

# EMERITI *Newsletter*

Winter 2025

UCLA Emeriti Association: Keeping You Connected — Our 57<sup>th</sup> Year Vol. 37, No. 2

## President's Message



To my fellow Emeriti,  
Retired Librarians,  
Partners and Friends:

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy new year! My new year resolutions include a productive and energized Emeriti Association, with your important contributions and attendance at our EA events. We ended 2024 with an exhilarating gala dinner and we were delighted to see more than 130 of you and your guests at our fall dinner. We honored exceptional emeriti at our Dec. 3 dinner:

**Brian Copenhaver**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and History, with the Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award;

The late **Alan J. Ardell**, Professor Emeritus of Material Sciences and Engineering; **Thomas J. Coates**, Distinguished Research Professor of Medicine; **Robert Ettenger**, Distinguished Research Professor in Pediatrics; and **Teofilo Ruiz**, Distinguished Research Professor of History and Spanish and Portuguese, with the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award;

**Robert K. Oye**, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Clinical Medicine, with the Carole E. Goldberg Emeriti Service Award.

Our next EA dinner will be on Wednesday, Feb. 19, and will feature a wonderful conversation with **William Ouchi**, who is Sanford and Betty Sigoloff Distinguished Professor Emeritus, at UCLA's Anderson School of Management, led by **Daniel J.B. Mitchell**, Professor Emeritus at UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management and UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs. Professor Ouchi is a best-selling author, whose books include "Making Schools Work: A Revolutionary

Plan to Get Your Children the Education They Need," and "Theory Z: How American Management Can Meet the Japanese Challenge," which has been published in 16 foreign editions and ranks as the seventh most widely held book of the 12 million titles held in more than 4,000 U.S. libraries. Register here: [UCLA-Emeriti-dinner-Winter-2025.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/uc-emeriti-dinner-winter-2025).

And for music lovers, please register for our free piano recital by two gifted students in The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music: Grace Chen and Terry Hsu, and read more details about the recital in this newsletter. Register here: [retirees.ucla.edu/event-5962422](https://retirees.ucla.edu/event-5962422).

Thank you to all of you who filled out the important UC Survey of Emeriti Activity, conducted every three years, which documents the many activities and contributions of UC emeriti. Survey results are shared with UCLA and UC administrators, as well as those at other UC campuses. The survey is conducted under the auspices of the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA). If you have not yet filled out the survey, please do so at your earliest convenience; it won't take long.

In 2025, we plan to launch an initiative to ask emeriti to mentor junior UCLA faculty who would benefit from your knowledge and wisdom. We'll tell you more about our plans, and how we hope you will help, in the new year.

*Fernando Torres-Gil, President*

**Did You Know?** You can stay in touch with fellow UCLA Emeriti Association members on Facebook! Join the Yousee Elayemeriti (say it really fast—what do you hear?) Facebook group and discuss whatever topics you would like: travel, health, thoughts, family, events, retirement plans, UCLA things, and more.

Join now:  
[facebook.com/groups/457352277699904](https://facebook.com/groups/457352277699904)

## Join us for dinner and a conversation with Professor William Ouchi on Wednesday, Feb. 19



*William Ouchi (left, photo courtesy of William Ouchi) and Daniel J.B. Mitchell (right, photo courtesy of Daniel J.B. Mitchell)*

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 19 for dinner and an informative UCLA Conversation with **William Ouchi**, who is Sanford and Betty Sigoloff Distinguished Professor, Emeritus, at UCLA's Anderson School of Management; author of the 2003 book, "Making Schools Work: A Revolutionary

Plan to Get Your Children the Education They Need," based on a comprehensive study he led of 223 schools in six cities across North America funded partly by the National Science Foundation; author of the 1981 New York Times bestseller "Theory Z: How American Management Can Meet the Japanese Challenge," which has been published in 16 foreign editions and ranks as the seventh most widely held book of the 12 million titles held in more than 4,000 U.S. libraries; and author of the 2009 book, "The Secret of TSL," which reports on a study he led of 442 schools in eight decentralizing urban districts. Professor Ouchi served as Co-Founder, with former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, of The Riordan Programs at the Anderson School; Co-Founder and Chairman of LEARN (Los Angeles Education Partnership for Restructuring Now); member of the founding board of directors of The Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles; and a consultant to, among others, the New York City School District, State of Hawaii School District and Los Angeles Unified School District. Professor Ouchi, who conducts research on the structure of large organizations, says school systems are not very different from large businesses with multiple subunits. This conversation will be led by **Daniel J.B. Mitchell**, Professor Emeritus at UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management and UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs, who has served on the Emeriti Association's Board of Directors for more than a decade. Our reception starts at 4:45 p.m., dinner starts at 6 p.m., followed by our program. The evening will conclude by 8:30 p.m.

