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This free **Thursday 7:00pm** lecture series is a partnership between Framingham State University (FSU) and Framingham Public Library (FPL).

PLEASE NOTE: All the Lectures are Thursdays at 7:00pm at the Main Library except **Helen Heineman's lecture on Thursday, November 2nd** which is at 7:00pm at the Christa McAuliffe Branch Library.

◆ **September 14 – Back to the Future: Food Conservation in the US 1917-18**

GUEST SPEAKER: Janet Schwartz, Professor, FSU

Professor Schwartz has collected World War I Food Posters for 25 years. If you think that the United States can't reduce its food waste, think again and go back to the future.

◆ **September 28 – JFK @ 100**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Gary Hylander, Ph.D., Boston College

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of John F. Kennedy. Join us as we discuss the life, politics and legacy of JFK. Topics to be covered include: civil rights, Krushchev and Cuba, the Vietnam War and more.

◆ **October 5 – 100 Years of Protest Songs: Music That Shaped America**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Paula Musegades, Florence Kay Levy Fellow, Brandeis U.

The rise, vision, scope, spread and future of ISIS and the current and future political map of the region will be discussed.

◆ **October 12 – Woman Suffrage Movement in MA**

GUEST SPEAKER: Barbara Berenson, Sr Atty, MA Supreme Judicial Court

This talk will focus on Lucy Stone and other 19th century activists that are featured in Berenson's upcoming book. Topics will include the women's rights movement from within the anti-slavery movement and the post-Civil War schism over race and its lasting repercussions.

◆ **October 19 – Survive and Thrive with Climate Change**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Vandana Singh, Professor, FSU

How do we engage with the problem of climate change, as concerned citizens, parents and grandparents? This talk describes ways to bring greater depth and meaning to our lives and communities by transforming our embattled relationship with the rest of nature.

◆ **October 26 – Brazil's Dom Pedro II, Greatest Ruler of the 19th Century?**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Dan Breen, Lecturer, Brandeis U.

During his 58 years of power, Dom Pedro II was idolized in the US for his passionate support for science and the arts and his opposition to slavery. He deserves to be ranked along with Abraham Lincoln as one of the Western Hemisphere's most consequential political leaders of the 19th Century.

◆ **November 2 – A Journey through the Weather: Worlds of English Literature**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Helen Heineman, President Emerita, FSU

NOTE: This lecture will take place at the Christa McAuliffe Branch – Beginning in the 10th Century, writers relied on creating appropriate settings. This lecture will examine samples from Chaucer, Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Keats, Shelley, Bronte, and Dickens and will show how weather has been written into the landscape of English Literature.

◆ **November 9 – Social Problems: The Hidden Stories**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Ira Silver, Professor, FSU

How can we move beyond our conventional understandings of problems that plague American society and embrace deeper, yet often hidden explanations?

◆ **November 16 – Where Do We Come From?**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Irene Porro, Director of Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center for Integrated Science Learning at FSU

Take a journey through science and the arts to address a question as old as humanity itself.

◆ **November 30 – Winslow Homer in England**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Erika Schneider, Associate Professor, FSU

This lecture explores the artist's time in Cullercoats, England in 1881-82. It corresponds to a show at the Worcester Art Museum called "Coming Away: Winslow Homer and England" which is on exhibit from November 11 to February 4, 2018.