



# LIRA NEWSLETTER

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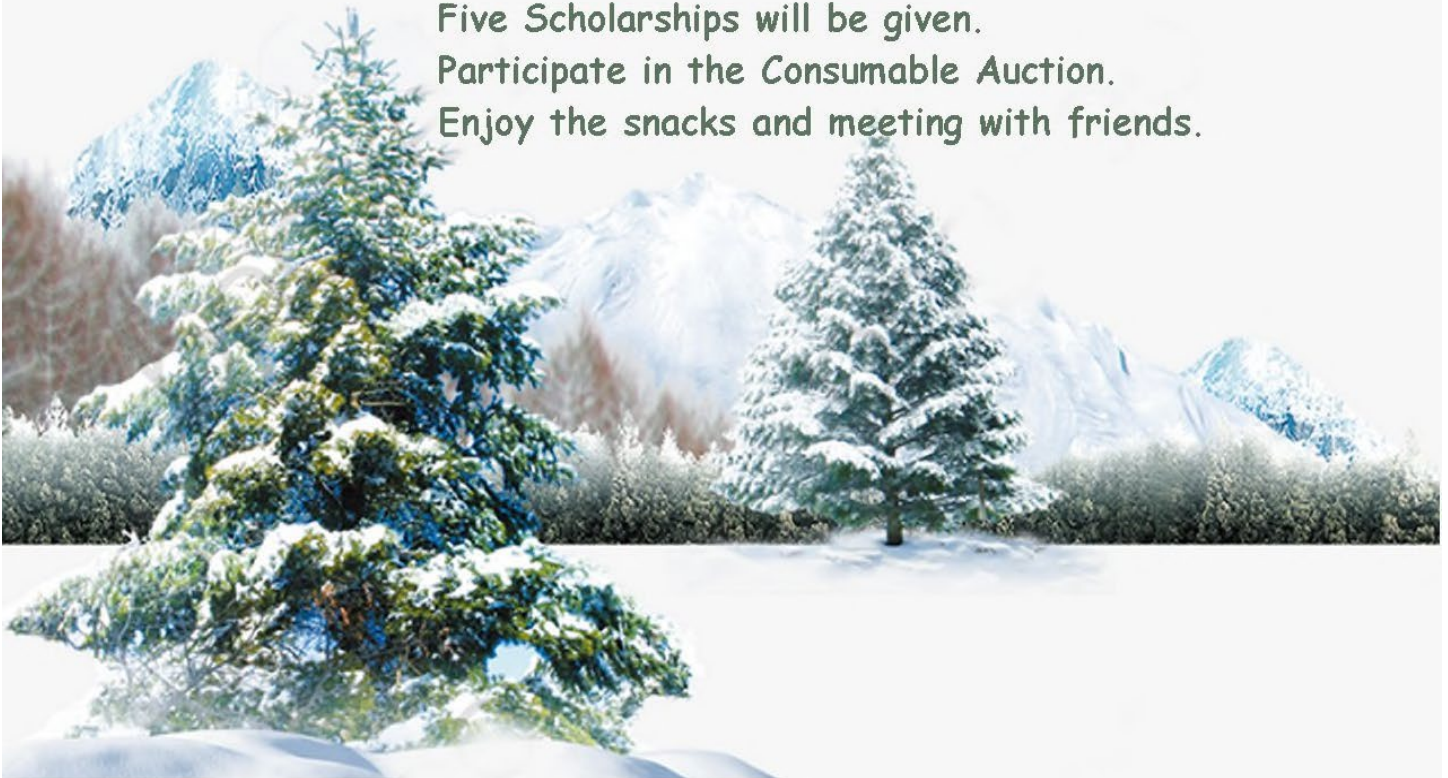
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## *Please join us for LIRA's Annual Holiday Party and Town Meeting*

Wednesday, December 4, 2019  
10 a.m. until Noon  
University Crossing, Moloney Hall  
220 Pawtucket Street, Lowell, MA  
Shuttle bus from Tsongas Parking Lot

Five Scholarships will be given.  
Participate in the Consumable Auction.  
Enjoy the snacks and meeting with friends.



## Note from the President

As we finish up a very successful fall semester, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for the upcoming Holiday season.

