

# EMERITI *Newsletter*

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Emeriti, Retired Librarians, and Spouses:

It is a pleasure to **welcome** you to the new academic year, with a special greeting for new emeriti and retired librarians. Previous retirees already know that the Emeriti Association provides activities and services as well as advocating on behalf of emeriti to university administrators.

You may be surprised (or alarmed) to see that I **remain as president** after my constitutional term of one-year ended, but last spring our President-Elect, Edwin Cooper, developed a serious medical condition which led to spinal surgery during the summer and extensive rehab. Edwin had to resign as President for 2019-2020. The Executive Board, in its Solomonian wisdom, divided his term between myself and Dick Weiss who was to be president in 2020-2021. I will continue to serve until January 2020 when Dick will take up the reins for 18 months until June 2021.

The Association continues to be fortunate in a group of **volunteers** handling the business of an organization with almost 700 members. Some of these tasks are Finances (Jane Permaul), Art Show (Sharon Belkin), Newsletter (Diane Childs), Agenda and Records (Barbara Lippe), Hospitality (Julie Kwan), Membership (Anna Taylor), Programs (Steve Cederbaum), Book Exchange (Toshi Ashikaga), Archives (Janet Carter), Emeriti Survey (Sy Levin) and Emeriti Welfare (Dan Mitchell).

We have had **record turnouts** for our quarterly dinners and our after-lunch programs, co-sponsored by the Retirees' Association. And we are **financially solvent**—Thanks, Jane!—with a substantial reserve. Last year we made an \$8,000 contribution to the modernization and beautification of the Faculty Center.

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## FALL CELEBRATION AND SPEAKER

The Fall Emeriti Association Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at the UCLA Faculty Center, with a speaker and awards.

The reception begins at 4:45 p.m. **Awards will be presented at 5:15 p.m.** These include Dickson Emeritus Professorships, the Goldberg Service Award, and Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award. A complimentary toast will be offered in tribute to the awardees. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

Locations of the awards reception and dinner will be announced in the lobby.

Professor **Asli Ü. Bâli** of the School of Law will discuss the current political and social dynamic in Turkey from an historical perspective and its implication for Turkey's role in the world and the future. Professor Bâli is an authority on Turkey, Syria and the Middle East.



Professor Bâli was previously Faculty Director of the UCLA Law Promise Institute for Human Rights and Director of the UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies. She currently teaches *Public International Law*, *International Human Rights*, a seminar on the *Laws of War* and a

Perspectives seminar on *Third World Approaches to International Law*.

Professor Bâli is a graduate of the Yale Law School and earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from Princeton University. After law school, she worked for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and as an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in the New York and Paris, France offices.

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We were sorry to see **Sue Barnes** retire as Director of the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC), but an excellent new Director, **Ayesha Dixon**, is now in place who, together with her experienced staff members **Eric Wang** and **Maria Lubrano**, will provide and expand services to emeriti and retirees.

The Executive Board works with Vice-Chancellor Academic Affairs **Michael Levine** on a range of issues, especially the ERRC and awards to emeriti faculty.

The triennial **Emeriti Survey** (2018) has once again demonstrated the extraordinary contributions in teaching, research, philanthropy, and service of emeriti across the UC — at UCLA alone emeriti in 2015-2018 received more than \$156.9 million in research grant funding, and emeriti and their spouses/partners personally donated and/or pledged more than \$22.5 million to UCLA.

Please make sure that you **become acquainted** with the ERRC office in Rolfe Hall and the many programs and services that are available to you. More about all of this will appear elsewhere in the fall newsletter, or on the EA website as well as the ERRC bi-monthly e-newsletter.

I want to close by urging you also to attend our social, intellectual, and professional activities. Our Fall Dinner will take place on Wednesday November 20 with Professor Asli Bâli of the Law School speaking on the current situation in Turkey. We will also present the 2019 Dickson, Goldberg, and Panunzio Awards at that dinner—nearly all our peripatetic awardees were out of the country last spring so we postponed the awards until November. You can read about them elsewhere in this newsletter; please come and honor our extraordinary colleagues. You are encouraged to send any nominations for the 2020 awards to the appropriate department chair.

Please feel free to convey to myself or other Executive Board members your suggestions for improvement. We need volunteers.

Best wishes for a great year,

*Ronald Mellor, President*

She has been recognized for her efforts to advance academic freedom and oppose President Trump's travel ban, which sought to limit entry into the United States of people from several majority-Muslim countries. She has also appeared on panels broadcast on C-SPAN.

