

# EMERITI *Newsletter*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Steve Cederbaum*

This column comes less than a month after my most recent email post, but there are plenty of things to share with you. I just finished listening to the podcast of Paul Bergman's exciting after-lunch talk on "Law and the Movies", a talk that a scheduling conflict forced me to miss. This link was posted by Dan Mitchell on our Facebook page, *yousee elayemeriti*, of which the number of followers is growing weekly (or strongly, if you prefer). Each day there are 3 or 4 lectures, concerts, audio of Regents' Meetings, and other UC newsworthy items posted, information that could not be communicated by other means, even by the website whose upgrade is proceeding apace (albeit behind the scenes at the moment). Thus, we continue to encourage you to join Facebook and avail yourselves of these benefits.

Thanks to Dan Mitchell, we are moving forward with our goal of using electronic communication to share our speaker program with emeriti who are unable to come to campus or have a conflict as was the case with me and Paul Bergman's talk. Within a year we want distance to be no impediment to emeriti participation in our exciting programs, adding video to the audio now available. Our aim is always for "packed houses" on site, but at the same time maximizing

access. This is not online learning as a preferred method.

In September we sent out a survey to connect with you, **and we have!** To our delight, more than 350 responses were received. A committee consisting of Diane Childs, Dave Lopez, Eddie Murphy, John Edmond and myself is in the process of collating the results, but some trends are apparent. First and foremost, the *Newsletter*, in its printed and conventional mail form is our single most important "product" and means of communication with you. You consider this the most important benefit of membership. With this in mind, we are committed to continue to enhance and expand the newsletter, either by enlarging it, increasing its frequency or both. Our decision depends on you. To do this we need more help. We need individuals to volunteer to help and we have had a gratifying response from the survey. Those of you who have volunteered to serve in the Survey will hear from me in the near future so that I can ascertain your particular interests and skills. You do not have to be on site to render editorial support or to provide content for the *Newsletter* or website. We have the economic resources for this expansion. Dave Lopez, Diane Childs and John Edmond will be sharing their impressions of the Survey results with you. Stay tuned!

There are two opportunities about which I wish to remind you. First,

Dinner for 12 Strangers, the Alumni Association's program to support and engage undergraduate and some graduate students by making them seem more a part of UCLA and its extended community. All that is required is attendance at a dinner put on by alumni hosts and to engage the participants. We encourage a large participation by emeriti in this very enjoyable event. If interested email to [diners@alumni.ucla.edu](mailto:diners@alumni.ucla.edu). There are also opportunities at University Extension (UNEX) for individual lectures as part of a themed series, or the development of a full course. If you are interested please contact Ashley Morris at Extension, Dept. of Humanities and Sciences, at [amorris@unex.ucla.edu](mailto:amorris@unex.ucla.edu)

Best wishes to you all for a glorious New Year.

## WARREN OLNEY WILL BE WINTER DINNER SPEAKER

Warren Olney will be the guest speaker at the Winter Dinner Meeting of the Emeriti Association. On Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Mr. Olney is a broadcast journalist and currently is the long-standing host and executive producer of the award winning programs, *To the Point* and *Which Way LA*, both originating on KCRW in Santa Monica.

Warren Olney is the only two-time

winner of the Los Angeles Society of Professional Journalists award since the inception of the awards in 1976. He received it in 1985 for his work with KABC-TV and in 1998 for his work with KCRW. In January 2012, he was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual Golden Mike Awards ceremony held by the Radio and Television News Association of Southern California. Reflecting the nature of his award winning shows, Olney will be discussing an active and important topic occupying the headlines at the time of his presentation in February.

*Steve Cederbaum  
Program Committee*

The February 12, 2014 Dinner Meeting, Reception, and Program will be held in the Main Dining Room of the Faculty Center. The Reception will begin at 4:45 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m., and Warren Olney will be introduced at approximately 7:00 p.m. The dinner reservation form and return envelope are enclosed with this *Newsletter* issue.

