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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members of the Emeriti Association,

I greet you with the salutation of “fellow members of the association” since this newsletter is circulated to members only. I greet you as president for the last time since I will be **finishing my term as president**, being replaced by Ron Mellor. I know that the association is in excellent hands and I am by no means severing my association with the association or the board.

I leave the presidency with a **sense of optimism**. Our membership is at an important high, with half of all known emeriti as members; attendance at our dinners is higher than I recall in the past six years that I have been involved with the association; as a result of our partnership with the UCLA Retirees' Association, attendance at the after-lunch programs is at an all-time high; all positions on the board are filled with outstanding and enthusiastic members; and we are brimming with optimism.

I would love to be able to take credit for this, but the fact is that it is the board, the great volunteers and its energy that **deserves the credit**. I won't single out individuals for fear of leaving someone out, but you need only to look at the bylines in this newsletter to know who they are. I want to welcome new volunteers and nominees, or those assuming new responsibilities to the board and thank them for undertaking this pleasurable responsibility. You will have the opportunity of endorsing these nominations at the annual business meeting at our Spring dinner in May.

Edwin Cooper, member of the board at-large, will become President-Elect and Harry Vinters will join the board as a member-at-large. Ron Mellor, nominally member-at-large, but *de facto* president-elect, will become president. Janet Carter, a retired librarian will help resuscitate our archives and bring them into the 21st century. **I want to thank** all of the members of the board, and Sue Barnes and her staff for creating this success.

We cannot, however, become complacent and I will not stop my **continual cry for volunteers**. We have a full complement of board members doing a terrific

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KARA COONEY HEADLINES SPRING DINNER AND AWARDS



Kara Cooney is associate professor of Egyptian Art and Architecture and chair of the Department of Near Eastern Language and Cultures. At the Emeriti Association Spring Dinner on May 9, 2018, she will speak on “**What Can We Learn from Ancient Egypt?**”

Why is ancient Egypt so compelling to us today? Why do we care so much about the gold, the pyramids, the hieroglyphic script, the mummies, and the extraordinary leaders like Nefertiti, Ramses, and Hatshepsut, people who flourished so many thousands of years ago?

Kara Cooney will examine how Egypt was a unique civilization that allowed an unassailable divine kingship to develop. She will examine the spectacle of monumental statuary, pyramids, coffins made of hundreds of pounds of solid gold, and granite and sandstone pillared halls. And she will ask why the ancient Egyptians carefully preserved so many bodies, embalming the wealthy and elite into mummies, while preserving so little private information about them.

Cooney received her PhD in Egyptology from Johns Hopkins University. In 2005, she was co-curator of *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. She produced a comparative archaeology television series, entitled *Out of Egypt*, which aired in 2009 on the Discovery Channel.

The Woman Who Would Be King: Hatshepsut's Rise to Power in Ancient Egypt, Cooney's first trade book (released in 2014), is a biography of Egypt's least well-known female king.

Cooney's current research in coffin reuse, primarily focusing on the 19th and 21st Dynasties, is ongoing. Her research investigates the socioeconomic and political turmoil that have plagued the period, ultimately affecting funerary and burial practices in ancient Egypt. This project has taken her around the world

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job, but in order to retain this vitality, we need new voices, new energy and new ideas. We are particularly anxious to attract faculty from the humanities and social sciences. We want and need more Ron Mellors!

I want to highlight, too, the role that the **Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC)** plays in our success. **Sue Barnes** has brought new and imaginative ideas to the role and she and **her staff** give us support.

I have mentioned our **successful partnering** with our staff retirees on the after-lunch lectures and we are working more closely than ever with the Faculty Women's Club (FWC), the oldest of the organizations sponsoring activities at UCLA for its members. We advertise each other's activities, welcome each other's members into those activities and help one another wherever possible. Both the Emeriti Association and the FWC are heavily invested in the future of the Faculty Center and the FWC sponsors the evening playreading--so popular with some of our members. The Retirees Association sponsors marvelous activities in Los Angeles and beyond in which emeriti participate. We are all committed to maximizing this cooperation.

