

**WICN-FM WORCESTER, MA  
QUARTERLY ISSUES  
First Quarter 2017**

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, 2017. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

**Arts**

Inquiry

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Inquiry

**BILL HAYES: INSOMNIAC CITY: NEW YORK, OLIVER, AND ME**

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 - 3:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer and photographer BILL HAYES about his unique and tender new memoir **INSOMNIAC CITY: NEW YORK, OLIVER, AND ME** which tells of his love affair with Oliver Sacks and New York City.

Inquiry

**CANDACE SMITH: CAPPELLA ARTEMISIA**

Thursday, March 16, 2017 - 11:00am

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with CANDACE SMITH Director of CAPELLA ARTEMESIA a group of vocalists and instrumentalists dedicated to performing pieces written by nuns from 16th and 17th Century Italian convents. They are about to start another North American tour , so tune in and find out the details.

Inquiry

**GUSTAVE BLACHE III: A WORK IN PROCESS**

Thursday, March 9, 2017 - 11:00am

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back artist GUSTAVE BLACHE III. His figurative work documents the lives and labor of “those whose contributions typically go un-noticed”. His new series is of people conserving art. He has a retrospective show opening at the Louisiana Art and Science Museum titled: A WORK IN PROCESS: PAINTINGS BY GUSTAVE BLACHE III. To see some examples of his work, go to: [www.gustaveblache.com](http://www.gustaveblache.com)

Inquiry

## ANNA PALLAI: 70S DINNER PARTY

Thursday, March 9, 2017 - 10:00am

Break out the bi-carb! In the 1960s and 1970s, many a recipe book featured garish pictures of food in mounds of gelatin or piled high into odd shapes and always featuring sliced eggs or bananas. It was a weird time for food photography. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with ANNA PALLAI. She is a PR and agent and formerly Publicity Director of Faber. Her new book of photographs is a stomach challenging tribute to those “stylish” meals of yore: 70’S DINNER PARTY: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE DOWNRIGHT UGY OF RETRO FOOD.

Inquiry

## MICHAEL TISSERAND: THE KINGDOM OF ZYDECO

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - 4:00pm

Zydeco is a word for the music of Creole Louisiana as well as the event at which it is played and what people do when they get to the dance. Tonight on Inquiry we’ll talk accordions, washboards, snap beans and about some Zydeco’s greatest musicians. My guest is writer MICHAEL TISSERAND and his book is THE KINGDOM OF ZYDECO.

Inquiry

## BEJAMIN KLEIN & DONALD KROODSMA

Sunday, March 5, 2017 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with **BENJAMIN KLEIN**. He teaches European and world history at California State University, East Bay. He is also the nephew of photographer Irwin Klein. Benjamin Klein has edited a beautiful new book of Irwin Klein’s photography: **IRWIN KLEIN AND THE NEW SETTLERS: PHOTOGRAPHS OF COUNTERCULTURE IN NEW MEXICO**. Tune in and learn about the life of Irwin Klein and about the commune culture in the southwest.

Inquiry welcomes back **DONALD KROODSMA**. He is a well-known authority on birdsong and professor emeritus of ornithology at the University of Massachusetts. A few years back, Kroodsma was wrestling with what he wanted from his academic career and he decided to bicycle across America with his 24 year old son, listening to the changing avifauna along the way. It was a great adventure. His account of this road trip is told in the new book **LISTENING TO A CONTINENT SING: BIRDSONG BY BICYCLE FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC**. This is a unique book that you not only read, but listen to. Tune in and learn all about it.

Inquiry

## LOREN SCHOENBERG: THE SAVORY COLLECTION

Thursday, March 2, 2017 - 11:00am

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with tenor saxophonist, conductor, author, educator and jazz historian LOREN SCHOENBERG about the discovery and release of over 100 hours of previously lost recordings by some of the greatest performers in jazz: THE SAVORY COLLECTION.

Inquiry

## A CURIOUS NATURE: PAINTINGS BY SHELLEY REED AT THE FITCHBURG ART MUSEUM

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Inquiry

## ANNA MARIA COLLEGE: 2017 HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

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Inquiry

## MEGAN MARSHALL: ELIZABETH BISHOP: A MIRACLE FOR BREAKFAST

Thursday, February 9, 2017 - 11:00am

“Elizabeth Bishop wrote love poems, and poems about lovemaking and one of the best poems ever written in English about the loss of love, but she had made her way through life as an orphan, a solitary.” (p.296). Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome Pulitzer Prize winning biographer MEGAN MARSHALL. She is the Charles Wesley Emerson College Professor at Emerson College. Her new book is a biography that is also, in part, an autobiography: ELIZABETH BISHOP: A MIRACLE FOR BREAKFAST.

Inquiry

## AMELIA DAVIS: THE HAIGHT: THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF JIM MARSHALL

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 - 4:00pm

Inquiry welcomes back photographer AMELIA DAVIS. She spent over 13 years as legendary photographer Jim Marshall's assistant and is now the sole owner of Jim Marshall Photography LLC. Tonight we will go back to the hey day of hippies, acid and rock when we talk about the stunning book THE HAIGHT: LOVE, ROCK AND REVOLUTION: THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF JIM MARSHALL which features amazing photography of Bill Graham, The Dead, The Airplane, Hendrix, Janis, the Summer of Love and so much more.

Inquiry

## LESLEY M. M. BLUME & SAYANTANI DASGUPTA

Sunday, January 15, 2017 - 9:00pm

After World War I, young reporter Ernest Hemingway moved to Paris with his new wife determined to become a famous writer of fiction. This was at a time when people like Gertrude Stein and F. Scott Fitzgerald dominated the scene. How Hemingway discovered his style and found the inspiration for his first truly great literary work is the tale recounted in **EVERYBODY BEHAVES BADLY: THE TRUE STORY BEHIND HEMINGWAY'S MASTERPIECE THE SUN ALSO RISES** written by tonight's guest, award-winning journalist, reporter and cultural historian LESLEY M. M. BLUME. Tune in, it's a colorful story with fist fights, infidelity, hard drinking and of course, bull fights among the Lost Generation.