One of the mainstays of this season is the Annual LIRA Holiday Party on December 4th. At this party we award several scholarships to deserving UML seniors and listen to them tell their personal stories; we raffle off donated consumable items to raise money for our scholarships, and we donate needed winter accessories like mittens, gloves and hats and books to needy children in the Lowell area in support of Community Teamwork, Inc. We will also present the schedule for the coming Winter Intersession. The start of winter is truly a "giving time" and the Annual Holiday Party lives up to that name. So please, attend and participate to the extent you can in this important annual event.

It appears that many more people signed up for classes last fall than actually attended them. Hopefully, it wasn't because you felt that if you missed a class or two, you would fall behind and be unable to catch up. Rest assured, in LIRA this is not possible. So if life gets busy or vacations, grandkids or doctor's appointments get in the way, go ahead and skip the class, but make sure you come to any and all of the classes you want on your own schedule.

*Peter Sebelius*

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## LIRA's Scholarship Fund Annual Auction

We will hold our annual auction at the LIRA Holiday Party on December 4. We have decided that the auction will be a "Consumable Auction" once again. The Auction is a major fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund. This year LIRA will be giving \$1500.00 scholarships to five UMass Lowell students.

What is a Consumable Auction? It is an auction where all donated items can be consumed, i.e., you eat it, drink it, do it or use it up. The Committee sells tickets: \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets or \$10 for 15 tickets. You decide what item(s) you want and put your ticket(s) in the appropriate container (s). All donations must be brought directly to the location to be announced on the day of the party.

### Some things you might donate:

Baked Goods; Candy; Wine; Gift Certificates, i.e., restaurant, movie, theater, grocery store, and bookstore

### Suggestions for Baskets you can make:

Book – put a gently used book in a basket with a bookmark, book light, china teacup, box of tea, etc.  
Food – Italian or Mexican  
Soup Lovers Basket

I think you get the idea. It will all be wonderful and we have a great time deciding just what we want to win. Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past. Let's make a difference in someone's life and have a great auction this year.

*Sheila Pariseau*

## Holiday Party Details

The Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at University Crossing, Moloney Hall, 220 Pawtucket Street, Lowell from 10 a.m. to noon. A shuttle bus will be taking us from the Tsongas parking lot to University Crossing, leaving us off at the side of the building. The first shuttle will leave at 9:00 am **sharp** and the second trip will leave at 9:30 am. The return trip will start about noon. **Parking is in the Tsongas Parking Lot** at the Tsongas Center, 300 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Lowell, MA. Please use your hangtags in the parking lot.

There is no need to bring any refreshments; coffee and snacks will be provided by Community Relations. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who provided the delicious refreshments during the fall session.



In lieu of exchanging gifts, LIRA members have donated many new books in past years for distribution by Community Teamwork, Inc. of Lowell, the agency which serves families in shelters and oversees many child care programs in the city. They need warm clothing such as hats, mittens and gloves, for children of all ages. Children's books would also be appreciated.

### **The following is an email from CTI, giving a more detailed description of what they need.**

"CTI can always use hats, mittens and books for clients we serve in such programs as our family shelters, Head Start, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) and clients who come in for services. For more information on CTI's mission, programs, and services, please check out our new web site at [www.commteam.org](http://www.commteam.org). We continue to need children's books especially board books for the very young and picture books for pre-k to grade 2. We take clothes and books for children up to 9 years old. Big Brothers Big Sisters is also part of CTI and children's age range is 7 through 15. Mittens and gloves are especially needed along with hats. We also distribute hats and mittens/gloves to veterans in need."

CTI also needs senior volunteers to read and mentor children in the schools in Lowell and surrounding towns. They will bring applications for that program to our meeting.

**Please bring a new book and/or hat and mittens, unwrapped, to the Holiday party.** Thank you for your participation. For more information, please contact Kathy Forstey at [k3and2@netscape.net](mailto:k3and2@netscape.net).

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## List of What to Bring to the Holiday Party

I love lists! I thought it would be helpful to have a reminder of what to bring to the Holiday Party in one place.