Finally, I want to remind you of our upcoming Emeriti Art Show on May 15. The Art show is one of the most important and successful emeriti events and we hope that you all can join us to enjoy our colleagues' work, honor that work and enjoy a wonderful day with fellow emeriti.

Again, I bid you a formal goodbye and do so with thanks for your participation. Life without all of you, would mean no Emeriti Association or its activities.

Steve Cederbaum
President

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over the span of five to six years to study and document nearly 300 coffins in collections, including in Cairo, London, Paris, Berlin, and Vatican City.

Awards will be presented at 5:15 p.m. These include Dickson Emeritus Professorships, the Goldberg Service Award, and Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award.

The evening will also include the Emeriti Association's **annual business meeting** preceding the speaker: Presentation of the Association's awards, voting on a proposed change to the constitution, and election of officers.

The 2018 Spring Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Faculty Center in the California Room. The reception begins at 4:45 p.m. to allow ample time for presentation of awards. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. The Emeriti Association business meeting will take place after dinner and before the program at 7:00 p.m.

Victoria Steele, Program Chair

SPRING BALLOTING

Elections for the UCLA Emeriti Association Executive Board for 2018-2019 are coming up along with voting for a change in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Officers. The slate approved by the nominating committee is as follows:

President: Ronald (Ron) Mellor
Vice-President/President-elect: Edwin Cooper
Members-at-Large: Harvey Herschman
Harry Vinters
Treasurer: Jane Permaul
Corresponding Secretary: Diane Childs

They will join **continuing board members** Past President Steve Cederbaum and Recording Secretary Barbara Lippe.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Constitution and By-Laws: In all locations where the Bio-bibliographic Survey is mentioned, the name shall be changed to Emeriti Survey. This change aligns local practice with the statewide Council of University Emeriti Associations which administers the survey.

Voting will take place at the annual business meeting held at our May 8 dinner.

Steve Cederbaum, Nominating Committee

CUCEA NEWS

CUCEA--Council of University of California Emeriti Associations--is a federation of the various emeriti associations on UC campuses (except for Merced, which so far has not established such a group). In recent years, UCLA's Emeriti Association has pushed for a **reform of the assessments** the campus associations pay to support CUCEA. CUCEA was spending more than it was taking in and UCLA's association felt that the method of assessment was costing our group more than an appropriate share. We believe now that the two problems – overspending and assessment methodology – are remedied or on their way to being remedied.

A remaining concern is **location of CUCEA meetings**. In the past, these locations have rotated around the campuses. While it is useful to see the different campuses, some locations make it less likely that high-level officials from the Office of the President will be available. Since--at least from the UCLA viewpoint--a key function of CUCEA is to represent the emeriti community within the university, the more key officials who attend, the greater the potential influence CUCEA can have.

The **spring CUCEA meetings** will be held at UC-Riverside, April 25-26. It is likely that **two issues** will be discussed.

As many readers will know, UC was subject to a **state audit** about a year ago. Apart from the specifics of the audit – which mainly involved criticisms of the way certain reserves were managed – the auditor charged that UCOP had interfered with campus responses to the audit. This charge led to apologies from the university president, hearings at the state legislature, and other political and budgetary ramifications. One piece of fallout was a review of UCOP's operation and efficiency. There are now **some concerns**, already voiced by the Academic Senate, **that an overresponse could occur**. From the emeriti perspective, a possible negative outcome would be some kind of reorganization of administration and even location of the retirement programs that would impede efficient functioning. CUCEA will certainly want some voice in any such reorganization.

Also on the agenda for CUCEA is the **likelihood of increased retiree contributions for health insurance**. Last summer, such a change suddenly appeared on the Regents' agenda without consultation beforehand with the Academic Senate. The item was pulled after protests were registered. But the upshot was the establishment of a committee to research the issue. While some increases in retiree contributions

cannot be avoided in the long run, it appears that a good strategy from the emeriti viewpoint would be to try and obtain some commitment from UCOP for stability. It makes no sense to design a “policy,” only to change that policy frequently. Ad hoc changes nullify the idea of a policy. It would be useful, instead, to impress on UCOP the idea that once a policy is put in place, it should remain fixed for a reasonable period – certainly several years – before being reexamined.

