

Five College Learning in Retirement

JANUARY 2009 PROGRAMS



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WINTER BREAK CALENDAR

Tues, Jan. 6 10:00 a.m. – noon	Meeting to determine “The Human Side of LIR”	Field House Smith College
*Wed, Jan. 7 10:00 a.m. - Noon	Smith College Archives/ Sophia Smith Collection	Alumnae Gymnasium Smith College
Thurs, Jan. 8 [Snow Date: Jan. 9]	Memorial Service	Alumni House Amherst College
*Tues, Jan. 13 9:00– Noon	Computer Workshop “Intro to Windows”	212 Seelye Hall Smith College
*Wed–Th, Jan. 14–15 9:00– Noon	Computer Workshop “Using Internet ...”	212 Seelye Hall Smith College
Fri, Jan. 16 1:30–3:30 p.m.	Critical Issues Forum	Field House Smith College
*Wed, Jan. 21 9:00 a.m.	Snowshoe or Ski	Sheldon Field Northampton
Thurs, Jan. 22 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Art Program	Continuing Ed. Bldg. N. Maple St., Hadley
*Sun, Jan. 25 2:00 p.m.	<i>Seussical</i>	Bowker Auditorium Univ. of Mass
*Th–Fri, Feb. 5–6 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Rare Book Room	Neilson Library Smith College

*** Be sure to register for these programs**

TOUR OF SMITH COLLEGE ARCHIVES AND SOPHIA SMITH COLLECTION

**Wednesday, January 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Level A, Smith Alumnae Gymnasium**

The Sophia Smith Collection is an internationally recognized repository of archives, manuscripts, photographs, and periodicals in women's history. It was founded in 1942 to be the college library's distinctive contribution to Smith's mission of educating women. The Collection today consists of over 8000 linear feet of material documenting the historical experience of women in the United States and abroad from the colonial era to the present. You may learn more about the Sophia Smith Collection by going to the Web site <http://www.smith.edu/libraries/libs/ssc/>.

Cheryl Redmon, Director of the Collection, will present a talk and a 20-minute film, *Creating Women's History*. We will also have a presentation by College Archivist Nanci Young, who will explain the riches to be found in the Smith College Archives. Attendees will then be free to delve into any materials of particular interest.

The Smith College Archives and Sophia Smith Collection reading room are on Level A of Alumnae Gymnasium. The wheelchair-accessible entrance is through Neilson Library. There is also an entrance close to Green Street.

There is no charge for this visit. Following the tour, interested members of the group can purchase lunch at the Campus Center or the Green Street Café (reservations recommended).

Parking: You may park in the Parking Lot on the edge of campus adjacent to Green Street, on Green Street, or in the parking garage.

Please register on the attached sign-up sheet.

Contact person: Ginny Christenson

COMPUTER WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 13, OR Wednesday & Thursday, January 14 and 15

9:00 a.m. – noon

Rm. 212 Seelye Hall, Smith College

For several years the LIR Tech Committee has offered computer-related workshops in January. Past offerings have included “Computer Basics,” “MS Word,” “Excel,” “PowerPoint,” and “Using the Internet to Improve Presentations.” This year, the Committee will offer two workshops:

The first will be "Introduction to Windows." This will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. It will cover basic Windows tasks and options, including the use of Windows Explorer to copy, move or delete files from the hard drive.

The second will be a repeat of "Using the Internet to Improve Presentations," which will be held on Wednesday, January 14th AND Thursday the 15th. MAC users are welcome, though they will need to bring their own laptops. Topics covered will include the use of search engines to locate text and images as well as how to move them into Word or PowerPoint.

These workshops are always popular, so be sure to sign up by the deadline if you want to attend.

Please register on the attached sign-up sheet.

Contact Jim Harvey

CRITICAL ISSUES FACING MASSACHUSETTS IN 2009

**** A Public Forum ****

**Friday, January 16, 2009, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Field House, Smith College**

State Representative Peter Kocot
State Representative John Scibak
State Representative Ellen Story

Our State Representatives will address a number of critical issues with an emphasis on the state's fiscal outlook in light of the nation's economic situation and the ramifications for housing, education, taxes, health care, and the environment. Here is an opportunity to learn more about these issues and participate in the discussion and the question and answer session.

The event is sponsored by Five College Learning in Retirement and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

When and where:

**Friday, January 16, 2009, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Smith College Field House**

Contact person: Bob First

SNOWSHOE OR SKI AT NOTCHVIEW

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

We will carpool to Notchview, a cross-country skiing and hiking center, 45 minutes west of Northampton on Route 9, for several hours of invigorating exercise in a beautiful location. Snowshoes can be rented there. Bring your own lunch to enjoy in the warming hut; hot drinks can be purchased.

Trip logistics

Date: Wednesday, January 21.

Where: Meet at Sheldon Field (near the Fairgrounds in Northampton)

Leaving at 9:00 a.m.

Returning at 2:00 p.m.

Cost: None if you are a member of The Trustees of Reservations,
Others \$8

Open to 5CLIR members and their guests

Please register on the attached sign-up sheet.

