

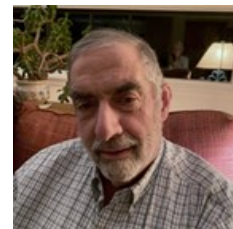


MARIST COLLEGE

Center for Lifetime Study

Chronicle

Summer 2021



Message from the President

As the summer months draw to a close, I want to welcome you to the beginning of the new academic year. The CLS Council and the Curriculum Committee have worked diligently, to provide you with interesting programming on a wide variety of topics. We are fortunate that we have access to a large pool of talented speakers from an ever-widening geographic circle. The diversity of skills within our own membership will also clearly be on display this coming semester.

The COVID pandemic is receding and virtually all of our membership now indicate that they are vaccinated. With thoughtful consideration, we plan for a gradual return to an in person format this year. The council thought it best to continue the virtual format for the coming fall semester. We will use a hybrid format during the winter with both in person and a Zoom option. We hope to resume full in person classes in the spring of 2022. We will also rely on the best medical advice to reintroduce in person trips and social events. We all want to resume the traditional CLS activities as soon as it is safe to do so.

We are a member driven organization. As such, the richness of our programming depends on member participation. We have each had a variety of professional and work experiences, in addition to developing expertise in different avocations and hobbies. Sharing these varied and interesting life experiences with each other is what CLS is all about. You can get involved by teaching a class, managing a class, or working on one of the numerous committees that add to the richness of the CLS experience. You may have an idea for a course and can contact speakers and help manage the curriculum. A committee has been formed by Barbara Van Italie to help members become more active and involved.

Later this year we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary. It was in February 1992 that CLS was established as a Marist program. We are planning to recognize that milestone, beginning with our September convocation. A committee is also being formed to develop other venues to commemorate this history. We welcome volunteers to help make this a memorable event.

So please get involved as a member and volunteer. We can't be successful without you.

Jack

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OFFICERS (2021-22)

President:	Jack Fein
VP Admin:	Michael Cowan
VP Curriculum:	Leonard Turkenkopf
VP Public Info:	Lauren Muffs
Secretary:	Dewey Lee
Treasurer:	Roger D'Aquino

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Connections:	TBD
Classroom Support:	Leathem Mehaffey
Finance:	Anne Sileno
Member Services:	Pegeen & Tom Wall
Membership:	Barbara Carpenter
Office Support:	Rong Yi Pan
Scholarship:	Ken Knapp
Special Events:	Mary Lou Davis Barbara Marmillo

COUNCIL AT LARGE

Robert (Bob) Kaminski
Ken Knapp
Betsy Kopstein-Stuts
Patricia Luczai
John Wargo

FALL 2021 CONVOCATION

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SAVE THE DATE => **THURS, SEPT 2nd 2021** at 10:30am

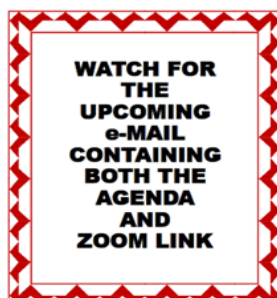
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KICK-OFF THE 2021/22 CLS ACADEMIC YEAR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**FORMAT
ZOOM WEBINAR**



September 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 ✓	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY	7	8	9 CLASSES START	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 NO CLASSES TODAY	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Event Coordinator: Mike Cowan, VP of Administration

Guest Speakers: Joan Sherman and Ellie Charwat

Special Keynote Speakers: Jane Gangi and Laconia Therrio, Storytellers

The annual CLS Fall Convocation will take place on **September 2nd at 10:30 am**. We will be using the Zoom webinar platform with a questions and answers time at the end. This year's Convocation not only kicks off CLS's 2021-22 academic year, but also begins the 30th anniversary year of CLS's founding by Joan Sherman and her late husband Jonah Sherman back in February 1992 and thus represents the featured theme of this year's Convocation program – offering an opportunity to highlight this upcoming major CLS milestone.

