

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear BCARF members,

A year and a half ago when I was asked if I would accept nomination to serve as Vice President of the BCARF, all I knew about the Association was that since I retired in 2013 I had enjoyed their functions (banquets, program meetings, research seminars), and the officers seemed like a nice group of people. During the past year I have learned a lot, but my original impressions have only been confirmed.

I have also experienced a life-changing experience with the birth of my first grandchild last June. I had not fully anticipated the pull she would exert on my wife and me. I didn't expect that when our daughter's maternity leave ended, we would feel compelled to rent an apartment in Philadelphia for the past spring semester so that we could help out with child care and share in Dorothy's seventh through tenth months.

Despite being out of state almost all of the time from mid-January through the end of April, I was unable to head off my nomination to serve as your next president—so here I am. I look forward to continuing to enjoy BCARF activities and to do all I can to continue the able leadership of Dennis Taylor and, before him, Jean O'Neil. Dennis will still serve on the Executive Committee as immediate past President, but Jean has now completed her service, as has Jean Mooney, who has stepped down upon finishing her term as Member-at-Large. It is with some trepidation that I contemplate presiding over the Association without the aid of the two Jeans, whose selfless and seemingly indefatigable efforts have done so much to help it flourish in the years since I retired and, I am sure, long before that as well. Fortunately, Jean O'Neil has agreed to edit one more annual newsletter this summer, and Jean Mooney has agreed to "coach" the committee which

will organize next year's annual banquet. Please keep in mind that we will be looking for volunteers to help with both of these activities next spring and summer.

In his farewell statement Dennis has done a splendid job of thanking all those who made the past year a success. He also alluded to our rather traumatic mid-year eviction from the John Donovan Suite of offices at 3 Lake Street. Happily, the Donovan "suite" has been successfully relocated to room 425 in the south wing of St. Clement's Hall, next door to the conference room where our monthly research seminars have been located in recent months. Vice President Kelli Armstrong, who helped us obtain our new location, arranged for a wall to be removed to carve out a reasonable space. I am happy to report that we now have four computers (two iMacs and two Windows machines), a new laser printer/scanner/copier, and a new microwave, all ready for your use. Keys to the office can be obtained from Kelli's Administrative Assistant, Elaine Testa, downstairs in room 300 in the same south wing of St. Clement's. For parking information, please refer to the "Activities and Events" page of the BCARF website.

Finally, let me reiterate Dennis' urging to participate in Association activities. They are a great way to see old friends again, to maintain a connection with Boston College, and—not least—to continue the education which has been such an important feature of our lives. If you have suggestions for these activities or about any aspect of the BCARF, please get in touch. Our granddaughter in Philadelphia is going to continue to exert a pull on me in the coming year, but I will be in Chestnut Hill as often as possible, and I will always be available electronically.

Sincerely,

Paul Spagnoli  
 BCARF President, 2017-2019

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## OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear BCARF Members,

It has been my pleasure to serve as president for the last two years, and now it is my pleasure to retire, no irony intended. The Association is in good hands, with Paul Spagnoli as new president, Dennis Sardella as VP, Loretta Higgins as new member-at-large, and the rest of the Executive

Committee continuing. We have lived in 'interesting' times in the last year, with a sudden move required to St. Clement's Hall. But the Association's activities have continued in full throttle, with programs (directed by Judith Wilt), seminars (directed by David Northrup), book group meetings led by Jean Mooney, museum tours arranged by Peg Dwyer, and the year-end banquet orchestrated by Jean Mooney. Our web page continues to be updated by Peter Olivieri, though we have had to take down the bulletin board which was little used and apparently invaded by Russian agents. The Photo Galleries, produced by Marjorie Sardella, provide ever-varying entertainment. Charles Landraitis has done a wonderful job with the budget and managed well the fake news of an apparent but, in fact, non-existent shortfall. We are very grateful to the STM Library's Head Librarian Esther Griswold for hosting our programs, and to the office of VP Kelli Armstrong for support in our move.

Meetings with Vice Provost for Faculties Billy Soo and Associate Vice Provost Thomas McGuinness show that they are eager to support ways of making our activities known to faculty contemplating retirement. But the delicacy of such communication needs to be negotiated. If you have ideas about this or other things, please let us know.

What we have to give retiring faculty members is a supportive home, an engaged scholarly community, which provides a setting that makes up for the institution that they are leaving (or rather, experiencing in a new way). Our website, with the Boston College Guide for Faculty Retirement (composed by Joe Duffy, S.J.) and the annual Newsletter (edited by Jean O'Neil), provides direction.

If I were to make any recommendation, it would be that if you can attend or participate in one of our activities, please do so. Your attendance constitutes the social capital that makes us a vibrant organization. It is wonderfully invigorating to experience colleagues from diverse departments interacting and communicating. Hail and farewell. But I am not going anywhere. You are my home base.

