



Dear BCARF members,

We have just completed what I hope is our last year of activities influenced by the pandemic. As I write this letter, the Covid situation in Massachusetts and most of the US has improved dramatically, and the vaccines that have been widely distributed appear to be working even better than most

vaccines for airborne viruses. This should lead to a return-to-normal for BCARF this Fall. We have scheduled some terrific presentations on timely topics, the Book Club is looking forward to in-person meetings, and even the museum tours will hopefully be scheduled. We also plan to welcome three years of new retirees into the association at our annual banquet next May! That open bar, good food, and chance to catch up with old colleagues will be an important step in re-energizing the social part of our association.

In spite of the pandemic restrictions, we had a collection of very timely and well-attended Zoom presentations during academic year 2020-21. These included presentations on Covid, on the election (right after the Jan. 6 insurrection), and on policing (immediately following the Chauvin trial). We also recognize that members who were away for the winter or who have moved away from the Boston area were able to join us via

Zoom, which has us considering the possibility of some winter Zoom meetings going forward.

I was well supported by the activities of the 2020-21 Executive Committee, and look forward to next year's meetings. Elected

officers for 2021-22 are: Alec Pappas, Jim Cavanaugh, Paul D'Amico, and I (President), and as members: Barbara Zsuzsanna, and Nancy Restani.

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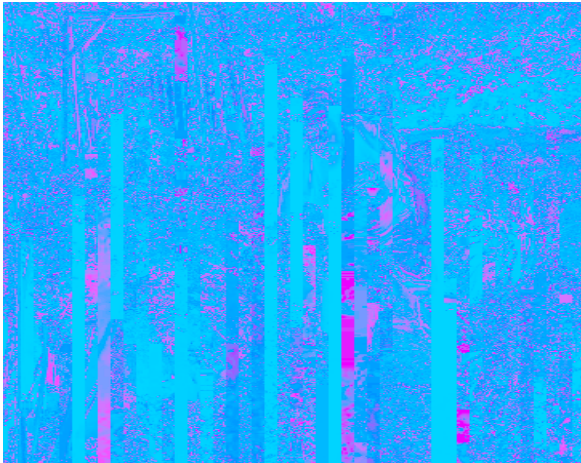
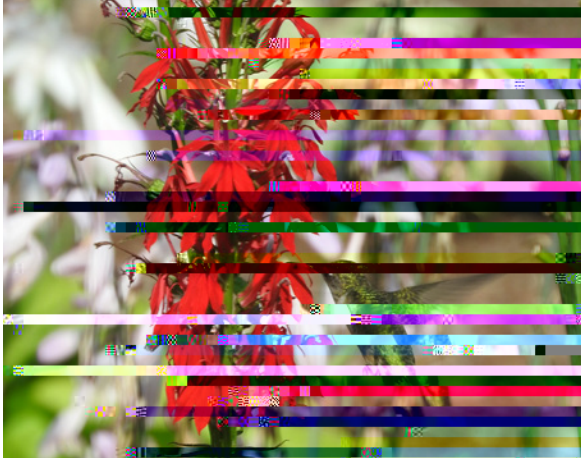
consider the subject by geographic location. I thank warmly all those who came aboard. Since that time our research team has continued to advance our project described at <http://censusof-moderngreekliterature.org>. We are compiling a bibliography of all discoverable translations and studies relating to modern Greek literature that have been published in English. This year marks the 200th anniversary since the outbreak of Greece's War of Independence from the Ottoman Empire, and a presentation of the "Authors 19th-21st centuries" section of our "CENSUS" is expected as part of the national celebrations of "1821-2021." The spring of 2021 was marked for me by two unexpected events: Foremost, the announced retirement of our colleague Michael Connolly from the Department of Eastern, Slavic, and German Studies. We've all long seen Michael in action as a pillar of the FMRC, but besides receiving decades of technological advice from Michael, I had the added privilege of working in the early 1970s with – then "Prof. Connolly" – as his student in the Linguistics M.A. program. His teaching and mentorship prepared me for any and all rigors of subsequent studies, research, and teaching. Michael, I salute and thank you for your constant personal example of excellence in academic life at BC! The second recent event of note was a fire that swept through our apartment building in January, a sudden upheaval during the night with a disastrous aftermath (from smoke, soot, and water) for books and other cherished possessions. We are still living outside our home. I encourage reviewing in advance one's preparedness for such emergencies.

