63rd Annual Great Books at Colby College  
Waterville, Maine  
July 21 – July 27, 2019  
Memory & Consciousness

Have you ever finished reading a book and wished you could share your thoughts with someone? Join our annual week of lively discussion at Colby College. Our community enjoys reading and discussing Great Books. The week offers a unique opportunity for discovering insights rarely achieved just reading alone. You can connect with fellow book lovers, make lifelong friends, while enjoying the beauty and splendor of summertime Maine. Our theme is Memory & Consciousness. Our focus is on how these great writers perceive memory intersecting with consciousness. Join our exploration of the complexities that emerge in this self-fashioning of identity.

This is an inexpensive but unforgettable vacation where readers who love great literary works can derive pleasure from spending time with others who share that enthusiasm. On campus participants reside in Colby dormitories, eat meals together, and participate in formal discussion groups that meet for two hours each morning, Monday through Saturday. Books are mailed after registration, and people are expected to have read them before arriving. Readers develop insights through the Great Books Foundation’s Shared Inquiry Method. No outside sources facilitate an egalitarian discussion wherein the emphasis is truly on readers and the text. There are assigned leaders, who move from group to group during the week. Some experienced participants opt for a leaderless group. After the discussions, participants are invited to use many of the recreational, athletic and cultural opportunities available to all on campus. In addition to an opening night orientation and a Thursday evening Talent Show (strictly voluntary), there are a wide variety of activities. Colby’s beautiful campus features a great library, an outstanding Art Museum, tennis courts, first-class athletic facilities with an Olympic swimming pool, an arboretum with hiking trails, as well as waterfront property at a nearby lake.

Registration covers books and discussions, as well as lectures, films, group social activities, use of the athletic facilities and tennis courts, and a real Maine lobster bake. On campus registration includes a single or double dormitory room (six nights: Sunday through Friday night) and all meals. You will enjoy dining which offers a variety of distinctive locally-grown and organic foods in an all-you-can-eat food court. For a nominal additional fee, you may stay over Saturday night either before the week (July 20th) or after the week (July 27th). Commuters participate in all activities, but live on their own, off-campus, and receive lunch each day and the Friday night lobster bake. Great Books at Colby is scheduled in conjunction with the Atlantic Music Festival which provides a series of free concerts of classical music on campus (www.atlanticmusicfestival.org). We also offer a Children’s Program for ages three and above.

Registration and Refunds: A deposit for each person is required with registration. Cancellations before March 1, 2019 incur the cost for books and mailing. Otherwise, one half deposit is refundable for cancellations received before July 8, 2019. The balance is due at registration on Sunday, July 21, 2019. If you are a previous attendee and register someone new to Colby, you are eligible for a $25 discount, unless you are already receiving the discount for pre-registration before November 1, 2018 or scholarship. In an effort to centralize and simplify the registration process, we have decided that you must register by mail. Make your check payable to Great Books at Colby and send your deposit to: Great Books at Colby, PO Box 424, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Three short works:  
Wordsworth, *Lines Written a Few Miles above Tintern Abby*;  
Katherine Anne Porter, *The Jilting of Granny Weatherall*;  
Seamus Heaney, *Clearances*  

Eric Kandel, *In Search of Memory*  
W.G. Sebald, *Austerlitz*  
Patrick Modiano, *Missing Person*  
Kazuo Ishiguro, *Remains of the Day*  
Penelope Lively, *Moon Tiger*
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No charge for children under 3 years of age. Scholarships are available on a need basis.

Optional Saturday Nights to Attend the Atlantic Music Festival’s Concert: Extra nights: Saturday, July 20th ($90, lodging, dinner, breakfast, and Sunday lunch) or July 27th ($85, lodging, dinner and breakfast). Concerts are free. Please prepay for additional nights with your registration deposit.

Optional Bus Trip to Rockland & Camden, Maine, Wednesday, July 24th, 11:45 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Rockland & Camden are quintessential New England maritime villages, home to an abundance of antique shops, boutiques, art galleries, and gift shops. Our tour starts with Rockland’s famous Farnsworth Art Museum (cost: $11, 65 plus: $13, 17-64; free, 16 and under) and discretionary shopping. Then we proceed to Camden for more shopping highlighted by visits to Sherman’s Bookstore and Uncle Willy’s Candy Store, followed by early dinner at your own expense. The bus trip costs $35 and requires commitment from at least 25 people.

