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*Welcome Summer
and the new Summer Intersession!*

**Join us for LIRA's Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
10 a.m. to Noon**

**Alumni Hall, 84 University Avenue, Lowell, MA
Shuttle bus from Tsongas Parking Lot**

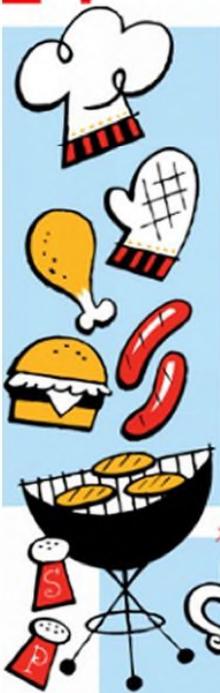


**Guest Speaker, Professor John Wooding
from UMass Lowell**



**Election of Officers
Hear about the Summer Intersession
Refreshments**

*Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days
of summer!*



Details for Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at Alumni Hall on 84 University Avenue, Lowell from 10 a.m. to noon. A shuttle bus will be taking us from the parking lot at the Tsongas Center to Alumni Hall. The first shuttle will leave at 9 a.m. **sharp** and return for a second trip. The return to the Tsongas parking lot will leave shortly after the end of the meeting. Please use your hangtag when you park at the Tsongas Center.

If you would like to volunteer to bring some kind of finger food (fruit, cheese and crackers, cookies, etc.), it would be appreciated. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who provided the delicious refreshments during the spring session.

Professor Wooding has been rescheduled to speak from our snowed out Town Meeting. Along with the election of officers, we will be reviewing the summer schedule and signing up for trips. If you are not able to attend the Annual Meeting and wish to sign up for trips, please ask someone to do it for you.

Hope to see you all there!

New Home for the Summer

The programs for the Summer Intersession will be held at a new location for us! We are meeting on South Campus at the McGauvran Center, 71 Wilder Street, Lowell. Parking is right across the street in the Wilder Lot. From Aiken Street take a right onto Father Morissette Boulevard which becomes Pawtucket Street. Stay straight for about ½ mile. Wilder Street is the third left after the School Street bridge. The McGauvran Center is on the right. See maps at <https://www.uml.edu/maps>.

An added benefit – we can get coffee and more! Here is the description of the building from the website: *McGauvran is an all-you-care-to-eat dining hall with “home-cooked” entrees at Full Plate, pizza and pasta at Aroma, sandwiches from Broadway Deli, a salad bar at Wilder Farms, gluten-free options at Choices and late-night takeout from Grill Out. There is seating for 400 on the first floor, including a bright and open section with a two-story glass wall providing a view of the South Campus quad. In addition to a bakery and café, the second level features retail food options at Subway and Freshii, a Canadian chain specializing in wraps, burritos, salads and smoothies. Grab-and-go options are also available at the Merrimack Market. There are seminar rooms on the third floor for group work.*

Professor Wooding Speaking About Brexit



On June 23, 2016, a new word entered our vocabulary: Brexit. Brexit is a term for the potential or hypothetical departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union. At our Annual Meeting on May 16 we will hear about what the potential departure of Great Britain from the European Union could mean from Professor John Wooding, College of Fine Arts and Humanities, Political Science Department. Professor Wooding is a political scientist by training and his major area of research and expertise includes the politics of occupational health and safety and environmental regulation, international political economy and the politics of developed countries.

Nancy Pitkin

Slate of Officers for 2018-2019:

The Nominating Committee would like to present the 2018-2019 nominations for officers of LIRA to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. All nominees have agreed to serve if elected.

President.....	Richard Grove
Vice-President.....	Peter Sebelius
Secretary.....	Nancy Pitkin
Treasurer.....	Steve Buccieri

Nominating Committee:

Toby Hodes, Chairman
Bob Hanlon
Carol McCarthy

Mysterious Mars – In 3D



Kelly Beatty with his globes of Earth and Mars

On February 21st, approximately 60 LIRA members and guests gathered in Room 106 in University Suites, buckled up our seat belts and took off for Mars!

