

# EMERITI *Newsletter*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Emeriti, Retired Librarians, and Spouses:

This will be **my last message as President** of your Emeriti Association. I would like to thank all the Emeriti Association Board members for their dedication and effectiveness during difficult times. I will be leaving the Association in good hands (see below), and I look forward to its continu-

ing effectiveness in serving the interests of the many UCLA emeriti.

The Covid pandemic has been a **challenge** for everyone. We have largely stayed at home and worn masks when venturing out. Although the Emeriti Association has continued to provide interesting and stimulating programs online, these cannot replace the benefits of the in-person interactions of our usual after-lunch and dinner programs. It is our hope that the Association will be able to hold in-person events in the newly renovated Faculty Club in the fall.

Emeriti and Retiree activities are coordinated through the **Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center** ([www.errc.ucla.edu](http://www.errc.ucla.edu)), which has an easy link to the Emeriti Association website. Announcements and details of Emeriti Association events are provided in the ERRC e-newsletter distributed to all emeriti twice each month.

Despite restrictions imposed by the pandemic, the Emeriti Association worked with the Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs to **select and honor winners** of the Dickson and Goldberg Awards and the campus nominee for the Panunzio Award. These awards honor emeriti who continue productive professional activities and/or make significant contributions to the UCLA community after retirement. The 2020-21 award winners are celebrated elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Emeriti Association works with Emeriti and Retiree Associations from all the UC campuses to advocate for all retirees through the **Council of UC**

**Emeriti Associations** (CUCEA) and the Council of UC Retirees Associations (CUCRA)—see report of the latest Council meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. This year the major issues have been the reorganization and effectiveness of the UC Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) and the provision of health-care benefits for retirees.

The Emeriti Association, which **represents retired faculty and librarians, and their spouses, fosters continuing connections between UCLA colleagues**. Membership in the Emeriti Association helps maintain this connection. The pandemic has seriously affected Association membership, and the Board is considering enhancing Association membership by identifying and recruiting individuals whose contributions to the campus are not recognized by formal emeritus status — e.g., Veterans Administration faculty, etc. A membership application is available on the Association website. **I encourage you to join or renew your membership** for the 2020-21 year (ending in August), if you have not already done so!

The Emeriti Association Board is composed of volunteers dedicated to continued service to their emeriti colleagues and to UCLA. Thanks to the efforts of our Nomination Committee led by Past-President Ron Mellor, two outstanding recently retired colleagues have agreed to be nominated to assume the leadership of the Emeriti Association for 2021-23: **Rosina Becerra** as President and **Scott Waugh** as President-Elect. Many of you will recognize these outstanding individuals from their campus leadership positions prior to retirement.

The Association is always looking for new volunteers. Please contact me with any questions (or better yet to volunteer) at [weiss@chem.ucla.edu](mailto:weiss@chem.ucla.edu).

*Richard Weiss, President*

### LET US WELCOME

*The following faculty joined our ranks February 1 through April 30, 2021. Congratulations!*

Nina Hyams, *Linguistics*

William Mower, *Emergency Medicine*

Timothy Stowell, *Linguistics*

## FROM THE EDITOR

Warm Greetings!

From where I sit in Santa Monica, this spring has been more beautiful than any I can recall. Balmy temperatures, moderate breezes, lots of sun, and little May Gray or excess wind. And becoming fully vaccinated has brought a welcome sense of liberation.

I hope that this spring has brought greater optimism to **all** UCLA emeriti and retired librarians. I wish us all continued engagement and look forward to the time when local emeriti can meet in person.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find signs of accomplishment via Zoom and other virtual formats: Monthly afternoon programs, UCLA hosting CUCEA and our representatives attending, and the Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit with **twenty-one** artists!

And there is a schedule of dates to be saved for next year. See Page 11.

I have enjoyed working with the UCLA Emeriti Association board and newsletter thoroughly. However, I feel it is time for me to hand responsibility for the newsletter off to someone new. The 2021-2022 year will be one of transition for me. I encourage anyone interested in taking up this assignment to let outgoing president Dick Weiss ([weiss@chem.ucla.edu](mailto:weiss@chem.ucla.edu)) or incoming president Rosina Becerra ([rbecerra@ucla.edu](mailto:rbecerra@ucla.edu)) know of your interest. Fresh eyes and minds will be much appreciated.

In the meantime, I am on the lookout for anyone and everyone who would like to help out in the coming year—writing, editing, reporting, suggesting topics, making improvements, or anything else you can think of. I am eager to hear from you. Please get in touch via email [diane.childs@ucla.edu](mailto:diane.childs@ucla.edu).

This issue of the *UCLA Emeriti Newsletter* is once again a hybrid with URLs provided to link to value-added material. Print readers may want to locate the online version on the EA website.

*Diane Childs, Editor*

## CORRECTION

The Winter 2021 issue of the *UCLA Emeriti Newsletter* (Vol. 34, No. 2) included an “In Memoriam” listing (Spring 2020-Winter 2021) as a loose-sheet insert for the time since the previous list.

