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Berkshire Institute for Lifetime Learning

Fall 2006

A Fabulous Fall 2006 Semester

Join us for a spectacular array of courses from September 11 through November 9. Indulge yourself—\$100 allows you to take as many courses as you like! Several special interest seminars and two evening courses have been planned. For your convenience, classes will be held in various venues throughout Berkshire County. See the catalog for complete details or visit our website at www.BerkshireBILL.org.

SEPTEMBER 11–NOVEMBER 9

ARTS

The Many Faces of Art: IS183 — Seminar
Perspectives on 20th Century Music

LITERATURE

Harlem Renaissance
Modern American Literature — Seminar
The Mystery Novel: From Poe to the Present
Creative Autobiographical Writing — Seminar

SCIENCE

Perspectives on Evolution: All You Ever Wanted to Know About Evolution and the Nature of Human Nature
Pushing the Frontiers of Science

SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Trial System: From the Inside
How Public Policy Affects Emerging Science and Our Lives
The Many Paths to Health
Cotton and Race in America (1787–1930): Money, Morals and Economic Growth
Crucial Elections of 2006 — Evening
Shakespeare and the Law: The First Thing We Do, Let's Praise All the Lawyers
The Middle Ages
Age Smart®/Age Happy
The History of U.S. Expansion
Nation Building: Japanese Politics Past and Present
Today's Headlines
The Conduct of the Civil War — Evening

Drivers and Riders Wanted!

Do you need a ride to a BILL course? Can you drive someone to a course? Please let us know by either e-mailing the BILL office at BILL@berkshirecc.edu or calling 413 499 4660 ext. 456. We will try our very best to arrange a ride for you with someone in your area who is taking the same course. Look forward to seeing you in class.

Dates to Save

AUGUST 25 AND 28: Berkshire Opera — *Madama Butterfly*, BCC

September 15: Keystone Arch Bridges, Chester, MA (Hike)

October 4–6: Fall Finger Lake Sampler (Bus Trip – 2 nights)

Winter Reminder

If you are leaving the Berkshires for the winter, please let the BILL office know your temporary forwarding address (with dates). Call the BILL office at 499-4660 Ext. 456, or send an e-mail to BILL@berkshirecc.edu.

BILL Photo Contest



PRIZE: The winning photo will be on the cover of the Winter 2007 catalog and the winner will receive a 1-year free membership to BILL.

THEME: Berkshire area winter scene

SPECS: Digital format (jpeg, tiff, bmp), 3.2 mega-pixels or greater

DEADLINE: September 15, 2006

SUBMIT: E-mail attach photos to Bob.Desrosiers@Gmail.com

Visit www.BerkshireBILL.org for further details.

President's Message

Welcome to another beautiful Berkshire fall season and to our newly elected officers and Board members. We are grateful to Mary Grant, President of MCLA, for a wonderful address at our Convocation in June. Congratulations to Nancy McIntire, our Williams College liaison, who recently retired as Assistant to the President of Williams College and who has supported BILL from its inception. Welcome to Jo Proctor, Media Director at Williams, who was named by President Morton Schapiro as BILL's new liaison.

The stunning picture on the cover of the fall semester catalog is the forerunner of a full makeover of the public image of BILL. Inside is the most exciting curriculum we have ever offered. The Curriculum Committee members and Chair Arthur Sherman, along with the Catalog Committee, did a truly outstanding job.

Our logo, BILLBOARD masthead and stationery have all changed. The marketing effort is in full swing, and over time, you should notice a much greater presence of BILL in Berkshire County and surrounding communities. Funding for these and future efforts derives solely from the work of the Development Committee and is completely outside of our normal budgetary program.

It is clear that membership recruitment based on word of mouth communication is increasingly less effective, and we need to reach out to the very large population that has, surprisingly, never heard of BILL. They include many either fully or partially retired baby boomers who are moving to the Berkshires.

We are diligently working to address the needs of all our members as reflected in the survey taken last year. You will note an expanded program of stimulating evening courses, a varied program of special lectures and seminars and fabulous special events.

The budgetary efforts made last year both to increase income and reduce expenses have proved fruitful. It is with great pleasure that we have announced a reduction in dues from \$60 to \$50. The course fee structure has also been changed to encourage the taking of additional courses.

You can help us reduce costs further by doing BILL business and obtaining all information you need about programs, schedules, events and courses from the BILL web site www.BerkshireBILL.org—a site developed by our Information Systems Committee under Bob Desrosiers with enormous creative input from Dick Degenhardt.

And so we begin another fiscal year. There is much to do. The officers, the Board and the committees are all working very hard to make BILL strong, imaginative, attractive and a wonderful place to meet friends and continue quality lifelong learning. Won't you join us?



Convocation 2006

BILL members braved a heavy rain to attend this year's Convocation at Berkshire Community College. Mary Grant, President of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA), recounted a brief history of the college and gave an overview of its goals, projects and programs.

Pointing out that "learning to think creatively and critically" allows students to apply their intellectual skills in any area, Dr. Grant detailed how students are "joining self and service" by applying their MCLA experience both locally and globally. She noted that Senator Edward Kennedy, the 2006 commencement speaker, had been particularly impressed by the quality of the college's community service projects.

Stressing that higher education is "critically important," Dr. Grant stated that building partnerships with other institutions is a top priority for MCLA. These initiatives have included expanding relations with local colleges, encouraging exploratory visits by area high schools and creating an alliance with MASS MoCA. Joining with the Berkshire Compact for Higher Education has also increased the potential for MCLA's economic impact.