## AFTER LUNCH PROGRAMS

**Wednesday, March 5, 2014:** After the Royce Hall presentation (12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.) by former U. S. Senator and Secretary of State **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, featured speaker at the Luskin Thought Leader Convocation, the Emeriti Association will hold a gathering (1:30-3:30 p.m.) in the Hacienda Room of the Faculty

Center, where EA member attendees may have a late no-host lunch and share thoughts about Clinton's address.

Pre-sale tickets to the lecture were offered to Emeriti Association members via e-mail on January 17, for purchase (in person or by phone) from the Central Ticket Office only from January 20 to 27. The sponsors expect high demand, but some higher-priced tickets may still be available,

**Thursday, April 10, 2014:** **Gerald F. Kominski**, Director of the Center for Health Policy Research will speak on "The Affordable Health Care Act: Is It Working in California?" 1:30 p. m. (coffee at 1:00 p.m.) in the Hacienda Room of the Faculty Center.

*Judith Smith, Chair  
Program Committee*

## 2014 GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Great Expectations in the New Year? The stock market is up, up, up and away. Are there worries over a new bubble in 2014? We have no predictions to make about economic bubbles. But we do have great expectations for the Emeriti Association's ever-blooming annual, the **Sylvia Winstein UCLA Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit** on May 20, 2014.

The occasion offers emeriti and spouses the opportunity to show their creative work and to join the rational exuberance displayed on a Tuesday in May in the California Room. During the 1970's, as many

as forty artists exhibited in the room, cheerfully sharing available space. These days, usually around thirty artists show their work in the Exhibit. The California room is capacious but art is wide, so today generous space is allotted to each exhibitor. If more room is needed, there are more rooms. The show can expand. If an artist needs more space or we have more artists than usual, space will be arranged.

Whatever your media, please bring it to the art show this year. Celebrate this unique occasion to share your work and your interests with friends and colleagues: participate in the Emeriti Association's premier event, the Sylvia Winstein UCLA Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit. The doors of the California Room will open at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. Artist introductions and the much anticipated Champagne Reception and Buffet are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Planning for the art show is under way, so if you would like to show let us know soon.

To inquire further send the Chair an email; [carteret@ucla.edu](mailto:carteret@ucla.edu), or call the Emeriti and Retiree Relations Center at (310) 825-7456.

*Noël Carterette, Chair  
Arts and Crafts Show Committee*

## CALL FOR 2014/15 EMERITI ASSOCIATION OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations are requested for the 2014/15 Emeriti Association offices of Vice-President/ President-Elect, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and one Member-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. The Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large serve two-year terms.

On July 1, 2014, this year's VP/President-Elect, Daniel Mitchell, will assume the office of President and Steve Cederbaum will become Past President. Recording Secretary Barbara Lippe, who was appointed by the Board when that office became vacant early this year, will begin the second year of her two-year term.

Please direct nominations by March 15, 2014 to:

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Los Angeles, CA 90095-1437  
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## EMERITUS/A OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Each year the Emeriti Association selects an Emeritus/a of the Year

from emeriti distinguished by significant achievement or contribution -- scholarly, civic, educational -- during the past year or years preceding the current one. The nomination letter should give details of the nominee's accomplishments, with specific references to the work, published or unpublished, and the benefit (for example, to the University, to science, law, medicine or education, to a disadvantaged population, to the community) of these contributions. Emeriti from all departments and disciplines are eligible.

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## RECENT AND NOTABLE

On September 15, 2013, Dr. **Marvin Ament**, Professor Emeritus in the David Geffen School of Medicine, received the Harold S. Diehl lifetime achievement award from the University of Minnesota, where he earned his medical degree in 1963. Dr. Ament pioneered the use of fiber optic endoscopy for children, home perenteral nutrition for both adults and children, and gastroenterology motility studies. He currently serves as chief of Gastroenterology at Children's Hospital of Central California.

Dr. **John Froines**, Professor Emeritus at the Fielding School of Health, has been honored with the 2013 Ramazzini Award by the Collegium Ramazzini in Italy for his work in developing a federal standard for lead and cotton dust exposure and for his major contribution in California that helped identify diesel exhaust as a significant air contaminant.

