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Donald Monan, SJ speaking at meeting of ARF



Margaret Dwyer as docent for special ARF tour of a McMullen Museum exhibit

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Today as I write it is the very first day of the year 2010. If I were younger I would report to you all the things I did last night. But things being what they are I can tell you what I did *not* do. I did not participate in one of those dreadful parties that I sometime attended in my salad days. I did not wear a silly cone shaped hat nor did I bother people with a noisemaker. In fact I did not even make it until midnight. But I am quite pleased with myself for having made it this far. And since you are now reading this, you too are among those who have reason to be pleased with themselves. Congratulations to us all!! I hope that you had a truly merry Christmas together with those you love and that the coming year will be a happy and healthy one for you.

I am pleased to report to you that we have made our first invitations to two absolutely outstanding members of the Boston College community to become honorary members of ARF. Both Fr. **Monan** and Peg **Dwyer** have honored us by accepting membership and I hope they will find it possible to join our activities as their schedules permit.

During the first semester three exceptional presentations were made during our monthly program meetings. In September Tom **O'Connor** discussed a book of essays dealing with Boston's ethnic, political, and religious history. Given his own outstanding work in this same field it was very appropriate that the volume was written in Tom's honor.

In October Dr. Joyce **Pulcini** gave an audiovisual presentation describing an experience provided to students preparing to be nurse practitioners. In Guatemala they were exposed to the health needs -

particularly for those in poverty – that exist in an underdeveloped country. It was eye opening for those students and for those of us who heard her talk.

In November we heard from Richard **Jefferson**, Executive Director for Institutional Diversity, Office for Institutional Diversity. He discussed Boston College's mechanisms for insuring diversity throughout the school. The institutional structure proved to be quite elaborate and in most ways seemed successful in insuring opportunity for all. The number of questions by our members indicated great interest in the topic.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the programs that will be presented in the second semester. The programs have all been selected by the Executive Committee. However we would like to hear from you. Please communicate to me or to any of our officers, the topics you would like have presented in one of our monthly meetings. Along with a topic it would be helpful if you identify a speaker from our community who could present it.

You might be aware that Fr. Jim **Skehan** served for many years as the liaison between our association and the Jesuit community. We have been without direct contact now for some years since Jim's health does not allow him to continue in that role. We have missed him and his help. However we are truly fortunate that Fr. Joe **Duffy** has agreed to assume this responsibility. In addition to Jesuit matters he now meets with the Executive Committee providing his wisdom in all matters under discussion.

Recently it has been brought to my attention that at some schools retired faculty have offered to teach a course without compensation. It would be a way of contributing to the university. I know that some of you continue some teaching responsibilities WITH compensation. So this does not apply to you. But for others I would like to know whether you would be willing to teach a single *pro bono* course and what that course would be. Of course I do not know whether our departments (or perhaps the Woods CAS) would be interested in our offering. Obviously this would be decided on a case by case basis. If you have any interest in this please get in touch with me. We will have to figure out how to make it happen.

I guess this is all for now. I have put off snow shoveling as long as I can. Assuming I survive I look forward to seeing you at our future meetings.

Norm Berkowitz
President

ARF CALENDAR— SPRING 2010

On the days of Program Meetings, please bring your lunch and adjourn to the third floor Faculty Suite after the program and enjoy informal talk and camaraderie with your colleagues.

Unless otherwise indicated, Program Meetings are held 10:30 to noon in the Conference Room on the first floor of 3 Lake Street on the Brighton campus.

Book Club meetings are held 10:30 to noon in the ARF Suite on the third floor of 3 Lake Street.

January

Thursday, January 14, 10:30 AM
ARF Book Club

Thursday, January 21, 10:30 AM

Program Meeting: The ARF History Project/Book.

February

Thursday, February 11 10:30 AM

ARF Book Club

Thursday, February 25 10:30 AM

Program Meeting: BC's International Presence.

March

Thursday, March 11 10.30 AM

ARF Book Club

Thursday, March 25 10:30 AM

Program Meeting: BC 2010. Faculty Perspectives.

April

Thursday, April 15 10:30 AM

ARF Book Club

Friday, April 23 11:00 AM

McMullen Museum ARF Tour.

