

**WICN-FM WORCESTER, MA
QUARTERLY ISSUES
First Quarter 2016**

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 January 1st – March 31st, 2016. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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Narrative

Arts

Inquiry

DAVID LANG: JOURNEY

Wednesday, March 30, 2016 - 5:00pm

Inquiry welcomes artist and sculptor DAVID A. LANG. A new exhibition of his beautiful kinetic and interactive work titled JOURNEY is at the BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY from May 4 till June 5. To see examples of his work, go to:

<http://www.davidlangstudios.com/Sculpture/kinetic.html>. For information about the Boston Sculptors Gallery, go to: <http://www.bostonsculptors.com/>

Inquiry

DEMPSEY AND KOHAN AND MATTHEWS: WORCESTER JOURNAL SPRING 2016

Wednesday, March 30, 2016 - 5:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry welcome back teacher and writer JAMES DEMPSEY (pictured) to talk about the SPRING 2016 issue of THE WORCESTER JOURNAL. Joining him in the studio are two writers who are featured in this issue SASHA KOHAN and TOM MATTEWS. To read the current issue, go to: <http://www.theworcesterjournal.com/>

Inquiry

ARTIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER TARA SELLIOS: TESTIMONY

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 - 4:00pm

Inquiry welcomes back photographer and artist TARA SELLIOS. Her large exquisite photographs of dead fish, animals and flowers echo themes found in Dutch, Flemish and Baroque canvases concerned with “memento mori”. Her new body of work, using numerous moths and beetles, is amazing. The photograph shown is a detail of one of her photographs documenting her process of creating her work. To see examples of Tara's work, go to: <http://tarasellios.com>

Inquiry

MADHINI NIRMAL: ARTIST

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 - 2:30pm

Tonight Inquiry talks with artist MADHINI NIRMAL. Madhini was born in India and now works in New York. Her complex and beautiful paintings, drawings and assemblages are rooted in experiences and traditions from India. She has also done a moving body of work that deals with her stutter and uses painting as an alternative means of expression. Other works of hers are inspired by her interests in the sublime, silence, ecology, veganism and yoga. Don't miss this conversation with this unique artist! To see examples of Madhini's work, go to her website:

<http://madhininirmal.weebly.com/>

Inquiry

JULIE ZICKEFOOSE: BABY BIRDS: AN ARTIST LOOKS INTO THE NEST

Thursday, March 17, 2016 - 10:00am

This week on Inquiry we welcome back artist, writer, natural historian and contributing Editor to Birdwatcher's Digest JULIE ZICKEFOOSE. Her new book BABY BIRDS: AN ARTIST LOOKS INTO THE NEST is a stunning collection of her watercolor paintings (and journal entries) of very young birds. These were done every day as the birds developed. Some of these birds came from her nestboxes on her property, others were orphaned and brought to her to rehab. Species included familiar birds like bluebirds, chickadees, House Sparrows and starlings as well as a number of birds most of us have never seen in the nest. Tune in for a lively conversation with one of the great wildlife artists in America. For information on when and where Julie will be appearing in Massachusetts, go to: <http://www.juliezickefoose.com/home/meetjulie.php>

Inquiry

PETER DUNLAP-SHOHL: MY DEGENERATION: A JOURNEY THROUGH PARKINSON'S

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 - 4:00pm

Imagine being a visual artist with a job and a family and then getting the diagnosis that you have Parkinson's Disease. PETER DUNLAP-SHOHL is an artist, and former cartoonist who has Parkinson's and has written a powerful account of his coming to terms with a diagnosis that included the words: progressive, disabling and incurable. His graphic memoir is titled: MY DEGENERATION: A JOURNEY THROUGH PARKINSON'S. Peter also writes two blogs about living with Parkinson's: "Frozen Grin" and "Off and On: The Alaska Parkinson's Rag."

Inquiry

TRIIIBE & KENT DUR RUSSELL

Sunday, March 13, 2016 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry, we are joined in the studio by members of TRIIIBE, a group of artists that create stunning political and social commentary artworks. Triiibe consist of artists: ALICIA CASILIO, KELLY CASILIO, SARA CASILIO and photographer CARY WOLINSKY and filmmaker YARI WOLINSKY. A "must see" exhibition of their work: TRIIIBE: SAME DIFFERENCE is currently at the FITCHBURG ART MUSEUM till June 5.

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back KENT dur RUSSELL, Curator and CEO of the MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS (www.museumofrussianicons.org). We will talk about all the new programs at the museum including TOYS, TRINKETS, AND TREASURES: THE STORY OF THE NESTING DOLL.

Inquiry

KENT DUR RUSSELL & HONEE HESS

Sunday, March 6, 2016 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back KENT dur RUSSELL, Curator and CEO of the MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS (www.museumofrussianicons.org). We will talk about all the new programs at the museum including TOYS, TRINKETS, AND TREASURES: THE STORY OF THE NESTING DOLL.

