical novel for young adults, *Behind Confederate Lines*, a story about the Civil War and how it relates to today's situation.

Robert Daly, S.J., THEOLOGY

Last July, I transferred my residence from St. Mary's Hall to our local Jesuit Health Center, the Campion Health Center at 319 Concord Road, Weston, MA 02493 (phone: (781) 788-6850; cell: (617) 955-9066; email: rdaly@jesuits.org). I'm doing well, still occasionally playing a bit of golf, and am busy finishing a small book designed to be a devotional introduction to the five major feasts of the Christmas Season: Christmas Day; Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Sunday after Christmas); Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (Jan. 1); Epiphany of the Lord; The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan (Sunday after Epiphany).

Laurel Eisenhauer, CSON

My pandemic experiences have a great variety, including three hospitalizations (thankfully not for Covid!). Instacart delivered groceries, others picked up my mail at the post office and took away my trash. Lots of Zoom meetings and lots of virtual lectures and even a conference. I also took a virtual course in genealogical research and made interesting discoveries about

some of my ancestors. Periodically I would take my car for a drive to check to be sure the ocean was still there. It was and is! Being on two boards I found it interesting to see how the two organizations, one dedicated to care of the elderly and the other concerned with public transit, had to pivot and adapt to the COVID pandemic and related restrictions. Buses and vans were outfitted with barriers like shower curtains to protect bus drivers from contact with riders. Virtual home visits to elderly were done via phone to coordinate the care of clients in their homes. An interactive virtual "Pet" provided companionship for some as well as monitoring care and needs of clients.

Bradley Googins, CSOM

What a very strange year, but of all the folks out there I think I have had the easiest time of all – retired, support from TIAA and Social Security, no restless children running around, and living in my wonderful house in Biddeford, Maine, overlooking the Atlantic. Thanks to God for blessings big and small. Life is quite busy since I continue with my work in Africa training entrepreneurs. I Zoom my classes in Ethiopia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Pakistan and have really become tired and frustrated with Zoom, which does not have very predictable connectivity. It looks like it will now be 2022 before any chance to be there in person but I can't wait for some normal class interaction and reunion with the great folks I work with in the universities over there. With my colleague Phil Mirvis I am fighting an Aug 31 deadline on the final draft of a book so I keep a little too busy – but no complaints.

Sanford Katz, LAW

A third edition of my *Family Law in America* was published in 2021 by Oxford University Press, as was a third edition of my co-authored book, *The Law of Domestic Relations in the United States*, by West Academic Press.

Michael Keith, COMMUNICATION

I published a new book of short stories: *Pieces of Bones and Rags* (Cabal Books, 2021).

Michael Malec, SOCIOLOGY

Myrna and I are doing well. During the depths of the pandemic, we took a daily 45-60-minute walk (weather permitting), usually somewhere in Newton. We learned that the Newton Cemetery on Walnut Street is an arboretum and this beautiful place soon became our favorite walk. We are amateur birders and over the months compiled a list (available on request) of about 40 birds; many of these I photographed, including nesting orioles and hawks. We also found the gravestones of four BC faculty members. I imagine there are others buried there, and if you know of any, please let me know. We also took two 3-night trips during the pandemic to our favorite inn near Williamstown. It's a place we discovered 30 years ago, and we have been returning to it almost every year. I read a great deal for pleasure, about 80 books ranging from old detective stories to works by Nobel laureates (Andric, Camus, Handke, Miłosz, Saramago, Tokarczuk). I con-

tinue to serve on the Boards of the Newton-San Juan Sister City Project and the Newton Community Development Foundation. I stayed active in ARF as a member of the executive committee.

David Northrup, HISTORY

Along with celebrations of his eightieth birthday and fiftieth wedding anniversary, David has been completing a new book, whose working title is "Getting to Globalization: The First Thousand Years."

