

**OBSERVER
JANUARY 27, 2020**

Welcome to the New Semester!

FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

General Membership Meeting

- Friday, February 14, 1-3PM. Theresa Lang, 55 W 13 St., Room 202

Please come to hear the latest news and stay for the reception to see old friends and make new ones. New members are especially welcome.

Data on Study Groups

All study groups this semester meet at SLU, 25 West 43rd Street. Classes are on the 18th floor Monday through Thursday and on the 18th and 19th floors on Friday. Room assignments will be posted by the elevators on the 18th floor. The lounge area is on the 19th floor—much better than the hallways on 18!

Also, here for the second and final time are the end dates for this semester, listing the day the class meets, the 12-week end date, followed by the 13-week one. Wednesday study groups have the latest end dates because the spring break includes two Wednesdays.

Monday: April 27; May 4
Tuesday: April 21; April 28
Wednesday: May 6; May 13
Thursday: April 30; May 7
Friday: April 24; May 1

We will also have off Lincoln's Birthday (February 12) as well as President's Day (February 17).

New Member Integration Committee Starts Work

As you know from the GMM announcement in December, the Advisory Board has established a New Member Integration Committee to continue and expand the work of Jane Case Einbender, Ruth Mackaman, and David Grogan, who have planned and conducted the orientation sessions for new members over many years. Jane, who has completed her term, and Ruth are moving on to other responsibilities; David will continue for the remaining year of his term. The new members of the committee are Carol Borelli, Richard Resnik, Susan Rubens, and Doris Wallace. They start work now to plan the next orientation sessions and to continue to implement and develop recommendations from the Advisory Board, Town Hall meetings, and individuals to make orientation a rich, varied year-long effort to integrate new members into the IRP community. The Board looks forward to the new committee's plans and innovations. If you have ideas or suggestions, please talk to one of the committee members.

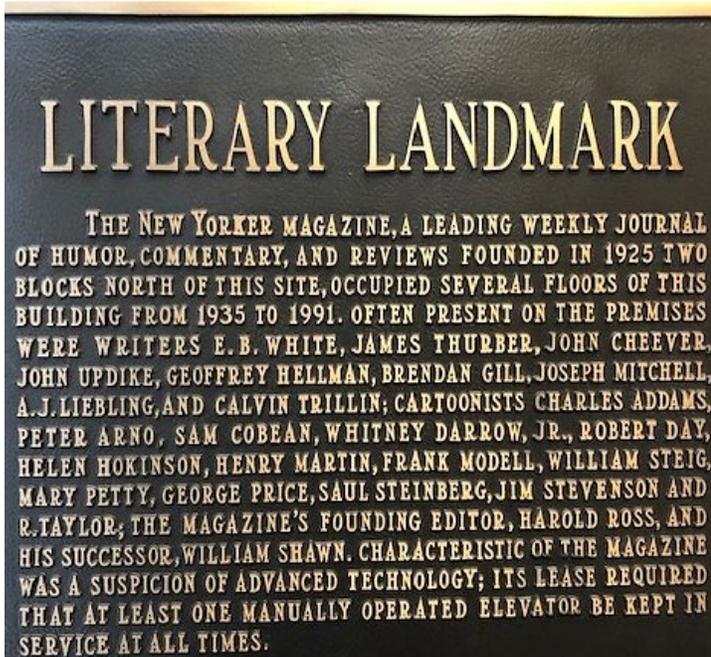
Relationship with CUNY

Negotiations continue to proceed in a positive direction. The IRP negotiating team has been invited to lunch with the Graduate Center's top leadership—the current President, Provost, Associate

Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs—as well as with our negotiating partners—the Dean and Program Director of GC’s Academic Initiatives and Strategic Innovation Division—to, in the words of the Program Director, “build the relationship with ...the GC community in a ...robust and comprehensive way.” We will keep you updated, of course.

Our New Building

To follow up on last week’s account of our building and its storied 18th and 19th floors, here is a picture of the plaque describing the association with the *New Yorker*, courtesy of Linda Anstendig and Linda Gottlieb. Check it out.



EVENTS

Thinking About Coordinating But Want Assistance?

Bring your ideas to the Curriculum Committee’s **LET’S GET STARTED** Workshop held at SLU on:

- Monday, February 24, 1:15-3PM, Room 18A
OR

- Wednesday, February 26, 3-4:45PM, Room 18A

Whether you have just the germ of an idea or one that is almost fully developed, this workshop is for you. We will work together to support the development of your ideas, suggest resources, help you to find a co-coordinator (if you want one) and answer your questions about the study group proposal process.

RSVP to Adam at irp@newschool.edu or 212-229-5682.