Donation of warm clothing for any size child (hat, gloves, mittens, scarf)

New book for a child of any age

Donation to the Consumable Auction

*Jeri Durant*



## Visit to the New England Aquarium

On November 6, LIRA members had a fun visit to the New England Aquarium in Boston. As you enter the doors, the first exhibit you see is the large penguin exhibit with over 80 African, rockhopper and little blue penguins. At one point during the visit, two African penguins were making such a loud noise that it could be heard all over the aquarium. Walking around the giant 200,000 gallon salt water tank, starting at the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and working our way down, we saw many varieties of fish, but the most well-known resident is Myrtle. The green sea turtle joined the aquarium in 1970, one year after it opened on June 20, 1969. The turtle is 90 years old and weighs more than 500 pounds.

As you walk down the spiral around the big tank, there are many exhibits on each of the four floors. It was exciting to see the giant Pacific octopus, Ruddy, attached to the glass. Usually they are hiding in some small hole in the exhibit. These creatures are very intelligent and can change colors in an instant. One of the most unusual fish doesn't look like a fish at all. The leafy seadragon looks like seaweed and are found along the southern coast of Australia. The sea nettles glide in the water opening and closing the large golden brown bell which can be about 15 inches in diameter and their tentacles can be 15 feet long. The extensive variety of marine life was enjoyed by all.

*Jeri Durant*

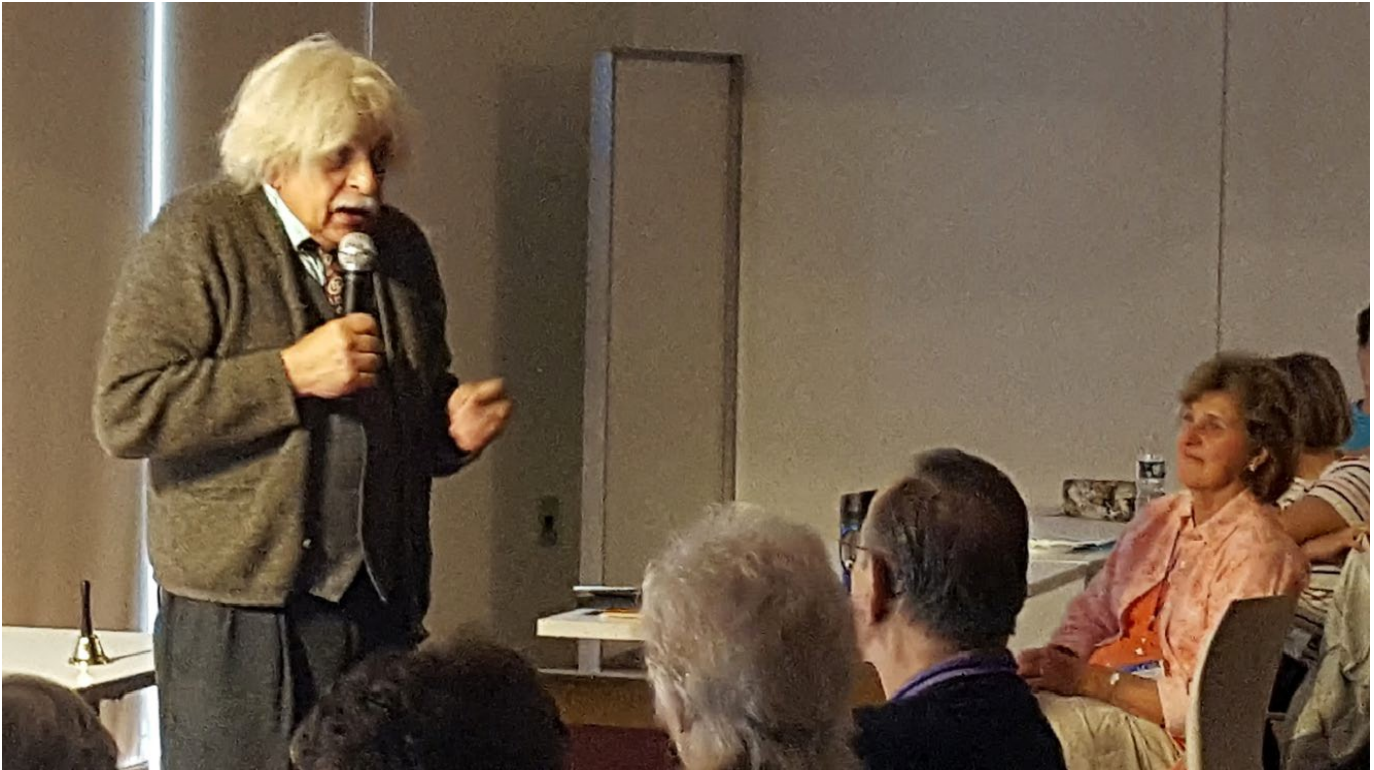


L to R: Penguins, Octopus Ruddy, top: turtle Myrtle, middle: leafy seadragon, bottom: sea nettle