Register here to reserve your seat: <https://UCLA-Emeriti-dinner-Winter-2025.eventbrite.com>.

### Piano recital postponed until further notice due to fire and evacuations

The Emeriti and Retirees Associations invite you to a free, delightful musical program on Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 1:30-3 p.m., featuring piano recitals by two extremely talented students in The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. Performing will be:

- Grace Chen is a UCLA senior piano major studying under Inna Faliks, a renowned concert pianist and Professor and Head of the School's Piano Department. Professor Faliks describes Grace as "a keenly intelligent young artist with true depth and honesty." Grace is also a computer science major, an accomplished painter, and a recipient of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music's Falk Scholarship. Her other awards include first place Rubinyi Scholarship

Competition in 2023, Northern Regional Winner of the 2021 MTAC Piano Concerto Competition and finalist in the 2020 Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition. Grace started learning piano at age six over Skype with her grandmother, a graduate of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music and piano professor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

- Terry Hsu, a UCLA senior studying under the guidance of Professor David Kaplan, is a native of Taiwan, who embarked on his musical journey independently at age 14. At UCLA, he is both a distinguished Gluck Fellow and a recipient of the Emil Danenberg and Beatrice Zelkin Scholarships. At last year's Brevard Music Festival, his exceptional talent earned

*(Continued on page 3)*

(Continued from page 2)

Terry a prize in the Brevard Piano Competition. Professor Kaplan holds UCLA's Shapiro Chair in Piano Performance. Hsu has taken masterclasses with Professor Faliks, who praised his impressive skills.

Both Grace and Terry will perform piano concerts on the Faculty Club's Steinway B piano, located in the Morrison Room, and each will have a short conversation with Stuart Wolpert, director of UCLA Conversations.

The program will include music composed by Bach, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Brahms and more.

Professor Faliks is the author of the musical memoir, "Weight in the Fingertips: A Musical Odyssey from Soviet Ukraine to the World Stage." Her memoir details her exploration of Bach's brilliant music as she grew up in Odessa and became a child prodigy, with the piano her best friend, and her steady rise as a world-renowned concert pianist.

Register here to reserve your seat: <https://www.retirees.ucla.edu/event-5962422>.



*Last January's piano recital featured Music Professor Inna Faliks. This Jan. 14, the free recital will feature two outstanding UCLA School of Music students.  
Photo credit: Michael Heafey*

## **Be sure to fill out your UC Survey of Emeriti Activity**

The UC Survey of Emeriti Activity, conducted every three years, is taking place now. The survey documents the many activities and contributions of UC emeriti. When you receive your survey, please fill it out. It won't take long. The survey has been sent to more than 1,700 UCLA emeriti. The nine other UC campuses are also conducting the emeriti survey this fall.

The contributions of emeriti to UC's mission are so significant that when the combined emeriti activities from all 10 campuses are converted into monetary value, the effort could support an 11th campus, in terms of research grants and publications, teaching, and community and university service — and at no cost, said Emeriti Survey Chair Seymour Levin, UCLA professor emeritus of medicine. For example, the previous emeriti survey, covering the fiscal years of 2019-2021, showed that during these three years, research awards for UCLA emeriti principal investigators totaled more than \$159 million.

Survey results are shared with UCLA and UC administrators, as well as those at other UC campuses.

Among the survey's questions: Have you authored or co-authored any published articles, book chapters or papers in your field/profession during 2021-2024? Have you authored or co-authored any published books in your field/profession during 2021-2024? Please indicate whether you received funding for your research or creative work during 2021-2024. Have you received any honors or other recognition during 2021-2024?

Levin said he hopes that members of the Academic Senate at UCLA-affiliated medical centers will be included among the recipients of the survey.

The survey is conducted under the auspices of the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA).

