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## Emeritus Professors in Columbia

### EPIC News and Events

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#### *From the President's Desk*

EPIC is rolling on. Our membership rolls have more than doubled and we intend to keep growing and offering new programs. If you haven't renewed or joined, you can do it online at the membership page on our website. Reminder: Tuesday, **September 12** is our annual membership meeting. Please [RSVP](#) and come to vote on the charter revision, the new steering committee, and to give us your input and share a brunch buffet. Continental breakfast will be provided and lunch buffet in the Faculty House Dining Room is available afterward. (EPIC members receive a discount in the Dining Room.) EPIC can only prosper with active member participation. Carolyn Greenberg, for one, is taking the initiative on a new EPIC music endeavor. Please read her note below.

I hope that you have marked your calendars for EPIC's **September 26** luncheon meeting to welcome Columbia's new retirees and to be entertained by famed magician Sebastian, (aka Professor Emeritus Bernard Berofsky, Philosophy). We can all use a bit of good cheer. [RSVP so that we can arrange appropriate catering.](#)

Recently I've spent too much time on television news, first drawn by non-stop Washington shenanigans, and now to follow devastating storms. I reminded myself that in 1974, we finally succumbed to purchasing a second small TV set for the kitchen counter, in order to watch the *Today* show and catch up on Watergate before work. It's hard to imagine that now, in this world of information (and noise) overload. The problems and events, themselves, however, are distressingly similar. Finally, on a personal note – [how about dicking here](#) to wish me and my husband (Professor Steven Stellman, Epidemiology) a happy Golden Anniversary! I'm working on gathering data for a 4<sup>th</sup> law of thermodynamics which posits that the energy of good wishes is somehow greater than the energy of tough news.

Have a good day.

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

## Annual Meeting Tuesday September 12

Please join us for the EPIC annual meeting September 12, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Presidential Room 1 at Faculty House. Election of EPIC officers and steering committee members will take place.

Continental breakfast will be provided.

[Please click here to view the agenda.](#)

[Please click here for the list of nominees for election.](#)

RSVP

## EPIC Musicians and Music Lovers: Let's play!

*A note from Professor Emerita Carolyn Greenberg*

Music is a means of bringing us together for enjoyment and friendship. Because many EPIC members have a special love of music, we are undertaking a new music initiative for members and their families, both instrumentalists and vocalists. We would like to plan both periodic and ongoing sessions, perhaps performing for EPIC members at a recital or at the annual reception. We are also interested in re-invigorating our collaboration with the Columbia Music Department and Columbia student music groups. Another goal is for us to develop a system for publicizing and attending musical events together, at Columbia and elsewhere. We will explore working with the Columbia Arts Initiative to obtain group tickets to certain performances.

If you are interested in working on growing the EPIC music initiative, please contact me at [cpg2@columbia.edu](mailto:cpg2@columbia.edu) with your name, your instrument/vocalist, and your comments or suggestions. We will plan an initial gathering at my Manhattan apartment in the early Fall semester, to meet one another and to exchange information and ideas.

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## New Member Reception Sept. 26

All are invited to welcome newly retired faculty to EPIC at a lunch buffet Tuesday, September 26. Entertainment provided by Professor Emeritus Bernard Berofsky (Philosophy), a.k.a. Sebastian.

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Faculty House  
Garden Room 2

[Please click here for directions.](#)

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## First Thursday Graduate Scholar Talk October 5

EPIC's first First Thursday Graduate Scholar Talk of the year will be presented by Kunal S. Sachdeva, Ph.D. candidate in Columbia Business School, on the subject "Linking the Wealth and Longevity Gap: Evidence from the Life Settlement Market"

More information about [First Thursday Graduate Scholar Talks](#) and the [full schedule of Fall 2017 talks](#) is available on our website.

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

[Please click here for map](#)

Complimentary lunch provided

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