

## president's message

Dear BCARF members,

Another year has passed and the Association of Retired Faculty is still here, including John Donovan, one of our founding fathers, who celebrated his hundredth birthday in February. The 2017-18 academic year was a successful one for the Association. Judith Wilt organized eight monthly program meetings featuring fascinating presentations by active members of the faculty and administration. Judith also arranged for docent-guided tours of the McMullen Museum's fall and spring exhibitions. David Northrup orchestrated eight monthly research seminars with stimulating presentations by members of BCARF. Jean Mooney arranged nine monthly meetings of the Book Club. Anyone seeking reminders about these events can find detailed information inside this issue. Sixty-eight members attended our annual banquet in May, and they brought 38 guests, all of whom enjoyed a delicious meal as well as an informative update on university activities from Vice Provost for Faculties Billy Soo; some of them were fortunate enough to win one of the half-dozen door prizes. We all owe hearty thanks to Loretta Higgins, who bravely took on the task of replacing Jean Mooney as chair of our Banquet Committee, and also to Jean herself, who helped enormously from behind the scenes.

Billy Soo came up with some additional funding to help us circulate widely on campus the Association's Guide for Faculty Retirement, updated by Joe Du y, S.J., and the 2017 Newsletter edited by Jean O'Neil. The resulting reassurance that there is life beyond retirement may have contributed to the influx of twenty-six new members to our ranks by the end of the year. The BCARF website, managed by Peter Olivieri, was an invaluable source of information on our activities, and like our newsletters, it was enlivened by the photos taken by Marjorie Sardella. Peter recently added

to the website a new history section which includes material on the founding of the Association, oral history interviews with more than a dozen faculty about life on the Heights in the 1950s and 60s, and a lengthy video presentation by Father Monan on the development of the university during the following decades.

Retired faculty grants for the 2017-18 academic year were awarded to six members. Unused funds, plus money saved by David Northrup in managing the lunches for the research seminars, enabled the Association to fund five smaller grants this past spring. Six members were recently awarded grants to cover expenditures during the 2018-19 academic year.

The Executive Committee experienced fairly minimal turnover this year. Charles Landraitis completed his second two-year term as Treasurer and retired from the Committee. David Northrup completed his four years as Member-at-Large but volunteered to serve a term as Treasurer. Dennis Sardella, who served as Interim Vice President this year, was elected to fill David's seat as Member-at-Large, and Alec Peck was elected to a two-year term as Vice President.

As you may already know, the Association has agreed to relocate

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President for Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment, who secured our office and meeting room in St. Clement's for the last year and a half after we had to leave 3 Lake Street. Kelli's administrative assistant, Elaine Testa, intervened repeatedly to avert parking crises for our activities over the past year. I also want to thank the staff of the Center for Centers whose administrative assistance enabled the Association to function, especially Peter Marino, Stephanie Querzoli, Ana Berreondo, and Michelle Muccini, as well as Jackie Delgado and Gaurie Pandey who replaced Ana and Michelle when they moved on to new positions during the year. Last but by no means least, I want to thank our Immediate Past President, Dennis Taylor, for editing this 2018 edition of our newsletter.

In the end, of course, you are the Association. Some of you have relocated a long way from Chestnut Hill in retirement, and others have health issues which limit participation in our activities. I hope that email and our website help keep you connected to our community nonetheless, and that those able to attend our functions will join us regularly. I can promise that seminar and program meeting presentations will be stimulating, and it is always a pleasure to get together with old friends and former colleagues.

Sincerely,

Paul Spagnoli  
BCARF President, 2017-2019

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## 2018 annual banquet



Cynthia Simmons, Dwayne Carpenter, Kathy McGuiness



Carol Green, Michael Malec, Karen Miller



Vice President Billy Soo



John Donovan, Frank McLaughlin



Thomas McGuiness, Ben Birnbaum



Joe Orlando, Ronna Krozy, Rita Olivieri

## retiree news

**N a B**

I currently live in a retirement community. There I serve on the medical, mental health committees and also serve on committee that reviews all other committees and serves as a bridge between the residents and management of the facility. I also serve as a voting town meeting member in Dedham. My wife and I are also somewhat involved in political issues facing us all but less than we should.