## Albert Einstein – Relatively Speaking

The year is 1948, and Professor Einstein has made Princeton his home since 1933 when he came here as a refugee from Germany. One of the reasons he chose Princeton was to continue his research at the Institute for Advanced Study. For the past 15 years, he has rarely left his new home, preferring to divide his time between the Institute and his domestic life. For the next hour we imagined that we were gathered in Einstein's living room in his home in Princeton, New Jersey. He is accustomed to entertaining visitors who are interested in knowing more about his life and his discoveries in physics. Professor Einstein (as portrayed by actor George Capaccio) delivered an entertaining and informative performance for LIRA members during the Fall session. He talked about his childhood and early life, his joys and his sorrows, his friends and family and of course about his momentous life's work.

*Diane Baker*



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## Chelmsford Library Lecture Series

The Chelmsford Library and LIRA present a foreign policy Lecture Series on the second Friday of the month. The lecture topics are the same as those LIRA's Great Decisions course will be covering this fall. Lecturer Keith West will present another perspective on these topics. Keith West leads a Great Decisions group at the Wilmington Library. He works for the National Speech and Debate Association providing analysis on foreign policy and international relations.

**Friday December 13, 1 - 2 PM**

*A Brief History of Monotheism: Origins and Differences in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.*

Check the library's website for more detailed information.

[www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/lecture-series/](http://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/lecture-series/)





Detective extraordinaire, Sherlock Holmes, visited LIRA class, *CSI-Lowell, The Science of Forensics*, on Halloween.

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## Connie's Gift

A short biography of LIRA member, Connie Lanseigne-Case, is on the UMass Lowell website at <https://www.uml.edu/ourlegacy-ourplace/Why-Giving-Matters/News/Connie-Lanseigne-Case-Knows-Ed-Impact.aspx>

Check it out and find out about the new Lanseigne-Case Classroom! She has certainly had an interesting life!  
[jeridurant@gmail.com](mailto:jeridurant@gmail.com)

### *New Members:*

Hope Rubin:	617-448-6584
Carol Spence:	978-526-1631
Wendy Stanley:	978-891-2581

## Emergencies (Cancellations of Classes/University Closing)

If it becomes necessary to cancel a LIRA program for any reason, i.e. snowstorm, hazardous road conditions, or UMass Lowell campus closure we attempt to notify all members. UMass Lowell closures and delayed openings are announced on local TV news programs and on the internet [www.uml.edu/storm](http://www.uml.edu/storm). We may also cancel programs when UMass Lowell is open if we think conditions are too hazardous for our members. We make a decision about next day storm cancellations by 6:00 PM, so check your email or the LIRA Facebook page in the morning to see if classes that day are cancelled. We have three ways to notify members:

- Email to **all members** for **all class cancellations**
- Posting on the LIRA Facebook page LIRAatUML
- Telephone calls to those members who signed up for a call

Telephone calls for cancellation of Wednesday programs (Winter and Summer Intersessions, Arts & Music) are done by the LIRA telephone tree. Telephone calls for other classes are the responsibility of the class coordinator. Judy Miller and Carol McCarthy are coordinators for the telephone tree and a number of volunteers help them call members. You can sign up for telephone notification when you renew your membership or by notifying Judy Miller (978-256-8466 or [judith.r.miller29@gmail.com](mailto:judith.r.miller29@gmail.com)) or Carol McCarthy (978-256-5904 or [jfmccart@aol.com](mailto:jfmccart@aol.com)).