For more information or additional flyers visit our website at www.GreatBooks-atColby.org. You can also direct questions to John Dalton at 610-608-7711, or email him at agreatbook@aol.com

People attending Colby Great Books vary in age, background, and interests, but all share a love of reading. Some have come to Colby for decades, but many newcomers arrive each year. Everyone is welcome. The goal is shared inquiry, shared laughter, and shared experience. Results are often friendship, fun and sometimes even glimpses of truth. We also have a social gathering place each night. Named after Great Books at Colby’s founder, Is Wachs, the Wachs Works is our version of a friendly pub with an emphasis on socialization and relaxation.

Food at Colby is good and plentiful. Living arrangements are in comfortable dorm rooms. Fans, phones, reading lights and bed boards are available. It is dormitory living, however, with no frills and no air conditioning. (Our Maine location means this usually is not a problem.) We have private bedrooms with shared bath facilities. All buildings are smoke-free. The school provides towels and bed linen. Arrangements can usually be made for people with special needs. If you have special medical or other needs, please include that on your application. That information is forwarded to Sylvia Eusebi (Sylvia@softhands.net) who assigns rooms and oversees accommodations.

Participants make their own travel arrangements. Many arrive by car, but there is air service to Portland and Bangor, ME; Manchester, NH; and Boston, MA. Rental cars, buses and limousine service are available from there. There is also a Greyhound bus terminal in Waterville. For those without cars, rides with other participants can sometimes be arranged. Coordination of carpooling can be made by emailing participants. An email list from last year’s participants is available upon request. There is also a Facebook page for sharing ride info:
See all details and history at GreatBooks-atColby.org and check out the photos of our participants in action.
New this year:
Katherine Anne Porter continue our exploration of meditations on memory and their affective influence on consciousness.

W. G. Sebald, Austerlitz: This contemporary classic novel depicts a man’s search for the answer to his life’s central riddle. As a small child arriving in England on a Kindertransport in the summer of 1939, Jacques Austerlitz is told nothing of his real family by the Welsh Methodist minister and his wife who raise him. When much older, fleeting memories arise, and obeying a shadowy instinct, Austerlitz traces their trail to the world he left behind a half century before. There, faced with the void at the heart of twentieth-century Europe, he struggles to rescue his heritage from oblivion.

Patrick Modiano, Missing Person: Winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature 2014, Modiano portrays a man in pursuit of his identity, lost in the murky days of the Paris Occupation, the black hole of French memory. Missing Person is a detective thriller, a 1950’s film noir mix of smoky cafes, illegal passports, and insubstantial figures crossing bridges in the fog. It’s a haunting meditation on the nature of the self. Guy Roland persistently interviews strangers and is tantalized by half-clues, until he grasps a thread that leads him through the maze of his own repressed experience.

Kazuo Ishiguro, The Remains of the Day: Winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature 2017, Ishiguro presents a profoundly compelling portrait of the perfect English butler and of his fading, insular world in postwar England. At the end of his three decades of service at Darlington Hall, Stevens embarks on a country drive, an odyssey during which he reflects on his career and moves backward and forward through time. The Remains of the Day intertwines humanity by serving “a great gentleman.” But lurking in his memory are doubts about the nature of Lord Darlington’s “greatness” and graver doubts about his own faith in the man he served.

Penelope Lively, Moon Tiger: Winner of the 1987 Booker Prize, Lively delivers a powerful, beautifully wrought novel about how lives are molded by personal memory and collective past. Elderly Claudia Hampton, a best-selling author of popular history lies alone in a London hospital bed. Memories of her life still glow in fading consciousness, but she imagines writing a history of the world. Instead, life before, during and after World War II arises, as she strove to be an independent free thinking woman. The narrative is written from multiple points of view and moves backward and forward through time.

Seamus Heaney, Clearances, Katherine Anne Porter, The Jilting of Granny Weatherall, William Wordsworth, Lines Written a Few Miles above Tintern Abby: These poems by Seamus Heaney and William Wordsworth and this short story by Katherine Anne Porter continue our exploration of meditations on memory and their affective influence on consciousness.

