From the President's Desk

This week, Caitlin Hawke, Senior Science and Strategy Officer for Columbia's Aging Center at the Mailman School of Public Health, talked to us about the Bloomingdale Aging in Place (BAiP) project, a truly astonishing peer-to-peer community organization with more than 1100 adult members, approximately half of whom are seriously engaged in at least one of its activities. All members must reside in the area bordered by W. 96th – W. 110th, Riverside Dr. and CPW. If you visit their website you will find an array of activities and services that are running seamlessly in an organization with no paid staff! Not only did Caitlin present a number of interesting ideas for activities that might be adaptable to EPIC, but several EPIC members are already thinking through research projects that ought to be done on this group!

EPIC is scheduling Spring Semester Tuesday Talks. If you are interested in giving a seminar or have a topic or speaker that you would like to suggest, please email us as soon as possible.

Finally, in case you missed the 2012 video interview with John Glenn on today's New York Times website, take a few minutes to watch it: http://nyti.ms/2hqvplU - an inspiring epitaph and a wonderful example of successful aging.

Have a good day!

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

Tuesday Talk and Holiday Luncheon
December 20

Professor of Historical Musicology Susan Boynton will demonstrate and discuss the unique Art Humanities/Music Humanities section that she and her colleague, Professor Brad Garton piloted at Columbia's Reid Hall campus in Paris in Summer 2015.

Professor Boynton teaches a course in the history of western music, middle ages to baroque. While at the Columbia Global Center in Paris, she participated in teaching music and art humanities as parallel and contemporary courses and she drew on her extensive knowledge of the visual arts to make connections between works of music and what students were seeing in Paris.

The course is being offered for the second time on the Morningside campus in the current semester.

Alternate 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.

Guests are welcome.
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Faculty House Seminar Room 2
(Please click here for map.)

Social Relations Across the Lifespan:
The Long and Winding Road
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1-2:30 p.m.

The Robert N. Butler Columbia Aging Center presents a talk by Dr. Toni C. Antonucci (University of Michigan) December 13. Dr. Antonucci will present select findings from the Social Relations and Health study, a three wave twenty-three year study of people aged 8 to 93 at wave 1. Implications for policy and practice will be considered.

Dr. Antonucci's research focuses on social relations and health across the lifespan among individuals and families across generations. She is particularly interested in how social relations optimize or jeopardize an individual's ability to face life's challenges.

Please click here for more detail.

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First Thursdays in Spring

Save the dates for spring semester First Thursdays Graduate Student talks.

February 2
"Geology, History, and Native Americans in Sarah Orne Jewett's Fiction"
Verna Kuiken, Ph.D. candidate
Department of English and Comparative Literature

March 2
“Early Environmental Experience and Neurocognitive Development”
Dr. Natalie Britto, Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Neuroscience, Columbia University Medical Center

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

Locations to be announced

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