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## Newsletters on Website

All newsletters, past and present, are available online. A hard copy of the newsletter will NOT be mailed to you unless you have contacted Jeri Durant: [jeridurant@gmail.com](mailto:jeridurant@gmail.com). Those members that do not have email will have a hard copy sent to them automatically.

The online newsletter is just like the printed one only better - it's in color! Reading the newsletter online will help us to save substantial printing and mailing costs to the university as well as a few trees.

The website for the newsletter is [www.uml.edu/community/LIRA/newsletters/](http://www.uml.edu/community/LIRA/newsletters/)

# WGBH Tour

There was such an overwhelming interest by LIRA members to take the tour of WGBH Studios that we needed to add a second tour to accommodate as many people as possible. Our group enjoyed a guided tour of the WGBH Studio in Brighton, a state-of-the-art facility built in 2007. The hour-long tour included stops in the Yawkey Theater, the Calderwood Studio and the Fraser Performance Studio where musicians, students, record labels, radio, television, theater, publishers, and businesses can take advantage of the studio's unique design to record all styles of acoustic music with world class results. We peeked in on Jim Braude and Margery Egan while they recorded their daily show for Boston Public Radio and we met Henry Santoro, who enthusiastically welcomed LIRA members and entertained us with delightful stories about his long career in radio. Everyone agreed that it was really a treat to see firsthand where our favorite WGBH programs come to life.

*Diane Baker*



## LIRA on Facebook

Did you know that LIRA is on Facebook? Would you like to see some of the photos/videos from our classes/trips? Just go to Facebook and search for LIRAatUML. And while you're there, please click on "Like" (thumbs up icon) at the top left of the page.



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## Canterbury Shaker Village

Against the backdrop of gorgeous fall foliage, LIRA members travelled to Canterbury NH for a guided tour of the Canterbury Shaker Village. Our tour guides started with a short history of the Shakers and how they came to settle in Canterbury in 1792. We toured the Meeting House, the Laundry, and the Dwelling House, where we learned how each structure fit into the daily lives of the Shakers. Though it is no longer an active community, the museum at Canterbury interprets 200 years of Shaker life through its exhibits, buildings, gardens, programs, and tours. The museum has an enviable collection of Shaker objects, manuscripts, and photographs along with surviving architecture from all periods of its history. LIRA members had the opportunity to investigate many of them on their own before our return home.

*Diane Baker*



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## Directory Changes

The following is a list of the new members to the directory since October 2019. An updated directory was emailed on October 8. If you didn't receive one or would like the latest updates, let me know and I will email a copy to you.



L-r: John Wooding, David Kingsley, Robert Gamache

## Climate Change

During the four sessions of 'The Science Behind Global Climate Change' LIRA participants learned from Professor Emeritus Bob Gamache that changes in global weather patterns since the start of the Industrial Revolution have grown at a much faster rate than ever before. The data shows that the burning of fossil fuels is responsible for a steady increase in temperatures worldwide resulting in extreme weather events including flooding, droughts, hurricanes, and melting of the polar icecaps leading to a rise in sea levels.

Course participants role-played as United Nations ambassadors and discussed the impact of various measures, such as reforestation and cutting the use of fossil fuels and contributing to a climate change fund, with guest presenter Carolyn McCarthy of UML's Climate Change Initiative.

Other guest speakers included Prof. David Kingsley of UML's Department of Economics, who presented information about the impact of climate change on global economies. Prof. Emeritus John Wooding, Political Science, discussed how political leaders of developed and developing countries must come to some agreement about how to best control an out of control situation. Participants also brainstormed solutions to reduce the threat of climate change as members of designated countries and were able to see how those solutions would actually impact the current situation.

Participants learned that each of us can make changes to reduce our own carbon-footprint by recycling, switching to non-fossil fuels as sources of energy, etc. By raising awareness and by voting for strong climate-change believers we stand a chance of turning the tide so that this planet will remain habitable for future generations.

*Suzanne Gamache*



## Election 2020

LIRA members have a great interest in politics. Many of us probably qualify as "political junkies!" With the campaign for the Democratic nominee for President attracting over 20 potential candidates, and debates beginning in late summer, LIRA decided that a course on what to expect in the 2020 Election was in order. Assistant Professor John Cluverius from UMass Lowell's Political Science department was the instructor. The course description reminded attendees that we will be electing not only a President, but the entire House of Representatives, and one-third of the members of the Senate. The class was well-attended, and we learned interesting and

sometimes surprising facts about money in politics, the Electoral College, the nomination process, voting/voter suppression and polling, public opinion and polling techniques.