Not too much new to report. I'm still gardening (and losing the battle with the rabbits and chipmunks), riding, and helping with our younger son's now 18-month old twins. Of course, they are entirely mobile now and can climb anything, so just keeping track of them is a challenge. I'm hoping there will come a day when they want to sit and listen to a story! For many years, I have volunteered as a math tutor in the Newton elementary schools; I tried to do that remotely this year, but it was a less than successful experience. On a more positive note, we were happy to gather with extended family on a couple of occasions, outside, socially distanced, wearing masks – you know the routine. And once we were fully vaccinated, we ventured to Virginia to visit

final book, Numbskull in the Theatre of Inquiry: Transforming Self, Friends, Organizations, and Social Science, which is part memoir and part introduction to a new paradigm for both social action and social science. After never before having raised a finger to market any of my books (you know, it seemed undignified), I will probably spend the rest of my life trying to find someone to read this one.

It has been a restful year with daily walks around the quiet BC

Members relied on a variety of strategies to stay sane during the long months of the pandemic. Mike Malec



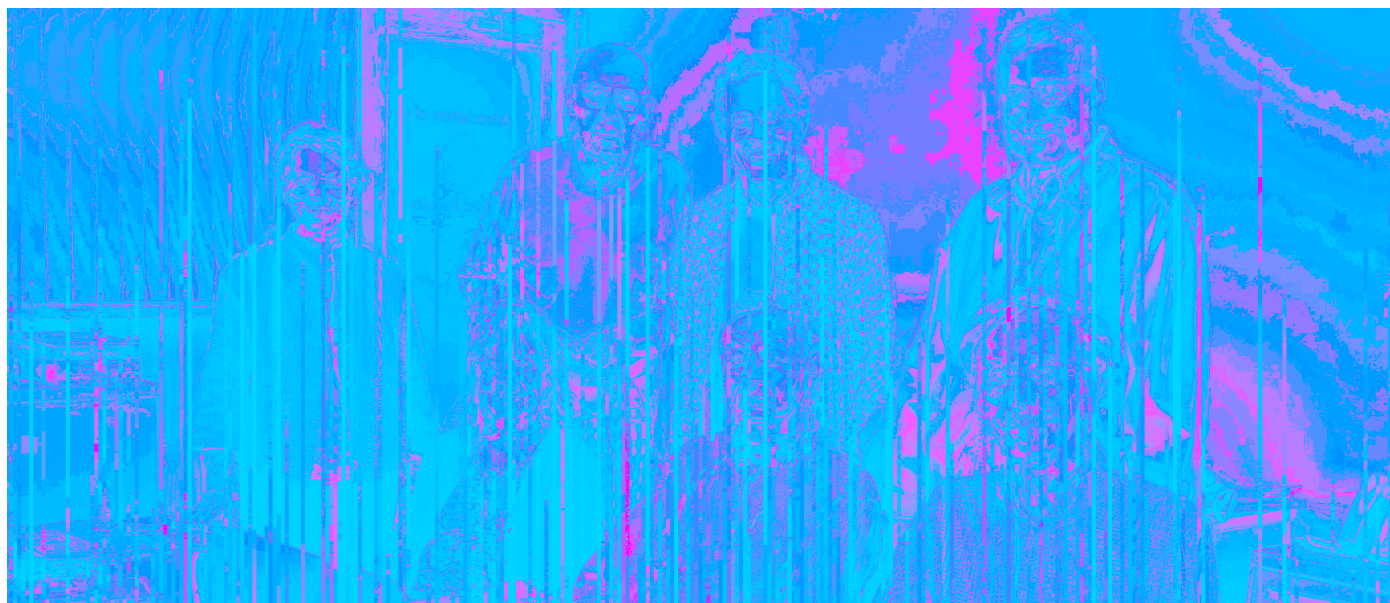


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## : 2020-2021



### Executive Committee, 2019-2021:

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Seated: Clare O'Connor, Mike Malec, Alec Peck  
Absent: Judith Wilt

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## RETIRED FACULTY NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT 2021

*Editor's note: My last minute request for photos to fill up a blank page in the Newsletter generated far too much material to include (given our printing budget). I have put together this supplement so as to "publish" this additional material.*

