PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Like the rest of the country, emeriti are dealing with the surprise outcome of the presidential election and its current unpredictable post-election course. In a series of choices that may seem prescient, our after-lunch speaker choices for October and December addressed topics clearly relevant to the current events. Let’s hope that our choices continue to be this relevant.

In an important change of emphasis, we have joined forces with the retirees association to jointly sponsor the after-lunch talks. This has resulted in a larger and very animated audience so far and we are hoping that this change will continue. We have encouraged attendees to register online to allow us to gauge audience interest and order enough cookies. We hope this will presage a closer relationship with the retirees on many issues, diminishing redundancy of effort and taking advantage of a larger core group to support our activities. This is being carried out without blurring the independent identity of either organization.

The dark shadow hovering over the Faculty Center, in its current guise as an independently-run organization is not lifting. The center appears on a slow path to operating fiscal health, but there is little hope that the deferred maintenance needs can be met without either major philanthropy or a cash infusion from the administration. The Center leaders have recently raised $70,000 in donations and need more to succeed in convincing the administration that we can successfully operate independently. If you have warm feelings toward the Faculty Center, consider making a substantial, or any, contribution. An infusion of cash now can help the Center regain its financial footing while the new director institutes changes to ensure long-term sustainability. While success is not guaranteed, the Faculty Center Board of Directors and the new director are working very hard to turn the ship around. Efforts by the Emeriti Association to engage in this effort will be forthcoming soon.

The transition to the new Vice Chancellor for Academic affairs Mike Levine has been quite smooth for the emeriti and the Emeriti Association. Mike continues to be quite supportive of us and our efforts to remain an active and contributing part of the University. David Lopez, the faculty retirement liaison, is the ideal assistant for emeriti and retirement affairs and is our primary contact with administration. Sue Barnes, director of the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center, is bringing fresh ideas to our organizations and is a catalyst for the closer working relationships with the retirees.

Finally I would like to renew my continual appeal for more active participation from the emeriti in our affairs. We have a large membership of over 500 which is more than 1/3 of those eligible, but too many of you seem reluctant to become invested in our efforts. We have a program committee, but member suggestions for speakers are always welcome. We want to make our awards meaningful, but we get few suggestions from outside of our board. There may be emeriti who make wonderful contributions to UCLA but whose work is not known to the board. Finally we need someone to replace me and others in the position of responsible leadership. “Uncle Steve wants YOU!” The best way to begin this active process is to volunteer personally or suggest a friend or colleague who wishes to assume a leadership role in the organization. Leadership is a responsibility, but I am sure that I spend more time in a month on oral hygiene and exercise than I do on emeriti affairs.

Steve Cederbaum
President

MICHAEL ALLEN IS WINTER DINNER GUEST

Michael J. B. Allen is a Distinguished Research Professor of English and Italian Renaissance Studies and former director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. At the Emeriti Association Winter Dinner on February 8, 2017, he will speak on “Cleopatra and Academe: Some Emeritine Thoughts on Shakespeare, Rome and Egypt.”

Professor Allen provided a title but not a description of his talk. It
seems likely to cover a wide-ranging scope of time and space. Many of us who know Michael would be pleased to hear him read the phone book. Happily, his presentation will definitely be more interesting than that. Please join us to find out. The Q&A is also sure to be lively.

He was educated at Wadham College Oxford, where he received a BA and MA in English a D. Litt in History. He received a PhD in English from the University of Michigan.

Allen’s teaching focus has been on the range of English literature from the Anglo-Saxons to Milton, and especially Chaucer and Shakespeare. His research focus has been on the philosophical, theological, magical, and mythological issues explored by the fifteenth century Italian Platonists, Marsilio Ficino and Pico della Mirandola.

Professor Allen’s honors include a Guggenheim Fellowship; the Eby Award for Undergraduate Teaching; UCLA's Faculty Research Lectureship; visiting professorships; the Commendatore decoration from the Italian Republic (2007); the International Galileo Galilei Prize (2008); election as a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy (2012); Scholar in Residence, American Academy in Rome (Spring 2013); the Renaissance Society of America’s Paul Oskar Kristeller Lifetime Achievement Award, 2015.