Kelly Beatty, until recently the Senior Editor of *Sky and Telescope* magazine, was just the right tour guide for our trip. With a Bachelor's degree in geology and a Master's degree in science journalism, Kelly has specialized in planetary science and space exploration. He conceived and edited *The New Solar System*, considered a standard reference among planetary scientists, and he has been writing about planetary science since he joined the staff of Sky Publishing in 1974. He has twice been honored by the Division for Planetary Sciences of the American Astronomical Society for meritorious service and scientific journalism.

In a lively and humorous presentation accompanied by numerous colorful slides, Kelly pointed out that Mars, the Red Planet, is more like Earth than any other planet in our solar system. Thanks to several spacecraft that have circled Mars, and “landers and rovers” that have crawled its surface, we have learned that while it is currently a deeply frozen wasteland, Mars was once a warm planet with a dense atmosphere and rivers of liquid water flowing across its surface. With the 3D glasses we wore for part of the presentation, we were able to see clearly the grooves left by streams and rivers of water and the striations in the mountains and land surfaces that formed over thousands of years.



LIRA members wear their 3D glasses to view some of the Mars slides

Kelly explained to us the differences in the revolutions of Earth and Mars around the sun and pointed out that on July 31st this year, Mars will be the closest to earth that it has been since 2003, and will be easily visible in the night sky. That left us with something to look forward to!

Kelly may be making a return appearance to LIRA in the not too distant future with a trip to Pluto for us to experience.

Susan Lemire

ArtWalk in Downtown Lowell

On Wednesday morning, April 11th our “ArtWalk of Downtown Lowell” was a success; the weather cooperated and we did not have a Nor’easter! Our group of 11 started at the New England Quilt Museum on Shattuck Street to view an exhibit of Japanese quilts, “The 13th Quilt Nihon Exhibition from Tokyo.” Unfortunately, our docent had to cancel at the last minute because of a family medical emergency, but Jo Meyers, the coordinator of Visitor Services and Membership gave us a brief introduction and set us off on our own. The quilts were breathtaking. In addition to the main gallery space on the second floor, there were several side rooms - their walls covered in magnificent quilts. Some were very colorful, others displayed multi-textures and there were a few with muted tones but eye-pleasing designs. We spent about 90 minutes enjoying the Japanese quilts, and admiring their makers’ skill, creativity and patience. Many of us took time to view the museum’s permanent exhibit before meeting downstairs at the museum gift shop (a great place, btw, to find unique gifts). We then headed over to the HQ of ALL, the Arts League of Lowell, just across Dutton Street at the Gates Block Building at 307 Market Street.

The ALL Gallery exhibit was “HONORING GAIA: MOTHER EARTH.” There was an interesting mix of 2D and 3D media “respecting the changing earth and its related mythology.” The Gates Block Building is also home to an arts supply store, Van Gogh’s Gear, owned by Steve Syverson, and over 30 artist studios. Steve arranged for several studios to open during our visit so we were able to stop in and chat with a number of artists.

Our final stop was UnchARTed Gallery, an arts and music venue as well as a unique restaurant at 103 Market Street. We pulled some tables together and enjoyed delicious sandwiches, pizza, craft beer and more beneath the very colorful work of former graffiti artist/musician Donald Defrock Maker. Owner Michael Dailey stopped by our table(s) and told our group about UnchARTed’s mission – a multimedia art space that “serves as an exhibition and performance space for local artists, guest curators, ambitious musicians and creative minds alike.”

Some of us had energy to stop at the Brush Gallery, on our way back to the parking lot to take in their fun exhibit, “Visual Voices,” artwork by students in the Lowell Public Elementary Schools.

The above exhibits will be over by newsletter publication, but you can visit their websites and learn about their future exhibits. And you can check out the menu at UnchARTed at <http://unchartedgallery.com/menu/>

Kathy Cryan-Hicks

Artist statement:

“We are dazzled by the colorful beauty of the scenery created by leaves that are about to fall. I am also drawn to the life force that will survive to the very end. I depicted the scenery by using different leaf patterns.”



