ARA Spring 2014 Schedule

February 10 – Monday – General Meeting
February 17 – Monday – Term C Begins
March 14 – Friday – Term C Ends
March 17 – Monday – General Meeting
March 24 – Monday – Term D Begins
April 18 – Friday – Term D Ends
May 5 – Monday – Annual Meeting and Luncheon
May 10 – Saturday – Seacoast Lecture Series Event

General Meeting Information
MONDAY, February 10, 1:30 P.M. – Durham Evangelical Church. Join us for refreshments and time to socialize. A short business meeting will be followed by James Farrell, UNH Professor of Rhetoric, presenting a program on Public Education: John Adams & The New Hampshire Constitution.

Memorial Fund to Host Book Event
Join us on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Kittery Community Center as The Seacoast Memorial Lecture Series sponsors a program entitled “Mortal Dilemmas”. Physician-Ethicist Sheryl Buckley, MD will discuss issues highlighted in her book “Mortal Dilemmas: What You Need To Know about Dying before You Are Dying” including factors that make dying more difficult than in previous times, and what resources you can use to reflect your deepest values. This program is free and open to the public. Students Welcome – Bring a Friend!

We’re Listening and Trying Something New!
In response to comments on our recent member survey regarding a lack of program location diversity, the Kittery Community Center has been added as a venue this term. See page 4 for directions to KCC and all other locations.

Also, in response to requests for even more program diversity, two programs are being offered on Thursday A.M. and Friday P.M. in Term D.

Cultural Tours
Four Cultural Tours are scheduled for this spring. Destinations and details accompany this Schedule.

Forget to Renew your Membership?
The Board of Directors is offering a special reduced membership fee of $35 for renewing members who rejoin this fiscal year after January 1. Call Carol Caldwell, Membership Director, at 603-343-1004 for all the details.

Reminders
Morning Programs are scheduled from 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and Afternoon Programs from 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted in the Program Description.

Please wear your membership badge to all events!
An asterisk following a speaker’s or discussion leader’s name in the course listings indicates the person is a member of ARA.

Guest Policy. Subsequent to week one, members may bring guests for a fee of $2 per guest. Local guests may attend only one program session in each term. Guest fees should be paid to the on-site Program Coordinator.

Program Changes or Cancellations
Members will be notified, via e-mail, with up-to-date information re: program changes, cancellations, etc. but only if you have signed up for this service. Yellow e-mail registration cards are available at all General Meetings from the Membership Director.

Program sessions will be cancelled for weather-related conditions if the Oyster River School District cancels school. Members should check their e-mail if they've signed up for information updates, visit the web site at www.unh.edu/ara, listen to local radio stations or turn to WMUR Channel 9.

To get the most current updates to the ARA schedule of programs and activities, directions to program sites, information on special events and general announcements visit:

www.unh.edu/ara
Term C
February 17 – March 14

Monday A.M. ~ 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., Great Decisions, Durham Public Library and Kittery Community Center, Kittery, ME. Coordinators: Mary and Warren Roberge, (603) 875-2964, or nhmroberge1@metrocast.net. Discussion leaders: Group 1, Mary Roberge*; Group 2, Rotating Leaders; Group 3, Bob Ladd*. Using Great Decisions, the briefing book of the Foreign Policy Association, we explore the relations of several regions and issues crucial to U.S. international interests in peer-led discussion groups. The program continues in Term D with the same book. The approximate cost of the book will be $18.00; books will be available for pick-up at General Meeting on February 10, (exact cash or check, please), or at the first discussion meeting on February 17. New members, please contact Mary Roberge re: availability of Great Decisions books.

If you have not definitely ordered a book yet, please contact Mary Roberge no later than Sunday, January 26, preferably by phone at (603) 875-2964. If you wish to attend at the Kittery Community Center location, please let Mary know at the General Meeting when you pick up your book.

February 17 – Defense Technology – Peter Singer
February 24 – Israel and the U.S. – Seth Anziska
March 3 – Turkey’s Challenges – Lenore Martin
March 10 – Islamic Awakening – John P. Entelis

Monday P.M. ~ 1:30 P.M. ~ 3:00 P.M., Music With George, Durham Community Church. Coordinator: George Schmalz* (603) 905-9320 or gschmalz@gmail.com.


