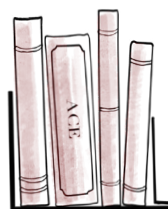


ACE NEWS



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BOOK DISCUSSION DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25

SPEAKER: JOHN MCBRATNEY

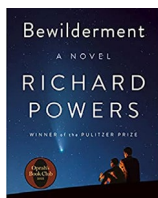


Our speaker for Book Discussion Day, John McBratney, is a retired Professor of English at John Carroll University. A one-time biology major who switched to English in his junior year of

college, he feels drawn to the author we'll be reading, Richard Powers, because, as Dr. McBratney puts it, "Powers displays what the nineteenth-century English writer Matthew Arnold called 'imaginative reason,' a mind that blends a love of the aesthetic with a deep interest in science." Powers' *Bewilderment* (2021) combines the intimate (a father's complex, troubled relationship with his son) with the cosmic (our planet's dire future in an era of rapid anthropogenic climate change) in a novel that should appeal to all of us, whether we are parents or fellow earthlings.

Dr. McBratney received his BA from Dartmouth College and his MA and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. He taught at John Carroll University for 33 years. He served as Chair of the English Department from 2010 to 2016. In 2011, he won the John Carroll Distinguished Faculty Award. We feel certain that he will bring an additional understanding and knowledge to our book and its author on Book Discussion Day.

~Kathy Manos



Bewilderment - Richard Powers -

Theo Byrne and his nine-year-old son Robin are grieving. They are grieving the loss of their wife and mother, Alyssa, and they are grieving the depredations visited on the earth's natural world by us, its careless, unthinking inhabitants. At the same time, Theo and Robin are enjoying the wonders of the cosmos. While they camp under the stars, Theo, an astrobiologist, invents fantastic worlds for his precocious son to mentally explore as he tries to figure out his place in this one. *Bewilderment* is the story of a fiercely protective father and a son who may or may not be 'on the spectrum'.

The grieving Robin is having increasingly serious meltdowns in school. Drugs have been suggested to calm him, but Theo believes them to be harmful to a young, developing mind. Instead, in desperation he allows Robin to become part of an experiment in mind altering similar to biofeedback, run by an old friend of Alyssa's. Exploring the secrets of the human mind is complicated and does not allow for simple outcomes. Theo stands by watching and waiting, determined to protect his unusual son.

In *Bewilderment*, Richard Powers weaves together a work that asks questions ranging from the innermost secrets of the human mind, to our earth's natural world, to the outermost reaches of the cosmos. Yet he keeps us solidly down to earth drawing our focus to the powerful bond between father and son.

Please join us for a stimulating afternoon on Monday, April 25, 2022, 1-3 PM. Look for ways to register on page 2. ~Diana Vargo

Acclaimed author Richard Powers, age 64, has published thirteen novels plus several collections of short fiction and essays. His impressive range of interests and experience are evident in his writing. Born in Evanston, Illinois, he lived in Bangkok with his family for several years beginning at age 11. During that time he read avidly, studied vocal music and learned to play cello, guitar, saxophone and clarinet. In college at the University of Illinois, he switched his major from physics to English literature. He has taught at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Stanford University. His books encompass a wide array of subjects and themes: science and technology, music and art, psychology and trauma, racism and segregation, virtual reality and biofeedback, ecology, extinction and climate change. Overriding themes are the influence of technology, people's relationship to nature, and our place in the universe. For the last five years, Powers has lived in a house perched on a hillside, just on the edge of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. His move was the result of researching old growth forests while he was working on *The Overstory*. In interviews, Powers explained that living in the mountains in Tennessee has changed his life. Now, the rhythm of his days and source of inspiration hinge on the outdoors rather than a work schedule. A MacArthur Fellow, Powers has received numerous awards including the National Book Award in 2006 for *The Echo Maker* and the Pulitzer Prize in 2019 for *The Overstory*. His 2003 novel *The Time of Our Singing* inspired Belgian composer Kris Defoort to write a new opera. It premiered in Belgium in 2021. ~Nan Gisser

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Greetings ACE Members and Friends:

ACE welcomes the new Associate Provost, Dr. Paul Zeleza, to CWRU. He attended our fall ACE board meeting and shared with us his vision for adult continuing education and the important role it plays in the community. We are delighted to have him as leader of continuing education at CWRU, overseeing the activities of Siegal Lifelong Learning, with ACE as a partner.

