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- 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.

And please note:

Seminar class lists will be emailed in the first week of January
Spring Seminars begin the week of February 19th

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that the fall semester is almost over. Didn't our fall seminars begin just three or four weeks ago?!! Proof to the contrary is found, of course, in the excellent Spring Preview held at Mount Holyoke on November 19. Attendance was high, as was the level of enthusiasm for the spring semester's offerings. Special thanks go to Gordon Wyse (our Immediate Past President), Tisha Ferguson (our Office Manager), our hard-working Curriculum Committee (co-chaired by Miriam Whitney and Ellen Kosmer), and other members who donated their time and energy to make the event so successful.



Our committees and programs are functioning smoothly, but we do have one activity sorely needing one or two volunteers. Our well-regarded Encore program--featuring second offerings, for the full membership, of seminar presentations deemed particularly exemplary--is currently in hiatus owing to the absence of anyone to coordinate it. We need someone (or perhaps two someones working as co-coordinators) to take on this assignment. If you would have any interest in doing so, please get in touch with me or Ilene Rosenfeld (co-chair of our Special Programs Committee). Coordinating this activity is a great way to meet more members, and to experience first-hand a number of excellent presentations.

Speaking more broadly, several of our committees will be looking for new members (and in some cases new chairs) over the next few months, so I urge you to stay alert to these opportunities as they arise. We are indeed a committee-driven organization, and those who get involved generally find it to be a rewarding experience.

And still more broadly: keep in mind that, thanks to our successful Campaign for the Future, we have the ability to support special programs requiring more than the usual arrangements and financial support. If you have ideas in this regard, let us hear about them. As one Council member worded it, we invite you to "indulge your passion" with regard to topics and activities of importance!

Mike Brooks

Five College News

For immediate release:

Five Colleges names new executive director

The board of directors of the Five College Consortium has appointed Sarah Pfatteicher to be its new executive director, succeeding Neal Abraham who will be retiring after nine years at the helm of the higher ed collaboration. Dr. Pfatteicher is currently associate dean for academic affairs and a research professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“The board was impressed with the breadth and depth of experience that Sarah will bring to the position,” said Jonathan Lash, president of Hampshire College and of the Five College board of directors. “The level of leadership she’s shown at the University of Wisconsin in both academic and administrative endeavors is remarkable, and will serve the consortium well.”

Dr. Pfatteicher attended Northfield-Mount Hermon School and graduated from Smith College before earning her PhD. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She’s held a variety of positions at the university and currently oversees more than 70 academic programs, services for 5,000 students and a budget of \$2.3 million.

She has extensive experience in both academic and administrative efforts, having created new academic programs, led a major curriculum revision, coordinated strategic planning efforts and helped develop a blueprint for diversifying her college, all while teaching engineering courses.

“I’m excited to return to the Pioneer Valley and honored to have the opportunity to work with these unique and storied institutions,” said Dr. Pfatteicher. “I’m particularly drawn to the unusual breadth of the Five College portfolio and its inclusion of both academic and administrative programs. I believe my own diverse higher ed background will make me a good fit.”

Chosen in a national search that considered some 200 candidates, Dr. Pfatteicher will begin working at Five Colleges on April 23.

Based in Amherst, Massachusetts, Five Colleges, Inc., is a nonprofit educational consortium created in 1965 to advance the extensive educational and cultural objectives of its member institutions—Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith colleges and the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

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From the Curriculum Committee:

We hope that you have enjoyed your Fall seminars - made new friends, and piqued your interest about new things that you will continue to explore. And we trust that you have found exciting Spring seminars for which to register! We're happy to report that the Preview was very well attended (thank you, Gordon and our office manager, Tisha, for making the arrangements, and to all of our volunteers). Judging from the lively, convivial atmosphere, everyone seemed to welcome the opportunity to meet the Spring moderators and chat with old and new friends while enjoying the delicious refreshments.

Now . . . to the future!!! We hope you will use these next few months to start thinking about Fall 2018! Though the March 9 deadline for Fall and Summer proposals seems far off now, it never is too early to start planning your seminar or workshop. A number of people already have contacted us about seminars they are planning to offer, so why not join them?

We encourage you to think about possible fields such as: the arts; current popular fiction or non-fiction; play reading; poetry . . . science and math. History always is popular as well. And members repeatedly ask for workshops where you might share a favorite skill (we haven't had a photography workshop for a while – hint, hint . . .).

Please “save the date” on your calendar for the Moderator’s Meeting on February 23, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., at Applewood in Amherst.

Summer 2017’s three seminars were quite successful, so we plan to offer three again this coming summer. They can be more flexible in format and length than the regular semester seminars. Proposals will be due at the same time as Fall 2018 proposals (March 9).

Best wishes for a wonderful winter break. We look forward to your proposals and seeing you in the Spring.

- Your Curriculum Committee

**Going With the Grain
A Luncheon Tour at
Bread Euphoria**



Mark Pollard



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. 1:00pm.	Encore. 6:30pm.			Start Time.	Run 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. 12:55.	05/02. 3:15	05/02.	Massenet.	CENDRILLON.		

The Science Round Table

The next meeting will be

On December 21

From 2:00-3:30 pm

At The Hitchcock Center for the Environment.

The meeting 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. “



tasting circle

Going with the Grain: TEFF

By Nina M. Scott and Katy van Geel

This fall Katy and I decided to team up again to lead a Five College Learning in Retirement class on ancient grains. The minute we had this idea, it seemed that food manufacturers were also incorporating ancient grains into breads, cereals and pasta. Teff, amaranth, sorghum, spelt — you name it, they were featured, perhaps because many are also gluten-free.



22 Hampshire Life, Friday, November 24, 2017

Katy led off and chose teff, the world's smallest grain. It's grown primarily in Ethiopia (and a few other countries), where it's used to make injera, the spongy, fermented flatbread that serves both as an edible platform on which to display other dishes, and as a utensil for eating them. Katy learned about making injera from the owner of an Ethiopian restaurant in Atlanta, and with the aid of online videos, tried (four times) to make it herself. Her last attempt resulted in little injeras about 6 inches in diameter.

Each presenter was asked first to cook her grain only in lightly salted water, so that we could appreciate its taste and texture. We tried our little tan mound of teff. "It tastes better than it looks," Carol Jolly remarked.

Katy is nothing if not ambitious, and she went on to serve us a spiced teff-date porridge, a vegetable-teff stew, an apple crumb pie with a teff crust, fudgy teff brownies and teff scones.

All were delicious and left us cowed as to our future in this class.

TEFF PORRIDGE

Ingredients:

1 cup whole grain teff
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
3 cups water
3/4 cup dates, pitted
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons honey

Topping suggestions:

1/4 cup chopped walnuts, whole milk, cream or yogurt, drizzle of honey

Directions:

Heat a large, heavy saucepan over medium heat. Add teff; stir frequently. This toasts the grains. Listen carefully, and stop when the grains begin to pop (3-6 minutes).

Add water, butter, and cloves. Stir well. Bring to a gentle boil; cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add dates, salt, and honey. Cover and continue cooking until teff is tender and the porridge is the desired consistency, 5-10 minutes. Add more boiling water if the mixture becomes very thick before teff is cooked through.

Remove from heat and let cool for 5 minutes. Serve porridge with one or more toppings.

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, Mike Brooks, if you are able 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.

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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 Willits-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, Amherst Alumni House
 - 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.
 - 15 New Members Coffee, 10–12, Lathrop Northampton
 - 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
- 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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