Inquiry welcomes back HONEE H. HESS, Executive Director of the WORCESTER CENTER FOR CRAFTS. Joining her tonight is photographer DONNA DUFAULT. They will be discussing the current show at the WCC: "CULINARY IMAGININGS". For more information about the Worcester Center for Crafts, go to: www.worcester.edu/WCC

Inquiry

FITCHBURG ART MUSEUM: TRIIIBE: SAME DIFFERENCE

Thursday, March 3, 2016 - 12:30pm

Tonight on Inquiry, we are joined in the studio by members of TRIIIBE, a group of artists that create stunning political and social commentary artworks and performances . Triiibe consists of artists: ALICIA CASILIO, KELLY CASILIO, SARA CASILIO and photographer CARY WOLINSKY and filmmaker YARI WOLINSKY. A "must see" exhibition of their work TRIIIBE: SAME DIFFERENCE is currently at the FITCHBURG ART MUSEUM till June 5.

Inquiry

HONEE HESS AND DONNA DUFAULT: CULINARY IMAGININGS

Thursday, February 18, 2016 - 11:00am

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Inquiry

JAMES A. WELU, NANCY BURNS, JARRETT KROSOCZKA & SPECIAL GUEST: GINA!

Sunday, February 14, 2016 - 9:00pm

Feeling blue? Tune in tonight as Inquiry welcomes back JAMES A. WELU, Director Emeritus of the Worcester Art Museum and NANCY BURNS, Assistant Curator of Prints and Drawings at the Worcester Art Museum. They will be talking about the current show at the Worcester Art Museum CYANOTYPES: PHOTOGRAPHY'S BLUE PERIOD as well as the catalogue FREDERICK COULSEN: BLUEPRINTS OF A GOLDEN AGE.

Tonight, Inquiry is excited to welcome back long-time friend of the show, writer and illustrator, JARRETT J. KROSOZKA. He is here to talk about three new books: IT'S TOUGH TO LOSE YOUR BALLOON:, PLATYPUS POLICE SQUAD: LAST PANDA STANDING and finally the new volume of COMICS SQUAD: LUNCH. Special guest star: Gina!

Inquiry

VICTORIA LOOSELEAF: ISN'T IT RICH?

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 - 4:00pm

VICTORIA LOOSELEAF is an award-winning dance and arts writer and now a published poet. Her first book of poems is titled ISN'T IT RICH? Tune in and hear her read several of her poems and discuss her amazing life. To check out Victoria's blog, go to: <http://www.looseleafreport.com/>

Inquiry

WELU AND BURNS: CYANOTYPES: PHOTOGRAPHY'S BLUE PERIOD

Thursday, January 28, 2016 - 11:00am

Feeling blue? Tune in tonight as Inquiry welcomes back JAMES A. WELU, Director Emeritus of the Worcester Art Museum and NANCY BURNS, Assistant Curator of Prints and Drawings at the Worcester Art Museum. They will be talking about the current show at the Worcester Art Museum CYANOTYPES: PHOTOGRAPHY'S BLUE PERIOD as well as the catalogue FREDERICK COULSEN: BLUEPRINTS OF A GOLDEN AGE.

Inquiry

ELEANOR BRIGGS & JERRY A. COYNE

Sunday, January 24, 2016 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we bring back photographer ELEANOR BRIGGS. This summer there was a wonderful exhibition of her work at the Fitchburg Art Museum, but she has also documented the wildlife and human life of Tonle Sap, a vast natural wetlands in the heart of Cambodia and has traveled to the Sunderbans in India to search for tigers. Tune in and find out about her adventures!

Inquiry

EZRA BOOKSTEIN:THE SMITH TAPES

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 - 3:30pm

From 1969 to 1972, Howard Smith interviewed some of the most iconic musicians and cultural figures of the time and aired those fascinating interviews on his New York radio show. These interviews included luminaries like Lou Reed, Norman Mailer, Andy Warhol and Jim Morrison. Smith talked with Janis Joplin just days before she died. Nobody knew what happened to the tapes of those interviews until very recently when they were rediscovered. Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with filmmaker and sculptor EZRA BOOKSTEIN who has edited these interviews and gotten them published in THE SMITH TAPES: ROCK STARS AND ICONS: 1969-1972. To listen to some of these interviews, go to: www.TheSmithTapes.com .

Business

Business Beat

MAURO DEPASQUALE OF WCCA TV AND JAZZED UP (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, March 27, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an encore of The Business Beat, Steve Jones-D'Agostino of Susan Wagner PR + Best Rate of Climb interviews Mauro DePasquale, executive director of Worcester Community Cable Access and band leader, singer and pianist for Jazzed Up. This episode aired originally on January 17, 2016.

