RFSC Schedule for Fall 2018
(email reminders with details will be sent before each event)

August 23, 2018 (Thurs.) Halsey Institute: “On the Trail of John James Audubon”
Join us at the CofC Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art at 1:00 for a guided tour of the exhibit “The Image Hunter: On the Trail of John James Audubon.” The Italian artist Hitnes retraced the travels of John James Audubon and created works that reflect and comment on Audubon’s experiences. The CofC Foundation owns a complete set of Audubon’s Birds of America, one of only 120 intact copies. The four folios rotate on display in the Addlestone Library’s Special Collection. RSVP to Jill Conway at Conwayj@cofc.edu by August 16.
http://halsey.cofc.edu/main-exhibitions/the-image-hunter-on-the-trail-of-john-james-audubon/

October 9, 2018 (Tues.) International Travel Discussion, 12:00
Are you interested in international travel programs? Are you willing to “coordinate” a travel trip to your favorite destination? Potential trips include Royal Britain (Amy McCandless, Coordinator), Cuba (Kay Smith, Coordinator) and Estonia (Sue Sommer-Kresse, Coordinator). Also, retirees may audit student travel courses offered through the Center for International Education. Help us plan a RFSC travel program. Bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided. RSVP to Amy McCandless (Mccandlessa@cofc.edu). Addleston Library, room 227.

October 9, 2018 (Tues.) Book Discussion: 2018 College Reads Selection, 1:00
Join Dr. Renard Harris, CofC’s Chief Diversity Officer, for a discussion of this year’s College Reads selection, The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas. “Thomas’s novel reflects important contemporary conversations about race, justice, and identity.” Copies of the novel are available free of charge for our members at the CofC North Campus and at the Office of Academic Experience on the main campus. A reading guide may be accessed from the CofC home page. Here do a search for “College Reads.” The discussion will take place at 1:00 at the Addlestone Library, room 227.
Angie Thomas will be on campus to give a presentation about The Hate You Give on October 15 at 7:00 at the Sottile Theater. This event is free and open to the public.

October 25, 2018 (Thursday) CofC Volleyball game
Join the retired faculty/staff to watch the highly successful CofC women’s volleyball team coached by Jason Kepner as the team plays James Madison University at 7:00 at the T.D. Area, John Kresse court. Additional details will be emailed with the invitation.

December 4, 2018 (Tuesday) Holiday Party
President’s House, 6 Glebe Street, 5:30-7:30
An invitation will be sent.
Libby and I are still in Charleston. With our kids, and now our grandkids, living here, why live anywhere else? I like being called Papa or Papa Mick.

What am I doing? Well so far, time seems to be shared between reading books for pleasure, occasional projects I dream up that are compelling and absorbing, and projects that crop up by pure chance. Anything else is covered by the category “miscellaneous.”

Amongst the dreamed-up projects was the writing of two books. One is Random Tales of a College Math Professor, Over-Easy, on Wry a collection of stories about personal experiences, mostly humorous, some a little wacky, from expert witnessing, consulting, teaching, and about how probability (think fluke events) impacted someone’s life in a very direct way. My career was kind enough to provide many interesting experiences to write about. For example, one story in the book is about how the solving of a geometry problem (what position was the body in when the bullet went through her head?) convinced the Charleston Police Department that a death was a homicide rather than a suicide. Another is about having collected and analyzed data to show that wrestlers at a weigh-in can make a scale register less than their true weight – temporarily – if they stand on their heads before they step on the scale. The Mathematical Association of America gave the book a nice review. In the spirit of poets who do poetry readings, I have done readings from the book at Truman State University, Walla Walla University, C of C, the Academic Magnet High School, the James Island Senior Center, the Mount Pleasant Senior Center, and the Charleston VA Hospital.

The other book I’ve written is the result of having read many mysteries since retirement and concluding that I could write one myself. To create a believable setting, I drew upon a familiar area: Academe. The Death of the Professor is the result. It has produced some nice reader reviews on Amazon.

An example of a project that cropped up by pure chance was serving as an expert witness in statistics in a case that involved questions about whether a prosecutor’s choices for strikes of individuals from jury pools indicated racial bias. After testifying in court, the feeling of still being relevant in statistics was good for the soul.