Dan Mitchell, CUCEA Representative

PLAYREADING - SPRING 2018

UCLA Emeriti and their friends are cordially invited to join the Play Readers at their monthly evenings. They meet at the Faculty Center on the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. To add your name to the mailing list, or to read a part, please contact Chair Rochelle Caballero, rrcab90272@cs.com.

Here's the schedule for the remainder of spring quarter (subject to change):

- * May 10: *The Room* and/or *The Dumb Waiter* by Harold Pinter
- * June 14: Play Readers' Writings: scenes written by members of the Play Readers

Before next fall, they will be selecting plays to read for their **tenth season**. You can request an email copy of the list of works read during previous seasons and submit your suggestions for the coming season.

To attend a performance, just show up at 7. Play Readers also enjoy meeting for dinner at the Faculty Center at 5:30 before each performance. To reserve a spot at the Play Readers' dinner table, contact Marjorie Friedlander, friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com.

Marjorie Friedlander, UCLA Faculty Women's Club

AD-HOC COMMITTEE FORMED

President Steve Cederbaum has appointed an ad hoc committee to study the Emeriti Association's Constitution and By-Laws to recommend changes that would make the organization's management easier to do and to understand.

Incoming President Ronald Mellor was appointed to chair the Ad Hoc Committee, along with Hospitality Chair Julie Kwan, Recording Secretary Barbara Lippe, and Steve Cederbaum. Other members might be co-opted as needed.

If you have thoughts about changes to the Constitution or By-Laws that should be considered, please direct them to the committee via Ron Mellor at mellor@history.ucla.edu.

Diane Childs, Newsletter Editor

DICKSON EMERITUS PROFESSORSHIPS

Created by a gift endowment from the late Edward A. Dickson, Regent of the University of California from 1913 to 1946, the Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award honors outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching and/or educational service (e.g., service in professional, University, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental, or editorial posts or committees) performed at UCLA by an emeritus or emerita professor since retirement.

The Dickson awards will be presented at the May 8, 2018, Emeriti Association Awards Reception in the Faculty Center California Room. The reception begins at 4:45 p.m. The presentation takes place at 5:15 p.m.



William A. V. (Bill) Clark, Distinguished Research Professor of Geography, has acquired a global reputation for his scholarship on demography, migration and urban residential segregation. Since retirement in 2010, Bill has remained extraordinarily active, globally as well as re-

gionally, with important scholarly contributions to the interdisciplinary research literature on housing, segregation and neighborhood change. His scholarship is known for its theoretical acumen, its rich empirical foundation, and its consistently innovative use of data and quantitative methods.

Since retirement, his citations average 250 annually - higher than at any point in his career. That his research has been of great policy relevance as evidenced by the 35 legal cases in which he has served as an expert witness or consultant in courts of law around the country. Among his many awards since retirement, perhaps the most significant was the Lifetime Achievement Award last year from the American Association of Geographers' (an award typically annually given to just one scholar, from its 12,000 members). He is regularly on campus, working closely with younger UCLA scholars and those from around the world who have come to UCLA to consult and work with him.

Rita Effros, Professor Emerita of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, since her retirement in 2013 continues to be a national and international leader in the field of the biology of aging. Her research has continued to receive NIH support for cutting-edge work on mucosal immunology and the relationship between aging and HIV infection. She continues to serve as Director of the Aging and AIDS Program

Area for the UCLA AIDS Institute. Her national reputation is shown in her presidency of the Gerontological Society of America in 2014-2015.



Since her retirement, Rita's campus service included service on the UCLA Council on Academic Personnel. She also continues to team-teach in the innovative Undergraduate GE Cluster Program. She teaches *Frontiers of Human Aging: Biomedical, Social and Policy Perspectives* in a large lecture format (~120 students) with additional small discussion sections. Rita also teaches a small group class on the *Role of the Immune System in Health, Disease, and Longevity*.