WCCA is a 501(c)3 charitable, non-profit corporation that administers public-access cable television for Worcester. WCCA operates WCCA TV on Channel 194 – formerly Channel 13 - on Charter Cable's Worcester system.

The mission of WCCA is to:

- Advance democratic ideals by ensuring the people have access to electronic media
- Provide a platform for first amendment rights and for artistic and cultural expression
- Promote co-operative relations with those who serve the public interest
- Promote communication through community use of media

During the past four years, Jazzed Up has served as “house band” for Luciano's at Union Station, Byblos, Coral Seafood and Summer Series at Wayside Inn, has made regular appearances at Oxford's Casual Dining, and Marlboro's Fish Restaurant and Wine Bar. They performed at Governor Charlie Baker's Inaugural, on WCCA TV, and right here on 90.5 WICN.

Jazzed Up can also be made available as a quartet or full orchestra. The trio can fit any music need, including cocktail hours, concerts, fundraisers, dinner music, holiday parties, corporate events, lounges, film- and recording-session support, and more.

Business Beat

AARON NICODEMUS OF THE TELEGRAM & GAZETTE (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, March 20, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an encore of The Business Beat, Steve Jones-D'Agostino of Susan Wagner PR + Best Rate of Climb, interviews Aaron Nicodemus, business editor of the Telegram & Gazette. They talk about the top local and regional business stories of 2015. This episode aired originally on January 10, 2016.

In the final Sunday Telegram of each year, the “Business Matters” section takes an in-depth look at the top local and regional business stories of the past 12 months. This year, in Top Business Stories of 2015, the key focuses are on mergers, downtown construction, and changes atop Hanover Insurance.

As T&G Business Reporter Lisa Ecklebecker writes, “The biggest business stories in Central Massachusetts during 2015 ranged from a frenzy of deal making, to health care

cost woes, to turnover in the corner office, to signs of economic development. In other words, if something big happened globally or nationally in business, it probably happened here, too.”

Business Beat

RAQUEL WOODARD OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF METROWEST ON ADOPTION SERVICES (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, March 13, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an encore of The Business Beat, Steve Jones-D’Agostino of Susan Wagner PR + Best Rate of Climb interviews Raquel Woodard, coordinator of birth-parent and children services for Jewish Family Services of Metrowest. They talk about the business of adoption services. This episode aired originally on January 3, 2016.

Based in Framingham, JFSM provides vital social, health and community services to alleviate suffering, enhance lives and support people in need. Since 1982, JFSM’ Adoption Choices, a non-profit, licensed adoption program, has been providing Massachusetts families with comprehensive adoption services. Adoption Choices is designed to meet the needs of the adoptive parents, birth parents, and adopted persons by providing a wide range of educational and counseling services in a progressive program.

Business Beat

BEN BURKETT AND CATHLEEN O’KEEFE ON WHY FAMILY FARMS MATTER (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, February 28, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an all-new episode of The Business Beat, Steve Jones-D’Agostino of Susan Wagner PR + Best Rate of Climb interviews Ben Burkett, state coordinator of the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives and Cathleen O’Keefe, coordinator of both the Winter Conference and the Fundraising Run for the Northeast Organic Farming Association - Massachusetts Chapter.

Ben Burkett is a truly inspirational Mississippi farmer. He will be enriching everyone’s day with his keynote address “Family Farmers Matter,” at NOFA-Mass.’ annual Winter Conference. That event will be held on January 16, 2016 at Worcester State University.

Cooperative grocers, farmers, and businesses will also not want to miss his all-day seminar on “Cooperative Family Farming.” In this seminar, Ben will discuss many of the steps involved in setting up a profitable, managed cooperative using his own family farm and cooperative history as a model.

Ben provides technical expertise to small-scale and limited-resource farmers and ranchers in rural communities. He serves as the president of the National Family Farm Coalition and has traveled to Senegal, South Africa, Kenya, Nicaragua, Lebanon, and Zimbabwe, exchanging knowledge and information with small-scale farmers.

In 1971, the Natural Organic Farmers Association was formed in Vermont and New Hampshire and, in 1982, chapters were added in Massachusetts as well as Connecticut and New York. Later, chapters were formed in Rhode Island and New Jersey.

The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association was formed right around the time that NOFA was established. Together, these two organizations have been the most powerful forces for education regarding organic agriculture in the Northeast for the past 40 years.

NOFA changed its name to the Northeast Organic Farming Association in 1989. By that time, the word "natural" had become somewhat commercialized. By changing "farmers" to "farming," the NOFA leadership attempted to be more welcoming to those who support organic farming, along with those who practice it.

Business Beat

HOWARD MCGINN, ZACH COMBS AND RON MURRAY ON FIRST NIGHT
WORCESTER 2016 (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, February 14, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an all-new episode of The Business Beat, Steve Jones-D'Agostino, strategic partner of Susan Wagner PR + Best Rate Of Climb, interviews Howard McGinn, executive director of First Night Worcester, and Zach Combs, manager, and Ron Murray, art director of Crocodile River Music. They talk about celebrating community in a still-challenging economy.

