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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow lifetime learners,

It's December already, and a good thing, too, given the "challenges" (shall we call them?) of a year we will be happy to put behind us.

Not so fast, though, because we can celebrate LIR surviving (do I dare say thriving?) intact as a community of dedicated learners. Mastering Zoom has been daunting, but no match for our determination to carry on, thanks to our tech-savvy fellow-members (children and clever grandchildren, too). I miss our gatherings around a table, to be sure, but have come to savor seeing you in your homes and as part of a larger patchwork array of other familiar faces. Hence our new catalogue's cover photo.



And inside, our new catalogue is brimming with a fresh batch of seminars and programs. Let us celebrate all the moderators and presenters who have stepped up to make it so, as well as all the stellar chairs and members of our committees - Curriculum, ad hoc Winter Programs, and Ongoing Programs – who have boosted them.

Our 2021 Spring Preview will have come and gone before you read this. I'm confident of its success, though, thanks to careful planning by Kathy Campbell (Curriculum Committee Co-Chair) and others behind the scenes, who have been working hard to make it look easy.

Let us not be so fast, then, to put 2020 behind us. We have had cause to celebrate and much to anticipate – past and future. If the wisdom of age teaches us anything, though, we have, most especially, the here-and-now, if we allow ourselves to enjoy it. It is in this spirit, and that of the upcoming holidays, that I pass on, here, a favorite poem. I suspect the poet speaks for all of us in these troubling times.

Peace to you all,

Nancy

## A Brief for the Defense

Sorrow everywhere. Slaughter everywhere. If babies are not starving someplace, they are starving somewhere else. With flies in their nostrils. But we enjoy our lives because that's what God wants. Otherwise the mornings before summer dawn would not be made so fine. The Bengal tiger would not be so fashioned miraculously well. The poor women at the fountain are laughing together between the suffering they have known and the awfulness in their future, smiling and laughing while somebody in the village is very sick. There is laughter every day in the terrible streets of Calcutta, and the women laugh in the cages of Bombay. If we deny our happiness, resist our satisfaction, we lessen the importance of their deprivation. We must risk delight. We can do without pleasure, but not delight. Not enjoyment. We must have the stubbornness to accept our gladness in the ruthless furnace of this world. To make injustice the only measure of our attention is to praise the Devil. If the locomotive of the Lord runs us down, we should give thanks that the end had magnitude. We must admit there will be music despite everything. We stand at the prow again of a small ship anchored late at night in the tiny port looking over to the sleeping island: the waterfront is three shuttered cafes and one naked light burning. To hear the faint sound of oars in the silence as a rowboat comes slowly out and then goes back is truly worth all the years of sorrow that are to come.

- Jack Gilbert  
from Refusing Heaven, 2005

## NON-OFFICERS (part III)



Our 5CLIR Operations Manual provides for three “Non-Officers” who are appointed by the LIR Executive Committee for a three-year term, subject to re-appointment on a year-to-year basis. This Manual is a living document that changes as our organization grows. All revisions to it must be approved by a Council vote and can only be removed by a Counsel vote. Our latest iteration of it was approved in 2017; it is time, in fact, for it to be updated and approved once again.

The focus here is on our Historian. Sara Wright has served in this capacity for several years now and writes:

*I have always been curious about histories and enjoy research, especially archival work.*

*One of my best experiences as LIR’s Historian was compiling the 5CLIR’s History for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Information was gathered from results of Task Forces, Strategic Plans, and Surveys, lists of all previous seminars, officers, committee chairs, and minutes of Council. Older handwritten counsel minutes have been digitalized. An Institutional Memory is important for any organization.*

## Name Change Challenge Update

by Nancy Denig

Our Suggestion Box has been filling up with your ideas (30 of them to date!) for updating Five College Learning in Retirement's name. Thank you, one and all, who have submitted proposals.