Judea Pearl, Emeritus Professor of Computer Science, is a world-renowned computer scientist who has made extraordinary contributions to artificial intelligence, information science,

philosophy, statistics, health science, social science and cognitive science. Since his retirement, in July 1994, Judea's research accomplishments have increased manyfold, both in volume and in impact, resulting in hundreds of scientific articles, 13 PhD graduates, 2 seminal books, many accolades and numerous awards. In particular, his recent work on causal inference has revolutionized the way scientists in almost every discipline view and process cause-effect relationships in their respective fields. His book *Causality* has won the 2001 Lakatos Award from the London School of Economics as "the most outstanding contribution to the philosophy of science."

The methods outlined in *Causality* have affected the entire spectrum of the empirical sciences, from robotics and machine learning to epidemiology, psychology, econometrics and social science. *Causality* has received more than 12,000 scientific citations according to Google Scholar, 5,500 of them in the past five years alone. Judea has been called "the most original and influential thinker in statistics today," and he has received many national and international awards, notably the 2011 ACM Alan M. Turing Award, which is widely regarded as the "Nobel Prize of Computer Science," for "fundamental contributions to artificial intelligence through the development of a calculus for probabilistic and causal reasoning."

*Ronald Mellor
Emeriti Association Awards Chair*

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Each year, the American Association of Geographers recognizes “outstanding contributions to the advancement or welfare of the geography profession.” This year, UCLA’s **William Clark**, research professor of geography, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award for his scholarly work, public service, academic leadership and mentorship. Clark is also a recipient this year of the Dickson Emeritus Professorship.

Ellen DuBois, distinguished professor emerita of history and gender studies, delivered the 124th Faculty Research Lecture last February.

In July of 1848, 200 women came together at Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York, and audaciously demanded that women should have the right to vote. That historic convention launched seven decades of determined battles, demonstrations and feats of political and legislative cunning wrought by three generations of women along the arduous path toward women’s suffrage — finally achieved in 1920 with the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Professor DuBois shared some lesser-known facts and stories from that journey in her lecture, titled “The Surprising Road to Women’s Suffrage.”

Andy Kelly’s five-plus decades of studying Satan have made him one of the world’s leading experts. In a new book, the distinguished research professor of English says Satan was not originally presented as the implacable enemy of God. His 2006 book *Satan: A Biography* was a top seller for Cambridge University Press.

His latest book, *Satan in the Bible, God’s Minister of Justice*, combs through all the relevant passages of the Old and New testaments, tracking evidence of stories of the devil we think we know. The early appearances of the word “satan,” when literally translated from Hebrew, simply means “adversary.” None of the passages that use the word refer to an inherently evil spirit, Kelly said.

The late **Malcolm Kerr**’s family has established the Kerr Family Centennial Scholars Endowment in his honor. Based in the UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, the endowment will underwrite the higher education of people from the Middle East who attend UCLA.

A book co-authored by **Ismail Poonawala**, professor emeritus in the department of Near Eastern languages and cultures, has been selected for an award at the 25th World Award for Book of the Year in Iran. The book, titled *Sciences of the Soul and Intellect, Part III; An Arabic Critical Edition and English Translation of Epistles 39-41* and co-authored by Carmela Baffioni, is part of the series of books, *Epistles of the Brethren of Purity*. The series consists of translations and explanations of chapters in *Epistles* by numerous Islamic scholars.

Charles Ray, professor emeritus of art, read a selection of ghost stories and tales to do with haunted objects at the Hammer Museum in March. The program, “If You Can Read This You Are Dead,” was developed in conjunction with Hammer curator Aram Moshayedi.

A new fund has been created at UCLA to support the campus’s international programs, students studying abroad, faculty engaging in international research, partnerships with foreign institutions and other activities that enhance UCLA’s global reputation. The **Elwin “Sven” Svenson Memorial Fund for International Studies and Engagement** honors the life and work of the former UCLA vice chancellor, whose longtime engagement in international studies and collaborative research at UCLA dates back to the late 1950s. The new fund was initiated by Svenson’s children.

