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Please join us for our
2017 Annual Meeting
and Summer & Fall Preview
of our upcoming programs, seminars and workshops



Sunday May 7, 2017
Annual Meeting at 1:30 PM
Preview at 2:00 PM
Smith College Campus Center
Northampton, MA 01063

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, GORDON WYSE

Hi all,



As I write this, the spring seminars are ending and we await the Annual Meeting and Preview of fall seminars and summer programs. This event will take place on Sunday May 7. We had a delightfully successful April event, with lots of good fellowship and a fine talk by John Lombardi. Great Decisions just concluded for the year, with another excellent series of events. My thanks to the Member Services Committee, Development Committee and Great Decisions Committee for these excellent events.

Elsewhere, outside of LIR, I moonlight in the Commonwealth Honors College at UMass. The Honors College is attempting to restore the requirement of an Honors Thesis for all new Honors students. I have met with faculty who worry about the capacity of departments to provide faculty and research space for the number of Honors students that seems ever to increase. Their concerns are understandable and reasonable: How can we get the resources to do what we all think is the right thing to do?

How is that relevant to LIR? We too must contend with the quest for resources. I give heartfelt thanks to the Development Committee and its chair, Chuck Gillies. The Campaign for the Future, on which they worked tirelessly for the last two years, gives us resources to do what we think is right. The income from this quasi-endowment will allow us to provide the best programs and make them accessible to all. My thanks go also to you, the members, for your generous gifts!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon Wyse". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Note: The 5 CLIR office is relocating! On or about June 15th, the office will be moved to:
Smith College
Henshaw 101-C2
Northampton, MA 01063
During the move, the office will be closed for up to 3 days. More details to follow...

LIR SPRING SOCIAL- SCENES



Do YOU enjoy LIR social gatherings?

Member Services wants your opinion!

Look for a brief survey from 5CLIR, coming soon...

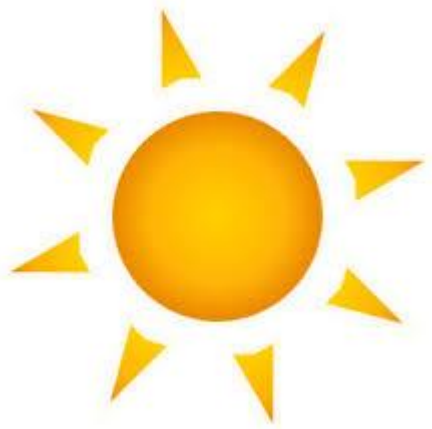
Don Quixote II with Nina Scott- April 2017



From left: Laura Price, Naomi Yanis, Terry Rosenfeld
Just a vignette of our refreshments. Terry Rosenfeld's 12 year old granddaughter Sophie made the cake, an old Sephardic recipe for an orange sponge cake called "Pandespaña" or "Spanish bread." Terry supplied the windmill which came from Russia. And all enjoyed.

NEW SHORT SUMMER SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

For the first time, LIF is offering a series of 3 short seminars this summer. On May 30th, registration will be open on a first-come, first-served basis, and will close on June 12th. Programs will run from July 17th through the end of August. More information will be available at the Preview and on the website.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

Be sure to check out this summer's exciting offerings, at the May 7th Preview, in the catalog, and on the website after May 7th.

ENCORE, ENCORE!

Toward the end of each semester the membership is asked to recommend outstanding presentations from seminars they attended with a view toward airing them at an Encore presentation for others to enjoy. Katy van Geel and Larry Ambbs have for many years been the members who scheduled these Encore offerings. They are now ready to allow others to take over this opportunity to assist our organization. Working on the Encore committee is rewarding because it puts you in touch with many people. If you think you might like to help please tell Katy or Larry or Kay, chair of Special Programs or just send an email to the 5CLIR office. Katy and Larry have put together a list of responsibilities to make it easy and they will help get you started.

A CALL FOR NEW IDEAS

by Chuck Gillies (5CLIR member since 1996)

April, 2017

For over 25 years 5CLIR has run, as our core mission, many peer-led seminars as well as recurring special programs and will continue to do so for the next 25 years. But we have also developed over the years several unique programs. I recently shared with the 5CLIR Council the list, below, of such programs and would like to share the same with the whole LIR community. My purpose, obviously, is to plant the thought that we could do something similar again. All it takes is an idea and someone to take the leadership. Thanks to the Campaign for the Future there is seed money available for the right idea. In fact, one of the goals of the Campaign, was “to encourage new programs.”

I know that programs of any kind depend on volunteers and workers. However, I believe that among our members may be individuals with an idea or a passion that does not fit our standard array, but that would enhance the LIR experience and help build the membership. And, from my experience, there are good LIR people “ready to help” and I know the experience can be immensely rewarding.

Here are examples of successful “unusual” 5CLIR programs over the last several years:

1. You and Your Genome (Fall, 2001); 5CLIR member Ginny Senders initiated and secured Prof. Molly Fitzgerald-Hayes of UMass to "pilot" this program (designed for incoming UMass freshmen) for about 75 LIR members held at Hampshire College. Over eight weeks we learned about the latest scientific info on DNA and even found out how to take our own. The only cost - absorbed by LIR - was Xeroxing the materials distributed. Offered for LIR members only.
2. Emergence (Science and Religion - Fall, 2003); 5CLIR member Cliff Matthews organized and led this five-part series held at a number of the five colleges. Nationally prominent speakers (Lynn Margulis, Dorion Sagan, retired UMass Chancellor David Scott, and Mathews himself) were linked with LIR speakers (John Armstrong, Bob Grant, Diedrick Snoek, Bert Bandman, and Dottie Rosenthal). Open to the public at no charge.
3. Slavery and Its Legacy (Feb. - April, 2005). Chuck Gillies and a team of 5CLIR members put together this six-part series of talks about slavery and its current consequences. Included were Tony Marx (Pres., Amherst College) and Lucas Wilson (Af-Am Studies, Mt. Holyoke), several LIR members (Chuck, Bob Romer and Frank Heston), UMass and other Five College professors and nationally known scholar, Derrick Bell. Funds were raised - open to the public at no charge.

