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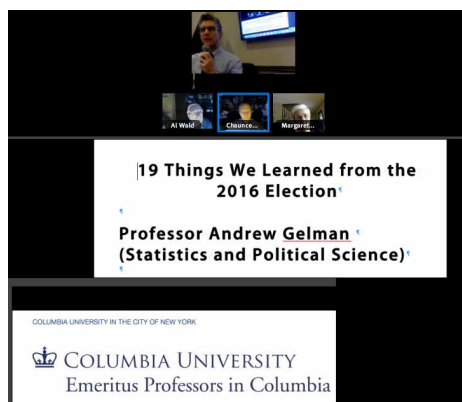
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EPIC News and Events

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From the President's Desk

January 24 was a great day for EPIC! We successfully launched online streaming of our seminars. Chauncey Olinger, Al Wald, and Frank Wolf joined from various points in NY, and Jo Shepherd was on board from Minnesota. The screenshot below, taken from the recording, shows online participants listening to Andrew Gelman's talk. (Frank joined the meeting without a camera.) Our online attendees were able to ask questions and be fully engaged in the meeting. (It was a little nerve-wracking for me, dealing with all the electronic bells and whistles and substituting the camera at the last minute, but all went well!) Everyone in Faculty House and online thoroughly appreciated the huge potential this software has for keeping us connected and active.



So – if you are interested in our next meeting on February 7, but can't make it to Faculty House, please make sure to [contact us to set up an appointment](#) to learn the system **before** the 7th. It only requires a few minutes and is easy to learn.

Thursday, February 2, we launch our first Graduate Student talk of the Spring semester. We hope some of you will be able to join us for a complimentary luncheon and discussion. We are also working on finalizing space and meeting times for our forthcoming yoga series to be given by geneticist and yoga instructor Prof Ginny Papaioannou – so watch this space for more information and [drop us a line if you are interested in limbering up and improving your health](#).

Have a good day!

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

Thursday, February 2
"Geology, History, and Native
Americans
in Sarah Orne Jewett's Fiction"

[Vesna Kuiken](#), Ph.D., Department of English and Comparative Literature kicks off the Spring 2017 First Thursdays Graduate Student Talk series on February 2.

Dr. Kuiken defended her dissertation, *Active Enchantments: Form, Nature and Politics in American Literature*, in 2015.

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.



12:15-2:00 p.m.

Ward H. Dennis Room
602 Lewisohn Hall

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Complimentary lunch provided

Guests welcome.

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Tuesday, February 7 "Revolution in U.S.-Russia Relations?"

[Timothy Frye](#), Marshall D. Shulman Professor of Post-Soviet Foreign Policy, and Chair of the Department of Political Science, will discuss current questions about the U.S.-Russia relationship. Frye and other experts observe that what we are seeing and hearing in the early days of the Trump administration may portend a fundamental reorientation in U.S.-Russia relations. What is the Trump administration proposing vis-a-vis Russia, and how likely are the administration's proposals to be realized? Professor Frye has addressed such questions recently in [Salon](#) and on [NY1](#). Please join us for expert analysis on this issue of international significance.

Alternate Tuesday Talks address topics across the academic spectrum as well as issues of particular importance to the retired academic community.



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

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Complimentary Buffet Lunch
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On EPIC's Horizon

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

February 21: Eric Heyer, M.D., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology and Neuroscience, "Can Statins Protect against Cognitive Loss after Surgery?"

March 7: Richard N. Pierson, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Clinical Medicine, and guest panel: "How Can Emeriti Contribute to the Students and Faculty of Columbia Now?"

First Thursday Graduate Student Talks
12:15 - 2:00 p.m., 602 Lewisohn Hall

March 2: Natalie Brito, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Sackler Institute Parent-Infant Project (CUMC), "Early Environmental Experience and Neurocognitive Development"

April 6: Maeve Sterbenz, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Music: "The Effect of Music-Movement Interactions on the Perception of Ballet–The Case of the "Rose Adagio" in Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty.

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