

**WICN-FM WORCESTER, MA
QUARTERLY ISSUES
Third 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.

Arts

Inquiry

LISA CROSSMAN AND LISA BARTHELSON: PLASTIC IMAGINATION AT FAM

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 - 3:30pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with LISA CROSSMAN, Koch Curatorial Fellow at the Fitchburg Art Museum. Joining her in the studio is artist LISA BARTHELSON. Together they will be talking about the wild and colorful new exhibition at FAM: PLASTIC IMAGINATION, a show of artists who have embraced plastics as their material of choice. This exhibition is on view at FAM till January 15, 2017. For more information, go to: www.fitchburgartmuseum.org

Inquiry

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Inquiry

JOHN HYDEN AND HONEE HESS: PLYWOOD TIGER AT WCC

Thursday, September 1, 2016 - 11:00am

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Public Eye

HONEE HESS

Sunday, August 28, 2016 - 10:30pm

This week Al speaks with Honee Hess the Ex. Director of the Worcester Center for Crafts. This fall they will be rolling out a new program entitled "Youth, Craft and Creativity" which is intended to nurture and develop artistic skills among young people ages 6-17. This innovative concept will focus on 3D thinking, creative reasoning and conceptualizing as it relates to art. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 for all the details.

Inquiry

MADHINI NIRMAL AND LYNNETTE VAZQUEZ POLANCO

Sunday, August 28, 2016 - 9:00pm

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!

Inquiry welcomes artist Lynnette Vazquez Polanco. She was the First Prize Winner at the Fitchburg Art Museum's 80th Annual Regional Exhibition of Art and Craft last year and this year an exhibition of her work "Reflections of the Soul" is currently on view. Also in studio is Lisa Crossman, Koch Curatorial Fellow at the Fitchburg Art Museum and Kledia Spiro, Marketing Manager at FAM. Both of them will talk about upcoming shows and programming At FAM.

Inquiry

JULIE ZICKEFOOSE AND TARA SELLIOS

Sunday, August 21, 2016 - 9:00pm

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 nest boxes 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 next. Tune in for a lively conversation with one of the great wildlife artists in America

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.

Inquiry

LYNNETTE VAZQUEZ POLANCO: REFLECTIONS OF THE SOUL AT FAM

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Inquiry

M.K. BROWN: STRANGER THAN LIFE

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 - 1:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with legendary comic and cartoon artist M.K. BROWN. A new collection of her work has just been published titled STRANGER THAN LIFE: 1970-2013 CARTOONS AND COMICS. Tune in and learn about her early days at National Lampoon and what happened when she got angry with Billie Jean King. M. K. Brown's work remains some of the wildest and most original comic work ever to be published tune in and learn why..

Public Eye

ELIZABETH GREENWOOD

Sunday, August 7, 2016 - 10:30pm

Author Elizabeth Greenwood grew up right here in Worcester, Massachusetts. Today she teaches creative nonfiction at Columbia University. In her new book *Playing Dead* she chronicles the extreme measures some people take to fake their deaths. Be it money woes or otherwise these people go to extreme measures start a new life while leaving behind the old. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with author, Elizabeth Greenwood.

Inquiry

RAUL THE THIRD & ERIC JAY DOLIN

Sunday, August 7, 2016 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome back one of our favorite artists **RAÚL THE THIRD**. His new book, written by Cathy Camper, continues the wild adventures of Elirio Malaria, Lupe Impala and El Chavo Flapjack Ocotpus: **LOWRIDERS TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH!** This is one of the most creative and wild comics out now for kids and adults. Tune in or Mictlantecuhtli will get you!

Lighthouses have been welcome beacons for mariners along America's shores since the early 1700s. The story of their evolution, construction, management and their importance in time of war are just some of what we will talk about tonight when Inquiry welcomes writer and historian **ERIC JAY DOLIN** who will talk about his fascinating book **BRILLIANT BEACONS: A HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LIGHTHOUSE**. Tune in and hear what it was like to be a lighthouse keeper along America's storm haunted shores.

Inquiry

BEN RATLIFF AND MICHAEL RIORDAN

Sunday, July 31, 2016 - 9:00pm

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**.

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

SAYANTANI DASGUPTA: FIRE GIRL

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 - 3:00pm

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**. Tune in and hear her read a section of her essay *Goddesses*.

Inquiry

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Inquiry

JANE MAYER AND MEGAN PUGH

Sunday, July 17, 2016 - 9:00pm

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 how American elections are being bought by a select few interested only in maximizing their profits. Don't miss this show.