Tonight on Inquiry, we speak with writer and essayist SAYANTANI DASGUPTA. She was born in Calcutta, raised in New Delhi and now teaches at the University of Idaho. Her new book is a collection of her short autobiographical essays about being in-between two very different places and cultures **FIRE GIRL: ESSAYS ON INDIA, AMERICA AND THE IN-BETWEEN**.

Inquiry

## DAME GILLIAN BEER: ALICE IN SPACE

Thursday, January 12, 2017 - 11:00am

Tonight we go down the rabbit hole and through the looking glass when we talk with PROFESSOR DAME GILLIAN BEER. She is the King Edward VII Professor of English Literature Emerita at the University of Cambridge and we will be talking about her new book **ALICE IN SPACE: THE SIDEWAYS WORLD OF LEWIS CARROLL**.

Inquiry

## JOHN DOE & JUSTIN O. SCHMIDT

Sunday, January 8, 2017 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome **JOHN DOE**, bassist and vocalist for the legendary band "X", musician and actor. He has written and compiled a new book of essays on the emergence of the punk movement in Los Angeles in the late 1970s and early 80s. Besides Doe's own writing, **UNDER THE BIG BLACK SUN: A PERSONAL HISTORY OF L.A. PUNK** features pieces written by key musicians at the time from bands like The Plugz, The Flesheaters and even The Go-Gos. John's new album is titled **THE WESTERNER**.

Bzzzzt! Have you ever been stung by a yellow jacket or honey bee? Why do wasp stings hurt so much? Tonight's Inquiry is all about the biology, ecology and biochemistry of stinging insects. We talk with **JUSTIN O. SCHMIDT**, a biologist at Southwestern Biological Institute and is affiliated with the Department of Entomology at the University of Arizona. His new book, **THE STING OF THE WILD**, recounts his wild adventures collecting, and sometimes getting stung by, some of the most venomous insects in the world.

Inquiry

## DAME DARCY: THE MEATCAKE BIBLE

Wednesday, January 4, 2017 - 3:00pm

Inquiry welcomes back artist, performer and film maker DAME DARCY. Tonight we talk about the new compilation of her "Neo-Victorian" masterpiece comics **MEATCAKE BIBLE**. If you are a fan of mermaids, possessed dolls, and sailors lured to their doom, be sure to tune in!

Inquiry

## THOMAS THWAITES & JACK COOKE

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - 9:00pm

**THOMAS THWAITES** is a designer in London, where he ponders technology, science and futures research. One day he realized he was tired of all the worry and stress of human life and decided to try to become a goat. What happened next is told in his new book **GOATMAN: HOW I TOOK A HOLIDAY FROM BEING HUMAN**. The story is even weirder than you think. Tune in and see.

Walking through a city, we rarely look up. Tonight on Inquiry, my guest is writer **JACK COOKE** who goes one better. He goes up. Jack Cooke has a passion for climbing trees in and around London. Trees in parks, cemeteries, along rivers and even in those secret gardens London is famous for. Why should an adult take to the oak and cedar? Tune in and find out. Cooke's unique book is titled: **THE TREE CLIMBER'S GUIDE: ADVENTURES IN THE URBAN CANOPY**.

## Business

Business Beat

### WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF LEW EVANGELIDIS (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, March 26, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews [Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis](#). They talk about turning convicts into colleagues. This interview aired originally on February 12, 2017.

In an August 2016 article, "Turning convicts into colleagues," *Worcester Business Journal* reported, "As workforce development continues to be a pressing issue for Central Massachusetts employers, greater efforts are being made to tap into a portion of the population numbering more than 10,000 to help fill that need – the incarcerated. Mount Wachusett Community College in July announced it was one of 67 colleges nationwide selected by the U.S. Department of Education pilot program to provide education and job training for inmates."

The *WBJ* article continued, "The pilot is part of a push from the Obama Administration to spearhead criminal justice reform by preparing ex-offenders to reenter the community with skills and resources they need to obtain long-term employment. As Massachusetts focuses on filling the workforce skills gap, workforce development advocates said tapping into the state's incarcerated population could help fill those needs, while at the same time hopefully reducing recidivism and creating productive members of society."

As the *WBJ* article noted, there has been a lot of talk about the need to fill the so-called workforce skills gap in Massachusetts. An October 2015 study by Northeastern University's Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy projected a shortage of 1.2 million job openings between 2012 and 2022.

Sheriff Evangelidis was quoted in that *WBJ* article. The now-second term sheriff, who was reelected last November, said he was happy with how inmates have responded to and benefited from the Mount Wachusett job training program so far, but also said he knows there's a lot of work to be done, especially when it comes to connecting inmates with sustainable employment.

Business Beat

## AARON NICODEMUS OF THE TELEGRAM & GAZETTE ON DOWNTOWN WORCESTER'S NEW LOOK (ALL-NEW EPISODE)

Sunday, March 12, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an all-new *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Aaron Nicodemus, business editor of the Telegram & Gazette. They talk about Downtown Worcester's new look for 2017.

In the January 1 issue of the *Sunday Telegram*, the "Business Matters" section took an in-depth look at the economic heart of the Heart of the Commonwealth – Downtown Worcester. As Correspondent Susan Gonsalves writes, "To cynics who regard talk about Worcester's 'revitalization' with skepticism, City Manager Edward M. Augustus Jr. responds, 'All that steel popping up isn't happening by accident.'

"In 2017, people will see a number of changes, improvements and expansion, all designed to transform the second-largest city in New England into an '18-hour destination.' Key to the downtown area's renaissance is an \$11 million overhaul of Main Street, according to Mr. Augustus."

Business Beat

## AMY COLLINSWORTH, SHERYL MEEHAN AND DAVE GARDNER ON WOMEN IN ROTARY (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, March 5, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Amy Collinsworth, president of the Boston Rotaract Club, Sheryl Meehan, governor of Rotary District 7930, of which Boston Rotaract is a part, and Dave Gardner, governor-elect of District 7930. They talk about Women in Rotary: Three Decades After A Landmark Supreme Court Ruling. This episode aired originally on September 25, 2016.