Sociology professor emeritus Jack Katz was included due to his name having appeared on the UC Office of the President Death Report for September, 2020. Professor Katz is very much alive and took his In Memoriam listing with good humor.

## SHIRLEY HO TO CHAIR THE ARTS SHOW



The Emeriti Association is delighted to welcome **Shirley Ho** as incoming chair of our annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit succeeding Sharon Belkin who has led the Arts Show committee for the last five years.

Shirley has exhibited her calligraphy at the Emeriti Association show for many years.

She was born into a family with strong artistic atmosphere, and under the guidance of her father Dr. Jui Chang, Shirley began her calligraphy training at the age of five. In 1961, Shirley further studied calligraphy from Ms. Shu Tan, a well-known calligraphy professor in Taiwan. Through Ms. Tan’s direction, Shirley has learned various calligraphy styles such as seal, clerical, kai-shu, and semi-cursive scripts.

Since her childhood, Shirley has participated in many exhibits and won numerous awards, including the 2nd Place of the University Category of Taiwan Student Calligraphy Contest and the 1st Place of National Taiwan University Calligraphy Contest. While Shirley taught at the Baltimore Chinese School in 1973, the *Baltimore Evening Sun* conducted a special interview with her: “Chinese Writing: Hen to Tzi.”

In 1993, Shirley’s calligraphy was exhibited at the opening ceremony of the Chinese Cultural Heritage Festival presented by the Palos Verdes Art Center. In 2002, Shirley demonstrated calligraphy at the Brentwood School Diversity Day. Additionally, she has taught calligraphy at the Chinese language classes of the Palos Verdes Peninsula High School during the past years.

Shirley Ho graduated from the National Taiwan University majoring in Economics and received her master’s degree in Management Science from the Johns Hopkins University.

Specializing in system design, she was previously a Computing Specialist in Hughes Aircraft, Northrop, and Toyota Motor Sales, USA.

Having been a Trustee of the Peninsula Education Foundation and a recipient of four Honorary Service Awards from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Council of PTAs, Shirley was recruited in 1994 by Torrance Memorial Medical Center to lead the Chinese-American Community Healthcare Services. Through her leadership and outreach abilities, she

became a bridge between Torrance Memorial and the Chinese-American community, as well as surrounding cultures.

Shirley's leadership experience includes positions as president and board chair of the Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California and several roles with the UCLA Faculty Women's Club. She served as corresponding secretary, email coordinator, member of the scholarship committee, and president-elect, president, and past-president.

Aside from community leadership, Shirley has given vocal recitals, including four benefit concerts which raised substantial funds for several organizations.

Shirley's husband is Chih-Ming Ho, distinguished professor emeritus of mechanical and aerospace engineering and bioengineering in the Samueli School of Engineering.

### THE ART SHOW LIVES ON



2021 Featured Artist - Sylvia Raz "Ainadamar"

The Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Art Show is taking a different form this spring. Instead of its usual place in the Faculty Center, which is under renovation, you will find it alive and well inside your computer.

Our artists didn't spend the Covid lockdown just sitting on their hands—they were busy doing what creative folks do—painting, drawing, photographing, stitching, knitting, and putting stuff together in unexpectedly wonderful ways.

You will be surprised at the range of imagery displayed. I was surprised at the enthusiasm with which twenty-one artists, including our Featured Artist Sylvia Raz, assured me they would be happy to participate. Everyone wanted to help the show live on through this sad year until better times.

You can find the show at <https://emeriti.erc.ucla.edu/events/emeriti-arts-and-crafts-exhibits>. It is expected to be available at least until next Spring.

*Sharon Belkin  
Chair, Emeriti Arts and Crafts Committee*

## SPRING CUCEA

The Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA) meet twice a year to discuss issues relating to retirement.

CUCEA acts statewide on behalf of the welfare and status of UC emeriti. It "presses for the protection, improvement and extension of a broad spectrum of benefits, such as good and affordable health care options, appropriate cost-of-living adjustments and enhanced academic privileges."

During the pandemic, these meetings have been virtual using Zoom technology. UCLA was the host site for the spring 2021 virtual meeting.

A major topic was the **difficulty new retirees and survivors have** had establishing their pension and health insurance retirement benefits, a problem due largely to the new "Redwood" computer system. There have been various administrative and management changes initiated by UCOP in response to complaints. One innovation is a "No Lapse" program whereby benefits will be paid on an estimated basis until the precise entitlement is established. However, this program applies only to those who begin the process by mid-May and who want an annuity, not a lump sum. **Concern** was expressed as to how effective the changes would be or could be for the coming retirement cycle. It is unclear how the No Lapse program applies to survivors.

UC President **Michael Drake** spoke to the virtual gathering and touched on various topics including the **Accellion data breach** which has affected active employees, retired employees, dependents, survivors, beneficiaries, and students. Drake noted the offer by UC of one year of free credit monitoring by Experian. Apparently, a notice will go out with more information once the university has further explored what happened. It might be noted that individuals have the option of putting a **fraud alert** on their credit accounts and freezing access to their accounts at the three major credit-rating organizations.

**Other topics** touched on by President Drake were the dropping of SAT and ACT tests for admissions by UC, the gubernatorial recall campaign, and other political issues related to California.

