GREETINGS FROM BUSRFS

Winter-Spring NEWSLETTER 2019

You are receiving this Newsletter because you are a member of the Boston University Society of Retired Faculty and Staff (BUSRFS), which fosters the continued relationship of retirees with the University and supports their interests and needs. The BUSRFS Board of Directors has been meeting monthly to deal with issues of concern and interest to BUSRFS members.

The BUSRFS Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of the month.

PUBLICATIONS AND NOTICES In addition to this Newsletter you will be received issues of “Bostonia Extra” and of “BU for Retirees” to keep you aware of events and activities.

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This year’s Annual Retiree Luncheon, our 31st, will be held, in the Trustee Ballroom (1 Silber Way, 9th Floor) on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**. Our featured speaker will be Mary Ann Esposito, noted chef, cookbook writer, and creator/host of her own PBS cooking show, **“Ciao Italia with Mary Ann Esposito.”** To date, Mary Ann has authored thirteen cookbooks. The most recent (**Ciao Italia: My Lifelong Food Adventures in Italy**) was published last fall. First aired in 1989, her PBS show is the longest running cooking series in television history, now in its 27th season. A longtime member of the Boston University community, Mary Ann has taught in the BU/Metropolitan College Programs in Food & Wine for many years. In May, she will speak on the topic: “There is No Such Thing as Italian Food.” We are in for quite a treat!

*The Luncheon is a great occasion to reconnect with former colleagues and meet new friends. It will also include a brief Business Meeting. [Register here.](https://goo.gl/vxrmAL)*


**Retiree Hockey Game**

The BUSRFs, in a partnership with Athletics, was able to offer Society members free tickets to the January 11, 2019, University of New Hampshire – Boston University Men’s hockey game on a Friday evening at Agganis Arena. The 42 attendees saw an exciting game in which the BU Terriers jumped off to a 2-0 lead and the UNH Wildcats came back to tie up the game before the Terriers pumped in 3 more goals to win the game in the end, 5-2. Many retirees had not attended a game since leaving the University and had forgotten how exciting and enjoyable it was to watch a hockey game at Agganis Arena. The evening at the game also served as a convenient reunion for many former coworkers.

Athletics has agreed to sponsor another game for the Society in the 2019-2020 season. Announcements with details will be sent to all Society members as soon as available.
Visit to EPIC, (Engineering Product Innovation Center)

On February 20, 2019, the Director of the Center, Gerry Fine, conducted a tour of the 15000 square foot Boston University facility which contains up-to-date equipment for the prototyping, manufacturing and testing of products. The BUSRFS guests included members of retired administrative staff, science and the humanities. The facility which is designed to introduce Boston University students to hands-on prototyping and manufacturing can be also made available to other members of the Boston University community.

The facility, which is supported by many industrial establishments, contains robotic manufacturing, 3D printers, cad-cam, and much of the machinery expected in a modern machine shop. It also contains testing and prototyping facilities. The students, and occasional faculty, are guided in their projects by a large competent staff. Students come from engineering, the sciences, as well as the arts which are using the up to date technologies in the visual and audio productions. An excellent introduction to the Center can be accessed on http://www.bu.edu/eng/current-students/epic/. This is only one of several impressive manufacturing facilities at Boston University. Tours of other facilities can/will be arranged if enough interest is expressed by the BUSRFS members.

New BUSRFS Board of Directors member.

We want to welcome our new Board of Directors member William R. Keylor. A longtime member of the Boston University Community, he received his BA with honors in history from Stanford University and his MA and Ph.D in history from Columbia University. He is Professor of History and International Relations Emeritus and was founding Director of the International History Institute at Boston University, where he served as the Chairman of the Department of History from 1988 to 2000 and Acting Chair of the Department of International Relations in 2008. He is also the recipient of many national and international awards in his field.
Departures

We are sorry to report the departure from this world of two of our BUSRFS BOD members.

George Psathas George was a member of the Board of Directors for the BU BUSRFS, serving as its Vice President from 2001-2003 and President from 2004-2007. George passed away on November 15, 2018 at age 89. A BU Emeritus Professor of Sociology since retiring in 1997, A Memorial service will take place on April 14, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the First Unitarian Society of Newton, 1326 Washington St., West Newton, MA.

Natalie Jacobson McCracken, who, until her last month, attended the BUSRFS BOD meetings in her wheelchair. Natalie came to Boston University with her husband, Sam McCracken in 1974. In 1994 she became editor in chief of Boston University’s alumni and development publications, including “Bostonia”. She died on November 25, 2018 at the age of 83.

Grants Program

2019 Grant Program for Retired Faculty and Staff. It’s not too late to apply for support under the 2019 Grant Program of the BU Society of Retired Faculty and Staff. Any member of the BUSRFS can apply. Last year’s grants, of $500 each, included funds for travel to sites, conferences and the completion of projects. Submit your application here.

Upcoming Events.

Lunch and Learn with the BU Women’s Guild. The Boston University Women’s Guild has invited retirees and friends to join them for a Lunch and Learn with College of Fine Arts Professor Lynne Allen (“How Life and Art Coincide: A Discussion with Lynne Allen”) on Thursday, April 4 from noon to 1:45 pm. The occasion offers an opportunity to learn about Professor Allen’s fascinating printmaking career, spend some time with former colleagues, and become acquainted with the many ways that the Women’s Guild can help retirees stay connected with the University. Register here by March 25th.
The Boston University Metropolitan College Programs in Food & Wine have offered BU retirees and a guest discounted rates to three events this semester: (1) *Artisan Cheeses of the World with Ihsan Gurdal on March 21*, (2) *Creating Wine Style with Jacqueline Groeper and Chris Chisholm on April 9*, and (3) *France is a Feast: The Photographic Journey of Paul and Julia Child on April 10*. Space is limited for these memorable evenings, so register now by calling the Programs in Food & Wine Office. To register call 617-363-9852 and mention the code “RTS19”.

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We will try to keep you informed of further events and developments as they become available in a timely manner. We can be reached at retired@bu.edu.

Your BUSRFS Board of Directors