First Night Worcester is set and ready to go for this year's arts celebration. Heading into its 35th year of operation, the non-profit is the oldest First Night in the nation and has produced a New Year's Eve arts festival in downtown Worcester every year since 1981.

Nearly 60 performances will take place on 12 stages this year, including a spectacular opening act – a performance by the Southeast Asian Coalition "Youth Effect" group at Tuckerman Hall, sponsored by Saint-Gobain. Firsts for this year's First Night Worcester: Jillian's Worcester has been added as a venue; and First Night's first-ever Apple mobile app is now available for free in the App Store.

Inquiry

JANE MAYER: DARK MONEY

Thursday, January 28, 2016 - 10:00am

Inquiry welcomes JANE MAYER, staff writer for the New Yorker and award-winning journalist. She will be talking about her latest stunning and frightening book: DARK MONEY: THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF THE BILLIONAIRES BEHIND THE RISE OF THE RADICAL RIGHT. Tune in and learn about the Citizen United case and how American elections are being bought by a select few interested only in maximizing their profits. Don't miss this show.

Public Eye

JANE BRYANT QUINN

Sunday, January 3, 2016 - 10:30pm

Jane Bryant Quinn is a leading personal finance journalist who has been advising Americans for over 30 years with her syndicated columns and bestselling books. As we embark on a new year many folks will be wondering if the stock market will rise or if their hard earned savings are safe. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Jane Bryant Quinn about her new book: HOW TO MAKE YOUR MONEY LAST. In it she points out how to save more for retirement and how to keep your money growing.

Community

Public Eye

GLEN WELDON

Sunday, March 20, 2016 - 10:30pm

Since his creation, Batman has been many things: a two-fisted detective; a planet-hopping gadabout; a campy Pop-art sensation; a pointy-eared master spy; and a grim and gritty ninja of the urban night. For more than three quarters of a century, he has cycled from a figure of darkness to one of lightness and back again; he's a bat-shaped Rorschach inkblot who takes on the various meanings our changing culture projects onto him. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with pop culture expert and author Glen Weldon about his new book, THE CAPED CRUSDAE and the rise of nerd culture.

Inquiry

SUSAN JACOBY: STRANGE GODS: A SECULAR HISTORY OF CONVERSION

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 - 4:30pm

Most accounts of religious conversions are written by the true believers of that religion. But what would a secular history of conversion reveal? Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome back writer and researcher SUSAN JACOBY who has written the scholarly and revealing STRANGE GODS: A SECULAR HISTORY OF CONVERSION, which addresses the real political and social contexts for some of the most famous conversion stories.

Inquiry

BEN RATLIFF: EVERY SONG EVER

Thursday, February 18, 2016 - 11:30am

We live in a time of music plenty. Every kind of music is now available to us all the time. But how can we make sense of this insane amount and variety of Music? Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with author and jazz and pop critic for the New York Times, BEN RATLIFF about his important new book: EVERY SONG EVER: TWENTY WAYS TO LISTEN IN AN AGE OF MUSICAL PLENTY.

Inquiry

DEBBIE CLARKE MODEROW: FAST INTO THE NIGHT

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 - 4:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer DEBBIE CLARKE MODEROW. She moved to Alaska from Connecticut and became interesting in racing sled dogs. Eventually she decided to enter the 1100 mile brutal course known as the Iditarod. Tune in and learn

what it takes for dogs and humans to run this course in the depths of winter when temps well below zero are typical and the course conditions can vary unpredictably. Her book about her experiences is titled **FAST INTO THE NIGHT: A WOMAN, HER DOGS, AND THEIR JOURNEY NORTH ON THE IDITAROD**.

Public Eye

NIKHIL GOYAL

Sunday, February 14, 2016 - 10:30pm

Are America's schools little more than cinder-block gulags that spawn vicious cliques and bullying, negate creativity, and true learning and squelch curiosity in their inmates, um, students? In his new book "Schools On Trial" author and journalist Nikhil Goyal, argues that our education system could easily map out a path for all of our schools to harness children's natural aptitude for learning by creating an atmosphere conducive to freedom and creativity. He prescribes an inspiring educational future that is thoroughly democratic and experiential, and one that utilizes the entire community as a classroom. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Nikhil Goyal.

Inquiry

MEGAN PUGH: AMERICA DANCING

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 - 2:30pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with **MEGAN PUGH**, teacher and writer on American art and culture. Her latest book is **AMERICA DANCING: FROM THE CAKE-WALK TO THE MOON-WALK**. Tune in tonight and learn about the first American dance craze and what Michael Jackson learned from James Brown and Bob Fosse.

