



BC ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY

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*Incoming president Jean O'Neil and outgoing president Norman Berkowitz*

## NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a great pleasure to introduce myself to you as your new president. I am Associate Professor Emerita from the Boston College Wm. F. Connell School of Nursing and a double eagle. I have been an active member of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty since my retirement in 2002 serving as Book Club Facilitator and on the Executive Committee as Secretary for two terms. I accepted the challenge of the presidency knowing that I would work with dedicated, enthusiastic, productive officers. I will have guidance from Norm Berkowitz, outgoing president for a year.

Together, we will move forward to benefit from the ideas we gained from meeting with members of the regional BACURA and the North American AROHE (See articles about these groups).

We are very fortunate to have Peter Olivieri, a new retiree and creative and technically expert person to help us update our means of communication.

We will continue to provide interesting program meetings on topics proposed by members. We will inform you of University service opportunities.

Please join in fulfilling our mission of collegiality and service.

*Jean O'Neil, President*

## PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Colleagues, this is the final report of my presidency. By the time you read this I will have completed four years of service—a period which, much to my amazement, has been a thoroughly enjoyable time.

I am pleased to report that this past year has been especially productive: the ARF brochure has been revised to more closely reflect the changes at BC, our by-laws have been rewritten, the website is being upgraded and expanded so that those who are not yet members can learn about us and have questions answered. We have begun negotiations with the Provost so that the ARF will, for the first time, be formally recognized as an organizational unit within the university structure. Once that happens, our treasurer will be able to formalize a budget request permitting the association—through the Executive Committee—to plan program and activities for the entire year. Our annual banquet in May—managed by Jean Mooney with the very great assistance of Courtney Luongo—was well attended. Our provost, Bert Garza, spoke and described the strides made by the university and its faculty. The faculty has grown in size and its members have even surpassed us in productivity and national recognition.

Our programs this year included a presentation by Kay Schlozman (Sociology) who discussed national and state trends on party affiliations and elections just before our own senatorial election resulted in victory for Scott Brown. Zygmund Plater (Law School) discussed his work on the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the more recent BP disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Elaine Pinderhughes discussed her ideas regarding the use of self in teaching. Patrick Rombalski, VP for Student Affairs discussed the evolution, size and eye opening scope of the responsibilities of his organization. Benefits officers Ann Crowley and Jack Burke met with us to clarify some of the changes in our health care plans and to assure those of us who have had plans terminated that the university would insure that similar coverage would be maintained. Fr Jeremy Clarke (History Dept) presented and discussed a documentary entitled “Following in the Footsteps of Matteo Ricci S.J.” that traced his faith building journey throughout China. Finally we enjoyed and learned from our honorary member Peg Dwyer who led us through a tour of the Dura Europa exhibit in the McMullen Museum.

Our final accomplishment was election of new officers. We are extremely fortunate that Jean O’Neil (Nursing) has agreed to serve as our new president. She has already ably served for years as our secretary. Cathy Schneider (Economics) will become our new secretary, and Dennis Taylor (English) will become our new member at large on the executive committee. Robbie W.Tourse (Social Work) will continue as our vice president, Dal Fisher (SOM) will continue as treasurer, and Charles Smith (Education) will continue as a member at large. Fr Joseph Duffy will continue as our liaison with the Jesuit Community. His appointment was my smartest move during my 4 years in office. Thus our Executive Committee has been reconstituted as required by our by laws. Laurel Eisenhower who has faithfully served as our editor, publisher and all-purpose factotum of our newsletter will end her role in the newsletter with this issue.

I would like to thank all those who have served and will serve on our Executive Committee. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes for you.

*Norman Berkowitz*  
*President*

## ARF CALENDAR—2011–2012

Please note that the Executive Committee has rescheduled the Business/Program Meetings. BCARF Business/Program Meetings were held from 10.30 AM to Noon with pastries, fruit and beverages.