### Rationale:

Our 20/21 Plan's goal for growing our membership brought up the possibility of a name change in the first place - the objective to recruit new retirees, in particular. The "Five College" header has been a source of confusion for some of those new to our Valley, I'm told; the term may limit our scope, at the very least. My hesitancy to join due to the "retirement" part of our name (as described in the November newsletter) is just one case in point. Many of you have expressed other good reason for an update, as well.

### Caveats:

We'd need to revise our marketing materials, should we decide to adopt a new identity. We wouldn't want to jeopardize our non-profit tax-exempt status in relation to Five College Inc., either.

### FCI Positive Response:

The Five College Inc. leadership team reports no objection to a new name we might choose – even one without the existing header. They unanimously agreed, however, that retaining the Five College identity as a sub-heading would be advisable for:

- *Maintaining the affiliation for the 'prestige' that it brings to both the membership (anecdotes were shared that attested to this) as well as the faculty of the five campuses (Sarah shared that the Deans recently expressed an 'affection' for LIR, particularly as a benefit used in faculty recruitment efforts);*
- *Avoiding member confusion as to where to send checks to; and*
- *The visibility that the program gains from outside of our area.*

Their report went on to say that our 501(c) 3 non-profit status would remain in force *“since LIR is a program of FCI which ... would support a name change under the parameters noted above, (and) any legal issues (of which there would appear to be none in this case) would fall on FCI's shoulders.”*

### Now What?

Council will decide where to take the challenge from here at our next meeting this month. You'll be hearing about that in due time. If Council approves a short list, you may also be asked vote; any name we keep or change to will have to express who we are as a whole.

### Reminders:

There will be no newsletter in January. Our Suggestion Box, accessed through our website, always welcomes your thoughts, concerns and ideas. Not to worry if you don't know to whom you should address them; our office manager will direct them to the appropriate person(s) for response.

**IS THIS YOU?****CALLING ALL MODERATORS, PAST, PRESENT, AND POTENTIAL**

I could never be a moderator.

I have lots of ideas for seminars, but could never lead one.

I enjoy being a moderator and lead a seminar most semesters.

I don't see ever being a moderator of a zoom seminar.

I would like to see seminars that are more interactive and rely less on presentations.

I have wondered about moderating a seminar, but find the idea too intimidating.

I could imagine moderating a seminar, but I have no idea how to do it.

If one or more of these statements describes you, we have an offer we hope you will not refuse! Starting in January, the Curriculum Committee will be holding a series of informal Zoom gatherings for and about being a MODERATOR. Each meeting will have, but by no means be confined to, a focused topic. We envision these meetings as an opportunity for current moderators to share ideas about their experiences, for anyone thinking about moderating to ask questions, and for seminar participants to weigh in on what they have enjoyed and/or wished for. Any LIR member is welcome to attend one or all these meetings. An email notice with sign-up instructions will be sent in advance of each meeting. These dates and topics may change as circumstances demand.

Jan 7	11 AM	What it's like to be a Moderator
Jan 28	7 PM	The joys and woes of moderating on Zoom
Feb 8	11 AM	Exploring alternative formats
Feb 16	3 PM	Maximizing social interactions on Zoom
March	TBA	Thinking ahead to Zoom/Hybrid seminars

## LIR's ONGOING PROGRAMS

You might have heard about our book groups, or the online movie discussion, or just wondered if there are programs that don't require preparation for your big week. We have them, and we can help you find one, or even start one. We can help you get familiar with hosting on Zoom, and experience with other facilitators on how big a group should get, and how to keep the conversation flowing. Everyone here was as new as you at Zoom in March...

All of the current ongoing groups can be found in the **Programs tab** on the 5CLIR website. For each one, the facilitator's email (or emails) are clickable links so you can contact them for more information, or to join the group. The groups meet monthly, generally for 9-10 months a year, and continue from year to year as long as there is interest.