Information Sessions Coming Up; Please Spread the Word

The Admissions Committee will hold information sessions at SLU for potential new IRP members on:

- Friday February 28, 1:30PM, and
- Wednesday April 22, 3:15PM

Now is the time to reach out to people you think may be interested in joining the IRP. We are seeking to broaden our membership with qualified applicants who will reflect the diversity of our city. If you know such individuals, please tell them that they can arrange to attend one of the information sessions by calling the office or by sending an email to Adam.

ArtSig

Tour Winter Antiques Show

- Where: Park Avenue Armory, 68th Street and Park Avenue
- When: Wednesday, January 29, 3:45PM (meet at 3:40 at ticket desk with coats checked)
- Cost: Tour is free but admission to show is \$30

Join us on our annual tour of the Winter Antiques Show. Our leader, Alice McAdams, an antiques dealer and appraiser

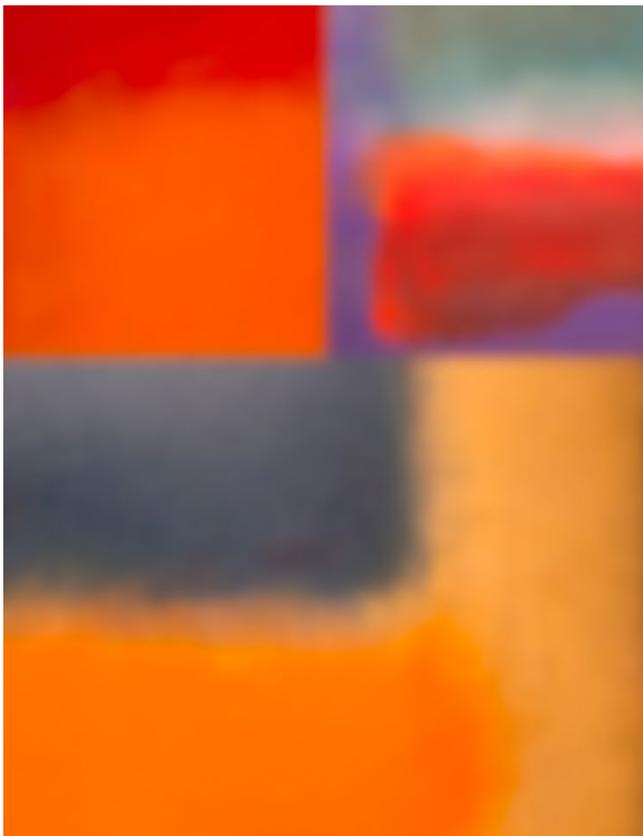
herself, will introduce us to dealers who will talk about the objects on display in their booths. It's your chance to ask questions and hear the stories about museum-quality antiques. To sign up, email Dick Kossoff at: chemkos@aol.com. For questions, email Carol Millsom at: carolmillsom35@gmail.com.

And Save the Date for these Upcoming ArtSig Events.

- February 18, 3:30PM, The new Brant Foundation exhibition, (thanks to Nancy Small for making the arrangements)
- March 17, 3:30PM, Agnes Denes at the Hudson Yards "Shed"

Online Art Show

Gerald Reisner provides the fourth contribution to our online art show.



Ode to Rothko, by Gerald Reisner

According to Gerald:

"After viewing Rothko's paintings at The Phillips Collection in Washington, DC, I was motivated to create a photo composition of various details of several paintings. I originally created the Ode to Rothko. In trying to imitate the style of Rothko I then blurred the photo, to get the final result."

Out of Town Travel

Road Scholar Best of Portugal

10 Days, May 30-June 8. The start date for the first trip was listed incorrectly in last week's *Observer*. For details, check the link below or call 1-800-454-5768. If you are interested, please email Bob Gerace at rgerace234@yahoo.com. [Click here](#) to learn more.

OPPORTUNITIES

Diversity/Outreach

The Diversity/Outreach Committee is seeking new members to help fulfill its progressive vision of a more vibrant and diverse community at the IRP. If you believe that interacting with members of different races, creeds, ethnic backgrounds, and walks of life will enhance our academic and social experience; if you have a diverse group of friends and colleagues whom you can invite to join us; if you are a member of a professional organization with a multi-racial membership you can reach out to; if you simply think it is time for our community to be more relevant to the year 2020, we are interested in meeting you! Your participation may determine the future of the IRP.

Interested persons should send an email to Doris Wallace at dwally44@aol.com by February 10.

A New Outlook!

Thanks to everyone for your enthusiastic response to the first edition of *Outlook*, our new IRP newsletter. We're now preparing the spring 2020 issue—and you can be part of the team. Here's how:

- Letters to The Editors: Send us your comments, and we'll print as many as we can.
- We Were There: A new feature for members who attended seminal events of the past, such as Woodstock, Altamont, the Martin Luther King "I Have A Dream Speech," an early Beatles concert, any of the marches against the war, or for women's or gay rights. You get the idea. If you, indeed, were there, please tell us about it.