**R a B a , S.J.,**

Technically [May 22, 2018], I just retired a few days ago. This has been a sabbatical year, a psychological buffer zone that enabled me to begin the entirely new, post-academic phase on my life. It has not been a sabbatical in the normal sense of the word. Last summer, I became 'minister,' or in plain English 'administrator,' of the Jesuit community at Boston College. This involves maintenance of St. Mary's Hall and seven other houses that serve as residences for the 50 Jesuits assigned here. We have the main chapel and two auxiliary chapels, so I've become something of a minor-league pastor. We have a custodial staff and food service, and of course some personnel management, budgeting and purchasing go with the territory. Our many visitors have put us into the hotel business, and a fleet of cars demands constant attention. It's been a steep learning curve, to say the least, but the staff has been most supportive and helpful. Maybe this second year—my first 'retirement' year—will be less hectic, but I don't envision writing books, articles, or conference papers in the future. My academic career was rewarding, but now it's time to try something else.

**R a B**

Mendelssohn & Co.: A Fictive Memoir has just been published by Anaphora Literary Press. "My thanks to the BCARF seminar for everyone's encouragement at our September 2017 meeting." Rosemary's spouse, Andy Von Hendy, passed away in June. He is much missed. —ed.

**Ma a B.**

My news this year is dominated by family, including my daughter-in-law's encounter with cancer and my older son Raphael and his wife expecting baby #2 in November. In San Francisco, my younger son's wife Laura was diagnosed at age 32 with osteosarcoma in her right femur; the aggressive treatment required (6 rounds of chemo in the hospital and surgery after the second round) started last December and just ended in mid-May with excellent prospects for her future. Healing of course is not just a physical event: she and the whole family will continue to share in the healing of spirit that can now begin as well. Daniel and their son Bowie (19 mos) have been indefatigable supporters through the whole process, welcoming family and friends into their apartment to lend extra hands and hearts. Our regular trips to SF will continue! Since last March, Raphael and his family have moved in with us in Newton Mon-Fri so that we can help them with Helena (a terrible, talkative and charming two year old!) during the fatigue of pregnancy and

the loss of parking at the Sharon train station (from which they normally commuted into Boston for their jobs in the Longwood area). This gives us a chance to "pay forward" the help my mother gave us so generously during the last fifteen years of her life when she moved in with us. Daniel was a year old when she arrived and my mother helped us keep the daily life of a working family running as smoothly as possible all those years. On the scholarly front, three areas of concentration:

(1) an article, "Comedy and Enigma in Marie de France Le Chaitivel, Jean Bodel's *Jeu de Saint Nicolas*, and Chrétien de Troyes's *Le Conte du Graal*." *Le Cygne* 4, third series (Fall 2017): 7-24.

(2) My former dissertation advisor, Peter Haidu, who died February 2009, asked me in his will to find a publisher for his last book project on Chrétien de Troyes. Having decided to concentrate on what I consider the strongest, most original part of the manuscript, I edited the long chapter on Philomena, Chrétien's translation/reworking of Ovid's tale from the *Metamorphoses*, as a stand alone book (with materials from other chapters to be developed along with an intro I'll write if all goes well). I have now sent it to a potential publisher for consideration.

(3) While I wait for the results, I have finally been able to resume work on my own book project ("Biblical Encounters: Inscripting Jewish and Christian Dialogue in Medieval French Literature"), researching and getting ready to write up the chapter on the Bible moralisée. Many thanks to BCARF for their support of this work which I plan to "preview" in a lecture at King's College London next May.

**R a C , S.J.,**

Though 'retired,' I am making full use of my 'emeritus' status, continuing to teach and co-teach. With STM Dean Tom Stegman, I taught Great Themes of the Bible, a capstone course, in fall 2017 (28 students), and taught a year-long 3-credit course in Intermediate Hebrew. I wrote two articles, one to appear soon in *America*, and the other in *Theological Studies* in the September or December issue. I also preside at Sunday mass at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Westwood. In addition, I have the privilege of living with 65 Jesuit STM students in Faber Jesuit Community on Foster St., about half of them international.

