# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY Emeritus Professors in Columbia

## **EPIC News**

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### From the President's Desk

The first snow of the season has arrived–but it will certainly be deared by Tuesday so that you can join EPIC at its annual holiday luncheon, when we will have the delightful opportunity to listen to Walter Frisch, H. Harold Gumm/Harry and Albert von Tilzer Professor of Music, talk about his widely acclaimed multimedia book *Over the Rainbow*. (Five copies will be offered as door prizes.) RVSP and join us Tuesday for excellent food, company and a stimulating talk.

We had a full house at our monthly Intergenerational Scholars Talk by Megan Todd, a postdoc at the Aging Center, Mailman School of Public Health. Later that same day another young researcher, Dr. Dan Belsky, Duke University, presented his work to the Department of Epidemiology on a similar quest for identifying definitive biomarkers of aging and their relationship to earlier life experiences, especially with regard to social disparities. It is interesting to see how much research on aging is now taking place at the molecular level. It's given me a good deal of food for thought about future directions and priorities. (Incidentally, my knees seem to be doing a great job of serving as a personal bio-indicator of aging!) We look forward to further fruitful collaboration with the Aging Center.

We're working on finalizing the calendar for the spring semester and are also putting together subcommittees to work on development, advocacy, space and membership. If you are interested in working on building EPIC, let us know.

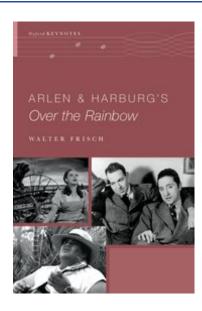
Have a good day.

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

## Tuesday, 12/12: "Somewhere over the Rainbow"

Walter Frisch, H. Harold Gumm/Harry and Albert von Tilzer Professor of Music, will lead a multimedia discussion of his new book, *Over the Rainbow*.

From the Publisher: Frisch "traces the history of Arlen and Harburg's song from its inception during the development of The Wizard of Oz screenplay to its various reinterpretations over the course of the twentieth century. Through analysis of the song's music and lyrics, this Oxford Keynotesvolume provides a dose reading of the piece while examining the evolution of its meaning as it traversed widely varying cultural contexts. From its adoption as a jazz standard by generations of pianists, to its contribution to Judy Garland's role as a gay icon, to its re-emergence as a chart-topping recording by Hawaiian singer Israel Kamakawiwo'ole, "Over the Rainbow" continues to engage audiences and performers alike in surprising ways. The book is accompanied by Featuring a



12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

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companion website with audio and video supplements, this book leaves no path unexplored as it succeeds in capturing the extent of this song's impact on the world."

Please dick here to read more from the <u>Columbia</u> <u>Record</u>

Guests welcome!

Please click here for map

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## **EPIC Opportunities with Double Discovery**

Since 1965, Columbia has operated a program called "Double Discovery" that helps local high school students from less privileged backgrounds prepare for college.

Now in its 52nd year, the Double Discovery Center has flourished in making college access a reality for more than 15,000 alumni. By providing services such as one-to-one advising, workshops, homework help, tutoring, academic classes, internships, college trips, and special events ranging from career days to science labs, DDC's students are showing great results.

Annually, ninety percent of DDC high school seniors graduate from high school on time and enter college the following fall semester–far surpassing city, state and national outcomes for low-income, first-generation college-bound and minority students.

Currently the program draws volunteers primarily from the Columbia undergraduate population. We are trying to create a productive way in which EPIC members can effectively participate as tutors and mentors. If this is something you might be interested in, please let us know and we can get the process started.

Please dick here to learn more about the Double Discovery Center.

Links to additional volunteer opportunities are available on the EPIC website.

## On the Horizon

The Spring 2018 semester is around the corner, and we are finalizing programs for EPIC members. Mark your calendar!

Event details can always be found on our website.

#### First Thursday Graduate Scholar Talks:

February 1: "The Magnetic Milky Way," Susan E. Clark, Ph.D. 2017 (Astrophysics); Hubble Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study

March 1: "The Fitness Benefits of Social Connection over the Lifespan of Blue Monkeys," Nicole Thompson, Ph.D. candidate, Department of E∞logy, Evolution and Environmental Biology

April 5: "Neurobehavioral Predictors of Risk and Resilience following Early Adversity," Michelle Van Tieghem, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Psychology

## Alternate Tuesday Talks

January 23

February 6

February 20

March 6

March 20

April 10

April 24

#### March 27: Social Media Workshop

For those curious about Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and other social media, a presentation and workshop with support for opening and using accounts

#### May 8: Annual Reception