Sincerely,

Dennis Taylor  
BCARF President, 2015-2017

## 2017 ANNUAL BANQUET

*Additional photos on page 11.*



*David Northrup and the Lugira's greet Marjorie Sardella.*



*A group enjoying their dinner at the banquet.*



*Robert Kern and Dennis Sardella chat with a banquet guest.*



*Dennis Taylor at the podium.*



*Ken Wegner and Fr. Joe Duffy*

## RETIREE NEWS

### Joseph Appleyard, S.J., ENGLISH

Joe Appleyard reports that he is enjoying life in the Jesuit retirement/health care community at Campion Center in Weston, Massachusetts, where he serves as the community librarian. He also does some prison ministry and is a member of a seminar organized by the Office of Mission and Ministry for BC faculty and administrators on “The Journey of Adulthood”; as part of the seminar group he is traveling to Spain and Rome in June 2017, to retrace the steps of Ignatius Loyola on his own vocational journey.

### Matilda Bruckner, ROMANCE LANGUAGES

I had a busy year professionally giving conference papers on a variety of topics, starting last July with papers given at international medieval congresses in Durham, England, and Lexington, KY, moving on to Northwestern University for a colloquium in October, then a lecture at Harvard, and finally a response to four papers in a session at the Sewanee Medieval Colloquium in Tennessee. Then in a more public forum, I enjoyed giving a pre-concert talk for a performance of Machaut’s “Remède de Fortune” given by Blue Heron Choir in Cambridge on March 17. Since then I’ve been working on a 13th c. Bible Moralisée (an illustrated Bible with text and gloss of selected passages from Genesis to 2 Kings), a chapter for my current book project. And, of course all the while, I’ve been enjoying cooking, gardening, and spending time helping with two grandchildren born in 2016, one in Sharon and one in San Francisco.

### John Dacey, EDUCATION

I have published the *Integrating SEL into Your Curriculum: Activities and Reproducibles for Academic Success*, with Routledge. Also taught my course on creative thinking in Capstone program. This will be my 52nd year of teaching at BC.

### Paul Doherty, ENGLISH

Since his retirement in 2012, Paul has taught a variety of courses at Beacon Hill Seminars, a different title each spring. Those titles have ranged from *Ulysses to American Short Story* to this spring’s course, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*.

### Harvey Eagan, S.J., THEOLOGY

This has been another busy and productive year. My chapter, “The Eschatological Consciousness of the Christian Mystics,” in Bernard McGinn’s *The Renewal of Mystical Theology: Essays in Memory of John N. Jones*, (Crossroad-Herder, 2017) should be out next week. The media series I did on Christian mysticism is out: [www.nowyouknowmedia.com/homepage/the-christian-mystical-tradition.html](http://www.nowyouknowmedia.com/homepage/the-christian-mystical-tradition.html). The Rahner one I did several months ago was released June 19th. Also, I just completed a 24-lecture series on the Catholic heritage for the same media company. I still have to do the recording. I’ve also done book-length evaluations for Oxford U Press, Cambridge U Press, and Routledge, as well as several article evaluations for a few periodicals. Let’s not forget the book reviews for Theological Studies.

The lecture on Ignatian mysticism to the Clavius group meeting at Holy Cross went well. Good questions for mathematicians interested in Christian mysticism.

Much of my time is spent correcting the written English of our French-speaking Africans and one Chinese SJs. One dissertation was well over 600 pages.

Homily work and presiding at Mass here at our lovely chapel at St. Mary’s, the Poor Clares, and the Franciscan nuns is yet another aspect of my priesthood. Pope Francis says that homilies are a torture for those giving and receiving. I have not found that so. I find it very rewarding. Both the St. Mary’s setting and the congregation are exceptional. I also meet with several advisees monthly concerning spiritual direction. I have two weddings coming up: my grandnephew and my grandniece.

Photography work continues. I recently restored several photos shot in the 1920s—and framed them. Astonishing what Photo-shop can accomplish! I’ve also done a number of collages for the SJs who preside at our Friday community Masses. Then there are those who ask me to enhance photos they’ve taken. I am sometimes asked to fix computer, TV, and printer issues, when our techs are not here.

It has been a great blessing to give a course in theology to a prisoner incarcerated for forty-two years, for a crime he did not commit. He is self-taught in Greek and Latin. He reads voraciously. I also send him theology books and novels. He has a Swedish background, so I just sent him a Swedish bible for his birthday.

I miss the cooking I used to do when we lived at 2000 Comm Ave. However, I did my pasta carbonara (guanciale makes a difference!) for Christmas Eve at my CT niece’s home. It’s a tradition that I’ve kept up for about 40 years! I cooked ELK for the Christmas dinner, the best meat I have ever eaten. Last year I did caribou, also excellent. The year before: bison. All right, but I probably did not have a good cut of meat.

I still work out at GymIt at least 4x/weekly about three miles away, close to the UPS. Also, I walk every evening, regardless of the weather. That’s all, folks.

### Robert Faulkner, POLITICAL SCIENCE

I took my granddaughter Meg O’Halloran to the Grand Canyon in summer ‘16, and In summer ‘17 we’ll go to Glacier National Park (Montana). Both are “intergenerational” trips (grands, but no parents), under the auspices of Road Scholar (Elder Hostel). Also, I’ve given talks this spring at West Point (on George Washington as founder), Princeton (Tocqueville on democratic greatness), and Richmond (also on Tocqueville). Later in the summer I’ll participate in a week-long colloquium on Descartes’ Principles of Philosophy and teach a week of a “great books” program in DC for gifted undergrads.

