

**WICN-FM WORCESTER, MA
QUARTERLY ISSUES
Fourth Quarter 2020**

This listing includes some of the significant issues responded to by WICN (FM), Worcester, Massachusetts along with the most significant treatment of those issues for the period October 1st – December 31st, 2020. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Arts

Sunday, October 4 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, October 6 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight, Inquiry welcomes Worcester area artist Susan Swinand to discuss her current exhibit at the Fitchburg Art Museum.

Business

Sunday, October 4 – 10:00PM

Monday, October 5 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

Navigating the most peculiar fourth quarter in recent memory for small businesses

Sunday, October 11 – 10:00PM

Monday, October 12 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

Navigating the most peculiar fourth quarter in recent memory for small businesses

Sunday, October 18 – 10:00PM

Monday, October 19 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

Navigating the most peculiar fourth quarter in recent memory for small businesses

Sunday, October 25 – 10:00PM

Monday, October 26 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

Navigating the most peculiar fourth quarter in recent memory for small businesses

Sunday, November 1 – 10:00PM

Monday, November 2 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

Erin, Ian and David are joined by Seun Adedeji, the youngest cannabis dispensary owner in America!

Sunday, November 8 – 10:00PM

Monday, November 9 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

What will Black Friday and Cyber Monday be this year for small businesses?

Sunday, November 15 – 10:00PM

Monday, November 16 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

The sprint is on—how can you partner with other small businesses for the pandemic holiday season?

Sunday, November 22 – 10:00PM

Monday, November 23 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

Black Friday and Cyber Monday 2020: What to expect?

Sunday, November 29 – 10:00PM

Monday, November 30 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

Black Friday and Cyber Monday 2020: What to expect? (Encore Presentation)

Sunday, December 6 – 10:00PM

Monday, December 7 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

Josh Zakim of Housing Forward MA, a new nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing affordable and workforce housing to cities, joins Erin, Ian and David for a lively discussion.

Sunday, December 13 – 10:00PM

Monday, December 14 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

2020: The Best of the Year in Business, Part 1

Sunday, December 20 – 10:00PM

Monday, December 21 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

2020: The Best of the Year in Business, Part 2

Sunday, December 27 – 10:00PM

Monday, December 28 – 6:00PM

Business Beat

The Best of 2020: Encore Presentation

Culture – Popular, including Music

Sunday, October 11 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, October 13 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight, Inquiry welcomes artist, writer ULLI LUST. Her latest graphic memoir is titled HOW I TRIED TO BE A GOOD PERSON, which describes her efforts to navigate a complicated and sometimes violent relationship with two men.

Sunday, November 1 – 10:30PM

Monday, November 2 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI speaks with NY Times bestselling author Meredith Hall about her new book; “Beneficence” in which she tells the story of how one family’s sorrow and anguish is turned into redemption and salvation.

Sunday, November 8 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, November 10 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

He was a jazz musician who remains “a bit of a mystery”, even though he was a longtime member of the Duke Ellington orchestra and teamed up with other key jazz musicians of his time. Tonight, on Inquiry, we talk with writer and jazz writer CON CHAPMAN about his new biography: RABBITS’ BLUES: THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF JOHNNY HODGES.

Sunday, November 8 – 10:30PM

Monday, November 9 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI is joined by educator and author Katherine Kinzler, whose new book; “How You Say It” talks about the way people speak and what it says about you as an individual.

Sunday, November 22 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, November 24 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight, Inquiry welcomes columnist, journalist, and writer LUKE O'NEIL to talk about his new collection of essays: WELCOME TO HELL WORLD: DISPATCHES FROM THE AMERICAN DYSTOPIA.

Sunday, November 29 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, December 1 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Ornette Coleman is often most closely associated with the concept of "free jazz". His abstract theory of the "harmolodic" is central to his idea of music. Critics hailed him as the future of jazz, or called his music noise. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer MARIA GOLIA. She also managed the Caravan of Dreams Performing Arts Center in Fort Worth Texas, where Coleman was born and where she met the saxophonist. Her brilliant new biography is titled: ORNETTE COLEMAN: THE TERRITORY AND THE ADVENTURE.

Sunday, December 6 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, December 8 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight, Inquiry welcomes ISABEL QUINTERO, writer and interviewer and ZEKE PEÑA, cartoonist, illustrator, and painter. They have collaborated to illustrate and write an outstanding artist biography: PHOTOGRAPHIC: THE LIFE OF GRACIELA ITURBIDE.

Sunday, December 13 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, December 15 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight's guest on Inquiry has been an entertainment industry professional for over 30 years. She's been an actor as well as a writer for film and television. She's worked in visual and make up effects and is also a producer in a number of films and television series. Along the way, she also starred in a classic Twisted Sister video, played Betty Jo Fertilizer in a wild Firesign Theatre film, and is best known to the wider public as "Stacey" in the 80's classic film VALLEY GIRL. Please join us for this special Inquiry when we talk with HEIDI HOLICKER.