(meet at the Museum)

Thursday, April 29 10:30 AM

Program Meeting: BC 2010. Student Perspectives

May

Thursday, May 06 10:30 AM

ARF Book Club

Thursday, May 20 10:30 AM

Annual Meeting and Elections.

Program: BC's Sesquicentennial (150th Year) Celebration. .

Monday, May 24

University Commencement.

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

Wednesday, May 26 5:30 PM

ARF Annual Banquet. Yawkey Center.

RETIREE NEWS

Please send your personal and professional news to Laurel Eisenhauer laurel.eisenhauer@bc.edu
Deadline for the next newsletter: **June 1, 2010.**



Rebecca Valette has published the results of her recent research into the history of Navajo art in an article entitled "Yah-nah-pah's 'Ceremonial' Weavings," in the August 2009 issue of the British magazine *HALI: Carpet, Textile & Islamic Art*

Rebecca Valette and her husband Jean-Paul have been honored with an award for their humanitarian work by the Saint Boniface



Haiti Foundation (SBHF) which provides health care to the poor of Haiti in the

rural area of Fond des Blancs.

Rebecca and Jean-Paul Valette have introduced French students to the history and artistry of the Haitian people since 1975, and became aware of the work of the Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation through the sermons of Boston College Law School Associate Professor Francis Herrmann, SJ, who has served on the foundation's board for six years. "The Valettes have made a crucial difference to hundreds of Haitian families who now have a bright future, where before they had no chance," according to Fr. Herrmann. "They began supporting the construction of sturdy houses for people who had lived in tiny shacks with mud floors and leaky palm roofs," he said. "Rebecca and Jean-Paul then personally traveled to Haiti, bringing with them their granddaughter Zoe, to experience first-hand both the need and the courage of the Haitian people.

As soon as the Valettes saw the many hundreds of children around the village who dream of going to school but cannot afford to," Fr. Herrmann added, they "began supporting educational projects that have transformed poor and illiterate youngsters into proud, enthusiastic students.

http://www.bc.edu/offices/pubaf/news/Valette_award2009_1005.html

John Mahoney continues to be a Reader on the J. Robert Barth, S.J. Poetry Reading Series sponsored by the Burns Library. Four CDs-*The Poetry of Faith, Freedom: America's Literary Voices, The Poetry of Ireland* (read to our members at one of the ARF programs), and *Sonnets of Shakespeare*.

He is currently working on a fifth CD-*The Romantic Voice Poems of Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, and Keats*.

John was a conference participant at the 15th



Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Human Ideas of Ultimate Reality and Meaning at the University of

Toronto in August. He delivered a Research Session Paper on "William Wordsworth Poetry and Religious Practice".

Ronna E. Krozy presented "Preparing Nurses for Global Health through Service/Learning Immersion Experiences" at Nursing Grand Rounds as part of Latino Heritage Month at Children's Hospital Boston.



Marjory Gordon was named a "Living Legend" by the American Academy of Nursing at its annual meeting in Atlanta in November. She also was honored by Connell School colleagues at a reception in the Yawkey Center's Murray Conference Room. Since 1994, the American Academy of Nursing has named select outstanding members as "Living Legends," recognizing them for their extraordinary lifetime achievement. A faculty member in the Connell School for 23 years, Gordon is



internationally renowned for her visionary development of the Eleven Functional Health Patterns (FHP), an assessment framework that has provided generations of nurses with a format for patient diagnosis. Her groundbreaking work in clinical reasoning and nursing language development has helped give nurses a voice in patient care outcomes and has led to the adoption of nursing language in the emerging area of electronic medical recordkeeping

BC ARF BOOK CLUB



ARF Book Club in Newport, Rhode Island: Dal Fisher, Laura Fisher, Peg Murphy, Rosemary Krawczyk, Joan Jones, Jean Mooney, and Jean O'Neil.