**Walt Haney, EDUCATION**

Despite several decades of bad habits, Walt remains in good health and spirits. Got his mooring in at Snow Shore in Orleans in May—the earliest ever. After retiring from 40 years as an Art History professor at UMass-Amherst, Walt's wife Kristine has again taken up horse riding. Mom, Dad, and daughter Elizabeth had a lovely trip to NYC last June. The girls went horseback riding in Central Park and all three of us went riding in Prospect Park. After graduating from BC and two years in Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Elizabeth is headed to MIT in fall 2017 for Masters Program in urban planning. And after several decades off, Walt is thinking of again taking up beekeeping, which he practiced for more than a decade as a kid. (And for anyone interested, beekeepers never get arthritis.)

**Loretta Higgins, NURSING**

Finally, a chance to go to Cuba. We explored a variety of tours and settled on the tour sponsored by *The Nation* magazine. The week was filled with interesting talks. The urban planner told us that every day three houses in Havana collapse but the government finds places for the displaced people to live. Another speaker, an economics professor, shocked us when he said that as a professor he earns the equivalent of barely a dollar a day. Others spoke of economic reform. We saw first-hand that Cubans may now own businesses such as paladars which are restaurants that are at their homes. Tour guides who compete for their jobs with hundreds of others do well financially mainly because of tips. Our tour guide who spoke English, French, and German, was able to give tours to citizens of various countries. Her husband owned a car wash so they were doing well financially. Another speaker spoke harshly about fellow Cubans who, he said, blamed their poverty on the U.S. sanctions rather than their own lack of initiative. We were driven from place to place in a new bus from China. It was one of scores of such buses that we saw in Havana. The Old City of Havana was beautiful with historic structures and monuments that had been restored. It was such a contrast with some of the buildings we passed outside the center city. One building that must have been lovely at one time, brought tears to my eyes, it was so dilapidated. The cost of materials and paint is so prohibitive that most people cannot afford to do maintenance on their apartments. In addition to economic and political facts, we were privileged to attend two musical performances, visit an artist's studio in his sixth-floor apartment with a gorgeous view, go to a stunning dance performance by teen-age dancers, and hear about the history of the hip-hop movement by the founder of the movement. We traveled to Vinales where we visited an organic farm and a tobacco farm. We learned so much in a week about this neighboring country but there is so much more to learn. We are sad to hear that the progress that was made in relations between the United States and Cuba may revert to the time when U.S. citizens had to go to Cuba through Canada.

**Lynda Lytle Holmstrom, SOCIOLOGY**

I enjoyed attending my 55th reunion at Stanford (time flies) and the American Sociological Association meeting in Seattle (my

hometown). Serendipity can be wonderful; by chance, I learned about "BIO"—the Biographers International Organization, devoted to the art and craft of writing biography. Over the years my publications have included some biographical pieces (an invited autobiographical chapter on my career) and an appreciation sketch of Everett Cherrington Hughes (an important early figure in American sociology). So off I went to BIO's recent meeting at Emerson College, finding much there both of general intellectual interest and of relevance to a current writing project of mine.

**Edward Kane, FINANCE**

Edward attended and presented at a number of conferences:

- 91st Annual Conference of Western Economic Association International, Portland, Oregon.
- September 2016: "Discussion of Papers on Mortgage Market Cyclicity," Conference on Has the Mortgage Pendulum Swung Too Far?, Boston College Law School, Newton, MA.
- October 2016: Financial Safety Nets: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," INET-OMFIF Workshop on the Functions, Performance, and Accountability of Central Banks, New York, NY.
- October 2016: "Financial Safety Nets: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," Notre Dame Financial Regulation Conference, Chicago, IL.
- October 2016: "Evidence that Too Big to Fail Remains Firmly Entrenched in Europe," North American Meeting of the International Atlantic Economic Society, Washington, DC.
- March 2017: "History of Reese Chair," Alumni Conference, Department of Finance, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- April 2017: "Financial Safety Nets: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," Seminaire Du Fonds Conrad-Lebanc, University of Laval, Quebec City, Canada.

**Michael Keith, COMMUNICATION**

I am happy to announce that I've published two novels in 2017: *Slow Transit: A Collection of Stories* (Cervena Barva Press) and *Perspective Drifts: Like a Log on a River* (PalmArtPress).

**Rosemary Krawczyk, NURSING**

I continue to volunteer at the Newton/Wellesley Hospital surgical center and the Newton food pantry, a half day at each. It is an opportunity to meet people and learn new things. I have met several past students at the hospital as they bring a relative for surgery. They come up & say, "didn't you teach such & such?" I volunteered to be a BC conversation mentor for the 3rd time last fall. My student was a lovely Chinese student getting a Masters in economics. The fall semester we met about every other week at the BCARF office on 3 Lake St., but it was difficult to find a quiet place to meet second semester. I recommend other retired faculty to be mentors. It is interesting to learn how international students view Boston College and to see the change/progress in a few months of time.

**Ronna Krozy, NURSING**

After serious and difficult decision-making, I completed my 13th trip to Nicaragua and ceded my role as coordinator of the BCCSON Global Health Initiative to a faculty member whom I men-

tored for many years. In recognition of this being my final year, a wonderful surprise party was planned and held at a beautiful hill-top restaurant in Nicaragua, attended by the "Nica 11" BC faculty and student group and members of Jubilee House, CGEE and the clinic. Of the many meaningful remarks and mementos received, I was especially grateful for the plaque with the BC insignia acknowledging my many years of service to the university and to the Nueva Vida clinic. This plaque will be placed on the wall of the clinic's new health promoter training room.