Vice President Joanne Mortimer chairs our long range planning committee for ACE, which has approved the committee's strategic plan and is now working on implementation. This committee has focused on finances, programs, membership, and outreach. Please contact Joanne with suggestions for programs that are of interest to you and indicate if you would prefer a daytime or evening meeting. She can be reached at mdraijmor@aol.com.

Our first step in implementing ACE's plan is to improve our website so we can accept dues and donations directly. ACE board member Liz Meister is working with our webmaster to keep our site up to date. It was gratifying to see visits to the ACE website, acesite.org, increasing by 17% in January. With accurate up-to-date information, we hope to receive even more visits. This newsletter will appear on our website.

Our next event is Book Discussion Day (see p. 1). Since it will be a webinar, everyone will have the opportunity to read and discuss *Bewilderment*, by Richard Powers, and hear Professor John McBratney share his scholarship and critical insights with us.

The keynote speaker for the ACE Annual Meeting in May will be Brandon Chrostowski, founder and CEO of EDWINS Leadership and Restaurant Institute. You may have read about EDWINS recently in the New York Times. His 'recipe for rebuilding lives' is embodied in EDWINS, a nonprofit organization that provides formerly incarcerated individuals a pathway to success through an elite culinary education and leadership training program.

We are looking forward to the ACE/CWRU Book Sale, scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 4, through Tuesday, June 7, in the Adelbert Gym. The warehouse is overflowing with books in all departments so everyone should find something interesting or even that hidden treasure you are seeking. Volunteers are needed during the sale. Please contact Sandy Melzer at 440-476-7251 to schedule a day and time.

The New Programs Committee has invited three authors to speak as part of the Acclaimed Authors Series. In June, Su Meck will discuss her book, *I Forgot to Remember*, about how she rebuilt her life after a traumatic brain injury, and what it is like to live with amnesia. In July, Brad Ricca will tell us about *True Raiders: The Untold Story of the 1909 Expedition to Find the Legendary Ark of the Covenant*. Susan Petrone, author of *The Heebie-Jeebie Girl*, set in 1977 Youngstown, Ohio, will speak in August.

Thank you for supporting ACE and participating in our programs.

~ Bobbie Farrell - ACE President



ACE BOOK DISCUSSION DAY
2022 COMING UP!

SAVE THE DATE!

In *Bewilderment*, Richard Powers invites us to ponder questions ranging from the minute regions of the human mind to the wide beauties of our natural world, to the outmost reaches of the cosmos. Join us to discuss this acclaimed novel about fierce father-son love as we explore how to answer the questions of our young about living through loss on our beautiful, imperiled planet.

When?	Monday, April 25, 2022 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Where?	VIA Webinar: Link Will Be Sent to Registrants Prior to Event
What?	<i>Bewilderment</i> by Richard Powers
Who?	John McBratney, Ph.D. Professor of English John Carroll University
How?	Introductions and Speaker First Hour Then Q&A
Cost?	ACE Members: \$10 Non-Members: \$15
Payment:	Check or credit card accepted. All who sign up must provide email to receive zoom link.

Register by phone, website or mail:

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ACE ANNUAL MEETING

May 2022

In January 2018, Brandon Chrostowski led a group of EDWINS trainees preparing a dinner of fine French cuisine at the James Beard House in Manhattan. Brian will be the keynote speaker at the ACE Annual Meeting in May 2022.

The ACE Annual Meeting will be held in May from 12- 2 pm

Date and place had not been finalized as this newsletter went to press, but a separate announcement will be emailed to all ACE members and will be posted on the ACE website (www.acesite.org).



Our keynote speaker is Brandon Chrostowski, He is the **founder, president, and CEO** of **EDWINS Leadership and Restaurant Institute**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is both a French restaurant and a culinary institute located in Cleveland's Shaker Square. The French restaurant is a showcase for students and the rigorous culinary training that ex-offenders receive when they are accepted into the program. Brandon's vision and success were presented in the Academy Award-nominated documentary short, **Knife Skills**.

BOOK SALE THIS YEAR!

Great news! We have scheduled the book sale for Adelbert Gym for Saturday, June 4th through Tuesday, June 7th. The following is the schedule for each day.

Saturday, June 4th -	10 am – 12 noon - preview (\$20 fee)
	12 noon – 5 pm - free admission
Sunday, June 5th -	12 noon – 5 pm
Monday, June 6th -	12 noon – 5 pm
Tuesday, June 7th -	10 am – 1 pm- Box Sale (\$5/box)

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who have been working in the warehouse throughout the pandemic. However, we could always use more help. Donations arrive. The books, Vinyl, CDs, DVDs, and ephemera, need to be sorted into departments similar to those seen in a bookstore. It is a book lover's paradise because so many interesting and unusual books pass through.