At 74, Senior Lecturer Emeritus in Communication **Paul Von Blum** is not slowing down in his scholarship about and devotion to civil rights, human rights, art and cultural history. For 27 years he has taught courses on race, law and culture in UCLA’s departments of communication studies and African-American studies. He had two books published during the last two years — one called *Creative Souls: African American Artists in Greater Los Angeles* released last fall, and *Civil Rights for Beginners*, which came out in January 2016.

He has served as curator or co-curator for several exhibitions at the Watts Towers and the California African American Museum in Los Angeles. In December, Von Blum was surprised and pleased to win an award from the Los Angeles Press Club for his work as a book critic for Truthdig.com, where he often writes about Black and Chicano and Chicana authors and artists.

Alan Willson, Jr., distinguished professor emeritus of electrical engineering, is one of four faculty members in the UCLA Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science who have been elect-

ed fellows of the National Academy of Inventors. Willson has made pioneering contributions in digital signal processing. Willson was named the 2018 recipient of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Gustav Robert Kirchhoff Award, which honors individuals who have made significant impact in any area of electronic circuits and systems.

Edward L. (Ned) Wright, Research Professor in Physics & Astronomy, won the 2018 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics as part of the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP) team.

CAROLE GOLDBERG EMERITI SERVICE AWARD

The Carole E. Goldberg Award was created in 2015 to recognize the extraordinary service to the academic enterprise by an emeritus/emerita professor after retirement. The award honors outstanding service in professional, University, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental, or editorial posts or committees.

The Goldberg award will be presented at the May 8, 2018, Emeriti Association Awards Reception in the Faculty Center California Room. The reception begins at 4:45 p.m. The presentation takes place at 5:15 p.m.



Stephen C. Yeazell, David G. Price and Dallas P. Price Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus, has been awarded the Carole Goldberg Emeriti Service Award for 2018. Stephen is a specialist in the history, theory, and dynamics of modern civil litigation, and in retirement he continues to teach courses in Civil Litigation. His courses correspond to these

interests. While Stephen has received UCLA's highest awards for teaching (the University's Distinguished Teaching Award; Law School's Rutter Award) as well as for research (the UCLA Faculty Research Lectureship), the Goldberg Award honors his extraordinary service to the Law School and the campus as a whole. He has served as Associate Dean and Interim Dean of the School of Law, as well as the Chair of the UCLA Academic Senate and Chair of the Committee on Academic Personnel and innumerable important search committees. He has been an exemplary university citizen since 1975.

*Ronald Mellor
Emeriti Association Awards Chair*

DR. SLUSSER AFTER LUNCH

Dr. Wendelin Slusser, Associate Vice Provost for the Healthy Campus Initiative, gave an inspiring after-lunch talk on March 8, 2018. Dr. Slusser's talk involved **two related questions**. What if we had a path for success that was attainable to all of us? And what if it was as simple as identifying and building on our own and others' strengths rather than focusing on what we perceive as our deficits?

To illustrate her point, Dr. Slusser told the story of UCLA student Savannah, who often found herself unable to go out and socialize with her college friends because she could not afford it. Instead, she would sit alone in her dorm room and eat cereal. While many people in a similar situation would have felt ashamed and diminished, Savannah realized that other students must be in the same position that she was. Rather than sinking into a feeling of powerlessness, she recognized that she could become an advocate for classmates like herself. She participated in an internship with the nonprofit called Food Forward, realizing that with the fruit and vegetables Food Forward gleaned from fruit trees from private backyards and farmer's markets, **she could help feed food-insecure college students**. Food Forward is now gleaned 1,000 pounds a month of fruits and vegetables from a local farmers' market. Food Forward welcomes volunteers of virtually all ages and in many capacities.

As Dr. Slusser demonstrated by this story, we improve health by identifying our passions and capacities rather than dwelling on our deficits or illnesses. What are **you** good at? she challenged us to ask ourselves.

Dr. Slusser discussed five areas of well-being:

Purpose Well-Being: Liking what you do each day and being motivated to achieve your goals. **Social Well-Being:** Having strong and supportive relationships and love in your life. **Financial Well-Being:** Effectively managing your economic life to reduce stress and increase security. **Community Well-Being:** The sense of engagement you have with your community, liking it and feeling safe and having pride in it. **Physical Well-Being:** Having good health and enough energy to get things done on a daily basis.

