

RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.

Dr. Gina Gould

The Epic Journey of Caffeine, Its Culture History and Science



You know you drink too much coffee when someone asks “How are you?”, and you answer “Good to the Last Drop”; your dog’s name is Starbucks, your cats are Cream and Sugar, and your children are Tall, Grande and Venti. If you introduce your spouse as your coffee-mate, and believe instant coffee is too slow, then Dr. Gina Gould can provide you with the help you definitely need.

A Stamford resident, Dr. Gould is currently the Curator of Science at the Bruce Museum, and an Associate Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCONN Stamford. She will introduce the principal sources of caffeine—coffee tea, chocolate, kola, guarana, yerba mate—and trace their history from the myths of how the gods bequeathed them to native peoples, to how their mass consumption four hundred years ago changed the world.

Dr. Gould began her career as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay, where she became Curator of Mammology at the Paraguayan Museum of Natural History. A Frick Doctoral Fellow at the American Museum of Natural History, she completed her doctorate in systematic and evolutionary biology at Columbia University’s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory

She has worked as the Project Director of the Florida Museum of Natural History to create the permanent exhibit: *Hall of Florida Fossils: Evolution in Life and Land*. She is a founder of Syncreta Associates a not-for-profit organization that develops exhibits and public programs for natural history museums.

At the Bruce Museum, Dr. Gould curates exhibitions and collections, develops community outreach programs, evaluates programs, secures sponsorship for all of the Museum’s science initiatives, presides over the Trustee Science Committee, and is a principal participant in the Museum’s Strategic Plan.

RMA members and their guests should arrive by 9:45 AM for our full meeting. The general public should plan to arrive at 10:45 AM. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich. No Charge and No Reservations are required. Questions about any of the above, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.