*Paul Spagnoli*

*Two news entries received too late to include in the Newsletter:*

**Paul Davidovits, Chemistry**

*Holocaust Memories: Annihilation and Survival in Slovakia*

**Dennis**

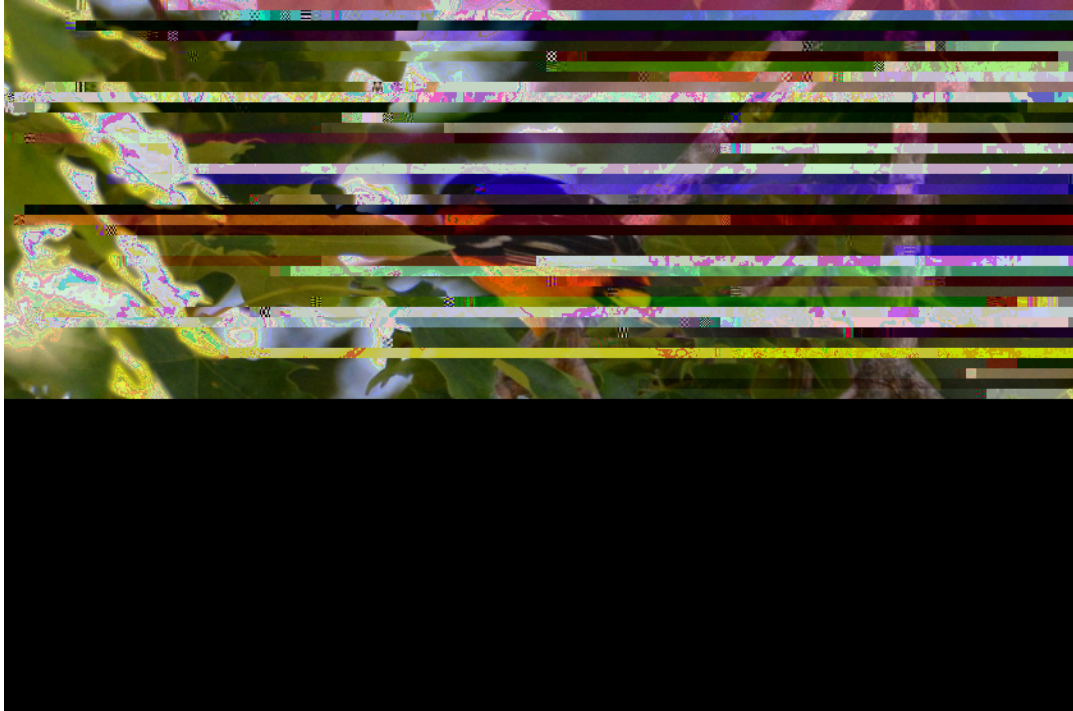
*Photos Taken by Members during the Pandemic:*

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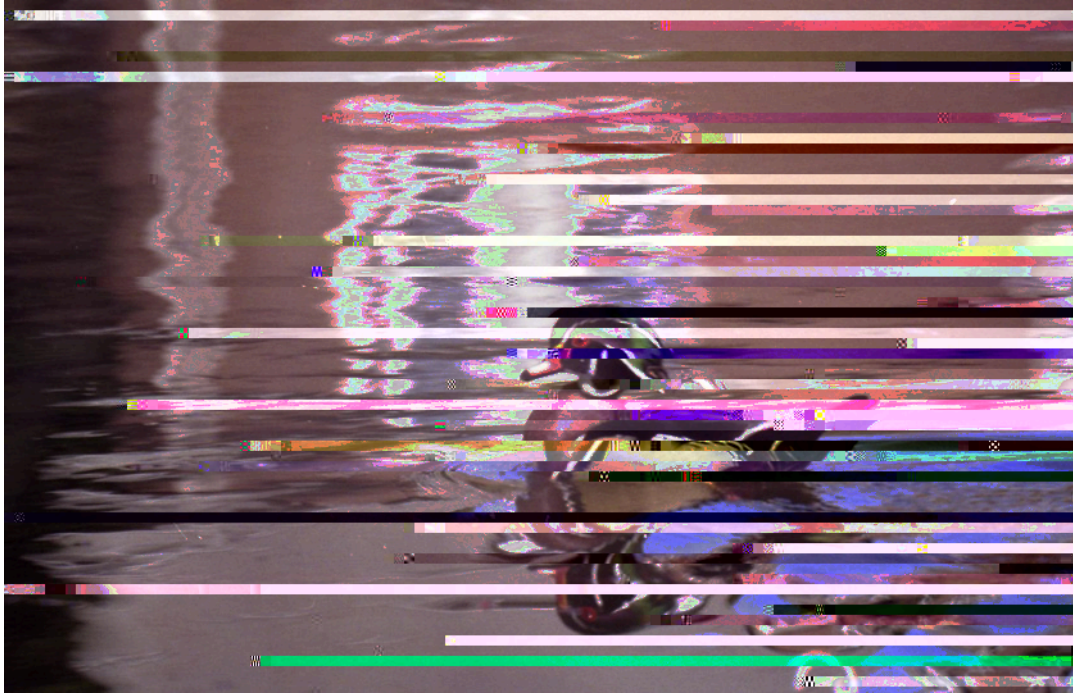