The Convocation program will feature introductory remarks by VP of Administration, Mike Cowan and welcoming comments by CLS President, Dr. Jack Fein, and Marist's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, Dr. Thomas Wermuth.

Consistent with the theme of remembering the two guest speakers will include Joan Sherman, CLS Cofounder and Ellie Charwat, long-time CLS member. They will share and describe their respective recollections in their guiding roles of CLS's formation back in the early 1990's.

Lastly, our two featured keynote speakers will include Dr. Jane Gangi and Laconia Therrio, Professional Storytellers, who will tell theme-related, poignant stories associated with heritage and legacy that will tug at your heart.

**Zoom access information will be emailed to
all members on Mon. August 30th**

Member Corner

CLS Welcomes New Members

Jeanne Gorham

Patricia Lange

Elaine Leinung

Margaret Mazurkiewicz

Susan Morken

Cynthia Nguyen

Agnes Nolan

Darlene Resling

Karen Robblee

Fred Wolinsky



In Memoriam

CLS mourns the loss of fellow member

Martha Thornley (July 2021)

SPREAD THE WORD – CLS IS ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

Now is the time to let your friends know that CLS is accepting new members. Once CLS gets back to in-person classes at Locust Grove, we will most likely be back to our full membership capacity in no time.

So, don't wait, reach out now to your friends and family and share the news -- CLS is now accepting new members.

Our goal is to bring our membership base back up to 650 members. As you are well aware, our members and the dues we collect are vital in delivering and sustaining the quality CLS program we are used to and known for in the Hudson Valley region.

*When sharing the news about membership, please make mention that all members will be required to have an email address and access to a computer, smart phone, or other device with internet capabilities.

A TIME OF TRANSITIONS

Leonard Turkenkopf, VP for Curriculum

A little over a year ago we had to cancel the Spring 2020 semester. Things looked scary as we wondered whether we would survive as individuals and as an organization. We did what we had to do as individuals, staying sequestered in our homes, socially distancing when we did go outside, and wearing masks. But we missed our classes at CLS. Thankfully, the curriculum subcommittees went to work and put together a group of online courses and, while we were not together, we had some of our classes back. That was the Fall of 2020. We survived the transition to online courses with a full academic year online. This next year will be another year of transitions. We will go from full online this fall, to a winter mini semester that will see an experiment in hybrid – that is, in-person and online at the same time – courses, then, we hope, full in-person courses back at Locust Grove this coming spring. This just proves how flexible we are.

This brings up the second topic I want to discuss in relation to transitions. A suggestion was made, a very good one I believe, by one of our members, Judi Elkin, that we ask our members to suggest classes/courses that they would like to see offered. So, that is what I am doing. If you have an idea for a class, send it to me and I will pass it on to the appropriate sub-committee to develop. Sending it to me is easy. Just send an email to clsmarist@gmail.com and place the keyword **classes** in the subject line, then just describe your idea in the body of the email. If you would like to be involved in the development of the course, just say so. If you would like to teach the course, just say so. If you just have an idea for a course, just say so. In other words, just let me know and we will act upon it.

The third transition I would like to report on is the change in leadership in the Arts and Literature subcommittee. Audrey Walker and Wilma Schmidt, after many years of outstanding service, are stepping down as co-chairs of that committee. They will be remaining on the committee and providing their sage advice. I would like to thank them for their service on behalf of all our members. The new co-chairs are, Mary Coiteux and Beth Kennedy. Please welcome them in their new positions and wish them, as I do, well for the coming year.



1 WRITER. 5 MINUTES. 650 WORDS.

Call for Submissions



Deadline: MIDNIGHT SEPT. 1st

READ650 is a non-profit organization that encourages and supports emerging and established writers. READ650 invites writers to submit essays of true personal stories—two pages and 650 words long. Writers of selected essays are invited to read their essays aloud before a live audience, either in person or digitally. Each program consists of 10 - 15 essays that fall within a broad theme.

