FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Our New Space
Our first week at CUNY’s School of Labor and Urban Studies was difficult in some respects and a success in others. To start with the difficulties: although we understood that we had three rooms at SLU from 9:30 to 4:30, it turns out the 3 rooms are available to us only until 3. This has implications, of course, for our committees who prefer to have meetings, workshops and other get-togethers after classes. Second, because SLU built its classrooms and reception areas near their offices, we received complaints about the effects of our conversations in the hallways and reception areas.

On the road to the successes, we do have some ways to deal with the situation. First, SLU has made available a 4th room, free of charge, 1923 on the 19th floor, for meetings, workshops, etc. from 9:30 to 3 Monday through Friday. Committees that are willing to hold events during class time (for example on alternate days each month to accommodate as many members as possible) or after 12:30 on Friday, can book this room through Adam. Committees can also, of course, schedule meetings and other events at TNS through Adam.

For rooms to socialize and eat, 1923 at SLU is available when not being used by committees. Other spaces at SLU more available than hallways for socializing and also for lunch are the pantry/kitchen areas on both the 18th and 19th floors and the reception area on 19. (Just be conscious to take with you what you bring in—as the Sierra Club and Appalachian Mountain Club say regarding environmental preservation).

IRPers enjoying company and food in the pantry area on the 18th floor.

Regarding the 100% successes, members were delighted to return to classes; coordinators were ready to go, displaying impressive skill with the A/V equipment thanks in part to the work of the new Tech Committee; and SLU’s tech staff were very responsive to any requests for assistance. So for what is a great tribute to all, 35 study groups—ranging in topics and time from American Humor on Monday at 9:30 to Literature and Science on
Friday at 11—led by experienced and new coordinators—got off to a great start.

General Membership Meeting
- Friday, February 14, 1:15-3:15PM
- Theresa Lang, 55 West 13th Street, Room 202

Please come to hear the latest news and stay for the reception to see old friends and make new ones. New members are especially welcome.

Fundraising
Acknowledgment letters will be going out later this week to thank all the members who have contributed so far to the Institute for Education in Retirement (IER), our fundraising arm. The campaign continues, as we hope to come as close as possible to 100 percent participation.

EVENTS

Save the Date
The Our Stage of Life Committee presents:
A ROADMAP TO LEGAL ISSUES IN RETIREMENT

- Saturday, March 7, 9AM-Noon
  Coffee and light refreshments begin at 9AM, Mr. Freedman's presentation begins promptly at 10, after which there will be a Q & A session.

Robert M. Freedman, Esq., a nationally recognized authority and pioneer in the field of elder law and advocacy for vulnerable populations, will discuss legal issues that we all must face as we age.

Join your fellow IRPers and members of the community at The New School University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, Starr Foundation Hall, Room UL 102 (lower level).

Admission is free, but please register in advance by clicking here.

Thinking About Coordinating But Want Assistance?
Bring your ideas to the Curriculum Committee’s LET’S GET STARTED workshop in room 1923 at SLU on:
- Wednesday, February 26, 11:15-12:45PM

Whether you have just the germ of an idea or one that is almost fully developed, this workshop is for you. We will work together to support the development of your ideas, suggest resources, help you to find a co-coordinator (if you want one) and answer your questions about the Study Group proposal process. RSVP to
Upcoming workshops, Save the Dates
• How’s It Going, Wednesday, March 4, 11:15-12:45PM, Room 1923, SLU
• Developing a Proposal, Wednesday, March 11, 11:15-12:45PM, Room 1923, SLU

ARTSIG
Event Schedule Changes
We have had to reschedule the spring ArtSig events. The new schedule (in order) is:
• The Shed (Agnes Denes), March 17 (as previously planned)
• Brant, moved from February 18 to a new date in April (exact date to be determined)
• Mana, in May (exact date to be determined)

More details will be announced later.

Online Art Show
Robin Sacknoff provides the fifth contribution to our online art show.

According to Robin:

“As a street photographer, I always look for inspiration as I walk around the city. I saw this image on a wall in the Meatpacking district, and it resonated with me at once. In troubled times we need these simple words.”

Einstein, by Robin Sacknoff

Virtual Senior Center Program, Member Experiences & Opportunities
On Wednesday February 5th, the IRP Virtual Senior Center Committee, which has provided webcasts to homebound seniors in theSelfhelp Community Services Program for many years, will host its first presentation this semester. Rosalie Frost will discuss “Through the lens of three more photographers-Eugene Atget, Ruth Bernhard and Robert Mapplethorpe”.

In this program IRP members choose the topics for their webcast. Topics range widely in content, but all are geared to promoting lively 45-55 minute discussions with engaged participants. Webcasts are held on Wednesday afternoons at 3PM in the IRP office at 16th Street. Adam is available to oversee the
In an effort to provide a sense to IRP members of how satisfying it is to participate in this program, we asked last semester’s presenters to describe their topics and their experience with the participants. Here are excerpts from the response of two of those presenters, Arlynn Brody and Steve Kalinsky.

**Arlynn Brody:** “The webcast I presented invited my audience to actively participate in a discussion of the themes and characters of Tennessee Williams’ play “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof”. Steve Kalinsky participated with me in reading aloud (with our most dramatic voices) parts of Act 1. I then described my interpretation of the action. A few of the video participants asked questions which enhanced their understanding of the play.

A couple of the participants requested further readings. We read scenes from Acts 2 and 3, which I had prepared in advance. Much to my surprise they loved our acting. We were told that now they understood the play. We were asked to return. I was amazed at how much we were appreciated. It was so gratifying to be invited back. This was part of a course that Steve and I coordinated on Tennessee Williams and Arthur Miller. It was a wonderful experience”.

**Steve Kalinsky:** “Eva Vogel joined me on the webcast. Our topic was immigration to the United States. We discussed history, pointing out how restrictions (or lack of restrictions) have changed over the centuries. We emphasized that economic conditions here and whether or not it was a time of war or peace made a big difference. Eva spoke a little bit about her experience. And then we opened the discussion to our audience. WOW. They were quite animated. We had a couple of women who were holocaust survivors who told extremely compelling stories and another woman described how she left the West Indies for the United States. We and our audience then spent some time critiquing current US policy. We (Eva and I) exited the webcast at 4PM. The audience continued the conversation among themselves. I have done about a half dozen of these webcasts. This one was, by far, the most interesting from the standpoint of the comments made by the participants and the most fun for me. It was quite an afternoon”.

So, now that we have given you a taste of the variety, energy, and fun that have brought some IRPers back for more webcasts, please consider whether you may be interested in doing one yourself. If interested in exploring this further, please contact Fran De Lott via email to francesditt@gmail.com or phone, 212-362-9807.

Finally, the Virtual Senior Center Committee is interested in adding one or two members who will assist in identifying members for future webcasts. This does not require committee meetings or much time, but it is important to widen the net for new presenters. Contact Fran De Lott if interested.

**MORE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Information Sessions Coming Up; Please Spread the Word**

The Admissions Committee will hold Information Sessions for potential new IRP members on:

- Friday, February 28, 1-3PM at SLU
Wednesday, April 22, 3:15-5:15PM at TNS

Now is the time to reach out to people you think may be interested in joining the IRP. We are seeking to broaden our membership with qualified applicants who will reflect the diversity of our city. If you know such individuals, please tell them that they can arrange to attend one of the information sessions by calling the office or by sending an email to Adam.

LunchMate
The Community Building Committee, chaired by Jan Adler, is asking you once again to help strengthen our communal bonds and our knowledge of a new neighborhood by making dates for lunch with members new to the IRP or new to you, during this spring semester. Feedback from the effort last semester was quite positive, so try it, or try it with someone else. If you have other ideas about the focus of this committee, email Jan Adler at: adlerjan@optonline.net.

RESOURCES

IRP Zine
- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  - Username: IRPNewSchool
  - Password: Fall2018
- For the fall and spring calendars, click here.

New School Events Calendar
- Learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events
- Learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts at 1PM on Thursday afternoons at the Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street.
- School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) public programming schedule, 2019-2020
- Public programs in Midtown Manhattan
- Office of Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovation of the Graduate Center presents: Music from Copland House-Voyage Out on Monday, February 3, 7:30-PM, at Elebash Recital Hall, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 365 5th Avenue. Free concert.
Welcome to the New Semester!

FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

General Membership Meeting
• Friday, February 14, 1-3PM. Theresa Lang, 55 W 13 St., Room 202
Please come to hear the latest news and stay for the reception to see old friends and make new ones. New members are especially welcome.

Data on Study Groups
All study groups this semester meet at SLU, 25 West 43rd Street. Classes are on the 18th floor Monday through Thursday and on the 18th and 19th floors on Friday. Room assignments will be posted by the elevators on the 18th floor. The lounge area is on the 19th floor—much better than the hallways on 18!

Also, here for the second and final time are the end dates for this semester, listing the day the class meets, the 12-week end date, followed by the 13-week one. Wednesday study groups have the latest end dates because the spring break includes two Wednesdays.

Monday: April 27; May 4
Tuesday: April 21; April 28
Wednesday: May 6; May 13
Thursday: April 30; May 7
Friday: April 24; May 1

We will also have off Lincoln’s Birthday (February 12) as well as President’s Day (February 17).

New Member Integration Committee Starts Work
As you know from the GMM announcement in December, the Advisory Board has established a New Member Integration Committee to continue and expand the work of Jane Case Einbender, Ruth Mackaman, and David Grogan, who have planned and conducted the orientation sessions for new members over many years. Jane, who has completed her term, and Ruth are moving on to other responsibilities; David will continue for the remaining year of his term. The new members of the committee are Carol Borelli, Richard Resnik, Susan Rubens, and Doris Wallace. They start work now to plan the next orientation sessions and to continue to implement and develop recommendations from the Advisory Board, Town Hall meetings, and individuals to make orientation a rich, varied year-long effort to integrate new members into the IRP community. The Board looks forward to the new committee’s plans and innovations. If you have ideas or suggestions, please talk to one of the committee members.

Relationship with CUNY
Negotiations continue to proceed in a positive direction. The IRP negotiating team has been invited to lunch with the Graduate Center’s top leadership—the current President, Provost, Associate
Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs—as well as with our negotiating partners—the Dean and Program Director of GC’s Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovation Division—to, in the words of the Program Director, “build the relationship with …the GC community in a …robust and comprehensive way.” We will keep you updated, of course.

Our New Building
To follow up on last week’s account of our building and its storied 18th and 19th floors, here is a picture of the plaque describing the association with the New Yorker, courtesy of Linda Anstendig and Linda Gottlieb. Check it out.

EVENTS

Thinking About Coordinating But Want Assistance?
Bring your ideas to the Curriculum Committee’s LET’S GET STARTED Workshop held at SLU on:
• Monday, February 24, 1:15-3PM, Room 18A
OR
• Wednesday, February 26, 3-4:45PM, Room 18A

Whether you have just the germ of an idea or one that is almost fully developed, this workshop is for you. We will work together to support the development of your ideas, suggest resources, help you to find a co-coordinator (if you want one) and answer your questions about the study group proposal process.

RSVP to Adam at irp@newschool.edu or 212-229-5682.

Information Sessions Coming Up; Please Spread the Word
The Admissions Committee will hold information sessions at SLU for potential new IRP members on:
• Friday February 28, 1:30PM, and
• Wednesday April 22, 3:15PM

Now is the time to reach out to people you think may be interested in joining the IRP. We are seeking to broaden our membership with qualified applicants who will reflect the diversity of our city. If you know such individuals, please tell them that they can arrange to attend one of the information sessions by calling the office or by sending an email to Adam.

ArtSig

Tour Winter Antiques Show
• Where: Park Avenue Armory, 68th Street and Park Avenue
• When: Wednesday, January 29, 3:45PM (meet at 3:40 at ticket desk with coats checked)
• Cost: Tour is free but admission to show is $30

Join us on our annual tour of the Winter Antiques Show. Our leader, Alice McAdams, an antiques dealer and appraiser
herself, will introduce us to dealers who will talk about the objects on display in their booths. It’s your chance to ask questions and hear the stories about museum-quality antiques. To sign up, email Dick Kossoff at: chemkos@aol.com. For questions, email Carol Millsom at: carolmillsom35@gmail.com.

And Save the Date for these Upcoming ArtSig Events.
- February 18, 3:30PM, The new Brant Foundation exhibition, (thanks to Nancy Small for making the arrangements)
- March 17, 3:30PM, Agnes Denes at the Hudson Yards “Shed”

Online Art Show
Gerald Reisner provides the fourth contribution to our online art show.

According to Gerald: “After viewing Rothko's paintings at The Phillips Collection in Washington, DC, I was motivated to create a photo composition of various details of several paintings. I originally created the Ode to Rothko. In trying to imitate the style of Rothko I then blurred the photo, to get the final result.”

Out of Town Travel
Road Scholar Best of Portugal
10 Days, May 30-June 8. The start date for the first trip was listed incorrectly in last week's Observer. For details, check the link below or call 1-800-454-5768. If you are interested, please email Bob Gerace at rgerace234@yahoo.com. Click here to learn more.

OPPORTUNITIES
Diversity/Outreach
The Diversity/Outreach Committee is seeking new members to help fulfill its progressive vision of a more vibrant and diverse community at the IRP. If you believe that interacting with members of different races, creeds, ethnic backgrounds, and walks of life will enhance our academic and social experience; if you have a diverse group of friends and colleagues whom you can invite to join us; if you are a member of a professional organization with a multi-racial membership you can reach out to; if you simply think it is time for our community to be more relevant to the year 2020, we are interested in meeting you! Your participation may determine the future of the IRP. Interested persons should send an email to Doris Wallace at dwally44@aol.com by February 10.
A New Outlook!
Thanks to everyone for your enthusiastic response to the first edition of Outlook, our new IRP newsletter. We’re now preparing the spring 2020 issue—and you can be part of the team. Here’s how:

- Letters to The Editors: Send us your comments, and we’ll print as many as we can.
- We Were There: A new feature for members who attended seminal events of the past, such as Woodstock, Altamont, the Martin Luther King “I Have A Dream Speech,” an early Beatles concert, any of the marches against the war, or for women's or gay rights. You get the idea. If you, indeed, were there, please tell us about it.

Contact the editors, Pat and Audrey at irpnewsletters@gmail.com

LunchMate
The Community Building Committee, chaired by Jan Adler, is asking us once again to help strengthen our communal bonds and our knowledge of a new neighborhood by making dates for lunch with members new to the IRP or new to you, during this spring semester. Feedback from the effort last semester was quite positive, so try it, or try it with someone else. If you have other ideas about the focus of this committee, email Jan Adler at: adlerjan@optonline.net.

Meet Our New Members, Spring 2020
At the orientation session on Friday the 24th, Jane, Ruth and David took the 11 new members in attendance through the basics of the IRP; Susan Belkin and Sue Goldman reminded the new members to contact their mentors with any questions and either of them with any problems; Doris Wallace emphasized our commitment to diversity; and Harold, Eileen, and Carol Groneman represented the Executive Committee and Advisory Board. Thanks to photographer Peter Houts and writer Leslie Davis, brief bios and photos of the 11 new members can be found on pages 5-7. Also, see a group shot of the new members below.
**DEBORAH BROWN.** U. of Illinois; Loyola U. Was an associate client partner at Korn Ferry, an organizational consulting firm. Has been a mentor for veterans returning to work. Canvassed for both Obama campaigns and the Clinton presidential campaign. Is an avid reader, draws and paints and has traveled internationally.

