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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 5 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
- 5 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
- 9 Indigenous Peoples/ Columbus Day – UMass closed
- 12 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
- 25 November newsletter submission deadline

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: (PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED LOCATION)

**THE SPRING PREVIEW IS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 2:00 PM,
AT THE WILLETTS-HALLOWELL CENTER, MT. HOLYOKE COLLEGE**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

How exciting for LIR members to begin so many new and fascinating seminars this past week! If you didn't do preparatory reading for your seminars this summer, you're probably adding some reading time now, as you want to be "up" on the stimulating topics being introduced at your weekly seminar sessions. Seminars are one of the most wonderful aspects of being an LIR member! Enjoy!



In last month's Letter from the President, I mentioned that the Council was considering the purchase of some audio devices to help our hearing impaired members participate more fully in LIR seminars and other group activities. Well, the Council did indeed decide to buy one Seminar Set of the VOX audio system, to be used to help some of our members hear more of LIR's interesting talks and discussions. This first trial Seminar Set will consist of 2 transmitters with lapel mikes (one for the Seminar Moderator and one to be shared by hearing impaired members of the group who have something they want to say), 5 receivers and 5 earphones (for up to five hearing impaired members of a group), so they can hear what others are saying or the sound of a video being shown to the group.

If your seminar or other LIR group would like to borrow the Seminar Set, after it arrives in the LIR Office, you or your Seminar Moderator or Committee Chairperson should contact Tisha Ferguson, LIR Office Manager, to make a reservation for the day and time you wish to use this new equipment. **PLEASE NOTE** that it is truly important that everyone who borrows the Seminar Set **MUST** return it to the LIR Office, immediately after using it, so that other LIR members and groups can share the use of it. If it is widely used and is deemed successful, the Council will consider buying more Seminar Sets.

Therefore we will be interested in your opinions and reactions to using the VOX audio equipment. It has been highly popular with Road Scholar participants, who have been using this company's audio devices for a several years, to rave reviews. We do understand that there are still some difficulties for our hearing impaired members, when it comes time for discussions and a free-ranging exchange of ideas. An Ad Hoc Committee of the Council, co-chaired by Ilene and Terry Rosenfeld, is doing a thorough investigation of ways to enhance participation in group discussions for our hearing impaired members. Stay tuned...

Marybeth

Fall Seminars Have Begun!



Metropolitan Opera Live in HD 2017-2018

It's fall and opera season is upon us. See the Cinemark schedule below, and note the addition of an afternoon Encore series (a change that seniors may be happy to see).

Another change. The Friday afternoon Opera Prep talks have been moved from Northampton Lathrop **to the Inn at Easthampton Lathrop. 2:00 to 3:00 pm.**

If you have questions, please make a note of my new address and phone number:
217 Bassett Brook Drive, Easthampton MA 01027, 413:203:5562.

E-mail remains Peggotty25@gmail.com

Prep.	Live.	Encore.	Encore.			Start	Run
		1:00pm.	6:30pm.			Time.	Time
10/6.	10/7.	10/11.	10/11.	Bellini.	NORMA.	12:55	3:30
10/13.	10/14.	10/18'	10/18.	Mozart.	DIE ZAUBERFLOTE,	12:55.	3:30
11/17.	11/18.	11/29.	11/29.	Ades.	THE EXTERMINATING ANGEL	12:55.	2:55
01/26	01/27.	01/31.	01/31.	Puccini.	TOSCA.	12:55.	3:20
02/09.	02/10.	02/14.	02/14.	Donizetti.	L'ELISIR D'AMORE.	12:00.	3:00
02/23.	02/24.	02/28.	02/28.	Puccini.	LA BOHEME.	12:30.	3:20
03/09.	03/10.	03/14.	03/14.	Rossini.	SEMIRAMIDE.	12:55.	3:50
03/30.	03/31.	04/04.	04/04.	Mozart.	COSI FAN TUTTE	12:55.	4:00
04/13.	04/14.	04/18.	04/18.	Verdi.	LUISA MILLER.	12:30.	4:00
04/27.	04/28.	05/02.	05/02.	Massenet.	CENDRILLON.	12:55.	3:15

The Science Round Table

The Science Round Table will meet this fall on:

Oct. 19, Nov. 16, and Dec. 21

from **2:00-3:30pm**

at **The Hitchcock Center for the Environment.**

The meeting on Oct. 19 will feature

Prof. Ian Grosse of the UMass Amherst College of Engineering.

