

THE OBSERVER

MAY 6, 2019

NEWS

Observer Schedule

Next Monday May 13, we will publish the last of our regularly scheduled issues of the *Observer* for this Spring semester. We will publish special issues over the summer as we have news or activities to report.

Dates for Fall 2019 Semester

For those needing to plan ahead: the Fall semester will begin Monday September 9. No classes will be held on Rosh Hashanah, Monday September 30; on Yom Kippur, Wednesday October 9; or on Columbus Day, Monday October 14. Classes also will not be held during Thanksgiving week November 25 through November 29. Based on the holiday schedule, particularly the multiple Monday holidays, end dates range from early to mid-December.

Michael Markowitz Memorial

About 150 IRP members as well as deans and administrators from TNS attended Michael's memorial service at Middle Collegiate Church on May 5. Speakers paying tribute to Michael included Michael's husband Sam Turn; his niece and nephew Alicia Brandt-Eli and Curt Weiss; and Michael's friends and colleagues, Tom Ashley of the IRP, David Worley and Sondra Farganis of TNS;

and the Reverends Bertram Johnson and Jacqui Lewis of Middle Collegiate. The service included singing the Mourner's Kaddish, a reading from Psalm 23 and, testifying to Michael's love of music, American standards, traditional hymns, and folk songs. All who spoke highlighted Michael's contributions and long-standing commitment to the IRP and to its individual members.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Volunteer for Voter Registration

Please consider participating in the IRP drive to register The New School students to vote in the 2020 primary and general elections. We will have a training meeting in September and begin registering every Wednesday from 12 to 4 PM starting in October. Volunteers are asked to come to at least three Wednesday registration sessions each semester. Please contact Rita Silverman at ritasilverman11@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

Art Show

Thanks to Dick Kossoff, Carol Millsom, and Adam Blaton—and IRP artists—we will have a new art show to enjoy over the summer months. Just check the wall outside the IRP office, and the office itself, to enjoy the work of our painters, photographers, and sculptors.

REMINDERS: EVENTS

General Membership Meeting

The final General Membership meeting of the academic year will be held on Thursday May 9 from 3-5PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 12 West 12th Street, on the corner of 5th Avenue. Come and celebrate the completion of a successful year, see friends and colleagues you may not have seen during the semester, and make plans before we take off for the summer. As usual, food and drink will be available after the business portion of the meeting.

Launching Summer 2019 Term

Our six-week summer offerings begin on Thursday, May 30 and end on July 11. We have a full slate of eight diverse and interesting study groups, a choice of two in each of the Tuesday and Thursday slots. Please note, as an accommodation to the widely held IRP preference, there are no early classes—first period begins at 12:20 and the second period at 2:10. You can access the [Summer grid here](#).

As always, by clicking on the title, you will see the study group description and syllabus. Members may take up to four study groups; the cost is \$125 for one and \$200 for two or more. A bargain!

Please note, registration will officially open when you are sent the registration form, which you will receive shortly. Please review the offerings so that you are ready to register, as the priority registration period ends on Friday, May 10. (Members will be able to register for any remaining seats any time before the start of summer classes.)

Active Listening Workshop

Date & Time: Wednesday May 8, 2PM
Place: Room 910

Improve your listening skills, and your new and old relationships, by attending this workshop, sponsored by the Diversity Outreach Committee. Facilitated by Ron Russo, the workshop will help you identify strategies to improve your communication skills with family, friends, and colleagues. Attendance is limited to 25; to register, [click here](#).

Women's Group Meetings

The Women's Group will meet in May!

- Monday, May 6, 3:30PM in Room 909
- Friday, May 17, 2PM in Room 910

REMINDERS: OPPORTUNITIES

Openings on Admission Committee

The Admissions Committee is looking for two new members whose terms will begin July 1, 2019. The Committee works to create a dynamic and diversified membership that will contribute to the continued excellence of the IRP. Activities include organizing and participating in information sessions (up to 6 sessions per year); organizing and participating in interview sessions for new applicants (up to 6 per year); recommending applicants who would be appropriate to join the IRP; seeking feedback on the success of admitted applicants and on the information and admissions processes; and interacting with other IRP committees. Commit-

tee members should also have a commitment to peer learning and participation as well as the ability to communicate these core principles to applicants at information and interview sessions.

For more information, [click here](#) to view our entry on the Zine.

Applications should be emailed by May 31 to Admission Committee co-chairs Barry Cooper and Laini Gerald, at:

- coopb889@newschool.edu
- geraldmsw@gmail.com.

Be sure to address how you meet the Skills and Experience criteria for the position.