Professor Cluverius is a member of the Political Science faculty and is also the Associate Director of UML's Center for Public Opinion. He shared with us many insights into the science of polling. We will look forward to a course for Fall 2020 – in the heat of the campaign – for more insights into the election process.



## Tour of Western Avenue Studios

On September 25, about 20 LIRA Members went on a tour of the Western Avenue Studios in Lowell. The tour was organized by LIRA Member Lisa Hertel and led by artist Maxine Farkas. We saw paintings of all types, photographs including 19<sup>th</sup> century photos made with glass plates, sculptures made from clay and those just put together from trash. We saw weaving and works of art made with glass. We also learned a little about the artists themselves and their lives at the studios.

*Bob Hanlon*



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## Moses Greeley Parker Lectures

The following is a calendar of events for the 2019-2020 Parker lecture series held on the day, time and place noted. The lectures are free and open to the public. Descriptions are not included this time because of its length. Full descriptions can be found at the Pollard Library, Lowell, on the website [www.parkerlectures.com](http://www.parkerlectures.com) or the file can be emailed to you by contacting Jeri Durant: [jeridurant@gmail.com](mailto:jeridurant@gmail.com)

Sunday, December 1, 2 p.m. – Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center  
**Robert Farrant “The Rise and Rapid Demise of New England Precision Manufacturing”**

The Luncheon Lectures are co-sponsored by the Parker Series and the UMass Lowell Office of Community Relations. The program begins with a light lunch and Reservations are required and limited. To reserve a seat, contact [community@uml.edu](mailto:community@uml.edu) or call 978-934-2957.

Thursday, February 20, 12 p.m. – UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center  
**Robert Dietz Ph.D. “The Housing Affordability Crisis”**

Saturday, March 7, 2 p.m. – Boot Cotton Mills Museum Events Center  
**Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti “Can’t Die But Once” Harriet Tubman, a singular, complex character, a woman.**

## Great Decisions

**Great Decisions** is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The Foreign Policy Association of America provides background information for eight of the most critical issues facing America each year. The LIRA Great Decisions group meets on Thursday mornings and devotes two two-hour classes to explore each topic in depth. In the fall 2019 semester we discussed:

*Decoding U.S.-China trade* – Rich Grove led the discussion of how outmoded statistics give a misleading measure of trade and economic strength of China and the United States. China's *Made in China 2025* plan is a strategy for achieving dominance in ten of the most important economic sectors in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

*Cyber conflicts and geopolitics* – Bob Hanlon led the discussion of cyber conflicts including interference in elections and potential attacks on critical infrastructure. Key adversaries are Russia, China, Iran and North Korea. Cyber conflict will require new ways of looking at 21<sup>st</sup> century warfare.

*The United States and Mexico: partnership tested* – Neal and Margie Berenson led the discussion of the complex and intertwined history and relationship between the United States and Mexico. The war on drugs, immigration and trade issues have added strains.

*State of the State Department and diplomacy* – Steve Buccieri led the discussion of how the Trump administration has upended the usual ways of conducting diplomacy. Adversaries and dictators have been strengthened and allies ignored and discouraged. Changes in foreign policy are announced in tweets.

Here is a link with more information about Great Decisions including topics for 2020.

[http://www.fpa.org/great\\_decisions/](http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/)

*Richard Grove*

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## Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee is indebted to the LIRA membership for their generous donations to the 2019 Scholarship Fund and also grateful for proceeds from the Holiday Auction. We are reviewing applications and will be presenting five \$1500 scholarships to the successful candidates at the Holiday Party in December. We thank Patty Coffey and Christopher Wilkinson at University Relations, and Michelle Smith of the UML Financial Aid Office for their constant support and help. Last but not least, thank you to the Scholarship Committee members, Margie Berenson, Alan Kent, John Mamalis, Alan McKersie and Barbara Murch, for their time and input during this busy process.

