RFSC Schedule for Fall 2019

(Email reminders with details to RSVP will be sent before each event.)

September 23, 2019 (Mon.) Book Discussion: 2019 College Reads Selection
Join us at the CofC North Campus from 1:30-3:00 in room 234 for a discussion led by Gibbs Knotts (interim Dean of HSS) of Rising Out of Hatred by Pulitzer Prize winning author Eli Saslow. The book is a compelling story about a young white nationalist who confronts his misguided ideas while attending college. See the last page of this newsletter for additional information. Free copies are available at the CofC North Campus office on the first floor and at the Academic Experience office on the first floor of Randolph Hall, room 110. RSVP to Jill Conway by Sept. 15, 2019 at conwayj@cofc.edu. A reminder will be emailed.

October xx, 2019 ( ) Charleston and Earthquakes TBA

November 6, 2019 (Wed.) Halsey Institute: Guided Tour
Please join us on November 6 at 1:30, for a guided tour of the Halsey Institute’s fall exhibits which will feature the work of Katrina Andry and Colin Quashie. The exhibit “Over There and Here Is Me and Me,” by Katrina Andry “probes the power structures of race-based stereotypes... exploring the stereotypes that engender gentrification. Using printmaking and installation, she creates visceral images that beckon viewers to examine their own preconceived notions of society. As Charleston’s neighborhoods are rapidly changing in multifarious ways, this exhibition will provide a springboard for community-wide conversations on gentrification.” Colin Quashie’s exhibit, “Linked” “creates images that comment on contemporary racial stereotypes. Combining historical relics and artifacts with icons from past and present popular culture, Quashie sharply critiques the way people of color are portrayed in modern visual culture. Using his signature caustic wit, he blends images to allow viewers to more fully explore how images of African Americans and Black culture are constructed today.” A reminder will be emailed.
(http://halsey.cofc.edu/exhibitions/)

December 10, 2019 (Tuesday) Holiday Party: President’s House
Join us for the annual holiday reception on Tuesday, December 10. We will meet at 6 Glebe Street in the First Classroom on the lower level of the President’s home from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. President Andrew Tsu will provide a CofC update and share his vision for the College. An invitation will be sent.
My wife Pana and I celebrated my retirement from the College in May, 2010 with a wonderful week with family at a Sullivan’s Island beach house. Then Pana and I took my TERI payout and moved to California. We had spent a sabbatical year in Davis, California, and several summers in the San Francisco Bay Area. We liked it and settled in Santa Rosa in June, 2010. We loved many things about our life there, but felt ready a few years ago for a new adventure. We moved to Tucson, Arizona, in the spring of 2017, just six months before the terrible fires in Santa Rosa and Wine Country. Homes burned on our street and in our neighborhood, we grieved for our friends there, and felt fortunate to have moved before the fires.

We’re adjusting to living in the desert. Yes, it’s hot. We are closer to family and that’s been a blessing. Our older son and his wife live in Boulder, Colorado, and our younger son, his wife and two children live “just up the road” in Flagstaff. We see them all pretty often.

I’ve kept up my competitive swimming in retirement, with a highlight of my 30-year masters swimming career coming with my induction in 2017 into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame. In a nice coincidence, the 2017 Hall of Fame class also included the man who taught me backstroke when I was 8 years old - then a student at Ohio State and gold medalist in backstroke in the 1952 Olympics.

Pana and I are fortunate to have enjoyed some great travel in our retirement. We got to know and love the California coast, Yosemite and Tahoe. We’ve had road trips to the Tetons and Yellowstone (which included a visit with retirees Ned Hettinger and Bev Diamond in their Montana home). We’ve been to New Zealand, Greece, France, Italy, Switzerland. With our family we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in Croatia.
Congratulations to Bernie Powers

Congratulations to retired History professor Bernie Powers who serves on the International African American Museum (IAAM) board of directors. He will serve as the interim CEO of the museum beginning August 2, 2019. Museum officials anticipate a ground breaking later in 2019.

Congratulations to Andrew Lewis

Congratulations to retired professor Andrew Lewis who is presently interim Assistant Dean of the School of Education, Health, and Human Performance. Andrew will serve while Dean Fran Welch is interim Provost for the CofC.