Left: Carol Valick, Sally Couter and Steve Buccieri enjoying the quilt entitled, “I Want to Be a Tree” by Miiko Kuwahara of Tokushima, Japan
"cotton, beads, hand pieced, appliquéd, embroidered; hand quilted”



Right: “Sparkling until the End” by Yoko Kageyama of Mie, Japan
70 x 57 inches, cotton, silk, polyester, rayon
Hand pieced, applique, embroidered; hand quilted

Membership Renewal 2018 – 2019

LIRA membership dues are \$125 (\$200 for couples) for the year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 and are due by August 15, 2018. A portion of your dues (\$100 of the dues for an individual and \$150 of the dues for a couple) is tax deductible. The University will send each member a receipt for tax purposes. The remaining portion of your dues is returned to LIRA for operational expenses.

A convenient payment method is by credit card on the LIRA website: www.uml.edu/community/lira. Click "Join LIRA" on the left side menu and then click "Join online now!" You will receive immediate acknowledgement and receipt after filling out the form.

If you would rather pay by check, use the LIRA renewal form printed in this newsletter. Every member must complete a form; both members of a couple must complete separate information. Send the form(s) and check to the Alumni Office, as stated on the renewal form by August 15, 2018. Because of the confusion it causes, dues checks will be accepted at the Convocation in September **by exception only**.

It was a great year and now we look forward to seeing you again in the next academic year.

Bonnie Heines, Membership Chair

Member News

We wish a speedy recovery to Marge Nardini who suffered a broken foot in a recent fall.

Long-time LIRA member, Gertrude Clermont, passed away on April 11, 2018. She was a member of LIRA from 1993 to 2013.

Please let me know of any member who would like to be remembered by LIRA and I will send a card.

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Chelmsford Library Lecture Series

The Chelmsford Library Friday afternoon Lecture Series is jointly sponsored by LIRA. Several of the lectures are on subjects from LIRA's Great Decisions foreign policy discussions.

Friday May 11, 1:00 PM

Media Freedom, Democracy and Human Rights presented by Jennifer Whitten-Woodring, Associate Professor of Political Science at UMass Lowell. Her research focuses on the causes and effects of media freedom and the role of media in repression and dissent.

Check the library's website for more detailed information.
www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/lecture-series/



Help Wanted

The Art and Music Committee needs help! Jean Schott is moving away from this area soon and a new chairperson will be needed. Training will be given before Jean leaves LIRA. Members that are interested in being on the committee may contact Jean, also. Please email Jean Schott at jeanschott@aol.com.



The Convocation will be held on September 12, 2018. Classes begin on Monday, September 17, 2018.



The Story of the Bible, Part Two

Our program began this spring with an inspiring talk by UMass Lowell's Protestant minister, Imogene Stulken. This is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his **95 Theses** to the All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany rejecting the Roman Catholic churches teaching on indulgences. Imogene brought many books and objects to encourage discussion – even doors and bobble heads. Martin Luther was married to Katharina von Bora, an exceptional woman who managed the Luther household that was an early “B&B” – Luther was often entertaining guests, and they also had six children.

This Great Courses presentation is facilitated by our own Toby Hodes, who each week, brings in other materials and articles about the current week's film presentation and facilitates interesting discussions. The LIRA members represent different faiths and backgrounds, so there is often much discussion.

Thank you again to Jess Heines for taking notes and posting them on his web site. Here is the link: <https://jesseheines.com> and click on the LIRA link.

Nancy Pitkin





Time for a Change

The membership directory was emailed to you in October. Please make the following changes to your membership list to keep your copy current. An updated directory was emailed on April 4.

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Newsletters on Website

The newsletter comes out four times a year on the first day of the following months – March, May, September and December. Everyone can read the newsletter online if you have access to a web browser. A hard copy of the newsletter will NOT be mailed to you unless you have contacted Jeri Durant: jeridurant@gmail.com. The hard copy list from last year is still in effect so there is no need to tell me again. Those members that do not have email will have a hard copy sent to them automatically.

The on-line newsletter is just like the printed one only better - it's in color! This policy will help us save substantial printing and mailing costs to the university as well as a few trees.