"We're in the business of creating hope," Dr. Grant concluded, and "not just for the 18 year olds." Her account of a recent 82-year-old graduate emphasized the message that MCLA offers exciting opportunities to anyone committed to learning.

— Carolyn Fabricant

Scandinavia

Join BILL members for a two-week trip to Scandinavia in late May 2007. The group will be touring Sweden, Norway and Denmark. There will be time to explore cities like Stockholm and, of course, view the awe-inspiring scenery. Full details will be available in August. For all interested in being in on the fun, please contact us, the Extended Travel Committee, via e-mail: GRMY1@aol.com.



BILL 2005 – 2006 Volunteers

BILL's strength and vitality comes from its corps of active, committed volunteers—the people who plan courses, special events, special projects, recruit lecturers, keep our membership growing, help in the office, publicize our activities, communicate with our members, supervise class arrangements, provide leadership and pitch in wherever help is needed. These are the men and women, 196 strong, who gave BILL their time, energy, creativity and skill during the past year. We hope we included everyone. They are our engine and our fuel, and we give them our thanks.

Elaine Andersen	Helen Fink	Judy Keshner	Margaret Poutasse
Stanley Applebaum*	Andrew Fisher	Larry Klein	Helen Radin
Howard Arkans*	Maureen Flanagan	Alvin Knoll	Stephen Radin
Sue Arkans	Marilyn Flaum	Philip Knowles	Morris Raker
Norman Avnet*	Paul Flaum*	John Koffel	Michel Richard
Stephanie Beling*	Doris Fleisher	Judith Korostoff	Charlene Rosen
Walter Bemak	Roz Forman	James Kraft*	Suzanne Rosen
Joyce Boschen	Rose Foster	Margo Krupp	Francine Rubenstein
Arline Breskin	William Fox*	Bobbee LaCascia	Ken Rubenstein
John Brooks*	Joanna Fribush	Lucille Leamon	Walter Rubenstein
Ilse Browner	Carol Fryd	John Leavey	Lenore Rubin
Frank Bruder	Patricia Gazouleas	Norma Leavey	Carol Sabot
Robert Burke	Michael Geller	Mark Lefenfeld	Herbert Sandick
Donald Calman*	Joe Gerard	Augusta Leibowitz	Audrey Schlanger
Helene Calman*	Arline Gilbert	Lois Lenehan	Martin Schlanger
George Carey*	Ron Gilbert	Dolores Lerman	Myrna Schneiderman
Peri Caverly	Roz Goldstein	Kitty Levitan	Ernest Schnesel
Robert Chandler*	Howard Gorham	Phil Lewis	Laurie Schwartz
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Marina Coletsos	Anne Harrison	Joan McFalls	Helen-Mary Shaffer
Janet Cook	Barbara Hartman	Bob McNerney	Florence Shapiro
James Cotter*	Mark Hartman	Bernard Mehl	Shirley Shapiro
Judy Cromwell	Martha Hathaway	Florence Mehl	Art Sherman
Nancy Crosson	George Haus*	Herb Messinger	Mona Sherman
Virginia Davis	Joanne Hayes	Irene Messinger	Claudia Shuster
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			Julie Weiss
			Joseph Wheelock, Jr.*
			Dick Whitehead*
			Evelyn Zwerner

**Lecturer BILL Member*

Say Hello to BILL's Officers

Mona Sherman, President

Our dynamic president, Mona Sherman, has worked diligently for BILL through the years as Curriculum Committee Chair, First Vice President and Special Projects Committee Chair. Her Distinguished Speaker Series is a highlight of the organization. The fashion industry in New York City was Mona's training ground for successful leadership. She was a senior marketer and merchandise executive with major companies.

Stephen Radin, First Vice President

Stephen Radin accepted the first vice presidency after only a short time with BILL. He taught part time at several New York City colleges and authored many books and articles on computer technology. Steve ended his New York City career as Program Administrator for the Board of Education. Since retirement, he has volunteered in town government, not-for-profit organizations and, most recently, Shakespeare & Co.



Joe Gerard, Stephen Radin, Phyllis Epstein, Mona Sherman, Norman Michaels

Phyllis Epstein, Second Vice President

Phyllis Epstein will serve as BILL's Second Vice President. She moved from a career as an elementary teacher with an M.A. in Special Education and Reading to the market research industry where she founded a focus group facility. During her 25 years in that profession, she headed up many associations and guest lectured frequently. Her expertise will help assess the needs of the ever changing BILL population.

Joe Gerard, Secretary

The distinguished gentleman making speakers feel comfortable is Joe Gerard, BILL's Secretary and Class Management Committee Chair. He

retired from the Air Force as a Colonel after 30 years of service. While in the military, Joe served at many levels of command in the communications/electronics field. He volunteers for Elder Services, Habitat for Humanity and ushers at Tanglewood.

Norman Michaels, Treasurer

Norman Michaels advises BILL on its finances as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. BILL is fortunate to have a person with his credentials and experience. Norman has specialized in taxes and business consulting in the market research and health care professions for over 40 years. He taught at CUNY and NYU and has lectured widely. He is dedicated to the Berkshire Opera Company where he serves as Treasurer and acting Board Chair.

If there is one commonality among our officers, it is their commitment to serving their community. We can be proud of all of them.

— Marilyn Flaum

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