After a little stretching exercise, Dr. Slusser asked attendees to high-five a neighbor and then to share a happy childhood memory about their mother or father. Spirited conversations ensued and, almost magically, the program ended with a strong feeling of connection and community well-being.

Victoria Steele, Program Committee Chair

COME MEET OUR ARTS AND CRAFTSMEN AND PARTY WITH EACH OTHER OK, Craftswomen, too, of course!

After all it is the **40^h Sylvia Winstein UCLA Emeriti Arts and Crafts exhibit**, Wednesday May 15th, 2018, from 11 am to 4 pm in the Faculty Center's California Room.

This highlight event of art, food and drink, mingling with your colleagues, is open to all – including those you might want to bring like friends, family, budding artists you know, or colleagues who are not emeriti (still working stiff!) but who might need a break.

We again will have some new faces among our exhibitors, and many of those who are returning, but always with new work. Ah, the diversity we have planned for you...! There will be all manner of paintings, drawings, photographs, some sculpture, needlework and stitchery, even some surprises from an ethnic arts collection.

Our featured exhibitor, **Don Paglia**, works in multiple media, to explore a wide range of concepts from space travel to nature and nostalgia.

The bubbly is a toast to our artists and the food and bubbly are pick-me-ups to return to the show with a new gleam in your eye to enjoy what you see---oh, and hear, as we have a fine pianist that will make you want to stop and listen (music is art too).

Please fill out and return the cards we are sending you so we know if you can participate. Each year we are grateful for the contributions that help to keep this celebration going. But even if you don't return the card, put it on your calendar so you remember to drop everything..... grab your family, guests or students or (no -sorry, leave fluffy home) and join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon (amazon@ucla.edu) or Barbara Lippe (blippe@ucla.edu) or call the ERRC: 310-825-7456.

Sharon Belkin, Arts & Crafts Exhibit Chair

MEMBERSHIP

At **715** individuals, **virtually half** of UCLA's eligible emeriti are currently members of the Emeriti Association (EA). This is 100 more than at this time last year. The number of spouses remains the same as last year, bringing the total membership in the EA to 991, including 118 "honorary" members who are older than 85.

Anna Taylor, Membership Chair

EMERITI FOR THE "11TH CAMPUS"

Did you ever wonder how our University evaluates its contributions to emeriti benefits, such as health insurance and pension factors? A major part of deciding how to deal with the budget crunch is knowing where to cut. Often, the burden of these cuts falls upon the shoulders of those of us who are no longer collecting regular salaries.

The Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) has developed a strategy to deal with this situation: present the UC administration with an inventory of the many services emeriti continue to provide, often *pro bono*, to the University and the community, such as teaching, creative scholarship, and other services. CUCEA conducts a systemwide survey of emeriti every three years, which has shown that emeriti contributions constitute the work-dollar-equivalent of many millions of dollars each year. The most recent survey report, published in 2016, and titled "*A Virtual Eleventh Campus: An Inventory of University of California Emeriti Activity During 2012-2015*", compares the magnitude of emeriti contributions to that of a separate, but related university. The report can be viewed online at <http://cucea.ucsd.edu>.

In order to clearly inform UC administrators and the public, **we need a strong response** to the 3 page survey that will arrive in your mail in October, and we aim for as close to a 100% response to the survey as is possible. The UCLA emeriti response rate to the 2012-2015 survey was a mere 17%, **the second lowest response of any UC campus**. UCLA emeriti are very active and accomplished: **a higher response rate from this campus will strengthen the report**, which is used, in many ways, to make a case for ongoing support of emeriti.

I urge you to complete the survey when it arrives this autumn.

Seymour R. Levin, MD (Sy)
UCLA Coordinator, CUCEA Emeriti Survey

AUDIT REPORT

The UCLA Board's treasurer Jane Permaul has provided me with all of the 2016-2017 financial activities in a detailed report. The report included all the related correspondence supporting these transactions. All the documentation is in perfect order and Jane Permaul is to be commended for her competent handling of the Association's financial activities.