### **What we have now:**

- 2 Book groups (Classics, and one that focuses more on contemporary books). These are fully subscribed, but they maintain active waiting lists, and have openings regularly. A second group of Reading the Classics is forming, as well.
- 2 Movie groups (watch the movies individually during the month, and then meet online to discuss them). One is fully subscribed, and the second is just starting up
- Family History Discussion: Learn how to find out more about your family history, and discuss your efforts and results
- Discussions: Monthly discussions on current events (Viewpoints) and medical ethics (Medial Ethics discussion). These are both open, with members who want to participate that month emailing the facilitator of that group
- Encores: These are re-presentations of particularly interesting, timely, or knowledgeable sessions given by LIR members. Each semester, members are asked to nominate presentations from their classes, or volunteer their own presentations, so they can be shown to a larger audience of both LIR members and non-members. Encores are a great way to invite people to learn about LIR.

### **What we need:**

***Your ideas for new programs, and volunteers to facilitate ongoing programs.***

Are you interested in theater? It'd be fun to have a play-reading group – one-act plays, or acts of larger plays, read to each other real time. Select, discuss, and enjoy reading them.

Photography, poetry (or poetry slams), local history – these are a few ideas, and I'm sure there are more. If you have an idea, we can help you find people to share it with, and keep in touch with others during this rather isolated time.

## PROFILES IN RETIREMENT: Ken Furst



### **How long have you been a member of Learning in Retirement, and how did you learn of the organization?**

Probably about five years. My wife, Karen, started taking classes one or two semesters before I did.

### **What brought you to our “Happy Valley?”**

We moved to Wilbraham in 1981 from Arlington Heights (suburban Chicago) because I had accepted a job offer from United Technologies American Bosch. I had worked for eight years working for International Harvester Construction Equipment Group which involved extensive international travel. We chose Wilbraham as a town with a good school system and relatively close to the airport as I still had to travel for the job. Wilbraham has turned out to be a lovely place to live. 5CLIR, the beauty of Western Massachusetts, the Springfield Symphony, the Springfield Public Forum. the proximity to Boston, New York and skiing in Vermont have all been great for our family.

### **How is retirement working for you? (Surprises? Regrets?)**

Not fully retired yet in that my wife and I still own our company, Momentum Group, and I work for not-for-profits *pro bono* providing advice for management and actively fundraise. Most time is spent on two organizations, Rick’s Place, and the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts.

Rick’s Place is a center for providing children and their families the comfort, resilience and peer camaraderie to learn to live through their grief after the death of a parent. This is especially important for me after losing my first wife to cancer when our children were 11 and 7 years old and not having a good organization for them to work through their grief.

The World Affairs Council is one of 90 independent Councils throughout the U.S. and offers expert speakers on key issues on economics, politics and security in relation to the U.S. and countries that affect how we understand the world in which we live. The council also hosts foreign visitors sponsored through the Department of State.

### **What have you been reading lately?**

Most of my reading is non-fiction. I belong to a men’s history book club that meets monthly. Recent books I have found interesting are “Once Upon a Time in Russia,” and



Madame Fourcade's Secret War: The Daring Young Woman Who Led France's Largest Spy Network Against Hitler."

**What kinds of seminars have you most enjoyed? (And Why?)**

History and geography courses, as well as Writing to Remember and Viewpoints. The former because they fit well with my interest in the books I read. Writing because I needed a structure around which I could focus on writing a memoir. Viewpoints is a good forum for exchanging ideas on current events.

**What is on your bucket list?**

There are still many places I would like to experience firsthand or revisit. These include the Pacific Northwest, Russia, Galapagos Islands and several long-distance sightseeing trips via trains.

**Whom would you like to imagine around our dinner table?**

That is a dream I don't have often. But I would like to have back the opportunity to ask my parents questions that I did not ask and now know better what to ask about our family.

**What else would you like us to know about you?**

I grew up in western Kansas, spent a lot of time in Chicago because of close family ties, grew up in a closely-knit family, traveled by car extensively though the U.S. with my parents and sister, and as a result had exposures and opportunities most of my friends and other family were not exposed to so fully. Now I am writing a memoir which contains a history of my family back through my grandparents and an episodic walk through my life which will be published in a book with pictures.

