

# **BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**BOCA RATON CHAPTER**

**Summer  
Study Guide  
2019**





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# Brandeis Summer Study Group Calendar

Vice Presidents: Pat Knapp, Marcia London

## JUNE

12 Wednesday SCCC	Robert Rabil	Arab World in Crisis
17 Monday Sinai	Myrna Goldberger	Clever Comments
18 Tuesday Abbey Delray South	Ronelle Delmont	Jewish Book and Film
20 Thursday Abbey Delray South	Myrna Loman	The Reel Thing
24 Monday Sinai	Terryl Lawrence	Frameworks

## JULY

2 Tuesday Abbey Delray South	Ronelle Delmont	Jewish Book and Film
9 Tuesday SCCC (7:00PM)	Robert Watson	1600 Pennsylvania Ave
10 Wednesday SCCC	Robert Rabil	Arab World in Crisis
12 Friday SCCC	Joyce Reider	Book Biz
15 Monday Sinai	Myrna Goldberger	Clever Comments
18 Thursday Abbey Delray South	Myrna Loman	The Reel Thing
22 Monday Sinai	Terryl Lawrence	Frameworks

## AUGUST

6 Tuesday Abbey Delray South	Ronelle Delmont	Jewish Book and Film
10 Saturday (3pm) STEINWAY	Rod MacDonald	Music, Music, Music
14 Wednesday SCCC	Robert Rabil	Arab World in Crisis
15 Thursday Abbey Delray South	Myrna Loman	The Reel Thing
19 Monday Sinai	Myrna Goldberger	Clever Comments
26 Monday Sinai	Terryl Lawrence	Frameworks

SCCC designates South County Civic Center

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# 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

*Tuesday, 7:00 PM*

**Leader: Dr. Robert Watson**

**One Session: July 9, 7:00pm**

**Location: SCCC**

**Members: \$20 in Advance**

**Guests and at door: \$25**

***A Primer on Impeachment: History, Constitution, Process***

As is his custom, **Dr. Watson** will preface his scheduled lecture with remarks and observations on current newsworthy events. There will be adequate time for questions and answers after the lecture. Robert Watson is a professor, author, media commentator and community activist who joined the faculty of Lynn University in 2007. He has published 41 books and hundreds of scholarly articles, book chapters, encyclopedia essays and newspaper columns. **Dr. Watson** has co-convened a half-dozen national conferences on the American Presidency as well as moderated political debates and forums on current issues. His work in the community includes founding and directing ThinkAct Lead, a non-profit think tank established as a free community service dedicated to civic education and political reform. A frequent media commentator, Dr. Watson has been interviewed by local, national and international television, radio, print and online outlets including CNN, MSNBC, "Time," "USA Today," "The New York Times," the BBC and others. He has appeared on C-SPAN's "Book TV," "Hardball with Chris Matthews," "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," CNN's "Inside Politics with Judy Woodruff," Fox's "Special Report with Brit Hume". Dr. Watson serves as the official political analyst for WPTV Channel 5 (NBC

# 2

## Arab World in Crisis

*Wednesdays, 1:30 pm*

**Leader: Dr. Robert Rabil**

**Three Sessions: June 12, July 10, Aug 14**

**Location: SCCC**

**Members: \$45 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$20  
Per Session**

As the U.S led international war against ISIS makes headway, Washington has struggled to balance the conflicted interests, ambitions and concerns of multiple protagonists. Significantly, Washington, in parallel to planning the war, is striving to fill the future void created by ISIS once it is defeated. This planning is replete with danger including prolonging the Iraqi and Syrian strife. This lecture series sheds light on Washington's efforts to win the war against ISIS and stabilize Iraq and Syria, as well as on the polarized regional and international dynamics which could bring about new conflicts among and between Kurds, Turks, Syrians, Iranians, Arabs, and Israelis, save Americans and Russians.

**Dr. Robert Rabil** is a tenured Professor of Middle Eastern Studies at FAU. He received his Ph.D in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University. He has served as Chief of Emergency of the Red Cross in Lebanon and was Project Manager of the US State Department-funded Iraq Research and Documentation Project. He has written extensively on Syria, Iraq, US-Arab Relations, Israel, reform in the Arab World, radical Islam and terrorism.

# 3

## Frameworks

*Mondays, 1:30 pm*

**Leader: Dr. Terryl Lawrence**

**Three Sessions: Jun. 24, Jul. 22, Aug. 26**

**Location: Sinai Residences**

**Members: \$45 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$20  
Per Session**

**June 24-** Architecture and Design - Stanford White and Louis Comfort Tiffany - Friends and Collaborators.

**Jul 22-** Painting and Printmaking - Toulouse Lautrec and Alphonse Mucha.

**Aug 26-** Photography - Edward Steichen and Annie Leibovitz.

**Dr. Terryl Lawrence** has a Ph.D from Columbia University. A painter and photographer, she continually exhibits her works and has won many awards...including a National Grant in the Humanities for research in Art History. Currently she is on the staff of LLS at FAU. She also is a Professor at the Digital Media Arts College Boca Raton, teaching drawing, art history and mythology.

