

# EMERITI *Newsletter*

## ENJOY EMERITI ART IN PERSON



Artwork image by Tino Mingori: 'Maria's Wake'

**Emeriti art is back!** After three years' interruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Sylvia Winstein UCLA Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit** will proudly return on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**, at the UCLA Faculty Club in the Morrison Room.

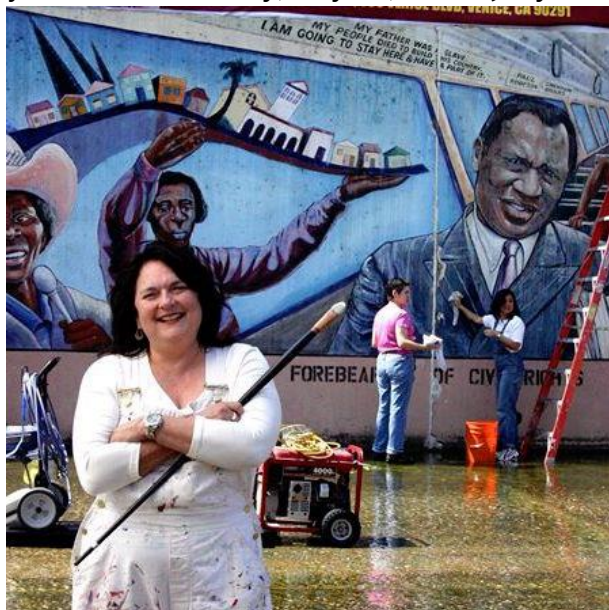
Featured artist **Tino Mingori** joins 14 other Emeriti Association members and their spouses who will display highlights from years of their hard work.

**Toshka Abrams, Sharon Belkin, Devra Breslow, Heather Campbell, Edwin Cooper, Adrian Harris, Shirley Ho, Frank Krasne, Tino Mingori, Don Paglia, Neil Parker, Katalin Radics, Jim Turner, Jill Waterman, and Rachele Zukerman** will show acrylic painting, calligraphy, jewelry, oil painting, photography, and watercolor painting.

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## JUDY BACA HELPS US CELEBRATE

The UCLA Emeriti Association will return to the UCLA Faculty Club for dinner for the first time in more than two years on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**. **Judy Baca**



will be our evening guest and we'll celebrate with our latest award winners at a pre-dinner reception.

UCLA Professor Emerita, Chicana/o and Central American Studies and World Arts & Cultures/Dance, a community muralist and activist, has led workshops and projects that have led to hundreds of murals adorning the walls of the City of Los Angeles for over 50 years.

In 1974 the Army Corps of Engineers completed the concreting of several miles of the Tujunga Wash in Van Nuys. They hired a young artist from the community, Judy Baca, to create artistic renditions of the area on the walls of the Wash. She undertook the project with the help of at-risk youth from the surrounding LA communities. She organized them, trained them, and provided leadership to many vulnerable youth for a project that spanned almost nine years. Today, the **Great Wall of Los Angeles** is one of the longest murals in the world, depicting the contributions and important events of the various groups whose voices have been historically marginalized but who have helped shape Los Angeles. That work continues with a \$5M grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Warm greetings!

Am I going out with a bang or a whimper? I'll leave that to readers to decide.

This is my last issue as editor of the *UCLA Emeriti Newsletter*.

Editing the newsletter was never something I planned to do. My participation evolved over time.

I have always been in awe of Jean Aroeste who was the editor when I joined the board in 2012. She was the consummate librarian people spoke of when I first started at the Education & Psychology Library. And she had written two scripts for the original *Star Trek* (still showing on cable TV).

Jean would hand out a one-page list of assignments at a board meeting and somehow it all seemed to come together magically.

My assignment was names for the In Memoriam section. But I noticed that there was a section for news about emeriti accomplishments. When I saw things that I thought might qualify, I would print them off and hand them to Jean. Sometimes they would actually appear in print.

Eventually, when Jean asked for help with proofreading, I was one of those who showed up.

The time came when Jean was willing to ask for even more help. I tried to be there with John Edmond to give our support.

Ultimately, Jean's health required her to give it up. With John's great assistance and encouragement, I took it on.

I greatly appreciate the help I received from so many: **Afifi, Allan, Anna, Ayesha, Barbara, Betty, Bruce, Carol, Chuck, Dan, David, Dick, Eddie, Edwin, Elizabeth, Eric, Gloria, Harvey, Hélène, Jane, Janet, Jean, John, Jonathan, Julie, Lam, Larry, Leena, Lorna, Maria, Marion, Marjorie, Michael, Noël, Paul, Rochelle, Roelina, Ron, Rosina, Sharon, Shirley, Steve, Sue, Sy, Toshi, and Vicki.**

It has been my honor to bring news to emeriti, and I hope, occasionally some humor.