**Maria Brisk LSEHD:**

**Mike Malec, Sociology:**

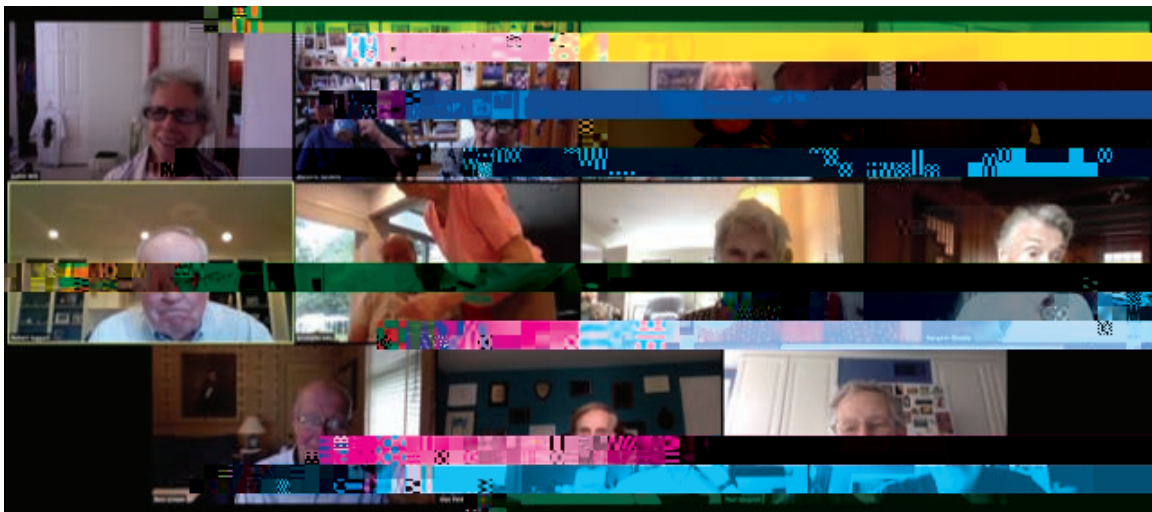


