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HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE
SPRING 2020 PREVIEW/ OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, November 17th, 2:00-4:00 PM
Willetts-Hallowell Conference Center
Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LIR Members,

What can we say about November? October’s foliage is over and we still have a few weeks before the holiday season begins. It can be dreary at times, but there can also still be days of beautiful sunshine. We wake up in the morning not knowing whether to put on a sweater or wear sandals and shorts for one last time.

The great thing about November, though, even with its shorter days and nippy weather - is that it brings us the LIR Preview and Open House!

While the Preview is an opportunity to check out the seminars that will be given in the spring, it’s also an opportunity to talk with the moderators, see what activities are planned for the winter and socialize with other members.

All of the LIR committees will also be on hand, and I encourage everyone to visit their tables and learn what each committee does. You might find a committee that’s of interest to you and like to join it as a volunteer. LIR could not exist without the support of volunteers.

The public is always invited, so tell you friends and neighbors to come. This is a great way to show potential members the variety and richness of our organization.

The “Preview and Open House” will be held on Sunday, November 17th at the Willits-Hallowell Center, Mt Holyoke College from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Hope to see you there.

“A few days ago I walked along the edge of the lake and was treated to the crunch and rustle of leaves with each step I made. The acoustics of this season are different and all sounds, no matter how hushed, are as crisp as autumn air.” -From The Sense of Autumn by Eric Sloane

- Jake
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE....

SPRING 2020
PROGRAM PREVIEW
and
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
2:00-4:00 PM

Willetts-Hallowell Center,
Mt. Holyoke College
25 Park St, South Hadley, MA 01075

All are welcome!
Meet & mingle,
speak with the seminar moderators & program presenters.
Light refreshments will be served.
For more information, go to www.5clir.org or call 413-585-3756

WINTER/SPRING REGISTRATION OPENS ON
MONDAY, NOV 18
THE 5CLIR PROJECTS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

... was established to enable members to plan and organize events or projects such as conferences, symposia, lectures, films or performances, possibly with associated activities such as field-trips and reading groups. The intended audience may be limited to LIR members only, or some or all of the event may be open to the public.

Proposals could be for a one-time event such as a lecture by an eminent author with panel or audience discussion, or it could be for a lecture series on the model of Great Decisions, a film series with talkback and discussion, or a program in conjunction with one of the area’s cultural institutions. Partnering with other groups can be rewarding, and our area is rich with institutions of higher learning, theater and musical groups, the Amherst Cinema and museums and galleries.

Funds are available from LIR to cover some or all of the approved costs of a project or event. Alternatively, the initiator could investigate the possibility of applying for grant support.

The Project and Events Committee functions in a way similar to the Curriculum Committee in that it will evaluate your proposal and make suggestions about it, but the planning and execution of the project is up to you. A project proposal application form must be filled out in order for the committee to consider your proposal. The proposal form can be found on the website at: www.5clir.org/forms/

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Committee member. We look forward to hearing from you.

Projects and Events Committee
Ellen Kosmer, Chair
Sandy Belden
Linda Honan
Carol Jolly
Sheila Klem
Gordon Wyse
TWO NEW INTEREST GROUPS FORMING

I. READING THE CLASSICS
   will meet monthly, on the fourth Thursday of the month starting January 23, 2020.
   Organized and led by Lise Armstrong,
   the study group will give serious attention to a range of English language classics.

An initial meeting will be held on Thursday October 24 from 2-4 p.m. at the Armstrong’s apartment at Applewood. We will discuss what qualifies as a classic and develop a preliminary reading list. The group will be limited to twelve members and meet in members' homes where practical.

The first two titles for 2020 are The Warden by Anthony Trollope and My Antonia by Willa Cather.

Contact Lise at 549-9171 or esarmstrong@comcast.net with questions or to register for the October meeting.

II. WRITER'S WORKSHOP
   Facilitator: Chuck Hand
   Day and Time: Tentatively twice a month, Sundays at 2:00
   Location: TBA
   The purpose of this workshop is to interactively improve the writing style of people who are working on short stories, flash stories, non-fiction, etc. We will not be addressing poetry, as it's too different, and prefer to leave memoirs to the memoir writing classes. Contact Chuck Hand to register your interest in this program cbear147@gmail.com 413-225-3417
2019 FALL ENCORE PRESENTATIONS

Encore presentations this fall are scheduled for 10:00-Noon in the lower level meeting room at Applewood Retirement Community, One Spencer Drive, Amherst. Please park on Spencer Drive, not in the parking lots.