And he has served as a faculty lecturer with UCLA Travel.

For those who prefer to register electronically, go to this web address: https://giving.ucla.edu/EmeritiWinterDinner. It is also possible to use a credit card rather than a check.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Thursday After-lunch Programs at the UCLA Faculty Center have been scheduled for March 9 and April 13 beginning at 1:00 p.m. with refreshments, followed at 1:30 by the presentation, and 2:30 by Q&A, finishing by 3:00 p.m. This is a return to the schedule followed in previous years.

Details are still being arranged.

In order to be sure that you receive notification of these programs in time to register for them, please make certain that the ERRC has your best e-mail address. E-mail emeriti@errc.ucla.edu or call (310) 825-7456.

Those who do not have e-mail or choose not to share it with the ERRC will need to find a buddy who can keep you up to date.

EMERITI ASSOCIATION AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Emeriti Association makes its own awards and appreciates nominations from many sources.

The Emeritus of the Year Award is made annually and recognizes the special contributions of a UCLA Emeritus or Emerita whose talents and energies continue to benefit the University and the Association.

The Life-Time Distinguished Service Award may not be made every year but is presented from time to time when a deserving candidate has been nominated. This award honors a UCLA Emeritus or Emerita who has demonstrated continuous, sustained outstanding service to benefit the University and the Association--especially service rendered after retirement.

Nominations may be made by the potential awardee, other retired or active faculty members, or department chairs or deans.

The nomination letter should include the candidate’s name, department prior to retirement at UCLA, and a description of the candidate’s contributions to the University and the Emeriti Association. Other supporting documentation such as CVs or one additional supporting letter may be submitted.

Deadline for the Emeritus of the Year and Life-Time Distinguished Service Award is March 10, 2017.

Nominations for the Emeritus of the Year and Life Time Distinguished Service Award may be submitted by email to emeriti@errc.ucla.edu or by usps mail: Emeriti Association Nomination Committee, UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center, 1116 Rolfe Hall, Box 951437 Los Angeles, CA 90095.

The awardees will be honored at the May 2017 Spring Dinner meeting of the UCLA Emeriti Association, and will receive a commemorative certificate.

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility or nomination procedure for the Emeriti Association Awards, please also contact Professor Emeritus Stephen Cederbaum at scederbaum@mednet.ucla.edu.

Steve Cederbaum and Betty Chang
SUE BARNES: AN INTRODUCTION

This is the last part of a lengthy profile of Sue Barnes, director of the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center. Part one was published in the fall issue. Google to the UCLA Emeriti Association webpage and find the link to (Click here for the Latest Newsletter). It’s close to the top on the left-hand side. Part I is on Page 6. In helping us get to know the new ERRC director, John Edmond learned quite a bit about “Her achievements, creativity, passions and adventures.”

In the period 1999 -2001 at Davis Sue was Director of Recreation at the University Retirement Community where she inaugurated a multifaceted recreation program for a new residential community of 400+ senior citizens.

The recreation facilities included an art studio, fitness center, woodshop, darkroom, library, computer center, swimming pool, billiard lounge, activities room, and auditorium and provided financial and staff management. Sue also coordinated lectures, concerts movies, classes, trips, and special events.

From 2009 - April 2016, Sue was Director of the UC Davis Retiree Center. As Director she provided support to both the UC Davis Emeriti Association and UC Davis Retirees’ Association. Sue managed/supervised a comprehensive array of programs and services to facilitate 9,000+ UC Davis retirees’ engagement with the university.

In addition to the typical support roles of such a center, she collaborated with the UC Davis Department of Academic Affairs on a successful application for $100,000 ACE/Sloan Award for Best Practices for Senior Faculty. Besides Sue, the Center’s many accomplishments were achieved with the aid of one full-time person, one student and about 50 volunteers!