Clare O'Connor, BIOLOGY

My husband and I have done some extensive live-in babysitting for our five young granddaughters. During the first 2 months of the year, we traveled to New York weekly to fill in for our daughter's super-nanny, who was recovering from a knee replacement, followed by Covid. We also spent the first two weeks of July at our son's house in Colorado taking care of his 4- and 7-year olds. He and his wife had an amazing opportunity to raft down the Selway river in Idaho with some friends who had been fortunate enough to win a Forest Service lottery. We are more appreciative than ever about the energy needed to take care of little ones! On the home front, I've become active as both an instructor and student in the Worcester Institute for Senior Education (WISE), giving an introductory course on the immune system and some lectures on Covid, all by Zoom this year. I'm learning along with a very interesting group of fellow retirees.

Alec Peck, LSEHD

Like everyone in the Association, I quietly passed time at home for the past year. Conferences and vacations were all cancelled due to the pandemic, so my travel was limited to a few trips to San Diego to see my 98-year old mother. I am an avid photographer and used the lockdown time to be Zoom-tutored by a famous photographer who normally only takes students at his home in Philadelphia. That was a bonus. Otherwise, I caught up on a lot of reading. I did enjoy Zoom-hosting the sixteen Seminars and Program Meetings the BCARF held this past year, and was very pleased to see the great turnout at several of them. There was a bit of a silver lining in having our presentations via Zoom because several people who no longer live in the Boston area were able to attend. On a personal note, my wife and I brought home a new Cocker-Spaniel puppy just before the lockdown in March, which turned out to be a not-so-great time for a new dog. The dog firmly believes that we live at home full time and is quite upset when we try to leave her! That will take some training.

Dia Philippides, CLASSICAL STUDIES

To the BCARF community I am grateful for the opportunity offered by the invitation to dispel the December 2020 frosts of New England by speaking at a seminar about sunny Greece and modern Greek literature. As the presentation was organized in the form of a cruise through the Aegean Sea, and because in university courses one customarily approaches literature by genre, theme or chronology, it was a challenge to have to re-

consider the subject by geographic location. I thank warmly all those who came aboard. Since that time our research team has continued to advance our project described at <http://censusof-moderngreekliterature.org>. We are compiling a bibliography of all discoverable translations and studies relating to modern Greek literature that have been published in English. This year marks the 200th anniversary since the outbreak of Greece's War of Independence from the Ottoman Empire, and a presentation of the "Authors 19th-21st centuries" section of our "CENSUS" is expected as part of the national celebrations of "1821-2021." The spring of 2021 was marked for me by two unexpected events: Foremost, the announced retirement of our colleague Michael Connolly from the Department of Eastern, Slavic, and German Studies. We've all long seen Michael in action as a pillar of the FMRC, but besides receiving decades of technological advice from Michael, I had the added privilege of working in the early 1970s with – then "Prof. Connolly" – as his student in the Linguistics M.A. program. His teaching and mentorship prepared me for any and all rigors of subsequent studies, research, and teaching. Michael, I salute and thank you for your constant personal example of excellence in academic life at BC! The second recent event of note was a fire that swept through our apartment building in January, a sudden upheaval during the night with a disastrous aftermath (from smoke, soot, and water) for books and other cherished possessions. We are still living outside our home. I encourage reviewing in advance one's preparedness for such emergencies.

Cathy Schneider, ECONOMICS

Not too much new to report. I'm still gardening (and losing the battle with the rabbits and chipmunks), riding, and helping with our younger son's now 18-month old twins. Of course, they are entirely mobile now and can climb anything, so just keeping track of them is a challenge. I'm hoping there will come a day when they want to sit and listen to a story! For many years, I have volunteered as a math tutor in the Newton elementary schools; I tried to do that remotely this year, but it was a less than successful experience. On a more positive note, we were happy to gather with extended family on a couple of occasions, outside, socially distanced, wearing masks – you know the routine. And once we were fully vaccinated, we ventured to Virginia to visit our older son and his wife, whom we had not seen in a year and a half. Am cautiously optimistic there will be more travel on the schedule this fall. Kudos to the BCARF Executive Committee for keeping us in touch with one another via Zoom seminars and general meetings. I'm looking forward to the fall line-up of programs at 300 Hammond Pond Parkway.