*For more information on this member spotlight series, please contact Margaret Russell at [j7m4russell@gmail.com](mailto:j7m4russell@gmail.com)*

## TASTY TIDBITS

Why is it that we are so fond of picnics?



We happily forego all the comforts of our well- equipped kitchens, comfortable seating and protection of the elements to pack baskets of food, utensils, and folding chairs to transport to an outdoor location lacking all the conveniences of home.

I have often wondered that when I'm organizing one of our annual trips to Tanglewood.

Once arrived there is no doubt that this was worth the doing. Summer concerts on the lawn with a group of friends are for me an annual ritual. Once we all arrive and have claimed our territory with blankets and chairs we settle in unpacking the delightful abundance of food and drink we have all brought. The candles too, of course, for when darkness falls. What makes this so special is not just the sharing with friends, but the sharing of the music with everyone on that expansive lawn.

The picnic, as we know it, became popular in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Public parks were established then and a growing middle class had leisure time to devote to social pleasures and the delights of nature.

Ellen Kosmer

*Please share your food memories, dreams, or recipes - childhood favorites or vacation discoveries, family standbys or new creations – in 100-150 words, please. Email to Linda Honan at [honan@umass.edu](mailto:honan@umass.edu). Thank you!*

## Helen Regan – Zoom Participant Extraordinaire

By Nina M. Scott



Helen Regan joined 5CLIR last semester. She lives half the year in Hatfield, and half the year in Lee's Summit, MO (near Kansas City, MO), the latter to be near one of her daughters. While it was not unusual in a pre-Zoom age to have LIR participants live in Hatfield and commute to wherever in the Valley a seminar might be offered, only now can an LIR member live in Missouri and take part in a seminar whose moderator lives in Haydenville, as was the case with Helen's participation in Francie Borden's Fall 2020 seminar "Thinking About Thinking."

I had never heard of Lee's Summit, but when I spoke with Helen she told me it had a population of 95,000. It has an interesting history, including the fact that four Younger brothers, members of the notorious Younger-James gang, came from there.

Helen's own background is a bit tamer. She was originally a high school chemistry teacher, then a Professor of Education at both Bates and Connecticut Colleges; at the latter she was also Dean of the Faculty. She and her late husband lived for fifteen years in Harpswell, ME, where they cultivated a big garden. Theirs is a blended family of five children – four in Massachusetts and one daughter in MO. She has six grandchildren.

She is now in MO and plans to take one of the LIR seminars in the spring semester. The miracle of Zoom, much as it reduces us to rectangular squares on a screen...

## NOTES on ZOOM USE

### **Zoom Help**

Three booklets summarizing information about Zoom are available at

<https://5clir.org/tech-assistance/>.

Members of the Tech Committee are also available to work with moderators and members on a 1:1 basis over the Summer and into the Fall to ensure that we get our Zoom skills up to speed. Use the on-line form linked to the tech-assistance page to request help, or get in touch with a member of the Tech Committee (listed below).

### **Zoom Access**

Most of us will need nothing more than to download a free basic Zoom application at <https://zoom.us/meetings> to get on board. Although some officers, committee chairs and moderators may be able to structure their meetings to fit within the forty-minute time chunks included in the basic account, they may find the need to upgrade to a Zoom PRO account for \$15/month at <https://zoom.us/pricing>. LIR will reimburse them for the upgrade upon approved request. A detailed reimbursement policy statement will be made available later this month.

### **“Zoom Hosts”**

Many moderators would rather not get involved with technical details, to concentrate on running their seminar without distraction. The Curriculum Committee recommends that moderators recruit a “Zoom Host” to issue meeting invitations, allow access to participants, and advise on technical issues that may arise during the course of the session. Ideally, moderators will recruit a host volunteer from among their seminar participants. Members of the Tech Committee may assist in making alternative arrangements, if necessary.

