Friday Forum Faculty

F. Samuel Brainard, Ph.D.
Dr. Brainard has taught World Religions, Asian Religions, and Buddhist at Rutgers and Temple Universities. He is the author of Reality and Mystical Experience published by Penn State Press and is currently working on a new book, Reality and Philosophy: An Introduction to Reality and Philosophy. He has lectured on subjects related to interreligious understanding and philosophy.

Jean Hollander
Jean Hollander has taught literature and writing at Princeton University, Brooklyn College, Columbia University, and The College of New Jersey, where she was the director of Writing Conferences for 23 years. Her verse translation of Dante’s Inferno (with Dante Scholar Robert Holub) garnered enthusiastic literary reviews. The Hollanders also translated Purgatory and their 2007 translation of Paradise has been labeled “the translation of our time” in the New Yorker.

James Kelly
Jim is an Associate Professor of Music and coordinator of the music program at MCCC. He holds a BA in Music from Swarthmore College and an MM in classical guitar performance from the New England Conservatory of Music. He is a jazz guitarist and composer and has performed in the Trenton-Philadelphia area for 30 years.

Stephen Litwok
Stephen Litwok graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a BS in Mathematics. He received his MS in Computer Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Mr. Litwok has his Registered Patent and Trademark Office License and has over 17 years of experience in patenting and has taught patent seminars for over 7 years.

Anne Chan Mandel
Ms. Mandel is currently the Associate Director of Career Services at Rider University, and an Adjunct Professor for the College of Business Administration teaching Chinese exchange students. She has created a number of joint ventures between U.S. and Chinese entities and coached managers of multinational firms on Chinese business etiquette. Anne studied medicine for two years in China and is fluent in four Chinese dialects.

Terri McNichol
Terri McNichol is an Asian arts specialist who has studied Chinese language and calligraphy. She teaches watercolor and a survey of Indian, Chinese, Japanese and Pre-Columbian art at MCCC. She has presented symposiums and contributed to scholarly publications internationally. Her essay on Appreciative Inquiry will be included in the forthcoming field book on sustainable enterprise.

Tami Jones
Tami Jones will be graduating this spring with an AAS Degree in Ornamental Horticulture from MCCC. She has a BS in Animal Science from Cook College at Rutgers University, and has developed a knowledge of horticulture to include the study of ornamental horticulture, herbaceous plants, plant propagation, and the general study of plant science. She has been active in the MCCC Ornamental Horticulture CoOp since spring 2006.

Jody P. Person
Jody received his M.A. in Directing from Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts. His directing credits include; Writing Ground Zero, Weeds Up Molly Eden, and Radium. Rutgers credits include: Possible Worlds, Am I Blue, Necropolis and In the Blood. Jody received a B.A. in Drama and Dance from SUNY Purchase and studied Southeast Asian Dance in Taiwan. He has taught acting for youth at the Harlem Children’s Zone (TRUCE) and is currently the Program Coordinator for Theatre and Dance at MCCC.

Rosalie Phelam
Rosalie P. Phelam is Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of Corporate Wellness Consultants, Inc. She is a certified Wellness Consultant from the American Society of Douglas Practitioners and has designed health and wellness plans for many corporate clients. She speaks regularly on the importance of healthy lifestyle choices and consults with non-profit organizations.

Dr. Peter V. Plumb
Dr. Plumb is a cancer survivor who has been in private practice in Lawrenceville, New Jersey since 1983. A current member of the National Doctors Speakers Bureau, he became OSHA certified to teach ergonomics and has been president and co-founder of Ergonomic Life Consultants since 1987. He has provided over 100 training and wellness programs for colleges, corporations and government agencies and is now dedicated to helping his fellow survivors and their loved ones.

Ingrid W. Reed
Ingrid W. Reed directs The New Jersey Project, an initiative designed to reinforce and expand the contributions of Rutgers’ Eagleton Institute of Politics to the governance and politics of New Jersey including media coverage of campaigns and elections and ethics reform. Ms. Reed is chair of the Capital City (Trenton) Redevelopment Corporation, founder and board member of New Jersey Future. Ms. Reed was vice-president for public affairs of The Rockefeller University, and assistant dean of Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Anastasia McLaughlin Slattery
Anastasia McLaughlin Slattery is co-founder of Corporate Wellness Consultants, Inc. and trained at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition in New York City. She serves corporations and individual clients and was a member of the nutrition committee at Princeton Day School. Before becoming involved in holistic health, Ms. Slattery practiced law on Wall Street for 12 years and received her law degrees from New York Law School.

Donald Venezia
Mr. Venezia is an accomplished musician, his primary instrument is bassoon. He is a radio announcer and producer, music director and currently writes music/Cover reviews for WWFM. He formerly worked at WNYC AM in New York City. He has studied at the Manhattan School of Music and holds a BM in performance from Fredonia State University. He was an Honorable Mention winner at the Kome Festival Orchestra Concerto Competition.
Creating Your Schedule

Choose One Class from Three Available Choices for Each Time Slot

8:30 AM
Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 AM
Session 1

10:45 – 12:15 PM
Session 2

12:15 – 1:00 PM
Lunch sponsored by Senior Living Institute

1:15 – 2:45 PM
Session 3

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One Full Day Choose Either - Friday, May 16 or Friday, May 23

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Session 1

May 16
Session Details

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Ingrid Reed
New Jersey: Looking Ahead to the Presidential and Senate Elections (2008)

The upcoming elections have ignited the passions of the American and International community. You will have the opportunity to learn and ask questions of an expert in state legislation and public policy.

Session 2

May 16
Session Details

10:45 – 12:15 PM

Samuel Brainard, Ph.D.
Why do Religion and Philosophy Matter When Science Seems to Explain Everything?

Join us for a lively discussion exploring the intersection between science, religion, and philosophy.

Session 3

May 16
Session Details

1:15 – 2:45 PM

Tami Jones
Container Gardening

Practice container gardening with herbs and annuals; then apply the techniques to any group of plants that strikes your fancy. All necessary materials will be provided - please bring your own gardening gloves.

Session 1

May 23
Session Details

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Ingrid Reed
New Jersey: Looking Ahead to Getting our Budget and Finances in Order

Budget deficits are bad news both nationally and locally. Learn what we can do to balance our state budget.

Session 2

May 23
Session Details

10:45 – 12:15 PM

Jim Kelly
Echoes of Africa

From field hollers to work songs to blues and jazz, the African American journey and triumphant struggle for survival have always found their profoundest utterance in song. The resonant song of Africa has been preserved—indeed today’s music and in all of us.

Session 3

May 23
Session Details

1:15 – 2:45 PM

Dr. Peter V. Plumb
Surviving Cancer Part 2

Holistic modalities and self-help techniques that can ease pain and help through difficult, yet necessary Western medical treatments.

Donna Caponigro
Management of Cancerpain

Learn to manage the pain that comes with cancer. Techniques will be explored and you will learn how to assist in dealing with these symptoms.

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