**IN 2011–2012 BCARF BUSINESS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FROM NOON TO 1.45 PM AS LUNCHEON MEETINGS.**

We will serve light luncheons (sandwiches, accompaniments and beverages.)

Hopefully, this change will make it easier for members to attend, give opportunity to schedule speakers who were not available in the morning, and make it more convenient for members who participate in the Weston Jesuit visitation at 2.30 PM.

All regular meetings are on Thursdays in the first floor conference room at 3 Lake Street. The Book Club meets in the ARF suite on the third floor.

## September

**Thursday, September 08, 10:30 AM–11.45**

*Book Club*

**Thursday, September 22, Noon–1.45**

*Program Meeting. “Fukushima: Summer 2011”*

Nahoko Harada, PhD student in CSON

## October

**Thursday, October 06, 10:30 AM–11.45**

*Book Club*

**Thursday, October 20, Noon–1.45**

*Program Meeting.*

## November

**Thursday, November 03, 10:30 AM–11.45**

*Book Club*

**Thursday, November 17, Noon–1.45**

*Program Meeting*

## January

**Thursday, January 12, 10:30 AM–11.45**

*Book Club*

**Thursday, January 26, Noon–1.45**

*Program Meeting.*

## February

**Thursday, February 09, 10:30 AM–11.45**

*Book Club*

**Thursday, February 23, Noon–1.45**

*Program Meeting.*

## March

**Thursday, March 08, 10:30 AM–11.45**

*Book Club*

**Thursday, March 22, Noon–1.45**

*Program Meeting.*

## April

**Thursday, April 12, 10:30 AM–11.45**

*Book Club*

**Thursday, April 26, Noon–1.45**

*Program Meeting.*

## May

**Thursday, May 03, 10:30 AM–11.45**

*Book Club*

**Thursday, May 17, Noon–1.45**

*Annual Meeting, Elections and Program.*

**Monday, May 21**

*University Commencement.*

For details about serving as a **Marshal** or **University Host** contact Louise Lonabocker (louise@bc.edu)

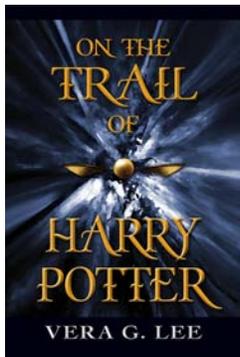
*ARF Annual Banquet details to be announced.*

## RETIREE NEWS

Please send your personal and professional news to Peter Olivieri [olivieri@bc.edu](mailto:olivieri@bc.edu)

Enrique **Ojeda** has published a collection of essays on Ecuadorian writers: *En pos del minero de la noche* (On the steps of the night's miner). Quito: Paradiso, 2010.

**Vera Lee** (Romance Languages & Literatures) has published *On the Trail of Harry Potter*, a study of the 7-book cycle. Vera also will be speaking at Harry Potter conferences in Orlando and University of North Carolina on 'The Fans and the Films'.



**James Skehan, SJ** (Earth & Environmental Sciences) has celebrated 70 years as a Jesuit. He recently published a chapter, 'Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: Priest, Scientist and Mystic', in *The Legacy of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*.

**Harvey Egan, SJ** (Theology) is the author of *Soundings in the Christian Mystical Tradition*. For a video of him discussing the book go to:  
<http://www.bc.edu/sites/libraries/facpub/christian-mystical/>

Out going BCARF Member-at large **John Smith** and his wife sang 'A Celebration of Psalms' with Chorus pro Musica at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, Sunday, June 5, 2011. They also fit in a trip to Greece this spring as well as the rehearsals.

## BC ARF BOOK CLUB

In June the Book Club took its annual book-related outing to New Bedford where they enjoyed visits to the Whaling National Park Visitors Center and the Seamen's Bethel as well as a private tour of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, and a harbor cruise. The group appreciated the guidance and expertise of John Szymanski, a certified guide.