Boston Rotaract hosted the Women in Rotary: Not (Just) Your Grandfather's Rotary Club forum on October 5, 2016 at the Back Bay Social Club in Boston. This event focused on the experience and impact of women in Rotary who are leaders in Rotary International and in their professional and personal lives.

Founded in 1905, Rotary International is a global community of more than 1.2 million like-minded individuals in 35,000 clubs who have a passion for service. However, the Rotary International Constitution required membership to be limited to just men until 1989 - two years after a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that mandated gender equality in Rotary in the United States. Today, there are more than 200,000 women in Rotary, comprising nearly 20% of Rotary's membership.

Rotaract - a Rotary Club partner - is targeted toward young professionals who extend Rotary's value of "service above self, and who want to join in making a difference in their local and international communities. Rotary and the world it serves have transformed since 1905. Women now hold more prominent roles in the workplace, their communities, and in Rotary International – from club presidents to district governors to Rotary International vice president. The "Women in Rotary" forum will focus on the experience and impact of women in Rotary who are leaders in Rotary International and in their professional and personal lives.

In the spirit of full disclosure, Steve Jones-D'Agostino is president of the Auburn Rotary Club.

Public Eye

## TRESSIE MCMILLAN COTTOM

Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 10:30pm

More than two million students are enrolled in for-profit colleges, from the small family-run operations to the behemoths brandished on billboards, subway ads, and late-night commercials. These schools have been around just as long as their bucolic not-for-profit counterparts, yet shockingly little is known about why they have expanded so rapidly in recent years—during the so-called Wall Street era of for-profit colleges. Are they legit? Tune in Sunday evening February 26 at 10:30 when Al speaks with author and educator Tressie McMillan Cottom about her new book; *LOWER ED.*

Business Beat

## LEAH PENNIMAN ON ENDING RACISM IN FARMING AND FOOD (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Leah Penniman of [Soul Fire Farm](#). They talk about ending racism in farming and food. This episode aired originally on July 31, 2016.

Soul Fire Farm, located in Petersburg, New York, is committed to ending racism and injustice in the food system. The farm raises life-giving food and acts in solidarity with people marginalized by what's known as "food apartheid." With deep reverence for the land and wisdom of our ancestors, the farm works to reclaim our collective right to belong to the Earth and to have agency in the food system.

Soul Fire Farm brings diverse communities together on this healing land to share skills on sustainable agriculture, natural building, spiritual activism, health and environmental justice. The farm is training the next generation of activist-farmers and strengthening the movements for food sovereignty and community self-determination.

As a farmer, food justice activist and educator, Leah Penniman, co-director of the non-profit Soul Fire Farm, is working to dismantle the oppressive structures that misguide our food system. She backs that mission with an incredible work ethic, sharp intellect and a deep passion for racial equality in land ownership and food production. She is a part-time high school science teacher, was a 2015 Fulbright Fellow and co-founded YouthGROW in Worcester.

Business Beat

## DR. STEPHEN MECCA ON THE BUSINESS OF REINVENTING THE TOILET (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, February 19, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Dr. Stephen Mecca, professor in the [Department of Engineering-Physics-Systems at Providence College](#) and also a past president of the [Jamestown Rotary Club](#) in Rhode Island. They talk about the business of reinventing the toilet. This episode aired originally on July 24, 2016.

As the [Jamestown \(Rhode Island\) Press](#) reported in 2012: "Someone said you are what you think about everyday," said Dr. Stephen Mecca, a Jamestown resident who has been on the faculty at Providence College since 1969. "If that's the case, I'm a toilet." While Dr. Mecca

began his teaching career as a nuclear physicist, in recent years he has been awarded two grants for work in his current area of interest: *toilets*. Specifically, *microflush* toilets.

Dr. Mecca grew up in New York and he first visited Rhode Island when he was a junior in high school to look at Providence College. He ended up enrolling at PC, where he stayed through graduate school. He earned a master's degree in physics, and from there went to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for his doctorate.

Although Dr. Mecca still teaches nuclear physics and is chairman of the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission, in recent years his interests have turned to complex problem-solving and economics. It was when he was working as a visiting professor eight years ago in the African country of Ghana, that he became appalled by the sanitation situation there. He decided that something had to be done.

According to Dr. Mecca, the sanitation crisis is off the scale. Diarrhea is the leading cause of death of children in the developing world. In the schools, there are often no toilets – if there are, then they're filthy. Disease that results from the unclean conditions leads to absenteeism in schools. All of this adds up to a profoundly negative impact on the quality of education.

Business Beat

## JUAN GOMEZ OF CENTRO, FORMERLY CENTRO LAS AMERICA (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, January 22, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Juan Gomez, executive director of Centro, formerly known as Centro Las Americas. They talk about helping the Latino community survive and thrive in a still-tough economy. This episode aired originally on December 4, 2016.

Established in 1977 as Centro Las Americas by Puerto Ricans to serve Puerto Ricans, Centro bills itself as the largest minority-led, community-based, multiservice, multicultural, multilingual, non-profit organization in Central Massachusetts.

Centro states that its primary purpose is to assist individuals and families striving to reach self-sufficiency while promoting social responsibility, fostering cultural identity, and encouraging families to be significant contributors to the community as a whole.

Juan Gomez has been executive director of Centro since 2007. Most previously, he was a loan officer for Enterprise Bank. He is a former Worcester city councilor at large.

Business Beat

## CHRISTIAN FELBER OF ECONOMY FOR THE COMMON GOOD (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, January 15, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino talks with Christian Felber, founder of the Austria-based movement The Economy for the Common Good, about creating economies for the common good. This episode aired originally on November 20, 2016.

Christian Felber maintains that "promoting our nation's general welfare is one of the bases of the United States Constitution, stated in the preamble." Yet, he adds, "the growing contradiction between business goals and societies values - illustrated by the burgeoning wealth gap, stalemate in addressing climate change and trends toward populism and protectionism - tells us that as a priority, general welfare has been all but forgotten."



Felber is the author of 15 books, including *Change Everything: Creating an Economy for the Common Good*. And, he's an adjunct lecturer at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, and is also a modern dancer.

The Economy for the Common Good unites more than 10,000 supporters in 40 nations and is backed by 2,000 companies. Its mission is to eliminate the fundamental contradiction between business values and social well-being.

