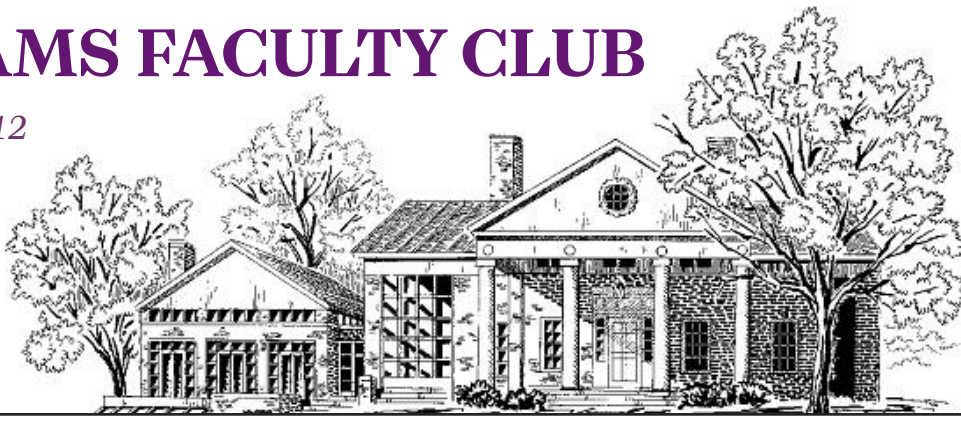


# WILLIAMS FACULTY CLUB

FEBRUARY 2021

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## Convivial Conversation and Cuisine for Williams Faculty, Staff and Community Members

### The Board Corner

Dear Faculty Club members-

There is not much to report this month. Just checking in to let you know that the Faculty Club is still here.

We're excited that Professor Lois Banta, Chair and Professor of Biology will present *From Research Labs to Shots in Arms: What goes into developing a vaccination strategy?* on January 29th. Professor Banta will discuss the ongoing effort to vaccinate the public against the Covid-19 virus. My crystal ball tells me that this talk will be well attended! We will let you know next month how it turned out.

The Board is brainstorming about other programming we can bring to you over this semester. Please send your suggestions to me at [aogrady@williams.edu](mailto:aogrady@williams.edu).

Sadly we cannot celebrate Valentine's Day with Cupid's Culinary Feast with the awesome food prepared by Chef Guiden. Let's start our mouths watering for February 2022!

Most Williams students are expected to return to campus February 10-14 for the spring semester, however this may be delayed if COVID rates continue to rise. The college is supporting three Health Days (Wednesday, April 21, Thursday, April 22, and Friday May 7). As Dean Marlene Sandstrom said in an email to the Williams community "... in order to provide space for our community to take a break, take a breath, and rejuvenate themselves—in body, mind and spirit—during the semester." I encourage our members to take this sage advice and do the same.

Hopefully healthier and saner times are ahead.

Stay well!

*Alison*

Alison Roe O'Grady  
President, Faculty Club Board of Governors

### Join us for the first Faculty Club lectures of 2021

*From Research Labs to Shots in Arms: What goes into developing a vaccination strategy?*

**WHO:** Lois Banta, Chair and Professor of Biology

**WHEN:** Friday, January 29th at 4:30 p.m.

**HOW:** Join via Zoom using the link at the Faculty Club Events page: <https://faculty-club.williams.edu/events/>

Or to join via telephone, call (646) 558-8656, and enter Webinar ID: 923 4542 2660

*The Age of Plastics Meets the Age of Invasions: How ocean rafting, coastal development, and climate change may all be related.*

**WHO:** James T. Carlton, Professor of Marine Sciences Emeritus

**WHEN:** Early March 2021, stay tuned for confirmation of the date and time!

### Faculty Club Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club is holding meetings via Zoom while the Faculty House is closed.

**WHEN:** 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 26 to discuss:

**WHAT:** "To the Hilt" by Dick Francis in which a painter who lives primitively in the Highlands enjoying solitude until he is forced to go to the assistance of his father who is facing financial ruin. His old detective skills must be dusted off as things go from bad to worse.

Any questions? Need the Zoom link? Contact Jean Vankin via email at [jvankin@williams.edu](mailto:jvankin@williams.edu) or phone (leave a message) at 413-458-5606.

All are welcome even if you haven't read the book!

**February 2021**

## *How are you spending your time during the pandemic?*

The faculty club board of governors decided to share how our lives have changed since March 2020, what we miss and what we've learned to love. Share your complaints and coping strategies for inclusion in next month's newsletter by emailing Heather at [hf3@williams.edu](mailto:hf3@williams.edu).

**Patrick Quinn:** How I spent my pandemic. Zoom meetings, don't like; daily naps, like; happy hour, like; fixing and eating dinner, much like; missing people, really don't like; waiting for spring to put the top down and tool around, really really like.



**Mary Pfister:** We are hoping the Covid vaccinations will allow us to start planning for the Faculty Club's in-person activities, such as Candlepin bowling, to be on the calendar for the next academic year. Meanwhile, we suggest that bowlers try out the Wii bowling system to stay in shape. Smiling behind my mask!

**Veronica Bosley:** I've been spending most of my time cooking and cleaning at home. They've been nice stress relievers. I have also been grateful for my time at home with my 3 senior pets.

**Diana Brooks:** I've been working with the Leadership Forum Community to interview leaders and present virtual workshop conversations on the lessons leaders have learned about adapting to COVID. I've also been enjoying Master Class videos on cooking and architecture.

Please note, this information reflects traditional club hours. The Faculty House will remain closed for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.

Club Hours:	8:30 am – 3:30 pm, M-F
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**Alison Roe O'Grady:** My COVID experience: Work from home, long days. Miss seeing friends and co-workers, bowling, Friendly Fridays, going out to eat, going on rides with my family. Love trips to the beach with my family, watching granddaughter Vivian grow, play, laugh, learn, walk and talk. So cute, so smart.

**Heather Forman:** I miss so much—Spin class, water cooler conversations, precious time with my parents—but I resolve in 2021 to focus on the quiet joys—shopping less and quilting more, bagel making, leggings all day, every day! Though I will want to, I promise not to literally hug everyone who comes through the door when we can finally come together for that first post-pandemic Friendly Friday!



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