

## **INSTITUTE FOR RETIRED PROFESSIONALS**

### **The Observer, SPECIAL EDITION**

#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

Dear Members,

Happy first day of study groups! We are happy to kick off the academic term with you all and especially welcome new members to the IRP and to The Graduate Center. We look forward to seeing you at the General Membership Meeting on September 21 and upcoming Fridays@3 events. Read on for more details. You may have noticed that this special edition arrived in your personal email inbox as well as your GC email – we understand that the GC email inboxes are not being regularly checked, so look out on Monday in the regular Observer distribution for tips and opportunities for further assistance to access your emails. We do not want you to miss these important announcements!

Today also marks the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. The Tribute in Light shines on, a testament to the resilience of New Yorkers through tragedies of recent memory. Despite the challenges of installation this year due to public health guidance, the projected memorial kept its annual tradition. The 88 bulbs that create the shape of two infinite beams can be seen from 60 miles away, and demonstrate not only our collective strength and memory, but also that we are connected in more ways than we may realize.

Wishing you well and see you soon,

Mariel

#### **SPECIAL EDITION ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT GARRELL**

[Reaffirmation of Commitment to  
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#### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The general membership meeting will take place on September, 21 at 4:00PM, to join the meeting, please follow this [link](#).

#### **IRP MEMBER SURVEY – GETTING TO KNOW YOU!**

Tell us about yourself by taking the IRP member survey, please follow this [link](#) to complete it.

#### **RETURNING EVENTS**

We are excited to announce that FRIDAYS@THREE\* is back this fall.

\*Please note that the program has been changed from 1:00PM to 3:00PM to accommodate the IRP's new schedule of classes.

We have a full roster of speakers lined up, who represent a broad array of interests and expertise. Thanks to the magic of a Zoom webinar, we can have as many viewers as we like, and members of the audience will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions after the talks.

As always, members of the IRP are invited to as many of the talks as they like, and friends and family are cordially welcome. The CUNY Graduate Center will reach out to its large network, and we expect to have a large and enthusiastic audience. Feel free to invite anyone you think will find these talks stimulating.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

**Friday, September 25 at 3:00PM,** Harold Holzer, an award-winning Lincoln scholar and director of Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, will discuss his newest book, *The Presidents vs. the Press: The Endless Battle Between The White House and the Media, from the Founding Fathers to*

*Fake News.* To register please click [here](#).

**Friday, October 30 at 3:00PM,** Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center and co-founder of FactCheck.org, will discuss her latest book, *Cyberwar: How Russian Hackers and Trolls Helped Elect a President.*

**Friday, November 20 at 3:00PM,** Maya Wiley, a former top counsel to Mayor Bill de Blasio and an ex-head of New York City's police oversight board, is weighing a bid to run for mayor next year.

**Friday, December 4 at 3:00PM,** Martin J. Blaser was included in TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2015. He is director of the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine at Rutgers University and professor of medicine and microbiology at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. His pioneering work, *Missing Microbes: How the Overuse of Antibiotics is Fueling Our Modern Plagues,* has become a bible in modern biological research.

Special thanks to CUNY Graduate Center for hosting these talks, and to Mariel Villeré