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From the President's Desk

Our Tuesday Talk series took off with a stellar presentation by Professor Emerita Lynne Sagalyn about the power politics of reconstructing Ground Zero-World Trade Center. It's not often that you find yourself sitting at the edge of your seat in a talk about real estate. Thank you Lynne!

On Thursday we will go from the merely stellar to the dazzlingly interstellar with a presentation on the magnetic Milky Way by <u>Dr. Susan Clark</u>, a recent <u>Columbia astrophysics graduate now at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies</u>. This is the first talk in our Intergenerational Scholars series, now being curated by Professor Emeritus Dan Thys. This talk promises to be both fascinating and visually beautiful. Please let us know if you are coming so that we can plan the lunch properly.

As usual EPIC yoga, led by Professor Emerita Ginny Papaioannou, continues on Thursday mornings with two session options, mat or "gentle"/beginner chair format. You can have a workout in Faculty House and then make your way to Lewisohn for lunch and intellectual stimulation. Hope to see you at one of EPIC's events.

Have a good day.

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

Thursday, February 1 "The Magnetic Milky Way"

Join us for the first in the spring series of First Thursday Graduate Scholar Talks.

Susan E. Clark, Ph.D., Astrophysics, Columbia University 2017; Hubble Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study will discuss her research.

Dr. Clark studies magnetic fields, magnetohydrodynamic processes, and the interstellar medium. She tackles these complex systems with a combination of observation, simulation, and analytic theory.

First Thursday Graduate Scholar Talks take place the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. The talks provide young scholars 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



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

Guests welcome!

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A sandwich lunch is provided. RSVP to insure an appropriate catering order.

RSVP

Tuesday, February 6 "Execution by Lethal Injection"

Dr. Mark J. Heath, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, studies the interface between dinical anesthesiology and the drugs and techniques used in lethal injection. In his research, he has interviewed executioners, wardens, physicians, nurses and death row prisoners; inspected 10 lethal facilities; and provided legislative testimony in multiple states and the United Kingdom House of Lords. He serves as an expert witness on behalf of condemned prisoners facing execution by lethal injection.

In a recent opinion piece in *The Guardian*, Heath writes, "Oklahoma and other states should not be executing prisoners with midazolam; they should not proceed in the absence of qualified medical practitioners; they should only use FDA-approved drugs, and they should abandon the barbaric, outmoded and unnecessary use of chemical paralysis – even if just to be in compliance with the laws governing veterinary euthanasia. All of these conditions are readily achievable and, if they were to adhere to them, it would be difficult to mount an effective or realistic criticism of their current execution practices. The public and the courts could then return their attention to the more important questions and debate surrounding the death penalty enterprise, and those who support it, those who oppose it and those who adjudicate it could perhaps then focus and unite to achieve their shared goal of ensuring that innocent and mentally incompetent victims of the complex, time- and resource-intensive and imperfect death penalty institution are reliably and meaningfully protected from unjust governmentimposed deprivation of liberty and life.



(U.K.)Department of Corrections official Scott Crow talks behind the newly renovated death chamber at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary during a media tour of the facility in McAlester. Photo: Sue Ogrocki/AP; The Guardian

Please dick here to Dr. Heath's op-ed.

After the talk, we continue discussion in the Faculty House Dining Room at the EPIC discounted price.

RSVP to let us know if you will join for lunch.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Faculty House, Seminar Room 1

Guests welcome!

Please click here for map

RSVP

Tuesday, February 20 "Rethinking Rural Health Care Delivery: A Nigerian Diaspora-Town Union Partnership"

Dr. Ferdinand Ofodile, Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery, will share experience and insights from the Nnobi USA Diaspora Health Group.

Dr. Ofodile, who hails from Nnobi, Nigeria, conceived the initiative to address the long neglected health care situation in Nnobi, a town in Idemili Local government area of Anambra State. The free health fairs and screening offered by the group across Nnobi has benefited over 1000 people. Out of that number, 607 were treated on the spot, 280 for malaria, 290 for high blood pressure and 37 for diabetes.

In the summer of 2017, friends and supporters donated over \$11,000 to support the initiative. The fundraiser was part of the 2017 Nnobi Union North America's convention held at Adria Hotel in New York City.



Nnobi USA Diaspora Health Group Screening Site. Photo: Dr. Ferdinand Ofodile.

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12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Faculty House, Seminar Room 1

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EPIC Yoga Spring Schedule

Professor Emerita Virginia Papaioannou, a registered teacher with the Yoga Alliance, continues to lead EPIC Yoga Thursdays in Faculty House in the Spring 2018 semester.

No prior experience is required to join. Yoga can benefit people at all levels of physical training and health, but it is always wise to consult with a physician before undertaking any new exercise regime. Modifications will be offered to any participants with specific limitations arising from recovery from injury, arthritis, limited movement, or other causes.

Two one-hour dasses are offered each week.

The 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. class practices breathing techniques and moves through some basic yoga poses, concentrating on alignment, balance, and flexibility. Those with experience move more deeply into the poses.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., we practice gentle/chair yoga, which is ideal for those of more limited mobility or flexibility. Classes include breathing, stretching, and yoga poses, done either seated in a chair or standing. No yoga mats are required for this class.

Please see the EPIC events calendar for schedule details.

For more information, see the EPIC website or email Lalla Grimes.

On the Horizon

<u>Please see the EPIC Calendar of Events</u> for further details about Spring 2018 programs.

EPIC Conversation

March 6

Victor Navasky, Publisher Emeritus of The Nation, in Conversation with Professor Michael Rosenthal

Tuesday Talks

March 20

Professor Dickson Despommier
"The Vertical Farm: Feeding the World in the 21st Century"

April 10

Professor Justin Golub
"How Age-Related Hearing Loss Affects the Brain"

April 24

Professor Sunil K. Agrawal Lecture and Tour: Robotics and Rehabilitation (RoAR) Lab, Columbia University

First Thursday Graduate Scholar Talks

March 1

Nicole Thompson, Ph.D.Candidate, Department of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology "The Fitness Benefits of Social Connection over the Lifespan of Blue Monkeys"

April 5

Michelle Van Tieghem, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Psychology: "Neurobehavioral Predictors of Risk and Resilience following Early Adversity"

Social Media Workshop

March 27

Annual Reception

May 8