President’s Message

Dear BCARF Members,

Charged with writing my first letter as president, I selected the scholar’s option, to review past presidential letters, easily available now on our web page. The following are some highlights of our last ten years. Not mentioned are many who have contributed so much; you know who you are.

November 2004:
Jack Lewis: “This fall the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty (BCARF) enters its second year ...”

March 2005:
Jack Lewis: “...in early February, the John H. Donovan Retired Faculty Suite in 21 Campanella Way was formally dedicated...”

April 2007:
Jack Lewis: “Actually, being near the center of building our Association from its inception in late 2002 has been a very rewarding experience for me.”

August 2007:
Norm Berkowitz: “He guided the organization from its very first days until in his view it was able to stand on its own ... Jean Mooney in particular is owed our thanks both as a driving force in initiating our organization, in arranging and overseeing our annual banquet, and in countless other ways.”

January 2008:
Norm Berkowitz: “We now reside in two quite sizeable, newly painted, attractive rooms on the third floor of 3 Lake St. In one room, the computers, printer etc are located and in the other we have a fine small conference and sitting area.” “Finally I would like to publicly thank Jim Skehan for his years of service to our association. From our very beginning Jim served on the Executive Committee and was primarily responsible for bringing speakers to our monthly meetings.”

Fall 2009:
Norm Berkowitz: “In the final membership meeting of the year, a significant change in our bylaws, was proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership. This change created an honorary membership category in our association. This honor will be offered to persons who have made both unusual and significant contributions to both the university and to the ARF.”

Summer 2011:
Jean O’Neil: “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”.

Summer 2012:
Jean O’Neil: “...we needed and appreciated the talents of newly retired Peter Olivieri to bring our website to life. Dennis Taylor successfully pursued his idea for regular research seminars for newly independent scholars. Jean Mooney chaired the continuing Book Club and the Annual Banquet. Peg Dwyer was docent for guided tours of McMullen Art Museum exhibits. Individuals used the computer-equipped office of the Donovan suite to continue their research. General meetings were well attended, the most popular bringing experts on Health Insurance, Social Security and Memory Changes in Aging.”

Summer 2013:
Jean O’Neil: “The highlight of this year was the establishment of Retired Faculty Grants which support travel and expenses for research, lectures, conferences, education, publishing, volunteer work and other significant activities of BCARF members.”

I look forward to seeing you in the fall,

Sincerely,

Dennis Taylor
President, BCARF
Dear BCARF Members,

When I became BCARF President in 2011, I brought inspiration from attending a North American conference of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) where the importance of electronic communication methods was stressed. Coincidentally, the Center for Centers serving the University Provost’s office invited BCARF officers to learn of the assistance the Center could provide. We proceeded to update our brochure, establish a listserv for communicating with members about activities and enabling us to notify members of special events including illness and death of members. Our talented member Peter Olivieri created a website for ongoing communication and preservation of organizational history. Newsletters going back to our origins in 2004 are displayed on the website. We now distribute our newsletter and conduct annual elections on-line. Land mail is available on request.

During my tenure, BCARF continued the traditional activities of offering monthly programs featuring speakers and social interaction around a buffet, a book club meeting monthly and the annual banquet that has increased in attendance each year. Honorary member Peg Dwyer has been our special docent for each art exhibit at the McMullen Museum. Dennis Taylor joined our executive committee hoping to establish a scholarly research seminar series that subsequently become a popular monthly luncheon event that Dennis described at a 2012 AROHE conference and for members of the regional Boston Association of College and University Retirement Associations (BACURA).

Members of the Executive Committee have given generously of time and effort to plan activities including arranging speakers for meetings and actively participating in monthly executive committee meetings. BCARF is very fortunate to benefit from the generosity of our speakers who voluntarily participate, and keep us up-to-date on current concerns of retirees, research outcomes and creative teaching strategies. Students have brought their perspectives to some of our meetings. We have awarded five substantial grants annually to members who submitted proposals that met grant objectives. Currently, we are creating an information source for faculty planning retirement.

It is with great gratitude to the University Provost’s office, the Center for Centers, the University Media Technology Services, University Conference Bureau and Dining Services, the School of Theology and Ministry Librarian, the members of the BCARF Executive Committee and all members of BCARF that I conclude my term and promise support for the future of BCARF.

Sincerely,

Jean A. O’Neil
BCARF President, 2011-2015
RETIREE NEWS

Joe Appleyard, S.J., English & Ministry, reports that he has finally retired from full-time employment, as his job at the office of the New England Province of the Jesuits has come to an end (the Province having merged with the New York Province). For now, Joe plans a three-month sabbatical after which he will work part-time at BC for the Office of Mission and Ministry preparing staff development programs like the ones he helped set up fifteen years ago.

Rosemarie Bodenheimer, English, revised the book she described at a September 2014 BCARF research seminar based on the letters and journals of her parents and grandparents. It was accepted for publication by The University of Alabama Press, and will come out in 2016 as Edgar and Brigitte: German Jewish Emigrés in Mid-Twentieth-Century America. Moving back a century in German Jewish history, she is currently reading about the Mendelssohn family.