The website for the newsletter is www.uml.edu/community/LIRA/newsletters.aspx



The next newsletter will be out on September 1, 2018; the deadline for news items is August 19, 2018. Please remember that the coordinators are now responsible for getting someone to write an article about their program, if you want something to appear in the newsletter. Articles may be given to me at any time before the deadline.

Jeri Durant

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2018 Summer Intersession

The 2018 Summer Intersession, given between semesters, offers to retirees and those semi-retired, a sample of LIRA's almost year-round program and friendly community. The program is planned and much of it provided by the members themselves. The general public is invited to all Summer Intersession programs.

All programs are on Wednesday except for the Book Discussion. The on-campus programs are: May 18, May 30, June 6, June 20, June 27, July 11 and July 18 from 10 a.m. to Noon at the McGauvran Center, 71 Wilder Street, Lowell, MA. This is a new location for us (see description in this newsletter). There is a parking lot right across the street which you will be able to use with your UMass Lowell ID. Please use your parking hangtags wherever you park.

Friday, May 18 Book Discussion, 10 a.m. to Noon – *Leonardo da Vinci*, biography by Walter Isaacson

Coordinator: Toby Hodes*

May 30: What Makes Life Significant? Professor John Kaag

John Kaag, a professor in philosophy at UMass Lowell, will discuss his *American Philosophy: A Love Story*, which was named an NPR Best Book of 2016 and a New York Times Editor's Choice. In the process, he will draw on the American philosophical tradition—the writings of Thoreau, Emerson, and William James—to discuss what is perhaps the hardest, but also the most vital, philosophical question: What makes life significant? This question is practically important for every human being, but its pressing nature becomes more apparent as one ages. Come see what American philosophers had to say about it; come discuss the various answers and figure it out for yourself!

Coordinator: Deb Mellus*

June 6: Active Shooter Response – UMass Lowell Police

Presenters will introduce useful guidelines that we should be familiar with for our own protection in the event of an active shooter emergency. Encountering an active threat in our neighborhood, where we shop, or in our place of worship remains remote.

Being aware of these guidelines will increase our ability to respond should an emergency arise.

Coordinator: Susan Lemire*

June 13: USS Constitution and Museum Tour, Charlestown Bus Trip

The USS Constitution, the oldest active duty ship in the United States Navy and one of the original six frigates, is berthed in Charleston Navy Yard alongside the USS Constitution Museum. We have invited the UMass alumni to join us for the visit and we plan to spend the day touring the ship and the museum.

The bus(es) will depart Hannaford in Chelmsford at 8:30 AM. Upon arrival we will break into two groups. For the first hour starting at 10:00 one group will receive a guided tour the museum while the other group does a self-guided tour of the ship. At 11:00 we will swap. Lunch is up to you. You can bring a box lunch*, buy a sandwich there or find an excellent local restaurant for a sit down meal. Around 2:00 PM we will board the bus for the return to Chelmsford.

The price of the trip is \$20.00 for LIRA members and \$25.00 for nonmembers. Due date for the sign up is May 30. Please make check out to LIRA Inc. and send it to:

Robert Hanlon
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Email: bob_hanlon@hotmail.com

*** IMPORTANT***

The USS Constitution is an active duty ship of the US Navy and as such requires visitors to present a government issued photo ID (License, Federal or Passport) to gain access to the ship.

*All bags, packages, backpacks, etc. are screened prior to receiving access to the ship. You can certainly bring your lunch with you as the bus must park some distance away and will be inaccessible until 2:00.

Coordinator: Peter Sebelius*

June TBD, Book Discussion, 10 a.m. to Noon - *The Weight of Ink* - historical fiction by Rachel Kadish

Date for this book discussion will be chosen at the May meeting.

Coordinator: Toby Hodes*

June 20: Anonymous, the Dark Web and Hactivism - Chris Wilkinson

Explore the growth of a dark web subculture through both hactivism and trolling. Anonymous is a divisive and fascinating case study in decentralized leadership and political anarchy. Learn about topics ranging from 4Chan, data security and of course, the politics of the internet since the 2016 election.