Paul Spagnoli, HISTORY

Like many, I stayed sane during the pandemic year by spending a lot of time walking outdoors, often in Newton's Webster Woods conservation area. Beginning in March 2020 I took a series of regular photos to document the evolution of Bare Pond, a vernal pool in the Woods near the BCARF office. By definition, vernal pools are filled by rain and snow between fall and spring, and

they dry up during the summer. Last year Bare Pond had dried out by late June, but in 2021 heavy rain has continued to keep it full well into the summer. For more on Bare Pond and some of my photos, see the Fall 2020 Newsletter of the Newton Conservators (<https://newtonconservators.org/newsletters/>). Pam and I were fortunate to get our vaccine doses by late February so that in early spring we could finally resume regular visits to our apartment on the top floor of our daughter's Philadelphia row house. We had lots of fun time with our granddaughter, who turned 5 in June, and she and her family joined us for a two-week vacation in Ogunquit in July. Although I stepped down as BCARF President two years ago, the Executive Committee continues to keep me busy. Serving as Correspondent for my Regis High School (NY) class of 1962 is equally enjoyable, and less onerous.

Rachel Spector, CSON

This has been QUITE a year!!!! But, my husband and I, in spite of health and other challenges, are slugging along. Forget the health issues and any complaints – let's look at reality. Zoom: It is so easy to hit a zoom link that someone else sets up. But setting one up is a challenge that came along when I taught my Capstone class last fall. Really tried to follow the directions that people in IT issued but they were difficult to understand and go forward with. SO – lots of experimenting, a few initial failures, use of 2 computers, and ... the semester ran flawlessly! Actually, in many ways, it was easier than getting dressed up and going to campus. Given this acquired expertise, I also set up a "Zoomarty" (an 80th birthday celebration on zoom) and a 60th class reunion for my classmates from the class of 1961. The events were a success and people who would not ordinarily attend because of distance were with us. Attended many meetings, some in other parts of the country that would have been a problem if not for Zoom, and attended classes on a potpourri of topics. Travel: Bleak – as we went nowhere until May when we went to our granddaughter's graduation in California and in July spent 3 days in New York thanks to American Airlines and Amtrak. Neither trip was harmful and we did stay low profile for 2 weeks after each one. Future: Who knows? Would like to get to New Mexico and Texas and of course Honolulu. I will be teaching Capstone again this fall semester and as of this writing we are due back on campus..... It will certainly be great to be on campus and in the classroom but the idea of teaching in a mask to a masked class is not appealing. So, this too remains to be seen.

William Torbert, CSOM

Like a year ago, I can report that my extended family has thus far survived the pandemic. Not only that, my son Patrick and his wife, Erika, have just brought my fifth grandchild and third grandson – Jordan Phillip Torbert – into the world. Serendipitously, son Benjamin and his family were visiting us from their perch in Phoenix for the first time in a year and a half. As with so many others, it was an involuntarily socially inactive year for us, but it was conducive to finally finishing and publishing my

final book, *Numbskull in the Theatre of Inquiry: Transforming Self, Friends, Organizations, and Social Science*, which is part memoir and part introduction to a new paradigm for both social action and social science. After never before having raised a finger to market any of my books (you know, it seemed undignified), I will probably spend the rest of my life trying to find someone to read this one.

Rebecca Valette, ROMANCE LANGUAGES

It has been a restful year with daily walks around the quiet BC campus. I was able to finish my manuscript on the Navajo carver Clitso Dedman, and it is now under serious consideration by the University of Nebraska Press. If all goes well, the book will be published in fall 2022. On the family front: grandson Nico graduated from Bowdoin a year ago, and will have a belated ceremony, which we hope to attend, in Maine this coming August. His sister Téa graduated from Elon last month, but the graduation event was limited to two guests (her parents); we could only watch via Internet. Also this spring, our granddaughter Esmé received her Master's degree from Columbia Teachers College: a virtual ceremony with no guests. We look forward to actually attending the graduations of two other grandchildren next spring: one grandson from Parsons in New York, and the other from high school in California. Unless serious longevity genes kick in, we will not be here for the graduations of our two new great-grandchildren, twins Max and Theo, who were born this spring. As the late John Donovan said so movingly when he received the French Legion of Honor medal last summer: *Deo gratias*.