Our biggest need is help during the book sale. Volunteers can be found doing a number of tasks. Ensuring security means guarding the exit doors and handling the carts. Cashiers determine the amount owed. Volunteers in departments keep tables neat and organized. Several volunteers are needed to keep volunteers well-stocked with bottles of water, especially important in the summer heat.

ACE depends on the sale for funding our programs. The more volunteers we have at the warehouse and during the sale, the stronger our programmatic offerings.

If you are interested in working at the warehouse or during the sale, please call me (Sandy Melzer) at 440-476-7251.

~ Sandy Melzer



THE SIEGAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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Dear ACE Members,

After an exceptionally snowy winter, I am sure that we are all looking forward to the warm sunshine and flowers of a Cleveland spring. The Siegal Lifelong Learning Program continues to follow the Case Western Reserve University and local health authority guidelines regarding Covid-19 vaccinations and testing, but we hope to start ramping up our live and in-person programming again this Summer and Fall.

With the departure of Brian Amkraut, I am happy and excited to take on a larger role in Siegal's relationship with ACE. As the Director of Educational Programs and Faculty & Alumni Engagement, I strive to connect the excellent faculty at CWRU and other universities with our audience, through lectures, courses, and other educational opportunities. A native of Cleveland, I moved back to Ohio about five years ago and am proud to be a steward of such an active and passionate audience of adult learners.

We at Siegal have been so grateful for the Zoom platform, which has allowed us to continue offering programming, intellectual engagement, and social connection for our learning communities throughout the pandemic and all of its ups and downs. It has allowed us to reach a global audience and likewise bring on instructors from around the world. We are excited and hopeful, however, to start offering in person classes and lectures this spring and summer, at our Beachwood classroom space and with our other community partners around the Greater Cleveland area.

Over the past few exceptionally challenging years, and looking forward to the unknown future, we are, as ever, thankful for the community of lifelong learners that provide strength to the Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, especially our partners in the Association for Continuing Education (ACE). Your engagement remains a critical element of our program's ability to fulfill its mission of connecting the university with our adult learning constituents in Northeast Ohio. Thanks so much for your partnership!

~ Karen Laurence - Director of Educational Programs and Faculty & Alumni Engagement, Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, CWRU

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR OFF CAMPUS STUDIES OFFERINGS



ACE-supported Off Campus Studies Spring classes are available for registration now. There are three in-person and six remote courses currently available. Visit the entire list online at the Siegal Lifelong Learning website: www.case.edu/lifelonglearning, click on COURSES. Read down that list and click on a course to find detailed information and registration guidelines. To register, go online at www.case.edu/lifelonglearning; by phone: 216-368-2090/1; by check to the office and made out to CWRU. Members of ACE are eligible for a \$10 discount on Siegal membership, which makes it possible to register for any course at the “member” rate.

The following courses are offered with the generous support of the Association for Continuing Education. Course descriptions can be found on the ACE website (ace.site.org). Again, to register online, go to the Siegal Lifelong Learning website (www.case.edu/lifelonglearning) or call the office (216-368-2090/216-368-2091).

*denotes in-person class

AMERICA AT THE CROSSROADS AND THE BIDEN AGENDA
(Earl Leiken, Instructor)

*THE WARREN COURT (Barbara Greenberg, Instructor)

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THE PASSION OF MICHELANGELO: MAN IS THE MEASURE
(Jim Lane, Instructor)

*GREAT POEMS: NO HIDDEN MEANINGS (Bill Newby, Instructor)

AMERICAN RENAISSANCE (Patrick Moore, Instructor)

FAIRY TALES AND WOMEN: THE POWER
OF STORY (Paula Kalamaras, Instructor)

RADICAL RECONSTRUCTION IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH
(1865-1890) (Whitney Lloyd, Instructor)

*COLLABORATING WITH CARVER
(Terry Meehan, Instructor)

~ Lorraine Nelson

Spotlight

ACE's Own Member: Kathy Manos

Isn't this picture fun? Of course it's a zany photo of Kathy Manos, who needs no introduction on these pages. This picture reveals so much of who she is. At a recent gathering, I asked some of her close friends to characterize her in a word, and right away they used action words—dynamic, energetic, tireless, indomitable. Equally important is that Kathy approaches people with a welcoming, giving friendliness. She is the very definition of a *people person*.