It appears likely, with the pandemic receding in California, that **future CUCEA-CUCRA meetings** starting in fall 2021 will be a mix of in-person and virtual. Exact plans are uncertain.

*Daniel J.B. Mitchell  
UCLA Emeriti Assn. Representative to CUCEA*

## DICKSON AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2020-2021

The Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award is funded from a gift endowment established by the late Edward A. Dickson, Regent of the University of California, to honor outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching, and service performed by an Emeritus or Emerita Professor since retirement.

Three UCLA emeriti professors have been selected to receive the 2020-2021 Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award, which includes a prize of \$5,000: Distinguished Researcher Professor Emeritus **Benjamin Bonavida**, Professor Emeritus **Warwick Peacock**, and Distinguished Professor Emeritus **Donald Shoup**.



**Benjamin Bonavida**, Distinguished Research Professor of Microbiology, Immunology, & Molecular Genetics retired in 2011 after a long and distinguished career involving research in basic immunochemistry and cancer immunobiology, teaching focused on the immunology of cancer, mentoring undergraduate, graduate and postdoctorals, and service to the UCLA campus and scientific community.

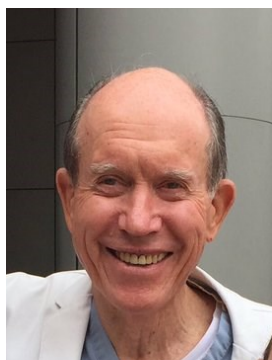
He has continued all these activities with a high level of academic productivity since retirement, including 108 research publications, with 22 student-authored papers, and continues to perform major editorial services as editor or co-editor for scientific journals and numerous books. In particular, he is presently the Series Editor of *Cancer Sensitizing Agents for Chemotherapy*, *Sensitizing Agents for Cancer Resistance to Cell Mediated Immunotherapy*, and *Breaking Tolerance to Anti-Cancer Antibody Immunotherapy* and is the Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Reviews in Oncogenesis and Onco-Therapeutics*.

He also continues to organize or co-organize important national and international scientific conferences.

Professor Bonavida has contributed significantly to the study and research of the pleiotropic role of nitric oxide (NO) in cancer, the tumor promoter and drug resistance related to Yin Yang 1 (YY1) in cancer, and the tumor suppressor and immune activator Raf Kinase Inhibitor Protein (RKIP).

As a result of his immense contributions to the science of nitric oxide and cancer, he was initiated into the new International Society for Nitric Oxide and Cancer in 2018.

Considered by many to be one of the very best teachers in his discipline, Professor Bonavida has continued co-teaching the popular quarterly course, M262: Immunology of Cancer providing innovative opportunity for critical literature review, problem solving and intellectual curiosity.



**Warwick Peacock**, Professor Emeritus of Neurosurgery retired in 2005 having served for many years as Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery.

In 2009, Dr. Peacock proposed a plan to teach surgical residents surgical anatomy and cadaver-based surgical techniques in a Surgical Science Laboratory (SSL). He was recalled

to be the Lab's Founding Director by the Department of Surgery and teaching commenced in 2011. In this pioneering effort, he has comprehensively revolutionized human anatomy instruction at UCLA with a state-of-the-art program.

Dr. Peacock, probably the world's expert on neurosurgical treatment of cerebral palsy and movement disorders, is regarded with supreme distinction. He is generous with his time and instruction, and has placed a high value on emphasizing anatomy in the foundation of surgical and interventional training.

The SSL is host to a multitude of training activities from teaching surgical skills, to the development of new surgical procedures, research and innovation. The SSL has had an immense impact on training at UCLA with over 4,000 learners utilizing the lab for instruction during 2019-20.

Dr. Peacock has continued to teach medical students in the Neuroscience block each year and teaches neuroanatomy to the Neurology residents and fellows and the Neurosurgery residents (three separate courses).

In post-retirement he has contributed to new discoveries regarding intra-thoracic nerves that control the heart.

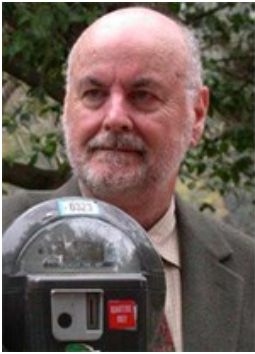
Dr. Peacock has the distinction of being the only non-trauma surgeon official Instructor of the Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma course of the American College of Surgeons.

He has also been recognized with the David Geffen School of Medicine Golden Apple Teaching Award from medical students in 2011, the Award for Distinguished Service in Education from the School in 2013, and the Kaiser Permanente Teaching Award in 2020.

Dr. Peacock was born and raised in South Africa and studied medicine at the University of Cape Town.

He was determined to understand every aspect of medicine and spent three years following medical school in rural family practice in Touwsriver and Durban.

Dr. Peacock is an enthusiastic pianist who keeps his fingers limber on the keyboard during down time from the SSL (he has a small electric piano in the locker room across the hall from the lab).



**Donald Shoup**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Urban Planning retired from the Department of Urban Planning in 2015.