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
DEBORAH CRAMER AND E. PAUL ZEHR
Sunday, July 10, 2016 - 9:00pm

The Red Knot is a small shorebird that manages to migrate 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 great accounts of coastal ecology and the human impact on the environment: **THE NARROW EDGE: A TINY BIRD, AN ANCIENT CRAB AND AN EPIC JOURNEY**.

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.

Inquiry
LESLEY M. M. BLUME: EVERYBODY BEHAVES BADLY
Wednesday, July 6, 2016 - 3:00pm

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.

Business

Business Beat
DEBRA PETKE AND ROBIN DEBLOSI OF DANFORTH ART (ENCORE EPISODE)
Sunday, August 28, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino of [Susan Wagner PR + Best Rate of Climb](#) interviews Debra Petke (*shown, left*), executive director, and Robin DeBlosi (*shown, right*), marketing and membership manager of [Danforth Art](#). The business of providing entertaining and educational experiences in the visual arts. This episode aired originally on January 31, 2016.

Established as a grass-roots organization in 1975 by a committed group of citizens, the Danforth Museum of Art, now called Danforth Art, has grown to become a vital cultural resource. Located in Framingham, Danforth Art provides visitors with entertaining and educational experiences in the visual arts.

Danforth Art educates the public through its collection of American art, changing exhibits of contemporary artists, classes and workshops in its School, and a variety of community-outreach programs. Focusing on American art from the 18th century to the present day, Danforth Art is dedicated to showing the very best examples of contemporary art by both emerging and established artists, as well as an exploration of the School of Boston Expressionism.

Danforth Art's compelling exhibitions and permanent collection of more than 3,500 works of art offer countless opportunities for all ages to explore a range of media and artistic forms of

expression. The museum's mission strongly supports education, and the 400 yearly studio-art courses offered in the School, family workshops and artist lectures provide Danforth Art members and visitors numerous opportunities to learn and create.

Business Beat

DANTE COMPARETTO AND MARTHA ASSEFA OF PURE JUZ (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, August 7, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Dante Comparetto and Martha Assefa, co-owners of Pure Juz. They talk about Why we should support locally owned businesses.

Located in Worcester, [Pure Juz](#) is a locally owned and socially responsible juice bar committed to providing the community with the freshest fruit and vegetable juice blends possible. Juices are made fresh from locally sourced produce where possible.

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Pure Juz says it "strongly believes that the strength of Worcester depends on collaborative relationships between the business and non-profit communities." It has created a partnership with the Worcester Parks Department to maintain the "Iron Bridge" at neighboring Elm Park. It also earmarks 3 percent of proceeds from every order of juice goes to support Elm Park Community School, a high-poverty school.

One of the owners, Dante Comparetto, also works as director of youth development with StandUp for Kids, a non-profit that supports homeless and at-risk youth, and intends to prioritize homeless and at-risk youth for hiring decisions. He and his partner, Martha Assefa, say they "truly believe that if every business adheres to socially responsible business practices, then we would have a stronger city." They express hope that their business will "lead by example."

Business Beat

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

Sunday, July 17, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D'Agostino 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](#). This episode aired originally on December 20, 2015.

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 was 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.

Culture/Community

Inquiry

KEVIN BURNS: GO FIGURE AT THE SPRINKLER FACTORY

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 - 4:00pm

Tonight we talk with artist KEVIN BURNS. Examples of his work will be exhibited with works by J.D. Sage in GO FIGURE: ART ABOUT MANKIND AND MIND at the Worcester SPRINKLER FACTORY in October. Tune in and here Kevin talk about his investigations into "entropy and optimality in abstract art" among other topics.

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Business Beat

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

Sunday, September 11, 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.

Inquiry

ELIZABETH GREENWOOD: PLAYING DEAD

Thursday, September 8, 2016 - 11:00am

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.

Business Beat

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

Sunday, September 4, 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's [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.

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Public Eye

JIM HURLEY

Sunday, July 10, 2016 - 10:30pm

Recently the Greater Worcester Community Foundation announced the awarding of \$37,900 through the Leicester Savings Bank Fund that will help improve the quality of life for Leicester residents. This special grant is in honor of officer Ronald Tarentino who was recently killed while in performing his duties as a police officer. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by Leicester Police Chief, Jim Hurley who talks about the grant and the towns rallying around the family of the slain officer.

Business Beat

DAVE PETERSON OF THE WORCESTER BRAVERHEARTS (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, July 3, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, [Steve Jones-D'Agostino](#) interviews Dave Peterson, general manager of the [Worcester Bravehearts](#), who was named the FCBL's Executive of the Year for the 2014 baseball season. They talk about how to succeed with a pro baseball team in Central Mass. This episode aired originally on May 15, 2016.