Please see the reverse side for the Junior Great Books Registration form.

New this year: There will be an adult no-tables group* with chairs set in a circle to facilitate hearing discussions.

APPLICATION (Make checks payable to Great Books at Colby)

Name(s) __________________________ __________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State ______________ Zip code ______________
Phone _______ ( ) __________________________ Cell Phone _______ ( )__________
Email __________________________
Rooming with __________________________ Rooming near (if possible) __________________________
We are commuting (names) __________________________

Please circle your choice.

Lobster Bake choice: [Indicate choice]
Lobster Steak Halibut Vegetarian

Optional bus trip for $35 includes lunch:
[Indicate choice] Ham Turkey Vegetarian

Previously attended Colby Great Books: Yes or No
Prefer Leaderless Group: Yes or No
Prefer No-Tables Group*: Yes or No

Need Handicapped Access: Yes or No
Need Bed Board: Yes or No
Need Email List: Yes or No

Extra night choice: July 20 for $90; July 27 for $85
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Great Books at Colby Summer Institute
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OLDEST JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS

*True Grit*
by Charles Portis

*Speak*
by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Collected Stories of Carson McCullers: “The Member of the Wedding” “The Ballad of the Sad Café”*

MIDDLE JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS

*The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog*
by Adam Gidwitz

*The Birchbark House*
by Louise Erdrich

*Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon*
by Steve Sheinkin

*Maniac Magee*
by Jerry Spinelli

YOUNGER JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS

*Peter Pan*
by J M Barrie

*Harriet the Spy*
by Louise Fitzhugh

*I am Helen Keller*
by Brad Meltzer & Christopher Eliopoulos

*My Fathers Dragon*
by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Junior Great Books at Colby is an excellent summer program for intellectually curious children and teens whose parents and/or grandparents enjoy the Great Books experience with them. Four afternoons are scheduled for discussions of the assigned books which are mailed to participants to be read BEFORE arrival.

During the morning, counselors supervise fun activities for all Junior Great Books attendees and siblings (age 3 and up). Following lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, participants walk to book discussions in Cotter Union, which start at 1 p.m. There are no Junior Great Books discussions on Wednesday nor on Saturday. Parents pick children up directly from camp. Junior Great Book attendees and their families are housed near each other. Each child has his or her own room, unless otherwise requested.

The On-Campus Registration fee covers accommodations in a dormitory room (single or double), meals, discussions and books, as well as swimming, tennis, counselor-supervised activities, and a real Maine lobster bake. The cost for commuters (people who participate in group activities but live off-campus) includes lunches and other activities and the lobster bake. All prices are on page two above. To register by June 30, 2019, please complete the form below and send with the proper deposit per person to the address below.

See all details and history at [GreatBooks-atColby.org](http://GreatBooks-atColby.org) and check out the photos of our participants in action.

Mail to: Great Books at Colby, PO Box 424, Newtown Square, PA 19073

[Please use separate form for each Junior Great Books Registrant and sibling. ALL INFO IS REQUIRED.]

| **Junior Great Books Registration** (Please make checks payable to Great Books at Colby) | **Please tell us your**
| Name _________________________ | **Hobbies:** |
| Age in Sept. 2019: ___ | **Favorite Book:** |
| *Grade in Sept. 2019: _____* | **Talent for Talent Show:** |
| Address ___________________________________________________________________ | |
| Phone ( ) _________________________ | Cell Phone ( ) _________________________ |
| Accompanying** Adult(s) Name(s) _____________________________________________ | |
| Address ___________________________________________________________________ | |
| Phone ( ) _________________________ | Cell Phone ( ) _________________________ |
| Email _____________________________________________________________________ | |
| We are Commuting (names) _________________________________________________ | |

| **Lobster Bake choice** [indicate choice] | **Lobster [ ]** | **Steak [ ]** | **Halibut [ ]** | **or Vegetarian [ ]** |
| **Optional bus trip** for $35 includes lunch [Indicate choice] | **Ham [ ]** | **Turkey [ ]** | **Vegetarian [ ]** |


**Accompanying adult(s) will assume responsibility for junior attendees and their respect for other attendees.

For 2019, Wachs Great Books will assume responsibility for the hiring and management of counselors.