The Book Club began its season with a discussion of *The Gods of Newport* by John Jakes followed by a trip to Newport. Dal and Laura Fisher, Joan Jones, Rosemary Krawczyk, Jean Mooney, Peg Murphy, and Jean O'Neil enjoyed audio-guided tours of the Breakers Mansion and The Elms with a delightful lunch in between. The differences in lifestyle of the families occupying these "cottages", as they were called, sharply contrasted with the Elms, being more relaxed. The landscaping and tree variety of the Elms rivaled the ocean view from the Breakers. The personalities of the occupants echoed characteristics that Jakes illustrated in the people of his novel. The art and architecture was opulent. The stories of

costume change for daily life, the size of the closets, the attention to flowers and food and the size of the kitchens underlined the value of the local people, often Irish immigrants, who served these families. There was a note in *The Elms* from a daughter of an original housekeeper who sent all her children to college. That daughter now lives in view of *The Elms*. A very interesting story and trip!

Rosemary **Krawczyk** led the discussion of the October selection *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, the third book by that author the group has read. Each book was different in theme but similarly based upon intensive historical research.

Autumn concluded with *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz with Eileen **Plunkett** as discussant moderating strong feelings generated by this reading.

On January 14, 2010 at 10.30 AM Jean **Mooney** leads discussion of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. This writing evolved from the experience of the Guernsey Island people, the only British territory occupied by the Nazis during World War II.

DEATHS

Condolences to the families and colleagues of:

Mary **Daly** (Theology)

Rita P. **Kelleher** (Dean *emerita*, Nursing)

William C. **McInnes**, S.J.,
(CSOM, Chaplain, BC Alumni Association)

Richard T. **Murphy**, (Philosophy)

Rev. James A. **O'Donohoe** (Theology)

Thomas P. **O'Malley**, S.J.
(Theology, Dean *emeritus*, College of Arts and Sciences)

BC ARF Executive Committee 2009-2010

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NEED COMPUTER HELP?

The Faculty Micro Resource Center, (**FMRC**) in Gasson 010- (Basement) is at your service, moderated by

M.J. Connolly (Slavic & Eastern, cnnmj@bc.edu, 552.3912),

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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 automatic document-feed scanning (ADF), the iPad (March), high-definition video, color laser printing.

In June the FMRC will be moving temporarily to Carney 403-404 during the complete renovation of Gasson Hall, which should last eighteen months.

THIS AND THAT

CONFERENCE ON AGING:

Save the Date of April 10, 2010

Mark your calendar now.

A major, day-long conference on "The Journey of Aging: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life" will be held at Robsham Theater featuring the President of AARP and BC School of Nursing alum, Jennie Chin Hansen '70.

Come hear Jennie and other experts from the fields of theology, ministry and health talk about how the challenges of growing older are being re-defined by faith and service.

Learn of the surprising new discoveries being made linking mental health and emotional well-being to faith and community. Look for more information coming in soon.

From: <http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/spirituality.html>

BC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TRAVEL PROGRAM

BC Alumni Association's 2010 tours includes travels to: Mekong River, Provence, Croatia's Riviera, Greece, the Alps and the Oberammergau Passion Play, Mediterranean cruises, Egypt, Tuscany, and South Africa.

For more information go to:

<http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/travel.html>

or contact Gail Darnell, director of travel and special projects, at 617-552-8035 or gail.darnell@bc.edu.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM EXHIBIT: ASIAN JOURNEYS.

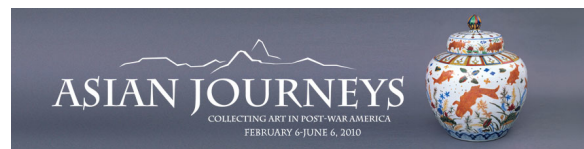
Asian Journeys:

Collecting Art in Post-war America

The exhibition examines the intersection of history, international relations, personal relationships and art collecting through a rich display of exceptional objects from Asia Society's jewel-like permanent collection, according to exhibition organizers.

The exhibit explores the sociopolitical context for American collecting of Asian Art in the post-World War II period with a focus on the collecting practice of John D. Rockefeller 3rd (JDR 3rd, 1906-1978, the son of collectors John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller), and his wife, Blanchette Hooker Rockefeller (1909-1992).

From: http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/artmuseum/exhibitions/archive/asian-journeys/index.html



ARF members (and family and friends) will have a special tour of this exhibit on **Friday, April 23, 2010 at 11 AM.**

Peg Dwyer will be our docent for the tour. Meet at the museum at 11 AM.