He is considered the world's leading academic expert on policies, planning, travel impacts, environmental, and social dimensions of parking. His analyses have led to policy changes adopted in various cities and have been emulated throughout Europe and Asia. He wrote the definitive book on parking, *The High Cost of Free Parking* (2005), which has been updated and republished since his retirement. It has been translated into Russian and Persian, with Chinese and Romanian forthcoming.

Since his retirement, Professor Shoup has continued to engage in scholarship related to parking policy and has been an active advocate for policy changes. He recently edited and published a book, *Parking in the City* (2018) which examined case studies of parking policies recommended in 2005 and outcomes in cities across the world that adopted those policies.

Professor Shoup continues to mentor students and teach his popular course on parking and land use, the first of its kind in the nation.

His reputation as the world's "parking guru" places him in high demand as a keynote speaker at urban planning and policy conferences, as a lecturer at universities, and as a leader of "master classes" at parking industry events.

He was instrumental in the adoption of the BRUIN GO transit pass program, influenced important decisions about new parking facilities and the pricing of parking on campus, and has been a tireless advocate for ending the abuse of handicapped parking permits.

In 2015, Professor Shoup was named a National Planning Pioneer by the American Planning Association (APA). In 2017 he received the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Distinguished Educator Award. In 2019 his landmark publication, *The High Cost of Free Parking*, was listed by the APA as a key timeline event since 1900 in the field of urban planning.

*Dick Weiss*  
*Emeriti Association Awards Committee*

## GOLDBERG AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2020-2021

**The Carole E. Goldberg Emeriti Service Award, established in 2015, recognizes UCLA emeriti for exemplary service to the university and their department. Two UCLA Emeriti Professors have been selected to receive the 2020-2021 Carole E. Goldberg Emeriti Service Award, which includes a prize of \$1,000.**

Professor Emerita **Josephine B. Isabel-Jones** and Professor Emeritus **Paul Ong** have had long and distinguished careers as UCLA faculty.



**Josephine B. Isabel-Jones**, Professor Emerita of Pediatrics, retired in 2003 after a long career at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine (DGSOM) where she was dedicated to empowering others, particularly those at a socioeconomic disadvantage. She has continuously championed equity, inclusivity and diversity at DGSOM.

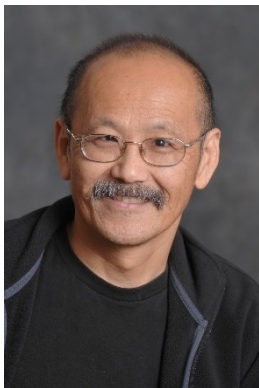
As a nationally recognized pediatric cardiologist, she has remained active in children's healthcare at UCLA and in the wider region.

Dr. Isabel-Jones, who has long been a popular teacher, continued to do rounds, received multiple awards such as the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Black Women Physicians and provided mentorship over the 18 years since retirement. This has unequivocally shaped the careers of countless students of medicine.

Post-retirement, Dr. Isabel-Jones's service to the University has continued unabated. A brief selection of her prodigious activity includes serving as DGSOM Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, notably for the past 42 years; as an Instructor in the Problem Based Learning Program; as a member of numerous committees including an appointed member by Chancellor Block to the Moreno committee to examine diversity challenges, whose recommendations were issued in January 2021.

She founded and chaired the first faculty diversity committee in DGSOM and developed the Intergroup Dialogue to Enhance Action on Diversity (IDEA) with workshops to address implicit bias in mentoring underrepresented minority and women faculty members.

These were pioneering efforts and Dr. Isabel-Jones was years ahead of her time in her work on diversity and inclusion, and her work in providing medical assistance to children with congenital heart disease in the underserved global community has been an inspiration.



**Paul Ong**, Professor Emeritus of Urban Planning, retired in 2017 after three decades of interdisciplinary social science teaching, policy-focused applied research and engagement with the community as well as with policy-makers enabling significant change.

In retirement this advocacy continued and Professor Ong's commitment to research-as-service came to a fulcrum during the span of the pandemic with actionable policy research addressing the twin crises of the coronavirus and racial injustice.

Professor Ong has served as Director of the UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge (CNK) since 2013 and in the last year alone his productivity has been phenomenal – with nearly thirty published policy reports, as author or co-author.

He is an extraordinary builder of intellectual relationships, transforming empirical research into critical policy discussions in local, state and national venues. His research collaborations intersect the UCLA campus from the Latino Policy & Politics Initiative to the American Asian Studies Center, the School of Education and Information Studies, the Ziman Center for Real Estate, the BRITE Center and the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, plus many more.

Professor Ong's impactful research reveals real-world perspectives on social and economic outcomes for minority and underserved communities—addressing issues of homelessness, business closures, renters under threat of eviction, food security, student learning, health, inequality and racial injustice to assess vulnerable populations. The City of Los Angeles and UCLA Health have drawn on this research for its COVID-19 vaccine equity guidelines. His contributions have helped to mobilize and expand opportunity for benefit of all Americans.