4. Aging Creatively (April, 2007) Joan Hastings, initiated and led this one day program of workshops and seminars on a variety of topics of interest to all who are aging. Held at Smith College with cooperation of the Smith School for Social Work. Open to the public with a charge.
5. Aging Wisely (April, 2008?) Joan Hastings led a second “Aging” conference (details missing from my records).
6. The Civil War Symposium (Oct., 2011). Chuck Gillies and a 5CLIR team produced this two-day workshop held at UMass featuring Eric Foner (Columbia), David Blight (Yale), Charles Dew (Williams), Manisha Sinha (UMass) and many other nationally known scholars talking about the causes and consequences of the War. Funds were raised - open to the public free of charge.
7. Also, of course, from the beginning 5CLIR has successfully run Great Decisions, the Foreign Policy Association program on foreign policy.
8. The "Thomas Perls Event" (April, 2016). Initiated by the Development Committee and run by the Members Services Committee, over 100 people attended this talk by Thomas Perls and the related social event.

Note the variety – there is no set program, but can be designed fresh each time. This list may not be complete as my records and memory fade!

Both of these programs that I was involved with were generated in seminars I moderated. If you have an idea speak to a 5CLIR officer or member of Council.

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD – 2016-2017

The Met
ropolitan
Opera



Ten LIVE transmissions, shown at the Hadley Cinemark Theater on Saturday afternoons, with Encores as shown, generally on Wednesdays.
Tickets should be purchased by 5CLIR members in advance.

Each Saturday program will be preceded by an Opera Prep talk on Friday.
We meet at the Northampton Lathrop Community Room, 2:00–3:00 p.m
Anyone interested may attend any session.

Questions? Call Peg Bedell at 586-8661 or e-mail her at peggotty25@gmail.com.

PREP DATE	COMPOSER: OPERA	LIVE DATE	TIME	ENCORE DATE	TIME	LENGTH
Oct 7	Tristan und Isolde	Oct 8	12:55	Oct 12	6:30	5:15
Oct 21	Don Giovanni	Oct 22	12:55	Oct 26	6:30	3:45
Dec 9	L'Amour de Loin	Dec 10	12:55	Dec 21	6:30	3:00
Jan 6	Nabucco	Jan 7	12:55	Jan 11	6:30	3:05
Jan 20	Romeo et Juliette	Jan 21	12:55	Jan 25	6:30	3:30
Feb 24	Rusalka	Feb 25	12:55	Mar 1	6:30	4:04
Mar 10	La Traviata	Mar 11	12:55	Mar 15	6:30	2:55
Mar 24	Idomeneo	Mar 24	12:55	Mar 29	6:30	4;20
Apr 21	Eugene Onegin	Apr 22	12:55	Apr 26	6:30	4:00
May 12	Der Rosenkavalier	May 13	12:55	May 17	6:30	4:50

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OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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President: Gordon Wyse
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Secretary: Mike Brooks
Treasurer: Kathy Campbell
Past President: Sheila Klem

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Terry Rosenfeld (partial term ends 6/30/17)
Tyll van Geel (3-year term ends 6/30/17)
Jacob Greenburg (3-year term ends 6/30/18)
Ann Hartman (3-year term ends 6/30/18)
Bobbie Reitt (3-year term ends 6/30/18)
Joanne Creighton (3-year term end 6/30/19)
Jonathan Jay (3-year term end 6/30/19)
Chris Hurn (3-year term end 6/30/19)
Sheila Klem, Past President

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Development: Chuck Gillies (3-year term ends 6/30/18)
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Great Decisions: Jake Greenburg
Member Services: Nancy Clune & Gail Gaustad (3-year terms end 6/30/18)
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Special Programs: Kay Klausewitz (3-year term ends 6/30/18)
Tech: Peter Reitt (3-year term ends 6/30/19)
Winter/Summer Programs: Nancy Denig (3-year term ends 6/30/18)

Historian: Sara Wright
Ombudsman: Anne Lombard
Five Colleges, Inc., Liaison: Larry Ambs

5CLIR CALENDAR - JAN- JUNE 2017

January	5	Memorial Program, 10-12, Amherst College, Alumni House No Executive Committee, Council, Curriculum Committee meetings
	23	February newsletter submission deadline
February	2	Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	2	Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	9	Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	17	New Members Coffee, 10-12, Lathrop Northampton
	20	First day of spring seminars
	27	March newsletter submission deadline
March	2	Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	2	Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	3	Meeting for Potential Moderators, 10-12, Lathrop Northampton
	9	Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	17	Deadline for seminar proposals for fall semester 2016
	27	April newsletter submission deadline
April	6	Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	6	Curriculum Committee, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	13	Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	19	Spring Social, 4:00, Hadley Farms Meeting House
	24	May newsletter submission deadline
	28	Deadline for Short Summer Seminar proposals
May	4	Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
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	22	June-July newsletter submission deadline
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30	Registration opens for Short Summer Seminars	
June	1	Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	1	Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	8	Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
	12	Close of registration for Short Summer Seminars

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