Inquiry

E. PAUL ZEHR: PROJECT SUPERHERO

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 - 4:00pm

E. PAUL ZEHR, writer and professor at the University of Victoria returns to Inquiry to talk about his amazing and fun new book for young readers: **PROJECT SUPERHERO**. Part fiction, part real training guide and part examination of what it means to be a real hero, this book is like no other. Tune in and find out why.

Public Eye

MARIA KONNIKOVA

Sunday, January 24, 2016 - 10:30pm

While cheats and swindlers may be a dime a dozen, true conmen—the Bernie Madoffs, the Jim Bakkers, the Lance Armstrongs—are elegant, outsized personalities, artists of persuasion and exploiters of trust. How do they do it? Why are they successful? And what keeps us falling for it, over and over again? These are the questions that journalist and psychologist Maria Konnikova tackles in her mesmerizing new book, "The Confidence Game". Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al discusses ways to avoid these so called hustlers with Maria Konnikova.

Public Eye

DANA BABBIN

Sunday, January 17, 2016 - 10:30pm

Dana Babbin is a local children's clothing entrepreneur whose disruptive brand Pink Truck Designs has gotten plenty of attention. Her unisex clothing line strives to eliminate gender stereotyping of children at such early ages with outfits sporting pink images of trucks, planes, boats, tractors, etc. The clothing communicates "it's time to change gear" by letting girls know it's OK for them to like trucks. Will this be a major cultural change for how children dress? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Dana Babbin.

Inquiry

RICHARD E NOBLE: 150 YEARS OF ST MARK'S SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 - 4:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome RICHARD E. NOBLE, writer, educator and WICN host. His latest book is a truly monumental local history: THE ECHO OF THEIR VOICES: 150 YEARS OF ST. MARK'S SCHOOL. Tune in learn about the founding and early years of this notable private school in Southborough, Massachusetts.

Public Eye

ERIC WEINER

Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 10:30pm

In his new book THE GEOGRAPHY OF GENIUS, author Eric Weiner sets out to examine the connection between our surroundings and our most innovative ideas. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Eric Weiner about his research and the eye opening results.

Health

Inquiry

LEAH HAYES & STEPHEN WITT

Sunday, February 28, 2016 - 9:00pm

Artist, writer and musician LEAH HAYES has created a graphic novel type guide to what it is like to go through an abortion. It is a calm, sensitive and common sense description about what will happen to you every step along the way. This is a women's health book like no other. Tune in tonight as we discuss NOT FUNNY HA-HA: A HANDBOOK FOR SOMETHING HARD.

History

Inquiry

SUSAN CASEY & RINKER BUCK

Sunday, March 20, 2016 - 9:00pm

Around the world since ancient times, people have been fascinated by dolphins. They amuse and intrigue us. We admire their intelligence and many people feel a deep kinship with dolphins. But dolphins have also been the victims of horrific carnage and are victims of the polluting and overfishing of our oceans. Even dolphins that are kept in various ocean parks around the world are terribly abused. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with author, editor and journalist SUSAN CASEY about her travels around the world

investigating the way people have thought about dolphins: VOICES IN THE OCEAN: A JOURNEY INTO THE WILD AND HAUNTING WORLD OF DOLPHINS.

Journalist and writer RINKER BUCK decided one day that he would retrace the long and rugged route the pioneers took along the Oregon Trail to the Pacific. He decided to do it the traditional way: with a team of three mules pulling a Schuttler wagon. His brother joined him on this journey. What followed was one of the great adventures and a thrilling road trips “seeing America slowly” an art he learned from his father. His account of this amazing voyage is THE OREGON TRAIL: A NEW AMERICAN JOURNEY.

Inquiry

LEAH HAYES & STEPHEN WITT

Sunday, February 28, 2016 - 9:00pm

It was the end of the 20th century and CDs had become a third-rate technology that no college student cared about. They were too busy on illegal file sharing sites downloading their music their way. Journalist and writer STEPHEN WITT 's new book is titled HOW MUSIC GOT FREE: THE END OF AN INDUSTRY, THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, AND THE PATIENT ZERO OF PIRACY. This book is a detailed history of the invention of the MP3, an account of music industry's complete lack of understanding of what this technology meant for CD sales and the wild story of a man who became a music piracy addict. This is an outstanding history of technology and music and the people who pirated thousands of MP3s.

Inquiry

KENT DUR RUSSELL: TOYS, TRINKETS, AND TREASURES: NESTING DOLLS

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Inquiry

ERIKA LEE & ABIGAIL SANTAMARIA

Sunday, February 21, 2016 - 9:00pm

The history of Asian Americans is a history of immigration as well as the history of how “race works in the United States”. Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome ERIKA LEE. She teaches history at the University of Minnesota where she is also the Rudolph J. Vecoli Chair of Immigration History and Director of the Immigration History Research Center. Lee's new book is the monumental THE MAKING OF ASIAN AMERICA: A HISTORY and tonight we will focus on what happened to Japanese American citizens during World War II.