**RICHARD ZUCKERMAN.** U. of Michigan, BA; U. of California, JD. Was a labor lawyer in San Francisco. Volunteered by helping students with reading. Facilitated a Proust reading group in California and founded another one after moving to New York. Is interested in philosophy and politics.

**DAN KASLOW.** Tufts U., BS; NYU, MBA. Has an independent marketing firm specializing in strategy and research and a studio offering painting classes to seniors. Has volunteered with many nonprofits focusing on the arts and nature conservancy. Has traveled to more than 50 countries and 46 states.

**RICHARD BING.** U. of Pennsylvania, BA; Tufts U., MA, PhD in political science. Was vice president for public administration and development and an associate provost at NYU. Is longtime president of his coop board. Is interested in the development of outer space, the ocean floor and Antarctica.
**BEVERLY WINSTON.** Institute for the Study of Psychotherapy; Wurzweiler School of Social Work, MSW; NYU, PhD in social work. Was a psychotherapist and social worker. Volunteered at the Flatbush Development Corp., the Flatbush food co-op and at Harlem Hospital after 911. Is the wife of IRP member Arnold Winston.

---

**ROGER BAUMBERGER.** Dartmouth, BA; NYU, MBA. Was senior managing director of Stern/Aegis Ventures. Was a director of the NYU Alumni Association and president of the NYU Business Forum. Is interested in the philosophy and books of Ayn Rand. Is the husband of IRP member Anne-Marie Bourbon.

---

**MICHAEL SERRILL.** Penn State, BA; Columbia, MS in Journalism. Was a foreign editor for many years and was an assistant managing editor for Bloomberg News. Traveled very extensively internationally and was president of the Overseas Press Club. Is a World War II buff and enjoys watching sports.

---

**ERIC ZIMILES.** U. of Rochester, BA; UC-Berkeley, MA; Harvard, MA. Was an assistant commissioner of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Is interested in urban development and has given tours of less-known sites around the city. Other interests include history, bicycling and squash.
MICHAEL SERRILL. Penn State, BA; Columbia, MS in Journalism. Was a foreign editor for many years and was an assistant managing editor for Bloomberg News. Traveled very extensively internationally and was president of the Overseas Press Club. Is a World War II buff and enjoys watching sports.

ELISSA WILLIAMS. Brooklyn College, BA; NYU, MA, PhD in American studies. Was a management consultant in the computer field. Volunteered for My Own Book and the Transition Network and as an English tutor. Does choral singing and is a member of a ukulele group. Is interested in African literature.

HOWARD MILLER. U. of Michigan, BS, MD. Was a psychiatrist in Dallas. Volunteers at a homeless shelter and was on the board of a Jewish counseling service in Dallas. Has traveled widely, plays bridge and likes camping and canoeing. Organized and leads a political philosophy discussion group.

JOHN SELEY. U. of Pennsylvania, BA, PhD in urban and regional planning. Is retiring as a CUNY professor. Was a senior advisor to the NYC fire commissioner. Is working on a project on emergency response. Is an avid photographer and is interested in maps and politics.
FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Happy New Year: Good News about Parties, Registration, and Fund Raising
Clearly our members have remained committed to our program through our recent somewhat rocky times.

Our annual New Year’s Day open house was a big success, as usual. Thanks to the organizing efforts of Arlene Spiller, about 80 members, with their families and friends, gathered at the lovely apartment of Ted Gannon on Sutton Place for several hours of conversation, food, and wine to recall the old year and welcome the new.

As of now, 298 members have registered for the spring semester! This is an increase from the fall when 280 members were registered.

In addition, 222 members have contributed approximately $85,000 to the Institute for Education in Retirement (IER), our tax exempt fund raising arm. This means that about 75 percent of our members have contributed thus far. The fund raising campaign that will help to secure our future continues. We are hoping to reach $100,000 with as close to a perfect response rate as we can get. If you have not received the appeal letter from the IER, please notify Carolyn Preiss via email to preic920@newschool.edu or Colette Siegel at colette4788@aol.com and they will mail you another one.

Negotiations with the CUNY Graduate Center about our future relationship with them continued over the break. All sides remain committed and optimistic that we will work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement. More to come.

Mark Your Calendars for GMM & SG Schedules!
Save the date, General Membership Meeting, Friday, February 14, 1-3PM.

All of our study groups this semester will meet at SLU at 25 West 43rd Street. Classes are on the 18th floor on Monday through Thursday and on the 18th and 19th floors on Friday. Room assignments will be posted by the elevators on the 18th floor.

Here are the end dates for the SG, listing the day the class meets, the 12-week end date, followed by the 13-week one. Wednesday study groups have the latest end dates because the spring break includes two Wednesdays. We will also have Lincoln’s Birthday off as well as Presidents’ Day.

Monday: April 27; May 4
Tuesday: April 21; April 28
Wednesday: May 6; May 13
Thursday: April 30; May 7
Friday: April 24; May 1
Those Were the Days
Our new space has a storied past. Here’s a note from Linda Gottlieb, who is co-coordinating the study group on The New Yorker, quoting from a January 26, 2015 New Yorker article.

Before 4 Times Square and the decade or so at 20 West 43rd Street, the magazine spent more than fifty years at 25 West Forty-Third Street. That’s the building with the “Literary Landmark” plaque out front, which, backward-runningly, depicts the place as having been a Luddites’ den: “Characteristic of the magazine was a suspicion of advanced technology.” Brendan Gill, describing the office’s “bureaucratic squalor,” called it “penitentiary-like,” but more beguiling is what went on outside the prison walls, in the old Theatre District haunts: the Algonquin, the Century, the Teheran; Joe Mitchell and A. J. Liebling at the Red Devil, dining on baby squid; all the editors dressed up and out every night for dinner and a show, under the watchful eyes of policemen on horseback. It was acceptable in those days to pass a woman on the street and say, “Great hat.”

And here is another note about our new space from Leslie Davis.

Janet Groth, who worked for The New Yorker for many years and wrote a memoir about it titled "The Receptionist," told me the 18th floor, where our classrooms are, was where the writers had their individual offices. The 16th and 17th floors were business offices -- advertising, circulation, etc. 18th was writers, 19th was editors, including Mr. Shawn. So we’re not only in their old building, but on the right floors. But what was then chopped up into small offices for individual writers has apparently been opened up for larger spaces.

EVENTS

ArtSig

Tour Winter Antiques Show
- Where: Park Avenue Armory, 68th Street and Park Avenue
- When: Wednesday, January 29, 3:45PM (meet at 3:40 at ticket desk with coats checked)
- Cost: Tour is free but admission to show is $30

Join us on our annual tour of the Winter Antiques Show. Our leader, Alice McAdams, an antiques dealer and appraiser herself, will introduce us to dealers who will talk about the objects on display in their booths. It’s your chance to ask questions and hear the stories about museum-quality antiques.

To sign up, email Dick Kossoff at: chemkos@aol.com. For questions, email Carol Millsom at: carolmillsom35@gmail.com.

And Save the Date for these Upcoming ArtSig Events
- February 18, 3:30PM, The new Brant Foundation exhibition (thanks to Nancy Small for making the arrangements)
- March 17, 3:30PM, Agnes Denes at the Hudson Yards “Shed”
Online Art Show
Carol Sterling provides the third contribution to our online art show.

According to Carol:
“My watercolor was created "en plein air.” It brings back happy memories of times with friends and family at Alexander Bay in upstate New York.”

To participate in the Online Art Show, send a photograph of your work to Carol Millsom at carolmillsom35@gmail.com and to Adam. Include title, medium, and dimensions. All work submitted will appear in an issue during the semester. The only rule is that it must be work that has not appeared in Voices or been displayed in previous IRP art exhibits. For help in photographing your work, see Peter Houts at psh2@psu.edu or Adam.

Out of Town Travel
Road Scholar Best of Portugal, 10 Days, May 20- June 8, and June 13- June 22

Price change as of January 14: from $2,229 to $2,449. Single rates on request. Plus roundtrip airfare: $800. Deposit $250. Final payment due March 31. For all other details, check the link below or call 1-800-454-5768.

If you are interested, please email Bob Gerace at rgerace234@yahoo.com.

https://www.roadscholar.org/find-an-adventure/20983/The-Best-of-Portugal-From-the-Age-of-Discovery-to-Today/dates/

OPPORTUNITIES

Diversity/Outreach
The Diversity/Outreach Committee is seeking new members to help fulfill its progressive vision of a more vibrant and diverse community at the IRP. If you believe that interacting with members of different races, creeds, ethnic backgrounds, and walks of life will enhance our academic and social experience; if you have a diverse group of friends and colleagues whom you can invite to join us; if you are a member of a professional organization with a multi-racial membership you can reach out to; if you simply think it is time for our community to be more relevant to the year 2020, we are interested in meeting you! Your participation will have the potential to determine the future of the IRP. Interested persons should send an email to Doris Wallace at dwally44@aol.com by February 10.

A New Outlook!
A New Outlook! Thanks to everyone for your enthusiastic response to the first
edition of Outlook, our new IRP newsletter. We're now preparing the spring 2020 issue—and you can be part of the team.

Here's how:

• Letters to The Editors: Send us your comments, and we'll print as many as we can.
• We Were There: A new feature for members who attended seminal events of the past, such as Woodstock, Altamont, the Martin Luther King "I Have A Dream Speech," an early Beatles concert, any of the marches against the war, or for women's or gay rights. You get the idea. If you, indeed, were there, please tell us about it.

Contact the editors, Pat and Audrey at irpnewsletters@gmail.com

Register Voters
We are looking for IRP members who can help in our drive to register New School students during the spring 2020 semester. We will offer a 2 hour training the first week of the semester and begin registering students immediately after. Please contact Rita Silverman via email to Ritasilverman11@gmail.com for additional information or to sign up. As you know, this upcoming election is critical, and registering students to vote is essential to the future of all of us.

MEMBERS

Do You Like To Sing? Consider joining the Encore Chorale along with Eileen Brener, Carol Groneman, and Mary Houts. There are no auditions, and the group will sing a new repertoire – some traditional, some modern – in a December Holiday Concert and in a concert in the Spring. Rehearsals are on Monday, 1:30-3PM at Third Street Music School, 235 E. 11th St. under the leadership of a professional choral master. Learn more at www.encorecreativity.org.

RESOURCES

IRP Zine
• To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  o Username: IRPNewSchool
  o Password: Fall2018
• For the fall and spring calendars, click here.

New School Events Calendar
• Learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events
• Learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts at 1PM on Thursday afternoons at the Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street
• School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) public programming schedule, 2019-2020
• Public programs in Midtown Manhattan
Summary of Town Hall, December 13

Our plans for the upcoming spring and fall semesters dominated the discussion at the Town Hall, held as the second half of the GMM. Here are the facts presented by members of the Executive Committee and Advisory Board.

Spring 2020

All classes, Monday through Friday, will be held at the School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) at 25 West 43rd Street. SLU has classrooms on the 18th and 19th floors. Our classes are all on 18 and we have access to the multiple communal and eating spaces on both floors. We have 3 rooms from 9:30AM to 4:45PM so that committees can schedule meetings and other activities starting at 2:45 when classes will have ended for the day.

TNS has told us, including in writing, that the rent, $25,500 for the semester, will be taken from our tuition.

We will continue to have access to TNS rooms for our large events, including the GMM and any public events planned by committees such as Fridays at One or Our Stage of Life.

Adam will continue as our administrator, handling requests about study groups and meeting rooms, etc, as usual. We expect his office to remain on 16th street but we will be talking to TNS about arranging for him to spend some time during the week at SLU.

Fall 2020

The team carrying out the negotiations with CUNY Graduate Center (the Executive Committee, Carol Groneman, and Bernie Belkin) is meeting every other week with Dean Brian Peterson and the program director Mariel Villere of the GC’s Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovations to work out an agreement for a future affiliation. The meetings will continue over the break. Both sides are working to reach the agreement in time for a September ’20 start.

In response to member questions about other options for the future, the negotiating team and AB members in the audience reminded everyone that we are still part of TNS. We pay our tuition to them, can schedule rooms there for meetings and events, and have Adam as our administrative officer.

In addition, thanks primarily to Bernie Belkin and our legal team (Michael Kessler, Bernie Persky, and Richard Resnik) we are an organized tax exempt body, the Institute for Education in Retirement Inc. (IER), with a legal status and structure, an established leadership, and a fund raising capacity. Colette Siegel reported at the meeting that we have raised $66,000 from 49 percent of the members and expect to exceed both the rate and amount of these contributions by the end of the year. Related to this, if you have not received the appeal letter from the
IER, please notify Carolyn Preiss at preic920@newschool.edu or Colette Siegel at colette4788@aol.com and they will mail you another one.

In sum, we are a strong organization with options. We remain hopeful that we can work out a mutually satisfactory agreement with the GC, and we are working hard toward that end.

Opportunities

A New Outlook!
Thanks to everyone for your enthusiastic response to the first edition of Outlook, our new IRP newsletter. We’re now preparing the spring 2020 issue—and you can be part of the team.

Here’s how:
- Letters to The Editors: Send us your comments, and we’ll print as many as we can.
- * We Were There: A new feature for members who attended seminal events of the past, such as Woodstock, Altamont, the Martin Luther King "I Have A Dream Speech," an early Beatles concert, any of the marches against the war, or for women's or gay rights. You get the idea. If you, indeed, were there, please tell us about it.

Contact the editors, Pat and Audrey at irpnewsletters@gmail.com

Out of Town Travel
After a “full sabbatical year,” the Travel Committee is attempting to come back to life. Interested in planning educational or travel events outside of New York City and abroad? Ideas and volunteers are welcome. RSVP to Myriam Bucatinsky at myriambuca@gmail.com.

Scholarships for Future Coordinators
If you are thinking about coordinating a study group and there’s a New School course that could help you prepare, the IRP, through the Mortimer and Estelle Epstein Scholarship Fund, will make available a 50 percent tuition scholarship for a New School course in the spring. The catalog of spring courses that are available to non-credit students is online now; click here to view. All that’s needed to qualify is a good faith intention to use the course to help prepare for an anticipated IRP study group. Please send your requests, with an explanation of how you hope to use the course to the benefit of the IRP, to the Executive Committee c/o Miriam Lawrence at: lawrm769@newschool.edu.

Register Voters
We are looking for IRP members who can help in our drive to register New School students during the spring 2020 semester. We will offer a 2 hour training the first week of the semester and begin registering students immediately after. Please contact Rita Silverman at Ritasilverman11@gmail.com for additional information or to sign up. As you know, this upcoming election is critical, and registering students to vote is essential to the future of all of us.

Online Art Show
To participate in the Online Art Show, send a photograph of your work to Carol Millsom at carolmillsom35@gmail.com and to Adam. Include title, medium, and dimensions. All work submitted will appear in an issue during the semester. The only rule is that it must be work that has not appeared in Voices or been displayed in previous IRP art exhibits. For help in photographing your work, see Peter Houts at psh2@psu.edu or Adam.
John Becker provides the second contribution to our online art show.

According to John:

“On the Rock of Cashel, County Tipperary, Ireland (taken with Apple iPhone).

