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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Emeriti,
Retired Librarians, and
Spouses:

This past year has been a challenge for everyone — emeriti, faculty, staff, students, our families, friends, and community members as our government officials grapple with an unexpected pandemic

which has upset our lives and our communities. We largely stay at home and wear masks when venturing away from home. We avoid the usual social gatherings which were normally important events in our lives. A major focus of our efforts is securing vaccinations for ourselves and our loved ones.

The Emeriti Association, which represents retired faculty, librarians, and their spouses, fosters continuing connections between UCLA colleagues through its quarterly newsletter, and, normally, through after lunch programs, quarterly dinners, and an annual arts and crafts fair (the current pandemic has required that events be virtual rather than in-person). **The programs are interesting and informative.**

The pandemic has seriously affected the Emeriti Association membership and activities. The Board is considering **enhancing Association membership** by identifying and recruiting individuals whose contributions to the campus are not recognized by formal emeritus status since their payroll source was not linked to the normal UCLA payroll systems — e.g., Veterans Administration, etc.

Although the Emeriti Association has continued its efforts to provide interesting and stimulating **programs online**, these cannot replace the benefits of the in-person interactions of our usual after lunch and dinner programs. Some events have necessarily been postponed or cancelled such as the Arts and Crafts Show and

Awards Dinner. We are using or considering alternative means of holding some events.

Despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, the Emeriti Association is working with the Vice-Chancellor of Academic affairs to select and honor winners of the **Dickson and Goldberg Awards** and the campus nominee for the **Panunzio Award**. These awards honor emeriti who continue productive professional activities and/or make significant contributions to the UCLA community after retirement.

One positive effect of the closing of the campus has been the opportunity for the **unimpeded and long overdue renovation of the Faculty Center**. I encourage you to visit its website (facultycenter.ucla.edu) to learn more about this important project. The Emeriti Association expects to benefit from the modernization of this wonderful facility when the campus returns to “normal.”

Emeriti continue to play an important role in UCLA's efforts to meet the challenges of an unforeseeable future. Emeriti and Retiree activities are coordinated through the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (www.errc.ucla.edu), which has an easy link to the Emeriti Association website. Membership in the Emeriti Association helps maintain a connection to UCLA and one's former colleagues. A membership application is available on the Association website. **I encourage you to join or renew your membership if you have not already done so [Join \(ucla.edu\)](http://ucla.edu)!** Announcements and details of Emeriti Association events are provided in the ERRC e-newsletter distributed to all emeriti twice each month.

The Emeriti Association Board is composed of volunteers dedicated to continued service to their emeriti colleagues and to UCLA. We are always looking for new volunteers. The Board is particularly interested in individuals with interests in working on the Association newsletter. Please contact me with any questions (or better yet to volunteer) at weiss@chem.ucla.edu.

Richard Weiss, President

FROM THE EDITOR

Warm Greetings!

Spring may have sprung our clocks forward and the vernal equinox may have occurred (actually, on the 16th of March in my corner of the world), but we are still aware of winter as the season for this issue of the *UCLA Emeriti Newsletter*. It is once again hybrid, with URLs provided to link to value-added material. Print readers may want to locate the online version on the EA website:

[Newsletters \(ucla.edu\)](https://ucla.edu/newsletters)

We hope you are well, safe, vaccinated, and able to look forward to the gradual return of many aspects of the lives we love.

After years of posting appeals for emeriti to lead the board, I am delighted to be able to share the announcement on Page 3. It is also really terrific to have expertise represented from so many corners of the campus among the members of the board.

While it may seem that this issue is filled with news of losses, we do not want it thought of as a downer. Rather, we choose to honor the service that so many have given the Emeriti Association and the University.

Sharon Belkin is a board member who has a lot to tell when she returns from her summer vacation. I am pleased that she shared an especially eventful adventure in Peru with us beginning on Page 4.

I hope that many of you will answer some questions. When the *Emeriti Newsletter* lands in your inbox or postal mailbox, what do you do with it? What do you read? What do you like? What do you want to see more of? I look forward to your responses:

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Diane Childs, Editor

Please note: **In Memoriam** will be found as a separate addendum to this newsletter. Sadly, it includes 67 names of those who died between February 6, 2019 and March 5, 2021. Of those, six reached the impressive age of 100 or higher. And one died on the eve of his 100th birthday. We honor their passing.