Judith Wilt, ENGLISH

I have to confess it's been a rough year for me. It started late last summer with an influx of those "hello-grandma-how-are-you" scam calls (I have no children), which continue unabated, and culminated in a surprise visit in October from an aggressive squamous cell carcinoma up and down my left temple. Two rounds of radiation and one treatment of immunotherapy have so far failed to stop it. Patient endurance is the name of the game – that and faithful attention from my squad of doctors in one of the best cities in the world to get medical care. Have to be grateful for that. As many of us know, it's like having two heavy-duty assignments at once – living (alone) in a pandemic and handling a sickness. Some help is definitely needed, some provided to me by paid helpers, other help offered by faithful friends, many of them retired colleagues (thank you Frances, Paul, Jim, Chris and the BCARF Executive Committee – and the late beloved Jean Mooney). Two visits from family in Texas and Ohio have helped as well. It annoys the **** out of me that I had to abandon conference papers accepted last summer, and even pet personal writing projects stacked on my table at home are hard to follow through on under the circumstances. I'm re-reading all seven giant volumes of C.J. Sansom's Tudor history/mysteries in the hope I'll eventually be able to write that essay – take a look at the first one, *Dissolution*, if you like that kind of thing. But if it turns out I've had my innings in teaching and writing, maybe it's time for me to actually retire, and spend time

watching the sunsets, and seeing friends digitally and in person, and viewing all the seasons of "The West Wing" (thanks for the loan, Mike).

Arch G. Woodside, MANAGEMENT

Two substantial articles in 2021: "Fuzzy-Set Qualitative Comparative Analysis (fsQCA): Guidelines for research practice in Information Systems and marketing," *International Journal of Information Management* (2021), 1-23, co-authored with Ilias O. Pappas; and "Can You Always Catch More Flies with Honey than with Vinegar? Applying an Asymmetric Approach to Transformational Leadership Research," *Journal of Business and Psychology* (2021), co-authored with Cara-Lynn Scheurer and Catherine Loughlin (unpaginated online publication).



In December 2020 Christine and Frank Moynihan contributed to BCARF a collection of figurines – caricatures of professors – that Christine's father, Association pioneer John Donovan, and his wife Mary acquired over the years, mostly on European trips. Christine and Frank also purchased and assembled a handsome case to hold the collection.

THINGS WE DID DURING THE PANDEMIC YEAR

Members relied on a variety of strategies to stay sane during the long months of the pandemic. Mike Malec continued his long-time hobby of bird watching and photography, catching this gorgeous shot of a hummingbird attracted by a flower he had planted just for that purpose. Cathy Schneider and her horse, Northanger Abbey, completed their qualifying test for membership in the US Dressage Foundation Century Club (combined age of horse and rider must be at least 100). Rita Olivieri completed a series of quilting projects. Laurel Eisenhower made a scarecrow for a festival in her hometown, Essex, MA. Dennis and Marjorie Sardella spent a lot of time tending and enjoying their various flower gardens.



NEED COMPUTER HELP?

The tech consultant assigned to assist BCARF is Ahmed Naim (tcbright@bc.edu). It is also possible to get speedy assistance with problems like email access or virus protection by calling the BC computer Help desk at 617-552-4357 (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 President Alec Peck (peck@bc.edu). To get involved with any of the activities listed below, contact the person listed.

TEACHING IN RETIREMENT: CAPSTONE COURSES

Do what you loved: teach. The Capstone Program flourishes with the help of some INSPIRED RETIRED faculty like Rachel Spector, John Dacey, Betty Bagnani, Joe Burns, John McDargh, Audrey Friedman, and Daniel Kirschner. Talk to them about their experience, or ask Harold Petersen or Dennis Taylor about it. Heck – the late John Donovan 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. For more information, see: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/mcas/sites/capstone.html>, or contact Capstone Director Jim Weiss at james.weiss@bc.edu.

WESTON JESUIT VISITATION

Our Jesuit Community liaison leads members who wish to provide social interaction with retired or convalescent Jesuits residing at the Champion Health Center. Contact Rev. Joseph Duffy, S.J. (joseph.duffy@bc.edu).