St. Patrick baptized an Irish king on this site in the 5th century. It remained the royal seat for southern Ireland until the Norman Invasion in 1169. The Gothic Cathedral was built in the mid-1200s.”

Invitations

New Year’s Day Party
It’s party time. Let’s all gather to celebrate the New Year, and to toast the IRP’s past and future successes. As always, spouses and significant others are welcome.

- When: Wednesday January 1, 1:30–4PM
- Where: Home of Ted Gannon, 860 United Nations Plaza, Apt. 13G (E. 49th St, as far east as you can go)

This is a potluck party so please bring any of the following—appetizers, entrees, desserts—as well as wine, beer and soda. Also, please bring food with serving dishes, and cutlery needed to cut, carve or scoop. Plan to take home any leftovers. RSVP here, indicating whether you will attend and what food or drink you will bring.

Please note also that we need volunteers to:

- help set up the serving table an hour in advance (i.e., 12:30 PM). Ruth Kavesh has offered to chair this committee and will need helpers. Contact Ruth via email rfkavesh@gmail.com.
- clean up after the party (i.e., 4 PM). Frank Carden has offered to chair the clean-up committee and will need helpers. Contact Frank via email fcarden243@gmail.com.

Thank you all for contributing and participating in our ringing in of the New Year.

Members

Exhibition, B/W Sculpting With Light
Robin Glasser Sacknoff is participating in this exhibition of Professional Women Photographers.

- Dates: December 10 to 21
- Place: Atlantic Gallery, 548 W. 28th St., Suite 540A
NYC Encore Chorale Holiday Concert
Eileen Brener, Carol Groneman, and Mary Houts are singing and no tickets are required!
• Date: Wednesday December 18, 7:30PM
• Place: St. Mark’s Church-In-The-Bowery, 131 E 10th St at Second Avenue

RESOURCES

IRP Zine
• To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  o Username: IRPNewSchool
  o Password: Fall2018
• For the fall and spring calendars, click here.

New School Events Calendar
• Learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events
• Learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts at 1PM on Thursday afternoons at the Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street

• School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) public programming schedule, 2019-2020

• Public programs in Midtown Manhattan
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GMM – Note Start Time
The General Membership Meeting will be on Friday, December 13th at 2PM at Theresa Lang Center, 55 W 13th Street, Room 202. A portion of the meeting will be conducted as a town hall, so come hear the latest news, ask your questions, make your comments, and mark the end of a successful semester. Then celebrate the holidays at the reception that will follow the business part of the meeting.

Registration
A few tips to keep in mind as you register for the Spring ‘20 semester:

- Priority in the Exhibitions study group will go to those who did not take the first Exhibitions study group
- You may request as many film classes as you like, but it is likely that you will receive only one on your schedule
- Please list as many study group options as you can (in priority order) as it will improve your chances of getting a schedule to your liking

If you have already registered, but would like to amend your registration, you may do so. We are able to see the date and time your form is submitted. The registration team will use the latest dated form to process your registration, and ignore any prior submissions.

Remember, the priority deadline for registration is this Friday, December 13th.

Mentoring: Want to be a Mentor? You Are Needed Now!
We will be welcoming a new class of members for the upcoming spring term. As you know, each new member is assigned a mentor whose role is to welcome and advise him or her. We are looking for members interested in doing this important job and prepared to help now as the new members are registering for their spring classes. Please contact Susan Belkin at scbelkin@gmail.com or Sue Goldman at sgo9898@gmail.com.

New Year’s Day Party
It’s party time. Let’s all gather to celebrate the New Year, and to toast the IRP’s past and future successes. As always, spouses and significant others are welcome.

- When: Wednesday January 1, 1:30–4PM
- Where: Home of Ted Gannon, 860 United Nations Plaza, Apt. 13G (E. 49th St, as far east as you can go)

This is a potluck party so please bring any of the following — appetizers, entrees, desserts—as well as wine, beer and soda. Also, please bring food with serving dishes, and cutlery needed to cut, carve or scoop. Plan to take home any leftovers.
RSVP HERE, indicating whether you will attend and what food or drink you will bring.

Please note also that we need volunteers to:

- help set up the serving table an hour in advance (i.e., 12:30PM). Ruth Kavesh has offered to chair this committee and will need helpers. Contact Ruth via email rfkavesh@gmail.com.
- clean up after the party (i.e., 4 PM). Frank Carden has offered to chair the clean-up committee and will need helpers. Contact Frank via email fcarden243@gmail.com.

Thank you all for contributing and participating in our ringing in of the New Year.

Observer Schedule
Our last regularly scheduled issue will be next Monday December 16. We will publish special issues over the break whenever we have something important to communicate to you.

FROM THE COMMITTEES AND SIGs

Out of Town Travel
After a "full sabbatical year," the Travel Committee is attempting to come back to life. Interested in planning educational or travel events outside of New York City and abroad? Ideas and volunteers are welcome. RSVP to Myriam Bucatinsky at myriambuca@gmail.com.

Online Art Show
Welcome to the first installment of IRP’s Online Art Show. Today we showcase “Masked Man” by Marshall Marcovitz.

According to Marshall:

“I was wandering the cobblestone streets of Tribeca on Halloween when a masked man tipped his hat to me. It was a Cartier Bresson “moment” in dramatic light. Always have a camera with you. I took this photo with an iPhone X even though I usually use a Nikon digital SLR camera.”
REMINDERS

Spring Semester Space and Dates
- All classes are at CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies at 25 W 43rd Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues on the 18th and 19th floors.
- The start date is Monday January 27th; the break is from April 8th to 16th.

Scholarships for Future Coordinators
If you are thinking about coordinating a study group and there’s a New School course that could help you prepare, the IRP, through the Mortimer and Estelle Epstein Scholarship Fund, will make available a 50 percent tuition scholarship for a New School course in the spring. The catalog of spring courses that are available to non-credit students is online now; click here to view. All that’s needed to qualify is a good faith intention to use the course to help prepare for an anticipated IRP study group. Please send your requests, with an explanation of how you hope to use the course to the benefit of the IRP, to the Executive Committee c/o Miriam Lawrence at: lawrm769@newschool.edu.

Fundraising
You should have received the annual appeal letter for our 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the Institute for Education in Retirement, Inc. (IER). Donations to the IER are fully deductible from your New York State as well as Federal taxes and we will acknowledge all donations by mail with the standard legal language regarding tax deductibility. If you have not received the letter, please notify Carolyn Preiss at preic920@newschool.edu or Colette Siegel at colette4788@aol.com and they will mail you another one. We are aiming to come as close to a perfect 100% response as we can. We’re getting there so see what you can do!

Calling All IRP Artists!
We will have an online art show, starting in today’s issue of the Observer and continuing in each issue through the spring semester, to replace the show previously exhibited on the walls of 16th Street. To participate, send a photograph of your work to Carol Millsom at carolmillsom35@gmail.com and to Adam. Include title, medium, and dimensions. All work submitted will appear in an issue during the semester. The only rule is that it must be work that has not appeared in Voices or been displayed in previous IRP art exhibits. For help in photographing your work, see Peter Houts at psh2@psu.edu or Adam.

Marketing Committee Clothing Drive
Get into your closet and bring in the clean clothing you no longer wear that will serve those in need. Bring them to the GMM meeting this Friday December 13. If you cannot be at the GMM, but want to give, you can drop your donations at the IRP office this Tuesday through Thursday, December 10-12, between 2 and 5PM. So gather those no-longer-used coats, slacks, blouses, shirts, sweaters, hats, belts, and shoes and put them in the hands of the needy. Please give.

Committee Meetings
Tech Committee: first meeting, Monday, December 9th, 3PM, room 609/610, 16th Street. If you cannot attend, email Harold Berkowitz at berkh335@newschool.edu

Women’s Group: final meeting, Monday December 16th 1:15PM, room 203, SPS.
MEMBERS

NYC Encore Chorale Holiday Concert. Eileen Brener, Carol Groneman, and Mary Houts are singing and no tickets are required!
- Date: Wednesday December 18th, 7:30PM
- Place: St. Mark’s Church-In-The-Bowery, 131 E 10th St at Second Avenue

Exhibition, B/W Sculpting With Light
Robin Glasser Sacknoff is participating in this exhibition of Professional Women Photographers.
- Dates: December 10 to 21; reception December 12, 6PM
- Place: Atlantic Gallery, 548 W. 28th St., Suite 540

RESOURCES

IRP Zine
- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  o Username: IRPNewSchool
  o Password: Fall2018
- For the fall and spring calendars, click here.

New School Events Calendar
- Learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events
- Learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts at 1PM on Thursday afternoons at the Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street
  - School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) public programming schedule, 2019-2020
- Public programs in Midtown Manhattan
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GMM – Note Change in Start Time
The General Membership Meeting will be on Friday, December 13th at 2PM at Theresa Lang Center, 55 W 13th Street, Room 202. (Note the time change from the announcement last week.) A portion of the meeting will be conducted as a town hall, so come hear the latest news, ask your questions, make your comments, and mark the end of a successful semester. Then celebrate the holidays at the reception that will follow the business part of the meeting.

Study Group Grid about to be Published
The Curriculum Committee is pleased to report that you can expect to receive the spring ’20 study group offerings, including descriptions and syllabi, later this week. Yet again, we have a full menu of challenging study groups that whet the intellectual appetite. Registration will follow shortly.

From the Marketing Committee: Charity Clothing Drive
We all have coats, jackets, pants, skirts, shirts, blouses, sweaters, shoes, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. that we have not used in years. We will be collecting for those in need at the GMM next Friday December 13th. Please bring your donations.

REMINDERS

Spring Semester
Space. Our classes for the spring will be at CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies at 25 W 43rd Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues on the 18th and 19th floors. All SLU classrooms are "smart" with windows looking to the street. The rooms are available for all classes Monday through Friday.

Start Date and Spring Break. To conform to the CUNY SLU calendar, the start date for our spring semester is Monday January 27th and the spring break is from April 8th to 16th. This means we will be holding classes during TNS break in March.

Scholarships for Future Coordinators. If you’ve been thinking about coordinating a study group and there’s a New School course that could help you prepare, we have good news for you. Thanks to the Mortimer and Estelle Epstein Scholarship Fund, the IRP will make available a 50 percent tuition scholarship to IRP members who wish to take a New School course in the spring semester. The catalog of spring courses that are available to non-credit students is online now; [click here](#) to view. All that’s needed to qualify is a good faith intention to utilize the course to help prepare for an anticipated IRP
study group. Please send your requests, with an explanation of how you hope to use the course to the benefit of the IRP, to the Executive Committee c/o Miriam Lawrence at lawrm769@newschool.edu.

Fundraising
You should by now have received the annual appeal letter for our 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, the Institute for Education in Retirement, Inc. (IER). Donations to the IER are fully deductible from your New York State as well as Federal taxes. All donations will be acknowledged by mail with the standard legal language regarding tax deductibility. If you have not received the letter, please notify Carolyn Preiss at preic920@newschool.edu or Colette Siegel at colette4788@aol.com and they will mail you another one. This is our first appeal in two years, and we ask you to be as generous as you can.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

Women’s Group
The final meeting of the Women’s Group this semester will be on Monday December 16th at 1:15PM in room 203, SPS.

IRP Tech Committee First Meeting
The initial meeting of the new Tech Committee will take place on Monday, December 9th at 3PM in room 609/610 in the 16th Street Building. If you want to participate in this committee, you should attend the meeting or email Harold Berkowitz at berk335@newschool.edu if you cannot attend. As announced in the November 4th Observer, the Advisory Board has formed this new Technology Committee to (1) teach coordinators how to use classroom audio/visual equipment, study group websites, and the most commonly used computer programs and (2) provide technical assistance to coordinators in class, as needed. Ability to create a database of IRP members and an enhanced Zine or similar website would also be very helpful.

Calling All IRP Artists!
There will be an online art show this spring semester to replace the show previously exhibited on the walls of 16th street. Each week we will show artwork in the Observer. To participate, send a photograph of your work to Carol Millsom at carolmillsom35@gmail.com and to Adam. Include title, medium, and dimensions. All work submitted will appear some time during the semester. The only rule is that it must be fresh work, that is, work that has not appeared in Voices or been displayed in previous IRP art exhibits. For help in photographing your work, see Peter Houts at psh2@psu.edu or Adam.

EVENTS

Celebration for Adam
Our celebration of Adam’s engagement to his partner Joseph Quinones will be on Friday December 6th from 3 to 5PM at Wollman Hall (65 W 11th St, 5th floor). This event is replacing the regularly scheduled Pour at Four. RSVP to Lesley Herrmann via email to lesleyherrmann8@gmail.com.

NYC Encore Chorale Holiday Concert
Eileen Brener, Carol Groneman, and Mary Houts are singing in this concert, to be held on Wednesday December 18th at 7:30PM in St. Mark’s Church-In-The-Bowery, 131 E 10th St at Second Avenue (no tickets required). They would love to see friendly IRP faces in the audience.
From Voices

Big Sur Sunset by Susan Rauch

RESOURCES

IRP Zine
- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  - Username: IRPNewSchool
  - Password: Fall2018
- For the fall and spring calendars, click here.

New School Events Calendar
- Learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events
- Learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts at 1PM on Thursday afternoons at the Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street
- School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) public programming schedule, 2019-2020
- Public programs in Midtown Manhattan
NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Good News about Space for the Spring Semester

The Executive Committee received notice from The New School that they are proceeding with the agreement to rent three (3) rooms from CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) for the spring 2020 semester. The rooms will be available for all classes Monday through Friday but we are still talking to TNS about the possibility of holding Friday classes in the TNS 16th Street building.

SLU is located at 25 West 43rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenue, occupying the 18th and 19th floors of the building. The space, already impressive, will be newly renovated. The classrooms, with a capacity of 30, have windows and are “smart” and well appointed. SLU also has several very comfortable communal spaces for socializing and eating.

The building is convenient to subway and bus routes and is close to the New York Public Library, Bryant Park, Whole Foods, and lots of restaurants.

With this important good news, the Curriculum Committee expects to issue the grid for spring study groups shortly.

Important Dates for the Spring Semester: Start Date and Spring Break

In order to conform to the calendar at CUNY SLU, the spring semester will start a little later than the date we originally published. The new start date is Monday January 27. There is a change to the originally published spring break schedule as well. We will take our break based on the CUNY calendar, from April 8 to 16. This means we will be holding classes during TNS break in March, unless we have Friday classes at TNS, in which case, there would be no classes on Friday March 20.

Fund Raising

You should by now have received the annual appeal letter for our 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, the Institute for Education in Retirement, Inc. (IER). Lynn Brenner prepared a fact sheet for your information that was included in last week’s Observer. We can now add that donations to the IER are fully deductible from your New York State as well as Federal taxes. All donations will be acknowledged by mail with the standard legal language regarding tax deductibility. This is our first appeal in two years, and we ask you to be as generous as you can.
A Great Opportunity for Future Coordinators

If you've been thinking about coordinating a study group and there's a New School course that could help you prepare, we have good news for you. Thanks to the Mortimer and Estelle Epstein Scholarship Fund, the IRP will make available a 50% tuition scholarship to IRP members who wish to take a New School course in the spring 2020 semester. The catalog of spring courses that are available to non-credit students is expected to be published in early December. All that's needed to qualify is a good faith intention to utilize the course to help prepare for an anticipated IRP study group. Please send your requests, with an explanation of how you hope to use the course to the benefit of the IRP, to the Executive Committee c/o Miriam Lawrence at lawrm769@newschool.edu.