WINTER AFTERNOONS

Despite the great changes wrought by the COVID pandemic and the closure of the Faculty Center for remodeling, the afternoon emeriti/retiree after lunch programs have continued virtually and have drawn large and enthusiastic audiences. Here are some of the winter highlights.

Carolyn Campbell, former communications director of the School of the Arts and Architecture, had served as editor of *Arts Magazine* for 14 years. Throughout this working career, she pursued a passionate interest in learning about and photographing the Père Lachaise Cemetery and “Home of the Immortals” in Paris. She brought the cemetery and her passion to life, in her talk on December 5th. Those of us who have been there and who wandered around in bewilderment, were inspired to return, with her book as a guide.

January was a radical change of pace. Like Pace Mexican salsa, **Arturo O’Farrill**, a Mexican-born jazz musician, the son of Latin jazz musician and the newly appointed Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, headed the program. His students in the Global Jazz Studies and Afro Latin Jazz Program performed a number of their own pieces. They described their inspiration for the pieces they performed, their love of jazz and the program and their goals for the future. They brought down the house.

David Hertz, a local, but world-renowned architect was the February speaker. His fame comes from his futuristic designs and his incorporation of sustainability elements into all of his work. His talk focused on his X-Prize winning work to extract potable water from the atmosphere and to incorporate this technology in to portable, larger scale projects to provide remote villages in various locations with household and irrigation water. Although not a solution for urban areas, it can be a sustainable resource for isolated, poor rural people. His dynamic presentation stimulated our imaginations and many questions.

March returned us to music. Our presenters were a locally renowned couple, **Alan Chapman and Karen Benjamin**. Chapman is a well-known musicologist, raconteur, and fabled host of a number of programs on KUSC; and Benjamin is a creative singer and actress. They developed and performed a program of works by songwriter Jay Livingston and composer Ray Evans. They shared it with us on March 21. In 2006, Alan and Karen performed with lyricist Evans, then age 91, with whom they made special arrangements of the songs. Thanks to the time spent with Evans, Alan was able to tell the fascinating stories behind the songs that reveal the work of this amazing song-writing team. Livingston and Evans' songs include "Que Sera Sera," "Buttons and Bows," "Mona Lisa," "Tammy," and lots more.

If you missed these programs or want to see them again, videos can be found on the ERRC’s YouTube channel at [UCLA Emeriti / Retirees Relations Center - YouTube](https://ucla.edu/emmeriti/retirees-relations-center-youtube). Choose “Videos” at the top of the screen (below the ERRC banner).

Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee Chair

GOLDBERG ON THE TONGVA



Our speaker on April 8, 2021 (1:30-3:00 p.m.), will be a familiar face in a less familiar role. Former Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel and well-known campus personality, **Carole Goldberg** will speak to us about her recent study of the Native Americans amongst us, **the indigenous**

Tongva people who first settled our city and who continue to reside here. Carole—who is so dynamic as a speaker—is a nationally renowned authority on Indian law and has served on numerous scholarly and governmental committees in this area.

Sign up at:

[https://ucla.zoom.us/j/91040207408?](https://ucla.zoom.us/j/91040207408?pwd=TjlrTG0zODEvRGpmUUhvdEpOUDBZdz09)

[pwd=TjlrTG0zODEvRGpmUUhvdEpOUDBZdz09](https://ucla.zoom.us/j/91040207408?pwd=TjlrTG0zODEvRGpmUUhvdEpOUDBZdz09)

Password: lunch

Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee Chair

NAGOURNEY ON POLITICS AND MORE



On May 12, 2021 (1:30-3:00 p.m.), we have a change of pace and format with our featured speaker being **Adam Nagourney** of the *New York Times* who will engage in dialogue with our own **Dan Mitchell** and with **questions from the audience**. This mimics the very successful presentations of Zev Yaroslavsky at

Sandi Geis/The New York Times Emeriti dinners that have kept the audience entranced. The tentative subject will be the fallout from the recent presidential election, but will pivot to subjects that may arise in the news.

He has been a White House correspondent, covered numerous presidential campaigns—including 2020, and served as the *New York Times* Los Angeles bureau chief for many years. He has also written about the restaurant scene in Los Angeles and is the co-author, with Dudley Clendinen, of *Out for Good*, a history of the modern gay rights movement.

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SPRING ELECTIONS

A virtual election for Emeriti Association officers will be held this May. A number of current members of the board will be up for reelection. Additional nominations may be directed to Nominating Committee Chair Ron Mellor at rmellor@ucla.edu.