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer ABIGAIL SANTAMARIA. Her new biography is titled JOY: POET, SEEKER, AND THE WOMAN WHO CAPTIVATED C.S. LEWIS. Joy Davidman was a passionate writer, poet, dedicated member of the American Communist Party and atheist till she read the writings of C.S. Lewis. Then she became deeply

religious and gave up her life in America to meet Lewis in Britain. This became one of the greatest literary love stories of the century. Tune in and find out why.

Inquiry

RICHARD POLENBERG: HEAR MY SAD STORY

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 - 3:00pm

Was there really a Frankie and Johnny? What did Tom Dooley actually do that he had to be hung? Did Casey Jones really engineer a train that was wrecked? A number of American folk ballads were inspired by real-life events. Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with RICHARD POLENBERG, the Marie Underhill Noll Professor of History Emeritus at Cornell University. His latest very entertaining book is HEAR MY SAD STORY: THE TRUE TALES THAT INSPIRED STAGOLEE, JOHN HENRY, AND OTHER TRADITIONAL AMERICAN FOLK SONGS. Shown: Casey Jones

Inquiry

TOM KOCH & KEVIN LIPPERT

Sunday, February 7, 2016 - 9:00pm

TOM KOCH, widely published writer, journalist and lifelong sailor, returns to Inquiry to talk about his book THE WRECK OF THE WILLIAM BROWN: A TRUE TALE OF OVERCROWDED LIFEBOATS AND MURDER AT SEA. This is the shocking story of a shipwreck in the Atlantic and the horrific aftermath in which the crew callously threw fourteen emigrants over the side of the lifeboat and the trial that followed.

Canada may seem like the quiet and benign giant to our north, but in fact the history of relations between Canada and the United States has been peppered with border disputes, wars, invasions and master plans to invade. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with KEVIN LIPPERT, founder of Princeton Architectural Press about his wild new book: WAR PLAN RED: THE UNITED STATES' SECRET PLAN TO INVAD CANADA AND CANADA'S SECRET PLANS TO INVAD THE UNITED STATES. You will never look at Moose Jaw the same again!

Public Eye

T. H. BREEN

Sunday, January 31, 2016 - 10:30pm

As we approach the 2016 presidential elections we thought it would be interesting to see if former presidents did much traveling in hopes of taking their message to the people. It turns out that our first president George Washington did an enormous amount of traveling in hopes of reaching out to the people of this nation. That journey has been carefully documented in a new book by noted historian and author T.H.Breen. His new book "George Washington's Journey" is a marvelous look back in time as it highlights the places and faces that Washington felt compelled to visit with. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 PM when Al is joined by renowned historian T. H. Breen.

Inquiry

MATTHEW BATTLES & ARDIS CAMERON

Sunday, January 17, 2016 - 9:00pm

Reading existed long before the written word, but writing was both created by human civilization and simultaneously helped create those civilizations. From the ancient cuneiform of Mesopotamia through the alphabets of Ancient Greece and beyond the invention of the printing press, the written word has continuously changed those that write it and read it. Tonight on Inquiry we speak with MATTHEW BATTLES, writer and program fellow at the Berkman Center of Harvard University about his amazing new history: PALIMPSET: A HISTORY OF THE WRITTEN WORD.

Writer and historian ARDIS CAMERON returns to Inquiry to talk about her history of the women mill workers of Lawrence, Massachusetts. These laboring women, many recent emigrants, banded together to protest unfair pay and work conditions in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Cameron's book is titled: RADICALS OF THE WORST SORT: LABORING WOMEN IN LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS 1860-1912.

Inquiry

TERRY MASEAR & SEAN CONDON

Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 9:00pm

Just a few years after the end of our conflict with Britain, the newly formed country of America was in poor financial condition. The country owed lots of money and the only way to get the needed funds was to raise taxes on farmers and landowners. Many of those farmers were deep in debt and lost their farms, lands and possessions. Finally enough was enough and organized bands of "Regulators" blocked courts and some resorted to violent insurrection in Massachusetts. It was a revolution on the heels of another revolution and the future of the United States was at stake. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with SEAN CONDON, an associate professor and chair of the History Department at Merrimack College about his new history of SHAY'S REBELLION: AUTHORITY AND DISTRESS IN POST-REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA.

Politics

Inquiry

CEDRIC VILLANI & ROBERTA KAPLAN

Sunday, March 27, 2016 - 9:00pm

The final defeat of the Defense of Marriage Act allowed states to come out for marriage equality and allow gay couples to legally marry. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with the lawyer who brought the case before the Supreme Court that overturned DOMA. ROBERTA KAPLAN is a partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison LLP and she will be talking about exciting her new book: THEN COMES MARRIAGE: UNITED STATES V. WINDSOR AND THE DEFEAT OF DOMA.