*Dee Sferrino and Janet Redman co-chairs.* 10



## Member News

We are saddened to learn that Dotty Morris has passed away on October 2. Dotty was a long-time member of LIRA who had recently retired due to illness. She was very dedicated to LIRA having served as Vice-

President and on several committees, most recently the Scholarship committee. Dotty was almost an original member; she joined LIRA in 1993. A \$100 donation was given to the Scholarship Fund in her name. From Connie Lanseigne-Case:

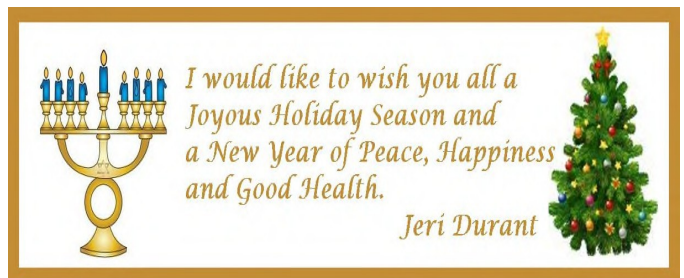
*Dotty Morris was a longtime and valued member of the Arts and Music group. She specialized in arranging visits to historic homes which LIRA participants appreciated, touring possibly for the first time.*

Get-well wishes go to two LIRA members who were recently hospitalized for injuries suffered due to falls: Charlotte Evans and John Mamalis. We wish them both a quick and full recovery.

*Simone Allard*



The Town Meeting will be held on March 4, 2020. Classes begin on Monday, March 9, 2020.



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# LEARNING IN RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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## 2020 Winter Intersession

The 2020 Winter Intersession, given between semesters, offers to retirees and those semi-retired, a sample of LIRA's almost year-round program and friendly community. The program is planned and much of it provided by the members themselves. The general public is invited to all Winter Intersession programs.

All intersession programs are 10 a.m. to Noon and will be held in University Suites, Room #106, 327 Perkins Street, Lowell, MA except for January 15 and 29. Parking for programs in University Suites is in the lot directly across the street from the side entrance in the Perkins Parking lot down Riverwalk Way or in the parking garage across from the Rec Center. Your ID is needed to enter the lot or garage.

The **January 15 program** and Book Discussion will be held at the O'Leary Library Mezzanine Reading Room, 61 Wilder Street, Lowell. Parking is directly across the street in the Wilder lot.

The **January 29 program** will be held at the Campus Recreation Center, 322 Aiken Street, Lowell. Parking is directly across the street in the East Parking Garage, 47 Pawtucket Street, Lowell. Your ID is needed to enter the garage.

**Please use your parking hangtags wherever you park.** On street parking is also available in metered spaces.

### **December 13, 2019 Book Discussion 10 a.m. to Noon**

*One Goal: A Coach, A Team, and the Game That Brought a Divided Town Together* by Amy Bass

Facilitator: Shirley McCaffrey\*

Coordinator: Sheila Pariseau\*

### **January 8: Ask a Muslim Anything** – Robert Azzi, Muslim Columnist and Photojournalist

Are you challenged to understand all the media noise about Islam and what it means to be a Muslim? Join Arab-American Robert Azzi for a conversation about his experiences as a Muslim in America. Azzi is a photo journalist, columnist, public speaker, education consultant and world traveler who is eager to answer questions and engage in conversation about his life, how he came to convert to Islam, about the religion of Islam and its history - especially in America, and about the Middle East, terrorism, and associated political and social issues. Nothing is off the table! Azzi is committed to addressing all questions and looks forward to the discussion, which celebrates our diversity and facilitates different people reaching out and talking to one another.

Coordinator: Bob Hanlon\*

### **January 15: The search for the 19th century frigate La Medusa** – Charles Mazel

**NOTE: This program will meet in the O'Leary Library Mezzanine Reading Room**

In 1980 a French marine archaeological expedition sailed to the still-uncharted waters of the Arguin Bank, located the 1816 sunken wreck of La Medusa and recovered artifacts for museum display. Charles Mazel, PhD, was the expedition's Technical Director. In the "Search for the Medusa," Dr. Mazel will recount the events of the shipwreck, including its causes and aftermath; how French romantic artist Theodore Géricault came to paint his masterpiece *The Raft of the Medusa*; and the adventure and technology used in the expedition to locate the Medusa's remains. Charles Mazel holds a Master's in Ocean Engineering from MIT and earned his PhD in Marine Biology at Boston University.

