

## WEB VERSION

# Women and Men of Brown

June 2012

Women and Men of Brown welcomes as members all women and men connected with Brown directly or as spouses or partners, including faculty, visitors, administrators, staff, graduate students, and alumni.  
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### Message from the Co-Presidents

Greetings from the Women and Men of Brown,

Whether you are new to Brown or you have been connected to Brown for many years, but would like to know more about our activities and interest groups, we would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of you!

Our organization endeavors to foster friendship within the Brown community. If one or more of our interest groups sparks your curiosity, do not hesitate to call the individual coordinators. They are always happy to tell you more, and make you feel welcome to attend a meeting.

In addition, we assist new and visiting families to feel at home in the Brown community.

Our Annual Meetings (fall and spring) are open to all. These are opportunities where members, visitors, and guests come together to visit with old friends and to make new friends. These meetings have always featured a speaker and the spring meetings also include the presentation of the RUE (Resumed Undergraduate Education) awards.

Newcomers might like to know that our Household Leasing Service rents furniture at low cost to international graduate students, post docs, RUE students, and visiting faculty. Currently, the office is open on Fridays only, 10 am – 1 pm August 24 and 31, September 7 and 14. Household Leasing is now located in the lower level of the New Pembroke dormitory.

Enjoy the long, lazy days of summer wherever you are. Our activities start up again after Labor Day Weekend.

*Aminia Brueggemann &  
Ina Suuberg*



# WOMEN and MEN of BROWN 2012/2013

## OFFICERS

Co-Presidents	Aminia Brueggemann	884-2729
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## BOARD MEMBERS

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Household Leasing	Berit Kosterlitz
Newcomers	Aminia Brueggemann Gwen Guillet Ina Suuberg Nancy Weiss-Fried
Newsletter	Berit Kosterlitz Lynette Charniak Corinne Tan
Nominating Committee	Carla Dowben Hai-Lan Kang Maryanne Pickett
RUE	Barbara Goldstein Nancy Weiss-Fried

## INTEREST GROUP COORDINATORS

Book Group (Afternoon)	Joseleyne Slade/ Ruth Church	
Book Group (Evening)	Lynn Lichtenbaum	
Daytrippers	Lynette Charniak	272-8735
	Berit Kosterlitz	
Dinner Group	Carla Dowben	
French	Hai-Lanne Kang	
Italian Conversation	RosaMaria Preparata	
Morning Coffee	Marianne Pickett	
Shakespeare	Carla Dowben	
Tennis	Barbara Goldstein	



## INTEREST GROUPS

### AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm.  
Below are the books we have chosen for the year:

#### Fall 2012:

September: "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao"  
by Junot Diaz  
October: "Emily Hudson" by Melissa Jones  
November: "Louisa May Alcott: A Biography" by  
Madeleine B. Stern  
December: "Housekeeping" by Marilynne Robinson

#### Spring 2013:

January: "The Hare with Amber Eyes" by Edmund  
de Waal  
February: "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain  
March: "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel  
Wilkerson  
April: "Deaf Sentence" by David Lodge  
May: "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson  
June: Picnic

### EVENING BOOK GROUP

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the  
month at 7:30 p.m.  
Here are the books we have chosen for the year:

#### Fall 2012

September: "The Secret Scripture" by  
Sebastian Barry  
October: "Remarkable Creatures" by Tracy  
Chevalier  
November: "Cannery Row" by John Steinbeck  
December: No meeting

#### Spring 2013

January: "Catherine the Great" by Robert K. Massie  
February: "The Hare With Amber Eyes" by Edmund  
de Waal  
March: "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle  
April: "The Old Gringo" by Carlos Fuentes  
May: Potluck and choosing books for next year

**Next newsletter information  
due 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**

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## DAYTRIPPERS

We normally gather on the second Wednesday of the month for our excursions.

This is our plan for the autumn of 2012:

September: Historic Touro Synagogue

October: Fuller Craft Museum

November: Peabody-Essex Museum

December: Museum of Fine Arts

## DINNER GROUP

We enjoy cooking (and eating) wonderful meals. Every month we meet at a different member's home. We've been known to visit restaurants too.

## FRENCH GROUP

We meet monthly to speak French while enjoying coffee and snacks in each other's homes.

## ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP

We continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

## TENNIS

Our group is still functioning and is looking for new members.

## MORNING COFFEE

We continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

We had very good turnouts last year for our gatherings. The conversation is always enjoyable, and the treats provided make it difficult to keep our waistlines trim, but the company is worth it.

During the fall Coffees will be held on:

September 19,  
October 3 and 17,  
November 7 and  
December 5.

During the spring they are usually held on the first and third Wednesdays of February, March, and April, and only the first Wednesday of May.

## SHAKESPEARE GROUP

We usually meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We have been reading his plays aloud for years; some plays we've read several times by now, others we never seem to get to. We always enjoy having new people to play the roles, and also to suggest different plays to read.

## Soon another season will be upon us

Anyone can start an interest group. **Bridge?**

**Spanish? A new Walking Group to**

**replace the one we lost** Contact Berit Kosterlitz at [b\\_kosterlitz@hotmail.com](mailto:b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com) with particulars if you wish to start a group and have it announced in the newsletter.



## HOUSEHOLD LEASING

now located in

**NEW PEMBROKE DORM 4 BASEMENT**

**Open only on Fridays 10-1 pm August 24-September 14, 2012.**

**Will re-open weekly on Tuesday 12-Noon from end of January 2013.**

We rent furniture at an extremely reasonable price to international graduate students and post docs (our primary mission) and also, as a courtesy, to visiting faculty and RUE students.  
Anyone who can help is welcome.

Email: [b\\_kosterlitz@hotmail.com](mailto:b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com) with any questions or concerns

***Sometimes we need help with transportation. If anyone in the WMOB community has access to a pick-up truck to help with the delivery of donated furniture to Household Leasing, please let Berit know.***