Contact the editors, Pat and Audrey at irpnewsletters@gmail.com

LunchMate

The Community Building Committee, chaired by Jan Adler, is asking us once again to help strengthen our communal

bonds and our knowledge of a new neighborhood by making dates for lunch with members new to the IRP or new to you, during this spring semester. Feedback from the effort last semester was quite positive, so try it, or try it with someone else. If you have other ideas about the focus of this committee, email Jan Adler at: adlerjan@optonline.net.

Meet Our New Members, Spring 2020

At the orientation session on Friday the 24th, Jane, Ruth and David took the 11 new members in attendance through the basics of the IRP; Susan Belkin and Sue Goldman reminded the new members to contact their mentors with any questions and either of them with any problems; Doris Wallace emphasized our commitment to diversity; and Harold, Eileen, and Carol Groneman represented the Executive Committee and Advisory Board. Thanks to photographer Peter Houts and writer Leslie Davis, brief bios and photos of the 11 new members can be found on pages 5-7. Also, see a group shot of the new members below.





DAN KASLOW. Tufts U., BS; NYU, MBA. Has an independent marketing firm specializing in strategy and research and a studio offering painting classes to seniors. Has volunteered with many nonprofits focusing on the arts and nature conservancy. Has traveled to more than 50 countries and 46 states.

RICHARD ZUCKERMAN. U. of Michigan, BA; U. of California, JD. Was a labor lawyer in San Francisco. Volunteered by helping students with reading. Facilitated a Proust reading group in California and founded another one after moving to New York. Is interested in philosophy and politics.



DEBORAH BROWN. U. of Illinois; Loyola U. Was an associate client partner at Korn Ferry, an organizational consulting firm. Has been a mentor for veterans returning to work. Canvassed for both Obama campaigns and the Clinton presidential campaign. Is an avid reader, draws and paints and has traveled internationally.

RICHARD BING. U. of Pennsylvania, BA; Tufts U., MA, PhD in political science. Was vice president for public administration and development and an associate provost at NYU. Is longtime president of his coop board. Is interested in the development of outer space, the ocean floor and Antarctica.



BEVERLY WINSTON. Institute for the Study of Psychotherapy; Wurzweiler School of Social Work, MSW; NYU, PhD in social work. Was a psychotherapist and social worker. Volunteered at the Flatbush Development Corp., the Flatbush food co-op and at Harlem Hospital after 911. Is the wife of IRP member Arnold Winston.



ROGER BAUMBERGER. Dartmouth, BA; NYU, MBA. Was senior managing director of Stern/Aegis Ventures. Was a director of the NYU Alumni Association and president of the NYU Business Forum. Is interested in the philosophy and books of Ayn Rand. Is the husband of IRP member Anne-Marie Bourbon.

MICHAEL SERRILL. Penn State, BA; Columbia, MS in Journalism. Was a foreign editor for many years and was an assistant managing editor for Bloomberg News. Traveled very extensively internationally and was president of the Overseas Press Club. Is a World War II buff and enjoys watching sports.



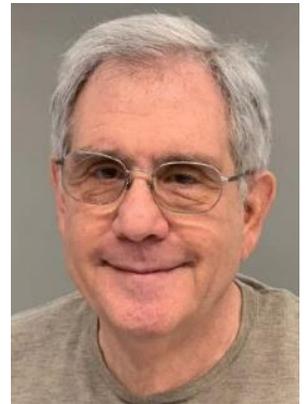
ERIC ZIMILES. U. of Rochester, BA; UC-Berkeley, MA; Harvard, MA. Was an assistant commissioner of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Is interested in urban development and has given tours of less-known sites around the city. Other interests include history, bicycling and squash.

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ELISSA WILLIAMS. Brooklyn College, BA; NYU, MA, PhD in American studies. Was a management consultant in the computer field. Volunteered for My Own Book and the Transition Network and as an English tutor. Does choral singing and is a member of a ukulele group. Is interested in African literature.

HOWARD MILLER. U. of Michigan, BS, MD. Was a psychiatrist in Dallas. Volunteers at a homeless shelter and was on the board of a Jewish counseling service in Dallas. Has traveled widely, plays bridge and likes camping and canoeing. Organized and leads a political philosophy discussion group.



JOHN SELEY. U. of Pennsylvania, BA, PhD in urban and regional planning. Is retiring as a CUNY professor. Was a senior advisor to the NYC fire commissioner. Is working on a project on emergency response. Is an avid photographer and is interested in maps and politics.