NEWS FROM THE 2019 IRP MEMBER SURVEY

The IRP Survey 2019 Committee is grateful to the 220 of us who took the survey and is very pleased with the excellent response. They present here some preliminary results from the demographics section of the survey, specifically gender and age ratios, educational levels, work backgrounds, and levels of economic security for those who completed the survey. Also included are some preliminary results about relationship status, friendships, and religious preferences and practices. Where data is available, these results from 2019 are compared to results from the surveys conducted in 1962, 1967, and 2011.

Demographics

Gender. As we all have observed, women outnumber men in the IRP, with roughly a 60/40 ratio. This represents an increase in the proportion of men over time, however, as men constituted only about a quarter of the members in the 1960s.

Age. As shown in Table 1, 91 percent of respondents in 2019 are aged 71 or older. Most of them are in their seventies but, as shown in the table, 40 percent are 81 and older. The average age of our members has increased over time. Those aged 71 and older were only 15 percent of responders in 1962. Correspondingly, the proportion of responders who are 70 years old or younger has declined steadily, from 83 percent in 1962 to eight percent in 2019. There is evidence that our newer members are more likely to be in the younger cohorts but still they are older when they retire, and join the IRP, than the men and women who joined in the 1960s and 70s. And established members seem to be living, and learning, throughout longer, healthier lives.

Table 1: Age of Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Decade</th>
<th>1962</th>
<th>1967</th>
<th>2011</th>
<th>2019</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>70 and Under</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>71 and Older</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>91%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>81 +</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>38%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>91 +</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>2%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Education. We have significant educational achievement: 76 percent of those completing the survey have a degree beyond a bachelor’s, including 40 percent with a doctorate or equivalent (including Ph.D., Ed.D, MD, JD). We have become a more highly educated group over time. In 1962, 44 percent of members had a degree beyond a bachelor’s.

Occupational Background. Members’ occupational backgrounds vary: the largest proportion (25 percent) was in business/marketing/sales and about 20 percent were in teaching or education administration. Eighteen percent were in law or medicine. This represents a considerable diversification since 1962, when two-thirds of members declared teaching to be their profession.

Income. Using the 2018 Pew Research Report on US Income, we are solidly middle and upper middle class, as 60 percent of those who answered this question report an annual income of more than $100,000 a year, including 20 percent with incomes above $250,000. Another 30 percent report incomes between $50,000 and $100,000. Still, nine percent of respondents have incomes below $50,000 and 45 members who responded to the survey overall did not answer this question. Seventy-seven percent of the responders own their home.

Religious Identification and Practice. Similar to the Gallup results for the US as a whole, 29 percent of respondents say they have no religious preference but an equal proportion say they regularly attend church or synagogue.

Relationships

Personal Relationships. Just under 50 percent of us are married or with a partner; the next highest group, at 25 percent, are widows or widowers.

Relationships in the IRP

Time: One third of the responders have joined us within the past three years, since 2016. This suggests the importance of our efforts to orient and mentor new members and to encourage them to participate in all aspects of IRP life. About 40 percent joined between 2006 and 2015. In addition, 20 people, or 9 percent of those who completed the survey, have been around for 20 years or more to provide institutional memory, so important as we contribute to the history of adult learning.

Friends. The IRP provides a rich communal life. Of those who completed the survey, 86 percent report they have made friends at the IRP. We do not yet know whether the other 14 percent (or 32 people) are the newest members still finding their way, or are among those who look to the IRP exclusively for its intellectual life. Overall, however, these results indicate the importance of our study groups, committees, SIGs, and social activities in helping our members develop the community most of them seek.

Next Steps. The 2019 Member Survey Committee will make results from the other section of the survey, on Attitudes, available in the next month, including respondents’ views about retirement and aging, social values, volunteerism, and also about IRP study groups and governance.
The Survey Committee members are Maureen Sullivan, Michael Hill, Lenore Cooney, Marilyn Menack, Terry Perlin, Rita Silverman, and Julian Wolpert.

EVENTS

OSOL: Video of Pain Management Workshop

Here is the link to the YouTube video of the recent Our Stage of Life workshop on Pain Management featuring Dr. Neel Mehta: https://youtu.be/Flzp6lepzx4.

Engagement Party For Adam

The IRP is hosting a celebration of Adam Blaton’s engagement to his partner, Joseph Quinones, on Friday, December 6 from 3 to 5PM at Wollman Hall on the fifth floor at 65 W. 13th Street. Adam has been a vital link keeping the IRP operating for the past two years as we negotiated our transition to the new environment at CUNY. Please join us in congratulating the couple. This event is replacing the regularly scheduled Pour at Four. RSVP to Lesley Herrmann via email, lesleyherrmann8@gmail.com.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Curriculum Committee Workshop

- Topic: The Art and Science of Leading Discussions
- Date and Time: Wednesday, November 20, 2-3:30PM
- Place: Room 1618 (via 79 Fifth Avenue) at TNS

For new and experienced coordinators. We welcome all members, whether or not pre-registered.

Pour at Four (at Three) for Outlook

This week’s event on Friday will be a celebration of the inaugural issue of Outlook. Come and join in congratulating the team at 3PM in room 910 in the 16th Street building. Please register with Adam so that we can order the wine and cheese we will need.

MEMBERS

For the 50th time, a crossword puzzle by Randy Ross was featured in the Sunday New York Times on November 17; it was his 113th puzzle for the Times overall. Entitled “Report Card,” the puzzle is challenging and also a lot of fun; check it out.

Eileen Brener and Carol Groneman will be singing at the NYC Encore Chorale Holiday Concert, Wednesday, December 18, 7:30PM, at the historic St. Mark’s in the Bowery, 131 E. 10th St and Second Avenue (no tickets required). As they report, “It was so nice to see friendly IRP faces in the audience last year!”

Zuzana Justman, Emmy award-winning filmmaker and writer—and author of “My Terezin Diary” (New Yorker, September 2019)—will discuss three of her major films during “A Woman’s Perspective: An Evening with Zuzana Justman” at Bohemian National Hall, 321 East 73rd Street, on Monday November 25th, 7-9PM. For more information, and to reserve your free ticket, click here.
The girl walked into the overgrown meadow, wheat-colored grass concealing secrets. And then she saw it: sunshine spewing radiance from the sign: Cornell Dubilier — a whiff of college, of great French artisans.

There is no value in explaining that it is a company that makes electronic capacitors — the child knew she had found a magical kingdom hidden right there in the middle of New Jersey.
The Development Committee is mailing the IER annual appeal letter to all members this week. Now that we have formed our 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, named the Institute for Education in Retirement, Inc. (IER), the money raised will be under our control, to be used for our purposes, and will accompany us in any future affiliation.

This is our first appeal in two years and we ask you to be as generous as you can.

Mindful of the tax implications of donations, IRP Member Lynn Brenner has prepared the following fact sheet for your information.

Fact Sheet on Tax Treatment of Donations to IER

Is my donation to the IER tax deductible? Yes. Donations to the IER are deductible from your federal taxes.

I now take a standard deduction instead of itemizing, so I can no longer claim deductions for my charitable donations. Is there another way I can get a tax break for contributing to the IER? Yes. If you’re 70 ½ years old or older, you can make the donation in the form of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account. You can’t take a tax deduction for a QCD; but it isn’t added to your taxable income.

For example, let’s say your 2019 required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA is $10,000. If you take $9,500 from the IRA, and give a $500 QCD to the IER (or any other charity), you’ve satisfied your RMD obligation, but you only owe taxes on $9,500.

How do I give a QCD? You tell your IRA custodian you want to take $9,500 of your 2019 RMD, and make a QCD to a qualified charity with the $500 balance. The IRA custodian cuts a $500 check payable to the charity you name, and mails that check to you. All you have to do is mail it to the charity.

On your 2019 tax return, you report that you took your $10,000 RMD. Right below that, you report the taxable portion of that RMD, which is $9,500.

What accounts qualify for QCDs? You can only make a QCD from a traditional IRA, or a SIMPLE or SEP IRA to which you no longer contribute, or an Inherited IRA.

Of course, your first step should be to discuss this (and all other tax strategies) with your tax accountant.
NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Coming Up This Week

Poetry Reading and Reception

- **Date and Time:** Wednesday, November 13, 3:30PM
- **Where:** TNS University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, Room UL102, Lower Level

The IRP membership has long included gifted poets and on Wednesday we celebrate several of them with a community building event. This is an opportunity, provided by the Marketing Committee, for you to gather and enjoy some great poetry and refreshments as well as the company of other members. (This reception will replace the pour at four (at three) event, which will not be held this Friday.)

Many members are now registered and many others are intending to do so, but we have not heard from enough members. [Click here to RSVP](#), or use the sign-up sheet in the IRP office.

Women’s Group

The Women’s Group will meet at 1:15PM today, November 11th in Room 203 SPS. All IRP women are invited.

REMINDERS

Events

Curriculum Committee Workshops

- **Topic:** The Art and Science of Leading Discussions
- **Date:** Monday November 18 OR Wednesday, November 20
- **Time:** 2-3:30PM
- **Place:** Room 1618 (via 79 Fifth Avenue) at TNS

We encourage potential, new, and experienced coordinators to attend these very interesting and informative sessions. Skill in leading discussion is key to the success of our study groups, the hallmark of our peer learning model. Come to share ideas with other members about how to foster rich discussions, including formulating questions, guiding conversations, encouraging wide and informed participation. RSVP to Adam by email or phone.

Opportunities to Participate

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee will have an opening for one new member beginning in Spring 2020. Applicants must have successfully coordinated at least one study group in recent years and be prepared to attend weekly two-hour meetings, most likely on Thursdays. Initial membership is for two years, renewable for a second two-year term. Committee members have three basic responsibilities: (1) to recruit and encourage IRP members to coordinate study groups; (2) to support potential coordinators in the development of proposals, as needed.

NB: Outlook Newsletter

The OUTLOOK is looking good... Feedback on the IRP’s new newsletter has been terrific!

If you don’t have a copy yet, pick one up at the IRP office.
and (3) to participate in the review of all submitted proposals. In addition, members may be asked to participate in one or more of the workshops that CC offers in support of potential and current coordinators.

Applications for membership on the CC are available on the ZINE. If you are interested, please notify Jonathan Gaines (jegaines@att.net) that you will be submitting an application. Applications, due by November 18, should be emailed to Jonathan.

A New Tech Committee

The Advisory Board has responded to evolving needs for technical support by forming a new Technology Committee to provide (1) coordinator training on the use of classroom audio/visual equipment, computer programs frequently used by coordinators, and study group websites, and (2) technical assistance to coordinators in class as needed. Skill in creating a database of IRP members, and an enhanced Zine or similar website would be very helpful.

Please let us know if you are interested, including whether you have an interest in chairing this committee, by email to Jonathan at jegaines@att.net and Ruth at rmackaman@gmail.com.

Virtual Learning Program

IRP members have been providing interactive webcasts with home-bound seniors for many years. They choose the topics and develop a 50-55 minute class to generate lively discussion among the 14 to 20 participants. Topics are as varied as our members’ interests. Looking ahead to the spring semester, the committee asks that you consider joining them to do a webcast. Adam is available for technical assistance before and during the sessions, which are held in the IRP office. Please contact Fran De Lott at francesditt@gmail.com or 212-362-9807 to discuss this.

REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES

Our Stage of Life Workshop on Pain Management: Video Available Next Week

About 30 IRP members attended the workshop on Saturday morning, during which Dr. Neel Mehta spoke and answered questions about the causes, effects, management, and treatment of the most common types of pain that people, and especially older people, experience. Gloria Levinsohn introduced Dr. Mehta, the OSOL Committee did a terrific job arranging the venue and the light breakfast, and the members in attendance asked very good questions, which allowed Dr. Mehta to delve even deeper into the subject. The entire session was videotaped and will be available on YouTube next week. Stay tuned!

MEMBERS

IRP member Zuzana Justman, Emmy award-winning filmmaker and writer—and author of “My Terezin Diary” (New Yorker, September 2019)—will discuss three of her major films during “A Woman’s Perspective: An Evening with Zuzana Justman” to be held at Bohemian National Hall 321 East 73rd Street on Monday November 25th, 7-9PM. For more information, and to reserve your free ticket, click here.
Engagement Celebration for Adam

Last summer Adam got engaged to his partner, Joseph Quinones. On Friday December 6 at 3PM, the IRP is throwing an engagement party for Adam and Joseph in place of the regularly scheduled Pour at Four event. Please save the date!

So that we have a rough idea of how many people will attend, please RSVP to Lesley Herrmann at: lesleyherrmann8@gmail.com.

Pictures and Poems From Voices

Bouquet by Peter Houts

Experienced Brain Technicians

by Mary Padilla

After poetry class
I drive home in a blizzard.
The van in front of me
says Experienced Brain Technicians.
I am thinking of Frank O’Hara
in whose world I just spent 90 minutes.
Maybe that is what poets are,
experienced…brain…
Five miles pass
some snow falls off
the B becomes a D
and I am following plumbers.
Still
there does seem to be technique
to poetry
and
it seems to come from experience
real or imagined.
I am a poet, he keeps saying
very much a poet.
Does he doubt himself so much?
Very much, I am a poet.
I am poet, very much.
A poet I am.
Am I?
RESOURCES

IRP Zine
- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  o Username: IRPNewSchool
  o Password: Fall2018
- For the fall and spring calendars, click here.

New School Events Calendar
- Learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events
- Learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts at 1PM on Thursday afternoons at the Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street
- School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) public program schedule, 2019-2020
- Public programs in Midtown Manhattan
NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Events

Curriculum Committee Workshops

- **Topic:** The Art and Science of Leading Discussions
- **Date:** Monday November 18 OR Wednesday, November 20
- **Time:** 2-3:30PM
- **Place:** Room 1618 (via 79 Fifth Avenue) at TNS

We encourage potential, new, AND experienced coordinators to attend these very interesting and informative sessions. Skill in leading discussion is key to the success of our study groups, the hallmark of our peer learning model. Come to share ideas with other members about how to foster rich discussions, including formulating questions, guiding conversations, and encouraging wide, informed participation. RSVP to Adam by email or phone.

Opportunities to Participate

A New Tech Committee

The Advisory Board has responded to evolving needs for technical support by forming a new Technology Committee to have responsibility for providing (1) coordinator training on the use of classroom audio/visual equipment, computer programs frequently used by coordinators, and study group websites, and (2) technical assistance to coordinators in class as needed.

Skill in creation of a data base of IRP members, and creation of an enhanced Zine or similar website would be very helpful. Please let us know if you are interested, including whether you have an interest in chairing this committee, by email to Jonathan Gaines je-gaines@att.net and Ruth Mackaman at rmackaman@gmail.com.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee will have an opening for one new member beginning in Spring 2020. Applicants must have successfully coordinated at least one study group in recent years and be prepared to attend weekly two-hour meetings, most likely on Thursdays. Initial membership is for two years, renewable for a second two-year term. Committee members have three basic responsibilities: (1) to recruit and encourage IRP members to coordinate study groups; (2) to support potential coordinators in the development of proposals, as needed and (3) to participate in the review of all submitted proposals. In addition, members may be asked to participate in one or more of the workshops that CC offers in support of potential and current coordinators.
Applications for membership on the CC are available on the ZINE. If you are interested, please notify Jonathan Gaines (jegaines@att.net) that you will be submitting an application. Applications should be sent to Jonathan by email. Applications are due by November 18.