SOAR 55 (SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AFTER REACHING 55)

SOAR 55 is a volunteer-connector organization for adults aged 55 and over who would like to share their professional and experience-based skills with local public and nonprofit organizations that need help in Newton and Metro West. Assignments range from tutoring children, mentoring college enrolled inmates, assuming leadership roles in nonprofit organizations, to management consulting. SOAR 55, with more than 300 volunteers serving at 90 sites, offers a personalized, professional and unique approach to matching each individual with a rewarding and satisfying volunteer opportunity.

Contact: Karen Albert Albert@soar55.org

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

New England Ignatian volunteers are mature men and women, open to participating in a 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 Hinchey, IVC Regional Director, at newengland@ivcusa.org. Their IVC website is at www.ivcusa.org.

COMMENCEMENT

Retired faculty members can assist at the University Commencement in May by being a marshal, host, or hostess. Host and Hostess contact: Rev. Casey Beaumier, S.J. (casey.beaumier@bc.edu).

CONVERSATIONAL PARTNERS WITH INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Many opportunities exist to host or mentor an international student. For more information, contact Rosemary Krawczyk (rosek1105@gmail.com) or the Office of International Students and Scholars at bcis.edu. Anyone willing to be a holiday host should contact Adrienne Nussbaum at 617-552-8005.

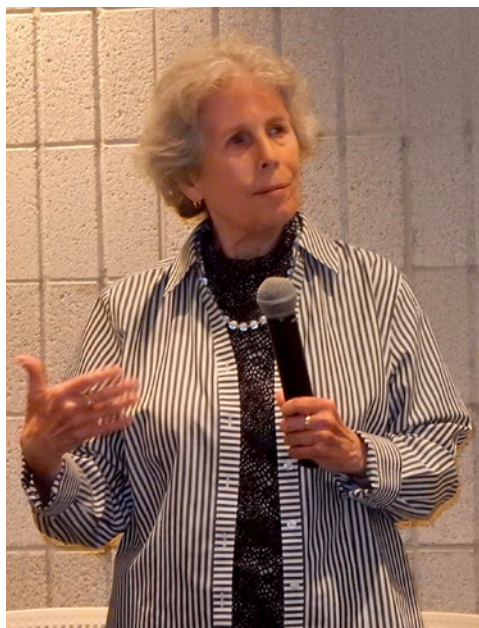
RETIRED FACULTY GRANT PROPOSALS INVITED FOR 2020-21

Limited funding has been made available by the Provost's Office for projects undertaken by members of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty. Grants normally range from \$100 to \$1,000 per person and can be used to support travel and expenses for research, lectures, conferences, education, publishing, volunteer work, or other significant activities carried out directly by the applicant. A committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty reviews all applications and makes the awards. Applications must be submitted by April and awards will be announced in May. Projects must be completed by the end of the academic budgetary year following the year of the award. For application guidelines and selection criteria, please consult the BCARF website (<http://www.bc.edu/retiredfaculty>).

Pandemic constraints meant that only one application was received for 2020-21. The grant was awarded to M. Shawn Cope-land for editing work related to her book, *Darkness, Impasse, and Hope: Engaging the Theology of Constance FitzGerald, O.C.D.*

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.



BCARF thanks Judith Wilt, who has served as both Secretary and Vice President as well as Program Meeting Coordinator, and who has now retired from the Executive Committee after seven years.

REMEMBRANCES

Condolences to the families and colleagues of the following:

Norman Araujo, Romance Languages and Literatures
Oliva Blanchette, Philosophy
Donnah Canavan, Psychology
William Gamson, Sociology
Peter Gottschalk, Economics
Lynda Lytle Holmstrom, Sociology
Charles A. Meyer, Fine Arts
Jean Mooney, LSEHD
Marvin Rintala, Political Science
James Skehan, S.J., Geology
Robert J. Starratt, LSEHD
Marian St. Onge, International Programs
G. Peter Wilson, CSOM

Individual obituaries can be found in the "Remembering Our Colleagues" section of the Association website.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2020-2021



Executive Committee, 2019-2021:

Standing: Matilda Bruckner, Joseph Duffy, Paul Spagnoli, Harold Peterson

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BCARF EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2021-2022