Felber's fundamental mission through The Economy for the Common Good, as explained in his book, *Change Everything*, is to "bring back the synergy that's been lost between economy and society, business and individuals' needs. In the current economy, survival depends not on being good or doing good, but on generating profits, no matter whether a company serves human interests or the environment – and no matter the costs to people or our planet."

As Felber sees it, "Capitalism is in the midst of a crisis - the direction of the U.S. elections, Brexit and the surging tide of populism worldwide due to polarization and destabilization are just a few indicators. It is clearly time to breathe a soul back into economics and to re-embed the economy into our cultural value system in a way that elevates social responsibility and the common good over profit."

Business Beat

## WALTER BIRD JR. OF WORCESTER MAGAZINE ON LOCAL JOURNALISM 40 YEARS AGO – AND TODAY (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, January 8, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino talks with Walter Bird Jr., editor of *Worcester Magazine*, about the business of local journalism 40 years ago – and today. This episode aired originally on November 6, 2016.

Forty years ago, two young entrepreneurs named Dan Kaplan and Ryck Bird Lent – who were new to Worcester, to Massachusetts, and to New England – founded *Worcester Magazine* as a monthly. It went weekly two years later, in 1978. This past September 22, *WoMag* published a jam-packed [40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue](#).

During the past four decades, *WoMag* has gone through numerous ownerships. Dan and Ryck sold it in 1986. More than two decades later, in, 2008, the Holden Landmark Corporation, owned by Kirk Davis, bought *WoMag*.

Holden Landmark Corporation, which is based in Millbury, also owns the weekly *Holden Landmark* plus the monthly *Bay State Parent*, and the weekly *Grafton News, Millbury-Sutton Chronicle* and *Leominster Champion*. Together with *Worcester Magazine*, they have a combined circulation of more than 85,000.

Since 2014, Kirk Davis has also been CEO of [Gatehouse Media](#), a separate company based in Pittsford, New York. Gatehouse Media owns 620 community and business publications, along with 125 daily newspapers, including the *Telegram & Gazette* and *Metrowest Daily News*, plus more than 530 local-affiliated websites.

*Worcester Magazine* has gone through many transformations during the past 40 years – from monthly to weekly, and from alternative to mainstream. Through it all, *WoMag* has survived, thrived, delivered consistently on a slogan that it touted than a decade ago: "Love It. Hate It. Read It."

Steve's guest, Walter Bird Jr., has been editor of *Worcester Magazine* since 2014.

Business Beat

## KELLY PORTER OF HARMLESS HARVEST ON GOING BEYOND FAIR TRADE (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino talks with Kelly Porter, chief people officer of Harmless Harvest, about whether the food industry is ready to go beyond Fair Trade. This episode aired originally on October 30, 2016.

As consumers, we are familiar with the "Fair Trade" label on food such as coffee, tea and chocolate—which means farmers received a fair price for the goods they harvested. More recently, food companies have begun to focus on "Fair For Life" certification—which goes beyond fair prices to include fairness in treatment and long-term investment in farming communities.

Only 500 organizations worldwide have received the Fair For Life certification—one of them being San Francisco's Harmless Harvest, a company specializing in organic, great-tasting and sustainably farmed coconut water.

Fair For Life certification is a badge of honor that represents the highest ethical standards in product safety, environmental sustainability and fair wages and working conditions for employees throughout the product's supply chain.

Harmless Harvest gets its coconuts from rural communities in Thailand—and has made a powerful impact on these farming communities. Key annual Fair For Life statistics for Harmless Harvest include:

- 12 mobile health check-up clinics conducted in rural Thai communities in 2015 (an average of one per month)
- 906 Thai locals examined by Harmless Harvest's mobile healthcare check-up unit
- 200 farmers and factory workers sustainably employed by Harmless Harvest in Thailand
- 386 school uniforms (required to attend classes) provided to 193 local Thai schoolchildren
- Nearly \$40,000 reinvested by Harmless Harvest in communities throughout rural Thailand

In the U.S., Thailand and beyond, Harmless Harvest reports that it "shows the power of an ecosystem-based business to return both profit and positive benefit for people and the planet (all while delivering a delicious and hydrating product)."

## Community

Public Eye

### DUDLEY ARNOLD

Sunday, March 26, 2017 - 10:30pm

Dogs do so much for us—giving us comfort and love everyday. In the case of Dogs Who Change the World, these hero dogs help people live fuller and richer lives by going above and beyond the call of doggy duty to help them navigate their world. That is why Milk-Bone has teamed up with Canine Assistants to do more for dogs and honor a few of these exceptionally hard-working canines around the country. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by Dudley Arnold of Canine Assistance Programs of Georgia as he talks about the work that goes into preparing service dogs for work with humans.

Inquiry

**HONEE HESS AND KAT O'CONNOR AND MICHAEL HACHEY:  
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Inquiry

**FROM JELLYFISH BLOOMS TO ANNA MARIA COLLEGE'S 2017  
HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION**

Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 9:00pm

Around the world, our oceans and seas are experiencing a bizarre and frightening phenomena: jellyfish blooms. The appearance of many thousands of jellyfish, preventing fishing, gumming up ships and creating general panic. So, why are they appearing? Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome back scientist **LISA-ANN GERSHWIN**, director of the Australian Marine Stinger Advisory Services. We will be talking about her book **STUNG! ON JELLYFISH BLOOMS AND THE FUTURE OF THE OCEAN.**

Tonight on Inquiry we talk about the recent **2017 HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION at ANNA MARIA COLLEGE.** Our in-studio guests are DAVID WACKELL, Administrative Assistant, Lecturer and Preparator at Anna Maria; JAIMEE TABORDA, instructor from Oxford High School; and artists in the exhibition ERIN REID, MEG BUAREGARD, OLIVIA OBREBSKI, GRACE BOUTIETTE, MORGAN AMOUR and BECCA HOPE.