Matilda Bruckner, Romance Languages/French, published an article which began years ago as a paper for a conference (in 2009 to be exact!) and went through many transformations before coming out as “Remembering the Trojan War: Violence Past, Present and Future in Boët de Sainte-Maure’s Roman de Troie.” Speculum 90.2 (2015): 366-90. http://journals.cambridge.org/repo_A96JTgilvTDmg6. Talks and recent activities included: 1) Panelist in discussion of Barbara Newman’s Medieval Crossover: Reading the Secular Against the Sacred. Modern Language Association Convention, Vancouver, BC, 8 Jan 2015 (trip expenses covered in large part by a BCARF grant); 2) BCARF research seminar presenter on the Jeu d’Adam, 19 February 2015, Boston College (“an opportunity to reprise a talk I gave in spring 2014 at the Medieval Academy meeting and situate it within the context of my current book project—my thanks to all those who came for their valuable feedback and questions!”); 3) Organizer and participant in session on “Reading and Writing: Jews and Judaism in Medieval French Literature” at the 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 16 May 2015 (my paper was entitled “Encountering the Jew: Gautier de Coincy and Rutebeuf in Dialogue with the Legend of Théophile”); 4) Organizer of three sessions sponsored by the Medieval French Language and Literature Division for next year’s MLA Convention, January 2016, Austin, Texas. Matilda also sent off an article for a fest-schrift to be published in honor of Glynn Burgess, a colleague retired from Liverpool University, and served as Editorial Advisor for Erec et Enide by Chrétien de Troyes (to be published by Gale Cengage in the multi-volume series Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism). Matilda also made a presentation, “Shaping Memory, Shaping History,” to a group of Israelis who meet once a month in Newton for discussion of intellectual issues, in this case the intersection of memory, literature and neuroscience. Another venture was a new departure: a trip to Nepal to aid a friend and the co-founder of EDWON, Eva Kasell, in her work on behalf of women’s groups in the Gorkha district who are trying to better their lives and help their fellow Dalits. “We met daily with the Nepalis in Kathmandu who support these women through ADWAN (Association of Dalit Women in Nepal) and traveled to five different villages to meet with 14 among the more than 60 women’s groups they sponsor. Please visit http://www.edwon.org/ to find out about this wonderful organization and all they’re doing to help women and their families, especially since the devastating earthquake that destroyed 90% of their homes.” Editor’s note via Matilda “EDWON (Empower Dalit Women of Nepal) is a charitable organization founded in the US to help finance and support the work of ADWAN (Association of Dalit Women of Nepal), the group in Nepal that works directly with women’s groups in many villages in Nepal, especially in the Gorkha region.

Christopher Bruell, Political Science, published his book, Aristotle as Teacher: His Introduction to a Philosophic Science (South Bend, Indiana: St. Augustine Press, 2014). Christopher has been continuing his studies, especially in Hegel and Aristotle, to some extent with help from colleagues at St. John’s, Santa Fe, where he now resides.

Sev Bruyn, Sociology, participated in chapter meetings of Veterans for Peace, the annual dinner of ACLU, seminars at BC, the International Nonviolent Peace Force including fundraisers at his house, meetings of Warrior Poets where veterans read their poetry about war, evening sessions where mediums are trained to access spirits who live on the other side after their bodies have died. Sev is recovering from oral surgery and radiation for prostate cancer. “I go daily into my hot tub. Wonderful ...I attend plays performed by the Underground Railway Theater in Cambridge and the New Repertory Theater in Watertown ...I take weekly lessons in the composition of music. They run from songs to symphonies. You can see them on Youtube under my name and their names like The Story of God, Poetry in Music, the Norway Teachers, etc. For a symphonic poem I composed for the New England Conservatory orchestra go to: http://youtu.be/FouS3btXR9I.

Richard Clifford, School of Theology and Ministry, published “The Divine Assembly in Genesis 1-11,” in Fest-
RETIREE NEWS (CONT.)

Harvey Egan, S.J., theology, moved back to St. Mary’s. “The quality of the renovations impresses me very much. When I moved into St. Mary’s in 1975, the darkness and shabbiness struck me forcefully. Also, I was the youngest SJ; now I am the second oldest … I said the first Sunday 8 a.m. Mass after Christmas and how good it was to return to that lovely chapel; newly cleaned stained glass, all the stone also cleaned, new sound system, and AC. What a blessing.” Harvey also wrote a few book reviews for Theological Studies and has one article, “The Eschatological Consciousness of the Christian Mysticism,” accepted as a chapter in a book ed. Bernard McGinn. In a tenure evaluation for a scholar at another University, Harvey wrote: “What a gifted person who moves clearly from Rahner’s notion of God as Mystery to Buddhist views on ‘emptiness’ and then enters into a theological conversation with those experts in Quantum theory.” Harvey also read the excellent manuscript of Fr. Louis Roy, O.P., the first book to look at Christian Mysticism from the point of view of systematic theology. Roy taught here for many years and is now in Ottawa. Harvey has also become the copy editor for a number of foreign Jesuits whose English is not their first language. “I’m back to photographing scenes on our lovely campus and its surroundings. Given my near fatal accident a few years ago, I am still faithful to my physical therapy sessions …Toss in a lunch at Legal Seafood now and then and then and I remain one joyful mighty monk.”