In 2021-2022 we are expecting to resume normal activities on campus at 300 Hammond Pond Parkway in Chestnut Hill (except in January and February when we will meet via Zoom). Ample free parking should be available in the large parking lot to the left of the building. No BC parking permits are required. The main entrance is on the left side of the building, adjacent to the parking lot. Seminars, presented by Association members, and program meetings, featuring guest speakers, are scheduled from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, with a light buffet lunch at 11:30 and a presentation beginning at noon. They will take place in room 100 on the ground floor, just to the right of that entrance. Invitations to seminars and program meetings will be sent via email in advance of each meeting. The Jean Mooney Book Club meets from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, and the Executive Committee meets from 1:30 PM to 3 PM (except 10:30 AM to noon in May and June), in the Association's office just to the left of the entrance, opposite the meeting room. In addition to the events listed below we hope to be able to schedule docent-led tours of the McMullen Museum exhibitions each semester at a date and time to be announced.

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday, September 9
Jean Mooney Book Club, 10:00 a.m.
Seminar, 11:30 a.m.
Executive Committee, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 23, 11:30 a.m.
Program Meeting

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- Thursday, November 11
Jean Mooney Book Club, 10:00 a.m.
Seminar, 11:30 a.m.
Executive Committee, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 18, 11:30 a.m.
Program Meeting

DECEMBER

- Thursday, December 9, noon
Jean Mooney Book Club, 10:00 a.m.

Seminar, 11:30 a.m.
Executive Committee, 1:30 p.m.

JANUARY

- Thursday, January 13,
Jean Mooney Book Club, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
- Thursday, January 20
Program Meeting, Noon via Zoom
Executive Committee, 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

FEBRUARY

- Thursday, February 10
Jean Mooney Book Club, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
Seminar, Noon via Zoom
Executive Committee, 1:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Thursday, February 17
Program Meeting, Noon via Zoom

MARCH

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

APRIL

- Thursday, April 7
Jean Mooney Book Club, 10:00 a.m.
Seminar, 11:30 a.m.
Executive Committee, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 21, 11:30 a.m.
Program Meeting

MAY

- Thursday, May 5
Executive Committee, 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 12
Jean Mooney Book Club, 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 25
Annual Banquet in the Murray Room of the Yawkey Center, 5:30 p.m.

JUNE

- Thursday, June 2
Executive Committee Transition Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 9
Jean Mooney Book Club, 10:00 a.m.

RETIRED FACULTY NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT 2021

Editor's note: My last minute request for photos to fill up a blank page in the Newsletter generated far too much material to include (given our printing budget). I have put together this supplement so as to "publish" this additional material.

Paul Spagnoli

Two news entries received too late to include in the Newsletter:

Paul Davidovits, Chemistry

I recently published *Holocaust Memories: Annihilation and Survival in Slovakia* in Amsterdam Publishers' series of Holocaust survivor memoirs. I was born in 1935. My mother and I survived the Holocaust by using forged documents and moving rapidly from town to town when anyone became suspicious of our identities. By the time World War II ended, all of my paternal family and most of my maternal family had been killed, but my mother and I survived and emigrated to Toronto in 1949. When I inherited an album of family photographs from my mother I realized that I was the only person alive who recognized the people in the photos, understood their connections, and knew about their journey through life, and I resolved to set down their stories and also describe my path through those horrible times.

Dennis and Marjorie Sardella, Chemistry and Presidential Scholars Program:



Although the pandemic has continued to limit our traveling in 2021, we have been tending and enjoying our various flower gardens which, due to this year's warmer and wetter weather, have been especially beautiful and are continuing to produce fresh blooms even now in mid-October! **Marjorie** remains active with her photography and is

completing her tenure as Vice President of the Franklin Art Association, which involved her organizing and hosting a series of guest artist demonstrations for the Association's monthly Zoom meetings (now happily in-person). Though travel limitations have restricted her range of photographic subjects, Marjorie has used her extensive archives to produce her sixth photographic wall calendar, which she featured along with her prints, note cards and bookmarks at this month's 18th Annual Franklin Harvest Festival. **Dennis** continues to be in charge of the Association's social media presence (a job for which he is spectacularly unqualified) and presented a Zoom lecture on Science and Art at one of their monthly meetings. He has been invited to speak on "Catacombs to Cathedrals" to the Sisters of St. Chretienne in November and on "The Language of Byzantine and Russian Icons" at the Franklin Historical Museum in January. He also maintains his connection with the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA, and has completed a book on icons which is scheduled for publication next fall.