Another poignant event was the closure of the Beth Israel Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association of which I was co-president. To mark this momentous occasion, my life-long friend/co-president and I oversaw the commission of a beautiful nursing wall sculpture for the now Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and created a documentary of the hospital, school of nursing and alumnae association. My husband and I also traveled to Curacao, Oregon, Florida, and to Spain where we sailed the Canary Islands in our friends' catamaran and then spent my birthday in the Costa del Sol, Estepona, Spain. While I stay busy with new activities, we still spend summers in CT and more time with family and friends.

**Peter Kugel, MANAGEMENT**

My wife (Judy F. Kugel) just published her first book (70-Something: Live, Love and Limits in the Bonus Years). It's about life in one's seventies and it contains some anecdotes about me. On top of that, its main blurb is by Joe Quinn. People who want to read what Quinn says about it can see his blurb on the back cover on the web (at [bit.ly/70-something](http://bit.ly/70-something)).

**Vera Lee, ROMANCE LANGUAGES**

Since receiving a generous award from BCARF I've been hard at work writing my graphic novel, *Roger, the Renegade Robot*. After friends convinced me to stop drawing my own awful cartoons, I persuaded an excellent graphic designer, Hector Torres, graduate of the New England Art Institute, to do the illustrations. We are now nearly 3/4 of the way to completion.

In February I made my fifth trip to Havana, wonderful as usual. My son-in-law and granddaughter kept me company most of the time.

Of course there had to be a down side. Still have not fully recuperated from a fractured hip operation of last May but am determined to dance again. Hoping for a miracle!

**Jean Mooney, EDUCATION**

Life is good. Through Divine Intervention I am living in a condo building that is considered to be a "transitional facility," that is, you have your own unit but there are services built in e.g. all kinds of maintenance help, concierge 24/7, water aerobics, yoga, book club, weekly movies etc. The fact that it is less than a mile from campus is a BIG bonus. Since I am still mobile I am trying to remain active and useful. This was my third year of volunteer work at St. Columbkille's Partnership School in Brighton. With the

help of an ARF grant we were able to start an Engineering Club for Boys this year. Both the girls and boys clubs are doing some amazing things. Mary Nardone, Associate Vice President for Capital Projects and Maintenance, and another woman engineer came to visit with the girls group again this year and the interaction was pure magic. A new grant will support the effort to revise and improve the literacy program for the elementary grades. Two other LSOE faculty are now volunteering time: Audrey Freedman is helping to revise the middle school curriculum, and Alec Peck (ARF member) is supporting the effort to create support systems for students with emotional and behavioral problems.

**David Northrup, HISTORY**

David Northrup has been busy with research, travel, and professional service. At the World History Association's annual meeting in June, he received a Pioneer in World History award. His new monograph, *Seven Myths of Africa in World History*, is forthcoming in September, as are two chapters in the Oxford Illustrated World History. The newly published fourth volume of the Cambridge World History of Slavery includes a chapter he wrote on slave trades from Africa and the global indentured labor trades. In January-February he and Nancy toured Argentina and Chile, hiking in Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego and visiting Cape Horn, the southernmost place in the Americas. David continues to serve as member-at-large on the Executive Committee of the BCARF and again this year coordinated its Research Seminar. He has also been active in the New England Regional World History Assn., of which he is vice president.

**Peter and Rita Olivieri, MANAGEMENT AND NURSING**

In addition to Allison Olivieri, who graduated in May, we have 2 grandchildren who just finished their Freshman year at BC: Chad Olivieri (SOE) and Jessica Olivieri (A&S).

Rita has become quite an expert at quilting and Peter has been busy managing and building several websites, and creating special effects videos for the Winnepesaukee Playhouse in NH.

It was great to see so many retired faculty at the Retired Faculty Banquet in May. I am always amazed at the vast amount of knowledge and talent assembled in one room. Hopefully, the university will take greater advantage of that, and look for ways to involve retired faculty into the day to day activities of the university.

**Dennis Sardella, CHEMISTRY**

Dennis and Marjorie are finding life to be filled with more enjoyable activity than they would have thought possible, between their large family, friends, both BC and non-BC, involvement with the arts and in their church, as well as travel, and gardening.

Dennis continues to volunteer as a docent at the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA. In addition to regular tours, in February 2017 he spoke to the group of docents on a small project entitled "A Digital Re-imagining of a 1650 Kazan Mother of God Icon," which involved creating a digital reconstruction of

a large icon in the Museum's collection. He was also invited to give a Special Gallery Tour on "The Life of the Mother of God Through Icons" in conjunction with the Museum's exhibit, "Pondering Mary, Her Story Through Icons." In October, he spoke on "The Hidden Language of Russian Icons" at Wellesley-Weston Lifelong Living in Wellesley, MA. He also presented two talks on "The Life of the Mother of God Through Icons" (Vision of Peace Prayer Group, Holliston, MA; and to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Monthly Meeting, St. Joseph Church, Medway, MA).