*Ronald Mellor  
Emeriti Association Awards Committee*

## PANUNZIO AWARDEES FOR 2020-2021

Constantine Panunzio, a professor of sociology at UCLA for many years, has been described as the architect of the UC Retirement System and was particularly active in improving pensions and stipends for his fellow emeriti.

The Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award honors outstanding scholarly work or educational service (e.g., service in professional, Universi-

ty, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental, or editorial posts or committees) performed since retirement by a University of California emeritus or emerita in the *humanities or social sciences*.

The Panunzio award was established in 1983 by a behest from Professor Panunzio and includes a \$5,000 prize.

Professor Emeritus **Wayne Cornelius** (UC San Diego, political science) and Professor Emeritus **Carlos Cortes** (UC Riverside, history) have been selected to receive the Distinguished Emeriti Award for 2020-2021.

## NEWS AND NOTES

*Kudos, new undertakings, recent publications, and other reports from the far reaches of the world of UCLA emeriti.*

Distinguished research professor of psychology **Robert Bjork** and psychology professor emerita **Elizabeth Bjork** are co-recipients of both the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Western Psychological Association and the 2021 Mentor Award from the Association for Psychological Science. While they have both retired, they have been recalled as research professors in order to finish supervising the research of some graduate and honors undergraduate students.

In 2006 the Association for Psychological Science published a series of articles on “dynamic duos” in psychology. The first couple they featured was Bob and Elizabeth Bjork. The 2021 awards are just the latest recognition for their teaching and mentoring.

They are also known for their service to the field: Elizabeth has served on numerous review boards and was elected chair of UCLA's Academic Senate and Bob served as chair of psychology at UCLA, as editor of both *Psychological Review* and *Memory and Cognition*, and as co-editor of *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*.

In the domain of research, the Bjorks are perhaps best known for demonstrating that forgetting, rather than being simply a weakness of the human memory system, is fundamental to the efficient functioning of our memories; that disuse results not in decay, but in a loss of access to memories; and that certain difficulties—by triggering processes that enhance long-term retention and transfer—can be desirable.

During the pandemic, professor emeritus of management **Eric Flamholtz** completed his latest book, *The Crisis Leadership Playbook* (co-authored with his wife, Yvonne Randle). They are now working on

their next book, an updated version of *The Inner Game of Management*, which deals with the psychology of leadership and management.

During his years at UCLA, Flamholtz began to formulate a paradigm of managerial action leading from start-ups to sustainably successful business organizations.

Since retiring in 2006, he has been able to pursue other interests including travel, fishing and tournament poker as well as continuing to work with organizations as a consultant, primarily those dealing with “growing pains” and scale-up.

**Barbara Geddes**, professor emerita and former chair of political science, is one of eight UCLA faculty members recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the nation’s most prestigious honorary societies.

Geddes conducts research on the breakdown of authoritarian regimes, democratization, authoritarian transitions and political development, with a focus on Latin American politics. Her early work included studies of bureaucratic reform and corruption in Brazil and the politics of economic policy-making in Latin America. She has also been published on comparative political research methods.

The Academy was founded in 1780 by John Adams, John Hancock and others who believed the new republic should honor exceptionally accomplished individuals. Previous fellows have included George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and UCLA’s Nobel-prize-winning astrophysicist Andrea Ghez.

**Louis Ignarro**, distinguished professor emeritus of medical and molecular pharmacology at the David Geffen School of Medicine, who also holds an appointment in chemical and biomolecular engineering, is one of four UCLA Samueli School of Engineering faculty named to the National Academy of Inventors.

Ignarro received the 1998 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discoveries of the roles that nitric oxide plays as a signaling molecule in the cardiovascular system. His research also led to the development and marketing of sildenafil or Viagra.

Election to an academy fellowship is the highest professional distinction exclusively for inventors and innovators from academic institutions. Nominees must be a named inventor on patent(s) issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Professor emeritus of urban planning **Paul Ong** was featured by the American Planning Association in a tribute to Asian American and Pacific Islander leaders who have shaped the nation’s history and communities.

Ong was one of 12 planners, architects, historians and community organizers who have “influenced our built environment, fought for historical and cultural preservation, and championed social justice to help make great communities for all.” They were highlighted in the association’s *Planning* magazine in celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.

He joins a list including modernist architect I.M. Pei, statesman Norman Mineta, Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer Maya Lin and racial justice attorney Manjusha Kulkarni, who co-founded the hate crime reporting center Stop AAPI Hate.

Ong is an urbanist with wide-ranging interests. He’s conducted studies on labor, environmental justice, and immigration, and is currently researching the relationship between sustainability and equity, among other projects. At UCLA, he’s the founder and director of the Center for Neighborhood Knowledge and editor of *AAPI Nexus*, a journal that explores community development, education, and other topics in relation to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

More about Ong’s accomplishments and career can be found in the citation for his honor as a Goldberg Award winner on Page 6.

Emeritus professor of information studies **John V. Richardson, Jr.** has been recognized with the 2021 William H. & Benjamin Harrison Award from the Ohio Genealogical Society for his recent book, *Die Weber Familie: The Weber, Wollenschläger, Habermann, and Kempf Families in Early 19th Century Palatine Germany, Brazil, and the United States of America* (Los Angeles: ITA Press, 2020).