*ARF Book Club  
at the New Bedford Whaling Museum*

Jean Mooney has graciously agreed to lead the book club. The readings for the summer to be discussed at the September book club meeting (08 September, 10.45 ) are "light and local" mysteries:

*Murder at Bearskin Neck: An Annie Quitnot Mystery* and *Murder at Hammond Castle*. Both take place in Rockport and Gloucester and are written by Gunilla Caulfield, a former librarian from Rockport, Massachusetts.

All meetings are held from 10:30 to noon in the 3rd floor John Donovan Suite at 3 Lake Street. See Calendar for dates.

Please contact Jean O'Neil, President, for parking passes if needed.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

ARF will be using email to communicate with members in a more timely manner. Please send your preferred eMail address to: Jean O'Neil [jean.oneil@bc.edu](mailto:jean.oneil@bc.edu)

## DEATHS

Condolences to the families and colleagues of:

**André Jacques de Béthune** (Chemistry)

<http://www.bc.edu/publications/chronicle/TopstoriesNewFeatures/news/obit111810.html>

**Frank Campanella** (Management; former Executive Vice President)

<http://at.bc.edu/rememberingfrankcampanella/>

**Carolyn B. Thomas** (GSSW)

<http://www.bc.edu/publications/chronicle/TopstoriesNewFeatures/news/obit110410.html>

**John Travers** (Education)

[http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/about/news/2011/travers\\_obit.html](http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/about/news/2011/travers_obit.html)

**John Edward Van Tassel** (Management)

<http://www.bc.edu/publications/chronicle/FeaturesNewsTopstories/2011/news/vantassel052611.html>

**Elizabeth Stuyvesant White, RSCJ** (English)

<http://www.bc.edu/publications/chronicle/FeaturesNewsTopstories/2011/news/whiteobit072111.html>

## ELECTION RESULTS

At the May meeting the following the ARF elected:

**Jean O'Neil** (Nursing), President

**Cathy Schneider** (Economics), Secretary

**Dennis Taylor** (English), Member at large



*Jean O'Neil*



*Dennis Taylor and  
Cathy Schneider*

## NEW RETIREES

Welcome to the following faculty who now join us in retirement:

Walter **Haney** (Education)

Pat **Kilcoyne** (Theology)

Charles **Landraitis** (Mathematics)

G. Ramsey **Liem** (Psychology)

Ritchie **Lowry** (Sociology)

Sandra **Mott** (Nursing)

Charles **Meyer** (Fine Arts)

Peter **Olivieri** (Management)

Rita **Olivieri** (Nursing)

John **Rosser** (History)

Francis **Soo** (Philosophy)

John **Steczynski** (Fine Arts)

Peter **Weiler** (History)

Judith **Wilt** (English)

## SENDING REMEMBRANCES

Please notify ARF if you know of any member of retired faculty who is ill so that we can send cards to them, and also to the families of deceased faculty. Please notify **Charles Smith** [charles.smith.1@bc.edu](mailto:charles.smith.1@bc.edu) and put the word REMEMBRANCE in the message header.

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### BC ARF Executive Committee

*President:* Jean **O'Neil** (Nursing)

*Vice-President:* Robbie **Tourse** (GSSW)

*Secretary:* Cathy **Schneider** (Economics)

*Treasurer:* Dalmar **Fisher** (Management)

*Members-at-large:* Charles **Smith** (Education) and Dennis **Taylor** (English)

*Past President:*

Norman **Berkowitz** (Psychology)

*Jesuit Liaison:* Joseph **Duffy**, SJ

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## **BCARF Suite (Brighton Campus):**