Sunday, December 20 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, December 22 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight's special guest on Inquiry is WICN'S former General Manager and good friend BRIAN BARLOW. We both have a longstanding passion for British Invasion Music and tonight Brian will discuss his favorite bands and his tours of the landmarks and sites in Britain that track the career of the Beatles.

Sunday, December 27 – 9:00PM
Tuesday, December 29 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Peggy Lee was born in May of 1920 and grew up to be a singular talent. She recorded a six-decade catalog of music. She worked with all varieties of music including big band swing, pop, jazz, and blues. Besides being a recording artist, she also performed many times on radio and television, she wrote music for film and appeared in a number of films herself. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with DR. TISH ONEY, musicologist, author, multi-genre singer, arranger, composer, producer, and conductor. Her new book is a wonderful chronicle of this singer's long and productive career: PEGGY LEE: A CENTURY OF SONG.

Inquiry welcomes back award-winning writer and poet ISABEL QUINTERO. Tonight, she will be talking about her children's book and her critically acclaimed young adult novel GABI: A GIRL IN PIECES.

Community

Environment

Health

Sunday, October 11 – 10:30PM

Monday, October 12 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI speaks with Rosemary Day, author of “Marching Toward Coverage” how women can lead the fight for universal health coverage. Tune this Sunday evening and hear from the CEO of Day Health Strategies and her take on the future of our healthcare system.

Sunday, November 22 – 10:30PM

Monday, November 23 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week “The Public Eye” AI speaks with author and Temple University professor, Laura Levitt about her new book; THE OBJECTS THAT REMAIN. In it she recalls how in 1989 she was raped in her own bed and how the memory of that fateful night still haunts her.

Sunday, December 13 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, December 15 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer and poet CHERYL SAVAGEAU. She has written a memoir of her decades long struggle and coming to terms with her bipolar condition. Her book is called: OUT OF THE CRAZYWOODS.

History

Sunday, October 11 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, October 13 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back KATHERINE PARKIN, PhD. She is an Associate Professor of History at Monmouth University. Tonight, we are talking about a recent paper of hers: “Bring Them Back Alive!” FEAR AND THE MACABRE IN US AUTOMOBILE TIRE ADVERTISING.

Sunday, October 18 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, October 20 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

The first creatures to leave earth’s gravity were not humans, but Soviet dogs. During the Cold War, Soviet scientists sent a number of dogs in to space, even orbiting the earth. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with RICHARD HOLLINGHAM, award-winning science and space journalist about his new book: SPACE DOGS: THE STORY OF THE CELEBRATED COSMONAUTS.

Soviets have been fascinated with the promise of travel in outer space and futuristic technology since before the Revolution. Once the “Space Race” began, illustrations of Soviet space accomplishments and imaginary scenes of a bright scientific and technological future could be found in many popular periodicals. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer ALEXANDRA SANKOVA. She, in collaboration with the Moscow Design Museum, has produced a beautiful and fascinating book: SOVIET SPACE GRAPHICS: COSMIC VISIONS FROM THE USSR.

Sunday, October 25 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, October 27 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Our guest tonight is DUSTIN A. ABNET, assistant professor of American studies at California State University, Fullerton. His new book looks at how concepts of automatons, robots, and androids are conceptually linked with critical questions in American culture: THE AMERICAN ROBOT: A CULTURAL HISTORY.

"Even a man who is pure of heart and says his prayers at night, can become a wolf, when the wolfbane blooms and the autumn moon is bright." Tonight on Inquiry we talk with JOHN B. KACHUBA. He is a writer and Creative Writing instructor at Ohio University and his latest book is SHAPESHIFTERS: A HISTORY.

Sunday, October 25 – 10:30PM

Monday, October 26 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

In the 1930's the federal government undertook an unusual project to track down some 3,000 men and women who were former slaves before and during the Civil War. The hope was to record their deepest thoughts and emotions regarding this period in American history. Tune in this week when Al speaks with Richard Cahan, author of the book; "River of Blood" who documents many of these interviews.

Sunday, November 1 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, November 3 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

They are the physical representations of our Democracy, the most potent of all sheet of paper. Voting ballots have evolved in many forms over the last two hundred years, and their design and content teach us a lot about the politics of those times. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with ALICIA YIN CHENG. She is a founding partner of MGMT. design in Brooklyn, New York. She also serves as an external critic for the MFA program at the Rhode Island School of Design. Her new book is a collection of the "most fugitive of ephemera", the voting ballot: THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY LOOKED LIKE: A VISUAL HISTORY OF THE PRINTED BALLOT.

Sunday, November 8 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, November 10 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

How many worlds are in our universe? How big is the universe? How does the universe "work"? These are questions that have been pondered since the time of Ancient Greece. Today cosmologists are considering whether there are "multi-universes", but many of the questions they are wrestling with originally were posed in ancient times. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with former Editor-in-Chief of Science News and award-winning science writer TOM SIEGFRIED. We will be discussing his new book: THE NUMBER OF THE HEAVENS: A HISTORY OF THE MULTIVERSE AND THE QUEST TO UNDERSTAND THE COSMOS.