A dinner invitation and return envelope are enclosed with this newsletter. To make reservations for the dinner using a credit card, please go to this link:

<https://ucla-emeriti-dinner-fall-2019.eventbrite.com>

*Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee*

## **SPRING ELECTION RESULTS**

Elections were held at the Spring Business Meeting, which preceded the Spring Dinner on May 8, 2019.

The following slate of **officers** submitted by the Nominating Committee was approved by the Association:

President: Edwin Cooper

Vice President/President Elect: Richard (Dick) Weiss

Recording Secretary: Barbara Lippe

Member-at-Large: J. Nicholas (Nick) Entrikin

Subsequent to the election, Edwin Cooper had a medical condition that resulted in spinal surgery and extensive rehabilitation. Though he is recovering well, he has been forced to withdraw as President. The Executive Board extended Ron Mellor's term to December 31, 2019 and Dick Weiss will assume the office of President on January 1, 2020 and serve for 18 months.

The Association also adopted the following Amendment to the Constitution which had been approved by the Executive Board:

### **Article V Section 3:**

There may be up to four Members-at-Large of the Executive Board. Members-at-large may appointed on an ad-hoc basis by the Executive Board, subject to election to a two-year term at the next annual business meeting. If any officer position is vacant, an additional member-at-large may be elected.

*Ronald Mellor, President*

## DICKSON EMERITUS PROFESSORSHIPS

*The late Edward A. Dickson, a Regent of the University of California from 1913 to 1946, established an endowment for annual awards to honor outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching, and/or educational service performed by an emeritus or emerita professor since retirement.*

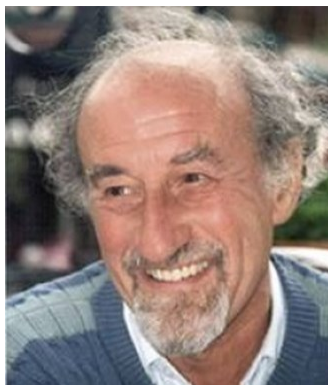
The Dickson awards will be presented at the November 20, 2019, Emeriti Association Awards Reception at the UCLA Faculty Center. The reception begins at 4:45 p.m. The presentation takes place at 5:15 p.m.



**Richard L. Abel**, Michael J. Connell Distinguished Research Professor of Law, has been internationally recognized for his scholarship on legal sociology and the legal profession. With a Ph.D. (London) and an L.L.B. (Columbia), he was a pioneer in public interest law and one of the

founders of the field of Law and Society. He has written 20 books and edited eight others. Since his retirement in 2009, he has been especially productive on human rights law and the “law of terror.” In a tremendous accomplishment, Rick published TWO complementary books in 2018 with the Cambridge University Press: *Law’s Wars: The Fate of the Rule of Law in the US “War on Terror”* and a companion book, *Law’s Trials: The Performance of Legal Institutions in the US “War on Terror.”*

In January 2019 Rick Abel was awarded the 2019 Outstanding Scholar Award by the American Bar Foundation. Typically this annual prize is given by the leaders of the legal profession to a distinguished colleague at the height of his or her career, so it is exceptional that Rick has been honored for scholarship produced after a decade of retirement. As an emeritus, he has remained an engaged member of the UCLA Law School and has taught on recall four times while still mentoring younger colleagues and lecturing around the world on legal sociology and human rights



**Ivan Berend**, Distinguished Research Professor of History, has been internationally renowned for more than six decades for his scholarship in European History. A native of Budapest who was interned at the age of fourteen at the Dachau Nazi concentration camp, Ivan became Professor of Economic History at Budapest University, Rector of that university and President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Of his 35 authored books, 14 have been published since his arrival at UCLA, and his books have been translated into 14 languages.

While at UCLA, Ivan served as Director of the Center for European and Eurasian Studies for twelve years. He has been elected to ten national academies and received multiple honorary doctorates. On his retirement in 2015, he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has continued teaching on recall and has an astonishing four books published or in press. They include *A History of the European Union: A New Perspective* (2016); *Against European Integration: The European Union and its Discontents* (2019); *Populist Demagogues in Modern European Politics. 1910-2018* (2019). His broad historical knowledge, his masterful teaching, and his administrative skills, not to mention his cosmopolitan charm, have all contributed greatly to the UCLA intellectual community.



**James Cherry**, Distinguished Research Professor of Pediatrics, had an exemplary career at UCLA for forty years as a physician, teacher, research scientist, and academic administrator. He garnered international acclaim for his research and teaching in the field of pediatric infectious diseases. Since his retirement in 2013, he has remained productive as a scholar and an international spokesman on vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases and has given invited lectures at 13 national/international meetings.