Public Eye

**JASON EASTTY**

Sunday, February 12, 2017 - 10:30pm

In **Escape Games**, Worcester's hands-on adventures, players work together in a real-life escape-room game. Described as being in the midst of a movie, Escape Games Worcester brings a challenging and exciting quest to life - a cross between a real-life Clue game, a scavenger hunt and a complex puzzle with unlimited possibilities. An escape room provides a fun place to meet up with friends, family, and/or coworkers for true social interaction - mixed with a healthy dose of competition. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Escape Games founder Jason Eastty.

Business Beat

**GRACE ROSS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS ALLIANCE AGAINST  
PREDATORY LENDING (ENCORE EPISODE)**

Sunday, January 29, 2017 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Grace Ross, is one of the founders and the coordinator of the Massachusetts Alliance Against Predatory Lending.

They talk about putting an end to predatory and illegal discrimination in lending practices. This episode aired originally on September 25, 2016.

The Mass. Alliance Against Predatory Lending is a seven-year-old coalition of nearly 70 member organizations, as well as a number of endorsing organizations. Among the member organizations are housing-counseling agencies, legal-services groups, social-service agencies, and community-based social-action groups. All have come together to work on reversing the foreclosure crisis in Massachusetts. The Alliance focuses its work on:

- **Legislative initiatives**, including judicial foreclosure, mandatory mediation, just-cause eviction post-foreclosure, and other pre- and post-foreclosure protections for tenants and homeowners;
- **Organizing** to prevent eviction of tenants and resident homeowners who are paying their rents in foreclosed properties;
- **Providing education** to homeowners and tenants regarding their rights, as well as educating the general public regarding the predatory and discriminatory practices of lenders and financial institutions;
- **Ensuring** that foreclosed properties can be acquired as affordable housing by non-profits and other entities.

The Alliance shares information among, and coordinates the activities of, its member organizations and, where possible, speaks with a united voice on behalf of people impacted by the foreclosure crisis and against predatory lending practices.

Inquiry

## HONEE HESS AND THOMAS DOUGHTON: BANDITS & HEROES, POETS & SAINTS

Thursday, January 12, 2017 - 11:00am

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Inquiry

## JEFF CHANG: WE GON' BE ALRIGHT (PART 2)

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 - 4:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back JEFF CHANG: executive director of the Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University. We will continue our conversation about his book: WE GON' BE ALRIGHT: NOTES ON RACE AND RESEGREGATION. Tonight we talk about his reporting from Ferguson and the meaning of the term "Asian American."

Inquiry

## STACY LORD AND LAURA MAROTTA: THE CREATIVE HUB WORCESTER

Thursday, January 5, 2017 - 10:00am

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with STACY LORD, Chairman of the Board, and LAURA MAROTTA, Executive Director of the ambitious CREATIVE HUB WORCESTER project.

## Health

Inquiry

### FLORENCE WILLIAMS: THE NATURE FIX

Thursday, February 9, 2017 - 10:00am

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back journalist and contributing editor for Outside Magazine, FLORENCE WILLIAMS. Her latest book is *THE NATURE FIX: WHY NATURE MAKES US HAPPIER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE CREATIVE*. In this book, Williams travels around the world to look at how scientists are trying to explore and quantify how being in forests, parks, deserts, and rivers can lower our blood pressure, reduce stress and perhaps help people deal with PTSD and ADHD.

Public Eye

### DR. JAMES HAMBLIN

Sunday, January 22, 2017 - 10:30pm

In 2014, James Hamblin launched a series of videos for The Atlantic called “If Our Bodies Could Talk.” With it, the doctor-turned-journalist established himself as a seriously entertaining authority in the field of health. Now, in illuminating and genuinely funny prose, Hamblin explores the human stories behind health questions that never seem to go away—and which tend to be mischaracterized and oversimplified by marketing and news media. He covers topics such as sleep, aging, diet, and much more: Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Dr. James Hamblin about his new book, *If Our Bodies Could Talk*.

Inquiry

### SIRI HUSTVEDT: A WOMAN LOOKING AT MEN LOOKING AT WOMEN

Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 10:00am

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with novelist and writer SIRI HUSTVEDT. She has a PhD in English Literature from Columbia University and is a lecturer in Psychiatry at the Weill Medical School of Cornell University. Her new book is *A WOMAN LOOKING AT MEN LOOKING A WOMEN: ESSAYS ON ART, SEX, AND THE MIND*.

Public Eye

### MICHAEL ANTHONY

Sunday, January 8, 2017 - 10:30pm

*Civilianized* is a new memoir by young Iraq war veteran, Michael Anthony who is from Massachusetts. This book is not only important (it tackles issues of Veteran suicide, PTSD, drug abuse, and alcoholism) but it is a poignant, sometimes funny, and a great read. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by Michael Anthony.

For information on where veterans can reach out for assistance and help with any issues they are dealing with: <http://www.masscasualties.com/>

## History

Inquiry

### BILL SCHUTT: CANNIBALISM: A PERFECTLY NATURAL HISTORY

Thursday, March 30, 2017 - 11:00am

We all assume that cannibalism is bad. But it is a common phenomenon, at least in the rest of the animal kingdom. And though eat each other is taboo, it certainly appears in many of our myths, fairytales and films. Well, then there was the Donner Party...Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with BILL SCHUTT, a professor of biology at LIU Post and a research associate in residence at the American Museum of Natural History. His new book is not for the faint of heart: CANNIBALISM: A PERFECTLY NATURAL HISTORY.

Public Eye

### MICHAEL FINKEL

Sunday, March 12, 2017 - 10:30pm

In 1986, a shy and intelligent twenty-year-old named Christopher Knight left his home in Massachusetts, drove to Maine, and disappeared into the forest. He would not have a conversation with another human being until nearly three decades later, when he was arrested for stealing food. Living in a tent even through brutal winters, he had survived by his wits and courage, developing ingenious ways to store edibles and water, and to avoid freezing to death. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 to hear about the true story of this survivor as Al speaks with author Michael Finkel about his new book, **The Stranger in the Woods**.

Inquiry

### GORDON B ARNOLD: ANIMATION AND THE AMERICAN IMAGINATION

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - 4:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we speak with GORDON B. ARNOLD. He is a professor of liberal arts at Montserrat College of Art, where he teaches film and art history. His new book is ANIMATION AND THE AMERICAN IMAGINATION: A BRIEF HISTORY. Tune in tonight and listen as we talk about the beginnings of American animation and characters like Gertie, Felix, Betty Boop and Popeye.