UCLA Emeriti Newsletter is published by the UCLA Emeriti Association and the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center

News Editor: Stuart Wolpert

Managing Editor: Lam Luu

1116 Rolfe Hall

Box 951437

Los Angeles, CA 90095-1437

310/825-7456

Fax 310/825-1572

[emeriti@errc.ucla.edu](mailto:emeriti@errc.ucla.edu)

\*\*\*To request a paper copy of the newsletter, contact the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center.



## Celebrate arts & crafts at our annual exhibit!

Yes, there is life after retirement! Many people choose to cultivate their creativity. And this is certainly what some UCLA's Emeriti and Retirees Association members have been doing. They will display their creative art in painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics and jewelry at the **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Sylvia Winstein UCLA Arts and Crafts Exhibit** on May 20, 2025. Please come and be inspired by their labors of love in the Morrison room of the Faculty Club from 11 am to 4 pm. Who knows...maybe this will get your own creative juices flowing. Speaking of juices, there will be a champagne toast at this event around 2 pm, and you will get to chat with the artists. Neil Parker will be the featured Emeriti artist and Gerald Jackson will be the featured Retiree artist this year.

This cherished tradition began many years ago when Sylvia, the young widow of Chemistry Professor Saul Winstein, had a tea for some friends and displayed several paintings. Artistic emeriti friends and spouses were so enthusiastic that Sylvia organized and supported what has become a very special yearly celebration. The upcoming event will be jointly presented by the **UCLA Emeriti Association**, the **UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center**, and the **UCLA Retirees Association**.



Neil Parker at our May 2024 exhibit. Photo credit to Albert Hsu, [bit.ly/ahportraits](https://bit.ly/ahportraits)

**Share With Us!** If you have been honored with an award, drafted into a new initiative, published or edited a new book, or have any other news you would like to share with other emeriti, please inform the editor via [emeriti@errc.ucla.edu](mailto:emeriti@errc.ucla.edu).

## Profs. Jens Palsberg, Jacob Foster spoke with us about the Promise, Peril and Implications of Artificial Intelligence at our fall dinner program, honoring outstanding emeriti

In addition to honoring outstanding emeriti (see front-page President's Message), our fall dinner included a lively conversation on "The Promise, Peril and Implications of Artificial Intelligence." Jens Palsberg, UCLA Professor and former Department Chair of Computer Science, and director of the UCLA-Amazon Science Hub for Humanity and Artificial Intelligence, and Jacob Foster, a Professor of Sociology and computational social scientist who served on UCLA's faculty from 2013 until this year, when he accepted a position as Professor of Informatics and Cognitive Science at Indiana University, discussed with Stuart Wolpert, director of UCLA Conversations, their insights on how A.I. may impact health care, education, society, among other topics. This program was not recorded.

However, you may watch the video of our spring program about A.I. here: [youtube.com/watch?v=GCUzml0\\_DfY](https://youtube.com/watch?v=GCUzml0_DfY). This program on "Implications of Artificial Intelligence" featured Christopher Kelty, a UCLA professor in the Institute for Society and Genetics and the departments of information studies and anthropology, and director of the Livescu Initiative on Neuro, Narrative and AI, and Daniel Snelson, a UCLA assistant professor of English and design and a writer, editor and archivist, who teaches an English course on AI literature. They discussed with Stuart Wolpert, director of UCLA Conversations, topics including how A.I. may impact creativity, art, culture, education, jobs, health and more. Among the questions they addressed: Should we be excited about artificial intelligence, or terrified, or both?



Jens Palsberg (left, photo courtesy of Jens Palsberg) and Jacob Foster (right, photo credit to Erica Cartmill)

## Esther Grassian awarded with the US Information Literacy Award

The Universal Information Literacies Association (UiLA) has announced Esther Grassian, UCLA Distinguished Librarian Emerita and Lecturer, is the 2024 winner of the US Information Literacy Individual Paul G. Zurkowski, Esq. Award. This prestigious award honors community leaders, a U.S. state or community, and a country or international community for their outstanding contributions to promoting evidence-based, experience-driven, and reasoned information literacy and critical thinking in public service.



Grassian's distinguished career as an information literacy advocate and educator has earned her widespread recognition. A pioneer in her field, she co-authored *Information Literacy Instruction: Theory and Practice* in 2001, a

foundational text in information literacy education. Grassian continues to shape best practices through the LILI Project, which develops innovative models for lifelong information literacy instruction.