The Bravehearts baseball team plays a 56-game schedule between June and August. This season, the Bravehearts are playing 28 home games at Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field. They will host the annual FCBL All-Star Experience on July 13.

The Bravehearts are a member of the West Division of the [Futures Collegiate Baseball League](#), which means fans get to see local divisional teams such as the Wachusett Dirt Dawgs, Bristol Blues, and Pittsfield Suns more often. Should any of those teams qualify for the FCBL playoffs, those games will be staged from August 7 through 14.

Now in their second year, the Bravehearts strive to bring great baseball and memorable family experiences at affordable prices to Hanover Insurance Park. The Bravehearts are the reigning champions of the FCBL and compete against nine other teams from around New England in stadiums that give fans a full Minor League-style experience.

Half of the Bravehearts players are local, meaning that they either grew up in Central Massachusetts or are currently playing baseball at a college or university in New England. Chances are that you'll see some familiar faces on the field when you come enjoy a Worcester Bravehearts baseball game!

The Bravehearts and Dirt Dawgs teams are the latest forays by Central Mass. into trying to sustain at least one baseball team at a time. The now-defunct [Worcester Tornadoes](#) of the [Can-Am League](#) played for eight seasons, from 2005 through 2012.

Inquiry

JOHN ROOT AND RICHARD E. NOBLE

Sunday, July 3, 2016 - 9:00pm

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

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

Health

Inquiry

LYNNE COX: SWIMMING IN THE SINK

Thursday, September 8, 2016 - 10:00am

Inquiry welcomes back swimmer and writer LYNNE COX. Lynne has held open-water swimming records all over the world without a wetsuit and has been inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Her life had been dedicated to doing seemingly impossible swims often in places with extremely cold conditions until she fell seriously ill with a serious heart disorder. What happened next would change her life forever. Her book is titled: SWIMMING IN THE SINK: AN EPISODE OF THE HEART.

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History

Public Eye

PATRICK PHILLIPS

Sunday, September 25, 2016 - 10:30pm

Forsyth County, Georgia, at the turn of the twentieth century was home to a large African American community that included ministers and teachers, farmers and field hands, tradesmen, servants, and children. Many black residents were poor sharecroppers, but others owned their own farms and the land on which they'd founded the county's thriving black churches. But then in September of 1912, three young black laborers were accused of raping and murdering a white girl. One man was dragged from a jail cell and lynched on the town square, two teenagers were hung after a one-day trial, and soon bands of white "night riders" launched a coordinated campaign of arson and terror, driving all 1,098 black citizens out of the county. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with award winning author and historian Patrick Phillips, author of the new book: BLOOD AT THE ROOT.

Inquiry

NANCY TOMES & KEN ONO

Sunday, September 25, 2016 - 9:00pm

We hear a lot today that the healthcare system is broken and that we have become a nation of "doctor shoppers" who believe that more care, more scans and more drugs means better care. How did we get this way and what can be done about it? Tonight on Inquiry we will look at the history of the patient -doctor relationships and how it has evolved. We talk with NANCY TOMES, professor of history at Stony Brook University about her revealing history: REMAKING THE AMERICAN PATIENT: HOW MADISON AVENUE AND MODERN MEDICINE TURNED PATIENTS INTO CONSUMERS.

Tonight's guest is KEN ONO. He is the Asa Griggs Chandler Professor of Mathematics at Emory University and a Fellow of the Mathematical Society. His parents were first generation Japanese emigrants to the United States at a time when there was tremendous racism expressed to the Japanese. His father was a brilliant mathematician and it was expected that Ken would follow in his footsteps. But he struggled to find himself for many years until he became inspired by one of the greatest mathematicians of all time. Ken Ono's book is titled MY SEARCH FOR RAMANUJAN: HOW I LEARNED TO COUNT written with Amir D. Aczel.

Public Eye

HEATHER ANN THOMPSON

Sunday, September 18, 2016 - 10:30pm

On September 9, 1971, nearly 1,300 prisoners took over the Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York to protest years of mistreatment. Holding guards and civilian employees hostage, during the four long days and nights that followed, the inmates negotiated with state officials for improved living conditions. On September 13, the state abruptly ended talks and sent hundreds of heavily armed state troopers and corrections officers to retake the prison by force. In the ensuing gunfire,

thirty-nine men were killed—hostages as well as prisoners—and close to one hundred were severely injured. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with best selling author Heather Ann Thompson, her new book: *Blood IN The Water* recaptures this historic event in thrilling detail.

