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From the President's Desk

We had a full contingent of participants, both online and in-person, at last Tuesday's Talk, a panel discussion led off by our long-time member Dick Pierson. Dick spoke of the many ways EPIC contributes to the lives of Columbia retirees. Thanks to Jo Shepherd, who is leading EPIC in the creation of its Speakers Registry; Lou Cleveland, who is cataloging various campus-wide facilities that can help to create and maintain electronic records of our academic lives; and Alice Newton, Deputy Director of University Seminars, for participating in the panel. Virtually everyone in the room and online took part in the discussion, and the meeting really accomplished one of EPIC's main goals: intellectual and social fellowship. It was also fun – and that's not bad!

Fran Pritchett, a University Seminar enthusiast, described how much she enjoys the Seminars, so we asked her to give us some of her thoughts on this subject for this issue of the newsletter.

EPIC doesn't have any meetings next week—it's Spring Break for the students—but we are still stretching and bending away in our weekly yoga class next Friday. Ginny is a great instructor—calm and competent. Do think about joining us.

Have a good day!

Jeanne Mager Stellman, President, EPIC
Professor Emerita & Special Lecturer
Mailman School of Public Health

Tuesday, March 21 **"An Illustrated History of** **Morningside Heights in the 1890's"**

Michael V. Susi, author of two postcard history books, *Columbia University and Morningside Heights* and *The Upper West Side*, will give an illustrated talk on Morningside Heights in the 1890's and the early development of Columbia University on the Heights via the remnants of the Bloomingdale Asylum for the Insane.



11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Faculty House, Seminar Room 2
Guests welcome!

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EPIC's Tuesday Talks are generally streamed

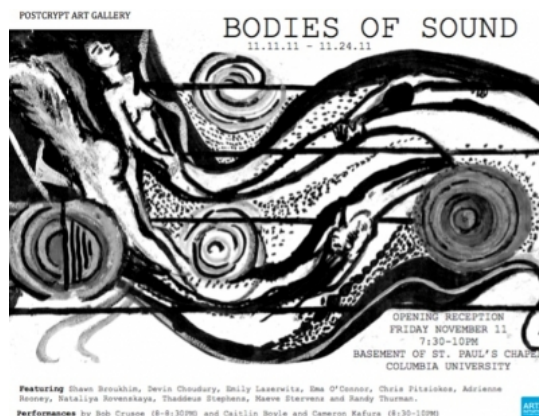
Tuesday Talks address topics across the academic spectrum as well as issues of particular importance to the retired academic community. Attendees can continue their discussions in the Faculty Club, at a special EPIC reduced rate.

online at
<https://columbia.adobeconnect.com/epic>.

If you need help getting connected, [click here for a useful guide](#) or [send us an email](#).

Thursday, April 6 "The Effect of Music-Movement Interactions on the Perception of Ballet: The Case of the *Rose Adagio*"

[Maeve Sterbenz](#), is a Ph.D. student in Music Theory at Columbia University, where she also did her undergraduate studies in music and physics. She is also a composer, working frequently (but not exclusively) in recorded sound and electronic music. She has studied composition and music theory with Tristan Murail, Brad Garton, Terry Pender, Joe Dubiel, Ellie Hisama, and David Cohen. Currently, Maeve's main compositional focus is her work as member of Auride Group, in which she collaborates with modern dancers. In both her music theory research and composition projects, Maeve is greatly interested in sound and the body, the interaction of technology with music making and listening, music and politics, feminist epistemologies, movement analysis, and the subjective and diverse nature of listening experiences. Maeve also teaches undergraduate music classes at Columbia, and she serves as a member of the editorial board for the Columbia Music Department's Peer Review Journal, *Current Musicology*.



12:15 - 2:00 p.m.
**Ward H. Dennis Room
602 Lewisohn Hall
Guests welcome!**

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Complimentary lunch provided

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First Thursday Graduate Student Talks are scheduled on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. They provide advanced Ph.D. candidates and recent graduates an opportunity to make a generalist presentation on their research to a cross-disciplinary audience ready to listen carefully and ask good questions. EPIC members help give the Ph.D. students a useful learning experience and at the same time learn about something that may be well beyond their own scholarly interests.

Staying Connected: University Seminars

Found a connection for your intellectual interests that you'd like to share? [Share with EPIC](#)

The [University Seminars](#), which meet at Faculty House, are a great and uniquely Columbian resource. There are dozens of them, and they are specifically intended as places of informal, intellectually serious interaction for Columbia faculty, faculty from other colleges and universities in the area, serious independent scholars, and (nowadays) grad students as well. [Click here for the current list](#).

In my experience, most of the seminars are quite hospitable. When I retired, I emailed the rapporteurs of some interesting-looking ones, identified myself as a retired CU professor, and asked if I could be on their mailing list. Almost all of them readily agreed. Nowadays I attend some of the meetings of half a dozen seminars, with much pleasure and profit.

meeting usually goes on for about an hour and a half. In the beginning, if you're a real outsider to the field, it's of course good to behave a bit quietly and unobtrusively. But most of the seminars are small enough so that if you attend fairly often you will get to know some of the main participants and will come to feel comfortable and accepted among them.

Most of the seminars also feature a group dinner either before or after the meeting. These dinners cost \$30, payable by check only, and must be booked with the rapporteur in advance. But they are entirely optional; rarely does everybody who attends the seminar also attend the dinner.

The only down side is that almost all of the seminars meet in the evening, so if you live

The different seminars have different collective cultures and personalities, but most of them feature a talk by a scholar in the field, followed by a Q&A that often includes vigorous discussion. The whole

at a distance you might not enjoy the commute. But if you live in the CU area, just take a look at the rich smorgasbord of seminar topics, and try sampling a few.

*[Fran Pritchett](#)
Professor Emerita
Middle Eastern, South Asian,
and African Studies*

Join EPIC Yoga Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Virginia Papaioannou, Professor of Genetics and Development and a registered yoga instructor, is offering yoga training to EPIC members **in Faculty House** (see signs in lobby for exact room location). The first class will be complimentary. After the first class, the fee will be \$40 for four classes, one per week, through May 26, 2017. [Please click here for more information about the classes, what to wear, and what to bring.](#) **Spring sessions: 3/17, 3/24, 4/7 and 4/24; and 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, and 5/26.**



Greet Spring calmer, more balanced,
more flexible....

Join us Friday mornings, 10 AM
At the Faculty House for
Yoga

Mixed level, beginners especially welcome. If you have never experienced the benefits of Yoga, this may be just what is needed for relaxation and rejuvenation of mind and body to live with equanimity

Taught by Ginny Papaioannou, registered teacher with the
Yoga Alliance Registry

Professor of Genetics & Development, CUMC



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Save the Date!



Annual Reception May 9, 2017

Save the date for the annual reception for retired faculty hosted by Provost John Coatsworth and EPIC. The reception will be held in Faculty House from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

On EPIC's Horizon

Tuesday Talk

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Faculty House

April 25: Julia Doe, Assistant Professor of Historical Musicology: "The Pastoral Patronage of Marie Antoinette."

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