Professors Emeritus **Anne Mellor** (English) and her husband, **Ron Mellor** (History) recently established endowments for graduate student fellowships in their home departments as well as the Ronald and Anne Mellor Endowed Educational Fund, which will provide resources for visiting lecturers, summer travel-study opportunities, and new acquisitions for Special Collections in the UCLA Library.

Professor Emeritus **John Hawkins** (GSLIS) has been named co-director of the Asia-Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership (APHERP) based in Los Angeles, Honolulu, Tokyo and Hong Kong. APHERP focuses on higher education policy, capacity, equity and access mobility and migration in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Judea Pearl**, Emeritus Professor of Computer Science, was recently awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree by Texas A&M University, in recognition of his "sustained scholarly activity in artificial intelligence, human reasoning, and philosophy of science".

*Note: While the committee chaired by Jean Aroeste works on expanding Newsletter content, Steve Cederbaum has suggested a "Dear Editor" section or other feature where emeriti can*

share their thoughts, their travel adventures, musings (or amusings). It is another opportunity for those of you who live at some distance to be more involved with your fellow emeriti and with UCLA. We recently sought your input on issues arising from the reconfigured supplemental health plan offerings and a number responded with helpful input. We welcome even more. Please send your responses to [emeriti@errc.ucla.edu](mailto:emeriti@errc.ucla.edu) and your comments will be redirected appropriately.

## LET US WELCOME

Browning, Mark  
*Sociology*

Kasamatsu, Harumi  
*Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology*

Rosenthal, Paul  
*Communication Studies*

Roumanas, Eleni  
*Dentistry*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT FY 2012-2013

I have reviewed the 2012-2013 financial activities of the UCLA Emeriti Association, using the documents that were provided to me by the Association's Treasurer, Ms. Jane Permaul.

I confirm that the financial activities are properly documented and the financial statements reflect the accurate figures for the year ending August 2013.

Respectfully,  
Maaza Woldemusie, Auditor

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A recent analysis of our Emeriti Association membership gives us a productive view of where we stand at the beginning of 2014. New members are still joining us and renewals are continuing to arrive. UCLA has about 1,400 emeriti to date. As of December 2013, our total paid membership has reached 730 members, a total of \$12,420 in dues, with contributions from our members, totaling \$2,084. We are growing in membership, and hope that many more of our emeriti colleagues will join us.

Joyce Ludmer, Chair  
Membership Committee

## EMERITI SURVEY INTERIM REPORT

I concur with Steve Cederbaum that the Survey responses have provided lots of tips on how well the Emeriti Association is doing, which activities are most appreciated, and how we might do even better. The strong support for the *Newsletter* in its current form was certainly the most resounding message that came through. Emeriti who are very active participants in Association programs as well as those who partake selectively; those who live nearby and far away (the latter folks especially in fact); new retirees and the most senior emeriti, all found the *Newsletter* to be the Association's most effective means of communication and the best continuing link to the campus. The great thing about the printed *Newsletter* is it can be enjoyed by just about all of us, and it provides a palpable source of news and information. In

contrast, there is quite a bit of variation on the degree to which members regularly use websites and email as sources. Of course, that does not mean that we should use just paper and snail mail for communication. New emeriti in particular are apt to rely more on the internet, and it can provide enormous benefits to members. The challenge, then, will be to improve our use of electronic media without in any way reducing our commitment to the *Newsletter* in its current form.

The survey results also provided, albeit indirectly, information on the Number One challenge facing the Association: reaching out to emeriti who have opted to not become members. The survey was sent out as widely as possible to all UCLA emeriti for whom we could find addresses, but only a handful of responses came from non-members. Members responding indicated high levels of satisfaction with the Association (though certainly not 100%!); the few non-members who responded gave us little information beyond their non-member status. And several hundred non-members apparently did not bother to respond at all. For the continued health and usefulness of the Emeriti Association we need to find ways to attract more interest from non-member emeriti faculty.