Sue Barnes has also contributed her time and expertise to the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). She was the Association’s president in 2013 and 2014. As immediate past-president she launched AROHE’s new website and database.


Sue told me: “I reside in Santa Monica at the moment and cycle about 6 miles to the ERRC at UCLA every day. My husband works at UC Davis and we have three children and three grandchildren. We like to travel and have been to Costa Rica, Australia and England. This year we have planned trips to Amsterdam and to Maui.

“I enjoy being at UCLA and I look forward to continuing the wonderful work of my predecessors, Eddie Murphy and Marian Broome.”

I thank Sue Barnes for providing the information for this article.

John Edmond
Assistant Editor
Nominations are requested for the 2017-2018 Emeriti Association offices of Vice President/President-Elect and one or two members-at-large. Candidates for the office of Vice President/President-Elect must be members of the Academic Senate.

The Vice President/President-Elect usually serves on the Executive Board for three years: first as President-Elect (and Chair of the Awards Committee), then as President, and finally as Past President (an essential advisor to the President and Vice-President and Chair of the Nominating Committee).

Members-at-large serve two-year terms.

On July 1, 2017, this year’s President Steve Cederbaum will continue as President and Betty Chang will continue as Past President.

This is in view of the fact that we could not recruit an individual to serve as President-Elect. This situation cannot continue as Steve Cederbaum has consented to serve as President for only one year longer.

Recording Secretary Barbara Lippe will stand for reelection.

Corresponding Secretary Diane Childs, Treasurer Jane Permaul, Member-at-Large Jorge Barrio, and Member-at-Large Ron Mellor will begin the second year of their two-year terms.

Please direct nominations to: Emeriti Association Nominating Committee; c/o ERRC; 1116 Rolfe Hall; Box 951437; Los Angeles, CA 90095-1437; Fax: 310-825-1572; E-mail: emeriti@errc.ucla.edu

EA SEEKS OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018

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### MARRCELE RITTER

UCLA retiree Patricia Ritter reported recently that her mother-in-law, Marrcele Ritter passed away on December 20, 2016 at the age of 96. The older Ms. Ritter worked at UCLA for over 30 years as the Director of Academic Personnel in the Chancellor's Office and was the individual who literally created The Call that to this day is the "bible" for all UCLA academic personnel actions.
WE NEED YOU!

So get out your camera, your paint brushes, fine woods, clay or beads or fabrics, or even your digitizing tablet and join us for the UCLA Emeriti Arts and Crafts show, Tuesday May 16, 2017 in the Faculty Center.

For me, it is an honor to chair this wonderful program, the Sylvia Winstein UCLA Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit in its 39th year. This traditional Emeriti celebration has been a high point in our Spring calendar for many years under the leadership of Noël Carterette and last year’s exhibit was very successfully hosted by Barbara Lippe. The support of Noël and Barbara has been invaluable in planning the upcoming show.

The Sylvia Winstein endowment fund was established to carry on this gathering of artists, those who come to appreciate their art, and the many donors who support the program. Many remember Sylvia’s dedication and encouragement.

Even if you haven’t exhibited before but would like to share your art or craft with fellow colleagues, do contact us to talk about participating. The California Room is a fine setting for our Emeriti artists, their spouses and all Emeriti Association members to enjoy a social afternoon. Invite all your friends and family, the doors are open and all are welcome. You can contact me anytime by email: amazon@ucla.edu or Barbara at blippe@ucla.edu if you are considering taking part for the first time or are a past exhibitor and have questions about the upcoming show.

We will be sending formal invitations to EA members in the spring, along with an opportunity to support this program. Former exhibitors have already been contacted. Still, it is never too soon to make a donation to continue supporting the Arts and Crafts show. Send your donations to the UCLA Emeriti Association, 1116 Rolfe Hall, Box 951437, LA 90095 and make your check out to UCLA EA Art Show.

We hope to see many of you on May 16, 2017!