### **Other Zoom Uses**

The Zoom platform is not just for 5CLIR meetings and seminars. It has been enabling Summer programs that began in July and other more informal member gatherings. It seems ideally suited for many of the ongoing and special interest groups listed in our catalogue, and promises to be a catalyst for more such offerings to come. Contact Wendy Parrish, the chair of our Ongoing Programs Committee with your questions and ideas.

### **The Technology Committee**

We owe a debt of gratitude to members of our Technology Committee who have been instrumental during 5CLIR’s transition into a post-Covid world. They continue to offer one-on-one assistance to LIR members, as well. Please email the appropriate committee member with questions regarding your particular digital device or software. They will try their best, even if they cannot guarantee a solution.

Android Cell Phones	Larry Ambs
Apple/Mac OS	Kathy Campbell, Gordon Wyse
Fire and HD tablets	Larry Ambs
iPad and iPhones	Gordon Wyse
Linux OS	Gene Fisher
Windows OS	Larry Ambs, Jim Harvey
Word, PowerPoint	Kathy Campbell, Jim Harvey
Zoom	Larry Ambs, Kathy Campbell, Jim Perot

## **ZOOM REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

8/24/2020

5LIR's Executive Committee and Council are pleased to announce its policy to reimburse selected officers, seminar moderators and program facilitators for costs associated with accessing Zoom, as outlined below:

Reimbursements will be made, upon request, in amounts up to:

\$150/year to selected officers and chairs hosting frequent and/or long committee meetings;  
\$60/4 months to seminar moderators, and to our past president (retroactively);  
\$60/year to monthly ongoing program facilitators.

Our office manager and emeriti academics and are otherwise covered by affiliated institutions. Exceptions may be made, upon special request, for co-moderators, provided the total number of such reimbursements doesn't exceed the 22 that are budgeted.

All reimbursement requests shall be made online, at <https://5clir.org/forms/>  
Using the [ZOOM HOSTING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FORM](#)

Note that all requests must be accompanied by a receipt, attached to the online form.

The gross annual costs for such expenditures will be partially offset by reduced budget allocations for non-Covid-safe events.

## THE 5CLIR 20/21 PLAN

by Nancy Denig

*"We're lost, but we're making good time."*

-Yogi Berra

Our LIR leadership team has, indeed, been making good time by addressing the myriad of details and issues that have cropped up in Covid's wake. And we still have a long way to go on that front.

We'd be suckered into Yogi's predicament, though, if we didn't also have a roadmap. Now we have one. The LIR 20/21 Plan lays out the directions we'd like to take in the coming year. Many of you have contributed to it by letting us know about the goals, objectives, priorities and possibilities you'd like to see materialize as we move forward – even beyond our current Era of Zoom.

The idea for developing such a plan in the first place came from a desire for greater racial diversity among our membership. That desire has been expanded upon, and remains a high priority goal, as you will see. We've placed tending to our members' experience first, though, because recruiting new members won't succeed without current members' broad and deep satisfaction with what we are about. I see the two basic goals as two sides of a coin: enhancing members' experience while growing LIR's membership. Working toward both is essential for a robust and sustainable future for Five College Learning in Retirement.

See our roadmap for yourself here. Council endorsed it at our September meeting, but that doesn't mean it's cast in stone. It's not complete, either, without identifying nitty-gritty tactical details as we strive to implement the Plan. Your feedback is most welcome; it's the way, in fact, to keep it as a living document worthy of following.