# 4

## Clever Comments

*Mondays, 1:30 pm*

**Leader: Myrna Goldberger**

**Three Sessions: June 17, July 15, Aug 19**

**Location: Sinai Residences**

**Members: \$45 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$20  
Per Session**

**Women (sometimes even Men) can make witty clever comments on almost any subject.**

**Course will focus on the lives and biting quotations of some famous individuals in American History whose remarks reflected their life styles and ideologies.**

**June 17:** "If you don't have anything nice to say about someone come sit beside me."  
Alice Roosevelt Longworth

**July 15:** "If God wanted us to think with our wombs, why did he gave us a brain?"  
Clare Boothe Luce

**August 19:** -"Bachelors have consciences, married men have wives." H.K. Mencken

**Myrna Goldberger** was educated at the University of Maryland, Loyola College and Johns Hopkins University. She has been an educator, lecturer, and performer for over 50 years. She is currently a lecturer for the Lifelong Learning Society at FAU, Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses. In addition, she presents programs to organizations, communities, special interest groups and private functions. Myrna is characterized as "dynamic, charismatic and well prepared" by her students.

# 5

## The Reel Thing

Thursdays, 1:30 pm

**Leader: Myrna Loman**

**Three Sessions: June 20, July 18, Aug 15**

**Location: Abbey Delray South**

**Members: \$45 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$20  
Per Session**

**June 20: A Man Called Ove** (Scandinavia 2016) - Based on a best selling book, this contemporary comedy reveals a misanthropic former president of his condo association, as he “meets his match”, when attempting to continue enforcing his rules harassing his neighbors.

**July 18: Denial** (British 2016) - A true courtroom drama based on an actual case in the 1990's. David Irving, a British Holocaust denier, sues American historian Deborah Lipstadt (Rachel Weisz), to prove that the atrocities actually took place. The techniques, employed by Tom Wilkinson, as required by the British court system are unique and extraordinary... no survivors' testimony may be given as well as other typical documentary evidence. A fascinating and unique approach to the telling of our history.

**August 15: Mr. Church** (USA, 2016) - Inspired by a true friendship, this film stars Eddie Murphy in his first major dramatic role. Hired to help an ill single mother and her child, the man forms a bond through his cooking and concern that enriches every one's life.

**Myrna Loman** is the Producer of the West Boca Theatre Company of the Levis JCC. She also serves on the Panel of the Carbonell Awards, the judging of So. Florida's professional theatres and the equivalent of the Tony Awards. Myrna is currently the moderator/instructor of numerous film series at the JCC, Boca Raton Museum of Art, charitable organizations, and adult communities. A past Chair of the BR Museum Docent Council, as well as a member of the Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series of JEC, Myrna lectures on various topics relating to film, popular culture, women and social issues.

***Please make sure to note: all films subject to change.***

# 6

## Jewish Book and Film Summer Series

*Tuesdays, 1:30 pm*

**Leader: Ronelle Delmont**

**Three Sessions: June 18, July 2, Aug 6**

**Location: Abbey Delray South**

**Members: \$45 in advance for series**

**Guests and at door: \$20  
Per Session**

**June 18- ENEMIES: A LOVE STORY** was directed in 1989 by Paul Mazursky. The film, starring Ron Silver, Anjelica Huston and Lena Olin is based on the 1966 novel by Nobel Laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer. Originally written in Yiddish the novel was serialized in The Jewish Daily Forward newspaper and the English translation was not published until 1972.

**July 2- GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT** - based on a best-selling novel by LAURA Z HOBSON. This famous 1947 movie about anti-Semitism in America was produced by Daryl F Zanuck who was not Jewish and directed by Elia Kazan who was not Jewish. This award winning film is based on a novel by the daughter of Socialist Mikhail Zametkin who had been the first editor of The Jewish Daily Forward newspaper.

**Aug 6- SNOW IN AUGUST** is a 2001 film by director Richard Friedenberg based on the best-selling 1996 novel by PETE HAMILL. It is a mesmerizing coming of age tale concerning the inquisitive mind of a fatherless Catholic boy growing up in postwar 1940s Brooklyn who becomes a Shabbas Goy.

**Ronelle Delmont**, long-time resident of Greenwich Village, now lives in Pembroke Pines. After relocating to South Florida in 1987 Ronelle graduated from Florida International University in Miami with a degree in International Relations. She has been a staff writer for the Broward Community College newspaper, The Observer, and won a 1993 Journalism Award for her coverage of Ku Klux Klan and the Haitian refugee crisis. Ronelle has been a popular speaker throughout Dade, Broward & Palm Beach counties. She lectures regularly for FAU and FIU Life Long Learning Societies.

