NEW ACADEMIC ADVISOR IS NAMED

After 17 years teaching on our Fromm Institute Faculty and 8 years of service to the Fromm Institute as our Academic Advisor, Professor Albert Jonsen announced his retirement at a Friends of the Fromm Institute Board of Directors meeting on November 16, effective December 31, 2017. While we may not see him as often as we would like, Professor Jonsen’s impact will endure as the brilliant scholar, gifted teacher, and kind gentleman who enriched the Fromm Institute offices and classrooms for nearly two decades.

Professor Jonsen first lectured on the subject of “Bioethics and the American Ethos” at the start of the new millennium in the Winter of 2001. Prior to teaching at the Fromm Institute, Professor Jonsen was a faculty member and Professor Emeritus of the Department of Medical History and Ethics in the School of Medicine at the University of Washington. Professor Jonsen was Chief of the Division of Medical Ethics at UCSF from 1972 to 1987. He was also President of the University of San Francisco where he taught in the Department of Theology and Philosophy. As a distinguished professor, a past president and dean of our own faculty, he represents all that our founders, the Fromms, and USF envisioned for our “university within a university.”

The Fromm Institute would like to announce that Professor Jonathan Bailey has accepted our invitation to serve as the next Academic Advisor effective January 1, 2018. In the Fall of 2012, Professor Bailey’s first course with the Fromm Institute, “Our Musicals - Our Lives: The Broadway Musical as a Reflection and Commentary on Life in America (1928-2011)” introduced us to his passion for music performance and his love of teaching. Professor Bailey is professor emeritus at Pomona College in Claremont, California, where he was chair of the Music Department and conducted the College’s choral ensembles. A former dean and professor of music at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music prior to teaching in the Yale School of Music, Professor Bailey has also performed as a conductor and composer in many of the world’s great music performance halls in addition to serving as Arts Commissioner with the City of West Hollywood. As his many Fromm followers are already aware, Professor Bailey is sure to enrich our academic program here at the Fromm Institute.

FROMMCAST WINTER SESSION ENROLLMENT

The Frommcast is the Fromm Institute’s digital platform where you, as on-line students, can access an ever-growing library of educational content recorded by our faculty here in Fromm Hall . . . from anywhere you have internet access. For just $50 for registered Winter students ($100 for those who’ve not registered to attend classes in Fromm Hall), the On-Line Winter Session (Jan. 1 to Mar. 30) awaits your registration now extended through January 26. Of note, two Winter classes will be uploaded on the following Friday one week after their classes have been recorded. Those classes are Prof. David Clay Large’s “Passage to Modernity: Europe & The World in the 19th Century” and Prof. Hohmann’s “Search for the Holy Grail: Histories and Legends of the Middle Ages” & audio-only courses, pick up a Frommcast brochure at the Welcome Booth or in the Fromm Institute Office adjacent to it. Enroll today making the Frommcast your on-line companion to all the educational opportunities Fromm Hall provides.
WINTER'S WONDERS OF SCIENCE SERIES

An amazing resource with invaluable access to the issues and developments in health care today awaits you. Fromm Institute's Wonders of Science Series, coordinated by Dr. Jerold Lowenstein, begins its heralded program of science's best lecturers featured each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Xavier Auditorium, and all enrolled students and their guests are welcome to attend. Here are the first three:

- Jan. 10 “What Might Extra-terrestrials Look Like?” with Seth Shostak
- Jan. 17 “Mighty But Mostly Invisible Mites” with Michelle Trautwein
- Jan. 24 “Flywheels For Energy Storage” with Seth Sanders

Watch this newsletter for more information on our science lectures this session — a unique educational opportunity offered nowhere else, thanks to Dr. Lowenstein and the Fromm Institute, is now within your realm of educational possibilities.

WHAT A SITE! FROMM.USFCA.EDU

Along with general information about the Fromm Institute such as its mission and history, its faculty and curriculum, membership and fees, and its need for community support, on our web site you'll find practical tools for you to use all session long. Did you know, for example, that all class handouts are posted there on a weekly basis (each Friday at 3 p.m.) under “Course Materials”? Wonder if a particular day is a Fromm Holiday? You can find that there, too, under “Holidays.” Looking for a newsletter or previous course catalog? If it’s relatively recent, it’s under “Communications.” In addition, you'll find videos of our faculty speaking about their courses under “Faculty Presentations.” If you haven’t already, visit the Fromm Institute website and take full advantage of our on-line home.

NEW MEMBERS — LET’S DO LUNCH!

New members should have received a welcome packet in early January which included an invitation to the New Members Meet & Greet Lunches during the third week of classes. Lunches will take place at Noon, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Jan. 22, 23 & 25 in the Broad Room and will be hosted by Student Association Welcome Committee member Frances Pinnock. Come learn about your new status as a Fromm Institute student, hear from “seasoned” Frommies who’ll talk about their experiences, and come meet some of your fellow newbies who are sure to be your newest friends. If you haven’t already done so, please RSVP to Carla Hall in the Fromm Institute office to secure a free bag lunch.

WELCOME BOOTH AWAITS

The “Welcome Booth” is just inside the lobby of Fromm Hall. Students can find hearing assistance headphones (Sennheiser headsets), help with handouts, the new ID Card forms, Class Locators, Add/Drop Forms and even Frommints, our own privately maintained brain food. Staffed by our “Care Corps” student volunteers before and after class and during the school day as time permits, it’s a help desk that is well stocked and ready to be the first place you should visit with any questions.

FROMM INSTITUTE STUDENT ASSOCIATION – REQUESTS YOUR VOLUNTARY DUES

The Fromm Institute Student Association (FISA) offers a social agenda for all students during the session. It consists of concerts, lunchtime “Brown Bags,” and many snacks and treats to accompany that program and the school session. To do so, it requests that everyone pay a voluntary $5 per session dues. The FISA booth is in the lobby (behind the Welcome Booth) and is regularly staffed — all ready to accept your support. Free Fromm Institute notebooks will be given to anyone who pays their dues.

MAKE IT EASY LISTENING

Having trouble hearing our lectures? Try a Sennheiser headset or, for those with compatible hearing aids, a T-Coil headset. These hearing enhancement tools are available outside or in the Fromm Institute Office before each class. Leave your USF ID card (required for the privilege) and let our headsets make your listening, and learning, easier.

“FROM THE ROOFTOP” IS YOUR NEWSLETTER ALL SESSION LONG

This newsletter, the “Rooftop,” as it’s called by many a Frommie, is published five times each session and available in and around Fromm Hall with a fresh issue as Week One (01/08), Two (01/16), Four (01/29), Six (02/12) and Eight (02/26) begin. Always a good read, it’s brimming with info on what’s happening throughout the Fromm Institute program. Of particular interest, and always very popular, is Issue #4, published on Feb. 12. Why? It offers a preview of the courses scheduled for the Spring of 2018 and identifies when you’ll be able to register for them. Read your “Rooftop” and stay on top of things at the Fromm Institute.