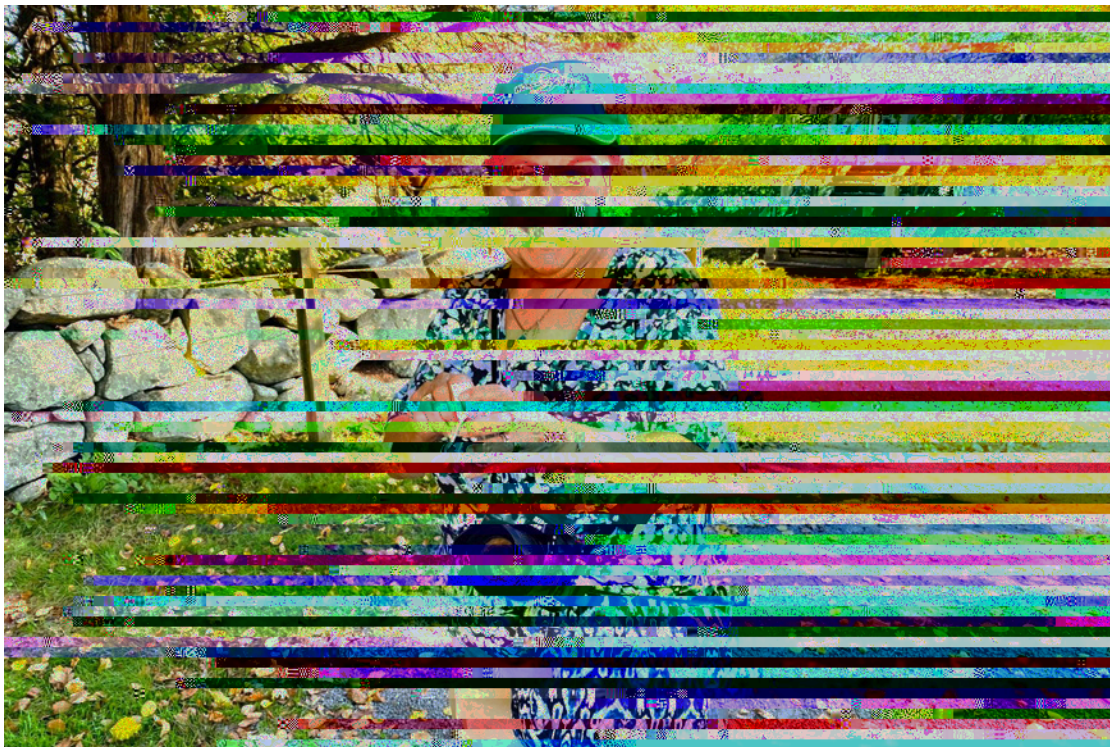
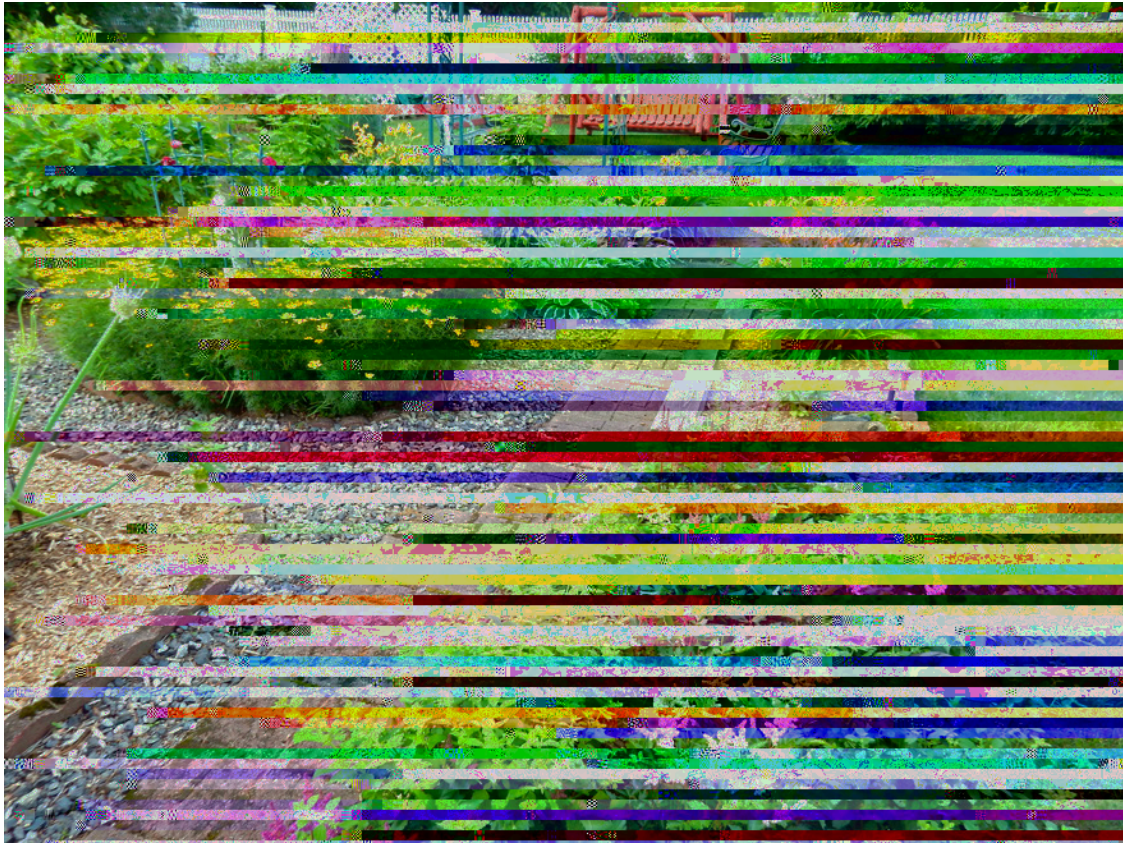