Public Eye

MICHAEL WALDMAN

Sunday, March 13, 2016 - 10:30pm

In The Fight to Vote, best selling author Michael Waldman takes a succinct and comprehensive look at a crucial American struggle: the drive to define and defend government based on "the consent of the governed." From the beginning, and at every

step along the way, as Americans sought to right to vote, others have fought to stop them. This is the first book to trace the full story from the founders' debates to today's challenges: a wave of restrictive voting laws, partisan gerrymanders, the flood of campaign money unleashed by Citizens United. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI is joined by Michael Waldman. as talks about his latest book.

Public Eye

BRUCE ALLEN MURPHY

Sunday, March 6, 2016 - 10:30pm

With the untimely death of Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia a new era on the court may be unfolding. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI speaks with legal historian and biographer Bruce Allen Murphy. Could the balance of power now be shifting?

Public Eye

JANE MAYER

Sunday, February 21, 2016 - 10:30pm

Why is America living in an age of profound economic inequality? Why, despite the desperate need to address climate change, have even modest environmental efforts been defeated again and again? Why have protections for employees been decimated? Why do hedge-fund billionaires pay a far lower tax rate than middle-class workers? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI is joined by best selling author and investigative journalist Jane Mayer. Her new book "Dark Money" provides some very insightful thoughts as to current issues facing America today.

Public Eye

SUSAN EATON

Sunday, February 7, 2016 - 10:30pm

This week AI speaks with Brandeis University professor and author Susan Eaton whose new book: Integration Nation challenges the idea of anti-immigration and supports the notion that immigrants can and do become integral members of their new communities. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 for an insightful and provocative interview.

Inquiry

ELEANOR BRIGGS & JERRY A. COYNE

Sunday, January 24, 2016 - 9:00pm

Can religion and science "get along"? Not according to tonight's guest on Inquiry. JERRY A. COYNE is a Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolution at the University of Chicago. He believes that religion and science are adversaries in an all out war between rationality and superstition. Tune in tonight when we talk about Professor Coyne's new book FAITH VS. FACT: WHY SCIENCE AND RELIGION ARE INCOMPATIBLE.

Science

Inquiry

CEDRIC VILLANI & ROBERTA KAPLAN

Sunday, March 27, 2016 - 9:00pm

Have you ever wondered what a mathematician does when she or he “works”? What is it like to wrestle with a tough abstract mathematical problem for months or even years? What do mathematicians do to relax? Tonight on Inquiry we will talk with CÉDRIC VILLANI, Director of the Institut Henri Poincaré and a Professor of Mathematics at the Université de Lyon about his fascinating new book BIRTH OF A THEOREM: A MATHEMATICAL ADVENTURE.

Inquiry

CHRISTOPHE BONNEUIL: THE SHOCK OF THE ANTHROPOCENE

Thursday, March 17, 2016 - 11:00am

The earth has entered a new epoch: the Anthropocene, a time when human activities are forever changing the ecology of the planet. How did we get to this point and how can we begin to change the collapse of the ecosystems that support us and all the other life on our world? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with CHRISTOPHE BONNEUIL, historian at the Centre national de la recherche scientifique. His new book, which he wrote with Jean-Baptiste Fressoz, is titled THE SHOCK OF THE ANTHROPOCENE.

Inquiry

ANDREAS MALM: FOSSIL CAPITAL

Thursday, March 10, 2016 - 9:30am

One of the most important contributing factors to global climate change is our dependence on burning fossil fuels for our energy needs. We have a “fossil economy” where growth is only possible through burning more and more fossil fuels. How did we get into this predicament? Tonight on Inquiry we speak with ANDREAS MALM, who teaches Human Ecology at Lund University, Sweden. His new book is FOSSIL CAPITAL: THE RISE OF STEAM POWER AND THE ROOTS OF GLOBAL WARMING.

Inquiry

MICHAEL TENNESEN: THE NEXT SPECIES

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 - 3:00pm

“We have become a deadly virus to nature” and we are heading rapidly towards another “mass extinction event”. What does this mean for the future of our species and future biodiversity? Do humans have a future on Mars? Another planet? Or is our next step in evolution to become a machine? Tonight on Inquiry our guest asks these very questions and the answers are unsettling. Tonight we talk with MICHAEL TENNESEN, science writer and writer-in-residence at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. His new book is entertaining, thought provoking and frightening: THE NEXT SPECIES: THE FUTURE OF EVOLUTION IN THE AFTERMATH OF MAN.

Public Eye

CHRISTINE ODIAGA

Sunday, February 28, 2016 - 10:30pm

This week on the "The Public Eye" Al speaks with Christine Odiaga, Executive Director of Southern New England Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Real efforts are being made to ensure that man and nature work together in a harmonious fashion. She will be on hand to talk about their upcoming winter conference entitled "Swamp Things". Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 and take part in this most vital issue.