Coordinator: Bruce Magnuson\*

### **January 15: Book Discussion – 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

*There There*, fiction by Tommy Orange

Facilitator: Karen Naka\*

Coordinator: Sheila Pariseau\*

## **January 22: Brexit, Britain, and the European Union** - Professor John Wooding

The June 2016 Brexit Referendum for Britain to leave the European Union was followed by three years of turmoil and division in the United Kingdom. Learn about the December 2019 Parliamentary election, latest news on Brexit, and likely (and unlikely) future developments.

Coordinator: Richard Grove\*

## **January 29: The Lowell Mill Girls Outside the Mills** - Assistant Professor Brigget Marshall

**NOTE: This program will meet at the Campus Recreation Center**

“In this session, we’ll learn about mill girls and popular culture in Lowell in the mid-nineteenth century (primarily 1830 to 1850). We’ll focus on what the mill girls were doing when they weren’t working in the mills. Lowell’s mill girls were avid consumers of literature, including newspapers, poetry broadsides, and literary magazines, and they also wrote and published their own magazine, the Lowell Offering. They enjoyed walks (and shopping!) in the streets of Lowell, and they regularly visited the Lowell Cemetery. During the session, we’ll look at historical images and read excerpts from writing by and about Lowell’s mill girls to understand their lives.”

Coordinator: Susan Lemire\*

## **February 5: Flight of Remembrance** - Marina Dutzman Kirsch

Marina Kirsch, award-winning author of *Flight of Remembrance: A World War II Memoir of Love and Survival*, will present her family’s story from the Axis side of WWII in Latvia, occupied Poland, and Germany—a story that includes two German veterans and provides a perspective seldom heard in the U.S. Her father, a Latvian aeronautical engineer, was forced to flee his homeland in 1939 before the first Soviet takeover. The only nation offering refuge was Nazi Germany. Hear his story of being drafted into the Luftwaffe, meeting the author’s mother in 1940 Berlin, and forging a new beginning in America, including a key role in the U.S. space program.

Coordinator: Bob Fesmire\*

## **February 12: 125 Years Ago: When Coburn Hall First Opened** - Assistant Professor Marie Frank

The university’s celebration of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary offers a timely opportunity to revisit the history of Coburn Hall from its opening in 1897 to the current restoration underway. Home to the Lowell Normal School and then Lowell Teachers College, Coburn Hall served as the only building on South Campus until the 1950s and has remained a focal point of campus activity. No expense was spared in the construction of the building and the curriculum itself was notably avant-garde for the time. This talk will focus on the early years of the school but also give special attention to the WPA murals and their conservation.

Coordinator: Susan Lemire\*

## **February 19: Interdisciplinary undergraduate student volunteers from eNable Lowell present on their experience designing and distributing 3D-printed assistive devices to children with limb-differences.**

eNable Lowell started as the local chapter of a global online community devoted to using 3D-printing technology to provide assistive devices to people with upper-limb differences. Since then, this interdisciplinary group of undergraduate students have expanded their mission beyond that of the online community to design customized, confidence-boosting, task-specific assistive devices for members of their network, all at no cost to their recipients.

Coordinator: Peter Sebelius\*

## **February 19: Book Discussion – 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

*The Guarded Gate: Bigotry, Eugenics and the Law That Kept Two Generations of Jews, Italians, and Other European Immigrants Out of America*, non-fiction by Daniel Okrent

Facilitator: Toby Hodes\*

Coordinator: Sheila Pariseau\*

## **February 26: What's the best camera? The one you have with you....**

Using a family trip to Amsterdam and Paris in the spring of 2019 as a backdrop, Bruce will discuss his strategies for making photographs while traveling to unique locations in a short period of time. The challenges and compromises that led to many lessons learned will be highlighted. A general discussion about different camera choices from smartphone, point and shoot, DSLR and Infrared also will be covered. Hopefully at the end of the session you will have some ideas for better photographs and enjoyed a trip through two of Europe's most interesting cities.

Presenter Bruce Magnuson\*

\*Indicates LIRA member



# LIRA's Winter 2020 Calendar

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