The award is given by the Society to honor the best Ohio-related family history and was presented to Professor Richardson during the Society’s Midwest genealogy virtual conference in April.

*Die Weber Familie* is the saga of Richardson’s paternal ancestors, the Weber family who left Neunkirchen am Potzberg, Bavaria in the early 19th century. One branch of the family emigrated to Brazil and the other branch began a new life in the United States.

Prior to retiring, Richardson taught a course on the use of genealogical resources. An interview about

his journey of tracing ancestors through the push-pull theory of social, economic, and political forces the common threads among immigrant stories; and the draw of a really great potluck supper can be found [John V. Richardson, Jr. Honored by the Ohio Genealogical Society | UCLA GSE&S Ampersand](#).

Dr. **Paul Torrens**, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health professor emeritus of health policy and management, will receive a lifetime achievement award for his mentorship and leadership by the Partners in Care Foundation.

A physician by training, Torrens has taught for more than 40 years at the Fielding School, helping many to shape distinguished careers in public health. His career spans both health care management and policy.

The Fielding School's Paul Torrens Health Forum, which was founded by Torrens and subsequently named in his honor, brings together the academic and practice fields for regular conversations about public health issues.

The Partners in Care Foundation is a not-for-profit organization based in Southern California. It has provided preventative support and social services to adults with complex health issues since 1997.

## IN MEMORIAM, SPRING, 2021

The following current or retired members of the UCLA Academic Senate or Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles (LAUC), or those whose emeritus status was conferred, died between December 11, 2019, and May 18, 2021. Spouses of such individuals are also included.

The UCLA Emeriti Association honors them.

**Harlan Amstutz**, Surgery (orthopedic surgery, joint replacement)

**Shirley Arora**, Spanish and Portuguese (folklore, proverbial speech in the Spanish-speaking world)

**John Dennis "Denny" Baker**, surgery (vascular surgery, vascular physiologic testing and imaging)

**James R. "Rush" Beeler**, French and Francophone Studies (French literature)

**Christine Wursten Haskell**, spouse of Charles Haskell, medicine (hematologic oncology)

**William Hinds**, environmental health sciences (industrial hygiene, aerosols and industrial hygiene controls of airborne contaminants, including respiratory protection)

**Tatsuo Itoh\***, electrical & computer engineering (microwave and millimeter-wave electronics)

**Harold "Hal" Kassarjian**, management (consumer behavior, consumer perception, consumer protection, deceptive advertising, public opinion research)

**Traute Kassarjian**, spouse of Harold "Hal" Kassarjian (management)

**Catherine Yungoo Lee**, Charles E. Young Research Library (Bibliographers Group, Asian Pacific studies); spouse of Peter Lee, Asian languages and cultures (Korean and comparative literature)

**Kuo-Nan Liou\***, atmospheric & oceanic sciences and mechanical & aerospace engineering (satellite remote sensing, role of clouds and aerosols in climate and greenhouse warming)

**John D. McNeil**, education (reading, curriculum and instruction, international development; **was 101 years old**)

**Janice "Jan" Reiff\***, history and statistics (quantitative history, history of cities, Chicago, Los Angeles)

**Jean Levy Rosenfeld**, Research Library (technical services, acquisitions)

**Donald F. "Don" Tierney**, medicine (pulmonary and critical care medicine)

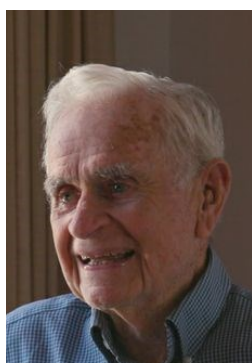
**Martin "Marty" Wachs**, urban planning (transportation planning, relationships between transportation, land use and air quality, use of performance measurement in transportation planning; Dickson Emeritus Professorship, 2016-2017)

**Steven Wallace\***, community health sciences (aging in communities of color, immigrant health and health policy)

\*Died in service

Prepared by Diane Childs; June 6, 2021

## PASSINGS



Recently highlighted as a centenarian (See Winter 2020, Page 3) **John McNeil** died in April at the age of 101. In Memoriams highlighting his rich life appear in the UCLA Faculty News for May, 2021, Page 12 ([John McNeil obit UCLA FC News 0521.pdf](#)) and UCLA Newsroom ([In memoriam: John McNeil, 101, professor emeritus of education | UCLA](#))

An EA past president and 50-year neighbor of John's notes that "until very recently, he was the personification of the Eveready bunny."



## KINDERMAN ON POLITICAL OR REVOLUTIONARY BEETHOVEN



William Kinderman headlines the June program on the 10th. A Professor of Music at UCLA, Kinderman will discuss his exciting new book: *Beethoven: A Political Artist in Revolutionary Times*.

An accomplished speaker and popular professor, Kinderman will discuss Beethoven's life and work against the backdrop of his times. Beethoven, if you recall, wrote the third symphony, The Eroica, as a paean to Napoleon after his victory at Marengo and then became disillusioned with him. He was politically engaged in a very interesting time.