He will review recent progress in the field of Additive Manufacturing (sometimes referred to as '3D printing'). He will review the various technologies available commercially and highlight the capabilities of the new UMass Advanced Digital Design and Fabrication lab.

The meeting on Nov. 16 will feature

Prof. Richard Palmer, director of the UMass Northeast Climate Science

Center, speaking on "climate change, facts and alternative facts, and the Connecticut River impacts more specifically."

The meeting on Dec. 21 will feature

Prof. Elizabeth Vierling of the UMass Biochemistry Department, speaking on "GMOs (genetically modified organisms) and the scientific evidence of their utility and safety. "

Curriculum Committee News

We're excited to start the Fall 2017 semester, with 23 seminars on wide-ranging subjects, and 2 workshops. Thank you to our moderators, and to all of you participants. We hope that you all enjoy your experiences!

We also are pleased to report that we have a good number of seminar proposals for next semester - Spring 2018 – again, on a wide range of interesting, challenging, and fun topics.

We hope that you will SAVE THE DATE of the Preview of those seminars, November 19, 2017, 2:00 – 3:45 p.m., on your calendars and come and chat with the moderators and enjoy some refreshments.

SPECIAL EVENT, FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A Lecture Presented by 5 College Learning in Retirement:

Gerrymandering in the Supreme Court: Democracy in the Dock

Lecture by Professor Stephen Gottlieb,

Jay and Ruth Caplan Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Albany Law School

When: October 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Where: The Eric Carle Museum, Amherst

The drawing the boundaries of electoral districts in a way that gives one party an unfair advantage over its rivals, gerrymandering, has a long history in American politics. On October 22, 2017 Five College Learning in Retirement is sponsoring 2017 a public lecture by Professor Stephen Gottlieb on the upcoming block-buster Supreme Court case that will address the question of the constitutionality of partisan-gerrymandering.

The case up for review, *Gill v. Whitford*, issued by federal district court in 2016, struck down Republican-drawn state assembly maps in Wisconsin on the grounds of partisan gerrymandering. While previous judicial attacks on partisan-gerrymandering have not been successful the federal district court in this case relied on a new approach that arguably solved the problem of finding an identifiable and manageable test for partisan gerrymandering.

Prof. Gottlieb is the Jay and Ruth Caplan Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Albany Law School and author of *Unfit for Democracy: The Roberts Court and the Breakdown of American Politics* (NYU Press 2016).



5CLIR Technology Committee Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for help on the Technology Committee in 5CLIR. The Technology Committee provides 5CLIR members with information on and instruction in relevant digital and audio-visual technology related issues. You may feel you don't have sufficient experience to help other members, but all kinds of assistance are needed and in many cases, you probably know more than you think about current technology. While some members may have significant technical expertise, others are needed so that we can identify issues that nontechnology minded 5CLIR members may be facing. Please respond to our President, Marybeth Bridegam, if you are willing to help.