**J Da ,**

John Dacey teaches "Creativity and Human Development" in BC's Capstone program. He has just published two books for teachers entitled *Integrating SEL into Your Curriculum, Grades 3 to 5* and *Grades 6 to 8*. His agent is taking his new book, *Why Don't You Just Relax*, on dealing with anxiety disorders by adults, around to publishers.

**R b Da , S.J.,**

My most recent book, *Sacrifice, Pagan and Christian*, is now on the way to publication with Bloomsbury/T&T Clark. It will, in all probability, be my last scholarly book. In a less scholarly vein, I am also preparing for hopeful publication of the last 25 years of my 'poetic' Christmas homilies.

**Harold E. S.J., S.J.,**

So-Called 'Retirement': I did the wedding for my grandnephew in Virginia and then my grandniece in Rhode Island. Great family affair: everyone came—from CA, CT, FL, MA, RI, and TX. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES: I'm working on a book with a Hong Kong Carthusian on Rahner's Christology and mystical theology. I've also done book-length evaluations for Oxford U Press, Cambridge U Press, and Routledge, as well as a few article evaluations for a few periodicals. Let's not forget the books reviews for Theological Studies. Nowyouknowmedia.com has produced three of my media series: one on Christian Mysticism, another on Karl Rahner, and one on Exploring Catholic Theology. My homily series will be out in June and one on Ignatius the Mystic in August. Interested? VOLUNTEER WORK: I spend some of my time correcting the written English of a few of our French-speaking Africans and one Chinese SJs. A dissertation well over 600 pages was sent to an editor for publication. These young SJs are extremely talented. I am sometimes asked to fix computer, TV, and printer issues, when our techs are not here. I continue to teach theology to the 43 year-incarcerated prisoner of Swedish descent and send him inter-linear English-Swedish books. HOBBIES AND FUN: I do collages for the SJs who preside at our Friday community Masses. The one of the African SJ being hooded at graduation is terrific. Then there are those who ask me to enhance photos they've taken. I miss the cooking I used to do when we lived at 2000 Comm. Ave. However, I cooked elk for the Christmas dinner for a select few here, the best meat I have ever eaten. With help from the trusty St. Mary's hall kitchen staff, I've done elk medallions, yak medallions, wild boar belly sausages (so tasty!), and both yak and elk burgers. Life is too short just to eat chicken. I still work out at Gym at least 4x/weekly about three miles away, close to the UPS. Also, I walk every evening, regardless of the weather.

**Robert F., S.J.,**

In the fall I led a reading group of grad students on two short Platonic dialogues: Hippias Major and Minor. Topic: beauty and nobility. Throughout the year I benefitted from the various lectures at Harvard & BC, not least those sponsored by BC's excellent Pol Sci Department. Late in the spring I was a panelist at U Richmond, in a small conference on the liberalism of Lincoln, and at Princeton, discussing the fine new book by a now deceased former student, Leslie Goodrich Rubin. Topic: how Aristotle's recommendation of a powerful middle class might help us understand the predicaments of our liberal democracy.

**David F., S.J.,**

Laura and I apologize for not saying goodbye to most of you, but it has been an all-out struggle getting ourselves dislodged from Beacon St., packed up and trucked to Oakland, CA. We have a nice apartment in a continuing care community called Lake Park. Eighth floor overlooking beautiful Lake Merritt. Come and join us. The people are great and so is the food. Our son and his family live in nearby Berkeley and we have other family members "ut here" including two granddaughters at UCSB. We expect to remain Eagles, Sox, Pats and Celtics fans and look forward to coming back for a visit.