**Reports on Activities**

**Thanks from the Curriculum Committee**

IRP members have risen to our call for proposals, and, although we’re still working on putting together the spring semester, it’s looking as if we will have another healthy array of intellectually challenging study groups. Once again, our dedicated and generous IRP community has demonstrated its commitment to the success of our peer-learning program. To all those who responded to our plea, a big THANK YOU!

**New Members Get Together**

One of the recommendations of last year’s Advisory Board Task Force on New Member Integration was that new members try to meet during their first year in the IRP to get to know each other better and to share experience and advice. Thanks to the organizing efforts of Melicent Rothschild, six of her fellow new members met on October 22 at the International Food Court on 31st Street. They talked mostly about their study groups, giving generally very positive reviews of subject matter, presentation and, above all, the learning and efforts of the coordinators.

As Melicent wrote, “The group appreciated the preparedness of the coordinators and how much time and thought went into each class. We also felt welcomed by the members and were appreciative of the friendliness that was exhibited.” The new members also appreciated the help they received from their mentors, both in general and specifically in the selection of study groups. One regret is that given the two locations and classes on different days, the new members don’t see enough of each other. Nevertheless, again quoting Melicent, “we plan to meet again when the new syllabus is available to share interests and insight into the courses being offered. We even joked about taking the same course. Having such a positive consensus is a credit to the program and its offerings.”

**Parsons’ Professor Jun’s Fashion Design Class**

Four IRP members attended Professor Jun’s fashion design class this past Friday. Professor Jun wrote that, “Our students had a great time sharing their projects” and “IRP members provided some great feedback on designing for aging.”
Distance Learning Project in Full Swing

The project, which the IRP has run for many years with Self-Help, a non-profit community-based organization, is operating in full force during this semester. From October 16 through December 11, eight IRP members will conduct interactive webcasts with home-bound seniors recruited by Self Help and its Virtual Senior Center. Our members choose the topics and develop a 50-55 minute plan to generate lively discussion among participants.

In this semester, Arlyne LeSchack, Peter Houts, Gus Seliger, Arlene Brody, Rosalie Frost, Jack Zevin, Steve Kalinsky, and Jim Gould will present on such topics as photography, genetics, current events/hot topics, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, and the Dreyfus Affair.

The number of seniors participating in each session varies, from 14 or 15 to more than 20. Feedback from the seniors and the IRP members has been overwhelmingly positive. As one IRP member who gave presentations commented, “I was so impressed by the level of informed participation from the seniors! One woman was quoting text and reminding me of context.”

Now that this semester’s program is in full swing, the committee is already looking ahead to the spring semester. They are grateful to the IRP members who have presented many times and would like others to join them. Adam is available for technical assistance. The webcasts are held in his office.

Please contact Fran De Lott at francesditt@gmail.com or at 212 362 9807 if you want to discuss this further.

From Voices
Reflections on the Seasons: Past & Future, Poetry & Prose

Tortola by Bob Sholiton

First Snow
Carmen Mason

There’s a slight scent of first snow coming through the woods behind my house where years ago I walked right after moving there and found streams of celluloid from the closed up movie house tangled in the ragged brush knotted round the rigid trunks and holding some up to the icy sun I saw frame after frame of naked women, men little children wretched, posed smeared now with leaves and mud

days later I returned to find glistening sheets of snow untouched but for the V’s of tiny birds frozen amorphous drifts bedazzling some encircling the bases of the trees cloaking all that lay beneath as if these shrouds and firm white collars of frost might benumb and petrify, then turn the world back to itself when it was new
And Speaking of Poetry: Remember the Poetry Reading and Reception

- **When**: Wednesday, November 13th, 3:30PM
- **Where**: TNS University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, Starr Foundation Hall, Room U L102 (lower level)

An impressive lineup of IRP poets will read their work at this gathering sponsored by the Marketing Committee: Eileen Brener, Sylvia Brill, Mark Fischweicher, Carmen Mason, Mary Padilla, Mireya Perez, Carol Schoen, Charles Troob, and longtime poetry coordinator Sarah White who conducts the poetry salon at Carol Schoen's. We will also feature a reading of a poem by the late Harriet Zwerling, our longtime member. Come and mingle with old and new friends for wine, cheese—and poetry. As Walt Whitman said, “To have great poets there must be great audiences.” Please RSVP to Adam.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Our Stage of Life (OSOL)**

- **Topic**: "Oh, My Aching Back......and More" Pain Management as We Age"
- **Speaker**: Dr. Neel Mehta, Medical Director of Pain Medicine at the Weill Cornell Pain Medicine Center and the New York Presbyterian Hospital
- **When**: Saturday, November 9th, 9:30AM-12:30PM
- **Where**: Wolff Conference Room 1103 in the 16th Street Building

Join us for a discussion of new opportunities in pain management and best choices in medication, in particular the development of alternatives to opioids. This timely event is open to IRP members only and limited to 30 people. A light breakfast will be served.

Please RSVP as soon as possible, or sign up on the Pain Management Sheet in the 16th Street Office; only a few places remain.

**Women’s Group**

The next meeting of the Women’s Group’s will be at 1:15PM on November 11th in Room 203 at SPS. All IRP women are invited.

Be on the lookout for Outlook!

*Outlook*, our new IRP newsletter, will be distributed this week in both our locations. It will also be available at TNS office.

*Outlook* will not replace the *Observer*, but is an additional way for our members to learn about the IRP. Get your copy hot off the presses!

Also coming up this week: **Pour at Four (at Three)** in room 912.

**REMINDERS**

**ArtSig**

- **Topic**: Prison Art
- **When**: Thursday, November 14th, 3:30PM
- **Where**: Drawing Center, 35 Wooster Street (Soho)

Join us for a tour of drawings by artists jailed in the French Revolution, apartheid...
South Africa, worn-torn Syria, and the US. These images from all over the globe and across a 200-year period attest to the persistence of creativity even in inhumane conditions. Because the center received a special grant to support this exhibition, our tour is free. To reserve: email Dick Kossoff at chemkos@aol.com.

MEMBERS

IRP member Zuzana Justman, emmy-award winning filmmaker and writer—and author of “My Terezin Diary” (New Yorker, September 2019)—will discuss three of her major films during “A Woman’s Perspective: An Evening with Zuzana Justman” to be held at Bohemian National Hall 321 East 73rd Street on Monday November 25th, 7-9PM.

For more information, and to reserve your free ticket, click here.

RESOURCES

IRP Zine
- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  - Username: IRPNewSchool
  - Password: Fall2018
- For the fall and spring calendars, click here.

New School Events Calendar
- Learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events
- Learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts at 1PM on Thursday afternoons at the Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street
- School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) public programming schedule, 2019-2020
- Public programs in Midtown Manhattan
FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

It was standing room only at the Town Hall on October 25th as members of the Executive Committee and Advisory Board reported on our identification of space for the immediate and longer term future.

Harold said that TNS Open Campus Senior Vice President and Dean Helen Wussow and her staff are negotiating space to rent for the spring semester and are considering both SPS and another branch of CUNY, the School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) at 25 west 43rd Street, which has many suitable classrooms available during the day for both study groups and meetings. We are expecting developments here over the next few weeks.

Harold also reported on our continuing discussions with the CUNY Graduate Center about a longer term affiliation. Saying that things were looking good, Harold outlined the points on which we have reached tentative agreement with the GC’s Interim Vice President and Dean, emphasizing that a written agreement is still being developed by CUNY’s legal department before being submitted for our legal review.

Here are the points on which we have reached tentative agreement.

We would be affiliated with the CUNY Graduate Center for a set term of at least nine years as a self-governing program with our own elected board and officers. Through our admissions and curriculum committees, we will have full say over admissions procedures, subject to CUNY and our own Guidelines, and over our curriculum.

We will be one of the programs in the portfolio of a CUNY Program Director with our own full-time Administrative Assistant. We will pay about the same tuition to CUNY as we now pay and have control over the money we raise for our own purposes.

We will have the same benefits and privileges as we now enjoy, including a CUNY/GC ID Card, borrowing privileges at the CUNY library, and a CUNY email address with associated discounts.

During the 2020-21 academic year, while the GC is undergoing some renovation, all classes may be located at SLU. After that, CUNY will either provide all rooms at the GC or provide GC rooms on some days and SLU rooms on others, guaranteeing that we will be at only one location on any given day, for example, MWF all classes at GC: T,TH all classes at SLU.

Both the GC and SLU have ample spaces for informal socializing, including cafeterias or pantries.

As a next step in the process, CUNY’s legal counsel will reach out to our legal
team with a draft written agreement.

In a Q and A session following the presentation, Harold and members of the Executive Committee (Eileen, Michelle, and Miriam) and of the Board’s legal team (Bernie) responded to comments and questions. Overall, the IRP members in attendance were very pleased at the results so far and there was a palpably upbeat spirit at the wine and cheese reception that followed.

EVENTS

ArtSig

- Topic: Prison Art
- When: Thursday, November 14th, 3:30 PM
- Where: Drawing Center, 35 Wooster Street (Soho)

Join us for a tour of drawings by artists jailed in the French Revolution, apartheid South Africa, war-torn Syria, and the US. These images from all over the globe and across a 200-year period attest to the persistence of creativity even in inhumane conditions. Because the center received a special grant to support this exhibition, our tour is free. (You are welcome to leave a donation, but it is not required). We will stop for coffee at a nearby café after the tour.

The ArtSig will send travel directions along with suggestions for other galleries and restaurants to visit for those who are free to spend the afternoon in Soho.

To reserve: email Dick Kossoff at chemkos@aol.com. NOTE: Spots are limited so you will have to respond quickly if you are interested.

Admissions

The Admissions Committee co-chairs, Barry Cooper and Laini Gerald, and members of the committee hosted the first information session of the semester on September 25th and are now completing their interviews of those who applied. More to come here.

The committee will host the second information session of the semester for people who have expressed interest in the IRP on November 4th from 3:30-5PM in room 1618 (via 79 Fifth Avenue). The committee asks that if you know people who would be valuable IRP members, please let them know about the session and tell them to contact Adam via email to reserve a slot.

From Voices Online

This photo by Marshall Marcovitz is titled “White Face Woman.” Other photos, poetry and essays by IRP members can be found at irpvoicesonline.com.
REMINDERS

Our Stage of Life (OSOL)
- **Topic:** "Oh, My Aching Back......and More" Pain Management as We Age
- **Speaker:** Dr. Neel Mehta, Medical Director of Pain Medicine at the Weill Cornell Pain Medicine Center and the New York Presbyterian Hospital
- **When:** Saturday, November 9th, 9:30AM-12:30PM
- **Where:** Wolff Conference Room 1103 in the 16th Street Building

Join us for a discussion of new opportunities in pain management and best choices in medication, in particular the development of alternatives to opioids. This timely event is open to IRP members only and limited to 30 people. A light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP as soon as possible, or sign up on the Pain Management Sheet in the 16th Street Office; only a few places remain.

Marketing

Poetry Reading and Reception
- **When:** Wednesday, November 13th, 3:30PM
- **Where:** TNS University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, Starr Foundation Hall, Room U L102 (lower level)

An impressive lineup of IRP poets will read their work at this gathering: Mireya Perez, Eileen Brener, Mark Fischweicher, Carmen Mason, Sylvia Brill, Charles Troob, Carol Schoen, and longtime poetry coordinator Sarah White who conducts the poetry salon at Carol Schoen’s. We will also feature a reading of a poem by the late Harriet Zwerling, our longtime member.

Come and mingle with old and new friends for wine, cheese—and poetry. As Walt Whitman said, “To have great poets there must be great audiences.”

Please RSVP to Adam, or use the sign-up sheet in the IRP office.

MEMBERS

IRP member Zuzana Justman, emmy-award winning filmmaker and writer—and author of “My Terezin Diary” (*New Yorker*, September 2019)—will discuss three of her major films during “A Woman’s Perspective: An Evening with Zuzana Justman” to be held at Bohemian National Hall 321 East 73rd Street on Monday November 25th, 7-9PM.

For more information, and to reserve your free ticket, click here.

COMING UP THIS WEEK: Friday: Deadline for applications to the Orientation Committee, Pour at Four (at Three) in room 912, and first class of Parsons’ Professor Jun. (Eight IRPers signed up for the two classes.) Also ArtSig tour will fill up fast.

RESOURCES

IRP Zine
- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  o Username: IRPNewSchool
  o Password: Fall2018
- For the fall and spring calendars, click here.
New School Events Calendar

- Learn more about upcoming events at The New School. (The Diversity Committee invites IRP members to note, and sign up for, TNS Anti-Oppression Workshop on October 30, 11AM-3PM)

CUNY Events

- Learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts at 1PM on Thursday afternoons at the Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street

- School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) public programming schedule, 2019-2020

- Public programs in Midtown Manhattan
REMINDERS/ EVENTS

Town Hall

Our first Town Hall of the semester will be held on Friday, October 25 at 3PM in room 1009 in the 16th Street building. This is a chance to hear the latest news from members of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee and ask all of your questions.

We will combine this discussion of our latest information on space and other matters with the Pour at Four (at 3) event, and so will be serving wine and cheese. Come and hear the latest news and meet with friends and colleagues. RSVP via email to Adam.

Our Stage of Life (OSOL)

"Oh, My Aching Back......and More" Pain Management as We Age"

- **Speaker**: Dr. Neel Mehta, Medical Director of Pain Medicine at the Weill Cornell Pain Medicine Center and the New York Presbyterian Hospital
- **Topic**: "Alternatives to Opioids: New Opportunities in Pain Management and Best Choices in Medication"
- **Date & Time**: Saturday, November 9, 9:30AM-12:30PM
- **Place**: Wolff Conference Room 1103 in the 16th Street Building

Dr. Mehta was recently selected by his peers as one of Super Doctors New York, an honor roll of doctors in more than 30 specialties. Among his many credentials, he is Quality Assurance Officer for Pain Medicine and the Dean’s Health Care Leadership Fellow. This timely event, sponsored by the IRP’s Our Stage of Life Committee, is open to IRP members only and limited to 30 people. A light breakfast will be served.

Please RSVP as soon as possible, or sign up on the Pain Management Sheet in the 16th Street Office.

Poetry Reading and Reception

- **Date & Time**: Wednesday, November 13, 3:30PM
- **Place**: TNS University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, Starr Foundation Hall, Room U L102 (lower level)

The Marketing Committee is pleased to announce the lineup of IRP poets who will read their works at this gathering: Mireya Perez, Eileen Brener, Mark Fischweicher, Carmen Mason, Sylvia Brill, Charles Troob, Carol Schoen, and longtime poetry coordinator Sarah White who conducts the poetry salon at Carol Schoen’s. We will also feature a reading of a poem by the late Harriet Zwerling, our longtime beloved and charismatic member. Come mingle with old and new members for wine, cheese, appetizers—and poetry.