Robert Faulkner, political science, led a reading group of grad students on Francis Bacon’s “civil science” (“I allowed myself to be distracted from a study of Plato on beauty and nobility, of which I did redraft an article on the Hippias Major.”) Bob also wrote for immediate publication several book reviews and short essays, on topics ranging from “Washingaton’s Revolution,” and this country’s contemporary demoralization, to Locke’s politics. “In October Margy and I took a steamboat up the Mississippi …”

William Gamson, sociology, continues to teach one graduate seminar a year as well as meet a weekly non-credit research seminar on Wednesday (Movement/Media Research and Action Project: MRAP) that provides consulting on media strategies for Social Justice Organizations. A major ongoing project is to turn his face-to-face game, SIMSOC (Simulated Society) into an Online version.

Peter Gray, psychology, published a chapter, “Studying Play Without Calling It That: Humanistic and Positive Psychology,” in the Handbook for the Study of Play (2015); conducted, with a colleague (Gia Riley), a survey study of 75

John Dacey, education, published two new books with former Boston College doctoral students, Lisa Fiore and Maggie Mack: Your Anxious Child, second edition, and Your Child’s Social and Emotional Well-Being, both with Houghton-Mifflin. This coming year will be his 50th of continuous teaching at BC.

Robert J. Daly, S.J., theology, presented a paper at the annual meeting in Milwaukee of the Catholic Theological Society of America on the theology of sacrifice in Hans Urs von Balthasar. He spent the next few weeks translating (German to English) a paper on “Liturgy and Authority” for the upcoming meeting in Quebec of the international Societas Liturgica; and then, most recently, coordinated the liturgies and prepared to edit the Proceedings of the 23rd International Congress of Jesuit Ecumenists that met in Vienna July 13–19. For the remainder of the summer, he will be working on several projects at Sankt Georgen (the German equivalent of our STM) in Frankfurt, Germany.
grew unschoolers (adults who were homeschooled but by a method in which they were in charge of their own learning); wrote a chapter, “Mother Nature’s Pedagogy,” for the Palgrave International Handbook of Alternative Education (c. 2015-2016); wrote for the popular press, including an opinion piece for the Boston Globe ("Let Kids Take Risks When They Play") and, with colleague Lenore Skenazy, another for the Wall Street Journal ("Child’s Play is More than Games").

Peter’s blog—Freedom to Learn—for Psychology Today Magazine, continues to be very active, with some 122 essays by Peter, which have received over 4 million views, and been republished and translated in many forms. Peter’s book Free to Learn: How Unleashing the Instinct to Play Will Make Our Children Happier, More Resilient, and Better Students for Life (2013) continues to attract attention, with a paperback edition published this year, and two new translations (Chinese simplified and Italian), on top of the Chinese complex and Romanian translations that appeared the previous year.

Because of his book and blog, Peter is often invited to give talks, 33 in number this year, at education conferences and to other groups concerned with preserving childhood in this era of NCLB and Common Core; he has also participated on many talk shows, many media interviews and been quoted in many published articles. “This has kept me busier than I sometimes think I would like to be, but I feel quite passionate about the ideas I speak about and have a hard time turning down invitations. I continue, however, to find time to enjoy bicycling, kayaking, cross-country skiing, and vegetable gardening ... This has been my biggest year yet for international travel. My wife and I spent two weeks (in December) in northern India visiting Sikh holy sites (and I also visited schools and talked with school personnel in India); and this spring I gave keynote addresses at education conferences in Ireland, Australia, and Singapore.” Peter and his wife moved in February from their home in Shrewsbury to a new home in Norfolk, MA, then Peter had knee replacement surgery (!). Peter invites you to join him on Facebook and consult his Psychology Today blog and alternativestoschool.com.

Lois Haggerty, nursing, and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary June 12th. "He gave me a beautiful bouquet of 50 roses for the occasion.”

Lynda Lytle Holmstrom, sociology, supervised students doing research projects, and one of these students just won the John D. Donovan award for her research on the experience at BC of undergraduate women with Hispanic Heritage. Lynda made a short video about Rape Trauma Syndrome for SAGE (with Ann Wolbert Burgess) to complement their article in the Encyclopedia of Trauma. “And I made presentations at ‘Opportunities In Retirement’ sessions at the American Sociological Association meeting in San Francisco August 2014 and at the Eastern Sociological Society meeting in New York in February 2015.”

Father Robert Imbelli, theology. His book, Rekindling the Christic Imagination: Theological Meditations for the New Evangelization (Liturgical Press), was awarded First Place in the General Interest Category from the Association of Catholic Publishers. He led a seminar on the book for Boston College’s Association of Retired Faculty and lectured to the members of the MDiv Program at the University of Notre Dame. He presented two seminars on the Theology of Ordained Ministry at the annual Liturgical Week at Notre Dame. His article, “The Christocentric Mystagogy of Pope Benedict/ Joseph Ratzinger,” appeared in the Spring issue of the Review, Concilium. He continues to reside and help out at Sacred Heart Church in Newton Centre.