John Edmond, Auditor

GLOOM IN JUNE?



The after-lunch program for June 14 features **Jonathan Parfrey** speaking on “Climate Change: What Does It Mean for Los Angeles?”

Los Angeles enjoys one of the most pleasant climates on earth. Our Mediterranean climate is changing. Scientists forecast higher temperatures for the region, as well as deeper and more prolonged droughts, more intense flooding, extreme wildfires and rising ocean levels.

Not all is doom and gloom -- there are steps we can take today to address the climate crisis here in Southern California. Parfrey will tell us about them.

Jonathan Parfrey directs Climate Resolve, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization focusing on preparing California for climate impacts as well as reducing the state's contribution to the climate problem.

Before founding Climate Resolve, Mr. Parfrey served as a commissioner at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Jonathan is a founder of CicLAVia, as well as the founder of the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability, and the statewide Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation.

Program will begin at 1:00 p.m. The presentation begins at 1:30 p.m., finishing by 3:00 p.m.

Victoria Steele, Program Chair

MATTERS ARISING

The Emeriti Association is not standing still. There are a number of changes that we have made, are making or are contemplating. We want to hear from you and get your input.

We now have the option of renewing membership, reservations for dinner and payment for both online.

The membership renewal notice that you receive in the summer, by regular mail, will give you the option of receiving all correspondence from the Emeriti Association exclusively by email, if you have an email address. You will still have the option of receiving all notices by regular mail if you wish.

An ad hoc committee headed by incoming president Ron Mellor will study changes in the Association's constitution and by-laws. This topic is covered in greater detail elsewhere in the newsletter.

Stay tuned. An organization that fails to change and grow is surely doomed to obsolescence.

Steve Cederbaum, President

CONSTANTINE PANUNZIO DISTINGUISHED EMERITI AWARD

Constantine Panunzio (1884-1964) was a professor of sociology at UCLA from 1931 until his retirement in 1952. The award that bears his name was created to honor outstanding scholarly work or educational service performed post-retirement by a University of California emeritus or emerita in the humanities or social sciences. The Panunzio bequest allows for a \$5,000 cash award, annually.

Professor Panunzio is also considered to be the “architect” of the UC retirement system. Apparently, when the Board of Regents established the University of California Retirement System (UCRS) in 1961, they had received a six-page memorandum from Professor Panunzio on emeriti needs.

During the last dozen years of his life, Dr. Panunzio was instrumental in bringing about a substantial increase in the stipends of UC colleagues already retired, in improving the UC retirement system, and in launching a nationwide emeriti census in 1954 to discover the situation or retirees at other institutions throughout the United States.

The two recipients of the 2018 Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award will be announced **at the UCLA Emeriti Association's Spring Dinner on May 8**. Award presentations begin at 5:15 p.m. One of the two is from UCLA. Award citations for both Panunzio awardees will be available at <http://ucea.ucsd.edu/awards/>. The UCLA awardee's information will also appear in the fall issue of the UCLA Emeriti Association newsletter.

*Ronald Mellor
Chair, Awards Committee*

LET US WELCOME

Scott Binder

Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Alexander Bystritsky

Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences

Charles Lassman

Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Richard Walter

Theater, Film & Television

IN MEMORIAM

Barry Collins
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 Charles (Chuck) Goodwin
 Guy Juillard, M.D.
 Roger A. Kendall
 Lionel J. March
 Lucien Schmit, Jr.
 Roberts Smith
 Chand Viswanathan
 Richard Weinstein
 Bernice Wenzel (Jeffrey)

BERNICE WENZEL

Bernice Wenzel was described in a 2006 *UCLA Magazine* article as “a giver who keeps on giving.” She, along with her husband Wendell (Jeff) Jeffrey, created an important UCLA lecture series in psychology, a chair in Behavioral Neuroscience, endowments in the library and in the music department, donations to the Faculty Center, to the LA Phil and other organizations.

Bernice Wenzel died on January 31, 2018, at the age of 96. Jeff Jeffrey pre-deceased her in 2015.