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tel: 617 552 6051

Contact Jean O'Neil for keys

## **BCARF website:**

<http://bc.edu/retiredfaculty>

**BCARF eMail:** [bcarf@yahoo.com](mailto:bcarf@yahoo.com)

## **Retired Faculty Handbook & Planning:**

<http://www.bc.edu/retireehdbk>

[http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/offices/hr/pdf/Retirement\\_Planning\\_.pdf](http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/offices/hr/pdf/Retirement_Planning_.pdf)

and see also

<http://www.bc.edu/publications/fachbk/policies/retiredfac.html>

## **BCARF logo by**

Tom O'Connor, University Historian

**Webmaster:** Peter Olivieri

**Newsletter Editor:** Laurel Eisenhauer

**Newsletter Consultant:** M.J. Connolly

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## **NEED COMPUTER HELP?**

The Faculty Micro Resource Center (FMRC), now in **Carney 403** is at your service, moderated by

M.J. Connolly

(Slavic/Eastern, [cnnmj@bc.edu](mailto:cnnmj@bc.edu), 552.3912)

Richard Jenson

(Mathematics, [jenson@bc.edu](mailto:jenson@bc.edu), 552.3757)

Kit Baum

(Economics, [baum@bc.edu](mailto:baum@bc.edu), 552.3673)

Fall-semester staffed hours:

Monday/Wednesday 3.15-4.30

Tuesday/Thursday 10.30-11.45

and other staffed times by arrangement

Come by the FMRC during staffed hours with your BC ID to register for round-the-clock 24x7 access to the latest technology.

That way you can then have access to the facility at any time, even at midnight!

Some newer technologies to get acquainted with in the FMRC include: multi-screen monitors, newer OS X features, iPhone and iPod tricks, quick automated document-feed scanning (ADF), the iPad, high-definition video, color laser printing, micro-/pico-projectors, electronic travel translators.

## **BC HELP CENTER**

617 552 4357 [=HELP]

<http://www.bc.edu/help>

## **REAL ESTATE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM**

Did you know that you may obtain a cash rebate through a BC-related program with Coldwell Banker if you are buying or selling a home in this area or elsewhere in the country? You need to contact them *before* signing any agreement with a real estate agent or broker. This program is available to BC faculty and staff, retired faculty, and alumni/alumnæ. For further information go to

<http://www.realestate-advantage.net/reabc/index.html>.

You can also contact Beth Duncan at Coldwell Banker 781-684-4932

## **NEED TRANSPORTATION OR PARKING ASSISTANCE FOR ARF PROGRAMS?**

Transportation and parking are especially important as BC increases construction at the Lake Street site. Members attending meetings are offered parking permits for the upcoming meetings. The BCARF Executive Committee would like to offer transportation to program meetings to any who could use this service. Please indicate your location and return phone number in responding to this opportunity. Send email to [jean.oneil@bc.edu](mailto:jean.oneil@bc.edu) or call Jean at 617 552 8813, leave message for call back at least one week prior to the meeting. We will make every effort to pair you with a member who drives from your area.

## **SCHOLARSHIP SEMINARS**

The Executive Committee will be sponsoring retired faculty scholarship seminars. These lunch meetings will enable faculty to share their ongoing research, get feedback and encouragement, and be supported in their scholarly lives. These

might be opportunities to discuss the larger dimensions of one's scholarship, its development over the years, its importance for the academic and larger worlds, its challenges for an independent scholar.

If you would like to participate, contact Dennis Taylor [taylor@bc.edu](mailto:taylor@bc.edu).

### **AROHE MEETING**

Rev Joseph Duffy, SJ, BCARF Liaison to the Jesuit community and the University and Jean O'Neil, BCARF Secretary attended the Fifth International Conference of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) in October 14-17, 2010 at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. The seeds of AROHE were sown in Southern California in 1984 and came to full fruition in 2002 when, at the inaugural conference at Indiana University, AROHE was officially named and was formally incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Today AROHE's membership has grown to over 70 institutions with prospects for continued growth in the years ahead.