Public Eye

### BRAD SNYDER

Sunday, March 5, 2017 - 10:30pm

In 1912, a group of ambitious young men, including future Supreme Court justice Felix Frankfurter and future journalistic giant Walter Lippmann, became disillusioned by the sluggish progress of change in the Taft Administration. The individuals started to band together informally, joined initially by their enthusiasm for Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose campaign. They self-mockingly called the 19th Street row house in which they congregated the "House of Truth," playing off the lively dinner discussions with frequent guest such as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. about life's verities. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with author and historian Brad Snyder about his new book: THE HOUSE OF TRUTH.

Inquiry

## STEPHEN O'SHEA: THE ALPS: A HUMAN HISTORY

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 - 4:00pm

The Alps are “the most evocative range” in Europe. The Alps witnessed the travels of Hannibal and his elephants, the birth of Romanticism, and the creation of Heidi. The Alps are celebrated in poetry, novels and films like the Sound of Music, the Eiger Sanction and far too many Bond movies. The Alps also separate cultures, languages, customs and cuisines. Tune in tonight as Inquiry takes a Grand Tour of the Alps with writer STEPHEN O'SHEA who will be talking about his wonderful book that records his travels through THE ALPS: A HUMAN HISTORY FROM HANNIBAL TO HEIDI AND BEYOND.

Public Eye

## SUSAN QUINN

Sunday, February 5, 2017 - 10:30pm

This week AI speaks with Boston based author and historian Susan Quinn about her best selling new book: **Eleanor and Hick**, the revealing story of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok. This intimate relationship was both unusual and riveting. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 for what promises to be an eye opening segment.

Public Eye

## JOHN AVLON

Sunday, January 29, 2017 - 10:30pm

At the end of his second term, George Washington surprised Americans by publishing his Farewell message in a newspaper. The President called for unity among “citizens by birth or choice,” advocated moderation, defended religious pluralism, proposed a foreign policy of independence (not isolation), and proposed that education is essential to democracy. He established the precedent for the peaceful transfer of power. What can be learned from our first president and his ideals? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI is joined by best selling author and CNN analyst John Avlon as he talks about his new book: Washington's Farewell.

Inquiry

## JIM ENDERSBY: ORCHID: A CULTURAL HISTORY

Thursday, January 26, 2017 - 10:00am

Since Ancient Greece, people have been enthralled by orchids. Orchids were believed to have healing or magical properties. The 18th Century mania for collecting and growing orchids in England supported numerous expeditions to the jungles of the world where hundreds and sometimes thousands of orchids were shipped home to affluent buyers. Darwin even wrote a book about orchids. And that's just the beginning of the orchid story. Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome JIM ENDERSBY. He is a reader in the history of science at the University of Sussex. His new book traces the wild and sometimes sexy history of humans and orchids: ORCHID: A CULTURAL HISTORY.

Inquiry

## ALLISON KAVEY: BOOKS OF SECRETS

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 - 3:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk about mysterious arcane tomes with ALLISON KAVEY, assistant professor of history at the City University of New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Who wrote these books on alchemy and medicine that promised to reveal secrets that no one else knew? Who published these books and who bought them? Tune in tonight when we talk about Kavey's **BOOKS OF SECRETS: NATURAL PHILOSOPHY IN ENGLAND 1550-1600**.

## Humor

Inquiry

## GORDON B. ARNOLD: TELEVISION ANIMATION

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 4:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back GORDON B. ARNOLD to continue our conversation about his new book: **ANIMATION AND THE AMERICAN IMAGINATION**. Tonight we talk about animation on television in the 1950s and 1960s and characters like Crusader Rabbit, Ruff and Reddy and Rocky and Bullwinkle.

Inquiry

## ELIZABETH GREENWOOD AND JEFF CHANG

Sunday, March 12, 2017 - 9:00pm

Are you in too much debt? Facing a criminal conviction? Or are you just unhappy with your family life? Have you ever dreamt about faking your death and starting all over with a clean slate? Tonight's guest on Inquiry did. Writer and journalist **ELIZABETH GREENWOOD** started her very strange trip by Googling "faking your death" and what followed is recounted in her wild and bizarre book: **PLAYING DEAD: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD OF DEATH FRAUD**. Before you attempt to fake your drowning and run away to Panama, tune in and listen.

Tonight on Inquiry we speak with writer **JEFF CHANG**. He is the executive director of the Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University. We will discuss his new book **WE GON' BE ALRIGHT: NOTES ON RACE AND RESEGREGATION**.

Inquiry

## ALAN BURDICK: WHY TIME FLIES

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 - 3:00pm

Why does time seem to speed up the older we get? Do we have an internal clock that regulates the body and mind? Can we purposely make time seem to speed up or slow down? When is now? Tonight on Inquiry we tackle some of these timely questions when we talk with writer and editor ALAN BURDICK about his latest book: **WHY TIME FLIES: A MOSTLY SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION**.



Inquiry

## MICHAEL TISSERAND: KRAZY: GEORGE HERRIMAN, A LIFE IN BLACK AND WHITE

Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 11:00am

“Krazy Kat” by George Herriman was one of the most unique, visually creative, and surreal comic strips to ever adorn a commercial newspaper. Yet for decades it was not known that Herriman was an African American who “passed” for white and he never told anyone he was close with in the newspaper business. Tonight on Inquiry we talk about the wild life of George Herriman and the origins of the beloved Krazy Kat, Ignatz and Ofissa Pup and the whole crazy crew when we speak with writer MICHAEL TISSERAND. His new biography is titled: KRAZY: GEORGE HERRIMAN, A LIFE IN BLACK AND WHITE.

Inquiry

## BEN KATCHOR: CHEAP NOVELTIES: THE PLEASURES OF URBAN DECAY

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 - 4:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with artist and comic artist BEN KATCHOR about the new collection of his work CHEAP NOVELTIES: THE PLEASURES OF URBAN DECAY. Tune in and learn about the odd urban adventures of Julius Knipl, real estate photographer.