RETIREE NEWS (CONT.)

Margaret Kenney, Mathematics, completed a report on the 50 years of existence of the Boston College Mathematics Institute that included both tangible and digital records for the University archives. “During 2013-2015 I have divided my time between mathematics activities and travels in Italy, France, and most recently the Holy Land. The mathematics activities have included completing a new edition of Number Treasury, a just-published resource book for mathematics educators originally co-authored with Father Stanley Bezuszka, SJ, as well as attending and speaking at mathematics conferences.”

Ronna Krozy, Nursing, remains coordinator of the BCC-SON Global Health Initiative nursing clinical immersion in Nicaragua and supervises undergrads overseas during spring break, now fully funded by the Countess Moira Charitable Foundation, with a 10th trip scheduled. Ronna remains Co-President of the Beth Israel Hospital Nurses’ Alumnae Association. The year featured travel with her husband to South Africa in October, including a safari and seeing Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe.

Peter Kugel, Computer Science, took a bunch of courses at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement and taught one on “Vision and Art”. In the Fall, he visited Vancouver with his wife, Judy and son, Seth who wrote an article about it for the New York Times (http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/28/travel/in-the-northwest-3-trips-planned-by-others.html). “And I got a year older (and deeper in debt?).”

Alan Lawson, History, went to Ireland to sing with Berkshire Choral International in a performance of Haydn’s The Creation, in the grand chapel of the major Irish seminary at the National University in Maynooth, just outside Dublin. Alan pursued family historical research in the Scottish highlands and did the same in Sweden. “Exactly what sort of result will come of all that I don’t yet know. But I expect to belabor colleagues with whatever it turns out to be.”

Vera Lee, Romance Languages, went to Cuba, “which started as a nightmare since it coincided with the Big Storm.” Vera has written an article about the Cuban experience, “Odd Couple in Havana,” a description of a series of unforgettable adventures with an unexpected companion, her son-in-law, a photographer. “We ... paid a mere thirty dollars each per night for our neat B&B and $15 on food. Great photographs. Great memories.”

Jack Lewis, Management, will complete fourteen years as a weekly volunteer at a beautiful National Wildlife Refuge on Sachuest Point, and for the past several years has been
a member of the Executive Board of the Middletown, RI Senior Center, which offers noon meals and a wide variety of programs addressing needs of senior members of the community.

**Cynthia Lichtenstein**, **Law School**, remains active in the international organizations in which she has been involved—still serving as a Vice Chair of the International Law Association, headquartered in London. She continues to attend the meetings of the American Branch of the ILA of which she is a former President, and tries to keep up with international economic affairs, particularly the Greek situation.

**David Lowenthal**, **Political Science**, completed an analysis of *Hamlet* to be added to his Shakespeare book for a second edition, and led several Shakespeare seminars at Assumption College. “My interpretation of Hamlet would interest you: it’s that he’s an experiment in combining the Christian and classical virtues, or the natural and supernatural man, à la St. Thomas Aquinas.”

**Frank McLaughlin**, **Economics**, and his wife Claire participated in a Karaoke session singing Hank Williams version of “Hey Good Looking,” posted on YouTube under “Frank makes his debut in Ormond Beach, FL” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4MKn1sYwoA). Frank published a short essay, “Two Concepts of Rationality” posted by Tim Muldoon on his blog on Patheos (http://www.patheos.com/blogs/thecapstone/2015/06/guest-post-two-concepts-of-rationality-francism-claughlin/); also, a comment posted on the Professors Blog of the Massachusetts Pro Life Legal Defense Fund (http://plldf.org/frankmlaughlincomment.html). Frank participated in the annual Lonergan Workshop at Boston College in June; made extensive comments on a draft of Harold Petersen’s paper “Lonergan, Schumpeter, Keynes, Minsky, and Mainstream Economics”; served as Treasurer of The Saint John Chrysostom Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul; wrote an evaluation of the American Principles Project’s monograph *The 21st Century Case for Gold: a New Information Theory of Money* by George Gilder; read Pope Francis’ *Encyclical on the environment*. “I continue to sift through books and papers that are in the Economics Department Office I’ve managed to hold on to until now. I am almost at the point where this onerous task is finished, and I’m ready to give up the office when the department needs it for a new arrival. I’ve posted comments on several blogs, and I have followed several public issues and I communicate via email on these issues with my sons, daughters, brothers, sister, my forty plus nieces and nephews, and several close friends.”

**Jean Mooney**, **Education**, received a BCARF grant to support her volunteer work at St. Columbkille’s Partnership School in Brighton. The work supports students, several from Boston Public Schools, who struggle in the absence of remedial services. Identifying specific learning strategies to meet the academic needs, the program envisions the possibility of adapting the principles of “Game-based Learning” to enhance the higher order thinking skills of fourth to eighth graders who remain after dismissal. Jean, a new Member-at-Large on the BCARF executive committee, coordinates the BCARF Book Club and annually chairs the BCARF banquet that had a record number of attendees this year.