Marjorie is active with her photography through participation in art exhibits in the Franklin and Mansfield area, and through her Beaux Regards Photographic Art photo blog on Facebook, and on Instagram, and through creative writing. Most recently her photo of the abandoned Seneca Knitting Mills in Seneca Falls NY, entitled "Nature's Reclamation Project," was awarded second place in the photography category of the Franklin Art Association's Spring Show. She also continues to serve as the "unofficial official photographer" for BCARF.

#### **John Savage, Education**

John published an article "Something to Rely On" in *Literacy Today*, Summer 2017, a publication of the International Literacy Association.

#### **Paul Schervish, SOCIOLOGY**

My most important news is the arrival of two more granddaughters, born to my Boston College graduated children: daughter Julia '07 and Ricky '07 had their second daughter, Hayley, last August in Chapel Hill on the very same day my boy Gabriel '10 and Abby had their first, Georgia, in Newton. Cousin Twins, we say. We get good time with all our kids because we live in Chapel Hill for the winter and Welfleet during the summer (where, our boy Alexander '12 also visits from his roost in Boston).

I continue to write a bit and have given talks around the country this past year including California, Arizona and Colorado. My wife Terry (should she want to) and I will be traveling to San Diego, Chile (she wants to!), and Minnesota this fall or early next year where I have been asked to speak at conferences organized to advance philanthropy.

We have become involved in helping a section of Detroit (my hometown) revive. We have given a lead gift to encourage support for Gesu School connected to Gesu Parish, which are across the street from the University of Detroit Mercy. Our goal is to help the school, one of four (there used to be 125) remaining Catholic grade schools in Detroit, get the students all the way to and through higher education and training. The kids graduate from 8th grade (with 8th+ skills), go to the best Catholic high schools or Detroit's public exam schools, graduate and go to college, junior college, or the military. They make it out of the cycle of poverty. The nice thing is that various foundations have taken the UDM and Gesu corridor as one of the revival zones of Detroit in addition, of course, to the downtown area—and the Gesu School, UDM, and Gesu Parish are deemed important anchors for that revival.

A warm hello to all of you. Condolences to all at the death of our Boston College colleagues and friends, especially the President and inspiration of our initial days, Father Monan.

#### **Rachel Spector, NURSING**

My husband, Manny, and I continue to spend winters "nested" in Honolulu, Hawaii. We now have 3 grandchildren that have graduated from high school and 1 has graduated from college. The 9th edition of my book, *Cultural Diversity in Health and Illness* was published in October, 2016.

#### **Rebecca Valette, ROMANCE LANGUAGES**

Rebecca and her husband Jean-Paul are looking forward to the publication this fall of their book on Navajo Weavings with Ceremonial Themes. In its May/June 2017 issue, *Native American Art* published the Valettes' article "Navajo Weavings Featuring Mountainway Dancers".

On the family side, it was a busy spring: granddaughter Téa Valette graduated from Proctor Academy and grandson Jackson Sypher graduated from Concord Academy. In June, granddaughter Zoé Valette and Ryan Egger exchanged marriage vows.

This fall, Zoé will begin working toward her MA in Social Work at Boston College. We hope she will occasionally be able to join us at St. Mary's where Rebecca is a regular lector at the 8 a.m. Mass.

#### **Judith Wilt, ENGLISH**

This has been a year in my usual mode of enjoyable travel and work—enjoyment interrupted by (can't help mentioning) the not so enjoyable 2016 election, though attending the gigantic Women's March gathering on Boston Common the following January lifted the spirits. Last September I celebrated my 75th birthday with a friend in London and then attended a big conference of the Society dedicated to the historical novelist Dorothy Dunnett in Venice—my first trip there. What beauties—paintings in churches, splendid Vivaldi, long conversations over delicious dinners! Beauties spiced with more disorienting sights: boats where cars or trolleys should be, cruise ships ten stories high parked alongside lovely rows of 18th century houses half that size. No acqua alta though.

I'm still teaching a one-credit spring course in BC's English Department, a different one each year, which is energizing. The 2017 version was on "War Stories," starting with Rebecca West's beautifully shaped short novel "The Return of the Soldier" (from WWI) and ending with several short stories and prose pieces about The Wars We Live Now in Afghanistan and Iraq. The longer work was Joseph Heller's *Catch-22*, whose 1960's brand of comedy I feared might not interest our current students, but their familiarity with reruns of M\*A\*S\*H got them through it. Indeed, all three of the seniors in the course who were members of the college's Army and Naval ROTC units declared they had already seen *Catch-22*-like tendencies in some of their commanders.

My essay comparing/contrasting neo-Victorian aspects of the musicals “Les Miserables” and “Sweeney Todd” and Ann Rice’s Gothic novel, *Interview with the Vampire*, was published this spring in *The Journal of Neo-Victorian Studies*, and I’m currently working on an essay which sees the Alden Bell zombie novel *The Reapers are the Angels* as influenced by two of Flannery O’Connor’s short stories. Both these essays were generated from a “Horror stories” course I taught two years ago.

**Robin Wood, NURSING**

I have retired after a long, personally satisfying, and intellectually stimulating career as member of CSON faculty. I know I will miss my colleagues and especially my interactions with the students—but look forward to being part of the alumna group.