Kinderman's research focuses on Beethoven, Mozart, and Wagner. He has also written on the creative process in music, and on literary subjects including Thomas Mann and received an award for lifetime achievement from the Humboldt Foundation in 2010.

*Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee Chair*

## ERRC STILL WORKS FOR US FROM HOME



The staff of the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center continue to provide an amazing array of services to emeriti and retirees when they

are not on campus. Director **Ayesha Dixon** along with Retirees Resources Specialists **Maria Lubrano** and **Eric Wang** have been working from home.

The latest expectation for the ERRC staff to return to campus is that they will likely be back in the Fall Quarter.

In the meantime, Ayesha, Eric, and Maria check the ERRC voicemails regularly and return calls and the same with email.

Over the summer, Ayesha will also continue to be on campus twice/month to check for postal mail, get supplies, and provide other support services that cannot be accomplished remotely. For example, she has printed labels for newsletter mailings.

And they are working as a team to produce events, troubleshoot problems, and share information from which we can all benefit.

## NEWS FROM THE FACULTY CENTER

Construction at the Faculty Center is moving forward. The Servery has a fresh new look, and the south restrooms have all the plumbing and drywall in place.



A fresh look for The Servery



The Servery in earlier days

Some of you have asked how **you can help financially**. If you are in a position to make a significant contribution to the University, there are a number of **naming opportunities** for the Faculty Center that go for far less than other spaces on campus. Take a look at the Faculty Center's Naming Opportunities document at <https://facultycenter.ucla.edu/Donate>.

And look for the June Faculty Center newsletter for the announcement of **changing the name to UCLA Faculty Club!**

*Julie Kwan  
Hospitality Chair; President, UCLA Faculty Center*

## PRESIDENT MATHIAS

Everyone knows that UCLA's renowned Botanical Garden was named for **Mildred E. Mathias** to honor her contributions to horticulture (in 1979).

What UCLA emeriti may not know is that Mildred Mathias (botany and horticulture) served the Emeriti Association as president in 1988-89 and 1991-92 and CUCEA representative, 1989-90.

## EMERITI ACTIVITY SURVEY IS ON THE HORIZON

### A Virtual Eleventh Campus

An Inventory of University of California  
Emeriti Activity During 2012-2015

CUCEA  
Council of University of California  
Emeriti Associations



If all of the work summarized in this inventory were to be transposed into a standard college catalog, it would reveal the outline of a virtual university. This construct campus, created and enacted entirely by University of California retirees, would be counted as one of the leading teaching and research institutions in the nation. For the citizens of California and its university system, it is UC's eleventh campus.

UCLA has a vibrant and active Emeriti Association. Of special pride are the contributions our emeriti make after retirement. These accomplishments are documented with a survey sent out triennially by the UCLA Emeriti Association in concert with the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA).

Some of us continue to volunteer, or on a fee basis, serve as teachers, researchers, and writers. As combined with the other nine UC campuses, remarkable accomplishments are documented and commented upon and commended by our University leaders.

Our work is considered to be of such financial, intellectual and cultural value, that UC contributions comprise "An Eleventh Campus", and can have an impact upon post-retirement benefits, such as pensions and insurance.

Our upcoming survey will begin in October, 2021, and will include activities in the period from July 2018 to September 2021.

While it is true that the pandemic year will be included, many emeriti have kept active during this period. All known emeriti will be asked, usually by email, some by postal mail, to complete a questionnaire inquiring about their university and community-oriented activities during the three-year period.

Please look for the survey and take the time to complete it. Improving on our participation rate will be a benefit to all of us.

*Seymour R. "Sy" Levin, MD  
Emeriti Activity Survey Chair for UCLA*

### PLEASE SHARE

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).

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE

**Becoming a member of the UCLA Emeriti Association is possible at any time. And we appreciate all of our members very much.**

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.

You are eligible for membership if you are a member of the UCLA Academic Senate, a member of LAUC, have had emeritus status conferred, or are a spouse or partner or surviving spouse or partner of those listed and spouse/partner of Academic Senate members who have died in service.

Our membership year runs **September through August**. Sadly, this year has seen fewer of those eligible for Emeriti Association membership actually go ahead and complete the process than in the past. Dues are modest and have remained the same for a number of years.

We need you to confirm your interest in the Emeriti Association by filling out a form even if you are a first-year or honorary member (age 85 and older) who does not pay dues.

From this page, you can enroll and pay (if appropriate) online or print off a paper copy and mail it in: [Membership & Renewal | UCLA Emeriti Association](#).

If you are not certain that you are a current member, you can check with the ERRC by email [emeriti@errc.ucla.edu](mailto:emeriti@errc.ucla.edu).

## OUR CAMPUS AS OTHERS SEE IT

**For the April CUCEA/CUCRA virtual meetings, UCLA was host.** ERRC Director **Ayesha Dixon** did as she would for an in-person meeting with guests coming from all across the state. She prepared activities that participants could enjoy in between sessions or overnight.

Wouldn't it be fun to visit the campus most of us have not been able to see in person for quite a while?