Now it is time for me to hand the newsletter off to others with the energy to develop a resource that meets the needs of today's emeriti.

*Diane Childs, Editor*

P.S. What do you want from the Emeriti Association? Please be thinking about it as times change and we come out of the pandemic (we hope). Association leadership will be asking.

## (Enjoy Art in Person – Continued from Page 1)

**Tino Mingori** (professor emeritus of mechanical and aerospace engineering) says that his work “represents an exploration of visual ideas leading to a record of paths taken. Corrections, accidents and ‘do overs’ are important on this journey. The work involves repeated adjustment while seeking something authentic. The image is an arena that contains the history of a struggle to achieve such an outcome.” He was started on his path by his college roommate who was an art major. He was supported by his wife, inspired by several excellent art teachers, and influenced by the work of famous 20<sup>th</sup> century artists. He says, “It has been an exciting journey.”

**Exhibit hours** are 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the wonderful new Morrison Room (formerly California Room). Introductions will kick off at 2:00 p.m. with a festive reception to follow on the patio, and piano music during the afternoon.

On May 17, vaccination records or proof of negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours, and masks are required with your photo ID.

For details about the art show, please visit the UCLA Emeriti Association website [\*Sylvia Winstein Arts and Crafts Exhibit\*](#).

In case of any questions, please feel free to contact Shirley Ho, [shirleyho22@hotmail.com](mailto:shirleyho22@hotmail.com) or 310-817-1019.

*Shirley Ho*  
Arts & Crafts Exhibit, Chair

*Editor's note: Arts & Crafts Exhibit Chair and artist **Shirley Ho** has expressed her appreciation to her committee members **Rosina Becerra**, Emeriti Association president; **Sharon Belkin**, past art show chair and artist; **Steve Cederbaum**, Emeriti Association past president; **Barbara Lippe**, past Emeriti Association board member; **Jane Permaul**, Emeriti Association treasurer; **Gloria Turner**, past Emeriti Association board member; **Jill Waterman**, artist; and **Rachelle Zukerman**, artist; with administrative support from **Ayesha Dixon** director, UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center; and **Lam Luu** and **Maria Lubrano**, ERRC retiree resource specialists.*

## CORRECTION

The Spring 2021 issue of the *UCLA Emeriti Newsletter* (Vol. 34, No. 3) “In Memoriam” listing on page 8 had an error.

Management professor emeritus Harold “Hal” Kassarian was included due to his name having appeared on a UC Office of the President Death Report. Professor Kassarian's wife Traute had died earlier in 2021.



**(Judy Baca Helps Us Celebrate – Continued from Page 1)**

Professor Baca has been responsible for over 150 murals throughout Los Angeles, as well as many in other parts of the southwest and internationally. They include *Hitting the Wall* in downtown LA, created for the 1984 Olympics (and painted over but now being restored) and *Tiny Ripples of Hope* and *Seeing Through Others Eyes* in the Robert Kennedy School Library at the site of the old Ambassador Hotel.

Professor Baca recently completed a three-panel 80-foot mural for the UCLA centennial which was unveiled with a special evening ceremony in Ackerman Union on April 1. ***La Memoria de la Tierra: UCLA***, is located on the north side of Ackerman as part of the Wescom Student Terrace.

Dinner guests will hear Judy Baca talk about her murals and learn what's next for her.

The dinner will be May 25 2022, at the UCLA Faculty Club. The reception begins at 4:45 p.m.; dinner at 6:00 p.m.; and program at 7:00 p.m.

**Please plan to allow time to make your way to the front entrance for check-in and COVID screening.**

Dinner will be **open seating** with no assigned seats. You may sit with friends anywhere you choose, door according to your comfort level.

**To register, go [here](#)** - Reservations must be received by 12 noon, Monday, May 16, 2022.

*Rosina Becerra, President*

## **BELMONT VILLAGE WESTWOOD BY THE NUMBERS**

Belmont Village opened in Westwood in 2009 with 172 rental units. Priority for leasing of 148 of the units was given first to UCLA Emeriti and retirees. The next levels were all UCLA related. The other 24 beds were split evenly between the Westwood United Methodist Church (owners of the parking lot on which the facility was built) and the community.

The current rate of occupancy attributable to UCLA is **68 percent**. It is not known how many of those are UCLA emeriti. However, emeriti have priority for vacancies over people in other categories.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

UC Merced is "retiring." UC Merced welcomed its first students in September, 2005. The campus is now at the point of creating its own Emeriti Center and planning events for retirees. ERRC Director Ayesha Dixon is supporting the human resources director at UC Merced in those activities.