### **A. ENHANCE MEMBERS' EXPERIENCE**

1. Promote social engagement among members
  - a. More/more frequent on-going programs
  - b. Re-imagined Member Events
  - c. Possibilities
    - 1) List Serve access
    - 2) Social interest groups
    - 3) Stand-alone ("a la carte") get-togethers
2. Promote learning engagement
  - a. Develop alternative seminar models
    - 1) Re. participant roles, number of participants
    - 2) Re. length, frequency, scheduling
  - b. Improve media usage
    - 1) Update website, manuals *et al*
    - 2) Newsletter additional features, frequency
  - c. Possibilities
    - 1) Publications (eg. Writing to Remember stories, "Best of Encores" *et al*)
    - 2) Interactive educational media
3. Promote community engagement

- a. Reinstate Legislators Forum
- b. Possibilities
  - 1) Volunteer non-profit opportunity postings in newsletter
  - 2) "Village" child-raising programs (eg. homework helping, story-reading)

**B. GROW LIR'S MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. Promote racial diversity
  - a. Networking and recruiting
  - d. Race-related learning
- 2. Extend demographic profile:
  - a. 50 plus year-old recent retirees (via targeted recruiting)
  - b. Socio-economic and educational diversity (ditto, with PC awareness)
- 3. Expand LIR's geographic profile (*ie* using "the Zoom advantage")
  - a. Neighboring communities (*ie* beyond Amherst, Noho)
  - b. Re-located past members

## 5CLIR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

*Please refer to your member directory for contact information. Directories are sent periodically, and you may request one from the office at any time.*

Council Members	President	Nancy Denig
	Vice President	Tyll van Geel
	Treasurer	Monroe Rabin
	Asst. Treasurer	Gene Fisher
	Secretary	Bev von Kries
	Past President	Jake Greenburg
	At Large	Francie Borden
		Rachel Borson
		Elisa Campbell
		Bob Cohen
		Kip Fonsh
		Pat Jorzak
		Kay Klausewitz
James Lee		
Margaret Russell		
Larry Ambs		
5C Liason	Ombudsperson	Anne Lombard
	Historian	Sara Wright
Committee Chairs	Activities	TBA
	Curriculum	Kathy Campbell, Francie Borden
	Finance	Monroe Rabin
	Great Decisions	Bruce Brewer
	Member Events	Catharine Porter
	Membership & Outreach	Margaret Russell
	Nominating	Margaret Russell
	Ongoing Programs	Wendy Parrish
	Projects & Events	Ellen Kosmer
	Technology	Gordon Wyse



## COUNCIL THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES

### OFFICERS

**Nancy Denig, President**

Nancy Denig is a retired landscape architect, living in Northampton again, after years away from her alma mater, Smith College. Since joining LIR in 2013, she has chaired the Summer/Winter Program Committee, and (co)moderated a number of seminars featuring reading and writing - poetry, Proust and memoir - but no arithmetic.

**Tyll van Geel, Vice President**

Following a career as an academic attorney (with some practical experience as an attorney with a federal agency) I joined LIR in 2007 (my wife and I having moved to Amherst from Rochester, N.Y.). I've enjoyed seminars in history, law, literature, and art, as well as moderating seminars in both law and history. I have served two terms on the Curriculum Committee, served two years as a co-chair of the CC, and served three years on the Council. My hobbies include photography and bread and bagel baking.

**Jake Greenburg, Past President**

I arrived to the Pioneer Valley in 1986 from New York and had a twenty five year career At MassMutual in Springfield as an I.T. professional. After retiring in 2011, I attended the Civil War Symposium presented by 5CLIR. It was because of that symposium that I decided I wanted to be part of 5CLIR. I became an active participant in many of the seminars offered over the years. I joined the Great Decisions Committee in 2013 and found that its work in presenting foreign policy issues was very rewarding. I became chairperson of the committee 3 years ago. I was elected to the 5CLIR Council 3 years ago and am current serving as Vice President. I am excited to be part of the 5CLIR organization that offers so many educational opportunities and social events to its members.

**Bev von Kries, Secretary**

I joined LIR about thirteen years ago, shortly after I retired from my career as a librarian. I've thoroughly enjoyed being a member of LIR and have been involved in many different ways.... as a seminar member of course, as a moderator or co-moderator of several seminars, as a committee member of various committees, as a co-chair of the Curriculum Committee and as a member of Council. Now, if elected I'm happy to support our organization as secretary.