Sharon Belkin and Barbara Lippe
Arts and Crafts Committee

THE EA BOARD CELEBRATES TOSHI

Faculty Center Book Exchange Toshi Ashikaga turned 99 in December. As this is considered one of the special birthdays in Japan, the Emeriti Association board decided to fete Toshi at our December meeting.

In Japan, your 99th birthday is considered your "white" birthday. This is a play on kanji. If you subtract the Kanji for one (一) from the kanji for one hundred (百) you get the kanji for white (白).

Two of the owners of the Hashimoto Nursery on Sawtelle helped to select a treat. They explained that purple/lavender is a good color for a December birthday and advised on the selection of an orchid for Toshi. As Toshi supplies flower arrangements from her own garden to enliven the Emeriti Association Art Show each spring, this seemed to be particularly appropriate.

Also, one of the ladies disappeared to her home nearby and returned with an origami crane that she had folded on the spot.

Barbara Lippe gifted Toshi with an ivory (well almost white) and purple fan that she brought back from Japan.

IN MEMORIAM

Noriko Akatsuka
Joyce Appleby
John C. Beck
John Russell Cauble
Carmine D. Clemente
Philip C. Curtis, Jr.
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Jacques Poletti
Michael Schotz
Russell (Russ) Schuh
Oscar Sims
Jean T. Trueblood**
Richard H. Weisbart

*Spouse
**Surviving Spouse
GETTING TO KNOW
ERIC WANG

Eric Wang joined the staff of the ERRC in October of 2016 as a Retirement Resource Specialist after we said farewell to Jonathan Bates who took up his new position in the Department of Psychology.

Eric was born in Inglewood and raised in Glendale. He graduated with a BA in Economics and in Sociology from UCLA in 1992. He worked in the ERRC at UCLA from 1994 to 2005, a time frame when Marian G. Broome was the Director followed by Eddie Murphy.

The bright lights of New York City beckoned Eric to leave LA and explore for two and a quarter years. He had a wonderful time in New York and even created a social group for Asian Americans that had about 800 members.

But the California sunshine, and the fact that his family and his wife’s family all reside in LA, prompted him to return to UCLA to work first in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, then in Campus Human Resources.

One profound memory that he had growing up was watching the lift off of the Space Shuttle Challenger when his father Taylor Wang became the first Chinese American astronaut when he was the payload specialist on the successful Mission STS-51-B. Only later when the Challenger investigators discovered that the problem with the O-rings that doomed the subsequent Challenger flight, had also developed during his father’s flight, and they were told how lucky they had been able to lift off then land safely. In fact, one of the engineers told one of the astronauts on that mission that he “came within three-tenths of one second of dying.”

Eric’s favorite food is Asian food, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino, and Thai; he indicates it’s all good! Eric spends his time with his wife Susan that he has been happily married to for more than eight years. Susan also works at UCLA in Purchasing.

Eric comes from a long line of proud Bruins. His father, brother, aunt, and uncle all attended UCLA. Unfortunately, his mother attended that other Los Angeles campus across town with the cardinal and gold colors. Eric’s personal skills, patience, kind smile, and willingness to help everyone makes him a valuable asset to the ERRC team. I thank Eric for providing me with the information that made this presentation possible.

John Edmond
Assistant Editor

NOMINATION DEADLINES EXTENDED FOR AWARDS TO EMERITI

Nomination deadlines for two awards have been extended until Friday, February 10, 2017.

The Dickson Award honors outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching, and/or educational service (e.g. service in professional, University, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental or editorial posts, or committees) performed by an emeritus or emerita professor since retirement.

The Goldberg Award was created in 2014 to honor outstanding service in professional, University, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental or editorial posts, or committees performed at UCLA by an emeritus or emerita professor since retirement.

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Daniel Lowenstein, professor emeritus of law, will receive a $100,000 matching Humanities Access Grant, awarded through the NEH’s Office of Challenge Grants, for his project, “The American Dream in L.A. High School Outreach Program.”