March 3 – Beethoven: Symphony #9 “Choral” (70 min/Color/Stereo). Beethoven’s music using Schillers’ ode “To Joy” in the 4th Movement.

March 10 – Smetana: Ma Vlast (My Fatherland) (82 min/Color/Stereo.) The Bavarian Symphony Orchestra, Rafael Kubelik, conductor.

Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. ~ Physical Fitness, Durham Recreation Center. Coordinator: Marie Conlon. Jennifer E. Merriam, a Certified Aerobics Instructor, will lead this program designed to improve flexibility, endurance and vitality.

Wednesday A.M. ~ Civil Rights and Wrongs, Durham Community Church. Coordinator: Carol Selsberg (207) 439-7957 or bsels@gmail.com, assisted by Deidre Prescott.

An examination of several controversial infringements of freedom at all governmental levels.

February 19 – Judicial Vacancies Hurt Who? Prof. Susan Siggelakis, specialist in Constitutional Law; the Judicial Process; Law and Society; and State Courts.

February 26 – Stand Whose Ground? Explore two different perspectives with a N.H. legislator and an area Chief of Police.

March 5 – Voter Fraud Fact vs. Fiction. Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap and NH Asst. Secretary of State, David Scanlan give us the “real” story.

March 12 – Media Reporting Responsibility. Deborah McDermott from the Portsmouth Herald.

Wednesday, P.M. – Animal Lovers and Others, Durham Community Church. Coordinators: Judith Custer (603) 743-3348 or custerpie@yahoo.com and Marge Colson (603) 740-4491.

Surprises from our Four-legged, Furry Friends!

February 19 – Moo-Ving Right Along. Take a field trip to the UNH Dairy Barns -- dress warm. Nancy Whitehouse, Supervisor of Laboratory Research, will take us on a tour of the barns, explain how cows are giant recycling centers, and address the role of the University in the area of agriculture and research. Parking is available at the barns.

February 26 – Four-Legged Therapists. Elaine Hersey, breeder of Skye Terriers, will bring some of her dogs, trained as therapy dogs, and will talk about breeding, raising, and showing purebreds and the satisfaction she experiences as she watches her dogs interact with patients.

March 5 – “Best in Show.” Come watch this hilarious docu-drama about well behaved dogs and their misbehaving owners, as they compete for “best in show.”

March 12 – Stay Tuned!

Thursday A.M. ~ Thursday A.M. ~ Who’s In Charge? Kittery Community Center, Kittery, ME. Coordinator: Carol Selsberg (207) 439-7957 or bsels@gmail.com. Election Spending, Security & Intelligence, Supreme Court & Democratized Economies.

February 20 – Citizens’ United Divided. Prominent activist, John Rauh, Founder of Americans for Campaign Reform tells all.

February 27 – Security & Intelligence. UNH Justiceworks leading Prof. Andrew MacPherson speaks on the timely and contentious issues of security and intelligence.

March 6 – Somewhat Supreme Court. Executive Director of the Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership and Public Policy, Prof. Erin Corcoran, shares her views on the country’s justice system.

March 13 – Democratized Economies. V.P. Tom Stone of the giant Cianbro Corp. will share the birth, growth and impact of the 64-year old 100% employee-owned and “Top 400 Contractors” award-winning company.

Thursday, P. M. ~ Whatever Happened to 60 Million Native Americans? Durham Community Church. Coordinator: Carol Selsberg (207) 439-7957 or bsels@gmail.com.

An eye-opening look at the history and current lives of our dwindling Native American culture.

February 20 – Who Were They and Where Did They Go? UNH Anthropologist Prof. Meghan Howey, famed course Director of “The Lost Campus: The Archaeology of UNH,” offers historical perspective on the first Americans.
February 27 – Abenaki & Penacook History & Presence. Tribal Chief (Sag8mo) Paul Pouliot reveals the current state of his culture in the region. Serving as Native American Indian Advisor to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, he was a member of the NH Commission of Native American Affairs.

March 6 – Racism and the Native American. Ernest Proper, pride of both Lakota and Miq'Mac, spokesman for his people and local Green Alliance activist.

March 13 – Where are We Now? Tribal Lawyer, Penobscot member, author and poet Sherri Mitchell, has advocated for Native American rights for over 20 years. She is Executive Director, Land Peace Foundation for protection of Indigenous Lands and Sacred Sites.