The 84 attendees came from 24 states and Canada, representing 49 colleges and universities and four retirement communities. California, by far the most active state with programs for retired faculty, had the largest number with 18 from 8 college and universities. From New England there were 11 attendees from 8 college and universities. Besides Boston College, the only other Catholic/Jesuit institution participating was Georgetown. Some retirement organizations are for faculty only, others for faculty and staff or for staff only.

The programs and panel discussions implemented the conference theme: *Purpose & Passion in Retirement: Models and Best Practices*. Programs were informational as exemplified by a keynote report of research on trans-generational attitudes toward aging being conducted at Yale, panels

describing best practices for communication and supporting transition to retirement, even examples of housing options to consider in retirement. Very helpful were the handouts distributed to accompany the many power-point presentations. Each day included an inspirational program; for example, a presentation of the works of an artist from his youth to his old age and the positive lessons to be gained.

Networking sessions allowed members to share ideas. Communication was often the key topic. Volunteerism, service to university or community or organization members and personal and organizational use of technology were topics of programs and networking sessions.

Fr Duffy and Jean brought and shared copies of the *Oral History Project* completed by BCARF and the BCARF newsletter.

The hospitality and sociability in and between sessions was remarkable. Additionally, Wesleyan students provided consistent technical support to speakers.

BCARF recently renewed membership in this organization, which offers an interactive web site, start-up kits for retirement organization formation, and reports of biennial surveys of members as well as biennial conferences.

The 2012 international conference, the 10th anniversary of AROHE, will convene at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill, NC, Sunday to Wednesday, October 21-24, 2012, hosted by retired faculty representatives of UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State University and NC Central University.

### **BACURA MEETING**

Four members of the BCARF Executive Committee attended the December 13, 2010 meeting of BACURA at the elegant Harvard University Faculty Club. BACURA includes representatives of the university retiree associations of Boston College, Boston University, Harvard and MIT. Biennial meetings hosted in rotation at

each institution encourage cross communication about issues of concern.

Norm Berkowitz, President, and Robbie Tourse, Vice President of BCARF, were the official representatives at this meeting. Rev Joseph Duffy, SJ, BCARF University and Jesuit Community Liaison, and Jean O'Neil, BCARF Secretary, attended to report on the autumn meeting of AROHE (Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education) they attended at Wesleyan University, Connecticut. In addition to the AROHE presentation that is reported elsewhere in this newsletter, all shared three concerns:

First is the need for electronic communication among retirees. The major concern is being able to contact retirees by knowing eMail addresses whether members retain working site or change.

Second is the need for training that many receive from grandchildren but that some institutions are instituting for retirees. HURA (Harvard University Retiree Association) has established a technology committee.

Third is evaluation of appropriateness of popular social communication sites. BU offered a Facebook workshop that was well received. MIT surveyed Twitter and Facebook as communication tools but rejected them. Most are concerned about educating retirees about technological advances and are considering students as resources in addressing these needs from senior centers and committees on aging for participation in activities and programs that was reported to be having negative effects on attendance.

An additional emerging concern that will be a topic for future discussion is members' reports of price increases and cancellations of health plans.

### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TRAVEL/STUDY PROGRAMS**

For information contact Gail Darnell at 617-552-8035 or [gail.darnell@bc.edu](mailto:gail.darnell@bc.edu).

## **MCMULLEN MUSEUM EXHIBIT**



Through objects collected by the Society of Antiquaries of London, the oldest independent learned society concerned with the study of the past, the exhibition traces milestones in the discovery, recording, preservation, interpretation, and communication of Britain's history.

Alongside the Domesday Survey for Winchester, a *Magna Carta* from 1225, a collection of English royal portraits from

Henry VI to Mary I, and works associated with William Morris, founder of the English Arts and Crafts movement are loans from the Yale Center for British Art including rare books, maps, and drawings by Samuel Palmer, Edward Burne-Jones, and Augustus Welby Pugin

### **KEEP WATCH FOR A NOTICE ABOUT A MUSEUM TOUR FOR ARF MEMBERS.**