## **UPCOMING AFTER-LUNCH PROGRAMS**

### **After Lunch in May**



On May 12, Professor **Dana Cuff** from the department of Architecture and Urban Design will speak about **the housing crisis in Los Angeles and California** and discuss some approaches to the solution.

Cuff is actively engaged in many aspects of this problem. She is founding director of cityLAB at UCLA which explores the challenges facing the 21st century metropolis through research and design. cityLAB has developed sustainable, high-performance, low-cost housing prototypes for infill sites ranging from backyards to schoolyards.

### **After Lunch in June**



The June 9 speaker will be **Eileen Stempel**, inaugural dean of the Herb Alpert School of Music. Stempel, a well-known operatic soprano, will talk about a recent book that she co-authored with Stephen Handel, *Beyond Free College: Making Higher Education Work for 21st Century Students*.

Neither talk has a final title, but we can look forward to two exciting programs.

*Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee*

## **CUCEA MEETING**

Hosted by UC Irvine, representatives of the UCLA Emeriti Association and UCLA Retirees Association met virtually with the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA), April 27 and 28.

CUCEA Representative Dan Mitchell promises news from the meeting.

## PANUNZIO AWARDEES FOR 2021-2022

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

After campus nominations, a university-wide committee (chaired in 2022 by UCLA Interim Vice Provost Kathleen Komar) selects the winners.

The 2022 awardees are **John Brown Childs**, UC Santa Cruz, Sociology; and our own **Judith Baca**.

As professor emerita in both UCLA World Arts and Cultures and the department of Chicana/o Studies, Judy has long brought students to work on the large-



scale public murals which powerfully document community histories.

During her four years since retirement, Judy has continued her creative work that has made her the most acclaimed muralist in Southern California. Over the years her work has been collected by

many museums, including the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, and she has been honored by the Los Angeles Unified School District by naming the Judith F. Baca Arts Academy after her.

She was the organizer of the UCLA Centennial Mural (2019-2020) which also involved many students. Though the mural is an expression of Professor Baca's artistic vision, she brought students, faculty and staff to contribute their views to UCLA's past, present and future.

Judy created "The Great Wall of Los Angeles" in North Hollywood, that recently received a \$5 million grant from the Mellon Foundation, and has co-founded SPARC (Social and Public Art Resource Center) to manage a massive project which will be completed in time for the 2028 Olympic Games. This epic mural cycle will envision history from the perspective of Indigenous, Black, Latina, and Asian people.

The murals are an expression of Professor Baca's artistic vision. A major retrospective of Baca's work was mounted at the Long Beach Museum of Latin American Art. It documented her career-long melding of art and activism in the LatinX community: *Judy Baca: Memorias de Nuestra Tierra, A Retrospective*.

*Ronald Mellor, Awards Committee*

## DICKSON AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2021-2022

Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship Awards are 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 2021–2022 Dickson Awards: Distinguished Research Professor **Andrew Christensen**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and History **Brian Copenhaver**, and Distinguished Research Professor of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases **Roger Detels**.

Distinguished Research Professor **Andrew Christensen** is a highly esteemed faculty member in the department of psychology, making vital scholarly contributions to the understanding of conflict in intimate partners, achieving an international reputation for this work.



He is most widely known for developing an intervention for couples called Integrative Behavioral Couple Therapy (IBCT) and conducting clinical trials documenting the effectiveness of that approach.

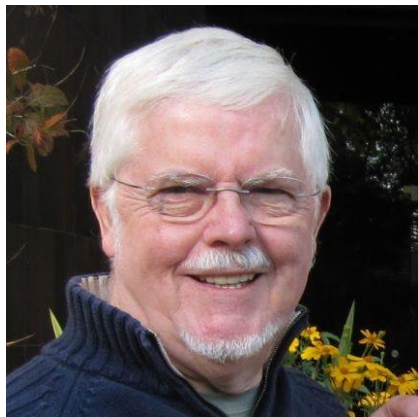
Since retiring in 2014, he has continued his scholarly work and teaching as well as working to disseminate and extend his treatment so that IBCT can assist populations in the United States that previously have not had access to such effective treatment.

Christensen's research with his colleagues at the Department of Veterans Affairs has shown that IBCT clearly improves relationship outcomes in VA couples as it did in his earlier clinical trials. He is still attracting federal support to further examine the outcomes of this approach.

His scholarly work is recognized nationally and internationally. In 2016, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the California Psychological Association. In short, his work, before and after retirement, has had a dramatic impact on the lives of thousands of couples.

In the almost eight years since his retirement, Christensen has been on a teaching call-back basis and has

taught his popular Marital Therapy graduate seminar four times. He has also continued to supervise graduate students in clinical psychology every year as these students see couples.