# 7

## Book Biz!

*Friday, 1:30 pm*

***Leader: Joyce Reider***

***One session: July 12***

***Location: SCCC***

***Members: \$15 in advance***

***Guests and at door: \$20  
Per Session***

**July 12- Lisa Ko “ The Leavers”** - This is the immigrant experience as you’ve never encountered it, right from the headlines of Trump’s America. Does anyone still have an open mind on this subject? Come and discuss with us.

**Joyce Reider** has been leading study groups for many years. She brings her national reputation and lively intellect into the classroom, ranging widely over the history, culture and literary merit of each work. So read, be stimulated and enjoy.

# 8

## In Concert Music, Music, Music

*Saturday, 3:00 pm*

**Leader: Ron MacDonald**

**Session: Aug 10, 3:00pm**

**Location: Steinway Piano Gallery**

**Members: \$20 in advance**

**Guests and at door \$25**

**In Concert: Rod MacDonald, guitar**

**Brad Keller, keyboard**

From his start in NYC's Greenwich Village in the 1970s-- through 11 CDs and 100 performances annually throughout North America and Europe-- guitarist **Rod MacDonald** continues to dazzle audiences with his passionate singing and thought-provoking writing. His songs have been recorded by numerous other singers. His latest CD "Later That Night" reached #3 nationally on the Roots Music Folk charts in February 2015, with the song "Raven" at #1. In the meantime, he's been named one of "Ten Greatest South Florida Folk Singers Of All Time" by New Times. He has also been recognized as a Distinguished Faculty Member 2012 by FAU's Lifelong Learning Program, where he teaches Music Americana and where he has performed sold-out concerts of the Great American Songbook with Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, and Carole King/James Taylor.

Rod will be accompanied on the Steinway by **Brad Keller**, the regular keyboardist from the Humdingers who has played in several concerts with Rod at FAU. Brad has performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival, with Maynard Ferguson, with the Ink Spots, and is the Jazz Piano instructor at Palm Beach State College. He has taught music in Palm Beach County public schools for twenty years and is the co-author of the "Jazz Cats" books used internationally to introduce young students to Jazz.

# **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

## **INTERNET SITE**

**[www.bncbocaraton.org](http://www.bncbocaraton.org)**

## **REFUND POLICY**

**THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS UNLESS A STUDY GROUP IS CANCELED**

## **GUEST POLICY**

**A 'GUEST' REFERS TO ANY MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER WHO HAS NOT PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE COURSE. ANYONE, INCLUDING BNC MEMBERS, NOT PRE-REGISTERED FOR A STUDY GROUP WILL BE CHARGED THE GUEST FEE AT THE DOOR.**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**ANNUAL MEMBERS SHOULD SEND THEIR RENEWAL DUES DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL: (INDICATE BOCA RATON CHAPTER ON YOUR CHECK)  
BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
P.O. BOX 549110  
WALTHAM, MA. 02454**

## **REMINDER**

**WE DO NOT SEND CONFIRMATIONS.. IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM US, YOU ARE REGISTERED. IF THE STUDY GROUP IS CANCELED WE WILL CONTACT YOU.**

***Notice: Programs subject to change without notice.***

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Circle courses for which you are registering. Include this form with your check made payable to BNC. Mail to: Pat Knapp, 3945 Redondo Court , Boca Raton, Fl 33487, Telephone 998-7784

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Fee in advance: \$45 FOR SERIES (3 sessions)**

**Guests and at door: \$20 per individual lecture**

Make sure to return this form with your check.

Please mark your calendars so you remember to attend.

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|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|
| 1. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue | 1 session \$20 | \$ _____ |
| 2. Arab World in Crisis     | series \$45    | \$ _____ |
| 3. Frameworks               | series \$45    | \$ _____ |
| 4. Clever Comments          | series \$45    | \$ _____ |
| 5. The Reel Thing           | series \$45    | \$ _____ |
| 6. Jewish Book and Film     | series \$45    | \$ _____ |
| 7. Book Biz                 | 1 session \$15 | \$ _____ |

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Members: \$20 in advance**

**Guests and at door: \$25**

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 8. Music, Music, Music- Rod MacDonald | 1 session    | \$ _____        |
|                                       | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> |

**PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBERS & E-MAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN NOTIFY YOU OF ANY CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS.**

**PLEASE PRINT**

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# **VENUES AND DIRECTIONS**

## **Steinway Piano Gallery**

7940 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton  
*East side of Federal between Yamato and Linton.*

## **Abbey Delray South**

1717 Homewood Blvd, Delray Beach  
*East Side of Homewood, South of Linton*

## **SCCC-South County Civic Center**

16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach  
*East side of Jog between Clint Moore and Linton*

## **Sinai Residences**

21036 95th Avenue South, Boca Raton  
*Glades Road to 95th Avenue South,  
then south onto JCC campus to guard house.*

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