## Politics

Public Eye

## DOUG MACK

Sunday, March 19, 2017 - 10:30pm

Everyone knows that America is 50 states and...some other stuff. Scattered shards in the Pacific and the Caribbean, the not-quite states—American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands—and their 4 million people are often forgotten, even by most Americans. But they’re filled with American flags, U.S. post offices, and Little League baseball games. How did these territories come to be part of the United States? What are they like? And why aren’t they states? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by best selling author Doug Mack as he discusses his latest book; **"The Not-Quite States of America"**.

Public Eye

## SHEELAH KOLHATKAR

Sunday, February 19, 2017 - 10:30pm

In her new book BLACK EDGE best selling author Sheelah Kolhatkar takes readers inside the government’s aggressive pursuit of Steven Cohen and the employees of his company SAC Capital, and raises urgent and troubling questions about the power and wealth of those who sit at the pinnacle of modern Wall Street. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by Sheelah Kolhatkar.

## Science

Inquiry

### ARTHUR V. EVANS: THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BACKYARD GUIDE TO INSECTS

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 3:00pm

Insects, spiders and other arthropods are all around us, even in our backyards. But could you even identify more than a handful of the fascinating creatures? Most people intensely dislike insects and spiders, but they are complex often beautiful creatures that often deserve better than our fear. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with ARTHUR V. EVANS, D.Sc. He is an entomologist and prolific writer. His latest book will open up a whole new world of exciting natural history right in your own backyard: **THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BACKYARD GUIDE TO INSECTS AND SPIDERS OF NORTH AMERICA**.

Inquiry

### CARRIE NUGENT: ASTEROID HUNTERS

Thursday, March 23, 2017 - 10:00am

What are the odds that a large asteroid, of the type that caused the extinction of the dinosaurs, could hit earth in our lifetime? Tonight on Inquiry we speak with a person who discovers and tracks these wandering celestial bodies. CARRIE NUGENT is an asteroid hunter who works with a small team to discover and study asteroids at Caltech/IPAC. Her new book is **ASTEROID HUNTERS**.

Inquiry

### JAMES GLEICK AND CRAIG A. MONSON

Sunday, March 19, 2017 - 9:00pm

"Sherman, set the WABAC..." We are all fascinated by stories and films about time travel and considering the possibilities of actual travel to the past or future. But is time travel possible? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with noted chronicler of science and technology **JAMES GLEICK** about his new wonderful book that explores the science, literature and philosophy of **TIME TRAVEL**.

On Friday, April 1 1664 in Bologna, Italy, two former prostitutes were abducted from their convertite where they had recently become nuns. More than a year later, their brutally murdered bodies were discovered in a wine cellar. The search for their killers and the story of what happened to them reached all the way to the papacy and beyond. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with **CRAIG A. MONSON**. He is the Paul Tietjens Professor Emeritus of Music at Washington University in St. Louis. The complex and thrilling story he uncovered is told in his book **HABITUAL OFFENDERS: A TRUE TALE OF NUNS, PROSTITUTES, AND MURDERERS IN 17TH CENTURY ITALY**.

Inquiry

### JEFF FORSHAW: UNIVERSAL: A GUIDE TO THE COSMOS

Thursday, March 16, 2017 - 10:00am

What does the earth weigh? What is the shape of the universe? Did anything come before the Big Bang? These are just some of the subjects we will talk about tonight on Inquiry with our guest **JEFF FORSHAW**, professor of theoretical physics at the University of Manchester. Together with Brian Cox, professor of particle physics at the University of

Manchester, they have written a dynamic guide for the non-scientist titled **UNIVERSAL: A GUIDE TO THE COSMOS**. Tune in and find out where we are all headed.

Inquiry

## **VERNON R. L. HEAD: THE RAREST BIRD IN THE WORLD**

Thursday, March 2, 2017 - 10:00am

Tonight's guest on Inquiry is **VERNON R.L.HEAD**. He is an award-winning architect and Chairman of BirdLife South Africa, one of Africa's biggest and most influential conservation organization. His new book is **THE RAREST BIRD IN THE WORLD: THE SEARCH FOR THE NECHISAR NIGHTJAR**. It is a ripping yard of his search in Ethiopia for a bird that was only previously known by a wing found by scientists in 1990.

Inquiry

## **NATHAN PIEPLOW: PETERSON FIELD GUIDE TO BIRD SOUNDS**

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - 3:00pm

Many people would love to learn to identify bird songs, but what is the best way to go about it? Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome **NATHAN PIEPLOW**. He teaches at the University of Colorado and has studied bird sounds since 2003. His new book is the **PETERSON FIELD GUIDE TO BIRD SOUNDS OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA** and it will show you that the best way to learn bird song is visually! Tune in and find out how.

Inquiry

## **HUGH ALDERSEY-WILLIAMS AND ANNE STENGLE**

Sunday, February 19, 2017 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk about "the discovery and science of the cosmic rhythm that governs our planet": the tides! We speak with **HUGH ALDERSEY-WILLIAMS** curator and author of several books exploring science, design and architecture. His latest book is: **TIDES: THE SCIENCE AND LORE OF THE GREATEST FORCE ON EARTH**. Tune in and learn about tidal bores, mud larking and the terror of the Maelstrom!

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with **ANNE STENGLE**, PhD candidate at the University of Massachusetts, about Timber Rattlesnakes in Massachusetts and the proposed reintroduction program at Quabbin.

Inquiry

## **KEN ONO AND TED LEVIN**

Sunday, February 12, 2017 - 9:00pm

Could there be a genuine mathematical genius waiting to be discovered in some corner of the world? Tonight, Inquiry welcomes back mathematician and author **KEN ONO**. He is the Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Mathematics at Emory University. Tonight he will talk about the **SPIRIT OF RAMANUJAN MATH TALENT INITIATIVE** a new global search for young mathematical talent. WE also talk about the recent Us victory at the International Math Olympiad.