**Paul G., S.J.,**

My book, *Free to Learn: How Unleashing the Instinct to Play Will Make Our Children Happier, More Resilient, and Better Students for Life*, first published in 2013, continues to attract a great deal of attention. The paperback edition was published in February of this year, and two new translations (Chinese simplified and Italian) appeared this year, on top of the Chinese complex and Romanian translations that appeared the previous year. My publications over the past year include a chapter entitled, "Studying Play Without Calling That: Humanistic and Positive Psychology," in the *Handbook for the Study of Play* (2015). My blog—*Freedom to Learn*—has received a total of well over 4 million views. Most of its essays have been republished on other sites or in print media and many have been translated and republished. Primarily because of my book and blog, I'm frequently invited to give talks at education conferences and to other groups concerned with preserving childhood in this era of NCLB and Common Core. Over the past 12 months I have given 33 such talks, many of which were keynote addresses. I have also appeared on more talk shows and been a party to more media interviews and quoted in more published articles than I can keep track of. This has kept me busier than I sometimes think I would like to be, but I feel quite passionate about the ideas I speak about and have a hard time turning down invitations. I continue, however, to find time to enjoy bicycling, kayaking, cross-country skiing, and vegetable gardening. I get outdoors for one or another of these almost every day that I'm not away from home.

**Lois H., S.J.,**

Lois made life master in duplicate bridge a few years ago. She is now at a little higher life master level - she made bronze LM - over 500 points and requisite gold and silver points.

**Walter H., S.J.,**

In April 2018 Walt was elected to his fifth three-year term as trustee of Westminster MA's Forbush Memorial Library. In June, Walt and Kris took a trip to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary (February). Most of the trip they stayed at Spring Creek Ranch on the East Grand Vente Butte just west of Jackson WY. From there they went horseback riding two days and other days took tours of Jackson Hole valley (along the eastern side of the gorgeous Grand Teton range) and Yellowstone park. Fortunately by last June, Walt's left leg (broken in a crazy accident) was enough mended that he could ride horses and hike without crutches. Also in 2017-18, their daughter, Elizabeth, started an MA program in urban planning at MIT (she won a full tuition scholarship intended for MIT grad students who had been born in Boston and graduated from BC.) Walt is greatly looking forward to attending a 50 year reunion of International Voluntary Services in fall 2018. Walt served with IVS in the Royal Kingdom of Laos 1968-71; he was 'kicked out' of IVS in 1971, but elected to the IVS Board of Directors in 1974, in connection with which he returned to Laos in 1975, just in time for the communist Pathet Lao takeover of the country in May '75. Anyone interested in Walt's work on US bombing of Laos and the continuing tragedy of anti-personnel cluster bombs can go to the [legaciesowar.org](http://legaciesowar.org) home page and in the Resources sec-





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bookstore, on Amazon, New England Mobile Book Fair, Brookline Booksmith, New England Comics and elsewhere. More information is on my site, [www.rogerrobot.net](http://www.rogerrobot.net).

### **H. J M Da**

In my own count down to full retirement after 39 years at the end of June 2018, this has been a year of proto- transitions. I taught my final two courses as a full time faculty member in the Fall of AY 17-18: A Capstone Senior Seminar (“Telling Our Stories/ Living Our Lives”) and an upper level (seniors and graduate students) Theology elective: ‘Spirituality and Sexuality’. I have been invited back to offer the latter next Spring. And to remind: my departmental colleague, Fr. Jim Weiss, director of the Capstone Program, is always on the look-out for energetic, excellent teachers even among the ranks of the retired faculty to design and teach a section of the ever popular Capstone courses - and not pro bono! This past fall I took what might be called ‘final sabbatical; and my partner Tim and I spent much of January and February with my sisters and their families in Southern California, finishing up with a memorable week in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Re-reading Willa Cather’s *Death Comes to the Archbishop* sitting by a pinion pine fire in kiva fire place in a tiny adobe casita near the early 18th C. church of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe was a moving experience.