Contact person: Anne Lombard

ART PROGRAM

Thursday, January 22, 2009, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Rm. 113, UMass Continuing Education Bldg, Venture Way, North Maple St, Hadley

The directors of the Asian Arts and New World Theater programs at UMass will use slides and recordings to present previews of their spring offerings. These programs afford audiences an opportunity to view the world through the arts of non-Western cultures.

Ranjana Devi's programs focus on Asian countries. She will highlight spring programs including: the 500-year-old Awajii Puppet Theater, that will perform at UMass on February 28. This theater is the cradle for all other Japanese theater forms. She will also discuss the National Acrobats of China who will perform on March 9, undertaking gravity-defying balancing acts and spine-bending contortions in stunts such as foot juggling and plate spinning.

New World Theater is a regional theater with a national reputation that serves to educate, enliven and empower a diverse broad-based audience. Andrea Asaf will introduce:

“I Land,” which will be presented on February 11, a hilarious, defiant and transcendent program in which a hula dancer searches for meaning in a post-modern world.

“Project 2050,” April 2, examines local and global issues in a high-energy, original performance that addresses issues of race, social equity and power as performers create a new future on stage.

“Americaville,” April 30, the last performance, is a cross-disciplinary bilingual exploration of what it means to be American in a post-9/11 world.

Please register on the attached sign-up sheet.

Contact person: Honoré David

SEUSSICAL

**Sunday, January 25 at 2:00 p.m.
Bowker Auditorium, University of Massachusetts**

Seussical is a musical production blending many of Dr. Seuss's stories. The story follows that of *Horton Hears a Who*, centering on Horton the Elephant's endeavors to protect the people of Whoville. It features a variety of other Seuss characters including Gertie, the one-feathered bird from *Yertle the Turtle*, Mayzie from *Horton Hatches an Egg*, the Mayor and Mrs. Mayor of Whoville, the Grinch, Cindy Lou Who and many others.

The Cat in the Hat is the host, emcee, and mischief maker, sometimes leaping into the action when needed. He invites the audience to explore with their imaginations and see what kinds of "thinks" are lurking there. This lively musical is fun for children and adults. It has had two United States national tours and has become a favorite for community theatres.

This production is presented by the Amherst Leisure Service Community Theatre. Bring your grandchildren and enjoy.

Date: Sunday, January 25, 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 for seniors and children.

Place: Bowker Auditorium, Stockbridge Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. A map showing Bowker and parking lots will be mailed to you with your tickets.

Parking: Not restricted on weekends.

Please register on the attached sign-up sheet.

Contact person: Mary Franks

THE MORTIMER RARE BOOK ROOM

**Thursday, February 5 OR Friday, February 6, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Third floor, Neilson Library, Smith College**

Martin Antonetti, Curator of Rare Books has offered to spend an hour or two with us in the Mortimer Rare Book Room in the Neilson Library at Smith College. This remarkable collection, all of it used regularly by Smith students and faculty, includes works from all periods, – cuneiform tablets to contemporary artists' books – in all subject areas, from ancient history to zoology. Two jewels of the collection are the literary papers of Virginia Woolf and Sylvia Plath. There are 80 incunabula – books printed before 1500. This story of how these books were printed is fascinating. Everything in the room is of compelling interest, and Martin's impressive knowledge and experience enhances every piece. He is also a talented teacher of such courses as The Art and History of the Book. He refers to his field as “the archeology of books.” For more information go to the website <http://www.smith.edu/libraries/libs/rarebook/>.

Last year's presentation took us up to the invention of the printing press. Martin will continue the story this year. Even if you missed last year's tour, this one is guaranteed to enthrall you.

Because so many of you were interested last year, we have scheduled two tours, one on Thursday, February 5, and one on Friday, February 6; each is limited to 15 people. There is no charge. The Mortimer Rare Book Room is located on the third floor of the Neilson Library. Free parking is available in the campus garage, and metered parking may be available on Green Street or in the Green Street lot.

Please register on the attached sign-up sheet.

Contact person: Laura Cranshaw

Winter Break Program Registration

Mail by December 10, 2008!

You will be sent an email or phoned reminder for each program.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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_____ people coming (LIR members only)

Computer Workshop

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_____ people coming

Critical Issues Facing Massachusetts In 2009

January 16, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Field House, Smith College
--You do not have to register for this program; this is just a reminder!--

Snowshoe & Ski at Notchview

Jan. 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Sheldon Field
_____ people coming
(Note: the \$8 per person fee will be collected at Notchview)

Arts of People of Color & Arts of Asia & the Middle East

Jan. 22, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Room 113, UMass Continuing Ed. Building, Hadley
_____ people coming

Seussical production

Jan. 25 at 2:00 p.m., Bowker Auditorium
_____ people coming at \$15 per senior or child \$ _____

The Mortimer Rare Book Room

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_____ people coming (LIR members only)
Feb. 6 at 10:00 a.m., Neilson Library, Smith College
_____ people coming (LIR members only)

total \$ _____

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