Inquiry

MICHAEL RIORDAN: TUNNEL VISIONS

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 - 3:30pm

The proposed Superconducting Super Collider was going to make the United States the premier research destination in high energy physics when it was proposed in the 1980s. It was the largest basic-science project ever attempted in this country and construction was started in Texas. But funding for the project was cut off by Congress in 1993, thus terminating the project and ending this country's leadership in the field. What went wrong? Tonight we talk with historian and writer MICHAEL RIORDAN about his history (co-authored with Lillian Hoddeson and Adrienne W. Kolb) **TUNNEL VISIONS: THE RISE AND FALL OF THE SUPERCONDUCTING SUPER COLLIDER.**

Inquiry

MICHAEL HILTZIK ON ERNEST LAWRENCE & THE INVENTION THAT LAUNCHED THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Sunday, January 31, 2016 - 9:00pm

Ernest Lawrence was an experimental physicist from the University of California who discovered the cyclotron and then used that discovery to create a new way that science worked with universities and the private sector. This involved using large numbers of researchers, some from outside physics, to work together on a single goal. Lawrence later used those same skills to help develop the atomic bomb and the thermonuclear bomb. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author MICHAEL HILTZIK about his new biography: **BIG SCIENCE: ERNEST LAWRENCE AND THE INVENTION THAT LAUNCHED THE MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.** Inquiry continues our conversation with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author MICHAEL HILTZIK about his new book **BIG SCIENCE: ERNEST LAWRENCE AND THE INVENTION THAT LAUNCHED THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.** After inventing the cyclotron, Lawrence would become instrumental in the development of the atomic bomb, the building of the Oak Ridge nuclear facility and later worked with Teller in the development of the super bomb. Along the way, his close friendship with physicist Robert J Oppenheimer deteriorated and scientists began to leave the Rad Lab. Tune in and learn about this critical period in the history of science and its relationship with the military.

Inquiry

DEBORAH CRAMER: THE NARROW EDGE

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 - 3:00pm

The Red Knot is a small shorebird that migrates from its breeding grounds in the Arctic south to Tierra del Fuego. In between, it stops to eat at a few select coastal spots that

have large numbers of horseshoe crabs laying eggs. Knot numbers are declining worldwide. The interrelationship of the knot and the horseshoe crab is one of the great stories of ecology and what is going on in the environment. Tonight's guest on Inquiry is writer and natural historian DEBORAH CRAMER. Her new book is one of the finest accounts of coastal ecology and the human impact on the environment: **THE NARROW EDGE: A TINY BIRD, AN ANCIENT CRAB AND AN EPIC JOURNEY.**

Inquiry

TERRY MASEAR & SEAN CONDON

Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 9:00pm

Hummingbirds capture everyone's imagination. But hummingbirds often run afoul of the actions of people and when they do, they get taken to one of a devoted group of select people skilled at rehabbing these tiny, feathered jewels. Tonight on Inquiry, we speak with TERRY MASEAR, who has been rescuing hummingbirds since 2005, in Hollywood no less. Her new book talks about the reality of caring for these high maintenance birds. Terry's book is titled **FASTEST THINGS ON WINGS: RESCUING HUMMINGBIRDS IN HOLLYWOOD.**

Inquiry

JOHN ROOT: LIBRARY TELESCOPE PROGRAM

Thursday, January 7, 2016 - 10:30am

Can you imagine checking out a genuine astronomical telescope from a local library to view the moon, planets and stars? Tonight on Inquiry we speak with JOHN ROOT of the Aldrich Society Inc and Coordinator of the Library Telescope Program in Massachusetts all about this amazing program and how it works.

Inquiry

LEAH OLSON & ELIZABETH JOHNSTON

Sunday, January 3, 2016 - 9:00pm

Inquiry kicks off the New Year with an hour special on how our brains create the emotions we feel.

How does our brain process fear? What are emotions and how are they different from feelings? These are just a few of the questions we will talk about tonight when we have a conversation with LEAH OLSON, who is a teacher and has a PhD in neuroscience. Together with Elizabeth Johnston, she has written an outstanding review of the science of **THE FEELING BRAIN: THE BIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY OF EMOTIONS.**

Tonight on Inquiry, we continue our conversation about the biology and psychology of emotions when we talk with ELIZABETH JOHNSTON. She has a doctorate in visual neuroscience from Oxford University and is currently on the psychology faculty of Sarah Lawrence. She is the co-author, with Leah Olson, of the monumental textbook **THE FEELING BRAIN: THE BIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY OF EMOTIONS.** Tonight we will talk about what the latest research says about the role of our physical body in experiencing emotions, making decisions and addictive behavior. And we talk about Phineas Gage and the crowbar case.