Here are Ayesha Dixon's curated selections:

[Campus](#)  
[The Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden](#)  
[The Hummingbird Whisperer](#)  
[UCLA's Cogeneration Plant](#)  
[Campus Plants Tour](#)  
[Hammer Museum](#)  
[The Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden](#)  
[Our Galaxy's Core and the 2020 Nobel Prize](#)

## SPRING ELECTIONS

In a typical year, elections are held for Emeriti Association officers during the business meeting at the spring awards reception and dinner.

This year's elections are being held virtually. Electronic ballots for the positions of President and President-elect using SurveyMonkey were emailed to all current members on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, with a deadline for return of June 10. A second ballot covering Members-at-Large and Recording Secretary went out with a deadline for return of June 18.

The following slate of officers was voted on: **Rosina Becerra**, President; **Scott Waugh**, President-elect; **Abdelmonem Afifi**, Member-at-large; **Nick Entrikin**, Member-at-large; **Harvey Herschman**; **Claudia Mitchell-Kernan**; and **Barbara Lippe**, Recording Secretary.

They will join the continuing elected board members: **Dick Weiss**, Past President; Jane Permaul, Treasurer; and Diane Childs, Corresponding Secretary.

Names of additional board members can be found on Page 12.

*Ron Mellor, Nominating Committee Chair and members Jane Permaul and Dick Weiss*

## SAVE THESE DATES

*Planning for next year's activities is underway. Mark your calendars for a terrific year.*

**October 14, 2021**, After-lunch Program

**November 10, 2021**, Fall Awards & Dinner  
Celebrate at the Faculty Center

**December 2, 2021**, After-lunch Program

**January 13, 2022**, After-lunch Program

**February 9, 2022**, Winter Dinner

**March 10, 2022**, After-lunch Program

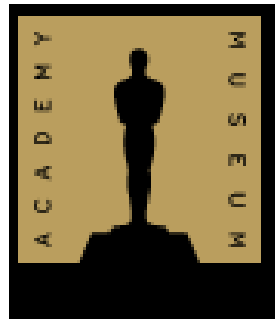
**April 14, 2022**, After-lunch Program

**May 11, 2022**, Spring Awards & Dinner

**May 17, 2022**, Arts & Crafts Exhibit

**June 9, 2022**, After-lunch Program

## WE ARE INVITED



The UCLA ERRC (Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center) has arranged for us and members of the Emeriti Association to take a virtual tour of the **Academy Museum of Motion Pictures**.

The Academy Museum is the largest institution in the United States devoted to the arts, sciences, and artists of moviemaking. The museum advances the understanding, celebration, and preservation of cinema through inclusive and accessible exhibitions, screenings, programs, initiatives, and collections.

Designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Renzo Piano, the museum's campus contains the restored and revitalized historic Saban Building—formerly known as the May Company building (1939)—and a soaring spherical addition. Together, these buildings contain 50,000 square feet of exhibition spaces, two state-of-the-art theaters, an education studio, restaurant, retail store, and beautiful public spaces. The museum opens to the public on September 30.

Emeriti and retirees will have the opportunity for a sneak peek with a virtual zoom fly-through tour of the Academy Museum. During the event, we will learn details of the opening exhibitions, interesting architectural details about the buildings and more.

**When: Monday, June 14, 2021, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.**

To register, go here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## FROM THE CENTER

**UCLA Recreation re-opening:**

UCLA Recreation was excited to announce plans to reopen Kinross Recreation Center (KREC) on Monday, May 17, 2021! As capacity continues to be limited, KREC will reopen only to registered UCLA graduate students, faculty and staff, and emeriti/retirees.

If you are in one of these membership categories, please register for a Return to Rec Membership to access KREC and UCLA Recreation's other currently-open facilities.

Due to limited capacity, all access to KREC will need to be reserved through our new reservation system called Bookings.

Visit [Return to Rec | UCLA Recreation](#) for more information

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### Data Breach:

If you signed up for the Experian credit monitoring and identity theft protection service provided by the University of California in response to the recent [Accellion data security breach](#), you may have recently been notified by Experian that your Social Security number or other personal information has been found on the “dark web,” or areas of the Internet commonly used for illegal activity.

This does not necessarily mean you are a victim of identity theft, but it does mean you are at greater risk and should take steps to protect yourself if you have not already done so. If you have questions not addressed by these resources, please email [communications@ucop.edu](mailto:communications@ucop.edu).

In October 2020, the ERRC had a Cyber Security program that discussed the importance of Password Management. To view, [Click Here](#)

### Annual parking permit renewal:

UCLA Transportation has begun the annual parking permit renewal period for fiscal year 2021-22. The RideCard will now be called the "Daily Discount ePermit." This type of epermit is not valid in the Medical Plaza. You would have to select the closest facility to the Medical Plaza which would be Parking Structures 1, 18, 8 and 9. For any additional questions, or if you require assistance, call (310) 794-7433 or email: [transportation@ts.ucla.edu](mailto:transportation@ts.ucla.edu)

### Emeriti Privileges:

As a reminder, the ERRC coordinates a variety of emeriti privileges, including parking and BruinCards. Contact the ERRC at (310) 825-7456 for details.

*Ayesha Dixon, Director*

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