Many thanks to Eric Heyer (Emeritus Professor of Anesthesiology and Neurology and Special Research Scientist) for sharing his important work on the role of statins in preventing post-operative cognitive loss after carotid artery surgery. In addition to its intrinsic interest, the talk was a wonderful example of how to effectively present technical information in one field to a sophisticated group of listeners from other fields. That's one of the things I enjoy most about EPIC Tuesday Talks - the opportunity to explore beyond my normal interests in the company of extremely interesting and knowledgeable people.

This week we will host our monthly First Thursday Graduate Student talk series where we meet young Columbia scholars in the dissertation or post-doctoral phase of their careers. School of Professional Studies Dean Emeritus Frank Wolf does a wonderful job curating this series for EPIC. Join us for this Thursday's talk by post-doc Natalie Brito (see below) and for a complimentary buffet sandwich lunch. Please RSVP if you plan to come so that we can cater appropriately.

Have a good day!

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

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**Thursday, March 2**

"Early Environmental Experience and Neurocognitive Development"

The March First Thursday speaker is Natalie Brito, Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Sackler Institute Parent-Infant Project at Columbia University Medical Center.

Dr. Brito received the Ph.D. in Psychology with a concentration in Human Development and Public Policy from Georgetown University. She has published work on learning from media, parent-child interactions within juvenile justice facilities, and how early experience with multiple languages influences memory during infancy. Her current research interests center on how early environmental variations shape the trajectory of cognitive development. She is especially interested in drawing connections between her dissertation work in memory and bilingualism with research into socioeconomic disparities.

First Thursday Graduate Student Talks are scheduled on the first Thursday of each month 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.
Ward H. Dennis Room
602 Lewisohn Hall
Guests welcome!
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.

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

Start the year 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 face the coming year with equanimity.

Taught by Ginny Papaioannou, registered teacher with the Yoga Alliance Registry, Professor of Genetics & Development, CUMC

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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.
Annual Reception May 9, 2017

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

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March 7: Richard N. Pierson, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Clinical Medicine, and guest panel: "Staying Connected: Opportunities to Participate in the Life of the University in the Retirement Years"

March 21: Eli Noam, Paul Garrett Professor of Public Policy and Business Responsibility and Director, Columbia Institute for Tele-Information, Columbia Business School

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

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