**David Northrup**, **History**, has been hard at work on two chapters for the *Oxford Illustrated World History*. “The more challenging one surveys ideas around the world during the 1900 years after 500 BC: philosophy, science, world religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Islam), with a bit on art and architecture. In comparison, the one on economics, demography, climate, and disease seems a dawdle and covers a mere five centuries years (since the fourteenth ).” In addition to taking over the BCARF seminar next year, David is running for president of the Northeast Regional World History Association. This past February and March David and Nancy enjoyed the warmth, scenery, food, and wines of Australia and New Zealand.

**Peter Olivieri**, **Computer Science**, became a Golden Eagle in June, celebrating his 50th BC reunion. **Rita Olivieri**, **Nursing**, participated in the BC Alumni Service Project during the weekend. Both were featured in the Alumni Association videos of reunion events.

**Jean O’Neil**, **Nursing**, joined her 1955 undergraduate class for their 60th BC reunion and served as Eucharistic Minister at the memorial Mass. Jean met many former BC Nursing students who were celebrating reunions from the 70’s and 80’s at the Mass.

**Dia Philippides**, **Classical Studies**, has been building websites and preserving media (audio and video) for Greek Studies, in collaboration with the Center for Teaching Excellence (IDeS) and the BC Libraries. She published an article, “Monikin, Hollow Testament’s hero, with his author on the air in Boston,” on the BC Libraries’ new eScholarship plat-
form (http://hdl.handle.net/2345/bc-ir:103950). She gave a number of invited lectures in Greece (on the Cretan Renaissance and the Greek Enlightenment) that have been videotaped and are posted online. She is preparing for publication her project “CENSUS of Modern Greek Literature” (a collection of references to all English translations of modern Greek literature and all English-language essays on topics in modern Greek literature). Renewed collaboration with the BC Libraries is lending new strengths to the (large) digital project.

Rachel Spector, nursing, once again taught a Capstone seminar during the fall semester. “My husband and I spent 1 month in Honolulu followed by 9 weeks in Laguna Woods, California. We entirely missed the snow!!! I learned to Skype lectures and presented at the University of Wisconsin and Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu. Also lectured in person at Emanuel and Regis Colleges. For the most part, it was a quiet year.”


John Savage, education, has published an on-line young adult novel, entitled Kristal, which is the story of a teen age homeless girl who is befriended by a program assistant at a homeless center.

Robert Scigliano, political science, “realized that underlining interesting things in works I have read in the past pays off in retirement, where I find myself lingering over books and sometimes articles when filing them in new locations. I have been surprised by how much I have relearned in this way. This enterprise has been helped by my having taken seriously though not literally Benjamin Disraeli’s advice to be a person of one book.”

Lawrence Scott, chemistry, just retired after 44 years of teaching and research and closed down his research laboratory in the Merkert Chemistry Center. “My wife and I had moved to BC in 1993 from the University of Nevada, Reno, and we are returning to Reno, ‘The Biggest Little City in the World’...The lack of state income tax, the affordability of housing, and the satisfaction of selling my snow blower to my neighbor in Newton likewise made our return to Reno irresistible...I opened a Facebook account, and can now keep up with the goings-on in the daily lives of our 5 children, 6 grandchildren, and some large number of nephews, nieces, cousins, and siblings. We also resumed our participation in Kairos Prison Ministry, an activity we had missed in Massachusetts, where the prison wardens have not approved the program...My professional activities have included seven conferences in the US, Spain, Japan, and Morocco in the last 12 months, two of which I organized, and I am scheduled to present lectures on my research at seven more symposia in the US and abroad between now and next April. Unfettered by teaching commitments and the responsibility of running my own research lab, I am now enjoying the freedom to visit friends all over the world and to remain professionally active through my interactions with them and their students... We felt sad for everyone in Boston last winter as we heard about your 9’ of snow on the national weather reports, but we were not unhappy to be out of town! Life is good.”

Charles Smith, education, reports that his 20-year-old granddaughter, Asia, will graduate from Brown University this month. She has been awarded a 2015 Fulbright Scholarship. Asia will serve as the USA Cultural Ambassador to Taiwan for one year.

Paul Spagnoli, history, and his wife Pam made a two and a half week Road Scholar art tour of Spain, five days each in Madrid and Barcelona, and in between there were visits to Toledo, Cuenca, Burgos, Bilbao, San Sebastián, and Figueres. “We saw lots of great art and an interesting portion of a country we had never visited before.”

RETIREE NEWS (CONT.)

Rebecca Valette, ROMANCE LANGUAGES, and her husband, Jean-Paul (recovering from by-pass surgery in January), have been busy working on a manuscript on Navajo Weavings with Ceremonial Themes. “The Interlibrary Loan department at O’Neill has been wonderful, by the way, in helping us track down obscure archives and old museum catalogs. We will be going to Santa Fe in August to attend the Antique Indian Shows to finalize our research. With luck, the book should be published in April or May 2016. We have also been working closely with the Art Museum of Mount Holyoke College in preparation of an exhibit of Navajo weavings with Yeibichai Dancers that we are curating. The show will be up during the entire spring semester 2016.”


