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.

Message from the President

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 community within the Brown community. If one or more of our interest groups sparks your curiosity, contact the president by email at b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com for further information. She will be 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. Those meetings have always featured a speaker and the spring meetings also include the presentation of the RUE (Resumed Undergraduate Education) awards.

Our organization also runs a Household Leasing Service which rents furniture at low cost to international graduate students, post docs, RUE students, and visiting faculty. Contact the coordinator Berit Kosterlitz at b_kosterlitz@hotmail.com for further information.

Enjoy the summer wherever you are. Our activities start up again after Labor Day Weekend.

Berit Kosterlitz
WOMEN and MEN of BROWN 2013/2014

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INTEREST GROUPS

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

Fall 2013:
September 5: “In the Garden of Beasts” by Erik Larson
October 3: “Finding Nouf” by Zoe Ferraris
November 7: “An Equal Music” by Vikram Seth
December 5: “Flight Behavior” by Barbara Kingsolver

Spring 2014
January 9: “The Reluctant Fundamentalist” by Mohsin Hamid
February 6: “A Week in December” by Sebastian Faulks
March 6: “Life Itself: A Memoir” by Roger Ebert
April 3: “Olive Kitteridge” by Elizabeth Strout
May 1: “Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power” by Rachel Maddow
June 5: 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 2013
September 16: “Einstein His Life and Universe” by Walter Isaacs
October 21 “Gaudy Nights” by Dorothy Sayers
November 18 “The Sense of An Ending” by Julian Barnes

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Spring 2014
January 20 “Zoobiquity” by Barbara Natterson-Horowitz and Kathryn Bowers
February 17 “Those Who Save Us” by Jenna Blum
March 17 “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald
April 21 “Then They Came For Me” by Maziar Bahari
May 19 POT LUCK

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

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.

MORNING COFFEE
We continue to meet the first and third Wednesday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
We have 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 18
October 2 and 16
November 6 and 20
December 4
Would anyone like to host the Nov. 20 Coffee? Please email corinnetan@yahoo.com.

During the spring Coffees will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of February, March and April, and maybe the first Wednesday of May.
Fortunately we have a great core of members who agree to host without committing a lot of time.
No hosts are set as yet for the spring.

SHAKESPEARE GROUP
We usually meet on the 3rd 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.

We hope to start a new LUNCH GROUP in the Fall meeting on the last Thursday of each month with the first meeting on 26th September..
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 with particulars if you wish to start a group and have it announced in the newsletter.

HOUSEHOLD LEASING
NEW PEMBROKE DORM 4 BASEMENT
Open most Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 pm in June. Closed in July. Re-opens Friday August 30 and will be open both Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 till September 17 then on Tuesdays only.
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 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.
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**2013-2014 Dues**  
$25.00 per person  
$40 Two people at one address

Please make your check payable to **Women and Men of Brown** and mail it to:

*(You may enclose an optional donation to the RUE award fund.)*

**Treasurer, Women and Men of Brown**

Note: When 2013-2014 dues are paid you will acquire an asterisk after your name. **Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.**