Social psychology professor emeritus Jerome Rabow had his memoir published last September. Passing the Butter and Picking Up the Penny, iUniverse, is available in both paperback and Kindle editions. This memoir is very different from Professor Rabow’s academic work and is aimed at people who wish to enhance their lives and for people who feel stuck. It is not a conventional "how to" book, but rather a "how you can" book. The memoir travels from Brighton Beach in 1933 to present-day Encino (with stops along the way).

Research professor of education Marvin Alkin was honored with the Research on Evaluation Award by the American Evaluation Association (AEA) during the organization’s annual conference in Atlanta on October 28. He is a previous recipient of AEA’s Paul F. Lazarsfeld Evaluation Theory Award, one of only two recipients who have won both of the association’s scholar-oriented awards.

C. Philip (Phil) Larson writes that he was a Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology at UCLA for 19 years before retiring at age 80. However, he also had an appointment at Stanford as chair of the anesthesia department while teaching at UCLA. He became emeritus at Stanford but still goes there every couple of months for a few days to teach residents in anesthesia in the operating room. In addition, with his colleague, Richard Jaffe, he just published a textbook of anesthesia entitled Practical Anesthetic Management, The Art of Anesthesiology.

Professor emeritus of American literature and culture Thomas Wortham will serve as the academic resource person for a UCLA Alumni cruise along the coast of New England and Canada from New York to Montreal in September. Professor Wortham now lives on a lake in Ohio where he continues to write and lecture.

Departments are limited to one nomination each year for each award. Department chairs or their designees are asked to submit nominations. Individuals also may nominate colleagues for these awards but must coordinate with the department chair to submit nominations.

For both the Dickson and Goldberg awards, nominations must include a cover letter, a copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae and two supporting letters from leaders in the field commenting specifically on the nominee’s achievements since retirement.

Dickson Award—nominations should highlight the nominee’s distinctive research, scholarly work, and/or educational service since retirement.

Goldberg Award—nominations should highlight the nominee’s distinguished service to UCLA since retirement.

When it comes to what we share in the Newsletter, all too much is second-hand. We believe that others would like to hear directly from you about what you are doing.

If you have been honored with an award, drafted into a new initiative, published or edited a new book, or have other news you would like to share with other emeriti, please inform the editor via emeriti@errc.ucla.edu.

Steve Cederbaum and Betty Chang
NEWS FROM THE CENTER

Sue Barnes, director of the ERRC, and Eric Wang and Maria Lubrano, ERRC retirement resource specialists, continue to support the UCLA Emeriti Association and the UCLA Retirees’ Association’s programs and initiatives and to plan programs for retirees. Please join us for the following programs:

First Fridays Technical Tutorial (Friday, February 3, 10 a.m. - noon; Young Research Library) — Laptop, tablet, smart phone, and more... in a one-on-one setting, Bruin Tech volunteers can help you navigate your electronic devices, understand software, explore web-based services and much more. Participants will be asked to limit their session to 20 minutes if others are waiting. To register, call (310) 825-7456 by January 31.

Meet with a Fidelity Guidance Consultant (call for upcoming dates)—Ask questions about your retirement accounts remaining with the UC Retirement System or review financial planning for specific situations by meeting with Fidelity Retirement Planner, Andrew Fung, CRPC®, at the ERRC. Call (866) 682-7787 and ask for an appointment at the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center.

Memory Training class (dates had not been finalized by press time; call the ERRC at (310) 825-7456 for information)—This memory training course, offered by the UCLA Longevity Center, will teach simple strategies to help remember names, faces and appointments as well as improve your ability to recall those frustrating "tip of the tongue" memory gaps. As soon as we can confirm dates, we will send registration information via email.

Notary services—the ERRC has suspended its complementary notary services until Eric is able to complete the notary training and receive his notary license. An announcement will be sent via email when the service has resumed.

Email—The ERRC’s primary means of communication is via email. If you have not been receiving our monthly e-newsletter, please email us at emeriti@errc.ucla.edu to be added to our email list.

Sue Barnes
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