*** A note to Applewood residents: You are all welcome, come join us!

September 27, 2019

Carpets from Iran
Presenter: Nina Scott
Seminar: History & Culture of Iran
Description: After oil, Iranian carpets are one of the most important exports of the country. This presentation lays out the process of weaving, traditional designs, and recent deep changes which are affecting an artistic industry which has flourished for centuries. In preparation for this talk, please view the following videos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaBsaQwwV7Y
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyQWEItxWYk

The Nuclear Agreement with Iran
Presenter: Roger Webb
Seminar: The History and Culture of Iran
Description: Iran’s foreign policy and its search for nuclear weapons. What’s involved in making a nuke, why Iran wants one, and how the US and other countries have attempted to prevent them getting one.

October 4, 2019

How to Behave Badly in Elizabethan England
Presenter: Christine Heckman
Seminar: The Elizabethan Era
Description: Learn how to insult, mock or threaten almost anyone during the Elizabethan period, as well as rude things to do with your hat and an introduction to staff-fighting. Pictures and demonstrations included.

Stefan Zweig and his World of Yesterday
Presenter: Richard Stonberg
Seminar: European Destiny & the Hapsburgs
Description: After decades of relative obscurity, the life and career of Jewish biographer and dramatist Stefan Zweig (1881-1942) has been rediscovered as witnessed by director Wes Anderson’s film, The Grand Budapest Hotel, based on Zweig’s novels and short stories. Zweig’s final work, The World of Yesterday, is a fascinating chronicle of 3 ages: the Golden Days of Vienna that ended with WWI; that war and its aftermath; and the Hitler years. In exile in Brazil, Zweig’s memoir proved to be both an autobiography and a long suicide note since both he and his wife Lotte killed themselves the day after he posted the manuscript to his publisher.
October 11, 2019

**Co-evolution of language and brain**
Presenter: John Armstrong  
Seminar: Language and Evolution  
Description: All animals communicate, but only humans have language...many thousands of languages. Recent developments in various sciences have shed light on how this may have come to pass: a universal language instinct, but no universal human language.

**The role of culture in language**
Presenter: Gene Fisher  
Seminar: Language and Evolution  
Description: It is impossible to imagine human society without language. Yet, it is also impossible to understand the origin and evolution of language without culture. Culture invents language to unify society around its knowledge, roles, and values.

October 18, 2019

**Andreas Vesalius and William Harvey**
Presenter: Edward Brandt  
Seminar: The Age of Reason  
Description: The accomplishments of these two transformative figures created the foundation of our fascination and interest in human biology and medicine. Their work challenged the dogma of their time periods. Vesalius and Harvey emerged from the Renaissance to free medicine from superstition and revolutionize scientific research.

**Noam Chomsky**
Presenter: Tom Jones  
Seminar: Language and Evolution  
Description: Exactly what is language, why is it unique to humans, and how did it begin? These questions have been hotly debated over the last 150 years. This presentation will introduce the views of four of the most important, even controversial, figures in these debates.

October 25, 2019

**Populating the Americas**
Presenter: Kathy Campbell  
Seminar: Humanity's Past  
Description: What have we learned from the new science of ancient DNA sequencing about the arrival of humans in the western hemisphere? Have older theories been confirmed or overturned? Has the result been greater clarity or greater confusion? This talk is a review of the evolution of our knowledge over the last century.

**Languages of North America**
Presenter: Clarise Patton  
Seminar: Language and Evolution
Description: There seem to be 3 sets of languages in all of North America. In the US portion of languages, they can differ as much as Chinese and English, and have some fascinating characteristics like Having to specify how you know something - did you see it, hear about it, or assume it due to other things. Also, a Cherokee man, having heard about 'talking leaves' developed a written language which is still in use today.

November 1, 2019

The Swerve and the Beginning of the Renaissance
Presenter: Gordon Wyse
Seminar: Renaissance in Italy
Description: The emergence of the Renaissance was marked by rediscovery and re-appreciation of works from Roman and Greek antiquities. In his book The Swerve: How the World Became Modern, Stephen Greenblatt describes the rediscovery of one such manuscript, Lucretius' On the Nature of Things, and argues that it played a role in the beginning of the Renaissance. I will discuss how this history illuminates the transition from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, and how some details remain controversial.

