

# Early Registration

## 63rd Annual Great Books at Colby College

### Waterville, Maine

### July 21 – July 27, 2019

## *Memory & Consciousness*

Eric Kandel, *In Search of Memory*

W.G. Sebald, *Austerlitz*

Patrick Modiano, *Missing Person*

Kazuo Ishiguro, *Remains of the Day*

Penelope Lively, *Moon Tiger*

William Wordsworth, *Lines Written a Few Miles above Tintern Abby;*

*Katherine Anne Porter, The Jilting of Granny Weatherall;* Seamus Heaney, *Clearances*

Have you ever closed a book after reading it and wished you could share your thoughts with someone? Join our annual week of lively discussion at Colby College. We are a community of people who enjoy reading and discussing Great Books. Our theme this year is *Memory & Consciousness*. We will focus on how these great writers perceive memory intersecting with consciousness. Join our exploration of the complexities that emerge in this self-fashioning of identity. Our week at Colby offers a unique opportunity to collaborate in discovering insights rarely achieved just reading alone. It's an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow book lovers, make lifelong friends, while enjoying the beauty and splendor of Maine during the summer.

This is an inexpensive but unforgettable vacation where readers who love to think and talk about the world's great literary works can derive pleasure from spending time with others who share that enthusiasm. For two hours each morning, readers discuss their understanding of thought-provoking classics through the Great Books Foundation's *Shared Inquiry Method*. No outside sources are allowed so that discussion is egalitarian, and the emphasis is truly on readers and the text. Books are mailed to participants after registration, and people are expected to have read the assigned texts completely before arriving at Colby. Most discussion groups have assigned leaders, who move from group to group during the week. Some experienced participants opt for a *leaderless* group. After their daily 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 during the week. Located on a beautiful campus, Colby features a great library, an outstanding Museum of Art, tennis courts and first-class athletic facilities with an Olympic swimming pool, an arboretum with hiking trails, as well as waterfront property at a nearby lake open to our participants.

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](http://www.atlanticmusicfestival.org)). We also offer a Children's Program for ages three and above.

Early Registration and Refunds: With Early Registration before November 1, 2018, you receive a \$25 discount if you reside on campus. It also assures that your books are mailed early in November. 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. To 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**.

FEES	On Campus		Commuters	
	Fee	Deposit	Fee	Deposit
Adult	\$670	\$335	\$350	\$350
Young Adult (Grades 6+)	\$440	\$220	\$220	\$220
Children (Grades K-5)	\$390	\$200	\$200	\$200
Children (Ages 3-4) [No Books]	\$250	\$125	\$190	\$190

No charge for children under 3 years of age. Scholarships are available on a need basis.

**Annual Wednesday Bus Trip:** Once again, we are looking to co-sponsor a bus trip with other Colby groups on Wednesday afternoon of our week at Colby. Participants visit Maine sights, have an opportunity for shopping, and have dinner out at their own expense. Participants leave after the morning discussion with a box lunch. The trip usually costs about \$35. Further information will be available at a later date.

**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.

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

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

<p><b>APPLICATION</b> (Make checks payable to <b>Great Books at Colby</b>)</p> <p>Name(s) _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>Phone ( ) _____</p> <p>Cell Phone ( ) _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Rooming with _____</p> <p>Rooming near (if possible) _____</p> <p>We are commuting (names) _____</p>	<p><b>Please circle your choice.</b></p> <p>Lobster Bake choice: [Indicate choice]  <i>Lobster    Steak    Halibut    Vegetarian</i></p> <p>Previously attended Colby Great Books: Yes or No</p> <p>Prefer Leaderless Group:    Yes    or    No</p> <p>Need Handicapped Access: Yes    or    No</p> <p>Need Bed Board:                    Yes    or    No</p> <p>Need Email List:                    Yes    or    No</p> <p>Extra night choice: July 20 for \$90; July 27 for \$85</p> <p>Age and Grade of children as of September 1, 2019</p>
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