Walt Whitman said, “To have great poets there must be great audiences.” Please RSVP, or use the sign-up sheet in the IRP office.
REMKINDERS/OPPORTUNITIES

Orientation Committee

This important committee seeks two new members to help plan and implement our Orientation Session welcoming new IRPers each semester. Called facilitators, the committee members develop the agenda for the session, prepare the resource packet that is distributed, and facilitate the day-long session, which takes place the week before the semester starts. Applicants should be IRP members for at least two years, and active in our activities, including as coordinator of at least one study group. For more information, click here. If you meet the qualifications and would like to apply, send an email describing your skills and experience to Adam by November 1st.

Special Invitation to IRP

Professor Grace Jun, assistant professor at TNS Parsons School of Design, invites IRP members to visit her class on producing clothing and accessories suitable for older people, including those with disabilities. The course is a collaboration with AARP and Open Style Lab, a nonprofit that supports design for the disabled. The nine undergraduates in the class, which continues into the spring semester, are working with people with disabilities, but Professor Jun says they will welcome ideas and opinions from older people to help them understand the body’s transitions over time. The goal is to produce clothing that is both fashionable and practical. Professor Jun’s invitation is for her class on Friday, November 1, or Friday, November 8 from 11AM to 12:40PM at the University Center at 63 Fifth Avenue, room 406. If you are interested, please RSVP to Adam by Friday, October 25.

FROM MEMBERS

Mireya Perez Reading

Mireya will be one of the poets reading work at LatinX Poets in the Diaspora.

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, October 26, 3:30PM (Please note the day is Saturday)
- **Place:** Wordup Community Bookshop /Libreria Comunitaria, 2113 Amsterdam Ave (between 164 and 165 Streets)

Art from Voices

From *Voices Online*, here is a Bruce Smith photo entitled “Oops”.

IRP in the News

A very favorable description of the IRP, along with a photo of members of our voter registration team, appeared in *NYCitywoman* in an article about organizations for older adults in the city.
COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- **Town Hall**: Friday October 25, 3PM, Room 1009, 16th Street
- **Women’s Group**: Monday October 28, 1:15PM, Room 203, SPS
- **TNS Parsons**: Deadline Friday, October 25 for RSVP to invitation

RESOURCES

**IRP Zine**
- To access the IRP Zine, go to [www.irpzine.org](http://www.irpzine.org). To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  - Username: IRPNewSchool
  - Password: Fall2018
- [View the fall and spring calendars](#)

**New School Events Calendar**
- [Learn more](#) about upcoming events at The New School. (*The Diversity Committee invites IRP members to note, and sign up for, TNS Anti-Oppression Workshop on October 30, 11AM-3PM)*

**TNS new Social Justice Committee**
First general meeting at 7PM on Tuesday, October 22, at the Social Justice Hub on the fifth floor of the University Center, 63 Fifth Ave. The discussion will cover how to address racial, economic and social inequality.

**CUNY Events, from Graduate Center and School of Labor and Urban Studies**

- Learn about [Music in Midtown](#), a program of free concerts at 1PM on Thursday afternoons at CUNY’s Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street
- CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies [public programming schedule](#), 2019-2020
- CUNY [public programs in Midtown Manhattan](#)
FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Meetings on Space

Members of the Advisory Board met on October 8th with deans and other staff of CUNY Graduate Center and CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) to discuss space rentals for the spring semester and a relationship for the future. SLU may have more and bigger smart rooms available during the day than SPS and is conveniently located on 43rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues. We have conveyed this information to TNS, which negotiates the rentals for us.

The Graduate Center is on track to send a draft Memorandum of Understanding for a future relationship by the end of this month. Members of the AB will meet with the GC dean’s office twice a month until we have agreement on a final draft.

Fund Raising

The Development Committee will be mailing our annual appeal letter to all members within the next two weeks. Now that we have formed our 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, named the Institute for Education in Retirement (IER), the money raised will be credited to the IER and will be under our control, to be used for our purposes, and will accompany us in any future affiliation. Watch for the letter and be as generous as you can remember, this is our first appeal in two years.

Town Hall

Our first Town Hall of the semester will be held on Friday, October 25 at 3PM in room 1009 in the 16th Street Building. We will combine the discussion of our latest information on space and other matters with our Pour at Four event, so will be serving wine and cheese. Come and hear the latest news.

RSVP via email to Adam.

EVENTS

Our Stage of Life (OSOL)

"Oh, My Aching Back......and More"

Pain Management as We Age

Dr. Neel Mehta, Medical Director of Pain Medicine at the Weill Cornell Pain Medicine Center and the New York Presbyterian Hospital, will discuss “Alternatives to Opioids: New Opportunities in Pain Management and Best Choices in Medication”.

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, November 9, 9:30AM-12:30PM
- **Place:** Wolff Conference Room 1103 in the 16th Street Building
Dr. Mehta was recently selected by his peers as one of Super Doctors New York, an honor roll of doctors in more than 30 specialties. Among his many credentials, he is Quality Assurance Officer for Pain Medicine and the Dean’s Health Care Leadership Fellow.

This timely event, sponsored by the IRP’s Our Stage of Life Committee is open to IRP members only and limited to 30 people. A light breakfast will be served.

Please RSVP as soon as possible by clicking here, or sign up on the Pain Management Sheet in the 16th Street Office.

Marketing: There’s No Money In Poetry But There's No Poetry In Money
Robert Graves

But there IS wine and appetizers along with readings from several of the IRP’s most talented poets. Please grab a glass of wine and take a seat for our first poetry reading of the semester.

- **Date & Time:** Wednesday, November 13, 3:30PM
- **Place:** The New School University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, Starr Foundation Hall, Room U L102 (lower level)
- **Click here** to RSVP

**Voices Online**

We plan on occasion to include pieces from Voices Online in the Observer to remind us to check out the excellent work of so many of our colleagues. Here, for a start, is a photo by Carol Grant entitled “Prom dress discovered at Delos Greece.”

More photos as well as essays and poetry can be found on www.irpvoicesonline.com

**Women’s Group**

The Women’s Group will meet three more times this semester—all on Mondays at 1:15PM in Room 203 at CUNY SPS:
- October 28th, November 11th and December 16th

All IRP women are welcome.

**REMINDERS**

**From the Curriculum Committee**

**Developing a Proposal Workshop**

- **Date & Time:** October 15 OR 16, 2 to 3:15PM
- **Place:** Room 1132 in the 16th Street building

The workshop helps prospective, new, and experienced coordinators through the proposal process. Come and share ideas about:
- Expanding your idea into a study group
• Developing your ideas into a proposal  
• Finding appropriate resources  
• Organizing a working syllabus

RSVP via email to Adam.

From the Orientation Committee

The Orientation Committee seeks two new members to help to plan and implement our Orientation Session welcoming new IRPers each semester. Called facilitators, the committee members develop the agenda for the session, prepare the resource packet that is distributed, and facilitate the day-long session, which takes place the week before the semester starts. This is an important committee and an exciting opportunity for experienced members to think about the best ways to integrate new members so they take full advantage of all the IRP has to offer and we get the full benefit of their talents and commitment.

Applicants should be IRP members for at least two years, and active in our activities, including as coordinator of at least one study group. For a fuller description of the Orientation Committee and the requirements for facilitators, [click here](#). If you meet the qualifications and would like to apply, send an email describing your skills and experience to Adam by November 1st.

From TNS Parsons School of Design: A Special Invitation to IRP

Professor Grace Jun, assistant professor at Parsons, invites IRP members to visit her class on producing clothing and accessories suitable for older people, including those with disabilities. The course is a collaboration with AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and Open Style Lab, a nonprofit that supports design for the disabled. The nine undergraduates in the class, which continues into the spring semester, are working with people with disabilities, but Professor Jun says they will welcome ideas and opinions from older people to help them understand the body’s transitions over time. The goal is to produce clothing that is both fashionable and practical.

Professor Jun invites IRP members to visit her class on Friday, November 1, or Friday, November 8 from 11AM to 12:40PM at the University Center at 63 Fifth Avenue, room 406 to discuss their experiences with clothing and accessories.

If you are interested, please RSVP to Adam by Friday, October 25. Adam will coordinate with Professor Jun, and with the IRP members who sign up with him, regarding how many can attend each class.

FROM MEMBERS

Rosalie Frost Exhibit

Rosalie will have a solo art show in the lobby of the 53rd Street branch of the New York Public Library, 18 West 53rd St., from October 4 through December 4. This exhibit consists of 16 unique transfer prints with the title of “Library Catalog Cards, A Virtual Compendium.”

Rosalie exhibited a few of the prints at a group show a few years ago and also at a solo show on the 8th floor of List Library in 2018.
The 53rd Street branch library, formerly known as the Donnell branch, is a contemporary library with a glass-walled street entrance and grand staircase to several underground levels. Rosalie’s exhibit is on the wall to your left after entering the lobby.

IRPer are welcome to view the exhibit anytime the library is open. Please check the NYPL website or call (212) 714-8400 for hours. And as a bonus, you can visit the new MOMA across the street before or after!

Mireya Perez Reading

IRP member Mireya Perez will be among poets reading their work at LatinX Poets in the Diaspora.

- **Date & Time**: Sunday, October 27, 3:30PM
- **Place**: Wordup Community Bookshop/Libreria Comunitaria, 2113 Amsterdam Ave (between 164 and 165 Streets)

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

**Curriculum Committee Workshop**
Developing a Proposal, Tuesday OR Wednesday, 2PM

**Pour at Four (at Three)**
This Friday, 3PM, room 912

RESOURCES

IRP Zine
- To access the IRP Zine, go to [www.irpzine.org](http://www.irpzine.org). To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  - Username: IRPNewSchool
  - Password: Fall2018
- For the fall and spring calendars, [click here](#).

New School Events Calendar
- [Click here](#) to learn more about upcoming events at The New School. (*The Diversity Committee invites IRP members to note, and sign up for, TNS Anti-Oppression Workshop on October 30, 11AM-3PM.*)

CUNY Events, from Graduate Center and School of Labor and Urban Studies
- [Click here](#) to learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts on Thursday afternoons at 1PM at CUNY’s Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street
- CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies public programming schedule, 2019-2020. [Click here](#).
- CUNY public programs in Midtown Manhattan. [Click here](#).
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities

From the Curriculum Committee

Our New "Office Hours"
This week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Mulling over an idea for a future study group? Come talk one-on-one to a member of the CC any day this week from 12:45 to 1:15PM in a casual, pressure-free environment. A member of the CC will be available in the rear lounge area on the third floor at SPS, and outside the IRP office on Friday. Share with us your ideas and learn how we can help you turn dreams into reality. This is an ideal opportunity for new and newish members.

Developing a Proposal Workshops
Next week

- Date & Time: October 15 OR 16, 2PM to 3:15PM
- Location: Room 1132 in the 16th Street building

We will be holding a workshop on two dates to help you through the proposal process; pick one of them. The workshop covers the following:
- Expanding your idea into a study group
- Developing your ideas into a proposal
- Finding appropriate resources
- Organizing a working syllabus

See the ‘Coming Up This Week’ section below for information about the CC workshop for current coordinators.

From the Orientation Committee

The Orientation Committee seeks two new members to join Jane Case Einbender (Chair), David Grogan, and Ruth Mackaman on this committee, which plans and implements our Orientation Session to welcome and prepare new IRPers each semester. Called facilitators, the committee members develop the agenda for the session, prepare the resource packet that is distributed, and facilitate the day-long session, which takes place the week before the semester starts. This is an important committee and an exciting opportunity for experienced members to think about the best ways to integrate new members so they take full advantage of all the IRP has to offer and we get the full benefit of their talents and commitment.

Applicants should be IRP members for at least two years, and active in our activities, including as coordinator of at least one study group. For a fuller description of the Orientation Committee and the requirements for facilitators, click here.

If you meet the qualifications and would like to apply, send an email describing
your skills and experience to Adam by November 1st.

From TNS Parsons School of Design: A Special Invitation to IRP

Professor Grace Jun, assistant professor at Parsons, invites IRP members to visit her class on producing clothing and accessories suitable for older people, including those with disabilities. The course is a collaboration with AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and Open Style Lab, a nonprofit that supports design for the disabled. The class of nine undergraduates, which continues into the spring semester, aims to produce a collection of clothing and accessories. The students are working with people with disabilities, but Professor Jun says they would welcome ideas and opinions from older people to help them understand the body’s transitions over time. The goal is to produce clothing that is both fashionable and practical.

Professor Jun invites IRP members to visit her class on Friday, November 1, or Friday, November 8 from 11 AM to 12:40 PM at the University Center at 63 Fifth Avenue, room 406 to discuss their experiences with clothing and accessories.

If you are interested, please RSVP to Adam by Friday, October 25. Adam will coordinate with Professor Jun, and with the IRP members who sign up with him, regarding how many can attend each class.

REMINDEERS

No classes on
- Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 9
- Columbus Day – Monday, October 14

Paying Tuition
For those members who have not yet been able to pay tuition, Adam reports that TNS has now deactivated the links they provided for us to pay online. You can pay tuition in person by visiting the Registrar/Office of Student Accounts at 72 Fifth Avenue, 2nd floor.

Use of Classrooms at SPS
Please remember that SPS does not permit people to eat in their classrooms. Enjoy all the coffee, tea, water you want but keep food to the lounge areas on our floors. Let’s keep up our reputation as good citizens of CUNY.

RESOURCES

IRP Zine
- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  - Username: IRPNewSchool
  - Password: Fall2018
- For the fall and spring calendars, click here.
- Check out The “Buzz”, now restored to the Zine. Heard of an event not sponsored by the IRP, and not involving an IRP member, that you think might be of interest? Post the event on The “Buzz”. We’re at the beginning stages of revamping the page and hope it will prove increasingly useful.
New School Events Calendar
- Click here to learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events
- Click here to learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts on Thursday afternoons at 1PM at CUNY’s Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street.
- Click here for a comprehensive list of CUNY public programs in Midtown Manhattan.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

How’s It Going? Workshop
The Curriculum Committee invites current coordinators to discuss the semester thus far in their How’s it Going? Workshop.
- Today, October 7 from 2PM to 3:15PM in room 1618 (accessible via 79 Fifth Avenue entrance).

RSVP to Adam via email.

NOTE: the How’s it Going Workshop for tomorrow, Tuesday, October 8, has been cancelled.

Pour at Four (at Three)
You are invited to our Pour event this Friday, October 11 at 3PM in room 912. We have had one suggestion for a new name, from Steve Reichstein, ‘C at 3’. What do you think?
AN URGENT PLEA: Spring Study Groups Needed!

We have fewer potential study groups right now than we should have to be confident we can offer a full slate in the spring semester. So, to put it bluntly, the IRP needs your help. If you have an idea for a study group, either a new one or one that you would like to repeat, please consider offering it this spring. If you’re contemplating a study group for next fall, please consider offering it in the spring.

The Curriculum Committee can help you prepare your proposal. Come to the “Developing a Proposal” workshop, which provides an opportunity to refine your study group idea and prepare a good proposal.

- October 15 OR 16 from 2 PM to 3:15PM in room 1132 at 16th Street.
RSVP to Adam at irp@newschool.edu.

In addition, a member of the committee will work with you, one-on-one, every step of the way.