**Monroe Rabin, Treasurer**

I grew up in Brooklyn, NY. My undergraduate education was at Columbia, followed by graduate study at Rutgers University and a PhD in physics in 1967. I then left the East coast for California, doing research there in High Energy physics at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. In 1972 I came back East to join the faculty of the Physics Department at UMass Amherst, where I continued research in High Energy physics. I also ventured into a new field, with a rewarding Sabbatical year in Medical Physics at the Radiation Oncology Department of Mass General Hospital. I joined LIR in 2016 and have enjoyed the Writing to Remember seminar every semester since then. In addition, I moderated one seminar (Radiation and You).

**Gene Fisher, Assistant Treasurer**

I am a professor emeritus of sociology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. I taught sociology at UMass from 1984 to 2004. I joined 5CLIR in the winter of 2016. I have attended

so far 3 seminars (Reading Piketty, The Preacher and the Playwright, The Crusades) and moderated one (From Fundamentalism to Extremism).

## AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

### **Francie Borden**

*term ending 2023*

My life has been about loving learning. As an educator, I started a school, taught, and administered for 45 years. I have been active in LIR for 5 as participant, moderator, and member of committees.

### **Rachel Borson**

*replacing Gene Fisher, term ending 2021*

Rachel is a retired Hematologist-Oncologist who moved to the Pioneer Valley in 2012 with her two cats. Since retiring several years ago, she has enjoyed having a varied life with sport (especially rowing and biking), learning, some part-time employment in new fields, travel and volunteer work. Her grown children live in Boston and Chicago, and are a source of joy.

### **Robert Cohen**

*term ending 2023*

I grew up in Westfield, attended Cornell and Boston University, and have a BA in Psychology. My work background is in retail electronics and wholesale distribution. I retired from the family business (distribution of cleaning supplies) in 2015 after 37 years. I have extensive business experience that could be of value to Council.

### **Kay Klausewitz**

*term ending 2023*

Kay, feeling that socialization and stimulation are important to a successful retirement life, was delighted to hear about 5CLIR. She, and husband Ron, joined after moving to the Pioneer Valley in 2014 to retire. They were familiar with the urban/rural setting because Kay received her doctorate in Education and Family Studies at the University of Massachusetts. Kay has served on numerous committees, chairing two of them.

### **Elisa Campbell**

*term ending 2022*

I joined LIR about 10 years ago and have been an enthusiastic participant in seminars and various summer and January activities ever since, especially seminars in history and science. I moved to the area in 1970 to be a graduate student in the English department at UMass, and feel incredibly lucky to live here. I want to contribute to LIR's community of learning and caring.

### **Kip Fonsh**

*term ending 2022*

I am a retired high school social studies teacher who has served as an education consultant to the Basketball Hall of Fame and the Director of Education at the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction. I have filled two empty positions on the 5CLIR Curriculum Committee and the 5CLIR Council. I have taken taken five 5CLIR courses and will be a first time moderator this fall for a course entitled "Basketball and American Society." I would like very much to continue to serve as a member of the Curriculum Committee and the Council.

### **James Lee**

*term ending 2022*

James R. Lee is a retired college teacher who taught theater courses for over thirty years. He taught at Lemoyne-Owen College, Drew University, Bucknell University, and Connecticut College; and taught course that included acting, directing, dramatic literature, and speech. He attended Duke university (B.A. in English Literature), Tulane University (M.F.A. in directing), and the Yale School of Drama (M.F.A. in Dramaturgy). Over his career, he has directed nearly thirty production ranging from Chekhov to Pinter, as well as several musicals. Over the last several

years, he has attended seven LIR seminars and delivered three Encore Presentations.