**Brian Copenhaver** is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and History. He held the Udvar-Hazy Chair of Philosophy and History until his retirement in 2017.

For twenty-two years he served as a dean or a provost. From 2004 until 2011, he directed UCLA's Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

Since retirement in 2017, Professor Copenhaver has been exceptionally active. During this less than five-year period he has published four large books with a fifth ready for the press. This recent work has already had impact. For example, his book, *Magic and the Dignity of Man: Pico della Mirandola and His Oration in Modern Memory* (Harvard University Press, 2019), has been acclaimed in scholarly reviews, is the subject of a very favorable review in the *New York Review of Books* and was the subject of an author-meets-critics session at the Pacific meeting of the American Philosophical Association in April 2021.

He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; past-president of the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*; a member of the Council of the Istituto Nazionale di Studi sul Rinascimento in Italy; and the editor of the *History of Philosophy Quarterly*. He has served on numerous editorial boards, was the charter co-editor of a new journal, *Magic, Ritual and Witchcraft*.

Additionally, Prof. Copenhaver has also published six articles in leading journals.

Distinguished Research Professor of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases **Roger Detels** served for ten years as head of the Division of Epidemiology, followed by five years as Dean of the UCLA School of Public Health.

Since retirement in 2019, Dr. Detels continues to be actively engaged in research, receiving a total of \$31 million in research funds as the PI for his HIV/AIDS research with the MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study. He remains one of the best funded and most active professors at UCLA.

Dr. Detels has published twenty-eight peer-reviewed scientific research articles and five book Chapters on HIV-AIDS and is a senior editor on the seventh edition of the three volume *Oxford Textbook of Global Public Health* published in November, 2021.

Dr. Detels has continued mentoring PhD students and health professionals. The exceptional accomplishments of his trainees are a testament not only to the hard work and determination of his students, but also to Dr. Detels as a distinguished teacher, educator, mentor, and collaborator.

Professor Detels has been cited for his contributions in training health professionals by the governments of



China, Thailand, and Cambodia and for his contributions to research and capacity development in those countries. He organized an international workshop on Research Methods in Guangzhou, China in December 2019 and delivered the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health 47th Annual Lester Breslow Distinguished Lecture on "Recognizing Opportunities", February 9, 2022.

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*Rosina Becerra, President  
on behalf of the Awards Committee*

**GOLDBERG AWARD RECIPIENT  
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.**

UCLA Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine and Neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine, Dr. **Harry Vinters** has been selected to receive the 2021-2022 Carole E. Goldberg Emeriti Service Award.

Dr. Vinters is a nationally and internationally respected neuropathologist with expertise in several neurodegenerative diseases including vascular dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and AIDS-associated dementia.





As emeritus, Dr. Vinters also has provided academic/research mentorship to junior faculty members and has worked to help them get funding for their projects. He has helped junior faculty develop a career as a funded clinician-scientist, and his support, guidance and mentorship have been invaluable.

He also championed creating two separate research core laboratories in neuropathology to create a stronger, more effective Neuropathology Core Resource laboratory.

Dr. Vinters has won two major lifetime achievement awards, one from the American Association of Neuropathologists (Meritorious Contributions to Neuropathology) and another from the British Neuropathology Society (Alfred Meyer Medal).

He continues to be a sought-after speaker, nationally and internationally, and has provided several lectures by Zoom during COVID.

Dr. Vinters is dedicated to mentoring junior colleagues, to advancing knowledge through research, to ensuring the highest quality clinical care for our UCLA patients and to providing service to UCLA/the Academic Senate, and his profession.

*Rosina Becerra, President  
on behalf of the Awards Committee*

## IN CASE YOU MISSED THE AFTER-LUNCH PROGRAMS

***Editor's Note: The Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center hosts a YouTube channel with video of programs sponsored or co-sponsored by the UCLA Emeriti Association, UCLA Retirees Association, and the Emeriti Retirees Relations Center. The EA/UCLARA after-lunch programs are designated as Emeriti/Retirees Afternoon Programs. Occasionally, a presenter will decline to be included.***

***Find the videos and more here: [UCLA Emeriti / Retirees Relations Center - YouTube](#)***

Since February, the UCLA Emeriti Association has continued to be active, including after-lunch programs co-sponsored with the [UCLA Retirees Association](#).