Mentors

Join the growing list of IRP members eager to mentor new arrivals. The Mentoring Committee seeks new and experienced members to share the IRP experience and culture with our newest entering class. The Committee will provide guidelines and workshops to help you succeed. If you are interested, please email Susan Belkin at scbelkin@gmail.com.

LunchMate

The new Community Building Committee, chaired by Jan Adler, is asking all IRP members to join in the effort to strengthen our communal bonds. As a first step, ask a new or recent member you met in your study group or in the hallways to join you for lunch, starting in September. It can even be someone you don't usually talk to who has been here awhile. If you're interested, sign up in the office as a LunchMate so we can get an idea of how many people will participate. We trust you to honor your promise.

That's it! If you have other ideas about the focus of this committee, email Jan Adler at: adlerjan@optonline.net.

ENJOYING THE SUMMER BREAK

Join fellow IRP members for an Ethnic Dining Outing

Cuisine: A typical Turkish lunch

When: Saturday, June 1 at 12:30PM

Where: Agora Restaurant, 1565 2nd Avenue, between 81 and 82 Streets

Price: 2 course lunch includes tip and tax for \$32 paid in cash; dessert and /or drinks extra

Attendees: minimum 10 people, maximum 20

Deadline to sign up is May 25. Please email your attendance and any questions to Myriam Bucatinsky at

Myriambuca@gmail.com, Susan Herman at susanhphoto@aol.com or Susan Winston at suswinston@aol.com.

Want to Go to the Movies?

IRP film enthusiasts are invited to join Marcia Hearst and Nancy Small for Film Meet-Ups during the summer. Marcia and Nancy offer you the chance to meet and view the most interesting films offered at NYC theaters and then share your thoughts afterward at a nearby casual eatery. The meet-ups will begin in late May/early June. Details regarding the film, location, and mid-day meet-up time will be emailed about a week prior to the event. To be included on the invitation list, please email your contact information to Nancy Small, nasmall7@gmail.com.

Encore – Spring Concert

ENCORE, the nation's largest choral group for singers 55 and over will be holding its Spring Concert, free and open to the public, on May 15, 7PM, at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Kirkland Chapel, 7 West 55th. Under the baton of a professional choral master, the 35 member choir will perform medleys of The Music Man and Gershwin, as well as traditional hymns and gospel songs. Carol Groneman and Lucy Kirk are members and enjoying this musical experience so much, and they hope that some of you will be interested in joining them.

Travel

The Travel committee is sponsoring two trips under the auspices of Carew Travel.

Berkshires Theater Tour, July 18-21. The itinerary includes tickets to four performances: Tanglewood Music Festival, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Berkshire Theatre Group, and Music Mountain. Visits to local museums and historic sites are also included. Carew provides transportation from midtown Manhattan to and from the Berkshires, handles hotel reservations at the Pittsfield Crowne Plaza in Pittsfield, MA, and provides a tour director. The price is \$1,499 per person, with a single supplement of \$300.

Canadian Theater Festival, August 13-17. Trip includes performances of "Brigadoon" and "Getting Married" at the Shaw Festival and "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and a world premiere imagining of "The Front Page" at the Stratford Festival. Fly to Toronto on Air Canada and spend two nights in charming Niagara on the Lake, then spend two nights in lively

Stratford, Ontario. The cost is \$2,300, including air fare from NYC/JFK with a single supplement of \$400.

You can sign up for these trips by calling Carew Travel Consultants at 1-800-621-1113. For more information, contact Bob Gerace of the Travel Committee at: rgerace234@yahoo.com.

IRP AND TNS RESOURCES

What is the Zine? First in a Series

For some, it is as mysterious as the Lost City of Z: Hard to find, Impenetrable, Mysterious, and perhaps even an Ancient Myth. However, unlike the lost city with all of its fabulous but mythical riches, the IRP Zine does [exist](#) and it does hold a wealth of rich information. If you clicked on the word "[exist](#)" you will come to a very straightforward web page with identifying tabs. Click on any one of these tabs and you will enter the IRP Zine world. Do you want to find out what's being offered this [summer](#)? Just click back there on the word [summer](#). Are you looking for that syllabus for the study group you took in [2015](#)? Just click there. Are you trying to remember the name that goes with the [face](#) of a fellow member? (Ahh...for privacy sake this last one requires that you remember a password and ID, so if you forgot it, call the First Desk 212.229 5682). [Tuesdays with Friends](#)? You get the idea. All of this plus more is available to you on the IRP Zine. Try it, noodle around. You'll find lots of interesting stuff. More to come next week and more Zine improvements to come.

TNS Events Calendar

[Click here](#) to learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

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