Inquiry

BENJAMIN KLEIN: IRWIN KLEIN AND THE NEW SETTLERS

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 - 3:00pm

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

ANN OLGA KOLOSKI-OSTROW: ARCHAEOLOGY OF SANITATION IN ROMAN ITALY

Thursday, August 25, 2016 - 11:00am

The Ancient Romans had one of the most complicated sewer systems at the time. They also built a large number of public toilets. How did they work? What did Romans think about privacy, sanitation and cleanliness? Was there graffiti? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with **ANN OLGA KOLOSKI-OSTROW**. She is a professor and chair of Classical Studies at Brandeis University and affiliate faculty in Anthropology, Fine Arts, Italian Studies, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Her book is *THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SANITATION IN ROMAN ITALY: TOILETS, SEWERS, AND WATER SYSTEMS*.

Inquiry

LESTER D FRIEDMAN: MONSTROUS PROGENY

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 - 2:00pm

Mary Shelley's early 19th Century novel *Frankenstein* may be the most "influential cautionary tale ever written." Very popular in its day, it has been made into plays and countless movies, including silents. But why is this horror story still so popular? Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with **LESTER D. FRIEDMAN**, professor and former chair of the Media and Society Program at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and **ALLISON B. KAVEY**, associate professor of early and modern history at the CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the CUNY Graduate Center. We will be discussing their book: *MONSTROUS PROGENY: A HISTORY OF THE FRANKENSTEIN NARRATIVES*.

Public Eye

BOBBY KENNEDY LIBERAL ICON

Sunday, July 31, 2016 - 10:30pm

History remembers Robert F. Kennedy as a racial healer, a tribune for the poor, and the last progressive knight of a bygone era of American politics. But Kennedy's enshrinement in the liberal pantheon was actually the final stage of a journey that had its beginnings in the conservative 1950s. In *Bobby Kennedy*, Larry Tye peels away layers of myth and

misconception to paint a complete portrait of this singularly fascinating figure. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by Boston based best selling author Larry Tye.

Public Eye

JEAN EDWARD SMITH

Sunday, July 24, 2016 - 7:30pm

Distinguished presidential biographer Jean Edward Smith offers a critical yet fair biography of George W. Bush, showing how he ignored his advisors to make key decisions himself—most disastrously in invading Iraq—and how these decisions were often driven by the President’s deep religious faith. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with award winning biographer Jean Edward Smith.

Inquiry

ROBERT MOOR: ON TRAILS: AN EXPLORATION

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 - 3:00pm

“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.

Public Eye

CHRIS PHILIPS

Sunday, July 10, 2016 - 10:30pm

Most Americans imagine the Civil War in terms of clear and defined boundaries of freedom and slavery: a straightforward division between the slave states of Kentucky and Missouri and the free states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kansas. However, residents of these western border states, Abraham Lincoln’s home region, had far more ambiguous identities—and contested political loyalties—than we commonly assume. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with author and historian Chris Philips about his new book, *The Rivers Ran Backward*.

Inquiry

ERIC JAY DOLIN: BRILLIANT BEACONS

Wednesday, July 6, 2016 - 4:00pm

Lighthouses have been welcome beacons for mariners along America’s shores since the early 1700s. The story of their evolution, construction, management and their importance in time of war are just some of what we will talk about tonight when Inquiry welcomes writer and historian ERIC JAY DOLIN who will talk about his fascinating book BRILLIANT BEACONS: A HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LIGHTHOUSE. Tune in and hear what it was like to be a lighthouse keeper along America’s storm haunted shores.

Public Eye

KAREN GREENBERG

Sunday, July 3, 2016 - 10:30pm

The day after September 11, President Bush tasked the attorney general with preventing another terrorist attack on the United States. From that day forward, the Bush administration turned to the Department of Justice to give its imprimatur to activities that had previously been unthinkable—from the NSA's spying on US citizens to indefinite detention to torture. Many of these activities were secretly authorized, others done in the light of day. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with law professor, author and Council on Foreign Relations member Karen Greenberg about her new book, **ROGUE JUSTICE**.

Humor

Inquiry

M.K. BROWN: STRANGER THAN LIFE

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 - 1:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with legendary comic and cartoon artist M.K. BROWN. A new collection of her work has just been published titled **STRANGER THAN LIFE: 1970-2013 CARTOONS AND COMICS**. Tune in and learn about her early days at National Lampoon and what happened when she got angry with Billie Jean King. M. K. Brown's work remains some of the wildest and most original comic work ever to be published tune in and learn why..