Boston Police Strike
Presenter: Bonnie Vigeland
Seminar: Boston 1919
Description: Exactly a hundred years ago, the city of Boston experienced a year of unprecedented unrest - economic, social, political, racial – that culminated in an explosive police strike that gripped the city for days and had repercussions across the country. My talk will explore some of the national movements that led to the strike (divisive politics, race riots, anti-immigration sentiments, labor issues), the specific events of those days in Boston, and the tensions that remain unresolved today.

November 8, 2019

Holyoke's Mills and Canals
Presenter: Carol Walker
Seminar: 1800's Massachusetts Architecture
Description: This presentation focuses on the mills of the City of Holyoke, the first planned industrial community in the United States. Still known today as the Paper City, Holyoke was the largest paper manufacturing city in the world, producing an estimated 80% of the writing paper used in the U.S. It was also home to the world’s largest silk and alpaca wool mills as well as the most famous architectural firm specializing in water-driven mills.

Holger Cahill (1887-1960) and American Art under the WPA
Presenter: Ruth V. Elcan
Seminar: FDR's Supporting Cast
Description: We can all be glad that the WPA kept some artists from starving, but did anything of lasting value come out of federal support for visual art during the Great Depression? The common answer is “not much,” but the programs conceived by New Deal arts program director Holger Cahill suggest “quite a lot.” Who was this unlikely administrator and why are his achievements for American art mostly unrecognized now?
November 15, 2019

**Memoir**
Presenter: Fred Bogin  
Seminar: Techniques of Memoir Writing  
Description: After 38 years of pediatric practice and a number of years writing about memorable patients, Fred has turned his pen toward his experiences as a patient and the parent of an adult child with serious illness. He will read two relatively brief essays, one about his own open-heart surgery, and one about his daughter's successful battle with cancer.

**Charles Dickens**
Presenter: Alan Armstrong  
Seminar: Victorian Britain  
Description: (n/a)
2019-2020 OPERA PREP

The Metropolitan Opera

Live in HD at Cinemark Hadley

It's fall and opera season is upon us. See the Cinemark schedule below, and note the afternoon Encore series. Prep talks are held at the Inn at Lathrop in Easthampton, 2 to 3 p.m. on the Friday before the Saturday opera.

Big changes this year at Cinemark! All seats are reserved. No need for early rush to get preferred seating. Theatres will be accessible at 11:30 for the Saturday starts at 12:55, at 12:30 for the Wednesday afternoon encore starts at 1:00, and at 6:00 for the Wednesday evening encore starts at 6:30.

Tickets for any or all operas are available now at the Cinemark Box Office. This year, tickets may also be purchased on-line at Cinemark.com. Multiple on-line purchases are eligible for discounts.

Questions? Email Peg Bedell at peggotty25@gmail.com

2019-2020 SCHEDULE

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TECH ASSISTANCE: Individual Tech Help is Available

The Technology Committee is pleased to announce that it will offer one-on-one assistance to members of 5CLIR who have questions regarding a range of digital devices and selected software. Should you need tech help, please email the appropriate Tech Committee member for assistance with the type of device or software that concerns you. Note that while we will attempt to satisfactorily solve your problem, we cannot guarantee a solution.

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Please refer to your member directory for contact information. Directories are sent periodically, and you may request one from the office at any time.

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5CLIR CALENDAR

July 2019 – June 2020

July
No Executive Committee Meeting
No Curriculum Committee Meeting
No Council Meeting

August
1 Curriculum Committee Meeting
1 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15-2:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
8 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.

September
5 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15-2:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
5 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
12 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
17 5CLIR Potluck Lunch Picnic
18 (picnic rain date)
23 First day of fall seminars

October
4 Deadline for spring 2020 seminar proposals
3 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15-2:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
3 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
10 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Applewood in Amherst

November
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December
6 Registration deadline for inclusion in spring 2020 seminar lottery
5 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15-2:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
5 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
12 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.

2020

January
9 Memorial Program, 10:00-Noon,
Amherst College, Alumni House, Amherst
10 Snow date for Memorial Program
No Executive Committee meeting
No Curriculum Committee meeting
No Council meeting

February
6 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15-2:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
6 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
13 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.

TBA Moderators’ Meeting
20 New Members Coffee, 10:00-Noon,
Lathrop Northampton Community Room
24 First day of spring seminars

March
6 Deadline for fall 2020 seminar proposals
5 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15-2:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
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