Several years ago, CLS, Vassar LLI and Bard LLI partnered to sponsor a READ650 program at Vassar College where 10 writers read their 5 minute essays. The event was attended by over 150 people, many of them CLS members, who thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

READ650 is currently soliciting submissions for their September event. If you would be interested in learning more about READ650 and attending an event, and/or would like to explore submitting an essay of your own, visit their website (click link below):

[Events — Read650](#) , [Read 650 - Where Writers Read - YouTube](#)



MEET THE NEW CLS COUNCIL MEMBERS



Vice President of Administration, Mike Cowan

The new CLS VP of Administration is Michael Cowan. He became a CLS member in the Fall of 2016 after teaching an 8-week course the previous spring. In September 2019 he was invited to join the Council as a Member at Large. Over the past two years he learned about the workings of the Council as the governing board of the organization and experienced first-hand the contributions that the officers and committee chairs can and have made in serving the CLS membership to enhance the goals and mission of CLS. This first-hand experience actively serving on the Council was a strong influencing factor in motivating his decision to volunteer and take on the challenges of the VP of Administration. He shared some background information as well as goals in his new role as a CLS officer.

After retiring from IBM, Mike did some consulting work as well as starting up a sales forecasting service - predicting worldwide semiconductor sales monthly using a forecasting model he developed and refined over time. This activity continues and has kept Mike gainfully engaged as a semiconductor market analyst for the past 20 years.

Relative to this new role the duties and responsibilities of the VP of Administration are aptly spelled out in the CLS Organization Bylaws. As stated, Mike said he will faithfully carry forward the work of the organization as an officer by actively participating at all Council meetings as well as other official meetings striving to add value and contribute in meaningful ways to serve the CLS membership, as have those individuals who served before him.

Mike and his wife Reva, also a CLS member, arrived in Poughkeepsie from Detroit, Michigan in July 1965. As a new IBM employee, he worked in the IBM Components (semiconductors) Division in East Fishkill having just finished an MS in Physics. Mike subsequently had a 37-year career working for IBM, retiring in 2001. Mike held many engineering and management positions during his long career.

Over this same period Mike and Reva also raised two children, a daughter, Margot, and a son, Jonathan. The Cowans are the very proud grandparents of three grandsons.



Council At Large, Pat Luczai

Pat Luczai (LOO-say), is a retired IBM systems analyst. A New Paltz native, she graduated with a BA in Art from St. Mary's College, South Bend, IN and received her Master's in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame.

After joining CLS, she became a class manager and more recently has become a member of the Life and Leisure Curriculum Committee.

Pat enjoys hiking, biking and kayaking as well as painting, crafting and cooking.



Pegeen & Tom Wall, Member Services

Pegeen (McCloskey) Wall grew up in the Village of Wappingers Falls and spent most of her life in the Hudson Valley. She attended Mt. St. Mary Academy in Newburgh and Trinity College in Burlington, Vermont.

She was associated with the Aquatic Department at the Dutchess County YMCA. While there, she rose to the position of Aquatic Director. Summers she headed-up the Spratt Park Pool in conjunction with the City of Poughkeepsie.

Pegeen later enjoyed a career in fundraising and public relations. She worked for Rehabilitation Programs (now Abilities First) and later New Horizons Resources, Inc. She retired from there as the Foundation Director. Both agencies serve children and adults with developmental disabilities. In retirement, Pegeen volunteered for Catholic Charities and served on the Marist Red Fox Board supporting fundraising for the Athletic Department.

Tom Wall grew up in the City of Poughkeepsie and graduated from Poughkeepsie High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from Villanova University and his MBA from Iona College.

His professional career spanned over 50 years in banking and finance, having worked in different capacities with National Bank of Westchester (now JP Morgan Chase), Bankers Trust Company of Hudson Valley, N.A., Merrill Lynch, Poughkeepsie Savings Bank and retiring after nearly 20 years from Sterling National Bank (formerly Hudson Valley Bank) as Vice President and Senior Commercial Underwriter.

Pegeen and Tom met at the IBM Country Club as summer employees. They recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They are the parents of six children and six grandchildren.

They are very pleased to have this opportunity to be affiliated with the Marist CLS Program.