### Romain Wacziarg

On February 10, 2022, our afternoon speaker was Professor **Romain Wacziarg** from the Anderson School. His topic was the historical trends in the

tendency to have smaller families. He addressed some of the prevalent theories as to why this may be occurring and emphasized the fact that the trend probably started before the industrial revolution, before the availability of safe birth control and may have still little-known influences. The audience was fascinated by the data and the trends that he presented. [Find the Romain Wacziarg YouTube here.](#)

### Thai Music Program

Supeena Insee Adler's students from the Herb Alpert School of Music **Music of Thailand Ensemble** presented a fascinating program on March 10, 2022. The ensemble used indigenous instruments, costumes and dances with music from some of the different cultures and areas of Thailand. Although there was some asynchrony in the adventuresome electronic transmission, the verdict was really positive. Skeptics were easily won over. An edited video is now available on the ERRC YouTube channel ([Music of Thailand Ensemble](#)) and is well worth viewing.

### Arch Getty on Russia and Ukraine

The significance of the situation in Ukraine prompted more than 50 people to gather on a hot Friday afternoon (April 8) to hear professor of history emeritus **J. Arch Getty** talk about **Russia and Ukraine Past and Future: A Historian's Perspective**. Getty took us through an analysis of the historical perspective and continued to help us understand causality, the role of collapses, perceived threats, Putin and his background, what the KGB (now FSB) is and does, contours of solutions, and what conditions will probably be needed for negotiations. In the three days after its posting on YouTube, the [Arch Getty Presentation](#) had already become one of the most viewed videos on the ERRC channel.

### Slang at UCLA and Beyond

One result of the February awards ceremony was the dynamic and engrossing comments of a Dickson awardee, Pam Munro. She is professor emerita of linguistics and the author of well-known scholarly work in the area of indigenous languages. She is also working on the 7th edition of *The Dictionary of Slang*, updated slang expressions used commonly on campus. We managed to snare her as the speaker for our after-lunch program on April 14. We were in for a real treat and a frolic through the linguistic gyrations of our current students.

*Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 700 people retire every year from UCLA. There are now around 16,000 faculty, staff, and survivors served by the UCLA ERRC.

## MEET LAM LUU

**Lam Luu** started as the most recent Retirees Resources Specialist with the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center in early February. She graciously agreed to make her own introduction.



I was born in Vietnam and moved to America when I was 10 years old. My family first stayed in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles before settling in the San Gabriel Valley, where I have stayed until now.

Growing up, I was exposed to many films, TV shows, and comic books and developed an interest in criminal psychology.

After high school, I attended Pasadena City College before transferring to UC Santa Cruz and graduating with a BA in Psychology.

After university, I took up a few odd jobs before finding work in data entry and analysis just outside of downtown LA. I held this job for a few years before coming upon the great opportunity to join the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center at UCLA.

I was drawn in by the work the Center does and of course, the opportunity to work on a beautiful renown campus is a big bonus.

On my free time, I enjoy watching movies, TV shows, and listening to music. My other hobbies include houseplants, mechanical keyboards, and video games. My favorite weekend activity is grabbing food and drinking milk tea with friends. I love Vietnamese, Korean, and Thai food, and I'm a huge fan of anything mango and orange!

*Lam Luu, ERRC Retirees Resources Specialist*

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

Dr. **Patricia Bath**, the first female faculty member in ophthalmology at UCLA, was posthumously inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame as one of the first two Black women to be honored by the organization.

Dr. **Alan Fogelman**, chair emeritus of the UCLA Department of Medicine, received the 2022 APM Robert H. Williams, MD, Distinguished Chair of Medicine Award from the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine.

**Sheryl Kataoka**, professor emerita, psychiatry & bi-behavioral sciences, has been serving on the Academic Senate and Administration Joint Task Force on Investigatory and Judiciary Processes (JTF-IJP). The ultimate goal of the Task Force is to promote non-discrimination and collegial conduct. Convened to strengthen UCLA's civil rights climate and to advance Bruin values, the (JTF-IJP) will identify, inventory, and map all UCLA-based investigatory and judiciary processes and aggregate associated data.

The scientific journal *Health Affairs* included "The Effect of the Affordable Care Act on Cancer Detection Among the Near Elderly" as one of its top 10 articles in 2021. Professor emeritus of health policy and management **Gerald Kominski** is one of the co-authors. In the study, researchers showed that the increase in insurance coverage among adults ages 60–64 due to the Affordable Care Act greatly increased rates of cancer detection for this population.

**Judea Pearl**, chancellor's professor of computer science emeritus at the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering, has received the 2021 BBVA (Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria) Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award in the information and communication technologies category "for laying the foundations of modern artificial intelligence, so computer systems can process uncertainty and relate causes to effects." The Spain-based awards were established in 2008 to recognize fundamental contributions in a broad array of areas of scientific knowledge, technology, humanities and artistic creation.

**David Schriger**, professor emeritus of emergency medicine and vice chair of the department, recently co-authored an op-ed piece with Michael Wilkes for the *Los Angeles Times*. "Why are Medi-Cal patients left out?" was published April 4. The authors note that "One in three Californians are insured through Medi-

Cal—the state’s health insurance program for low-income residents. Yet very few of these patients are able to get care through the University of California’s health systems.”