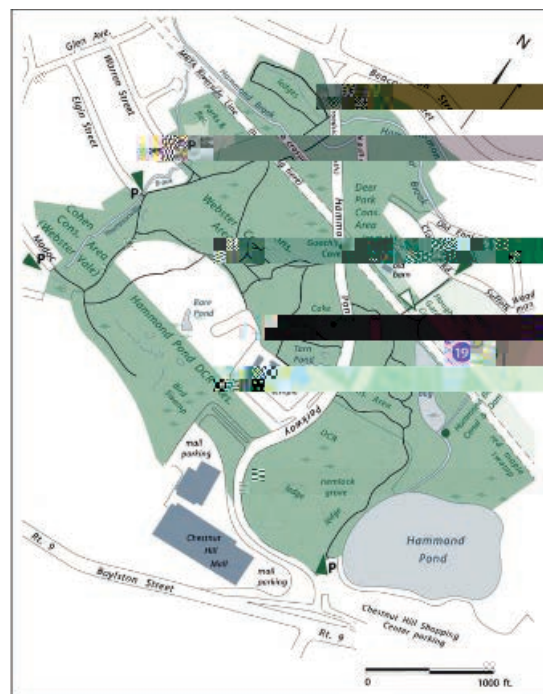
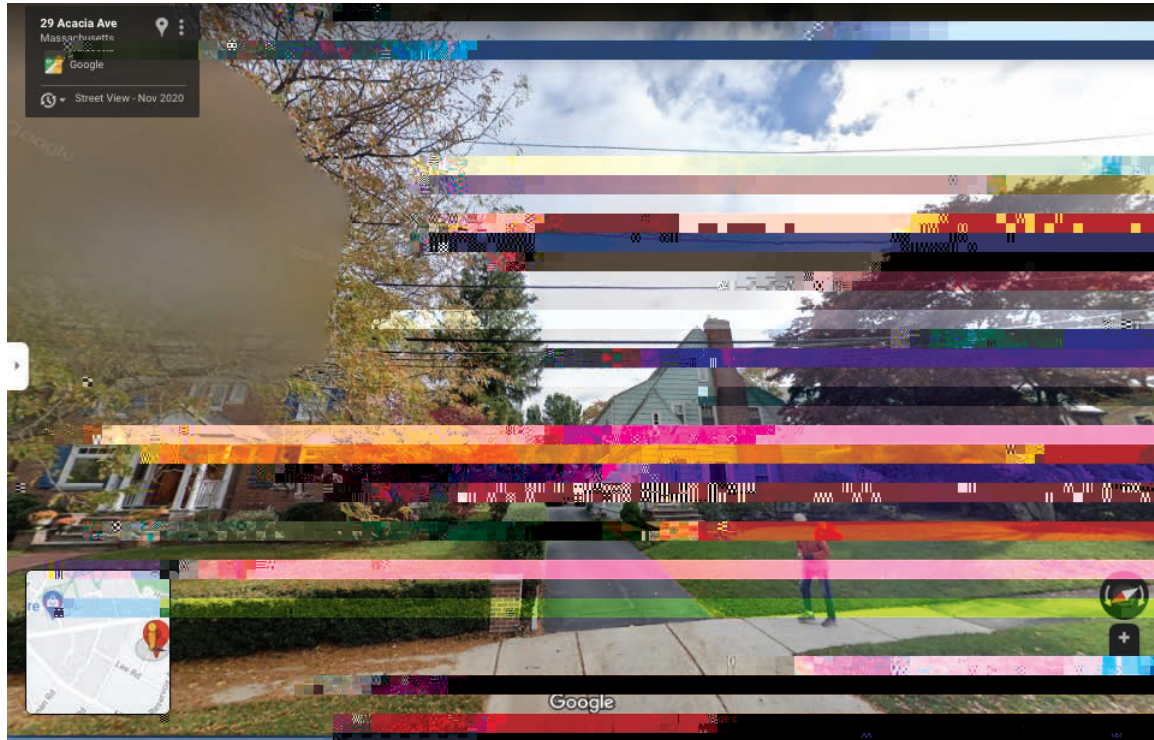
**Alec Peck, LSEHD:**