Judith Wilt, ENGLISH, following the publication of her book, Women Writers and the Hero of Romance, continued work on some writing projects, among them a review of a recent book on the treatment of Catholicism in eighteenth and nineteenth-century English Gothic Fiction. “Last fall, preparing to teach a one credit BC course in Horror Stories in the spring, I discovered a new field of interest while researching fictions about zombies and chose one to use in the course -- The Reapers are the Angels, by Alden Bell (I recommend it highly, believe it or not!). With the help of a grant from BCARF, I attended the International Gothic Association biennial conference in Vancouver in July and gave a paper, ‘Blind is the New Dead: Zombies and Soldiers in Three Novels.’ I am on the books to teach another one credit course in spring 2016, this one on ‘Storytelling about Catholics.’” Judith served as BCARF secretary pro-tem in 2014-15, and was elected to a further two year term in May.

NEW RETIREEs

Welcome to the following faculty who now join us in retirement. As of Spring 2015:

Robert L. Chibka, ENGLISH
Richard Clifford, S.J., THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY
Howard Enoch, THEATER
Donald L. Hafner, VICE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Evan R. Kantrowicz, CHEMISTRY
Sanford N. Katz, LAW
Harry L. Rosser, ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE
Paul G. Schervish, SOCIOLOGY
Kenneth Schwartz, MANAGEMENT & ACCOUNTING
William B. Stevenson, MANAGEMENT & ORGANIZATION
Frank F. Taylor, HISTORY
Robert J. Wolff, BIOLOGY

REMEmBRANCES

Condolences to the families and colleagues of the following:

Joseph Casey, S.J., PHILOSOPHY
Jacqueline Criscenti, MATHEMATICS
Radu Florescu, HISTORY
Marjory Gordon, NURSING
Carol Morris Petillo, HISTORY
Kenneth Schwartz, MANAGEMENT & ACCOUNTING
Jack Shea, CLASSICAL STUDIES

Please notify BCARF if you know of any member who is ill or deceased. We send cards to ill members and to the families of deceased faculty when we have information and addresses.

LISTSERV EMAIL

The BCARF ListServ, bcarf_mailinglist@listserv.bc.edu, is used to communicate invitations to meetings and pertinent announcements. The listserv is monitored by the Center for Centers. Send any change of email to President Dennis Taylor (dennis.taylor@bc.edu).
HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014–2015

PAST PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER
The Art and Science of Documentary Filmmaking
Michael Rossi, ’99, independent producer of documentary film and non-fiction television

OCTOBER
A Book’s Afterlife: Ireland’s Magdalene Laundries, Academic Advocacy, and Restorative Justice
James Smith, Associate Professor, English, Boston College

NOVEMBER
A Discussion of Collegiate Athletics at Boston College and Beyond
Brad Bates, Director of Athletics, Boston College

FEBRUARY
Six Communities of Roman Pot and Glass Recyclers in Early Post-Roman Britain
Robin Fleming, Professor, History Department, Boston College

MARCH
International Students & Scholars at BC: Trends, Challenges & Opportunities.
Adrienne Nussbaum, Dean and Director, Office of International Students and Scholars

APRIL
Immortality and the Law and the Power of Money
Ray Madoff, Professor of Law at Boston College

MAY
Wealth and Philanthropy and You: Context, Patterns, Myths, Meaning, and Mobilizing Experiences
Paul Schervish, Retiring Director of Boston College Center on Wealth and Philanthropy

FALL 2015 SPEAKER PREVIEW

Program meetings take place in the Auditorium of the School of Theology and Ministry Library with a light luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. and program at noon. Parking is available adjacent to the auditorium with an open ramp leading to the entry. If anyone needs railings as well, there is access on the upper level to an elevator. The invitations will describe the presentation topics.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
Sandra Waddock, Management

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015
Joe Quinn, Economics and Administration

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015
Carlo Rotella, English

Dennis Sardella and Judith Wilt present at the October and November research seminars respectively.
BCARF BOOK CLUB SELECTION

The Book Club, chaired by Jean Mooney, meets monthly for a general program on a literary topic, focused on a collectively chosen book, and plans a reading-related field trip annually.

The following books were discussed in 2014-15:

- **October 2014**: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt
- **November 2014**: *George Washington’s Spy Ring* by Don Yaeger
- **December 2014**: *The Long Way Home* by Louise Penny
- **January 2015**: *The Dinner* by Herman Koch
- **February 2015**: *Cascade* by Maryanne O’Hara
- **March 2015**: *The 100 year old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson
- **April 2015**: *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
- **May 2015**: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

2015-2016 BOOK SELECTIONS

- **September**: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
- **October**: *Dead Wake: The Last Voyage of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson
- **November**: *Those Who Love* by Irving Stone
- **December**: *Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman
- **January**: *Damascus Gate* by Robert Stone
- **February**: *Inside the O’Briens* by Lisa Genova

Meetings take place on Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.–noon, at 3 Lake Street. See calendar for dates.