## In Memoriam

**A.R. Frank Wazzan, 88, renowned nuclear thermal-hydraulics engineer and former dean of UCLA Samueli.**



*Photo courtesy of the Wazzan family.*

A.R. Frank Wazzan, a distinguished professor emeritus of the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering who served as the school's dean for 15

years, died Oct. 1 from natural causes. He was 88.

Wazzan was an internationally recognized researcher in nuclear material, thermal hydraulics and stability of laminar flows. He worked on the design of underwater weapon systems for the U.S. Navy and pressurized underwater nuclear

reactors for commercial applications. He studied nuclear radiation's effect on electronic materials and communication satellites, and conducted theoretical experiments to strengthen rocket boosters and satellites against laser and microwave weapon attacks. Wazzan was also an in-demand consultant for, among others, the Department of Defense through the RAND Corporation, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, the French Atomic Energy Commission and electric utilities in France.

Upon receiving his doctorate from UC Berkeley in 1963, Wazzan joined the then-UCLA College of Engineering the same year as an assistant professor. He taught a broad range of courses, including thermodynamics, propulsion and material properties. Over the next nearly four decades, he built a successful career in the school of engineering, becoming an assistant dean in 1978, associate dean in 1981, acting dean in 1986 and as the school's sixth permanent dean in 1987 — a position he held until 2001.

Under Wazzan's leadership, a graduate program in biomedical engineering was established, and he oversaw successful faculty recruitment efforts, particularly in emerging areas at the time, such as micro-electromechanical systems. He was also instrumental in the construction of the Engineering IV building and helped set in motion the designs for the Engineering V building, which now stands where Engineering I used to be.

For more information, read the UCLA Newsroom obituary, from which this news is excerpted: <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/a-r-frank-wazzan-88-renowned-nuclear-thermal-hydraulics-engineer-former-dean-ucla-samueli>.

**Robert Rosen, 84, historian and former dean of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television**



*Photo credit: UCLA Film & Television Archive.*

Robert "Bob" Rosen, professor emeritus and former dean of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, died on Oct. 2. He was 84.

(Continued from page 5)

An educator, critic, preservationist and historian, Rosen was instrumental in growing the UCLA Film & Television Archive into the world's largest university-based repository of original film and television materials, a legacy he built over 30 years. As founding director, his vision and dedication ensured that generations of scholars, filmmakers, colleagues and audiences had access to these invaluable resources. In 1999, Rosen was appointed dean of TFT, a role he would serve for a decade. He established the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television Online Program, creating global access to world-class education opportunities. Rosen delivered scholarly talks about film criticism, media history and film curation and was widely published.

Rosen held numerous leadership positions, including as founding director of the National Center for Film and Video Preservation at the American Film Institute.

For more information, read the UCLA Newsroom obituary, from which this news is excerpted: <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/in-memoriam-robert-rosen-historian-former-tft-dean>.

### **Call for Volunteers— The EA Board needs you!**

Several EA Board positions are currently open by appointment in 2024/25—Newsletter Editor; Member-at-Large; Archivist.

Looking ahead to next year, 2025/26, EA Board positions open by appointment include—Hospitality Chair; Membership Chair.

The Nominations Committee is currently seeking nominees for Vice President/President-Elect for 2025-2026.

Information on these positions are detailed in the EA [Bylaws](#).

The EA Board has monthly hybrid meetings, on-campus and Zoom, during the academic year. If you are interested in serving on the Board, email [emeriti@errc.ucla.edu](mailto:emeriti@errc.ucla.edu) or call (310) 825-7456.

## **FROM THE CENTER**

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

The ERRC is proud to be a part of the LA Opera's "Community Circle" Program. We are harmonizing art, wellness, and longevity around our city and engaging LA's vast opportunities for art and cultural activities.

Coming up, we have tickets to **Kelli O'Hara Live in Concert** on **Saturday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 PM**. Click here to register: [retirees.ucla.edu/event-6016464](https://retirees.ucla.edu/event-6016464)

Save the Dates for future shows!

- Angel Blue in Concert - Saturday, March 15, 2025, 7:30 PM
- *Così fan tutte* - Sunday, March 16, 2025, 2:00 PM
- *Ainadamar* - Sunday, May 4, 2025, 2:00 PM
- *Rigoletto* - Sunday, June 15, 2025, 2:00 PM

### **Fidelity Guidance Consultations**

Emeriti, retirees and active employees can ask questions about their 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. To make an appointment, please contact Andrew Fung directly at: [andrew.fung@fidelity.com](mailto:andrew.fung@fidelity.com). Andrew will be at the ERRC on January 21, February 3, and March 11.