TECH ASSISTANCE: Individual Tech Help is Available

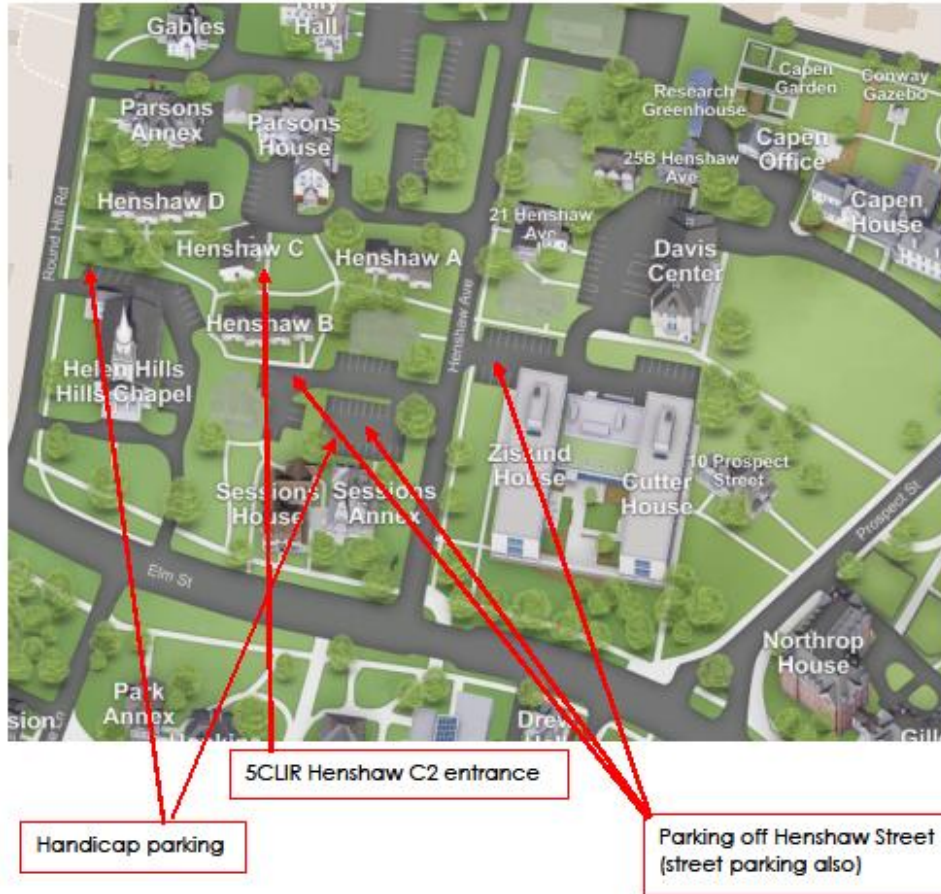
The Technology Committee is pleased to announce that it will offer one-on-one assistance to members of 5CLIR who have questions regarding a range of digital devices and selected software. Should you need such assistance, please choose the type of device or software concerning you and then email the appropriate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

Apple/Mac OS:	Kathy Campbell Gordon Wyse	ksmithcamp@post.harvard.edu gwyse@bio.umass.edu
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Please call or email in advance if you plan to visit.

5CLIR CALENDAR 2017-2018

2017

- July** No Executive Committee Meeting
 No Curriculum Committee Meeting
 No Council Meeting
 17 First Day of Short Seminars
- August** No Curriculum Committee Meeting
 4 Executive Committee meeting, Time TBA, Five Colleges, Inc.
 11 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 31 Last Day of Short Seminars
- September** 7 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 7 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 14 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 19 5CLIR Potluck Lunch Picnic @ Gaustad home, 12–3
 21 [Rosh Hashannah]
 21 Rain date for Potluck Lunch Picnic
 25 First day of fall seminars
 25 Deadline for spring 2018 seminar proposals
 28 Optional extra Curriculum Committee meeting
 29 [Yom Kippur]
- October** 5 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 5 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 12 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 22 Special Lecture event
- November** 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.
 19 Spring Preview, 2:00–3:45, at Willitts-Hallowell Center, Mt Holyoke College
- December** 7 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 7 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 7 Last (snow) day of fall seminars
 8 Close of registration for inclusion in lottery for spring seminars
 14 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 22 Lottery for oversubscribed spring 2018 seminars

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2018

- January**
- 4 Memorial Program, 10-12, location TBA
 - 5 Snow date for Memorial Program, same time and place
 - No Executive Committee meeting
 - No Curriculum Committee meeting
 - No Council meeting
- February**
- 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.
 - 16 New Members Coffee, 10–12, location TBA
 - 19 First day of spring seminars
 - 23 Moderators' Meeting, time and location TBA
- March**
- 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.
 - 9 Deadline for fall 2018 seminar proposals
 - 12 – 15 Optional extra Curriculum Committee meeting
- April**
- 5 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 5 Curriculum Committee, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 12 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - TBA Spring social event, TBA
 - 29 Annual Meeting, 1:30-2:00/Fall Preview 2:00-3:45, TBA
- May**
- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 3 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 3 Last (snow) day of spring semester seminars
 - 6 Annual Meeting, 1:30-2:00/Fall Preview 2:00-3:45,
Smith College Campus Center
 - 10 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 18 Close of registration for inclusion in lottery for fall seminars
- June**
- 1 Lottery for oversubscribed fall 2018 seminars
 - 7 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 7 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 14 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.

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