**Pat Jorczak**

*term ending 2021*

I have been a member of 5CLIR for 7 years and have taken 30 classes. I am very passionate about the organization and would like to give back. My degree is in Communications, with a Business minor, from CCSU. My career was in Business, retiring from Met Life Financial Services. I feel my business background gives me a different perspective that would be an asset being on the Council. I have been on a number of boards and committees all my adult life.

**Margaret Russell**

*term ending 2021*

I am still a newcomer to LIR, having joined last year (prompted by my husband's wonderful experience with the program). After taking two seminars, I am co-moderating a seminar on the Mid-term Elections in the fall. My husband and I moved to Northampton seven years ago from Cape Cod, where I was editor and publisher of the weekly newspaper, The Falmouth Enterprise, for nearly 20 years. After leaving the family business, I served as administrator of The 300 Committee Land Trust in Falmouth for five years, taking early retirement to move to the Pioneer Valley.

**2020- 2021 5CLIR CALENDAR**

NB: Updates may be made as planning for online activities continues to develop.

**2020**

Thu Oct 1	1:00 pm	Online Executive Committee meeting
Thu Oct 1	2:15 pm	Online Curriculum Committee meeting
Thu Oct 8	2:00 pm	Online - Council Meeting
Mon Oct 26		November newsletter deadline
Thu Nov 5	1:00 pm	Online Executive Committee meeting
Thu Nov 5	2:15 pm	Online Curriculum Committee meeting
Thu Nov 12	2:00 pm	Online - Council Meeting
Sun Nov 22		Online Spring 2021 Preview
Mon Nov 23		Last regular week of fall seminars Registration Opens for Spring 2021
Thu Nov 26		Thanksgiving – no classes
Mon Nov 30		Make- up week for Fall seminars
Thu Dec 3	1:00 pm	Online Executive Committee meeting
Thu Dec 3	2:15 pm	Online Curriculum Committee meeting
Thu Dec 10		Deadline for Registrations to be in Lottery Spring 2021
Thu Dec 10	2:00 pm	Online - Council Meeting
Mon Dec 21		Spring class enrollment announced
Thu Dec 24	12:00 pm	Office closed for winter break

**2021**

No January committee meetings, newsletter

Thu Jan 7		Memorial Program - virtual
Mon Jan 25		February newsletter deadline
Thu Feb 4	1:00 pm	Online Executive Committee meeting
Thu Feb 4	2:15 pm	Online Curriculum Committee meeting
Thu Feb 11	2 00 pm	Online - Council Meeting
Mon Feb 22		March newsletter deadline
Mon Feb 22		First week of Spring Seminars
Thu Mar 4	1:00 pm	Online Executive Committee meeting
Thu Mar 4	2:15 pm	Online Curriculum Committee meeting
Thu Mar 11	2:00 pm	Online - Council Meeting
Thu Mar 25		April newsletter deadline
Thu Apr 1	1:00 pm	Online Executive Committee meeting
Thu Apr 1	2:15 pm	Online Curriculum Committee meeting
Thu Apr 8	2 00 pm	Online - Council Meeting
Mon Apr 26		May newsletter deadline
Mon Apr 26		Last (regular) week of Spring Seminars

Sun May 2 (Date TBA)		Online Annual Meeting
Mon May 3		Online Fall 2021 Preview
Mon May 3		Registration opens for Fall seminars
Thu May 6	1:00 pm	Online Executive Committee meeting
Thu May 6	2:15 pm	Online Curriculum Committee meeting
Thu May 13	2:00 pm	Online - Council Meeting
Fri May 21		Deadline for Registrations to be in Lottery Fall 2021
Mon May 24		June newsletter deadline
Mon May 31		Memorial Day
Thu Jun 3	1:00 pm	Online Executive Committee meeting
Thu Jun 3	2:15 pm	Online Curriculum Committee meeting
Mon Jun 7- Fri Jun 11		Online Council Election
Thu Jun 10	2:00 pm	Online - Council Meeting
Mon Jun 14		Fall class enrollment announced

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