He has been chief editor of Feigen and Cherry's *Textbook of Pediatric Infectious Diseases* (8<sup>th</sup> edition, 2019), the most comprehensive book on the subject ever written. Cherry has been the author or co-author of 16 peer-reviewed research papers, with important contributions to the study of pertussis (whooping cough) in infants, and he has lectured widely in America and Europe. In addition, he has played an important role in studies of the Zika virus in pregnant women as well as taking a leading public role in the measles outbreak in 2015, when he gave more than 100 media interviews to spread awareness and encourage vaccination.

*Ronald Mellor, President,  
on behalf of the Awards Committee*

## CUCEA NEWS

The Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) meets with the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) on a semi-annual basis at various UC campuses. The most recent CUCEA-CUCRA meeting was at UC San Diego, April 24-25, 2019.

**A prime issue.** A key issue that developed was something that many readers of this newsletter will already be aware of, but was new at the time: a proposed conversion of retiree health plans other than Kaiser to a "Medicare Advantage" program as early as January 1, 2020. Although the change was depicted as simply research into the *possibility* of a switch, the proposal appeared to be a more fully-developed plan. According to the information provided at the time, the savings that would result from the proposal was said to be \$30 million per annum if all non-Kaiser plans were switched. Subsequent information suggests a larger dollar amount.

**The new plan.** A Medicare Advantage plan differs from the current Medicare supplement plans in that the private insurance carrier becomes the prime decision maker for service and procedure eligibility rather than federal Medicare. Medicare pays a fixed amount per covered participant with some adjustment in the per capita payment based on demographic risk. There are pros and cons of both types of plans, but it is unclear as to what the source is of the reported savings from Medicare Advantage, and

there is concern that it not result from barriers to critical health services.

**What came next.** Given the uncertainties, following the UC-San Diego meeting, concern about a wholesale abolition of the existing non-Kaiser plans was expressed to UCOP and to the Regents' Health Services Committee. The upshot was that only Health Net will convert to a Medicare Advantage plan on January 1, 2020. There will be an open enrollment period in the fall which will allow participants to choose among the replacement Medicare Advantage plan and the other alternatives. Details are not available at this writing including the very important figures on the costs of the options to participants. There have been hints of significant increases in premiums for the continuing plans, however. As in the case of the reported savings from the Medicare Advantage plan, it is unclear what the source of upward pressure is regarding premium increases for the other plans. At present, the rate of inflation regarding health care services generally in the U.S. seems to be low. Other systems such as CALPERS have not reported large premium increases.

CUCEA and CUCRA will meet on the UC-Davis campus October 30-31, 2019. At that time, more complete information should be available on the open enrollment options and plans for retiree health and there will undoubtedly be more discussion of this topic.

*Dan Mitchell, CUCEA Representative*

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**Robert Dallek**, professor emeritus of history (along with assistant professor of sociology Karida Brown), has been named to the advisory board of the Obama Presidency Oral History Project. The Obama Foundation teamed with the Columbia Center for Oral History Research to produce the official oral history of Barack Obama's presidency. The project will provide a comprehensive, enduring record of the decisions, actions and effects of his time in office.

**Sergio Ferrara**, professor emeritus of physics and a member of UCLA's Bhaumik Institute for Theoretical Physics, is one of three winners of the 2020 Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics. Ferrara will share the \$3 million prize with Daniel Freedman of MIT and Stanford University, and Peter van Nieuwenhuizen of Stony Brook University, for their discovery of supergravity, the "highly influential 1976 theory that successfully integrated the force of gravity into a particular kind of quantum field theory,"

**Robert Gurval**, associate professor of classics emeritus in the UCLA College, received the Eugen Weber Honors Collegium Faculty Award for teaching in the Honors Collegium. Gurval's research explores the intersections of politics and literature in the Augustan Age and early empire.

Professor Gurval will be our after-lunch speaker on February 20, 2020, on architecture of UCLA.

**Bernard Weiner**, distinguished research professor of psychology in the UCLA College, has received the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Mentoring Award from the American Psychological Association. The award is given to current and former academic faculty members who have inspired their former students to make a difference in their communities. Weiner's primary area of study is social psychology, and his research and teaching interests consist of motivation, emotion, casual beliefs and responsibility.

**M. Norton Wise**, distinguished research professor of history who dedicated his career to constructing a new perspective on the history of science, was honored by the History of Science Society with the group's highest honor, the Sarton Medal. Wise was originally trained as an experimental nuclear physicist and spent the beginning of his career as an assistant professor of physics. After reading Thomas Kuhn's "Structure of Scientific Revolutions," which primarily focused on the influence of historical events and discoveries on scientific revolutions, Wise changed course. He holds doctorate degrees in both physics and history

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

## EMERITI ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ANALYZED

Results of the ninth triennial survey of University of California emeriti activity (conducted in the Fall of 2018) have been reported. *A Virtual Eleventh Campus: A Survey of UC Emeriti Activities 2015 - 2018* (<http://cucea.ucsd.edu/documents/CUCEA2015-18.pdf>), shows that UC emeriti are working enough—in fact more than enough—to be considered an additional UC campus.

One of the most interesting parts of the report may be the section on Page 8 on what the "report leaves out" (i.e., the vitality of the activities that are merely summarized)—including mention of a professor who "writes of the onset of dementia and how it has slowed down his scholarly work."

UCLA emeriti (and all UC retired faculty) should take well-deserved pride in their contributions to the university and their communities. Those who did not respond to the survey this time around should make a promise to themselves to take the time in 2021 to do so in order for their activities to be represented.

Locally, an "infographic" (<https://ucla.app.box.com/file/489539700644>) has been developed to visually illustrate some key findings from 404 UCLA emeriti who completed the survey.

*Diane Childs  
for the UCLA Emeriti Activities Survey*

### IN MEMORIAM

As this issue was going to press, we learned of the passing of our dear friend **Chuck Berst**.

Chuck was an iconic figure with the Emeriti Association and continued to fill his place at the "head of the table" until the end of last year.

You can read more about Chuck and his contributions to the EA, the university, and his scholarship as well as his playful side in the Fall 2016 newsletter on Page 10. You can find the newsletter on the EA website at <https://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/news/newsletters>

More "In Memoriam" will be found in our next issue. In the meantime, the list of last year's passings has been posted to the website <https://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/news/In-Memoriam>

## NOMINATIONS FOR EMERITI AWARDS

The office of Vice-Chancellor Michael Levine will soon solicit nominations for University-wide and campus-wide awards. Descriptions of the awards and their respective deadlines are below.

### Constantine Panunzio Award

The Panunzio Award was made possible by a bequest from Professor Panunzio of the UCLA department of sociology. Each UC campus may nominate one emeritus/a in a humanities or social sciences field for this award, which consists of a generous cash prize and a certificate. One or two statewide awards are made annually.

The 2018-2019 awardees were Robert Alter (Hebrew and Comparative Literature), UC Berkeley and Lynn Hunt (History), UCLA. UCLA candidates are evaluated by the Emeriti Association's Awards Committee and reviewed by the deans of the humanities and social sciences. A single UCLA candidate is selected for the statewide competition.

**Nominations for the Panunzio Award must be submitted (via survey-monkey) to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Panunzio2020> by Friday, December 6, 2019.**

### Dickson Emeritus Professorships

The Dickson Emeritus Professorships were made possible by a gift endowment from the late Edward A. Dickson, Regent of the University from 1913 to 1946. They honor outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching, and/or educational and professional service, performed by emeritus faculty of any discipline since retirement. Each UC campus has received funds that will support one or more awards each year. Each UCLA department is limited to one nomination each year.

The UCLA awardees in 2019 were Richard L. Abel (Law); Ivan Berend (History) and James Cherry (Pediatrics).

### Carole Goldberg Emeriti Service Award

The Carole Goldberg Emeriti Service Award was initiated in 2015 to honor outstanding 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 2019 awardee was Rinaldo Canalis, Head and Neck Surgery.

Each UCLA department or school may nominate one candidate for each award. Emeriti Association members may nominate candidates also if they keep their related departments aware of their intentions.

Individual emeriti may self-nominate or be nominated by others. Nominations consist of a cover letter outlining the nominee's distinctive scholarly work and/or educational service since retirement; Curriculum Vitae; and supporting letters (2 minimum) from leaders in the field commenting specifically on the nominee's achievements since retirement.

**Nominations for Dickson or Goldberg awards must be made using the online form (via surveymonkey) at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020goldbergdickson> by Friday, February 7, 2020**

*Dick Weiss, Awards Committee Chair*

## ARE YOU READY FOR MAY 19, 2020?

This is the date of our next Emeriti Arts and Crafts Show. We look forward to whatever surprises the artists have in store for us, and what better surprise than a few new faces to display their work?

The welcome mat is out for any of you who may have exhibited in the past but not lately, and especially for any who have had thoughts about joining in.

Do you enjoy photography, painting or sketching, print-making, needlework, ceramics or clay modeling, wood carving or some other artistic pursuit? We invite you to come share it!

For questions, please contact Sharon Belkin, Art Show Chair, ([amazon@ucla.edu](mailto:amazon@ucla.edu)), Barbara Lippe ([blippe@ucla.edu](mailto:blippe@ucla.edu)), or Noël Carterette ([Carteret@ucla.edu](mailto:Carteret@ucla.edu)).

*Sharon Belkin, Art Show Chair*

## SAVE THESE DATES

**December 5, 2019**  
ERRC 50th Anniversary  
Celebration  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**January 9, 2020**  
After-Lunch Program

**February 12, 2020**  
Winter Dinner

**March 12, 2020**  
After-Lunch Program

**April 9, 2020**  
After-Lunch Program

**May 13, 2020**  
Spring Awards & Dinner

**May 19, 2020**  
Arts & Crafts Exhibit

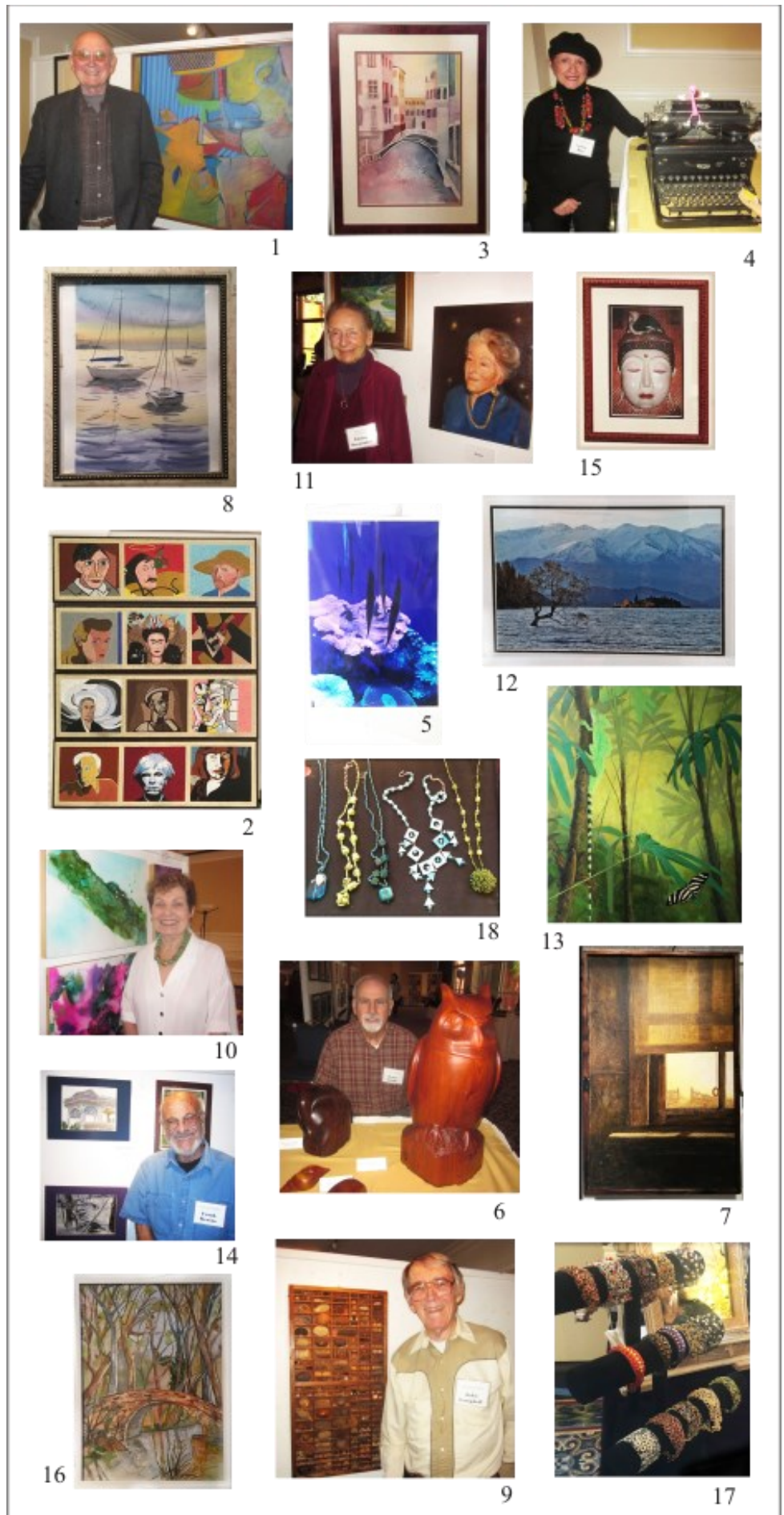
**June 11, 2020**  
After-Lunch Program

## The 2019 Sylvia Winstein Arts and Crafts Exhibit – Another Success!

Looking back on the Emeriti Arts and Crafts show in May of this year, I was impressed by how enthusiastic and innovative our exhibitors are. There were robust abstracts from **Tino Mingori** (1), colorful interpretations of 24 iconic artists from **Jim Turner** (2), dreamy watercolors from **Jill Waterman** (3) and the ever-humorous sculptures by **Sylvia Raz** (4). We saw other-worldly reef photos by **John Edmond** (5), masterful carvings by **Bruce Stable** (6) in exotic woods, an eclectic grouping of sculpture and paintings by **Donald Paglia** (7), watercolors from nature by **Heather Campbell** (8) and the real thing in the seed cases of husband **John** (9). Perhaps the most innovative were **Rachelle Zukerman's** (10) fantastic color works in alcohol ink and resin. Our featured artist, **Elaine Svenonius** (11) presented many landscape “jewels” in oil and 2 memorable portraits. There were breath-taking nature-scapes from **Rainer Stenzel** (12), a stylized tropical rendering by **Sharon Belkin** (13), eight finely composed watercolors by **Frank Krasne** (14), exotic faces in **Barbara Lippe's** (15) photo images, colorful impressionistic landscapes from **Karin Kelly** (16), and exquisite jewelry from **Toshka Abrams** (17) and **Alice Yuwiler** (18). Carol Betti assisted with books of the paintings of our late Dorothea Frederking.

There was much to enjoy and savor.

*Sharon Belkin  
Arts & Crafts Exhibit Chair*



Photos by Lauren Ino

## CAROLE GOLDBERG EMERITI SERVICE AWARD

*The Carole E. Goldberg Emeriti Service Award was created in 2015 to honor outstanding service in professional, University, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental or editorial posts, or committees performed at UCLA by an emeritus or emerita professor since retirement.*



**Rinaldo Canalis**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Head and Neck Surgery, retired in 2010 after thirty-seven years at UCLA as a surgeon-scientist with extraordinary skill as a teacher and mentor. He is a world-renowned authority on the facial nerve and has offered special anatomy labs to resident

physicians who praise his intellectual nimbleness, civility and graciousness.

Since retirement Rinaldo has continued to teach, collaborating in setting up a new anatomy course for the residents and helping to develop a Facial Nerve Center. His gracious diplomacy has been praised as a stabilizing force when his department recently went through a leadership transition. He contributes his academic wisdom even as an emeritus.

Perhaps his most notable accomplishment in retirement has been his partnership with the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. In 2015 he co-organized a major international conference inspired by the work of the 16<sup>th</sup> century anatomist, Andreas Vesalius, entitled “The Illustrated Body: Painting, Anatomy and Art in the Renaissance,” and he co-edited the resulting volume in 2018. Dr. Canalis in 2018 co-organized a conference on the representation of disease in art and literature in the Medieval and Early Modern eras. He has showed himself to be a genuine “Renaissance Man,” whose emeritus service to two disparate schools of UCLA makes him worthy of the 2019 Carole E. Goldberg Award.

*Ronald Mellor, President,  
on behalf of the Awards Committee*

## AN INVITATION FROM THE FWC

The UCLA Faculty Women’s Club cordially invites members of the UCLA Emeriti Association to join us for FWC’s second General Meeting with our special guest speaker, UCLA archaeologist, **Monica Smith**. Dr. Smith’s topic for the afternoon talk is *Cities: The First 6,000 Years*.

The talk will take place in the Faculty Center on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The room location will be announced in the Faculty Center lobby.

Smith is a professor in the Department of Anthropology and in the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability and holds the Navin and Pratima Doshi Chair in Indian Studies.

Dr. Smith has directed archaeological fieldwork in India and Bangladesh, resulting in numerous publications including books: *A Prehistory of Ordinary People*, *The Archaeology of an Early Historic Town in Central India*, and (with R.K. Mohanty) *Excavations at Sisupalgarh*.

Her presentation will focus on her most recent book, *Cities: The First 6,000 Years*. Written for a public audience, the book takes an archaeological tour of global urbanism to examine why the first cities started. Through the study of architecture, artifacts, and historical texts, the book recounts the history of our love-hate relationship with cities and reveals how they have become irresistible, despite their apparent drawbacks. When people invented cities, many other things came into existence for the first time: the middle class, the development of writing, the acceleration of entrepreneurship, and even the restructuring of home life through the invention of take-out food. Cities are not just a historical or contemporary phenomenon: as places for the efficient connectivity of education, employment, and entertainment, cities will continue to grow as the anchor points of global creativity.

Emeriti Association members are welcome to join the Faculty Women’s Club through the FWC’s online membership application:  
<https://alumni.ucla.edu/alumni-networks/faculty-womens-network/join-faculty-womens-club/>

*Shirley Ho, President, Faculty Women’s Club*



## PANUNZIO AWARD

*The Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award honors outstanding scholarly work or educational service 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 2019 by VC Michael Levine) selects the winners.*

The 2019 awardees are **Robert Alter** (UCB, Hebrew and Comparative Literature) and our own **Lynn Hunt** of the UCLA History Department.

**The Panunzio award will be presented to the UCLA winner at the November 20, 2019, Emeriti Association Awards Reception at the UCLA Faculty Center. The reception begins at 4:45 p.m. The presentation takes place at 5:15 p.m.**



**Lynn Hunt**, Eugen Weber Distinguished Professor of Modern European History Emerita, has garnered national and international acclaim over more than four decades as not only one of the world's preeminent scholars in

French history but also more broadly for her contributions to the historical profession and to the humanities as a whole.

Early in her career while at UC Berkeley she pioneered the creation of the "New Cultural History" and in retirement she has once again moved in new directions by situating European history within Global History. Her work has been translated into over twenty European and Asian languages. Lynn has served as President of the American Historical Association, and in 2019 the American Council of Learned Societies awarded her the Haskins Prize.

Lynn Hunt received the Distinguished Teaching Award both at Berkeley *and* at UCLA, and continues to be in great demand since retirement. She has given some forty lectures in ten countries. Here at UCLA, Hunt has taught an on-line undergraduate course on Western Civilization every year from 2013 until the present.

Perhaps Lynn Hunt's most notable national service is her membership on the Final Selection Committee for Guggenheim Fellowships on which she has served for 15 years, including five years in retirement. Since these grants are among the most coveted not only in academia but in literature, music and the visual arts, it demonstrates the value placed on her judgement at the highest level of the arts and sciences.

In her fifty publications since retirement, she examined the history of human rights, the origins of religious toleration, the politics of revolutionary culture, the meanings of pornography and debates about historical truth. Her *Writing History in the Global Era* (2014) is a meditation on the current state of historical writing, while *History: Why it Matters* (2018) is a very original reflection on the development of the historical profession and how our perceptions of the past affects how we live in the present and how we shape the future.

*Ronald Mellor, President,  
on behalf of the Awards Committee*

## CELEBRATING THE ERRC

On Thursday, December 5, a very special event will take place: "Fabulous at First, Fantastic at Fifty"! That's the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center.

Chancellor Charles E. Young inspired the creation of the ERRC in 1969. Not only building an interconnected space for retired campus personnel, the Center also established a model for academic institutions across the country.

With an impressive lineup of speakers recounting its founding, its history and its contributions to campus life, the 50th Anniversary Celebration will take place at the UCLA Faculty Center, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Registration will be available in late October and is open to all UCLA retirees. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and prompt registration will be highly encouraged.

*Steve Cederbaum and Ayesha Dixon*

## LET US WELCOME

*The following faculty and librarians joined our ranks between March 1 and July 31, 2019. Congratulations!*

Rebecca Allen <i>Design   Media Arts</i>	George Gruner <i>Physics &amp; Astronomy</i>	Maria C. Pons <i>Chicana/o Studies</i>
Richard F. Ambrose <i>Environmental Health Sciences</i>	Robert A. Gurval <i>Classics</i>	Jeffrey Prager <i>Sociology</i>
Arie Beldegrun <i>Urology</i>	Craig Edwards Hodgetts <i>Architecture &amp; Urban Design</i>	Louise M. Ratliff <i>Library</i>
Elizabeth Ligon Bjork <i>Psychology</i>	Sherrel G. Howard <i>Psychiatry &amp; Biobehavioral Sci</i>	John G. Riley <i>Economics</i>
Robert L. Brown <i>Art History</i>	Aurora P. Jackson <i>Social Welfare</i>	Izhak Rubin <i>Electrical &amp; Computer Eng</i>
Bhagwan Chowdhry <i>Anderson GSM</i>	Neil Jampolis <i>Theater</i>	George Sachs <i>Physiology</i>
Ferdinand V. Coroniti <i>Physics &amp; Astronomy</i>	Douglas M. Kellner <i>Education</i>	Gregory Robert Schopen <i>Asian Languages &amp; Cultures</i>
Paul M. Davis <i>Earth, Planetary, &amp; Space Sci</i>	Anahid Keshishian <i>Near Eastern Languages &amp; Cultures</i>	Laurence Smith <i>Geography</i>
Nanette D. Debruhl <i>Radiological Sciences</i>	J. John Kim <i>Mechanical &amp; Aerospace Eng</i>	Steven L. Spiegel <i>Political Science</i>
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## CHANGES IN HEALTH BENEFITS

*Editor's note: Toward the end of President Mellor's article, there is an important statement:*

*"everyone should pay careful attention to the Open Enrollment materials since some may wish to change plans." This year's Open Enrollment period is October 31- November 26, 2019. Fall benefits information will be mailed to retirees prior to October 31.*

*The UCLA Healthcare Facilitator, Bridget Sheehan-Watanabe, has planned information sessions on three dates in November (with the potential for a fourth date subject to demand). Reservations will be necessary for these sessions. For details about dates and times, make sure to monitor the ERRC Update bi-monthly electronic newsletter.*

Last spring the Office of the President (UCOP) began a process of reviewing the medical plans for emeriti and staff retirees. They expressed a hope to reduce UC's health care costs for retirees by \$40 million. This sounded ominous. Sue Abeles, president of the UCLA Retirees Association, and I sent informational messages to all UCLA emeriti and staff retirees as well as a message to President Napolitano expressing our concern. Both Dick Weiss, president-elect of the EA, and I spoke to members of the Board of Regents when we had the opportunity. Though the Regents proved not to be involved in this decision, we were trying to cover all bases. We appreciate all emeriti who expressed their views to UCOP.

On July 23 UCOP announced the selection of United Healthcare to offer a new Medicare Advantage PPO beginning January 1, 2020. It will replace the Health Net Seniority Plus Medicare Advantage HMO. UC's other Medicare plans - UC Medicare PPO and High Option Supplement to Medicare administered by Anthem and Kaiser - will continue to be available in 2020. The new United MA-PPO will offer a lower premium than other plans and offer a wide national network of medical care providers. Almost any provider who accepts Medicare will be available. The good news is that nearly all retirees will be able to retain their doctors and other health care providers. Those UC retirees who live outside of California can continue to choose to receive a payment of \$250 a month (\$3,000 per annum) to purchase their own Medigap or Medicare Advantage coverage.

Faculty representatives were involved in the confidential evaluation process. The Academic Senate Health Care Task Force contains 25 members - 4 from UCLA - and the UC Executive Steering Committee on Health Benefits which makes a final recommendation on health benefits has Senate membership.

I created an Emeriti Association Working Group on Retiree Health Insurance to explain the process and the results. After UCOP announced their decision on UC Net, our Working Group met on August 1. It consists of Ayesha Dixon (Director of ERRC); David Lopez, Sociology (Faculty Liaison on Retirement); Steve Cederbaum, Medicine (past president of EA); Gerry Kominski, Public Health (member of HCTF and Executive Comm.); Ron Mellor, History (President of EA); Dan Mitchell, AGSM and Luskin (Joint Benefits Committee of CUCEA and CUCRA); and Dick Weiss, Biochemistry (President-elect of EA). I invited the Retirees Association President Sue Abeles to send a representative and John Dahl was present.

The Working Group decided to publicize the developments in the EA Newsletter - hence this article - and to continue to coordinate with the Retirees Association in the future. There are many details - premiums, prescription formularies, etc. - that remain uncertain; everyone should pay careful attention to the Open Enrollment materials since some may wish to change plans.

Now we, and especially UC Human Resources which collects performance data, must evaluate whether the new plan fulfills its promises.

*Ronald Mellor, President*

## FROM THE CENTER

*Editor's Note: Information included in the ERRC's "From the Center" column is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. The Center produces an electronic newsletter called "ERRC Update" twice/month. It is chock full of information including many things to do, but also crucial knowledge about such topics as the new UC Medicare Choice plan option for California retirees or the new UC retirement website, UC Retirement At Your Service (UCRAYS) which will give access to your UC retirement information.*

*One recent announcement was for the Circle of Friends which expands on the "Merry Widows" group, active since 2003. Circle of Friends now invites single persons, spouses, widows, widowers, and care partners to create an "inclusive group focused on support and sociability and to meet and mingle over a 'no host' lunch."*

*To be added to the email distribution list, call the ERRC at (310) 825 -7456 or email [emeriti@errc.ucla.edu](mailto:emeriti@errc.ucla.edu). If you already receive the Update, be sure to LOOK AT IT in a timely way!*

The Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC) has had a busy quarter already, coordinating with the chancellor's office to plan a reception for new retirees and emeriti, communicating information, answering questions about the potential changes to retiree health care benefits, and supporting the emeriti and retirees associations.

In the coming months, the staff will provide support to emeriti and retirees throughout the **Open Enrollment** period.

Emeriti may obtain a **BruinCard**, which provides discounts at various campus venues and events, including arts performances, athletic events, recreational facilities, Central Ticket Office purchases and University Extension classes. To obtain a BruinCard, contact the ERRC. **NOTE: Retiree BruinCards now expire every two years—keep an eye out for an email notifying retirees when their card is set to expire—the BruinCard must be renewed by the ERRC.**

*Ayesha Dixon, Director*

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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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