Many people fear snakes and try to kill them on sight. And of all the snake species here in America, the most feared is the rattlesnake. But tonight's guest on Inquiry hopes to change your mind if you are one of those with intense snake angst. **TED LEVIN** is a writer and wildlife biologist. His new book is **AMERICA'S SNAKE: THE RISE AND FALL OF**

**THE TIMBER RATTLESNAKE.** It is an intimate and loving look at the complex life of this rattlesnake of the northeast and explores why their populations around the area are so endangered. Tune in and find out why this species is so special and deserving of protection.

Inquiry

**LISA-ANN GERSHWIN, STACY LORD & LAURA MAROTTA**

Sunday, February 5, 2017 - 9:00pm

If you have ever seen them while swimming or washed ashore, you know that jellyfish look like something from another planet. They come in a seemingly infinite variety of complicated forms. Many are ghostly and transparent. Some have hugely long tentacles, while others are teeny. Many flash lights or twinkle colors. Some jellyfish are among the most deadly stinging creatures on earth, and recent “blooms” of jellyfish have created problems for shipping and fishermen. Tonight on Inquiry we learn all about these unique invertebrates when we talk with **LISA-ANN GERSHWIN**, the director of the Australian Marine Stinger Advisory Services. We will talk about her beautiful new book: **JELLYFISH: A NATURAL HISTORY**.

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with **STACY LORD** and **LAURA MAROTTA**, co-executive directors of the ambitious **CREATIVE HUB WORCESTER** project.

Inquiry

**JONATHAN LAMB: SCURVY: THE DISEASE OF DISCOVERY**

Thursday, February 2, 2017 - 11:00am

“Scurvy was singular, like no other disease, and yet like them all. It was unique and multiple at the same time, unparalleled and common.” Tonight on Inquiry we talk with **JONATHAN LAMB**, the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of the Humanities at Vanderbilt University about his new book: **SCURVY: THE DISEASE OF DISCOVERY**.

Inquiry

**LUIS M. CHIAPPE: BIRDS OF STONE**

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 - 3:00pm

Some of the most beautiful and well-preserved fossils of prehistoric birds in the world have been found in the Jehol shale formations of China. Many of these Mesozoic fossils have even preserved the details of the feathers of these early toothed birds. Tonight on Inquiry we speak with Dr. **LUIS M. CHIAPPE**, adjunct professor at the University of Southern California and vice president for research and collections at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, where he directs the museums Dinosaur Institute. His new book, co-authored with Meng Qingin, is **BIRDS OF STONE: CHINESE AVIAN FOSSILS FROM THE AGE OF DINOSAURS**.

Inquiry

**CARL SAFINA, HONEE HESS & THOMAS DOUGHTON**

Sunday, January 29, 2017 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry, we continue our conversation with award-winning writer and journalist **CARL SAFINA** about his important new book **BEYOND WORDS: WHAT ANIMALS THINK AND FEEL**. Safina is the Endowed Professor for Nature and Humanity at Stony Brook University. Tonight we talk about why humans have been so hesitant to accept the idea that animals other than us could have minds. In addition, we will talk about the very social and complex minds of Killer Whales.

On Inquiry tonight our in studio guests include **HONEE HESS**, Director of the Worcester Center for Crafts and **THOMAS DOUGHTON**, Senior Lecturer, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Holy Cross. They both will be talking about the upcoming Crafts Center exhibition: **BANDITS & HEROES, POETS & SAINTS: POPULAR ARTS OF THE NORTHEAST OF BRAZIL**. For more information on this exhibition, go to: [www.worcestercraftcenter.org](http://www.worcestercraftcenter.org).

Inquiry

## CARL SAFINA & ROBERT MOOR

Sunday, January 22, 2017 - 9:00pm

Can an elephant act silly? Do wolves have ethics? Is a Killer Whale sentient? Typically we have thought of animals as unthinking creatures without a human-like consciousness, but is this really true? What are the implications if we humans finally realized that animals have an inner life similar to our own? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with CARL SAFINA, an award-winning writer and journalist and the Endowed Professor for Nature and Humanity at Stony Brook University. His challenging and exciting new book **BEYOND WORDS: WHAT ANIMALS THINK AND FEEL** attempts to answer these questions.

“We move through this world on paths laid down long before we are born” writes tonight’s guest, writer and journalist ROBERT MOOR. His new book is titled **ON TRAILS: AN EXPLORATION** and it looks at the idea of trails in human culture and the history of trail making back to the prehistoric times. How do trails come into being? What makes an essential trail? Why do we feel so at peace when hiking? These are just some of what will be discussed on tonight’s Inquiry.

Inquiry

## JOHN DOE & JUSTIN O. SCHMIDT

Sunday, January 8, 2017 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome **JOHN DOE**, bassist and vocalist for the legendary band “X”, musician and actor. He has written and compiled a new book of essays on the emergence of the punk movement in Los Angeles in the late 1970s and early 80s. Besides Doe’s own writing, **UNDER THE BIG BLACK SUN: A PERSONAL HISTORY OF L.A. PUNK** features pieces written by key musicians at the time from bands like The Plugz, The Flesheaters and even The Go-Gos. John’s new album is titled **THE WESTERNER**.

Bzzzzt! Have you ever been stung by a yellow jacket or honey bee? Why do wasp stings hurt so much? Tonight’s Inquiry is all about the biology, ecology and biochemistry of stinging insects. We talk with **JUSTIN O. SCHMIDT**, a biologist at Southwestern Biological Institute and is affiliated with the Department of Entomology at the University of Arizona. His new book, **THE STING OF THE WILD**, recounts his wild adventures collecting, and sometimes getting stung by, some of the most venomous insects in the world.

Inquiry

## ERIC R. KANDEL: IN SEARCH OF MEMORY

Thursday, January 5, 2017 - 11:00am

Inquiry welcomes back ERIC R. KANDEL. He is the University Professor and Kavli Professor in the Departments of Neuroscience, Biochemistry, Molecular Biophysics and Psychiatry at Columbia University. In 2000 he was awarded the Nobel prize in Physiology and Medicine. His latest book is **REDUCTIONISM IN ART AND BRAIN SCIENCE** and you can listen to our conversation about that book by clicking on Inquiry podcasts. Tonight we will be discussing his fascinating autobiography **IN SEARCH OF MEMORY: THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW SCIENCE OF THE MIND**.