Friday, A.M. ~ Energy Choices: Do-Able or Don’t? Durham Community Church. Coordinators: Ed Schmidt 603 749-0442 or edwardjohnsr@aol.com and Carol Selsberg (207) 439-7957 or bcsels@gmail.com.

February 21 – Application of Fracking for Natural Resource Development. A discussion between David Wunsch, State Geologist, University of Delaware (former New Hampshire State Geologist) and Chris Faulkner, CEO, Breitling Oil and Gas Co.

February 28 – Transitional Energy. UNH Natural Resources Prof. John Carroll will share his published expertise on Food, Agriculture and Environmental Conservation in New England.

March 7 – Winds of Change: The End of Nuclear Power and the Rise of Sustainable Alternatives. Doug Boden, Program Mgr. with SEAREI (Seacoast Area Renewable Energy Initiative) will offer insights on the state of Nuclear Power and other changes in current energy sources.

March 14 – Renewable Energy by Ocean and Wind! Prof. Martin Wosnik will talk about his prize-winning research conducted as a Senior Flow Engineer, UNH Professor in Mechanical Engineering and Associate Director of the Center for Ocean Renewable Energy; and a researcher in Minnesota and Sweden.

Friday, A.M. ~ Meaningful Movies Lite, Durham Community Church (DCC) and Kittery Community Center (KCC). Coordinator: Carol Selsberg (207) 439-7957 or bcsels@gmail.com. Movies begin at 1 P.M.

February 21 – Billy Elliot at the DCC
February 28 – Calendar Girls at the DCC
March 7 – Finding Forrester at the KCC
March 14 – Pleasantville at the KCC

Term D
March 24 – April 18

Monday P.M. ~ 1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M., Music With George, Durham Community Church. Coordinator: George Schmalz* (603) 905-9320 or gfschmalz@gmail.com.

March 24 – Daniel Barenboim, Piano (86 min). The Liszt Recital from La Scala; Années de pèlerinage: Italie; Legendes; Aida: Danza sacra e dueto finale; Misericere du Trouvatore de Verdi; Rigoletto de Verdi.

March 31 – Invitation to the Dance, (97 min). Daniel Barenboim and the Berlin Philharmonic with a “POPS” concert of favorites.

April 7 – Great Piano Concertos, (75 min). Maurizio Pollini, Piano. Beethoven: Con. #3 and #5 “Emperor”.

April 14 – Vladimir Horowitz. The Last Romantic, (88 min). A close look at one of the great pianists of our time.

Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. ~ Physical Fitness, Durham Recreation Center. Coordinator: Marie Conlon. Continuation of program from Term C.

Wednesday A.M. ~ Defining Faith In A Changing World, Durham Community Church. Coordinator: Jean Shula* (603) 591-6533 or pjs@comcast.net.

How do you define Faith? Is there a difference between faith and belief? Is there a part of our humanness that science can’t extrapolate, dissect and mechanically explain?

March 26 – Defining Faith: Interactive Discussion.
April 2 – Secular Faith: a look at the many varieties of faith that are out there today, and the whys and hows.

April 9 – Science of the Brain and Faith.
April 16 – Changing Faith as We Age.

Wednesday P.M. ~ Lobby or Advocate, Curse or Voice? Durham Community Church. Coordinator: Carol Selsberg (207) 439-7957 or bcsels@gmail.com.

March 26 – The history, presence, future of the lobby. Nationally known for public opinion polling Director of NH Survey Center and Political Science Professor Andrew Smith.

April 2 – A lobbyist speaks. Presenter: James Demers, prominent NH Lobbyist and founder of The Demers Group with 35 years of legislative, political and regulatory experience.

April 9 – Advocacy for people with disabilities. Beth Dixon, from the NH Institute on Disability, will join us.

April 16 – Lobbies and Legislators. Former four-term NH Representative and three-term State Senator, Katie Wheeler* along with retired college President and two-term NH Legislator Dr. Wayne Burton will share experiences and opinions.

Thursday A.M. ~ At the ARA Bijou: Silents to Silence, Durham Community Church. Coordinator: David Draves* (603) 659-3390.

March 27 – Birth of a Nation: Part 2 (1915, 86 min). Civil War Reconstruction era’s effects on a southern town and family. The film’s most controversial part.