**Arch Woodside, MANAGEMENT**

Arch reported a number of publications this year, including “Culture, religiosity, and economic configural models explaining tipping-behavior prevalence across nations” appearing in *Tourism Management*; “Achieving requisite variety in modeling firms’ strategy heterogeneities: Explaining paradoxical firm-market performances” and “Constructing useful models of firms’ heterogeneities in implemented strategies and performance outcomes” both appearing in *Industrial Marketing Management*; “Is Bart Simpson offering sage advice? A case-based general theory of managers’ core self-evaluations and job satisfaction” published in the *Journal of Business Research*; and editor of *The Complexity Turn: Cultural, Management, and Marketing Applications*.

## NEW RETIREES

Welcome to the following faculty who now join us in retirement as of Spring 2017:

**Mark Gelfand, HISTORY**

**Jane Gionfriddo, LAW**

**Roberto Goizueta, THEOLOGY**

**Michael Keith, COMMUNICATIONS**

**Deborah Levenson-Estrada, HISTORY**

**Kevin Mahoney, SOCIAL WORK**

**Marilyn Matelski, COMMUNICATIONS**

**Mark O’Connor, HONORS PROGRAM**

**John Paris, S.J., THEOLOGY**

**David Rasmussen, PHILOSOPHY**

**Mary Roberts, CHEMISTRY**

**James Rogers, LAW**

**Edward Sciore, COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Cynthia Simmons, SLAVIC & EASTERN LANGUAGES**

**Andrew Tavarelli, STUDIO ART**

**Judith Tracy, LAW**

**James Wallace, ENGLISH**

**Alan Wolfe, POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Robin Wood, NURSING**

## REMEMBRANCES

Condolences to the families and colleagues of the following:

**Eugene Bronstein, MANAGEMENT**

**Peter Donovan, LAW**

**George Drury, S.J., BIOLOGY**

**T. Frank Kennedy, S.J., MUSIC**

**Albert Hanwell, SOCIAL WORK**

**John L. Heineman, HISTORY**

**Marie McHugh, HISTORY**

**Paul A. Messer, S.J., ENGLISH**

**Betty Thomas Rahv, ROMANCE LANGUAGES**

Others who died in the past year had close associations with BCARF or its members:

**Pearl Alberts, UNIVERSITY REFERENCE LIBRARIAN**

**Gail Darnell, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND BCARF PROGRAM SPEAKER**

**Mary Dineen, DEAN SCHOOL OF NURSING 1972 – 1986**

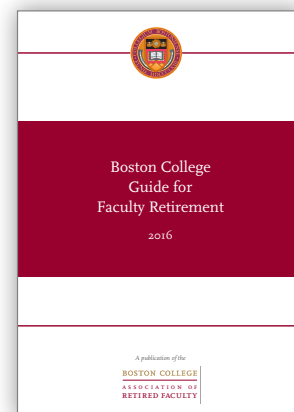
**John McManama, M.D. UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES**

**J. Donald Monan, S.J. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT 1972 – 1996, UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR 1996-2017, HONORARY BCARF MEMBER**

The annual BCARF banquet featured a special tribute to the Rev. J. Donald Monan with a video of his address to new BC staff. He highlighted the critical concerns he faced in his presidency and the strengths of the faculty and staff involved in the successful outcomes of these challenges. The video is available for viewing in the John Donovan Suite.

## BOSTON COLLEGE GUIDE FOR FACULTY RETIREMENT

This booklet prepared by the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty (BCARF) is intended to offer assistance and information to faculty members who have retired or are nearing retirement. Joseph Duffy, S.J. completed the booklet and directed its distribution to BCARF members and each entity of Boston College involved in preparing faculty for retirement. 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](http://www.bc.edu/retiredfaculty)) where it will be updated annually.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016-2017

### PAST PROGRAMS

The monthly lunch, social, business and program meetings are coordinated by Judith Wilt. Check the calendar on page 12 for dates, times, and locations. In 2016-17 the programs included:

#### SEPTEMBER

*Safety on Campus: Dorms, Demonstrations, Diseases, and Disasters*  
BC Emergency Management Director **John Tommaney** and BC Police Chief/Director of Public Safety **John King**

#### OCTOBER

*Republican Party History and the Upcoming Election*  
**Professor Heather Richardson**, History

#### NOVEMBER

*Perspectives on Israel/Palestine*  
**Professor Eve Spangler**, Sociology

#### JANUARY

*Planet in Peril: Team Teaching of "Complex Problems" in the Core Curriculum*  
**Professor Juliet Schor**, Sociology, and **Professor Prasannan Parthasarathi**, History

#### FEBRUARY

*A Scientist Explores the Visual Arts*  
**Professor David McFadden**, Chemistry

#### MARCH

*Institutional Research: Why We Do It, What We Learn*  
**Kelli Armstrong**, Vice President for Planning and Assessment

#### APRIL

*Past and Future: The Work of the Institute of Advanced Jesuit Studies*  
**Casey Beaumier, S.J.**, Director of the Institute of Advanced Jesuit Studies

#### MAY

*Moving Toward a University Culture of Ethics*  
**Professor James Keenan, S.J.**, Theology

### BCARF RESEARCH SEMINAR

The research seminars, founded by Dennis Taylor and now coordinated by David Northrup, are open to all BC faculty who are invited to share professional research or intellectual interests. The meetings include lunch. Check the calendar on page 12 for dates and times. In 2016-17, the list of seminars included:

- **Richard Clifford, S.J.**, SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY  
"Adam, Eve, and Noah: Do the Early Chapters in Genesis Have Meaning for Us Today?"  
September 22, 2016
- **Robert Faulkner**, POLITICAL SCIENCE  
"Beauty and Its Complications: Plato's Thinking"  
October 13, 2016
- **David Northrup**, HISTORY  
"Adventures in World History: Writing a Chapter on Global Economic and Ecological Change, 1350-1815," for the Oxford Illustrated World History  
November 10, 2016
- **Brendan Rapple**, O'NEILL LIBRARY  
"Mathew Arnold and Middle Class Education"  
February 16, 2017
- **Robert Wolff**, BIOLOGY  
"Evolution of Mating Systems in Birds and Mammals"  
March 16, 2017
- **Harold Petersen**, ECONOMICS  
"How We Got Caught up in Speculative Bubbles: From Tulip Bulbs and the South Sea Company to the Dot.Com and the Housing Bubble"  
April 20, 2017
- **Rachel Spector**, NURSING  
"Global Amulets, Remedies, and Shrines"  
May 11, 2017



Members pose for a photo with April presenter Casey Beaumier, S.J.



Richard Clifford, S.J. (left) is seen here at his seminar in September.



## BCARF BOOK CLUB SELECTION

The Book Club, chaired by Jean Mooney, meets monthly in the Donovan Suite for a general discussion focused on a collectively chosen book and plans a reading related field trip annually. BCARF members and spouses participate.

The following books were discussed in 2015-16:

- **September 2016:** *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah
- **October 2016:** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
- **November 2016:** *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende
- **December 2016:** *Charlotte and Emily: A Novel of the Brontes* by Jude Morgan
- **January 2017:** *Conclave* by Greg Tobin
- **February 2017:** *The Great Reckoning* by Louise Penny
- **March 2017:** *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George
- **April 2017:** *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett
- **May 2017:** *A Death in Belmont* by Sebastian Ungar

### FALL 2017 BOOK SELECTIONS

- **September:** *Hamilton* by Ron Chernov
- **October:** *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
- **November:** *The Lioness in Morocco* by Julia Drosten
- **December:** *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware

Meetings take place on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Donovan Suite at St. Clement's Hall South. See calendar on page 12 for dates.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2017-2018

*President:* **Paul Spagnoli**, HISTORY

*Vice-President:* **Dennis Sardella**, CHEMISTRY & PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

*Secretary:* **Judith Wilt**, ENGLISH

*Treasurer:* **Charles Landraitis**, MATHEMATICS

*Members-at-Large:* **David Northrup**, HISTORY & **Loretta Higgins**, NURSING

*Jesuit Liaison:* **Joseph Duffy, S.J.**

*Past President:* **Dennis Taylor**, HISTORY

*Administrative Liaison:* **Ana Berreondo**, CENTER FOR CENTERS

### Additional Contributors:

*Website:* Peter Olivieri

*Newsletter:* Jean O'Neil

*Book Club & Banquet:* Jean Mooney

*Program:* Judith Wilt

*Research Seminars:* David Northrup

*Nominating Committee:* David Northrup

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

BCARF especially thanks Jean Mooney who is ending her term as Member-at-large. Fortunately Jean will continue to lead the Book Club and will coach the person who becomes Banquet Chair. Jean has contributed to BCARF in many roles since joining the Planning Committee in 2002.

Jean O'Neil is ending her advisory role on Executive Committee as Past president and will coach a new editor for the newsletter.

*Research Seminar with Brendan Rappole*



*2017-2018 Executive Committee*



## RETIRED FACULTY GRANT PROPOSALS INVITED FOR 2017-18

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

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

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

### APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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

### CRITERIA OF SELECTION:

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

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

### TIMING OF PROPOSAL AND AWARD:

Proposals should be submitted to the President of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty no later than the last working day of April. Awards will be announced the first week of May. Address proposals to: President of BCARF, Paul Spagnoli.

### EXPENSE REPORT

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

### BCARF GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2017-2018:

- **Rosemarie Bodenheimer** for "Mendelssohn & Co.: An Invented Life."
- **Matilda Tomaryn Bruckner** for travel expenses for the 93rd annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Emory University, March 2018.
- **Dwayne Eugene Carpenter** for "Conversion to and from Judaism and Islam in Medieval Spain (with a Detour to Examine Accusations of Blasphemy in Late Medieval Polemical Texts)."
- **Jean Mooney** for "Selection and Implementation of New Reading Curriculum for St. Columbkille Partnership School."
- **Alec Peck** for "Behavior Management Program for Orphans with Disabilities at Jamaica Mustard Seed."
- **Dennis Taylor** for travel expenses for the Modern Language Association Convention, New York, January 2018.

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### NEED COMPUTER HELP?