Politics

Public Eye

JOHN SEAGER

Sunday, September 4, 2016 - 10:30pm

In many developed countries—Japan, South Korea, Italy, Spain, Germany, Canada, and the United States among them—fertility rates are below replacement rate. It's far from cause for alarm despite claims by "birth dearthers" that we face social and economic catastrophe due to lower birth rates. With global population still growing at a rate of 1.1 percent, the world continues to add some 83 million people a year. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with John Seager author and CEO of "Population Connection". His opinions on world population growth may surprise you.

Public Eye

ZACHARY ROTH

Sunday, August 14, 2016 - 10:30pm

In his new book **The Great Suppression** MSNBC reporter Zachary Roth decries the suppression of Democracy as it relates to voting and voter rights by right wing activists. Is there any truth to it? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Ross about his book and the democratic process here in America.

Science

Inquiry

DONALD KROODSMA: LISTENING TO A CONTINENT SING

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 - 4:00pm

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

ANDREAS MALM AND CHRISTOPHE BONNEUIL

Sunday, September 4, 2016 - 9:00pm

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*.

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

LISA-ANN GERSHWIN: STUNG!

Thursday, September 1, 2016 - 11:00am

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.

Inquiry

ANNE STENGLE: THE TIMBER RATTLESNAKE IN MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday, August 25, 2016 - 10:00am

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

HUGH ALDERSEY-WILLIAMS: TIDE

Thursday, August 18, 2016 - 9:30am

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, mudlarking and the terror of the Maelstrom!

Inquiry

CARL SAFINA: BEYOND WORDS PART 2

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 - 4:00pm

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.

Business Beat

JOE BUSH ON WORCESTER CLEANTECH INCUBATOR (ENCORE EPISODE)

Sunday, August 14, 2016 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve Jones-D’Agostino interviews Joe Bush, executive director of [Worcester CleanTech Incubator](#). They talk about fostering the growth of new “green” enterprises. This episode aired originally on April 24, 2016.

Joe is a scientist, manager, and entrepreneur who is passionate about leveraging technology to improve our standard of living, while bringing our ecological impact in-line with regional and global carrying capacities.

Worcester CleanTech Incubator’s mission is to foster the growth of new enterprises to address the most pressing issues of our time. The Incubator states its belief that “entrepreneurship is the lifeblood of innovation and the key to society’s transition towards sustainability.” The Incubator provides both the physical and network resources companies need to propel their ideas to market.

Founded and operated by the Institute for Energy and Sustainability, the Incubator is a community in the heart of Central Massachusetts dedicated to building change. The Incubator facility, located in the Printers Building – here at 44 Portland Street in downtown Worcester - provides more than 10,000 square feet of space that offers private offices, co-working space, conference rooms, event space, and prototyping labs.

Joe Bush expresses his eagerness to help fellow entrepreneurs as well as established businesses grow the regional green economy.

Inquiry

MICHAEL TENNESEN AND SUSAN JACOBY

Sunday, August 14, 2016 - 9:00pm

“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*.

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

LISA-ANN GERSHWIN: JELLYFISH: A NATURAL HISTORY

Thursday, August 4, 2016 - 10:30am

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.

Inquiry

DAVID HONE: THE TYRANNOSAUR CHRONICLES

Wednesday, August 3, 2016 - 3:00pm

Tyrannosaurs, like the familiar T. rex, are among the most charismatic dinosaurs, well known to the general public, even children. But how did they live? Were they as fearsome as the films portray them? What did they eat? And what was the deal with their tiny front legs? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with DAVID HONE, who is based at the University of London and is Lecturer in Zoology Queen Mary University. His new book is THE TYRANNOSAUR CHRONICLES: THE BIOLOGY OF THE TYRANT DINOSAURS and it is the most complete and up to date information about these extinct fearsome carnivores.

Inquiry

BEN RATLIFF AND MICHAEL RIORDAN

Sunday, July 31, 2016 - 9:00pm

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.

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

RAÚL THE THIRD: LOWRIDERS TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

Thursday, July 21, 2016 - 11:00am

Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome back one of our favorite artists RAÚL THE THIRD. His new book, written by Cathy Camper, continues the wild adventures of Elirio Malaria, Lupe Impala and El Chavo Flapjack Ocotpus: **LOWRIDERS TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH!** This is one of the most creative and wild comics out now for kids and adults. Tune in or Mictlantecuhtli will get you!

Inquiry

TED LEVIN: AMERICA'S SNAKE

Thursday, July 21, 2016 - 10:00am

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

CARL SAFINA: BEYOND WORDS: WHAT ANIMALS THINK AND FEEL

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 - 2:30pm

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.

Inquiry

JOHN ROOT AND RICHARD E. NOBLE

Sunday, July 3, 2016 - 9:00pm

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

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