Kathy Greenman Manos grew up in Woodmere on Long Island. New York City was her playground, and she fondly remembers that she and her younger sister at ages 13 and 14 traveled into Manhattan on the Long Island Railroad to attend music classes at Julliard, often followed by lunch at the Automat. Kathy and her father had the same birthday, and to celebrate he would take her to dinner and a Broadway musical, so she got to see Oklahoma, Carousel and many others.



At Radcliffe she majored in American History, and the outstanding lecturers she heard there piqued her interest in becoming a teacher herself. She met her husband Eli while they were in school. Kathy worked as a secretary for Dell Publishing while he did his stint in the U.S. Army, and when Eli came home and began Law School at Harvard, Kathy worked as a secretary again while she earned a Master's Degree in Education. She began a long career in education as second grade teacher to some unruly students—"I had learned nothing about classroom discipline!" - and then taught in Cleveland elementary schools after they moved here for Eli's job. While she raised four kids, she intermittently taught in Cleveland and Shaker Heights Public Schools and tutored in Shaker's Positive Education Program (PEP). Then, her children grown, she bought the Lewis and Clark store on Shaker Square and enjoyed a career in retail sales.

Kathy has always loved being involved in the Cleveland community. She has been active in the League of Women Voters, the Friends of Shaker Square, the Greek community, and the Cleveland political scene. She began volunteering more than sixty years ago for the fledgling Association for Continuing Education at CWRU. She was among the first to host Living Room Learning classes (now Off Campus Studies) in her Cormere Avenue home and invented a babysitting plan at a home nearby so that young mothers could attend class. When the Director of Continuing Education at Case Western Reserve University retired, the knowledgeable and outgoing Kathy was chosen to succeed her. She retired from the position in 2011 after twenty-four years, and she is now once again ACE's staunch volunteer. She has been Co-Chair of Lecture Day for several terms. She has been on the Book Discussion Day Committee since it began. She has served on every ACE committee, devoting hours to making their agendas successful. She has served as ACE President and in other Board positions and is an active Board member. She loves getting things done and is always among the first to volunteer for a job. Without question, she is *The Face of ACE*.

In February of this year we celebrated the 90th birthday of this remarkable woman who has given so much time and talent to make our organization work. Her energy and determination to make things happen are there to see in the photo. Let's all wish Kathy Manos a Happy 90th Birthday year and a big *Thank You!*

~ Diana Vargo

ACCLAIMED AUTHOR SERIES

The summer authors' luncheons have been planned. While the venue is still open, the authors and dates have been confirmed. Here are the dates and authors that are also posted on the website:

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022 - Su Mek, I Forgot to Remember: A Memoir of Amnesia

Su Meck was a young wife and mother when a terrible accident wiped out her memory completely. In her new memoir, *I Forgot to Remember*, she shares how she rebuilt her life after her traumatic brain injury and what it is like to live with amnesia.

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022 - Brad Ricca, True Raiders: The Untold Story of the 1909

Expedition to Find the Legendary Ark of the Covenant

Brad Ricca brings to life the story of British nobleman Montagu Parker. Dared by a beautiful woman and armed with secret knowledge of the Ark's location — apparently decoded from the Bible itself by a Finnish priest — Parker and a band of fellow adventurers set out for Jerusalem to unearth the holy relic.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022 - Susan Petrone, The Heebie-Jeebie Girl

"A series of unfortunate events weave together the complex and beautifully-rendered lives of an old man, a young girl, and a reluctant villain in this heartfelt page-turner set in 1977 Youngstown, Ohio." D.M Pulley

Please check the ACE website (www.acesite.org) for updates on the place, time and registration details for the popular ACE Authors' luncheons. In the meantime, mark your calendars for the dates provided above.



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RECOMMENDED READING

Additional books were considered for Book Discussion Day. While not selected for discussion, the selection committee recommends them for reading.

KLARA AND THE SUN by Kazuo Ishiguro

Klara and the Sun, by Kazuo Ishiguro (Penguin/Random House). In a dystopic world, narrator Klara, an AF (Artificial Friend), resides in a store with other advanced robots all of whom are programmed to provide companionship to youthful owners. Klara is keenly observant and curious. She is purchased to attend to Josie, her teen-age owner who is beset with a mysterious illness. Klara is integrated into the family and is ever vigilant to serve and eventually to save Josie.

Ishiguro's mastery of story-telling is both subtle and dramatic. We find ourselves visualizing the world through Klara's robotic eyes where details are at points fractured and box-like. Experience provides Klara with a growing emotional range. To her curiosity and alertness are added confidence, empathy, loyalty, self-sacrifice, faith and love.