Sunday, November 15 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, November 17 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Between 1878 and the turn of the 21st Century, country music, old time fiddle music, hillbilly music, and bluegrass were central aspects of campaigning for many politicians. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with PETER LA CHAPELLE, professor of history at Nevada State College about his fascinating new history: I'D FIGHT THE WORLD: A POLITICAL HISTORY OF OLD-TIME, HILLBILLY, AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

Inquiry welcomes back GREIL MARCUS, writer and historian. With Werner Sollors, he is also the editor of A New Literary History of America. Tonight we discuss his new book UNDER THE RED WHITE AND BLUE: PATRIOTISM, DISENCHANTMENT AND THE STUBBORN MYTH OF THE GREAT GATSBY.

Sunday, November 29 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, December 1 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Athens, Georgia in the 1970s was a very unlikely place to expect an alternative culture that would begin a revolution in music. But bands like the B52s, R.E.M., Pylon and many others all called Athens home and got their start there. What was going on in Athens during that time? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with GRACE ELIZABETH HALE. She is the Commonwealth Professor of American Studies and History at the University of Virginia. Her new book chronicles the rise of bohemian culture of Athens: COOL TOWN: HOW ATHENS, GEORGIA, LAUNCHED ALTERNATIVE MUSIC AND CHANGED AMERICAN CULTURE.

Sunday, December 6 – 10:30PM

Monday, December 7 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

In his new book; "Demagogue" best-selling author and Massachusetts resident Larry Tye chronicles the life and times of the crusading right-wing senator Joseph McCarthy who saw a communist in every film studio, university, and military barracks.

Sunday, December 27 – 10:30PM

Monday, December 28 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI speaks with author and historian, John Berlau about his new book; George Washington Entrepreneur. It seems that the founding father and first president was also a very successful entrepreneur who ultimately became very wealthy from all his efforts.

Humanities

Politics/Current Affairs

Sunday, October 4 – 10:30PM

Monday, October 5 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI is joined by Jennie Stephens, Director, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Northeastern University in Boston. In her new book: "Diversifying Power" she addresses issues such as climate, energy and the need for all people regardless of economic status to get involved.

Sunday, October 18 – 10:30PM

Monday, October 19 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI is joined by Barnard College professor and author Janet Jakobsen whose new book "Sex Obsession" Perversity and Possibility in US Politics targets the issues and challenges facing women in US politics. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:00PM.

Sunday, November 29 – 10:30PM

Monday, November 30 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

Should companies be required to classify independent contractors or gig workers as employees? Some say, absolutely not. Tune in this week when AI speaks with, Patrice Onwuka of the "Independent Women's Forum" in Washington DC. Many who work as consultants and independent contractors want total autonomy and feel the government has overstepped its boundaries.

Sunday, December 13 – 10:30PM

Monday, December 14 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on "The Public Eye" AI speaks with Case Western Reserve University professor and author, Heather McKee Hurwitz about her new book, ARE WE THE 99%. In it she highlights the gains made by the Occupy Movement, Feminism and Diversity.

Sunday, December 20 – 10:30PM

Monday, December 21 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week on "The Public Eye" AI speaks with author Ryan DeZemmer about his new book; "Underwater", how the promise of home ownership has become a disaster for many Americans.

Science & Nature

Sunday, November 1 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, November 3 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome back writer DAVID GESSNER. He is a professor and department chair at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where he founded the award-winning literary journal Ecotone. Tonight, we talk about his new book LEAVE IT AS IT IS: A JOURNEY THROUGH THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S AMERICAN WILDERNESS.

Sunday, November 15 – 10:30PM

Monday, November 16 – 6:30PM

Public Eye

This week AI speaks with author and anthropologist, Eben Kirskey about his new book; "The Mutant Project." In it, he talks about the race to genetically modify human beings and its consequences.

Sunday, December 20 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, December 22 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Have you ever seen a dense flock of starlings wheeling back and forth across a field? Or seen a jay take nuts from your feeder and fly away with them? Have you wondered what these birds are doing? Birds have complex behaviors that are privileged to witness if only we spend the time to look closely. Tonight's guest on Inquiry is JOHN KRICHER. He is Professor Emeritus of Biology at Wheaton College, where he has taught ecology, ornithology, and vertebrate evolution for 48 years. His new book is the PETERSON REFERENCE GUIDE TO BIRD BEHAVIOR, and is a great introduction to understanding bird behavior.

Technology

Sunday, November 22 – 9:00PM

Tuesday, November 24 – 6:00PM

Inquiry

Our two returning guests on Inquiry tonight are: LUKE FERNANDEZ, Assistant Professor in the School of Computing and Co director of the Tech Outreach Center at Weber State University and SUSAN J. MATT, Presidential Distinguished Professor of History at Weber State University. We will continue our conversation about their revealing and important new book: BORED. LONELY. ANGRY. STUPID: CHANGING FEELINGS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY, FROM THE TELEGRAPH TO TWITTER. Tonight we will focus on our lack of awe.