The Faculty Micro Resource Center (FMRC), 617-552-4349, located in the new Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) on the second level of O'Neill Library, is at your service moderated by:

M.J. Connolly, Slavic/Eastern, [cnmj@bc.edu](mailto:cnmj@bc.edu), 617-552-3912  
Kit Baum, Economics, [baum@bc.edu](mailto:baum@bc.edu), 617-552-3673  
Clare O'Connor, Biology, [clare.oconnor@bc.edu](mailto:clare.oconnor@bc.edu), 617-552-2553

For staffed hours see [www.bc.edu/fmrc](http://www.bc.edu/fmrc). Come by the FMRC during staffed hours with your BC ID to register for round-the-clock 24x7 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](http://www.bc.edu/help)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

### COMMENCEMENT

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

### IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

New England Ignatian volunteers are mature men and women, open to participating in year-long spiritual development program, which includes service to the community. Volunteers commit to the equivalent of two days per week of service, over a ten month period; meet monthly with a spiritual director; participate in two days of reflection, one overnight retreat, and monthly meetings of the volunteers. At these meetings, volunteers share their reflections and service experiences.

For information, contact Dave Hinchon, IVC Regional Director, 31 Fairview Street, Roslindale, MA 02131, 617-327-2292, [dhinchon@ivcusa.org](mailto:dhinchon@ivcusa.org), [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org).

### SOAR 55 (SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AFTER REACHING 55)

SOAR 55 is a volunteer-connector organization for adults aged 55 and older 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 inmates, to organizational leadership roles. ([KAlbert@soars55.org](mailto:KAlbert@soars55.org))

### CONVERSATIONAL PARTNERS WITH INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

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

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR: *Jean O'Neil*

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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, and news capsules relating to the lives, activities, and health of retirees.



*Peter and Rita Oliveiri present a diploma to their granddaughter.*



*Ronna Krozy, Rosemary Krawczyk, Pegg Murphy, & Laurel Eisenhauer*



*Dennis and Marjorie Sardella with Fr. Joe Appleyard*



*John Donovan greets Jean O'Neil*

## BCARF EVENT CALENDAR 2017-18

### SEPTEMBER

- Thursday, September 14, 10:00 a.m.  
*Book Club*
- Thursday, September 14, Noon  
*Research Seminar*
- Thursday, September 14, 1:30 p.m.  
*Executive Committee*
- Thursday, September 21, 11:30 a.m.  
*Program Meeting*

### OCTOBER

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

### NOVEMBER

- Thursday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.  
*Book Club*
- Thursday, November 9, Noon  
*Research Seminar*
- Thursday, November 9, 1:30 p.m.  
*Executive Committee*
- Thursday, November 16, 11:30 a.m.  
*Program Meeting*

### DECEMBER

- Thursday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.  
*Book Club*

### JANUARY

- Thursday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.  
*Book Club*
- Thursday, January 11, Noon  
*Research Seminar*
- Thursday, January 11, 1:30 p.m.  
*Executive Committee*
- Thursday, January 18, 11:30 a.m.  
*Program Meeting*

### FEBRUARY

- Thursday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.  
*Book Club*
- Thursday, February 15, Noon  
*Research Seminar*
- Thursday, February 15, 1:30 p.m.  
*Executive Committee*
- Thursday, February 22, 11:30 a.m.  
*Program Meeting*

### MARCH

- Thursday, March 15, 10:00 a.m.  
*Book Club*
- Thursday, March 15, Noon  
*Research Seminar*
- Thursday, March 15, 1:30 p.m.  
*Executive Committee*
- Thursday, March 22, 11:30 a.m.  
*Program Meeting*

### APRIL

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

### MAY

- Thursday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.  
*Book Club*
- Thursday, May 10, Noon  
*Research Seminar*
- Thursday, May 10, 1:30 p.m.  
*Executive Committee*
- Thursday, May 17, 11:30 a.m.  
*Program Meeting*
- Wednesday, May 23, 5:30 p.m.  
*Annual Banquet in the Murray Room  
of the Yawkey Center*
- Thursday, May 31, *Executive Committee  
Transition Meeting, Room 425 in St.  
Clement's Hall*

### LOCATIONS

**Program Meetings** begin with lunch followed by a lecture starting promptly at noon. Meetings will take place on the Brighton Campus at the School of Theology and Ministry Library, 117 Lake St., Room 113. Entrance to the library auditorium is on the ground level.

**Art tours** scheduled according to the opening of exhibits assemble at the McMullen Museum on the Brighton Campus with parking in front by entering and obtaining a pass or in the lots near Cadigan Hall at the foot of the hill.

The **Book Club** and **Executive Committee meetings** take place in the John Donovan Suite, Room 425 of St. Clement's Hall South.

The **Research Seminars** include a lunch and take place in the fourth floor Conference Room of St. Clement's Hall South next to the Donovan Suite.

St. Clement's Hall is located on the Brighton Campus, with a north wing at 197 Foster St. and a south wing at 201 Foster St. The BCARF office and conference room are located in the south wing.

### PARKING

There is parking for half a dozen cars without BC stickers with a ninety-minute limit, in the semicircular driveway in front of the north wing of St. Clement's. For cars with BC stickers, there is parking available in the two lots on Foster St. adjacent to St. Clement's. Unless you have an A or M sticker, do not park in the lot directly in front of the south wing of St. Clement's. The parking restriction in this lot is rigorously enforced.

If you do not have a BC sticker, to avoid parking tickets it is best to leave a note on your windshield indicating that you are retired BC faculty, attending a BCARF function or using the BC Association of Retired Faculty office, St. Clement's 425S.