April 3 – Love Trap (1929, 71 min). The light society comedy form popular in all cinema eras. Here with a particularly fine scenario.
April 10 – Last Laugh (1925, 95 min). German: silent without subtitles. An Emil Jennings (The Blue Angel) tour de force.

April 17 – The Immigrant (1917); The Cure (1917); A Dog’s Life (1918); The Rink (1916) (92 min). Chaplin enters Ellis Island, exists on roller skates.

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Thursday P.M. ~ Photoshop Elements. Gillis Residence, 22 Trestle Way, Dover. Coordinator and Presenter: Meg Gillis* photoartnh@gmail.com.
Meg will teach a small group how to take their digital camera files from their camera to Photoshop Elements on their laptop. Participants will learn to retouch and edit their photography and prepare their photos for print or Web. Make every photo look its best with powerful options that take the work out of image editing using Photoshop Elements.
March 27, April 3, 10, 17

Special Requirements: Class size is limited to 5 and pre-registration is required at photoartnh@gmail.com and will be accepted on a first come/first served basis but no later than January 27. Participants will be required to bring a laptop running Adobe Photoshop Elements 10, 11 or 12.

Friday, A.M. ~ Is Everything All Right In Your All White Neighborhood? Durham Community Church. Coordinator: Carol Selsberg (207) 439-7957 or bcsels@gmail.com.
Diversity is necessary Everywhere and racism is Everyone’s business.
March 28 – Racism: Where is it and What is it today? UNH Women’s Studies and Dept. of Communications Prof. Carol Conaway.

April 4 – Bi-Racial Life on the Seacoast. Husband and wife and Co-Ministers at South Church Unitarian Universalist in Portsmouth, Lauren Smith and Chris Jablonski will share their experiences and perspective.

April 11 – Panel discussion including an ACLU Representative and other area diversity activists.
April 18 – ARA Town Meeting on Race and Racism. Michael O’Sullivan* will lead attendees in a discussion.

Friday P.M. ~ Play Reading, Durham Police Station, Durham. Coordinator: Don Clark* (603) 431-0051.
We’ll read and discuss plays by George Bernard Shaw and William Shakespeare. It’s informal and unrehearsed!
March 28 – “Androcles and The Lion” by George Bernard Shaw.
April 4 – “Don Juan in Hell” by G. B. Shaw.
April 18 – “The Merchant of Venice”, Part II.

Friday P.M. ~ Spring Hikes. Coordinators: Sam Hagner 603 868-7473 and Bob Hylan (603) 659-2422.
Meet at Durham Evangelical Church parking lot to car pool to destinations. For cancellations or changes, check your e-mail or call. To get on the hiker’s e-mail list, contact Bob at ump47@comcast.net.
March 28 – The Marginal Way, Ogunquit, ME. (1.5 miles, 1.5 hours). Even walkway. Out and back. Benches along the way. Walk the entire length or just part way and we’ll meet you on the walk back.
April 4 – Fort Foster, Kittery Point, ME. (1.5 miles, 1.5 hours.). Flat trail/dirt road. Both woods and seashore. Spectacular views!
April 11 – Wells National Estuarine Reserve, Wells, ME. (1.5 miles, 1.5 hours). Loop. Open fields, apple orchard, marsh, and beach.
June 25 – (Wednesday) Maudslay State Park Trail, Newburyport, MA. (1.5 mi, 1.5 hrs). Part bridle path, part hiking trail. Late season start to view the Rhododendrons. Borders Merrimack River. Worth the drive!

Directions to ARA Program Sites

Durham Evangelical Church, Route 108 between Durham and Dover. Please use the lower parking lot.
Durham Community Church, Main St. between the traffic light on Route 108 and downtown. Use the lower parking lot.
Durham Police Station: Route 108, Durham.
Durham Public Library: 49 Madbury Road, Durham. Go past the Community Church toward downtown Durham and turn right on Madbury Rd.
Kittery Community Center: 120 Rogers Rd., Route 236, Kittery, ME. Take I-95 N. Take Exit 2, ME-235 toward US-I/ Memorial Traffic Circle. Turn slight right onto ME-236 S. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Rogers Rd/ME 236. 120 Rogers Rd. is approximately ¼ mile on the left.
Gillis Residence, 22 Trestle Way, Dover – From Route 108, take Bellamy Rd, go approximately 1.0 mile. Turn left onto W Knox Marsh Rd. for approximately 0.2 mile, then left onto Trestle Way to #22.

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