Also I recently wrote a collection of short stories about humorous experiences from my days as a high school and college wrestling referee and as a high school wrestler, stories too memorable to not write down. It was written primarily for family and friends because, at a mere 20+ pages, there was not enough for a book. If anyone is interested about the kinds of curious interactions that can occur between athletes, coaches and officials, contact me at nortonr@cofc.edu and I will be happy to send you a copy.
Find our Website

From the CofC home page, search for “retired faculty staff”
Click on the first link listed.
Here you will find a list of benefits, events, photographs, and an option to contact us.

Our webpage is still under construction, but some information is available now.
Recent Retirees

Peggy Ashby – President’s House
Abdellatif Attafi - French
Michael (Mike) Auerbach – School of Science & Math
Thomas (Tom) Baginski – German
William (Bill) Barfield – Health & Human Performance
Diane Bowers – Academic Advising
Linda Bradley-McKee – Accounting & Legal Studies
Timothy (Tim) Coates – History
Roland Craft – Physical Plant
Karen Hakim-Butt – Health & Human Services
Jill Conway – Honors Center
Patsy Cowden – Arboretum Grounds
James (Jim) Deavor – Chemistry
Michael England—Mathematics
Doug Friedman – Political Science
Sherry Gadsden – Library
Otto German – Athletics
Marke Grimsley—Public Safety
Michael Haga – School of the Arts
Tom Heeney – Communication
Harland Hodges – Management & Marketing
Shulamit (Shula) Holtz – Center for Student Learning
Deborah Jeter – Mathematics
Katherine Johnston-Thom - Mathematics
Philip (Phil) Jos – Political Science
Rena Lankford - History
Red Lewis – Physical Plant
Deanna McBroom – Music
Glenn McConnell - President
June McDaniel – Religious Studies
Debra (Debbi) McQueeney – Institutional Advancement
Ben Miehe – Physical Plant
Martha Nabors – Teacher Ed.
Kathryn Norton – School of the Arts
Marie Oleksiak - Theatre
Bernard (Bernie) Powers – History
John Rashford – Sociology & Anthropology
Terry Richardson – Physics & Astronomy
William (Glenn) Riecken – Marketing & Comm.
Paula Ruth – Institutional Advancement
Kathy Schwalbe – School of EHHP
Fred Smalls – Custodial Services
Teresa Smith – Multicultural Student Programs
Kirk Stone – Communication
Patricia (Trish) Ward – English
James Williams - Library
In Memoriam

Timothy (Tim) Carmichael, History
Fred Daniels, Sr. VP for Executive Administration
Blanche Stutts Dennis, Parking Operations
Thomas (Steve) Gibson, Center for Student Learning
Robyn Holman, French
David Leibowitz, Mathematics
Nancy Santos, Marketing & Communication staff
Daniel Shoemaker, Athletic staff
Daphne Wheeler, Payroll staff

Amy McCandless on Walter Edgar's Journal

In August, Walter Edgar's Journal on SC Public Radio focuses on WW I and its impact on SC. Amy McCandless, professor emerita of history, at the CofC discusses SC Women during the War. You can hear the discussion on Friday, August 4 at noon on 89.3 and on Sunday, August 5 at 4:00 on 89.9

“Press Help Key” Victorious in Spring CofC Faculty-Staff Bowling League.

Led by outstanding bowlers Hugh “ball explorer” Haynsworth and Mick “pin crusher” Norton, your bowling team won the cherished Golden Pin in the CofC Spring 2018 league. Other bowlers on our team included recently retired undergraduates spending a gap year doing research before going to graduate school (Cam “smasher” Twitty and Mike “intimidator” Hollerbach), and some current faculty (Rich Lavrich, Jay Forsyth, and Jenn Fox in Chemistry); along with retiree/team captain Rick Heldrich and his wife Cindy. Bowling starts again in October of 2018 and all retired faculty/staff/spouses are invited to give it a try, even if only for one time: our team motto is: “patera pro fun, non victoriam”. If you are interested in joining the bowling team, contact Rick Heldrich at heldrichr@cofc.edu.

Thanks!

The Retired Faculty / Staff Council wishes to thank the College of Charleston for its continued support: the president, the provost, the deans, the department heads, Human Resources, the Athletic program, the Cougar Club, the Faculty House Staff, the Office of Academic Experience, and Institutional Advancement. We encourage you, our retired colleagues, to remember the College of Charleston and your favorite programs as you make your annual donations.

David Cohen  Andrew Lewis  Sue Sommer-Kresse  Charles Kaiser
Sylvia Gamboa  Kay Smith  Amy McCandless  Jill Conway