You hear this often enough – but it is always true: the IRP is successful because its members give of their time and effort. Now is one of those times when we need members to step forward. Contact any member of the Curriculum Committee, or email committee chair Jonathan Gaines at jegaines@att.net. And thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No classes on

- Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 9
- Columbus Day – Monday, October 14

Paying Tuition

For those members who have not yet been able to pay tuition, Adam reports that TNS has now deactivated the links they provided for us to pay online. He is working with TNS staff to reactivate them, but in the meantime, you can pay tuition in person by visiting the Registrar/Office of Student Accounts at 72 Fifth Avenue, 2nd floor.

EVENTS AND REQUESTS

Attention All Coordinators: How’s It Going?

The Curriculum Committee invites current coordinators to discuss the semester thus far in one of their How’s it Going? Workshops.

- October 7 OR October 8 from 2PM to 3:15PM in room 1618 (accessible via 79 Fifth Avenue entrance).

RSVP to Adam via email.
Virtual Learning Center, Call for Volunteers

The IRP has been partnering with Self-Help, a community social service agency, to provide webcasts to homebound seniors for several years. We provide eight or nine programs a semester, each lasting about 50 minutes. Webcasts originate from the IRP office at 16th Street, with Adam providing technical support.

Presenters select their topics and develop their presentations. Webcasts have covered a wide range of subjects, and generated lively discussions with the participants. We need your help to continue this program, which provides a much-appreciated service to seniors in our city. If you can participate this semester or next, contact Laurie Leiner at lleiner2@gmail.com with a cc to Fran De Lott at francesditt@gmail.com.

REMINDERS

Use of Classrooms at SPS

Please remember that SPS does not permit people to eat in their classrooms. Enjoy all the coffee, tea, water you want but keep food to the lounge areas on our floors. Let’s keep up our reputation as good citizens of CUNY.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Member Survey: Deadline Friday October 4. Click here to take the survey.

Pour at Four (at Three): Our next Pour event will be this Friday, October 4 at 3PM in room 1618 (via 79 Fifth Avenue). Join us for wine and cheese, etc. to celebrate the start of the weekend.

RESOURCES

IRP Zine

- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  - Username: IRPNewSchool
  - Password: Fall2018
- For the fall and spring calendars, click here.
- Check out The “Buzz”, now restored to the Zine. Heard of an event not sponsored by the IRP, and not involving an IRP member, that you think might be of interest? Post the event on The “Buzz”. We’re at the beginning stages of revamping the page and hope it will prove increasingly useful.

New School Events Calendar

- Click here to learn more about upcoming events at The New School.
- Click here for TNS Festival of New, a program of innovative performances, talks, screenings, and exhibitions to celebrate the centennial. October 1-6.

CUNY Events

- Click here to learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts on Thursday afternoons at 1PM at CUNY’s Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street.
- Click here for a comprehensive list of CUNY public programs in Midtown Manhattan.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule Classes
No classes on:
• Rosh Hashanah – Monday, September 30
• Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 9
• Columbus Day – Monday, October 14

Spring Calendar
Here is link to our spring 2020 calendar indicating start and end dates for study groups, holidays, and breaks throughout the semester.

EVENTS AND REQUESTS

Tuesdays With Friends Fall Invitation
• Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 1

The Tuesdays With Friends Committee invites you to sign up for our fall program of small-group get-togethers featuring talks presented and hosted by IRP members. The dates are:
• October 15
• November 5 and
• December 3

Take advantage of these special opportunities to spend time with your colleagues. Click here to read the descriptions and select your choice. (Please note that this is the final announcement of these get-togethers; the deadline is this Tuesday, October 1.)

Curriculum Committee Workshop for Current Coordinators

How’s it Going?

Current coordinators are invited to discuss the semester thus far. Attend a workshop at TNS on October 7 OR 8 at 2PM in room 1618 (accessible via 79 Fifth Avenue entrance). RSVP Adam at irp@newschool.edu.

Member Survey

Click here to take the survey and register your views about the IRP’s past and future. Deadline is October 4. Click here to take the survey.

Pour at Four (at Three) TODAY

Join us later today for wine and cheese, etc. to celebrate the start of the weekend. Room 1618 at TNS (accessible via 79 5th Avenue).
FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

GMM

More than 150 members attended the first meeting of the semester on September 19 to be updated on IRP activities and to greet friends and colleagues. The business portion of the meeting lasted about one hour, leaving ample time for the reception that followed.

The major news is that the IRP Advisory Board has created a new non-profit organization, the Institute for Education in Retirement (IER), to serve as our independent fund-raising arm. All the money contributed to the IER will be under our control and the contributions are tax deductible since the IER is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) corporation. This is a major change from the past, when the money members contributed in response to the annual appeal went into New School accounts and was under New School control. Now that the IER is in place, we will resume our annual appeal for members to contribute to the fund that supports such key activities as guest speakers, microphones for coordinators, publicity and receptions for community events, and rentals for outside space when necessary. Be on the alert for the letter from the IER requesting contributions, which will be mailed in about two weeks.

Committee chairs also had news. The Admissions Committee will host an information session to recruit new members, Curriculum will deliver workshops for current and future coordinators (see below for details), and the Our Stage of Life and Diversity Committees will sponsor events for the community, with details to be announced in the next issues of the Observer.

Office Schedule and Administrative Procedures

The AB asks members to note and follow these new procedures.

- The IRP Office on 16th Street is open, with Adam present, Monday through Thursday from 1PM to 5PM and all day Friday.
- During the morning hours when Adam is situated at the 12th Street building, phone calls to the IRP office are forwarded to him.
- Members will please submit requests for rooms to Adam by email only and with the subject line “Room Request”.
- Coordinators and committee chairs needing copies of material will please submit requests to Adam Monday through Wednesday to be ready on Friday.
- All members can take advantage of the $150 credit TNS provides for copying and/or printing.
• Note: Laurie Leiner is making arrangements to have the first desk covered every afternoon. She still needs volunteers for Wednesdays and for backup on other days. Contact her at lleiner2@gmail.com.

Pour at Four (At Three)

Our next ‘Pour’ gathering will be at TNS on Friday, September 27 at 3PM in room 1618 (accessible via 79 Fifth Avenue entrance). Our first event drew an overflow crowd and, again, we invite all members, and especially new ones, to attend. Please RSVP to Adam via email at: irp@newschool.edu.

EVENTS

Tuesdays With Friends Fall Invitation
• Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 1

The Tuesdays With Friends Committee invites you to sign up for our fall program of small-group get-togethers featuring talks presented and hosted by IRP members. The dates are:
• October 15
• November 5 and
• December 3

Take advantage of these special opportunities to spend time with your colleagues. Click here to read the descriptions and select your choice. (Please note that the invitation and sign-up will be through the Observer announcement only.)

REMINDERS

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Nuts and Bolts Workshop
Thinking About Coordinating a Study Group? Bring your ideas to the popular Nuts and Bolts Workshops at TNS from 2-3:15PM on:
• Monday, September 23 in room 734, OR
• Wednesday, September 25 in room 1618 (accessible via 79 Fifth Avenue entrance).

Whether you have just the germ of an idea or one that is almost fully developed, this workshop is for you. We will work together to support the development of your ideas, suggest resources, help you to find a co-coordinator (if you want one), and answer your questions about the Study Group proposal process. To RSVP, please email Adam at: irp@newschool.edu.

Workshops—How’s it Going?
Current coordinators are invited to discuss the semester thus far. Attend a workshop at TNS on October 7 OR 8 at 2PM in room 1618 (accessible via 79 Fifth Avenue entrance).

Women’s Group

The first meeting of the Women’s Group for this semester will be at 1:15PM on Monday, September 23, in room 203 at SPS. All IRP women are welcome.
Member Survey: We Do Care What You Think

Click here to take the survey.

The IRP survey committee is delighted to say that more than 50 percent of members have responded to the survey of IRP values and attitudes first posted last spring, an extremely good rate for most surveys. But they think the IRP can do better. So, to make the sample as robust as possible and enhance its value in planning and helping us with decisions about our future, they are making one, final strong appeal to the members who have not yet filled out the survey: PLEASE do it by our deadline of October 4th.

For questions, contact Michael Hill at mikejude56@verizon.net or Maureen Sullivan at sullivamaureen8@gmail.com.

IRP Voices Online Is Posted

The new edition of IRP Voices Online features 26 new works of prose, 17 new poems, and a cover photo by Carol Borelli. In addition, the photos submitted by 24 of our photographers are displayed on a linked site created by Jerry Vogel. There is a link to Voices on the Zine. It can also be accessed directly at www.irpvoicesonline.com.

Be a Conversation Partner

Our popularity with English as a Second Language students is growing and we need more volunteers to meet the requests for partners. A partner is assigned an international student and meets with that student for one hour per week at a mutually convenient time and place to practice English and answer questions about the US. For more information, contact Carol Millsom at: carolmillsom35@gmail.com.

RESOURCES

IRP Zine

- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  - Username: IRPNewSchool
  - Password: Fall2018
- For the IRP Calendar click here.

New School Events Calendar

- Click here to learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events

- Click here learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts on Thursday afternoons at 1PM at CUNY’s Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street, just a short walk from SPS.
- Click here for a comprehensive list of CUNY public programs in Midtown Manhattan.
FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

GMM

Our annual General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, September 19 from 3 to 5PM in the Great Hall (2nd floor auditorium) of the First Presbyterian Church on 5th Avenue and 12th Street. We encourage all members, especially new ones, to attend. Catch up with business and friendships!

Office Schedule and Administrative Procedures, Fall Semester

In consultation with TNS and Adam, and in order to assure that our administrative needs are met in an orderly and timely way, the AB is asking members to note and follow these new procedures.

- The IRP Office on 16th Street will be open, with Adam present, Monday through Thursday from 1PM to 5PM and all day Friday.
- We are also making arrangements to have the first desk covered in the office every afternoon and, if needed, on some mornings as well.
- All phone calls at all times are forwarded to Adam.
- Members will please submit requests for rooms to Adam by email only and with the subject line “Room Request”.
- Coordinators and committee chairs needing copies of material will please submit requests to Adam Monday through Wednesday to be ready on Friday.
- All members should take advantage of the $150 credit TNS provides for copying and/or printing.

Tuition Is Due

Tuition payments for the 2019-20 academic year, or fall 2019 semester, are due. The problems with the payment site are university-wide. Adam can help if members are still having difficulty. As a reminder, the rates for the full year and single semester are:

- $1135 - Full 2019-20 academic year
- $715 - Fall 2019 semester only

Payments have to be made using a credit card, and submitted online through The New School’s secure Flexible Registration payment system. Instructions on how to pay are in a separate email sent last week.

Pour at Four (At Three)

Because the GMM will take place this Thursday the 19th and will include, as usual, a reception after the business portion of the meeting, our next ‘Pour’ gathering will be on Friday, September 27 at 3PM. Our first Pour drew an overflow crowd so Adam is reserving a bigger event-appropriate room at 16th street for
all future gatherings. Again, we invite all members, and especially new ones, to attend. Please RSVP to Adam via email at irp@newschool.edu.

EVENTS

Voices Online Is Posted

The new edition of *IRP Voices Online* is now posted. It features 26 new works of prose, 17 new poems, and a cover photo by Carol Borelli. In addition, the photos submitted by 24 of our photographers are displayed on a linked site created by Jerry Vogel. This issue is dedicated to the memory of Harriet Sohmers Zwerling, whose work appeared in *Voices* and other settings throughout her many years at the IRP. The online version of *Voices* began in 2012, and past issues are viewable in our archive.

Mary Houts and Eric Roper served as prose editors for this edition, and Mark Fischweicher was the poetry editor. Peter Houts and Jerry Vogel were photo editors. Other IRP members contributed to *Voices* as readers and judges. The publishing team responsible for organizing *Voices* was Charles Troob, Lorne Taichman, and Tom Ashley. Lorne did the yeoman work of uploading and formatting the content.

There is a link to *Voices* on the Zine. It can also be accessed directly at www.irpvoicesonline.com.

Please take a look at the wonderful work of your IRP colleagues. Thanks to everyone who participated this year.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Thinking About Coordinating a Study Group?

Bring your ideas to the Curriculum Committee’s popular Nuts and Bolts Workshops on Monday, September 23 OR Wednesday, September 25 at TNS from 2-3:15PM. Rooms TBA.

- Whether you have just the germ of an idea or one that is almost fully developed, this workshop is for you.
- We will work together to support the development of your ideas, suggest resources, help you to find a co-coordinator (if you want one), and answer your questions about the Study Group proposal process.

To RSVP, please email Adam at irp@newschool.edu.
**How's it Going Workshops: Save the Date**

Current coordinators are invited to discuss the semester thus far. Attend a workshop at TNS on October 7 OR 8 at 2PM. Rooms TBA.

**Women’s Group**

The first meeting of the Women’s Group for this semester will be at 1:15PM on Monday, September 23, in Room 203 at SPS. The previous schedule has been changed. All IRP women are welcome.

**Art SIG**

- What: Visit To Poster House
- When: Wednesday, October 2, 3:45PM
- Where: 119 West 23rd Street (just west of 6th avenue)
- Cost: about $10 to $12 depending on the number who sign up

Join us in welcoming Poster House to the pantheon of New York City’s museums. We will see its new quarters and its debut exhibit—the Art Nouveau posters of Alphonse Mucha. The artist, who got his start by designing posters for Sarah Bernhardt, created “la Nouvelle Femme,” the feminist ideal of Belle Époque France.

The tour will take one hour, after which we will have coffee in the museum’s café. For a take-home favor, you can pose for a free poster featuring your own image.

To sign up, email Dick Kossoff at chemkos@aol.com; for more information, email Carol Millsom at carolmillsom35@gmail.com.

**REMINDEERS**

**Member Survey: We Do Care What You Think**

The IRP survey committee is delighted to say that more than 50% of members have responded to the survey of IRP values and attitudes first posted last spring, an extremely good rate for most surveys. But they think the IRP can do better. So, to make the sample as robust as possible and enhance its value in planning and helping us with decisions about our future, they are making one, final strong appeal to the members who have not yet filled out the survey: **PLEASE take the time this week or next and do it by our deadline of October 4th.** For questions, contact Michael Hill at mikejude56@verizon.net or Maureen Sullivan at sullivanmaureen8@gmail.com.

**Host a Tuesday With Friends**

The Tuesday With Friends Committee needs venues for some of the exciting programs they have lined up for the coming year. TWF programs are unique: they take place in members' homes (from 3:30 to 6PM), making each event a pleasant occasion for socializing. If your apartment can accommodate 20-24 people (including the TWF committee members, our speaker, and, of course, you), we will happily be there to welcome guests, set up refreshments, arrange chairs, and help clean up when the party is over. And we have arranged for refreshments to be delivered to your door. You, the hosts, will have fun and our sincere gratitude for making the party possible. If you would like to host an event on December 3 or during the spring 2020 semester, please
contact Carolyn Preiss at preic920@newschool.edu.

Be a Conversation Partner

Our popularity with English as a Second Language students is growing and we need more volunteers to meet the requests for partners. A partner is assigned an international student and meets with that student for one hour per week at a mutually convenient time and place to practice English and answer questions about the US. Many IRP volunteers have formed rewarding and lasting relationships with their students. For more information, contact Carol Millsom at carolmillsom35@gmail.com.