BCARF RESEARCH SEMINAR

The research seminars, supported by the BCARF, began in the academic year 2011-12. Seminars were open to all BC faculty who were invited to participate on an occasional or regular basis, and to share either professional research or intellectual interests. In 2014-15, the list of seminars included:

- **Rosemarie Bodenheimer**, ENGLISH
  “Edgar and Brigitte: German/Jewish/American Lives” • September 11, 2014

- **Dennis Sardella**, CHEMISTRY & PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS
  “Language and Symbolism in Icons” • October 16, 2014

- **Judith Wilt**, ENGLISH
  “Writing ‘Romance’: from the Dissertation to ‘the Retirement book’” • November 13, 2014

- **Walter Haney**, CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF TESTING, LYNCH SCHOOL
  “Using drawings in research and teaching (and war)” • January 22, 2015

- **Rachel Spector**, NURSING
  “Amulets, Remedies, and Shrines” • November 20, 2013

- **Matilda Bruckner**, ROMANCE LANGUAGES/FRENCH
  “Why do Christians need the Jewish other to define themselves?” • February 19, 2015

- **Rev. Robert Imbelli**, THEOLOGY
  “Eucharistic Vision and Practice: the Heart of Catholicism” • March 19, 2015

FALL 2015 RESEARCH SEMINAR TOPICS

- **Phil Altbach**, EDUCATION
  “Trends in Global Higher Education” • September 17, 2015

- **Laurel Eisenhauer**, NURSING
  “Searching for Annie: Adventures in Historical Research in a Small Town” • October 15, 2015

- **Hugh Ault**, LAW
  “Experiences in OECD Tax Policy Making” • November 12, 2015

Research Seminars are held in the first floor conference room at 3 Lake Street from 12–2:00 p.m. with a light lunch served.
RETIREDB FACULTY GRANT PROPOSALS INVITED FOR 2015-16

Applications are invited, for amounts ranging from $100 to $1,000 per person, for the purposes of research travel and expenses, lectures, conferences, education, publishing, volunteer work, and other significant activities. A committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty will review all applications. Projects should be completed at least by the end of the academic year following the year of the award. A brief report on the outcome of the funded effort is to be prepared and submitted to the President of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty by the end of academic year 2015-16.

Proposals should be submitted to the President of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty (dennis.taylor@bc.edu) by November 15, 2015. Awards will be announced the first week of December 2015. Proposals may be submitted at other times and awards made based on the availability of funds.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Cover sheet
- Description of proposed project (two pages maximum):
  - Objectives for the proposed work and its significance;
  - Relationship of project objectives to 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.

ADDRESS PROPOSALS TO:
Dennis Taylor
President, Boston College Association of Retired Faculty
dennis.taylor@bc.edu

IN 2014-15, THE FOLLOWING FACULTY RECEIVED AWARDS:

- **Matilda Bruckner**, **ROMANCE LANGUAGES/FRENCH**, Travel expenses for Modern Language Association Annual Convention 2015

- **Jean Mooney**, **LYNCH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**, Project to design “Academic Support for Students Who Struggle in a Catholic School Environment”

- **Richard Rowland**, **GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**, Civic development and community well-being in Tsakane, South Africa, an ongoing project requiring travel


- **Judith Wilt**, **ENGLISH**, Attendance at the “Bi-annual Conference of the International Gothic Association”

Paul Spagnoli catches up with a former student Michael Rossi ’99, documentary filmmaker, at the September 2014 meeting.
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

Retired faculty members can assist at the University Commencement in May by being a marshal, host, or hostess. Those interested in being a host, hostess, or marshal may contact Terry Devino, S.J. (terrence.devino@bc.edu).

Retired faculty volunteering for Spring 2015 included Dal Fisher, David Northrup, and Jean O’Neil as marshals; and Rosemary Krawczyk served as a university hostess.

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), BCARF Vice President. Anyone willing to be a holiday host should contact Adrienne Nussbaum at 617-552-8005.

WESTON JESUIT VISITATION

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

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.

Guests arrive and mingle at the 2015 Annual Banquet
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2015-2016

President: Dennis Taylor, ENGLISH
Vice-President: Rosemary Krawczyk, NURSING
Secretary pro tem: Judith Wilt, ENGLISH
Treasurer: Charles Landraitis, MATHEMATICS
Members-at-Large: Jean Mooney, EDUCATION & David Northrup, HISTORY
Jesuit Liaison: Rev. Joseph Duffy, S.J.
Past President: Jean O’Neil, NURSING
Administrative Liaison: Ana Tejada, CENTER FOR CENTERS

In May 2015, the following members were elected to the Executive Committee via the first on-line voting method, as noted above: Dennis Taylor, Jean Mooney, Judith Wilt.

Current committees and special groups, in addition to the Executive Committee, include:

- Budget Committee (treasurer Charles Landraitis, Dal Fisher, Ron Pawlicek)
- Grants Committee (Norm Berkowitz, Dennis Taylor, Dal Fisher, Rosemary Krawczyk as back up if necessary)
- Space Committee (Rosemary Krawczyk)
- Committee on Emeritus College (David Northrup, Dennis Taylor)
- Weston Jesuits Visiting Committee (Joe Duffy, S.J.)
- AROHE sub-group on Retirement Planning (Jean O’Neil, Rosemary Krawczyk, Fr Joe Duffy SJ)
- Communications Committee: Newsletter (Jean O’Neil); Website (Peter Olivieri)
- Banquet (Jean Mooney)
- Research Seminar (David Northrup)
- Book Club (Jean Mooney)
- Art Tours (Peg Dwyer)
NEED COMPUTER HELP?