### **J a M**

**Dennis MaSa** a Chemistry and Presidential Scholars  
Dennis is completing his sixth year as a docent at the Museum of Russian Icons, where last November he had the privilege of leading a gallery tour for the docents from BC's McMullen Museum. In addition to his work at the Museum, Dennis continues to ac-

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ture on the “Dancers of the Nightway.” On the family front, last summer they attended the wedding of their granddaughter Zoé Valette to Ryan Egger in Rhode Island; this past September, Zoé enrolled as a graduate student in the BC School of Social Work. In October 2017, Rebecca and Jean-Paul celebrated Jean-Paul’s 80th birthday in Sedona, Arizona, together with their three children: a “nuclear family” reunion! Late this spring, Jean-Paul and Rebecca participated in a discovery tour of Sicily – “a truly fascinating two weeks, followed by ten days in Paris. (We unfortunately had to miss the annual BCARF dinner!)” As for the flute, which Rebecca took up again upon her BC retirement in 2003, she is still taking lessons twice a week with an excellent teacher and a fine accompanist at the All Newton Music School, playing regularly in recitals.



## new retirees

Welcome to the following faculty who now join us in retirement as of Spring 2018:

- R a A
- S a B a
- R a A. B a
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## research seminar participants



Alec and Patricia Peck, Charles Landraitis



Dennis Taylor

## remembrances

Condolences to the families and colleagues of the following:

- L a Ca
- Sa a C
- R a C bb-S
- R b a Ma
- Da Ma a
- H a S
- Na V
- A V H

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 Du y, S.J. completed the booklet and Paul Spagnoli 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 2017–2018

## past programs

The monthly lunch, social, business and program meetings are coordinated by Judith Wilt. Check the calendar in this Newsletter for dates and times. An email invitation designating speaker and topic precedes each monthly meeting.:

### september

Libraries as Agents of Change  
Judith Wilt, University Librarian

### october

The Lady and George Washington: The Constitutional Politics of Gender  
Marianne Saft, Boston University

### november

Retiree Medical Coverage — an Update from the Benefits Office and Tufts Health Plan  
Janet B. O'Neil, Tufts University

### february

Secrets in the Age of Data  
Sara B. L. ...

### march

Faculty Cohorts on Teaching: Towards More Just and Inclusive Classrooms  
D. S. ...

### april

Fire, Fuel, and the Fate of 3 Billion: State of the Energy Impoverished  
G. ...

### may

Vatican II Comes to Boston College  
Janet O'Neil ...

## bcarf research sem

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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

Contact the Moderators by email at any time for assistance. The facility in O'Neill 250H is available on a walk-in basis anytime when the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) is open, and the Moderators can arrange for you 24/7 access to the Projects Lab in Carney (3D printing, legacy equipment, etc).

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.

Marshals at the Boston College Commencement, May 2018:  
H. John McDargh

Alec Peck

Rachel Spector

Maria Sannella

Michael Malec

Marshals at the BC A&S Ceremony, May 2018:

Cathy Schneider, H. John McDargh

### 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 Hinchey, IVC Regional Director, 31 Fairview Street, Roslindale, MA 02131, 617-327-2292, [dhinchey@ivcusa.org](mailto:dhinchey@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.

## teaching in retirement: capstone courses

Several retired faculty have mentioned Capstone courses in their "news."

"Do what you loved: teach. The Capstone Program flourishes thanks to some 'INSPIRED RETIRED' faculty like John Dacey, Bob Capalbo, Richard Clifford S.J., Deborah Levenson-Estrada, John McDargh, and Rachel Spector. Or ask Harold Petersen or Dennis Taylor about it. Heck – John Donovan (who turns 100 this summer!) taught well into his 80s! The salary for teaching a Capstone course is similar to that for teaching a part-time course. Teach material you love to help seniors only to look backward and forward. They reflect on choices they made to shape their educations. They ponder future long-term commitments in career, relationships, citizenship, and spirituality (i.e., overall meaningfulness). Take any approach as long as it covers those categories and requires substantial reading and written work".

Contact Capstone Director Jim Weiss: [james.weiss@bc.edu](mailto:james.weiss@bc.edu)



# bcarf event calendar 2018-19

## september

- Book Club
- Research Seminar
- Executive Committee
- Program Meeting

## october

- Book Club
- Research Seminar
- Executive Committee
- Program Meeting

## november

- Book Club
- Research Seminar
- Executive Committee
- Program Meeting

## december

- Book Club
- Research Seminar
- Executive Committee

## january

- Book Club

- Executive Committee

- Program Meeting

## february

- Book Club

- Research Seminar

- Executive Committee



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