### **Emeriti/Retiree Privileges**

As a reminder, the ERRC coordinates a variety of emeriti privileges, including parking and BruinCards and offers complimentary notary services by appointment for emeriti and their spouses/partners. Contact the ERRC at (310) 825-7456 for details.

### **Emeriti Strength & Balance**

Winter quarter sessions are available! Check out 2025 virtual instructional classes, which include Retiree Strength & Balance and more. Classes are for January, February & March. Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/uclabalance>

**MEMBERSHIP for 2024-2025**

To join or renew your membership to the UCLA Emeriti Association, use this form to pay by check **OR** complete the form electronically (paying by check or with a credit card via PayPal) by going to **<https://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/join>**.

Dues are \$25/year for an individual or \$35/year for a member and spouse/partner (Associate). There is no charge for the initial year of first-time membership. The UCLA EA Membership year runs from September 1 to August 31.

Individuals who attain age 85 become eligible for Honorary membership and are exempt from paying Emeriti Association dues. Honorary members need only complete this form stating they wish to be Honorary members. Optionally, Honorary members may wish to make a contribution to the Emeriti Association.

*Michael Goldstein, Membership Chair*

**Member Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the fields below OR check here \_\_\_\_\_ if there are no changes to your information, since last renewal:**

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's/Partner's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date (at UCLA): \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Method of Written Communication:**

Email \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Postal Service \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership**

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Member (\$25)                      \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Member and Spouse/Partner (\$35)

\_\_\_\_\_ First-Time Member (dues waived)                      \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary Member, age 85 or older (no dues required)

**Contribution (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT (Check payable to UCLA Emeriti Association):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check if you are interested in serving on an Emeriti Association committee or the Board** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form and payment to UCLA Emeriti Association Membership, c/o UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center, 1116 Rolfe Hall, Box 951437, Los Angeles CA, 90095-1437



## Meet the Emeriti Association's Board of Directors

The UCLA Emeriti Association advocates at the campus and statewide level on behalf of all UCLA retired faculty, librarians and those with conferred emeritus status. Additionally, the Emeriti Association plans programs for its members, encourages emeriti to stay connected to UCLA, and reaches out to those considering retirement. Who serves on the Emeriti Association's Board of Directors? We are:

### 2024-2025 EMERITI ASSOCIATION BOARD

Fernando Torres-Gil  
*President*

Bruce Miller  
*Faculty Center Liaison*

Scott Waugh  
*Past-President*

Daniel J.B. Mitchell  
*CUCEA Representative*

Dan Bennett  
*Recording Secretary*

Robert "Robby" Morris  
*Member-at-Large*

Roelina Berst  
*Belmont Village Liaison*

Frances Olsen  
*Faculty Welfare Committee*

Evelyn Cederbaum  
*Treasurer*

Neil Parker  
*Member-at-Large*

Stephen Cederbaum  
*Book Exchange Chair*

Jane Permaul  
*Auditor, UCLA Retirees Association Liaison*

Diane Childs  
*Corresponding Secretary*

Marion Peters  
*Web Content Master*

Ayesha Dixon  
*ERRC Director, ex officio*

Kati Radics  
*Art Committee Chair*

Michael Goldstein  
*Membership Chair*

Anne-Marie Spataru  
*Faculty Women's Club Representative*

Harvey Herschman  
*Member-at-Large*

Stuart Wolpert  
*Program Committee Chair;  
Director, UCLA Conversations*

Julie Kwan  
*Hospitality Chair*

Seymour Levin  
*Emeriti Survey Chair*

*Vacant Positions:*  
*Vice-President/President-Elect*  
*Archivist*  
*Newsletter Editor*  
*Member-at-Large*

David Lopez  
*Faculty Retirement Liaison*

We look forward to serving you.

## Renewing Membership

If you have not yet renewed your membership, print out the renewal form here and mail it with your payment to the ERRC:

UCLA Emeriti Association Membership  
c/o UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center  
1116 Rolfe Hall; Box 951437  
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1437

**For checks, make it payable to UCLA Emeriti Association.** Please note payments take time to be received and processed.

Online renewals can be made here: [Join \(ucla.edu\)](#). Complimentary (first-time) and honorary members do need to complete a form and may do so online.

View the [Membership Brochure](#) (2024).