Wenzel, arriving at UCLA in 1956, was a prominent investigator in physiology and in the relationship between the brain and behavior in the departments of physiology and psychiatry & biobehavioral sciences. Her career was highlighted by her energy, intelligence, wit and altruism. She was generous to UCLA in her dedication to university life and to many of its institutions.

She was active in the Emeriti Association, served on our board, was president of the organization and until the end of her life was a fountain of institutional memory and sage advice. We in the Emeriti Association and all of UCLA will miss her very much.

Steve Cederbaum, President

SAVE THESE DATES

Planning for next year’s activities is already underway. Mark your calendars in order to not miss out.

October 4, 2018
 After-Lunch Program

November 14, 2018
 Fall Dinner

December 6, 2018
 After-Lunch Program

January 10, 2019
 After-Lunch Program

February 20, 2019
 Winter Dinner

March 7, 2019
 After-Lunch Program

April 11, 2019
 After-Lunch Program

May 8, 2019
 Spring Awards & Dinner

May 14, 2019
 Arts & Crafts Exhibit

June 13, 2019
 After-Lunch Program

JOIN THE PLATO SOCIETY!

Retired, but not tired...of learning?

Every term, the Plato Society offers over two dozen group-led seminars on a wide range of topics, from science, history and economics to art, literature, film and current events. Members can also participate in colloquiums with guest speakers; half-day sessions on a topical issue; retreats; international travel/study programs; brown-bag lunchtime talks; day trips to interesting places; bridge games; holiday parties; and more.

As a recent member, I have especially enjoyed the opera huddle, the book club (novels), play-going and lunching with other members.

We are housed in Westwood, with easy parking for UCLA emeriti faculty. Check us out at <https://www.theplatosociety.org>

*Anne Mellor, Member, The PLATO Society of Los Angeles
 UCLA Distinguished Research Professor of English*

PICNIC IN THE GARDEN

Mark your calendar for a picnic on Saturday, June 2!

The ERRC, along with the Emeriti Association and UCLARA, is sponsoring this event which will be held at the La Kretz Pavilion in the UCLA Mildred Mathias Botanical Garden, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m..

There will be food, door prizes, and activities followed by optional garden tours. Belmont Westwood will graciously supply their van and driver to escort attendees from Lots A and 2 to the garden. While the event will not be free, prices for attendance have not yet been established.

You do not want to miss this event — especially if you have not visited the La Kretz Pavilion!

Julie Kwan, Hospitality Chair

FROM THE CENTER

Upcoming events:

Fidelity Guidance Consultations

Emeriti, retirees and active employees can ask questions about their retirement accounts remaining with the UC Retirement System or review financial planning for specific situations by meeting with Fidelity Retirement Planner, Andrew Fung, CRPC®, at the ERRC. To make an appointment, call (866) 682-7787 and ask for an appointment at the Center.

Medicare & Social Security Workshops

Wednesday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon (Belmont Village, Westwood) and Thursday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. – noon, (San Fernando Valley)

For emeriti who are not yet drawing Social Security or who are not yet 65, the ERRC will offer this informative workshop in Westwood as well as in Woodland Hills for emeriti and retirees who live in San Fernando valley. These two separate presentations are exactly the same. The Medicare portion of the workshops will be presented from 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and the Social Security portion will be presented from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend both the Social Security and Medicare sessions or either one individually. To register, call the ERRC at (310) 825-7456.

First Fridays Technical Tutorial

Friday, June 1, 10 a.m. – noon, Young Research Library.

Laptop, tablet, smart phone, and more...in a one-on-one setting, Bruin Tech volunteers can help you navigate your electronic devices and more. The ERRC coordinates these tutorial sessions on the first Friday of every other month. Sessions are limited to 20 minutes if others are waiting. This will be the last tutorial for the academic year; the next session will be on October 5. To register, call (310) 825-7456.

Emeriti/Retiree Picnic

The ERRC is pleased to announce the return of the popular Emeriti/Retiree Picnic on Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden, La Kretz Garden Pavilion.

Emeriti/Retiree Privileges:

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

*Sue Barnes
Director*

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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