The University of Toronto conferred the degree Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, upon Distinguished Research Professor of Geography and Public Policy **Allen J. Scott** last June. Professor Scott was recognized “for his excellence in the academy through his innovative and widely influential contributions to the fields of urban studies, regional science and economic geography.

*Please send your news to the editor via emeriti@errc.ucla.edu.*

## INVITATIONS

*In addition to our own Emeriti Association events, EA members and, in some cases, those eligible for membership are invited to participate in activities sponsored by other organizations.*

*Information about many events can be found in the bi-monthly **ERRC Update** published by the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center. It is sent the second and fourth Thursdays of the month to those who have signed up. To be added to the list, [sign up online](#). If you already receive the **Update**, be sure to LOOK AT IT in a timely way!*

### Virtual Tour of the Wende Museum

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Wende is a German word meaning “turning point” or “change” that has come to describe the transformative period around the fall of the Berlin Wall. Founded in 2002, the Wende Museum holds an unparalleled collection of art and artifacts from the Cold War era, which serves as a foundation for programs that illuminate political and cultural changes of the past, offer opportunities to make sense of a changing present, and inspire active participation in personal and social change for a better future.

Presented by the UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA). UCLARA members have priority for reservations; however, Emeriti Association members will be able to sign up if space permits. [Click here to register](#).

### Play Readers

**Play Reading** is sponsored by the UCLA Faculty Women’s Club with participation by several Emeriti Association members. Meeting the second Thursday

of the month, 7:00 p.m., Play Reading will continue on Zoom for a while.

**May 12th**, *The Petrified Forest* by Robert E. Sherwood

**June 9th**, - Spotlight on Noel Coward

**July 14th**, tba

**August 11th**, *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare

**September 15th**, tba

Contact [Marjorie Friedlander](#), for a Zoom invitation. To be cast for reading or to be added to the email list, contact [Rochelle Caballero](#).

### Chancellor’s Residence Recital Series

**Presented by Mrs. Carol Block and the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music.**

**Wednesday, May 18, 4:00 p.m.**

Over the past 14 years, Mrs. Block has graciously opened the doors of the Chancellor’s Residence allowing students from The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music to showcase their talents while creating a unique opportunity for UCLA emeriti and retirees to interact with students while enjoying beautiful music in a social setting.

This series has featured hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students as they perform music of diverse styles including classical, jazz, bluegrass, and mariachi, among others.

Watch for an invitation in the *ERRC Update* or monthly events eblasts. Be prepared to act quickly. Reservations fill up fast. Space is limited due to COVID protocols.

### Delia Cortez on Advanced Health Care

**May 25, 10:30 a.m.**

Delia Cortez, LCSW, is a member of the UCLA Health palliative care team. Her presentation will be hosted by the ERRC via Zoom. Look for an invitation and Zoom link in the *ERRC Update*.

### Pain Management with Dr. Najmeh Sadoughi

**June 17, 10:30 a.m.**

Dr. Najmeh Sadoughi is board certified in anesthesiology and is trained in interventional pain management. Her comprehensive approach uses lifestyle changes, physical therapy, behavioral medicine, medication, and interventional techniques.

Her presentation will be hosted by the ERRC via Zoom. An invitation with Zoom link will be found in an upcoming *ERRC Update*.



## PASSINGS

His cheeky sense of humor. The twinkle in his eye. His generosity—of spirit and personal resources. Everyone who ever met **John Edmond** has wonderful memories of a terrific person.

Professor emeritus of biological chemistry **John Edmond** died February 18, 2022, following a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 85.

John served a three-year term as president-elect, president, and past-president of the Emeriti Association, 2011-2014.



Beyond that he was co-editor of the newsletter, helped with mailings (and brought refreshments), was a host/greeter at dinner meetings, and when an auditor was, he stepped up to do

that as well. Impeccably.

As Faculty Club past-president and Emeriti Association Hospitality Chair Julie Kwan noted, “His smile was the best part—always so upbeat—and so welcoming at any event whether it was stuffing envelopes or welcoming guests.”

John showed his photographs of his backyard garden and beloved native Scotland at the Arts and Crafts Exhibit each May. This year’s show won’t be the same without him.



Elizabeth Gilmour-Astles

John’s patented member profiles can be found on the Emeriti Association website. Newsletter Editor Emerita Jean Aroeste, pp. 4-5; Emeriti Survey Chair Chuck Berst, page 10; and Past-President Betty Chang, pp. 6-7.

UCLA Faculty Club members can find an In Memoriam tribute on the Club website in the March, 2022, issue on page 10. The UCLA Newsroom In Memoriam is here.