LunchMate

The Community Building Committee, chaired by Jan Adler, has asked us to help strengthen our communal bonds by making dates for lunch with members new to the IRP or new to them, during this fall semester. If you signed up with the office in the spring to be a LunchMate, now is the time to make your dates; if you have not signed up, now is the time to do it. If you have other ideas about the focus of this committee, email Jan Adler at: adlerjan@optonline.net.

MEMBERS

Zuzana Justman In The New Yorker

IRP member Zuzana Justman has a story/memoir in the September 16 issue of The New Yorker entitled "My Terezin Diary / And what I did not write about." The magazine devotes eight pages to her account of her experiences as a child in the Czech concentration camp. Here is the link: https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/09/16/my-terezin-diary

Mireya Perez To Read Poem

IRP member Mireya Perez will read one of her poems as part of an event marking the new issue of the online journal MOM EGG, featuring Latina authors.

- When: Saturday, October 26, 3:30-5:30PM
- Where: Word Up: Community Bookshop – Libreria Comunitaria, 2113 Amsterdam Ave. at 165th Street/Luis "El Terror" Diaz Way.

Here is the link to the journal: http://momeggreviews.com/2019/09/12/soy-mujer-latinx-poets-of-the-diaspora/

Samton Work at NY Historical Society

IRP member Claude Samton has a large photomosaic of Canal Street in the Panorama Show at The New York Historical Society. The show runs through December 8.

RESOURCES

IRP Zine

- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  - Username: IRPNewSchool
  - Password: Fall2018
New School Events Calendar

- **Click here** to learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

CUNY Events

- **Click here** learn about Music in Midtown, a program of free concerts on Thursday afternoons at 1PM at CUNY’s Graduate Center on 5th Avenue and 34th Street, just a short walk from SPS.
NEWS: FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Space

*Fall Semester.* Now that registration, including the initial add/drops, has been completed we can report that 288 IRPers, including nine new members, have signed on for fall classes in 33 study groups coordinated by 47 members.

Working with TNS we have secured two classrooms at CUNY SPS for study groups held Monday through Thursday throughout the semester. The rooms are 203, on the second floor and 303, on the third. We will be at TNS 16th Street on Friday in rooms located on the 9th, 10th and 11th floors.

The SG grid with room assignments for every class, Monday through Friday, at SPS and TNS, is page 4 of this *Observer* and is also online at: [http://bit.ly/2kaW83t](http://bit.ly/2kaW83t).

On all days, three study groups are given, starting, respectively, at 9:30AM, 11:15AM, and 1:15PM. (In addition, two workshops for writers will meet at TNS on Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:25PM.)

CUNY SPS is located at 119 West 31st Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues and can be reached by the 1,2,3, F, M, N,R, and Q trains, as well as by bus.

During the first week of classes, Advisory Board and Executive Committee members will be at SPS to help members locate their classrooms, answer questions, and assist with any issues that may arise. Michael Hill and Laurie Leiner will be there on Monday, Harold Berkowitz will cover Tuesday, Michael will return on Wednesday, and Miriam Lawrence will take care of Thursday.

While we are on the SPS campus, IRP members will have access to the internet through the SPS wireless network. All members registered for study groups meeting at SPS should have received an email from the SPS help desk giving them Guest WIFI credentials and instructions. If you have questions, contact the SPS help desk at [helpdesk@sps.cuny.edu](mailto:helpdesk@sps.cuny.edu) or email Michelle Harris at [emwembem@gmail.com](mailto:emwembem@gmail.com).

*The Future.* Members of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee have continued to meet over the summer with deans at CUNY Graduate Center, Hunter, and Columbia regarding our future needs. We will keep you posted.
GMM

Please mark your calendars. Our annual General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, September 19 from 3 to 5PM in the Great Hall (2nd floor auditorium) in the First Presbyterian Church on 5th Avenue and 12th Street.

Weekly Pour at Four (At Three)

On the recommendation of the Board’s Task Force on New Member Integration, we will hold our first celebratory get together for new and veteran members on this Friday, September 13 at 3PM in room 1006 at TNS 16th Street. Wine and appetizers will be served. Come and meet new members, see old friends, and make this Friday the 13th a very good day. We are planning to make this a weekly event. RSVP to Adam via email at irp@newschool.edu. N.B.: Despite the title, the celebration starts at 3PM.

OPPORTUNITIES

Host a Tuesday With Friends

The Tuesday With Friends Committee is completing plans for six exciting programs for the coming year. We have speakers for a variety of subjects. All we need now are the venues!!!!

As most of you know, TWF programs are unique because they take place in members’ homes (from 3:30 to 6PM), making each event a pleasant occasion for socializing. That’s why we are reaching out to you.

If your apartment can accommodate 20-24 people (including the TWF committee members, our speaker, and, of course, you), we will happily be there to welcome guests, set up refreshments, arrange chairs, and help clean up when the party is over. And we have arranged for refreshments to be delivered to your door.

You, the hosts, will have fun and our sincere gratitude for making the party possible. If you would like to host an event on December 3 or during the spring 2020 semester, please contact Carolyn Preiss at preic920@newschool.edu.

Be a Conversation Partner

Our popularity with English as a Second Language students is growing. We need more volunteers to meet the requests for partners. Being a partner requires meeting the international student assigned to you for one hour per week at a mutually convenient time and place to practice English and answer questions about the US. Many IRP volunteers have formed rewarding and lasting relationships with their students.

For more information, contact Carol Millsom at carolmillsom35@gmail.com. Please note that Carol is using her new Gmail address.
COMMITTEES

LunchMate

The Community Building Committee, chaired by Jan Adler, has asked IRP members to join in the effort to strengthen our communal bonds by making a date or dates for lunch with a new member, or with someone not already part of your circle, during this fall semester. If you signed up with the office in the spring to be a Lunch-Mate, now is the time to make your dates; if you have not signed up, now is the time to do it. If you have other ideas about the focus of this committee, email Jan Adler at adlerjan@optonline.net.

Women’s Group

The Women’s Group will meet in room 1618 (accessible via 79 Fifth Avenue) every three weeks during the fall semester on Fridays at 3PM. Please mark these dates on your calendar- 9/13, 10/4, 10/25, 11/15, and 12/6. Potluck snacks will be served. All IRP women are welcome.

MEMBERS

Samton Exhibit at NY Historical Society

IRP member Claude Samton has a large photomosaic of Canal Street in the Panorama Show at The New York Historical Society, located at 170 Central Park West at Richard Gilder Way (77th Street). The show runs through December 8.

REMINDERS

Add/Drop Requests
- Submit add or drop request(s) within the first three weeks of the semester via email to Adam at irp@newschool.edu.

IRP Zine
- To access the IRP Zine, go to www.irpzine.org. To view the directory or IRP Faces, you must login with these credentials:
  Username: IRPNewSchool
  Password: Fall2018

New School Events Calendar
- Click here to learn more about upcoming events at The New School.

Coming up this week,
- Miriam (Mimi) Weissblum Memorial—Saturday, September 14 at 235 East 22nd Street, Apt. 5C from 1-2PM and 5J at 2:30PM for toasts and memories.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MONDAY (CUNY SP)</th>
<th>TUESDAY (CUNY SP)</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY (CUNY SP)</th>
<th>THURSDAY (CUNY SP)</th>
<th>FRIDAY (THE NEW SCHOOL, 10TH ST)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NYC'S POLITICAL ECONOMY 9:30-11:00AM</td>
<td>EMPIRE TRILOGY: TRAGIC COMEDIES OF BRITISH COLONIAL MISADVENTURES 9:30-11:00AM</td>
<td>MYTH OF THE AMERICAN FRONTIER 9:30-11:00AM</td>
<td>HINDUISM: NEITHER FISH NOR FOWL 9:30-11:00AM</td>
<td>BIGGEST, LONGEST, TALLEST: WORLD'S GREATEST STRUCTURES 9:30-11:00AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PEYTON PLACE REVISITED 9:30-11:00AM</td>
<td>JOHN WESLEY POWELL 9:30-11:00AM</td>
<td>CHURCHILL 9:30-11:00AM</td>
<td>GREAT CONVERSATIONS 9:30-11:00AM</td>
<td>THE POWER OF THE CONSERVATIVE MIND 9:30-11:00AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OUR HUMAN NATURE: THE GOOD, BAD AND UGLY IN LITERATURE 11:15-12:45PM</td>
<td>PROUST VI: TIME REGAINED 11:15-12:45PM</td>
<td>HOLLYWOOD LOOKS AT AMERICAN BUSINESS 11:15-12:45PM</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICAN FILMS: THE ABCS 11:15-12:45PM</td>
<td>20TH C FRENCH SINGERS/SONGWRITERS 9:30-11:00AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS OUR DEMOCRACY IN DANGER? 11:15-12:45PM</td>
<td>DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES IN PLAYS 11:15-12:45PM</td>
<td>REAL SPIES: THE COLD WAR AND BEYOND 11:15-12:45PM</td>
<td>AN ACTOR PREPARES 11:15-12:45PM</td>
<td>PLAYWRIGHTS AND POLITICS 11:15-12:45PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JOURNEY WITH CASANOVA THROUGH 18TH C EUROPE 1:15-2:45PM</td>
<td>FLY ON THE WALL? TRUTH IN DOCUMENTARY FILM 1:15-2:45PM</td>
<td>GENETICS AND PERSONALITY 1:15-2:45PM</td>
<td>ROCK 'N ROLL: ROOTS TO RAP 1:15-2:45PM</td>
<td>NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS 11:15-12:45PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EINSTEIN - HIS LIFE AND UNIVERSE 1:15-2:45PM</td>
<td>A DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF TIME 1:15-2:45PM</td>
<td>MEDIEVAL HUMAN COMEDY: BOCCACCIO'S DECAMERON 1:15-2:45PM</td>
<td>CREATIVE ART EXPERIENCES 11:15-12:45PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>CONSCIOUSNESS: A TRANS-SPECIES PERSPECTIVE 11:15-12:45PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DEBUSSY, RAVEL, FAURE 1:15-2:45PM</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
IN MEMORIAM

Husband of Susan Sabatino
We are deeply sorry to bring you news of the death of Susan Sabatino’s husband, Dean, an eminent historic preservation architect, responsible for keeping many New York buildings and monuments from decay. A few weeks ago, while working on their cabin in Connecticut, Dean fell off a ladder and sustained a spinal cord injury. He underwent surgery at a Hartford hospital and was in the process of recovery, awaiting being stable enough to be moved to a NYC rehabilitation facility. Suddenly and most unexpectedly, he developed a sepsis over the weekend, which caused his death. There will be a celebration of his life in the near future and, in the meantime, Susan welcomes calls and emails from friends.

Miriam Weissblum
Mark your calendar - Family and friends of Miriam (Mimi) Weissblum, whose death we announced in July, will gather to remember her on Saturday September 14 at 235 East 22nd Street. We will assemble in her apartment (5C) between 1 and 2PM and then in apartment 5J at 2:30PM to share toasts and memories.

TECHNICALLY SAVVY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Volunteers are needed to assist coordinators with SPS equipment in classrooms. Ericke Wong, Associate Director of User Support at SPS, will conduct a “train the trainers” session on:

Friday, September 6, 9AM
Room 303 at SPS, 119 West 31st Street

If you are technically adept and would like to sign up for the session, please send an email by Thursday, September 5 to Linda Anstendig at Lanstendig@gmail.com or Ruth Mackaman at rmackaman@gmail.com.

ADD/DROP PROCEDURES

Members may add or drop a study group within the first three weeks of the semester. Adam will maintain a list of study groups that still have available seats. Please address your requests by email to Adam at irp@newschool.edu. Additionally, please note that
coordinators are not authorized to permit members to join their study groups. Therefore, we ask members to please refrain from speaking directly to the coordinators. All requests must be made through the office.

**OUTLOOK TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT GMM**

The inaugural issue of *Outlook*, IRP’s Newsletter, will be distributed at the first GMM of the semester later this month. Members of the Marketing Committee—Tom Ashley, executive editor; Pat Fortunato and Audrey Lipton, co-editors; Marge Levin, art director; and Eileen Hanley, managing editor—are leading this exciting new venture.

**NEW LOCATION FOR ADVANCED COPY CENTER**

As many of you know, Advanced Copy has moved from LaGuardia Place to 213 West 35th Street, Room 501. Telephone is 212 388 1001.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS**

Do you like to sing? Please join Carol Groneman and Lucy Kirk in Encore, the largest choral music program for adults 55 and over in the country. Our group, about 40 plus singers, meets weekly for rehearsals led by a professional choral director. Whether you’re a beginner or an old hand at choral music, you will learn a great deal and there are no auditions to join. We will perform at the end of the semester in a holiday celebration of music ranging from Vivaldi’s “Gloria” to ‘Let in Snow’! Check Encore Creativity website for additional information or email Carol or Lucy.
IN MEMORIAM

Dean Sabatino
We are deeply sorry to bring you news of the death of Susan Sabatino’s husband, Dean, an eminent historic preservation architect, responsible for keeping many New York buildings and monuments from decay. A few weeks ago, while working on their cabin in Connecticut, Dean fell off a ladder and sustained a spinal cord injury. He underwent surgery at a Hartford hospital and was in the process of recovery, awaiting being stable enough to be moved to a NYC rehabilitation facility. Suddenly and most unexpectedly, he developed a sepsis over the weekend, which caused his death. There will be a celebration of his life in the near future and, in the meantime, Susan welcomes calls and emails from friends.

Miriam Weissblum
Mark your calendar - Family and friends of Miriam (Mimi) Weissblum, whose death we announced in July, will gather to remember her on Saturday September 14 at 235 East 22nd Street. We will assemble in her apartment (5C) between 1 and 2PM and then in apartment 5J at 2:30PM to share toasts and memories.

TECHNICALLY SAVVY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Volunteers are needed to assist coordinators with SPS equipment in classrooms. Ericke Wong, Associate Director of User Support at SPS, will conduct a “train the trainers” session on:

   Friday, September 6, 9AM
   Room 303 at SPS, 119 West 31st Street

If you are technically adept and would like to sign up for the session, please send an email by Thursday, September 5 to Linda Anstendig at Lanstendig@gmail.com or Ruth Mackaman at rmackaman@gmail.com.

NEW LOCATION FOR ADVANCED COPY CENTER

As many of you know, Advanced Copy has moved from LaGuardia Place to 213 West 35th Street, Room 501. Telephone is 212 388 1001.
OUTLOOK TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT GMM

The inaugural issue of Outlook, IRP’s Newsletter, will be distributed at the first GMM of the semester later this month. Members of the Marketing Committee—Tom Ashley, executive editor; Pat Fortunato and Audrey Lipton, co-editors; Marge Levin, art director; and Eileen Hanley, managing editor—are leading this exciting new venture.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

Do you like to sing? Please join Carol Groneman and Lucy Kirk in Encore, the largest choral music program for adults 55 and over in the country. Our group, about 40 plus singers, meets weekly for rehearsals led by a professional choral director. Whether you’re a beginner or an old hand at choral music, you will learn a great deal and there are no auditions to join. We will perform at the end of the semester in a holiday celebration of music ranging from Vivaldi’s “Gloria” to ‘Let in Snow’! Check Encore Creativity website for additional information or email Carol or Lucy.