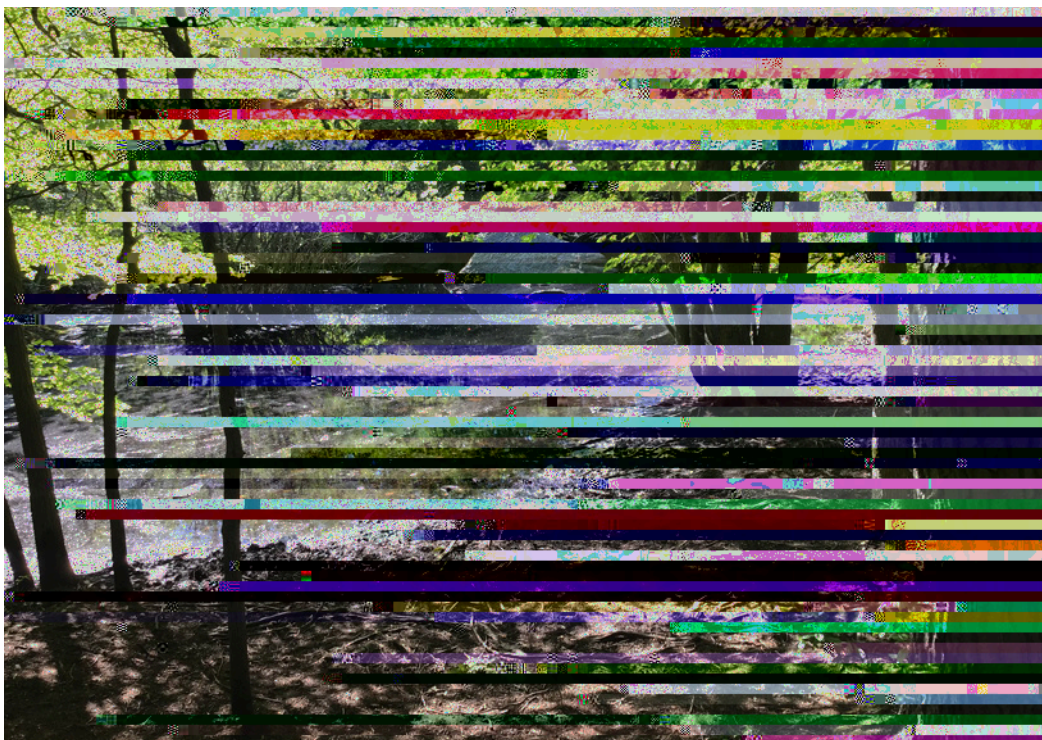
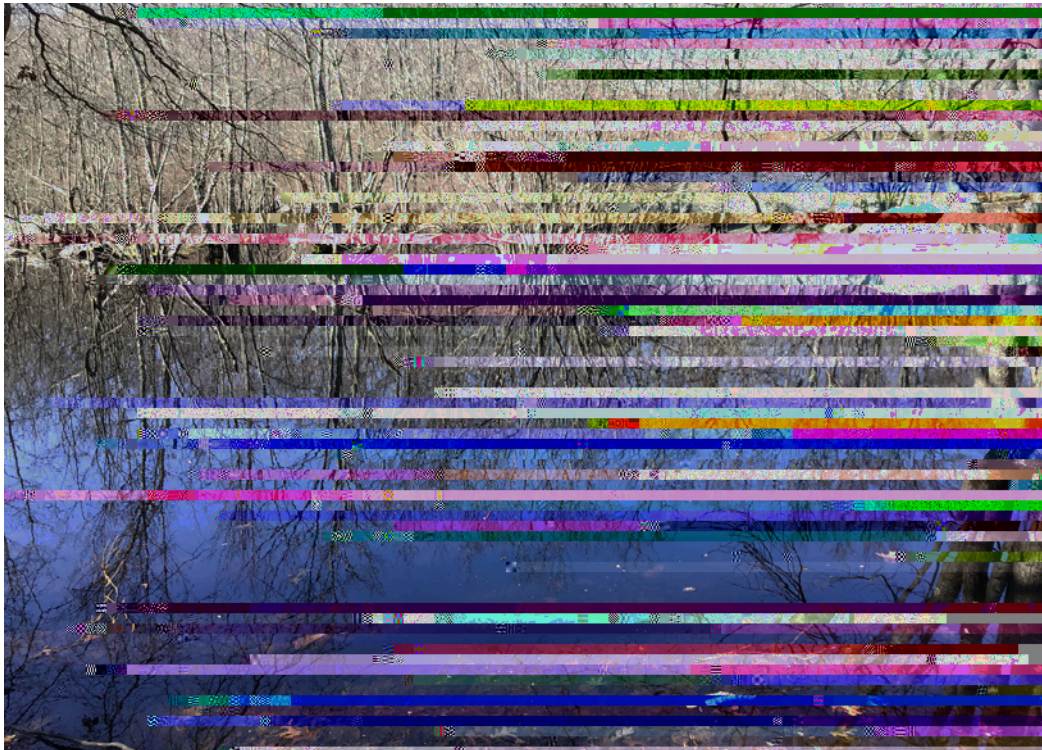
**Dennis and Marjorie Sardella, Chemistry and Presidential Scholars Program:**