John was born at Balafak Farm, Fintry, Scotland. His ashes will be interred with those of his family in Scotland.

## MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

As of March 15, 2022, membership in the UCLA Emeriti Association had grown to 573. This number includes: 54 associates (spouses of regular members), 79 honorary members (85+ years old members) and 13 honorary associates (spouses of honorary members).

*Abdelmonem Afifi, Membership Committee*

*Editor’s note: It is not too late to make these numbers grow. The Emeriti Association membership year runs September 1-August 31. Here’s the form.*

## LET US WELCOME

*The following faculty, librarians, and emeriti via conferral have joined our ranks, October 1, 2021-March 30, 2022.*

*Congratulations!*

Marla Berns  
*Fowler Museum*

Pradeep Bhardwaj  
*Management*

Mary P. Cadogan  
*Nursing*

Gautam Chaudhuri  
*Molecular & Medical Pharmacology  
Obstetrics & Gynecology*

Kenneth A. Conklin  
*Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine*

Anne Coscarelli  
*Simms/Mann-UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology*

George M. “JR” DeShazo  
*Public Policy  
Luskin Center for Innovation*

Nancy Ezer (posthumously)  
*Near Eastern Languages & Cultures (Hebrew)*

Bruce C. Fallick  
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## A HISTORY OF EMERITI PARKING

*Donald Shoup, distinguished research professor of urban planning, is an internationally renowned guru of parking. He was a 2020-2021 Edward A. Dickson Professorship awardee. At the 2019-2021 Emeriti Association Virtual Awards Ceremony in February, his acceptance speech included a story that had everyone showing rapt attention. He graciously agreed to share it in the newsletter.*

My research on parking probably sounds like watching paint dry, but **parking is a big deal for the emeriti faculty. Some of you are probably old enough to remember when the emeriti got two cherished parking permit privileges.**



First, emeriti permits were **free for life**. Second, emeriti received **X permits that allow parking anywhere on campus**, including in Lot A, next to the Faculty Club. UCLA's X permits are reserved for the most senior administrators and are almost like a knighthood on campus. So, getting an X permit was important for the Emeriti. I often notice quite a few Emeriti X permits in Lot A at lunchtime.

But **in 1991** the UCLA Parking Service built another catastrophically expensive parking structure. To help pay for it, **the Parking Service decided to charge emeriti \$500 a year** for their parking permits. To soften the blow, the Parking Service charged \$50 in the first year and planned to increase it by \$50 a year in each subsequent year until it reached \$500 a year.

**The emeriti reacted like hounds from Hell.** Imagine all the angry, articulate, retired professors united around a common grievance. When it comes to paying for parking, rational people quickly become emotional, and staunch conservatives become ardent communists. English professors said charging emeriti for parking was a slap in the face after a lifetime of dedicated work. Law professors whose skill is to win arguments questioned the legality of charging emeriti for parking. Philosophy professors explained why the parking prices were unjust. But the Parking Service wanted money to subsidize the new parking structure,

and the permit fee went up to \$100 the next year and \$150 the third year.

The Faculty Welfare Committee then sent me a huge file of **angry letters** from retired professors with time on their hands, and asked me to make the case for free parking, which is not my usual recommendation. But I knew enough about parking economics to argue that retired professors should not pay for the Parking Service's hugely expensive new parking structures. (The most recent parking structure built on campus cost \$84,000 per space!) The **compromise** was to keep the price of Emeriti X permits at \$150 a year, with no further increases.

The price of an Emeriti X permit almost three decades later is still \$150 a year, and **the price of a regular X permit is \$1,900 a year, so the emeriti get a 92% discount.** I don't think I deserve a Dickson Award for this handsome discount, but I do enjoy the X permit.

*Editor's note: UCLA Transportation recently released information on future rates for X permits: \$1944 proposed for 2022 and \$2006.40 estimated for 2023.*

## NAVITUS ISSUES AND ADVOCACY

Navitus Health Solutions became the administrator of the UC PPO (UC Health Savings Plan, UC Care and CORE) prescription drug benefits on January 1, 2022. The ERRC and the Emeriti Association began hearing about issues with the transfer of prescriptions to the new pharmacy manager early in the new year.

At the January Emeriti Association board meeting, President Rosina Becerra agreed to partner with Retirees Association President Elaine Fox to gather information about concerns about Navitus that could be taken to UCOP.

A survey went out January 19 to all 9,400+ retirees who have registered their email addresses with the ERRC. A follow-up survey was administered February 22. At UCLA, 237 responded to the survey and 136 had issues.

Problems with Navitus were not only affecting retirees (and employees) covered by UC PPOs, but others needing service from RASC (the UC Retirement Administration Service Center) were impacted adversely.