Coordinator: Nancy Pitkin*

June 27: Wildlife Photography and Book Signing - Sue Rudeen Jarrett

Wildlife photographer, Sue Jarrett, will take us along with her as we view wondrous photos she has taken on visits to National Parks in Colorado and Alaska, and in wildlife preserves in Kenya and Tanzania. Books will be available for sale and signing by the author.

Coordinator: Beverly Rudeen*

July 11: Being Transgender - Kelly Jenkins

In 2014 the government ordered the Justice Dept. to take the position that "sex" encompasses gender identity, thus extending protections to transgender people. In the fall of 2017 a two-page memo was sent to all U.S. attorneys and other top officials revoking this directive. Kelly Jenkins is a Wellesley Middle School teaching assistant, a fierce advocate for youth, a host and producer of "Kelly's Quest" on Acton TV, and has been featured on NPR. She will share her personal stories to help us toward a broader understanding of the word "transgender" and the many issues surrounding it.

Coordinator: Judith Raiguel*

July 18: Children's Books, Author and Illustrator Nancy Cote

Nancy will talk about her background as artist and writer, and describe how her career has evolved. She'll share the process of how a book develops from idea, to manuscript, to hardcover. We'll see samples of her original art, sketches, and revisions of her published artwork. Attendees will be able to purchase books signed by the author.

Coordinator Suzanne Gamache*

July 25: Addison Gallery of American Art, Philips Academy, Andover (carpool)

Our group will enjoy a comprehensive tour of the Addison Gallery of American Art which has one of the most important collections of American art in the country. We'll view major works by prominent American artists including Copley, Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, and James McNeill Whistler. The Addison Gallery's famed model ship collection is on permanent display and consists of works commissioned by the museum's founder to document four centuries of American history. Exhibit is free.

Phillips Academy is at the corner of Route 28 [Main Street] and Chapel Avenue in Andover, Massachusetts. Free parking is available on Chapel Avenue, and in the parking lot between Cochran Chapel and the Andover Inn (across the street from the Addison on Chapel Avenue). Parking for visitors with disabilities is available on Chapel Avenue.

Meet at the museum at 10 a.m. or carpool from Hannaford in Chelmsford at a time to be announced later.

Coordinator: Sally Coulter*

*Indicates a LIRA member

LIRA's Summer 2018 Intersession

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 28	May 29	May 30 10 a.m. to Noon What Makes Life Significant Professor John Kaag McGauvran Center Rm 313 71 Wilder Street	May 31	June 1
June 4	June 5	June 6 10 a.m. to Noon Active Shooter Response UMass Lowell Campus Police McGauvran Center Rm 313	June 7	June 8
June 11	June 12	June 13 10 a.m. to Noon USS Constitution and Museum Tour, Charlestown Bus departs Hannaford at 8:30 a.m.	June 14	June 15
June 18	June 19	June 20 10 a.m. to Noon Anonymous, the Dark Web and Hactivism Chris Wilkinson McGauvran Center Rm 313	June 21	June 22
June 25	June 26	June 27 10 a.m. to Noon Wildlife Photography and Book Signing Sue Rudeen Jarrett McGauvran Center Rm 313	June 28	June 29

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 9	July 10	July 11 10 a.m. to Noon Being Transgender Kelly Jenkins McGauvran Center Rm313	July 12	July 13
July 16	July 17	July 18 Children's Books Author and Illustrator Nancy Cote McGauvran Center Rm 313	July 19	July 20
July 23	July 24	July 25 Addison Gallery of American Art Phillips Academy, Andover Carpool from Hannaford	July 26	July 27
		SEPTEMBER		
September 10	September 11	September 12 Fall Convocation 10 a.m. to Noon	September 13	September 14
September 17 Classes begin	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If renewing as a couple, each one must fill out a renewal form.

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See: www.uml.edu/community/lira

Please return Renewals (or apply online by credit card) with a check payable to UMass Lowell, memo line LIRA, and mail to: Office of Alumni Relations, Charles J. Hoff Scholarship Center

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