The Faculty Micro Resource Center (FMRC), 617-552-4349, moving in late August to the new Center for Teaching Excellence (CLE) on the second level of O’Neill Library, is at your service moderated by:

M.J. Connolly, Slavic/Eastern, cnnmj@bc.edu, 617-552-3912
Kit Baum, Economics, baum@bc.edu, 617-552-3673
Clare O’Connor, Biology, clare.oconnor@bc.edu, 617-552-2553

For staffed hours see www.bc.edu/fmrc. Come by the FMRC during staffed hours with your BC ID to register for round-the-clock 24×7 access to the latest technology (e.g. a 3D printer and scanner) and peer-to-peer consultation.

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

JOHN DONOVAN SUITE: Brighton Campus

3 Lake Street, Rooms 302-303 | t: 617-552-6051
Contact Dennis Taylor for keys.

PARKING FOR BCARF EVENTS

There are Visitor (2 hour) parking spaces uphill from 3 Lake St. for book club or research seminar meetings. There is ample open parking at the Theology and Ministry Library for program meetings. G stickers may also be purchased by Retired Faculty, with payment by check, at the Office for Student Services, Lyons Hall 101.

BCARF WEBSITE: www.bc.edu/retiredfaculty

Our website is frequently updated, and managed by Peter Olivieri.

It features many items of interest including the calendar of General Meetings, Faculty Seminars, Book Club discussions, Annual Banquet, Obituaries, Retirement Planning and Handbooks, Benefits, Directions, as well as current and past Newsletters.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Jean O’Neil

Graphic Designer: Michelle Muccini

The BCARF Bulletin is published annually and is available on the BCARF website. Notification of its publication will be sent to the Listserv. An issue will generally include a review of recent BCARF activities, announcements of upcoming events and calendar for the coming year, useful information such as privileges available to members, and news capsules relating to the lives, activities and health of retirees.

RETIRED FACULTY HANDBOOK & PLANNING

See BCARF website; also see
www.bc.edu/publications/fachbk/policies/retiredfac.html

Info on health benefits is at:
www.bc.edu/hr/resources/handbook/hbk-benefits.html
(scroll down to the end of the section)
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BCARF CALENDAR 2015-16

The Program Meetings will be held from 11:30 a.m to 2:00 p.m., with lecture beginning at noon. Meetings will take place at the Theology and Ministry Library, 117 Lake Street, Room 113. A light luncheon of sandwiches and beverages will be served. Directions to the library (in yellow on the map) can be accessed at http://www.bc.edu/a-z/maps/s-brighton.html. Parking is available at the library lot. There is a ramp at the parking lot entrance and elevator at the regular entrance.

The Book Club meets from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the John Donovan Suite, Room 302, 3 Lake Street.

The Executive Committee meets noon to 1:45 p.m. in the John Donovan Suite, Room 302, 3 Lake Street.

The Research Seminar meets from noon to 1:45 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, 3 Lake Street, with a light lunch served.

SEPTEMBER
• Thursday, September 10, Noon Executive Committee
• Thursday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. Book Club
• Thursday, September 17, Noon Research Seminar
• Thursday, September 24, 11:30 a.m Program Meeting

OCTOBER
• Thursday, October 8, Noon Executive Committee
• Thursday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. Book Club
• Thursday, October 15, Noon Research Seminar
• Thursday, October 22, 11:30 a.m Program Meeting

NOVEMBER
• Thursday, November 5, Noon Executive Committee
• Thursday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. Book Club
• Thursday, November 12, Noon Research Seminar
• Thursday, November 19, 11:30 a.m Program Meeting

DECEMBER
• Thursday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. Book Club

JANUARY
• Thursday, January 14, Noon Executive Committee
• Thursday, January 21, 10:00 a.m. Book Club
• Thursday, January 21, Noon Research Seminar
• Thursday, January 28, 11:30 a.m. Program Meeting

FEBRUARY
• Thursday, February 11, Noon Executive Committee
• Thursday, February 18, 10:00 a.m. Book Club
• Thursday, February 18, Noon Research Seminar
• Thursday, February 19, 11:30 a.m. Program Meeting

MARCH
• Thursday, March 3, Noon Executive Committee
• Thursday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. Book Club
• Thursday, March 10, Noon Research Seminar
• Thursday, March 17, 11:30 a.m. Program Meeting

APRIL
• Thursday, April 7, Noon Executive Committee
• Thursday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. Book Club
• Thursday, April 14, Noon Research Seminar
• Thursday, April 21, 11:30 a.m. Program Meeting

MAY
• Thursday, May 12, Noon Executive Committee
• Thursday, May 19, 11:30 a.m. Annual and Program Meeting
• (No Research Seminar or Book Club in May)
• Wednesday, May 25, 5:30 p.m. Annual Banquet in the Murray Room of Yawkey Center

JUNE
• Thursday, June 2, Transitions Meeting, Donovan Suite