David Lopez  
Ad Hoc Survey Committee

## CUCEA MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2013

CUCEA (Council of University of California Emeriti Associations) held its Fall 2013 meeting at the UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center on November 5. CUCEA

maintains communication from campus to campus, coordinates joint programs like the Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Awards, and is our voice at UCOP (UC Office of the President).. Its meetings are coordinated with CUCRA, the Council of UC Retirees Associations, and the two groups hold a joint session to discuss issues of common interest. This was particularly helpful this year, because the major UC health plans changes affect all retirees. Most of the joint session was devoted to questions and answers about the changes, with many more of the former than the latter. Representatives from the UC Retirement Administration Service Center (did you even know this existed?) did their best to respond to our concerns and grumblings, and it became quite clear that they were no happier than we were with some decisions made by the UCOP leadership.

The CUCEA meeting itself honored the 2013 Panunzio Award winners: UC Santa Cruz Physicist, and in retirement, Historian of Science Michael **Nauenberg**, and our own renowned scholar of acting and the English and Continental theatre, **Frederick Burwick**.

Incidentally, if you've not been to the Mission Bay campus recently or ever, it's worth taking time to see when next you are in San Francisco. Just a short trolley ride downtown, it is part of the burgeoning redevelopment south of the Embarcadero that has taken place in recent years.

*David Lopez*  
CUCEA Representative

## IN MEMORIAM

Samuel (Sam) Amato	1924-2013
Wiley Franklin Barker	1919-2013
Suzanne M. Bianchi	1952-2013
Barbara H. Davis	1921-2013
Rheba de Tornay	1926-2013
Robin Scott Fischer	1952-2013
Reginald A. Foakes	1923-2013
William Froug	1922-2013
Vladimir Keilis-Borok	1921-2013
Henri Lazarof	1932-2013
Donald F. McCallum	1939-2013
Michel Melkanoff	1923-2013
Charles R. Nixon	1917-2013
Robert Wheeler Rand	1923-2013
Roy Travis	1922-2013
Emery Zimmerman	1939-2013

## FROM THE CENTER

*Eddie Murphy, Director*

### Medical Plan Changes After Open Enrollment Ended

If you find that you defaulted into a medical plan or selected a plan that is not one you want for 2014,

please call the Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) 1-800-888-8267 for assistance to select a different plan. Retirees may change to a different medical plan through February 28, 2014. **(This is a special change window for 2014 only and will not apply in any subsequent year.)**

**First Fridays:** The next First Friday session will be offered Friday, February 7, 2014. These sessions afford retired faculty and staff to learn more about their electronic devices. Bring your iphones/ipads, laptops, digital cameras etc. and receive one-on-one training with a member of UCLA's technology staff. The clinic hours are 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please confirm your attendance no later than February 3<sup>rd</sup> by emailing [emeriti@errc.ucla.edu](mailto:emeriti@errc.ucla.edu) or calling (310) 825-7456. Light refreshments will be served.

### E-mail Addresses Wanted:

The Emeriti and Retirees Relations Center regularly uses e-mail to communicate reminders to emeriti of Association and Center events. If you currently have an e-mail address and are not receiving such reminders, please forward your e-mail address to us at [emeriti@errc.ucla.edu](mailto:emeriti@errc.ucla.edu).

### Thanking you.....

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each person who responded to the recent Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center Fund's solicitation. The response has been exceptional. There is still time to donate. The fund named for the Center's founding director, the late Marian G. Broome was established to augment the funds granted by the Administration. Marian was a pioneer; she created the first

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Emeriti Center in the nation. This year the Center celebrates its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Again, many thanks to those who have contributed; we hope others will follow their generous lead.

### Center Notary:

Many of you have availed yourselves to the complimentary notary services offered through the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center. Please be reminded that these services continue to be available at no cost to retired faculty and spouses/partners and surviving spouses/partners of emeriti. Please call the Center (310) 825-7456 and schedule an appointment with Jonathan Bates when notary services are needed.

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