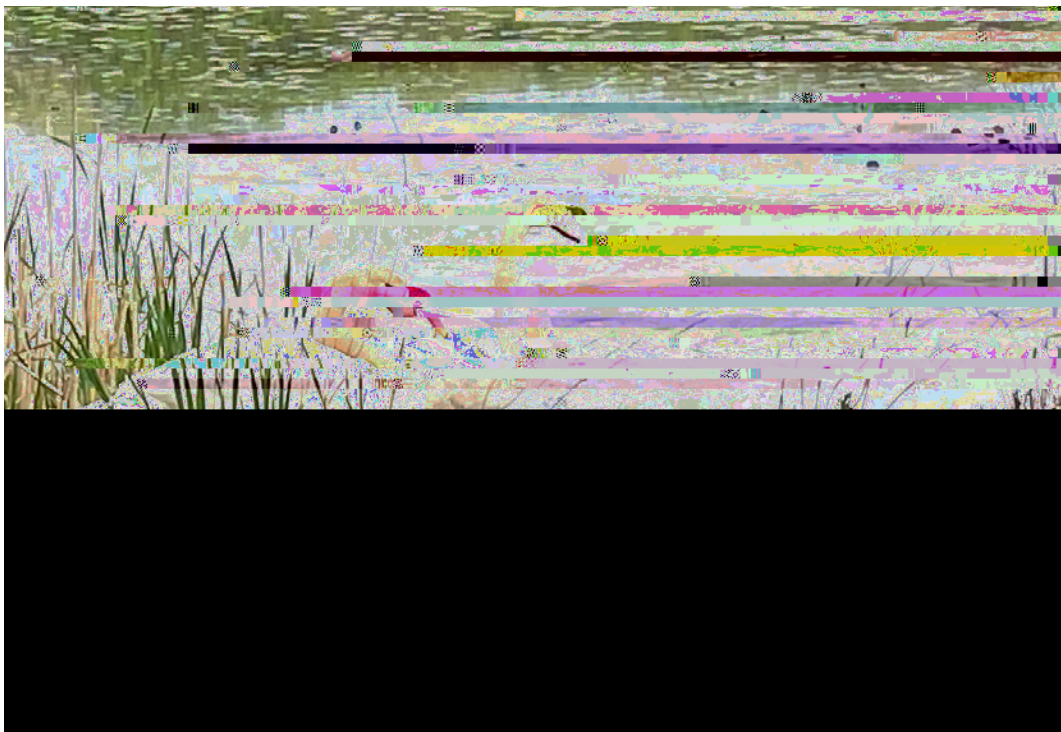
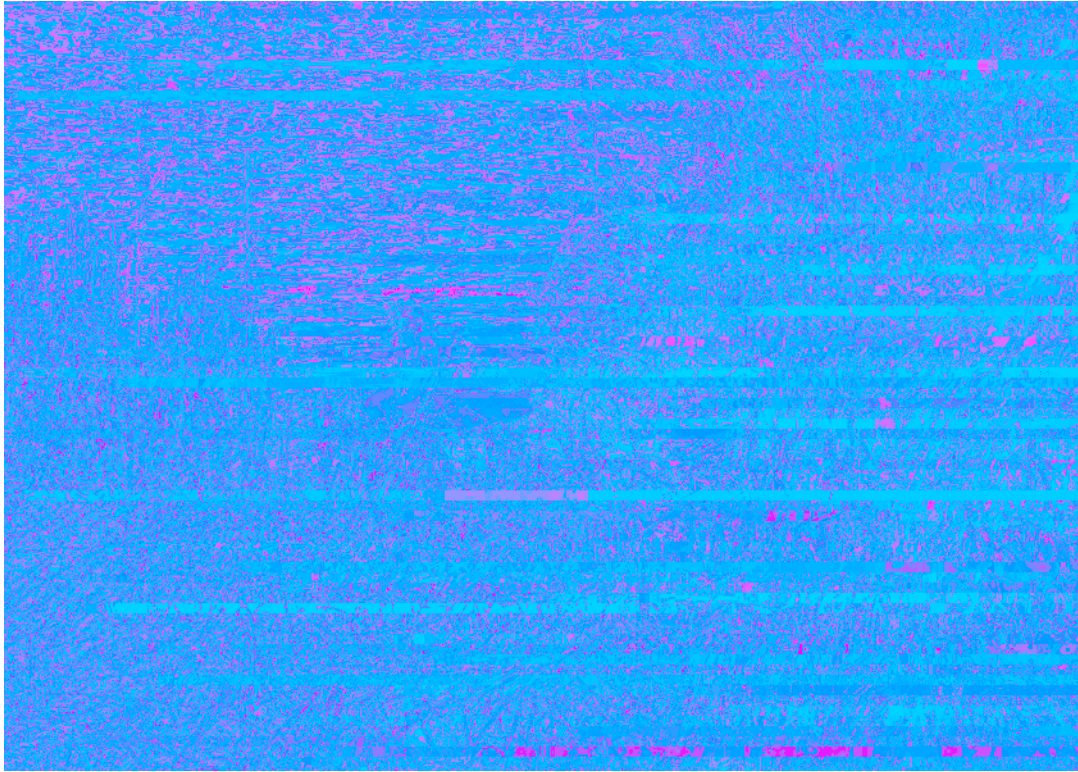
## Paul Spagnoli, History:







**Rachel Spector, Nursing:**





**Judith Wilt, English:**