Cougar Den, CcfC basketball game, January 2019

Jim and Carolyn Anderson, Baseball Game

Mark Long
Halsey Gallery tour

Robert Lewis, Jazz Concert

Sylvia & Joe Gamboa, John & Sally Newell
Jazz concert

Halsey Gallery Tour, January 2019

Susan Morrison
Baseball game

Conrad Festa
Baseball Game
Recent Retirees

Ronald Ashby, Custodial Services
Karen Berg, Hispanic Studies
Althea Brown, Admissions
Larry Craven, Physical Plant
PaSandra Dougans, Ctr. for Academic Perf.
Otto German, Athletics
Donald (Don) Griggs, Financial Affairs
Sabine Hagn-Ford, Italian
Deborah Hammond, President’s Office
Lee Irwin, Religious Studies
Deborah Jeter, Mathematics
Diane Johnson, Art History
Samuel (Sam) Jones, Budget and Payroll
Dee Dee Joyce, Sociology & Anthro.
John Kresse, Athletics
Trenita Manigault, Public Safety
John McDonald, Library
Anthony McKelvey, Maintenance
Richard Moss, Information Technology
Stephen (Steve) Osborne, President’s Off.
James Posey, Institutional Research
Martin (Marty) Perlmutter, Jewish Studies

Cynthia Whiteside, Physical Plant
Jeffrey (Jeff) Wragg, Physics
In Memoriam
Myrtle Gonza Glascoe, African-American History
John McCartney, Public Safety
Cicely McCray, Graduate School Office
Janice Okas, Institutional Advancement
Kevin Taylor, Patriot’s Point Grounds keeping
David Washington, Physical Plant

250th CofC Anniversary
The College of Charleston will celebrate its 250th anniversary beginning on January 30, 2020, Founder’s Day. Note the icon for the anniversary on the left. It is based on the Sottile clock and the time reads 2:50. The website is under construction now, but the history of the CofC is already available on the website for viewing: https://250.cofc.edu

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.

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  Charles Kaiser  Clara Hodges McFadden  Sue Sommer-Kress
Jill Conway  Andrew Lewis  Susan Morrison
Sylvia Gamboa  Amy McCandless  Kay Smith
**Information about *Rising Out of Hatred***

*Rising Out of Hatred* is the story of Derek Black. Derek is the son of Don Black, a former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and the founder of the first and largest neo-Nazi website, Stormfront. Derek’s mother, Chloe Hardin Black, is former Klan leader David Duke’s ex-wife, and David Duke is Derek’s godfather. When Derek was in grade school, his parents decided that the schools were becoming too focused on diversity, so they pulled him out to homeschool him. He frequently traveled with his father to white nationalist conventions and gatherings. By the time he was a teenager, he had developed a white nationalist website for children and started his own weekly radio show.

In 2010, Derek enrolled in New College: The Honors College of Florida and largely operated under the radar, continuing to broadcast his white nationalist radio show even as he befriended Hispanic and Jewish students. He was a very strong student, admired by his faculty and active on campus. He was studying abroad when his identity was uncovered and he was outed on an open-campus email forum. Students and university administrators struggled with how to react – should Derek be expelled? If so, on what grounds? Ultimately, the administration determined it could not remove him from campus. Derek elected to move off campus, but continued to take classes and interact with faculty and students in a number of ways. He also continued broadcasting his radio show.

Through his personal relationships with other students, Derek began to question his longstanding commitment to white nationalist beliefs. A large part of the book is about these close personal encounters (e.g., weekly Shabbat dinners, exchanges between Derek and his girlfriend Allison) and conversations designed to confront Derek with science and reputable scholarship. Derek’s friends were committed to demonstrating the harm his racism and hatred caused others. Ultimately, Derek renounced white nationalism but it was a struggle for him to do so because it meant renouncing his family as well. Don Black tried to convince Derek to return, particularly after Trump’s election in 2016.

The book provides an introduction to white nationalism, which has been the subject of continued public scrutiny and media attention. More importantly though, the book is about the transformative power of higher education, of going to college, and the value of developing close personal relationships with people whose beliefs differ from your own. Facts, research, and strong teaching in a liberal arts curriculum all matter in shaping and reshaping beliefs and opinions.

The author, Eli Saslow, is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and a staff writer for *The Washington Post*. Saslow first heard about Derek Black when he was working on a story about Dylann Roof, the white supremacist who in 2015 killed nine African-Americans parishioners at Emanuel AME Church two blocks from campus. Roof had spent a lot of time on Stormfront. When Saslow visited the site, he read many posts celebrating Roof and denouncing Black as a traitor to the movement. The book is based on personal conversations with Derek Black, his family, faculty and students at New College in Sarasota (FL), Derek’s friends at New College, and members of Stormfront. There are large portions of the book that reflect verbatim open forum exchanges between students at New College that we think students will find engaging.


I thank the members of the College Reads! Committee for their work in recommending this book for next year’s College Reads! Program. I hope many of you will join me and the members of the committee in reading this important work.

Brian McGee, Provost’s Office