Photos Taken by Members during the Pandemic:

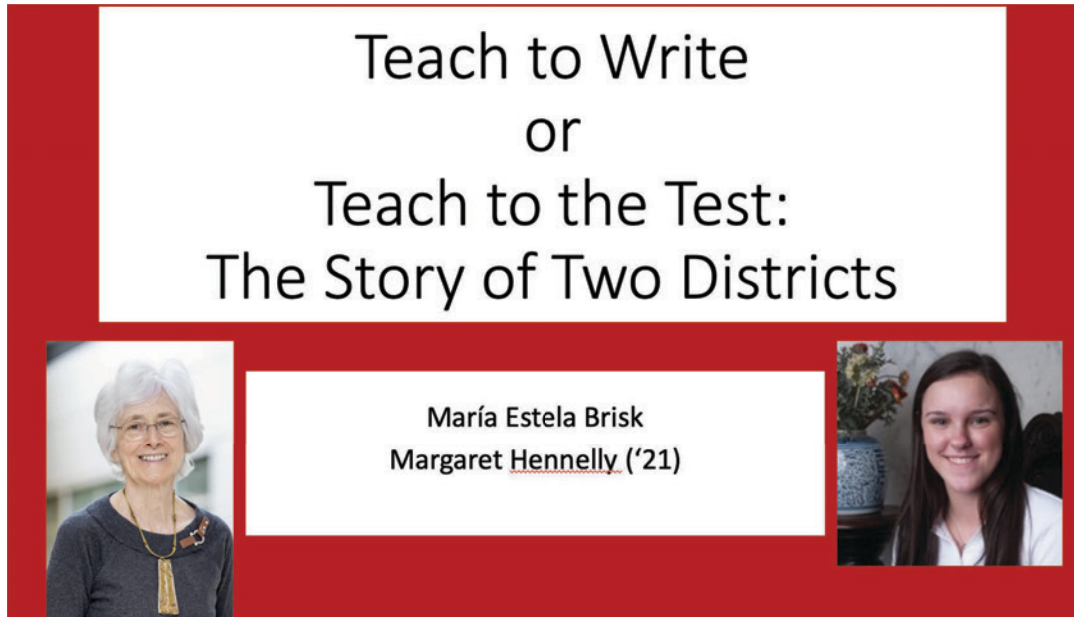
Jenny Baglivo, Mathematics:

I took many, many walks to keep sane during the pandemic, including to the deCordova Museum and adjacent grounds last fall. Enclosed is a picture from a visit there.



Maria Brisk LSEHD:

This is from a presentation I did with one of my former Undergrad Research Assistants with whom I continued to work on a research project after my retirement last year.



Dan Kirschner, Biology :

Here is a photo of a friend & me rehearsing some violin duets, in the foyer of our condo building (which turned out to have amazing acoustics, owing to its non-orthogonal walls!). We got together—masked, of course—as often as we could; and in September, we were hired for a 2.5 hour gig to perform classical duets at a private party!



Mike Malec, Sociology:

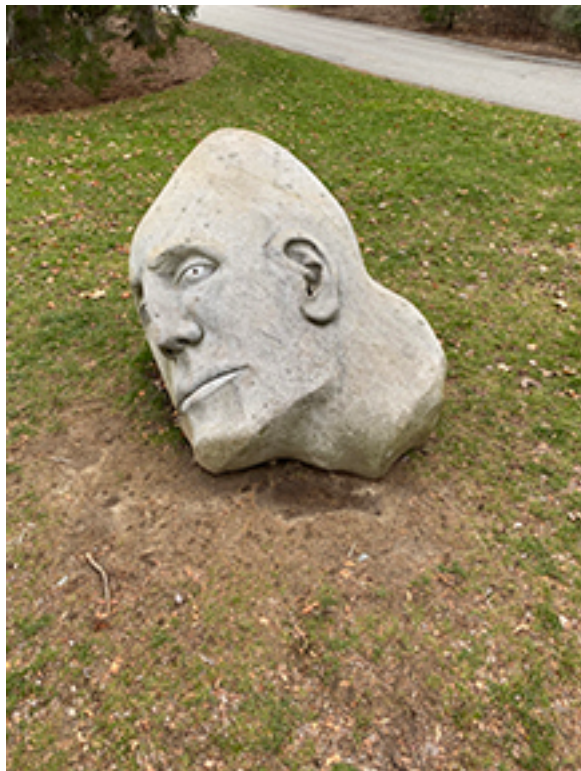
Four of my bird-watching photos: a Baltimore Oriole with two chicks, a Great Blue Heron, and a Wood Duck, all caught at the Newton Cemetery and Arboretum, and a Wren peeking out of a bird house in my own yard.





Alec Peck, LSEHD:

These two photos come from my “Breathe” retreat, sponsored by the BC Intersections project. The project was open to retired faculty and 6 of us took advantage of it in December 2020. I went to the deCordova Sculpture Park to take photos for a day of escape from COVID.



Dennis and Marjorie Sardella, Chemistry and Presidential Scholars Program:

A screen shot taken by Marjorie during Deborah Levenson-Estrada’s seminar in September:



One of the Sardella gardens:



Marjorie during a jaunt through Stony Brook Reservation:

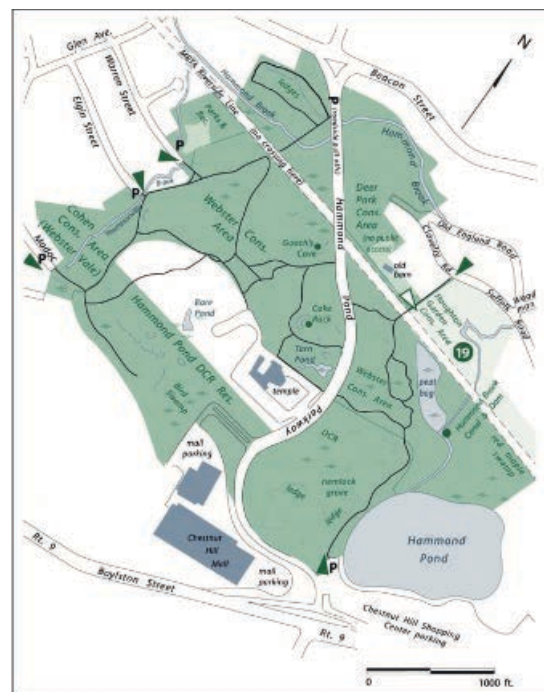


Paul Spagnoli, History:

Probably my most important strategy to stay sane during the pandemic was to walk ... and walk ... and walk some more. A neighbor recently pointed out to me that a Google Maps street view caught me forging down our block one morning last November. Fortunately Google blurred my face in case I was living under a secret identity.



I did a lot of my pandemic walking in the conservation area running along both sides of the Green Line and Hammond Pond Parkway in Chestnut Hill, some of which is the famous “Webster Woods” purchased by BC from the Temple Mishkan Tefila and then taken by the City of Newton in an eminent domain acquisition. There is a vernal pool called Bare Pond in the Woods just a few hundred yards from the BCARF office, and one of my pandemic projects was to document the pond’s evolution over time as I walked through the woods. By Massachusetts state law, vernal pools are temporary bodies of fresh water that normally fill up during the rains and snows of fall, winter, and early spring, then dry up as spring gives way to summer.



Bare Pond, March 16, 2020:



June 16, 2020:



Bare Pond, June 26, 2020:



But in the very wet year 2021 the pond never dried up at all. Here it is on September 3:



Rachel Spector, Nursing:

I enjoyed walking and nature photography during the pandemic. Here is a swan in her Hammond Pond nest on May 2, 2020:



Two weeks later, her eggs had hatched:



And a few days later the whole family was off for a swim across the Pond. It was amazing to watch the evolution over time:



Judith Wilt, English:

A photo taken with Paul Lewis and Jim and Beth Wallace at my 80th birthday party in September 2021:

