

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Emeriti,
Retired Librarians, and
Spouses:

Welcome to a new year!
This academic year has
been a challenging one
for everyone and has
tested our mettle. Even
though we still need to
be masked when we
venture out, we now
can see the light more

clearly. The campus has been open and our students and faculty were back, ready to meet the new academic year. They weathered another closure and are coming back again.

The Emeriti Association has maintained its programming, providing interesting and stimulating events. As with everything else this past year, the events have been through Zoom, our online friend and link to the world from our homes. But we have managed and have continued to look forward to our in-person gatherings that we expect will begin sometime after the first of the calendar year.

By now, all retired faculty, librarians, and spouses should have received invitations to join the Emeriti Association. If you have not been a member before or have not renewed your membership, please take this opportunity to join the association today ([Join the UCLA Emeriti Association](#))!

The **Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center** (ERRC) helps us with all of our activities and has an easy link to our Emeriti Association website ([Welcome to the UCLA Emeriti Association](#)). There you can see the programs we have planned for this next year.

There are also opportunities to participate with colleagues in shaping the organization through Board membership. Announcements and details of Emeriti Association events are provided in the ERRC e-newsletter distributed to all emeriti twice each month. Additionally, through the center you can receive help in getting an emeriti parking permit (annually, short-term),

bus passes or other transportation assistance. You can also get help in obtaining a Bruin card. If you have any additional questions, please use the website or contact the center for additional help.

Again, welcome and I do look forward to greeting you at an Emeriti Association event.

Rosina Becerra, Emeriti Association President

HEAR ROMAIN WACZIARG AFTER LUNCH IN FEBRUARY



“Economics is the study of how to eliminate barriers to riches. If you want your organization or your country to prosper, there is no better investment you can make than to study economics.”

Our Speaker on **February 10, 2022, 1:30-3:00 p.m.** is **Romain Wacziarg**, professor of economics at the UCLA Anderson School of

Management and the Hans Hufschmid Chair in Management. He is also a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Wacziarg was born in Geneva, Switzerland, and grew up in India and France. He earned a Ph.D. in economics at Harvard. During his Ph.D., he was a consultant for the World Bank where he conducted research on the links between economic growth and trade policy.

His research interests span international economics, political economy, economic growth, and development.

The title of his talk will be “The Historical Transition to Lower Fertility,” a topic of great social, historical, and economic interest. It is having immediate impact in Japan and China and will soon have far wider and obvious impact in many other countries including our own.

[Click to register](#) for the event.

Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee

CELEBRATE OUR AWARDEES



COVID paused a long-standing Emeriti Association tradition, that of honoring the UCLA emeriti who have won Panunzio, Dickson, and more recently, Goldberg prizes, as well as those who have been recognized by the Emeriti Association.

When the 2020 award ceremony scheduled for our Spring dinner was “postponed,” we assumed that these would be awarded at the fall dinner in November.

When it, too, was cancelled, we thought that surely there would be a dinner soon again, perhaps combining the class of '20 and the upcoming class of '21 at one time.

Here we are, however, with 11 awardees never recognized and another class due in 2022. Obviously, such a ceremony would be too long and tumultuous and give the awardees and the featured speaker short shrift.

Hence, we are holding such a ceremony this **February online**, and raising a glass to each of the awardees. It will be held with the awardees, their families and guests, and, we hope, a large number of their fellow emeriti.

To register for the Emeriti Awards Virtual Celebration, **Wednesday, February 16th, 3:00pm**, honoring 2020 & 2021 winners of Panunzio, Dickson, Goldberg, and Emeriti Association Awards, [Click here](#).

With the 11 awardees listed below, there will be plenty of opportunity for a merry and mellow afternoon.

2019-2020

The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award: **Christopher B. Cooper**, medicine and physiology; **Kendall N. Houk**, organic chemistry; **Pamela Munro**, linguistics.

The Carole E. Goldberg Emeriti Service Award: **Belinda Tucker**, psychiatry & biobehavioral sciences.

Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award: **Herbert Morris**, philosophy and law.

Emerita of the Year, 2020: **Victoria Steele**, library, public art collections.

2020-2021

The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award: **Benjamin Bonavida**, microbiology, immunology, & molecular genetics; **Warwick Peacock**, neurosurgery; **Donald Shoup**, urban planning.

The Carole E. Goldberg Emeriti Service Award: **Josephine B. Isabel-Jones**, pediatrics; **Paul Ong**, urban planning.

*Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee
Julie Kwan, Hospitality Committee*

IN CASE YOU MISSED THEM

Editor's Note: The Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center hosts a YouTube channel with video of most of the programs sponsored by the Emeriti Association (or co-sponsored with the UCLA Retirees Association). These are designated as Emeriti/Retirees Afternoon Programs. Occasionally, a presenter will decline to be included. The channel also includes programs offered by UCLARA or the ERRC separately.

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

As I wrote this, the 2021-2022 speaker series was about to begin. It was October, 2021. In an hour, **Alex Ross** music critic for the *New Yorker* was to join us for a zoom presentation to discuss his new book, *Wagnerism: Art and Politics in the Shadow of Music*. His thesis and books demonstrate the influence that Wagner's ideas had on the entirety of the cultural landscape of the 19th century, from music, to poetry, to prose and to the social milieu of times. Ross revealed himself as a scholar of breadth and depth and surprisingly, a resident of Los Angeles. When queried about this, he said that many *New Yorker* writers lived outside of New York and were not part of the daily life of the city.

Our speaker on November 10 was **Barbara Ferrer**, Director of the Department of Health for LA County. Dr. Ferrer was a renowned figure in Public Health prior to taking the job in Los Angeles County and has burnished her credentials during this pandemic. She discussed the subject that has dominated our lives for the past 18 months, the COVID pandemic and placed particular emphasis on its impact on the different minority communities. She proved to be a cool and composed speaker, very factually oriented and very much in command. We were impressed that the County is in good hands in dealing with the pandemic.

The program on January 13 was cancelled at the last minute since the explosion of COVID cases prevented the student-faculty group that was performing to get together to play on campus. The program has been rescheduled for March 10.

MORE ON OUR SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Developing a vigorous speakers program in the era of the COVID pandemic was replete with opportunities and disappointments. In the latter category, is our inability to get together and to have the unique experience of seeing our friends and colleagues and the dynamic interaction of the audience experience.

On the other hand, we have had and will have speakers whom we never could have programmed if they had to be at UCLA, and at a specific day and time. We lack the resources or the reach to get speakers of prominence to come to UCLA physically, but we can get them to appear on line at these times.

I can't wait to greet you all back at the Faculty CLUB in the Spring.

Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee

MUSIC OF THAILAND



Sadly, this program scheduled for January 13, 2022, was cancelled at the last minute since the explosion of COVID cases prevented the student-faculty group that was performing to get together to play on campus.

The program has been rescheduled for **March 10, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (NOTE TIME)**.

The program led by **Supeena Insee Adler**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Ethnomusicology, World Music Instrument Curator and Director, ***Music of Thailand Ensemble*** will feature the history of and music with the gamelan, a traditional musical instrument used widely in the South Seas.

Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee

FACULTY CLUB TO REOPEN! YAY!

Editor's Note: As noted by President Jane Permaul in her September, 2021, message, the Faculty Center Association's brand was recently changed from UCLA Faculty Center to UCLA Faculty Club "to better reflect its mission, activities and services." General Manager Luciano Sautto had previously pointed out that "anything and everything can be called a 'center' from a computer center to a copy center." As then-President Julie Kwan explained, "we are a club, a member-supported social club."

The Club is happy to report that, despite Omicron extending online instructions till end of January, the Club is still planning to reopen in March.

The contractors planned to turn the facility back to the Club by end of January...down goes the fence! The staff plans to reinstall and test new and old equipment and furnishings in February and March. You will be able to enjoy a new roof (no more buckets and leaks) and a brand new HVAC system. Also, it will have a fire-detection system along with security cameras, exterior lights and accessible walkways.

There will, of course, be lots of more visible improvements, to include exterior and interior painting, new

carpeting in the Main Dining Room. Most exciting, perhaps, is a complete makeover of the Cypress Lounge downstairs, with a workable elevator to get those who need it up and down.

That said, there is more to be done. While the UCLA Administration has helped to retrofit the Club infrastructure, the Club is responsible for everything else. Hence there's a continuous need to solicit generous donations. The Club dues only support the most basic operations, supplemented by sales. So, emeriti can also help by encouraging colleagues to join as members and using the Club as much as you can. The more the merrier!

Any additional information on the Faculty Club can be gotten at their website, <https://facultyclub.ucla.edu/>

See you all at the Faculty Club soon. In the meantime, be sure you are vaccinated and stay well....so you can enjoy the Club.

Bruce Miller, Faculty Club Liaison

MEMBERSHIP STATUS UPDATE

I am pleased to write this message on behalf of the membership committee as its chair for the year 2021/22.

In the few years prior to the Corona virus pandemic, the annual number of members of the UCLA Emeriti Association (EA) exceeded 700. However, in 2020/21 that number plummeted to around 200(??).

The main reason being that in-person events and activities were decimated by the pandemic and the majority of previous members did not renew their membership during that year.

Consequently, in July 2021, the EA Executive Board made it a priority to reinvigorate our membership. The membership committee thus launched a campaign that included sending several waves of solicitation emails and one wave of "snail" mail to all those who are eligible for membership, including emeriti and their spouses as well as retired librarians.

The EA executive board members also sent personal emails to friends and colleagues who are potential members inviting them to join the EA. And our efforts are continuing. I am pleased to report that so far, our level of membership has rebounded to near pre-pandemic levels.

Still, we truly need you to become a member.

Click on [Join the UCLA Emeriti Association](#) to enroll or renew your membership.

*Abdelmonem A. Afifi, Chair
Membership Committee, 2021-2022*

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Professors emerita/emeritus **Eva Baker**, **Patricia Gándara**, **Jeannie Oakes**, and **Gary Orfield** join eight other education scholars at UCLA who have been named to the 2022 *Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings* published in *Education Week* by Frederick M. Hess, director of education policy studies for the American Enterprise Institute. The ranking highlights the top 200 education scholars whose work influences academic research and scholarship and engages and impacts the nation's public conversation about education.

Dr. **Robert Ettenger**, distinguished research professor of pediatric nephrology at the Geffen School of Medicine, is one of two UCLA physicians who have received lifetime achievement awards from the American Society of Transplantation. Dr. Ettenger headed the UCLA Division of Pediatric Nephrology for 25 years and served as medical director of the pediatric kidney transplant program for nearly 35 years. He was the first to identify the link between anti-HLA Class II antibodies and the rejection of transplanted kidneys. He also introduced the concept of pretransplant T and B cell crossmatching. Dr. Gabriel Danovitch is the other awardee.

The Chinese Academy of Sciences has elected **Kendall Houk**, who holds UCLA's Distinguished Research Chair in Chemistry and Biochemistry, as a foreign member of the academy in recognition of his scientific achievements and contributions to promoting the development of science and technology in China. Election to the academy is one of the highest honors that China bestows on a citizen of a foreign country. Chinese chemists have regularly collaborated with Houk and have been critical parts of his research group over the last 40 years. He is a recipient of the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award for 2019-2020.

Margaret Kivelson, professor emerita of space physics in the UCLA College, has been honored as the 2021 recipient of the American Physical Society's James Clerk Maxwell Prize for her contributions to the field of plasma physics. The award includes a \$10,000 prize. "This unexpected and highly appreciated recognition should rightfully be shared with my UCLA colleagues, in my view the most exceptional group of plasma physicists in the world," Kivelson said. "I intend to donate the prize funds to a graduate fellowship in the department of Earth, planetary and space sciences, my academic home at UCLA."

Peter Narins, UCLA distinguished research professor of integrative biology and physiology and of ecology and evolutionary biology, has been honored with the Acoustical Society of America's silver medal in animal bioacoustics. Narins' research focuses on how animals extract relevant sounds from the often very noisy backgrounds in which they live. A second research direction is based on the discovery of the remarkable sensitivity to substrate vibrations possessed by burrowing animals. He has conducted research in Puerto Rico, central China, both Old and New World lowland wet tropical forests, African deserts and temperate forests in South America.

Jack Rothman, professor emeritus of social welfare at UCLA Luskin, has written numerous books during his academic career, most of them on community organizing and multiculturalism. Among those titles is a book on the film industry and a chronicle of his search for his ancestral home, a Jewish village, or shtetl, in Ukraine—a place that didn't appear on any map at the time. He recently published his first book of poetry, *The Voice of Consciousness: Poems Composed After Ninety* (Tebot Bach). *The Voice* continues themes of his formal academic writing and includes sections such as Musings and Humor.

Blaire Van Valkenburgh, the Donald R. Dickey Professor Emerita of Vertebrate Biology, has received the 2021 Romer-Simpson Medal from the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology for "sustained and outstanding scholarly excellence." Van Valkenburgh is the curator of the Donald R. Dickey Bird and Mammal Collection. The focus of her more than 110 publications is the biology and paleontology of carnivorous mammals, such as hyenas, wolves and lions. Van Valkenburgh has appeared in various television documentaries on prehistoric predators ranging from terror birds to sabretooth cats and is a leading expert on the evolutionary biology of large carnivores, past and present.

The late **Steven Wallace**, who was a professor of community health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, was recognized posthumously with the Trailblazers in Aging's Change Agent Award from the National Council on Aging. The award recognizes an individual or organization working to ensure that every person — regardless of race, income or background — has the resources to age well. Wallace was an internationally renowned scholar on health disparities among older adults, immigrants and communities of color.

PASSINGS

The following colleagues supported the Emeriti Association through service on the executive board. We are sad to learn of their passing.



Dr. John S. "Jack" McDonald, professor emeritus of medicine (OB-GYN and anesthesiology), died last August at the age of 83. Jack was a quiet, thoughtful presence at Emeriti Association board meetings as a member-at-large, 2015-2018. Guests at Emeriti Association dinners enjoyed hearing his stories. Jack's obituary was published in the *Los Angeles Times*, September 11, 2021. [John McDonald Obituary \(2021\) - Los Angeles, CA - Los Angeles Times \(legacy.com\)](#)

Jack's interests included horses (at one time he served as a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's mounted posse) and flying (which he learned to do so that he could deliver the life-saving ventilators that he had developed for newborns to remote areas).



Gary Nash, a prolific historian of early America and a member of UCLA's history department for more than 50 years, died last July at the age of 88. Professor Nash served on the Emeriti Association board as Member-at-Large, 2005-2007. He earned the Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award for 1994-1995, the first year the Panunzio was awarded after a 12-year dormancy and a Dickson Emeritus Professorship for 2009-2010. The *UCLA Newsroom* published a tribute [In memoriam: Gary Nash, 88, influential scholar of early American history | UCLA](#).

His love of teaching led him to win a Distinguished Teaching award (in 1990) and inspire students starting at the undergraduate level to become noted faculty themselves. He also co-founded the National Center for History in the Schools and worked with the National Council for History Standards to create national standards for the K-12 level.

Anna Taylor, professor emerita of neurobiology, died last December at the age of 88.



She was a neuroendocrinologist who studied the effects of stress in its numerous manifestations (alcoholism, infection, developmental and traumatic brain injury). The nitty gritty of being membership chair is a grueling endeavor. Anna did it with grace for over seven years (2014-2021). Her obituary was published in the *Los Angeles Times* January 23, 2021. [Anna Taylor Obituary \(2022\) - Los Angeles, CA - Los Angeles Times](#)

[\(legacy.com\)](#). Anna had looked forward to bicycling in France and winter skiing and enjoyed walking and swimming all year round.

ONE STEP CLOSER

The Belmont Village II project has passed another hurdle on its way to welcoming UCLA emeriti and other retirees.

Last fall, a call went out for UCLA Emeriti Association board members to join others participating in a Los Angeles City Planning Commission hearing over Zoom that was being held in response to complaints made by some neighbors of the proposed project, and to write letters. Several took part.

As **Adrian Harris** noted, "the vote was taken denying the appeals on the spot. Very interesting, efficient and rewarding to see the Commission Members in action."

Harris was UCLA's first vice chancellor of planning and has been an advocate for development of housing opportunities for UCLA retirees for many years. He served on the Retirement Housing Committee with the late Chuck Berst, now-retired ERRC Director Eddie Murphy, and others appointed to the Committee by the ERRC, the Emeriti Association and the Retirees Association, to plan for and carry out the development of a Continued Care Retirement Community (CCRC) near the campus—a goal that could not be achieved because of the lack of available land. They facilitated the development of the first Belmont facility in Westwood. While not a CCRC, it has become a valuable resource for the campus.

Belmont Village II will replace the parking lot of the Westwood Presbyterian Church on the south side of Wilshire Blvd with a 12-story structure that will include space for independent seniors, assisted living apartments, rooms for memory-care residents, space for the Church, as well as adequate underground parking for the Church and the new facility.

Roelina Berst, Belmont Village Liaison

FRIENDS OF FAUCI

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci may be one of the most well-known physicians in America. In his long career he has developed a level of trustworthiness that is quite impressive (although there are detractors).

Dr. Fauci's Wikipedia entry has a lot of information about his background. One learns that he went to Regis High School where he studied Greek, Latin and French, and that he captained the school's basketball team despite being only 5' 7".

What we do not learn from Wikipedia is that our very own **Ron Mellor** was a classmate. And that Ron still has his yearbook with Tony's signature.

**UCLA Emeriti Association
Annual Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
Ending on August 31, 2021***

Balance Carried Forward	\$69,388.95
Income:	
Contribution to Art Show**	100.00
Membership Dues	\$ 1,800.00
Dinner Receipts***	
Earned Interest	186.96
Contributions/Donations	12,802.00
Total Income	\$14,888.96
Expenses:	
Art Show**	\$ 964.18
Dinner Expenses	
Program & Refreshments	
Newsletters & Mailing	4,167.82
CUCEA Dues & Travel	800.00
Contribution to Faculty Ctr.	5,000.00
Other Expenses	1,302.62
Total Expenses	-\$12,234.62
PayPal e-Membership Bal.	3,872.43
Ending Balance	\$75,915.72

Jane S. Permaul, Treasurer

*Audited by Steve Cederbaum

**Annual 2021 Art Show was virtual due to COVID-19;
The exhibit can be found on the EA website

<https://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/events/emeriti-arts-and-crafts-exhibits>

***No dinner events were held in FY 2020-21.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Stephen Cederbaum, M.D.
Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry,
Pediatrics and Human Genetics
IDDRC/Neuropsychiatric Institute
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

January 7, 2022

Professor Rosina Becerra
President, UCLA Emeriti Association

Re: Audit of Emeriti Association Books 2020-2021
Academic year

Dear Rosina,

I attest to having examined the accounts and financial documents of the UCLA Emeriti Association for FY 2020-2021 and I have found them to be all in order.

Signed

Stephen Cederbaum

Stephen Cederbaum
Auditor, UCLA Emeriti Association

SPRING 2021 ELECTIONS REPORT

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

This year's elections were held virtually in June, 2021, for the positions of President, President-elect, Members-at-Large, and Recording Secretary.

Electronic ballots using SurveyMonkey were emailed to all current members.

The following officers were elected: President, Rosina Becerra; President-elect, Scott Waugh; Recording Secretary, Barbara Lippe; Members-at-Large, Abdelmonem Afifi, Nick Entrikin, Harvey Herschman, and Claudia Mitchell-Kernan.

These officers joined continuing officers Dick Weiss, Past-President; Jane Permaul, Treasurer; and Diane Childs, Corresponding Secretary. The identities of other continuing board members can be found on the Emeriti Association website.

Dick Weiss, Past-President

OFFICERS NEEDED FOR 2022-2023

Nominations are requested for Emeriti Association elected offices for 2022-2023.

The following elected offices are vacant: Vice President (serving as president-elect, president, and past-president for one year each), Treasurer (serving for two years), Corresponding Secretary (serving for two years), and Recording Secretary (serving for one year).

Candidates for the office of Vice President/President-Elect must be members of the Academic Senate.

The Vice President/President-Elect usually serves on the Executive Board for three years: first as President-Elect, then as President, and finally as Past President (an essential advisor to the President and Vice-President and Chair of the Nominating Committee).

Newly elected officers will join Rosina Becerra as Past-President; Scott Waugh as President; and Members-at-Large Nick Entrikin, Harvey Herschman, Donka Minkova, and Claudia Mitchell-Kernan serving in the second year of their current two-year terms.

Please direct nominations to Rosina Becerra at rbecerra@ucla.edu

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT FOR 2022-2023

In addition to elected officers (above), the Emeriti Association is in need of committee chairs and committee members: Auditor, Book Exchange Director, Newsletter Editor, Program Committee Chair, UCLA Retirees Association Representative.

People filling these positions are expected to attend Executive Board meetings on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month, September-June. The Emeriti Association year runs September-August.

If you can help, please get in touch with Rosina Becerra at rbecerra@ucla.edu.

VIRTUAL ART IS STILL VIEWABLE

The **Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Art Show** went virtual in May 2021 bringing welcome traffic to the Emeriti Web site <https://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/>.



“Ainadamar” by Sylvia Raz, Assemblage of Acrylic, wood and photograph

Twenty-one artists, including Featured Artist **Sylvia Raz** were viewed almost 800 times plus additional visits to individual participating artist’s pages according to Web Analytic page statistics. Their creative artwork has enriched our members’ lives through this first ever **online** show.

While planning is currently underway for the anticipated in-person May 2022 show, the 2021 Show can be seen here: <https://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/events/emeriti-arts-and-crafts-exhibits>.

Shirley Ho took over as chair beginning with 2021. As 2021 drew to a close, she said “I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Sharon Belkin, Chair of the Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit, 2017-2021. Her dedication and hard work over the years have successfully led us through this difficult time.”

*Marion Peters, Web Content Master
Shirley Ho, Arts & Crafts Exhibit Chair*

EMERITI CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FACULTY CLUB

The Board of Governors of the UCLA Faculty Center Association, dba Faculty Club, is most grateful to the Emeriti Association (EA) Board and its members in their support of the Club.

The EA approved a \$10,000 in-kind contribution to purchase an energy efficient refrigerator for the Faculty Club renovated kitchen.

Several emeriti members responded to the Club’s fundraising efforts with generous contributions as well.

Needless to say, the Club is most appreciative of the EMERITI! Thank you one and all.

Bruce Miller, Faculty Club Liaison

PLANS ARE COMING TOGETHER

Tuesday, May 17, is the date for the planned return of the UCLA Emeriti **Sylvia Winstein Association Arts & Crafts Exhibit** to the UCLA Faculty Club. The exhibit will take place in the remodeled and renamed Morrison Room (formerly California Room).

The committee is currently working on finalizing the participating artists and considering the menu for the afternoon reception.

The exhibit opens at 11:00 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. A celebratory toast and remarks will be presented at 2:00 p.m. to kick the reception off.

Any Emeriti Association members who have not exhibited previously and wish to take part in the exhibit should contact Shirley Ho at shirleyho22@hotmail.com or 310-817-1019.

Shirley Ho, Arts & Crafts Exhibit Chair

THE SURVEY OF EMERITI ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Editor’s note: Thank you for your participation in this important activity!

Despite the pandemic, UC Emeriti have continued to contribute to the University and to the community. From mid-October through December, 2021, emeriti were asked to complete the triennial survey questionnaire, describing their scholarly, educational, university, and community services during mid-2018 through mid-2021.

This was the 10th such survey. The outreach included all emeriti, whether or not they were members of their campus emeriti associations.

Representing all ten campuses, 2,078 emeriti completed the questionnaire. This response outnumbered the 2015-2018 survey (2,018 completed responses)!

UCLA emeriti completed 402 questionnaires, quite similar to the previous (407).

The data is currently being analyzed by Professor Emerita Jessica Utts, of the Irvine campus, who coordinated the entire study. Data can be translated into fiscal determinants, work-hours, or general, beneficial components.

The survey is an extremely important function, since it reflects to our University administration and to the community at-large that our emeriti show ongoing support of the progress and welfare of our state of California and of our nation. We continue to function as “A Virtual Eleventh Campus.”

Watch for news about survey results in the spring.

*Seymour R. (Sy) Levin, M.D., Survey Chair
Ayesha Dixon, Director UCLA ERRC*

LET US WELCOME

The following faculty and librarians joined our ranks May 1-September 30, 2021. Congratulations!

Richard Anderson <i>Political Science</i>	Jonathan Hiatt <i>Surgery</i>	Kathy Perkins <i>Pediatrics</i>
Stephen Aron <i>History</i>	Alfreda Iglehart <i>Social Welfare</i>	Huibrie Pieters <i>Nursing</i>
Kathryn Atchison <i>Dentistry</i>	Eufemia Jacob <i>Nursing</i>	Charalabos Pothoulakis <i>Medicine (Gastroenterology)</i>
Delroy Baugh <i>Chemistry & Biochemistry</i>	Leeka Kheifets <i>Epidemiology</i>	William Quiñones-Baldrich <i>Surgery (Vascular)</i>
Linda Baum <i>Pathology & Laboratory Medicine</i>	Gerald Kominski <i>Health Policy & Management</i>	Ali Racy <i>Ethnomusicology</i>
Melissa Beck <i>Law Library</i>	Hilda Koopman <i>Linguistics</i>	Ben Refuerzo <i>Architecture & Urban Design</i>
James Bowie <i>Chemistry & Biochemistry</i>	Niklas Krause <i>Occupational & Environmental Health</i>	Kenneth Reinhard <i>English</i>
Moshe Buchinsky <i>Economics</i>	Barbara Kruger <i>Art</i>	Allen Roberts <i>World Arts & Cultures/Dance</i>
Helena Chang <i>Surgery (Oncology)</i>	Helga Leitner <i>Geography</i>	Linda Sarna <i>Nursing</i>
Mark Cohen <i>Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sci</i>	Lou Lu <i>Medicine</i>	Ali Sayed <i>Electrical & Computer Engr</i>
Ana Coito <i>Surgery</i>	Ajit Mal <i>Mechanical & Aerospace Engr</i>	David Schriger <i>Emergency Medicine</i>
Dorota Dabrowska <i>Biostatistics</i>	Janet Mentis <i>Nursing</i>	Thomas Schwartz <i>Political Science</i>
Bruce Dobkin <i>Neurology</i>	Norweeta Milburn <i>Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sci</i>	Suzanne Shu <i>Management</i>
Lynn Doering <i>Nursing</i>	Elisa Moreno <i>Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sci</i>	Ke Shuai <i>Medicine (Hematology-Oncology)</i>
Guoping Fan <i>Human Genetics</i>	Mark Morris <i>Physics & Astronomy</i>	Elissa Tognozzi <i>European Languages/Transcultural Stud</i>
Debora Farber <i>Ophthalmology</i>	Peter Nabokov <i>World Arts & Cultures/Dance</i>	Jesus Torrecilla <i>Spanish & Portuguese</i>
Peter Felker <i>Chemistry & Biochemistry</i>	Nancy Norris <i>Library</i>	Claude Wasterlain <i>Neurology</i>
Russell Ferguson <i>Art</i>	Steven Nusinowitz <i>Ophthalmology</i>	Eli Yablonovitch <i>Electrical & Computer Engr</i>
Stephen Frank <i>History</i>	Robert Oye <i>Internal Medicine</i>	John Zaller <i>Political Science</i>
Lowell Gallagher <i>English</i>	Diane Papazian <i>Physiology</i>	Lynne Zucker <i>Sociology</i>
Leif Havton <i>Neurology</i>		

FAREWELL TO ERIC WANG



Eric Wang began his Retirement Resource Specialist position at the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center in October, 2016.

This was the second time he worked in that position. The first was from 1994 to 2005, when he moved to New York.

Eric retired in mid-September, 2021, and began an experience from the opposite side of the work he did on behalf of UCLA retirees for many years.

Eric's voice and face welcomed visitors and callers to the ERRC from his position by the front door (until Covid sent most non-medical UCLA staff to work from home). His many forms of support for EA Board members were indispensable. He was accessible, pleasant and highly skilled. His mastery of the computer was essential to the maintenance of our website and for production of the newsletter.

Eric reports that he is "absolutely loving retirement."

A profile of Eric written by John Edmond can be found in the [UCLA Emeriti Newsletter for Winter, 2017, page 6](#).

We will all really miss him.

NEWS FROM CUCEA-CUCRA

CUCEA (Council of University of California Emeriti Associations) and CUCRA (Council of University of California Retiree Associations) meet jointly and then separately each fall and spring. Normally, these meetings have been held on different UC campuses on a rotating basis. However, due to the pandemic, recent meetings have been held via Zoom. Here are five highlights from the October 27, 2021 meeting:

1) **Open enrollment** in the fall proceeded as scheduled but there was a delay in mailing out the materials needed to evaluate the various plans being offered. Unlike some prior years, no drastic rate increases for the health plans will occur in 2022. There will be a change in the drug provider for those participants covered by the Anthem Blue Cross PPO and high option alternatives. Most medicines covered by the old plan were reported to be included in the new program. A mechanism for handling situations in which a former covered medication is not covered by the new plan was reported to be under review.

2) There was continuing discussion of **problems for new retirees and survivors** at the Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC). For example, an average wait of thirty minutes for a phone call to be

answered was reported. A new team has been brought in to deal with the ongoing RASC problems.

3) **Out-of-state retirees** currently receive a lump sum of \$3,000 and assistance by Via Benefits in obtaining an individual health plan in the states in which they reside. There has been discussion about possibly raising the amount of the payment and of providing an opportunity to join the Medicare Advantage (Medicare Choice) plan that is currently offered to in-state participants.

4) The periodic survey of emeriti contributions (**Survey of Emeriti Activities**) to the university in various forms including research and publication was discussed. Some **problems** at various campuses in obtaining complete and accurate lists of emeriti for survey purposes was reported.

5) General reports were made concerning such topics as **investment strategy** of the pension plan and implementation of the UC **vaccination mandate**.

Daniel J.B. Mitchell, CUCEA Representative

ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE REALIGNMENT AFFECTS EMERITI REPRESENTATION

On December 1, 2021, the UCLA Academic Senate Chair Jody Kreiman announced the realignment of Academic Senate committees approved by the Legislative Assembly in October.

The Committee on Emeriti Affairs will cease operations by August 31, 2022, and its functions will be incorporated into the Faculty Welfare Committee.

The Emeriti Affairs committee's prime functions have been reviewing applications for conferral of emeritus/a status by those who are not members of the Academic Senate (librarians, for example) and overseeing the writing of In Memoriam statements for deceased faculty and administrators.

It is not clear what provisions are intended for Emeriti Association representation on the Faculty Welfare Committee. Currently, the Chair of the Committee on Emeriti Affairs serves on the Faculty Welfare Committee as a non-voting ex-officio member. The current Emeriti Affairs Committee chair (Yvette Taché) is not emerita.

Volunteer Day last September brought out Bruins across Los Angeles and around the world. About 1,500 people participated in a range of projects that included gardening, cleanups and meal packing.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS

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 tell the editor via emeriti@errc.ucla.edu.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR 2022

The following events have been scheduled for Winter and Spring, 2022. Given the fast-changing nature of Covid-19, some activities may be moved from in-person to online, re-scheduled, or cancelled. So, please mark your calendar and watch for updates closer to the time of the event.

Thursday, February 10, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Romain Wacziarg, via Zoom

Wednesday, February 16, 3:00 p.m.

Awards Celebration for 2020 and 2021

Via Zoom

Thursday, March 10, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (NOTE TIME)

UCLA Music of Thailand Ensemble, via Zoom

Thursday, April 14, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Speaker TBA, via Zoom

Wednesday, May 11, Dinner (Subject to change)

Awards Celebration for 2022

Speaker TBA

UCLA Faculty Club

4:45 p.m., Reception

6:00 p.m., Dinner

Thursday, May 12, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Dana Cuff, Urban Planning, via Zoom

Tuesday, May 17, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Exhibit

UCLA Faculty Club

Presentations and toast, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 9, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Eileen Strempel, Dean, Herb Alpert School of Music

Via Zoom

EMERITI ARTISTS SHOW AT BELMONT

Belmont Village Senior Living in Westwood has invited UCLA emeriti to exhibit in their gallery. The Emeriti Association Arts & Crafts Exhibit Committee is delighted to collaborate with Belmont to provide art that will be enjoyed by residents and visitors.

Participating artists include **Sharon Belkin, Devra Breslow, Heather Campbell, Shirley Ho, Lewis (Tino) Mingori, Kati Radics, Jill Waterman, and Rachelle Zukerman.**

Emeriti are invited to the **gallery opening event** "Conversations with Art" on **February 22, 2022; 1:00-3:00 p.m.**; 10475 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. Light beverages will be served. Complimentary garage parking is available. RSVP is required. [Click to register](#). All guests must be fully vaccinated and masks are required.

For more information, contact Alicia Thomason at athomason@belmontvillage.com or 310-475-7501.

Shirley Ho, Arts & Crafts Exhibit Chair

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 bimonthly **ERRC Update** published by the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center is emailed the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. [Sign up online](#). If you already receive the **Update**, be sure to **LOOK AT IT** in a timely way!

ERRC Private Show with the UCLA Planetarium

Friday, February 11, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

The UCLA Planetarium, located in the Mathematical Sciences Building, is operated by the UCLA Department of Physics and Astronomy. Our show will be presented by Lynn Saade, an astronomy and astrophysics Ph.D. who uses X-rays to better understand active galactic nuclei.

Join us to learn about supermassive black holes, active galactic nuclei, and their importance in the Universe. Then view our virtual planetarium show in Stellarium, where we will explore some of the objects you can see on a dark, clear night sky. [Click to register](#).

Zoom 101: The Basics

Thursday, February 17, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Hosted by the ERRC with support from UCLA IT Services. We will answer all your general questions!

Open to all UCLA emeriti and retirees. [Register here](#).

Tour of Getty Villa

Thursday, March 3

Presented by the UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA). Watch the upcoming *ERRC Update* for more information about the time and registration. UCLARA members will have priority for reservations; however, Emeriti Association members will be able to sign up if space permits.

Play Reading

March 10th, Scenes from Neil Simon's plays via Zoom
April 14th, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* by Tom Stoppard, Faculty Club at UCLA to be determined or Zoom.

Sponsored by the UCLA Faculty Women's Club with participation by several Emeriti Association members. Meets the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Contact Marjorie Friedlander, friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com, for Zoom invitation.

Tuesday, March 15

Malibu Lagoon

Presented by the UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA). Watch the upcoming *ERRC Update* for more information about the time and registration. UCLARA members will have priority for reservations; however, Emeriti Association members will be able to sign up if space permits.

AFIFI NAMED MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



Distinguished Emeritus Professor **Abdelmonem Afifi**, former Dean of the Fielding School of Public Health (FSPH) was named Membership Chair.

Professor Afifi retired in 2008 after 43 years as a faculty member in the Department of Biostatistics. His methodological research centered largely around multivariate statistical data analysis. His research focused on the properties of various methods of handling missing observations and variable selection in regression and discriminant analysis.

With respect to health research, he worked on developing computer-based prognostic indices for critically ill patients. Other areas in the health field included clinical trials and risk factors for lung and heart diseases.

He is also the co-author of two books on multivariate analysis.

Professor Afifi's recent research included injury prevention, health services research, multi-level models and risk factor analysis.

Until June 2020, Professor Afifi was on recall to the FSPH Biostatistics Department, teaching a course in Applied Multivariate Biostatistics and doing collaborative research in ophthalmology.

He has been on the Emeriti Association (EA) Board as a Member-at-Large since 2018. Now he has taken on one of the most critical positions in the EA during a very challenging time.

Welcome, Professor Afifi. Your skills and experience are very much needed at this time to build our membership so that we can more effectively address new policies affecting UCLA emeriti.

Rosina Becerra, President

After a banner admissions year, UCLA's incoming class was **one of the most diverse in campus history**. Offers of admission to Pacific Islander students more than doubled; offers to African American students increased by 21%; and to American Indian students by 28%.

2021-2022 IN MEMORIAM

The usual In Memoriam list will not be found in this issue. A compilation of faculty and librarian deaths since the last newsletter will be prepared for the next issue.

Passings of current and former Emeriti Association board members are on Page 5.

The Emeriti Association honors all of them and extends our condolences to their friends and family.

THERE IS STILL TIME

We truly need you to become a member. As you may know, the EA seeks to represent and advocate on behalf of all emeriti and retired librarians to campus officials, system-wide administrators, and other entities; and to provide activities and services that allow its members opportunities to remain active and contributing parts of the UCLA community. As an association of emeriti, we speak in one voice on issues that greatly affect us and the university.

If you have been a member in the past, you need to renew your membership *every year* in September.

If you have never been a member, you need to enroll as a new member.

In either case, *click on [Join the UCLA Emeriti Association](#)* to enroll or renew your membership.

There is no deadline for enrollment or renewal: Better late than never.

If you have never been a member, the first-year dues are waived. How many organizations offer you such a sweet deal?

If your membership has lapsed, the membership dues are \$20/year for an individual or \$30 for an individual member and associate member.

Furthermore, membership is free to all who have reached the age of 85.

Please join us to ensure that we speak effectively on behalf of all of us! We look forward to counting you soon as an active member of the Emeriti Association.

*Abdelmonem A. Afifi, Chair
Membership Committee, 2021-2022*

"FAMOUS" EMERITI OFFICERS

Perhaps you've overheard Knudsen Creamery Company mentioned in a student-led campus tour for prospective students and their families. This made-up story may appeal to some. However, before "naming rights" were development opportunities, campus buildings and other facilities were named for faculty who made a significant contribution to the campus.

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?

Learn more about these prominent past Emeriti Association officers in this and future newsletter issues: **Helen Boelter** (wife of **L. M. K. Boelter**, founding dean, School of Engineering and Applied Science), Recording Secretary, 1967 and 1968, Boelter Hall; **Henry Bruman** (geography, Latin America, geography department chair), Member-at-Large, 1987-89, The Henry J. Bruman Map Library (now Collection) and the Henry J. Bruman Chamber Music Festival); and **Ralph Freud** (founder theater arts department), president, 1972, Ralph Freud Playhouse.

FROM THE CENTER

Emeriti Strength & Balance

The UCLA Recreation Center has announced its winter quarter schedule of Strength & Balance sessions for emeriti only. Sessions are offered virtually and meet Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Signups for sessions starting February and March are available!

<https://secure.recreation.ucla.edu/Program/GetProgramDetails?courseId=a849fedd-b9cd-4805-b07c-0cc948419eec&semesterId=6f3162c2-0396-4d3e-b593-dcfe8098ce44>

Zoom 101

Last November and December, the ERRC coordinated a three-part program about Zoom with Student Affairs IT to support questions and challenges retirees have had using this software.

Find the sessions on [ERRC's YouTube channel](#).

Due to the program's popularity, the ERRC will continue Zoom 101 sessions in February 2022. Watch for notices in the ERRC Update distributed on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

UCLA X Open

Last December, the ERRC director participated in a conversation about emerging trends in aging research and recent findings with five other campus specialists on aging. The panel ([The Aging Landscape: Emerging Trends and Changing Perspectives](#)) explored how culture and society shape our views on aging, demographic shifts and their effect on policy, intergenerational engagement, and the benefits of lifelong learning.

The Zoom webinar is available on [UCLA Extension's YouTube Channel](#).

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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