Among the campuses, UCLA was in the forefront of documenting the difficulties. As a result of EA and UCLARA advocacy and ERRC Director Ayesha Dixon's efforts, among others, RASC and Navitus have made improvements in service.

An update on the Navitus situation was made March 18. An apology was shared to the ERRC list on March 23. A copy of the March 21 apology can be found here.



## CELEBRATING AWARDEES

Cancellation of the May dinner for the last two years because of the COVID pandemic allowed the various emeriti awardees to celebrate in anonymity. To have celebrated the awardees with those of 2022 would have resulted in a bloated program and given short shrift to all awardees. To avoid, this the eleven **Goldberg, Dickson, Panunzio, and Emerita of the Year** awardees\* from 2020 and 2021 were celebrated in a gala virtual event on February 16, 2022.



Victoria Steele

There were 79 guests from across the country for this virtual celebration. All were encouraged to bring their beverage of choice to toast the awardees. The celebrants each received a gift basket that included wine for the festivity.

With the virtual format taking place without a dinner and after-dinner speaker, more time was available to celebrate each of the winners and their families. The event was an enormous success and the awardees were recognized in a manner worthy of their achievements. To view the event, go to the [Emeriti Association Awards Virtual Celebration](#)

**\*Benjamin Bonavida, Christopher B. Cooper, Kendall N. Houk, Josephine B. Isabel-Jones, Herbert Morris, Pamela Munro, Paul Ong, Warwick Peacock, Donald Shoup, Victoria Steele, and Belinda Tucker.** Victoria Steele provided the photograph.

*Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee*

## MORE "FAMOUS" EMERITI OFFICERS

You know the names, but were you aware that some of those associated with UCLA buildings and features belong to former Emeriti Association board members?

In addition to the Emeriti Association officers whose names were mentioned in Fall 2021-Winter 2022 issue on page 11, there are also, **Vern O. Knudsen** (acoustical physics, dean, graduate division, chancellor), Member-at-Large, 1970, 1971, and 1972, Knudsen Hall; and **Mildred Mathias** (botany and

horticulture), president 1988-89 and 1991-92 and CUCEA Representative, 1989-90, Mildred Mathias Botanical Garden.

**William Melnitz** (theater historian, founding dean of the College of Fine Arts, Member-at-Large, 1974 and 1975-76, Melnitz Hall.

**Franklin P. Rolfe** (chair of English and dean of humanities), President, 1975-76; Rolfe Hall (home of the ERRC); and **Gertrude Warren** (wife of **Stafford L. Warren**, School of Medicine founding dean and a founder of the Emeriti Association), Member-at-Large, 1973, Warren Hall.

## "CONVERSATIONS WITH ART" AT BELMONT

In February, 75 guests enjoyed the "Conversations with Art" gallery opening event at Belmont Village Westwood.



Art created by Emeriti Association artists **Sharon Belkin, Devra Breslow, Heather Campbell, Shirley Ho, Lewis (Tino) Mingori, Kati Radics, Jill Waterman, and Rachele Zukerman** was on display and was shown through May 1.

Find photos from the event [here](#).

*Shirley Ho, Arts & Crafts Exhibit Chair*

## BALZAN PRIZE WINNERS

UCLA emeriti won two of the four prestigious 2021 Balzan prizes. **Giorgio Buccellati**, emeritus professor of history and Near Eastern languages and cultures and Marilyn Kelly Buccellati, won [the prize for Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East](#) for their achievements in the study of Hurrian culture and for highlighting its importance as the foundation of a great urban civilization. **Saul Friedlander**, emeritus professor of history, won for [Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#) for his unparalleled impact on the development of Holocaust Studies.



## FROM THE CENTER

### COLA

University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) and UC-PERS Plus 5 Plan benefit recipients, including those receiving survivor and UCRP disability income, will receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective July 1, 2022. The increase will appear in checks or direct deposits paid on August 1. [For more from UCnet, see their announcement.](#)

### American Society on Aging

ERRC Director Ayesha Dixon went to New Orleans for the American Society on Aging conference "On Aging 2022," April 11-14. She attended sessions on such topics as On Becoming an Age-Friendly University: Identifying Strengths, Gaps, and Opportunities; Federal Policy for Aging in Place, and Well-being for Older Adults.

### Notary Service Will Return

Lam Luu will be training as a notary public. Watch for news about her availability and how to make an appointment in an upcoming bimonthly issue of the *ERRC Update*.

### RASC Password Resets

UC Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) has been challenged to staff at a level necessary to help all callers in a timely way. Center directors are able to report deaths, research beneficiaries and reset passwords for retirees.

### 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, Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center*

## THE UCLA EMERITI ASSOCIATION

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.

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