Author Sir Kazuo Ishiguro is one of the most acclaimed and honored contemporary authors. Born in Japan (1954), at age five he moved with his family to Great Britain. He became a citizen of the UK in 1983. The sweep of his work includes novels, short stories, screen and song writing and journalism. His numerous honors include the Booker Prize (*The Remains of the Day* -1989/ film 1993) and the Nobel Prize in Literature (2017). The Nobel Laureate citation describes Ishiguro as a writer "who, in novels of great emotional force, has uncovered the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world." His books have been translated into more than fifty languages. In 2018 he was given a Knighthood in the UK for his Service to Literature.

~ Nancy Bronson

APEIROGON

by Colum McCann

Apeirogon means a shape with an infinite number of sides. This is the perfect title for a novel that crosses centuries and time, art and history, all to create this magical and splendidly detailed novel told in the manner of *A Thousand and One Nights*. It is impossible not to be moved by this book that will leave you with a wondrous sense of possibility and hope.

Belfast born, renowned author Colum McCann was visiting Israel some years ago when he met two fathers who had lost their daughters, the Palestinian, Bassam, whose daughter was killed by rubber bullets, and the Israeli, Rami, whose daughter was killed by suicide bombers. One was ten; the other, thirteen. How do you process such grief? Their way was to tell their stories. McCann returned to Israel many times to listen to these men and write *Apeirogon*.

~ Micki Brook

CELEBRATE NEWLY IMPROVED ACE WEBSITE

As most readers of this newsletter are aware, acesite.org is ACE's official website. It is an excellent source of general information about ACE, and especially highlights the ACE/CWRU Book Sale, a signature event for ACE as well as its main fundraiser. The website also lists upcoming ACE programs and Off Campus Learning discussion classes, which ACE co-sponsors with the Siegal Lifelong Learning Program. ACE newsletters are also available on the website. ACE President Bobbie Farrell works closely with our webmaster/designer to keep these postings up-to-date.

It will have the capability to accept donations to ACE either as one-time gifts or in the form of recurring monthly donations. ACE also has a plan whereby different levels of donations will earn privileges in registration and tuition. Those making larger donations will have their names listed as sponsors of selected ACE programs or be invited to develop a program of their own with the assistance of Lorraine Nelson in the Siegal office and the Education Committee of the ACE Board. Joanne Mortimer (strategic planning) and Liz Meister (website) along with our webmaster/ designer are spearheading this effort.

We are in the process of adding significant new capabilities to ACESITE.org. Soon the website will be able to take membership registrations.

Watch for more information on www.acesite.org, in the newsletter, online or by mail. ~ **Joanne Mortimer**

It is not too late to join ACE and receive upcoming event information! Many good programs are coming up in spite of COVID restrictions, so it is not too late to join for this program year. The current year's membership is good until August 31st (September 2021 – August 2022), and includes the following programs and events at the ACE member rate: Book Discussion Day, Monday, April 25, 1-3 PM; Spring session Off-Campus Studies, the Annual Meeting on May, and the Author Luncheon Series during the Summer months.

We welcome volunteers who would like to help plan and take part in any of the ACE programs and activities. Get involved! Benefits far outweigh the low cost of a membership! And remember: Membership = Discounts!

Please consider joining ACE, a 503© organization. ACE membership is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Join by visiting the ACE website at www.acesite.org, or by calling the ACE office at 216-368-2090/2091. We appreciate your support and look forward to your participation in ACE events.

REMEMBER, Annual membership runs from September 1-August 31st.



**IT'S NOT TOO
LATE TO JOIN!**

ACE 2022

JOIN THE ACE BOARD AND GET ACTIVE

The ACE Nominating Committee is now assembling the 2022-24 slate for ACE leadership. Enrich your commitment to ACE by joining the Board! We are looking to add new members (MAL-Members at Large) for a two year commitment to participate in keeping ACE the invigorating community serving adult learners in the Cleveland area and beyond.

Give it a try—it's fun and deeply rewarding.

Contact Bobbie Farrell, President
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THE BENEFITS AROUND:

- meeting/working with ACE members
- joining sub-committees planning ACE programs
- putting your work experience and expertise into action
- sustaining your own well-being by making a significant contribution to the community
- challenging yourself by participating in something new.

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Zoom Meeting

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Date, place and registration details to follow.

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Friday, June 10; Friday, July 15, and Friday, August 19.
Date, place and registration details to follow.