KINDERMAN ON BEETHOVEN



William Kinderman headlines the June program on the 10th. A Professor of Music at UCLA, Kinderman is going to discuss his exciting new book: *Beethoven: A Political Artist in Revolutionary Times*. An accomplished speaker and popular professor, Kinderman will talk

about Beethoven's life and work against the backdrop of his times. Beethoven, if you recall, wrote the third symphony, *The Eroica*, as a paean to Napoleon after his victory at Marengo and then became disillusioned with him. He was politically engaged in a very interesting time.

William Kinderman is a formidable concert pianist, chamber musician as well as being an international authority on the music and creative process of Ludwig van Beethoven. He is the inaugural holder of the Leo M. Klein and Elaine Krown Klein Chair in Performance Studies.

Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee Chair

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is delighted to report the agreement of two extraordinary candidates for the future leadership of the Emeriti Association. Both are well known to most of us from their long service to UCLA.

Professor Emerita **Rosina Beccera** has agreed to be nominated to be President of the EA and, subject to election in May, will begin her term on July 1, 2021. Among her many administrative positions at UCLA, Rosina Beccera served as Dean of Social Welfare, Associate Vice Chancellor of Faculty Diversity, and is now on recall as Chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

Professor Emeritus **Scott Waugh** has agreed to be nominated as President-Elect and, subject to election, will begin his term on July 1, 2021. On July 1, 2022, he will then begin his term as President of the EA. Scott Waugh has served as Professor and Chair of History, Dean of Social Sciences when it was the largest academic Division at UCLA, and as Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost until his retirement.

We are proud to have recruited two outstanding colleagues to join the leadership of the Association.

Ron Mellor, Chair of the Nominating Committee
Jane Permaul, Nominating Committee Member
Dick Weiss, Nominating Committee Member

THE 2021 ART SHOW IS UNDER VIRTUAL CONSTRUCTION

Yes, folks, your Emeriti artists will be pleased to share what they have been up to. We even hope to have our traditional invitations to introduce the Featured Artist. A marvelous array of images will become available on the Emeriti Association website hosted by the ERRC in May. So, watch for it!

Sharon Belkin, Art Show Chair

Editor's Note: This is what one calls a "tease." The Emeriti Association Arts and Crafts Show is worth "attending" at any time. This year will be different, but worthwhile.

SHARON BELKIN'S ADVENTURE IN PERU

The 1990 Peruvian Amazon trip began with five days at the Tambopata preserve in southern Peru, and was led by our dear Mildred Mathias and entomologist Charles Hogue of the L. A. Natural History Museum, and our Peruvian guide from Lima Tours, Alex. Robert Scott of Chemistry and wife Libby were on the trip, as well as Charles Olmstead of NPI's Mental Retardation Research Center, and Carol Appleton, photographer at UCLA's Pathology Department. Mildred and Charlie had been leading Natural History Field Tours to the Peruvian Amazon for over ten years and I went on four of these. And since my late husband John Belkin was Charlie's major professor, he was an old family friend.



There was a comfortable lodge at the preserve, the Explorers Inn, which provided clean beds and welcome hearty meals after daily treks through muddy trails in magnificent old growth tropical forest, peccaries wallowing, deep tapir tracks and all manner of fascinating insect life. For years Charlie had established the tradition of a free beer at the end of the

day to anyone spotting a walking stick insect, as they were so difficult to notice in the foliage. Carol A. found a mating pair on a small palm, although it did not result in two free beers.

After our days on jungle trails, we were headed to Cusco to explore Inca ruins and hike mountain trails around the Sacred Valley before visiting Machu Picchu. So, back to the small rustic airport of Puerto Maldonado. By rustic I mean dirt roads. And frequent rains. Our Cusco flight was delayed, still in Cusco because of very bad weather. Our tour leaders were considering our alternatives and found out there was a military transport due to arrive. This turned out to be a C-130H Hercules, belonging to the Peruvian Air Force, but leased by a brewery to distribute their beer. It was huge, parked at the far end of the tarmac. Our Cusco flight was no longer delayed but cancelled. And it didn't have the instruments to fly over the Andes when the weather was questionable. About noon our tour leaders negotiated a possible ride on the transport, having collected \$15 from each of us "just in case."



Alex came back to say there was a problem with the C-130 that had to be fixed before it would fly, and they would know later if that would be today. We piled into the open trucks for a nearby cantina and a very quick lunch and Bimbo cola to wash it down. We rushed back to the airport so we wouldn't miss anything, and learned they would not fly today.

Back in Puerto Maldonado, our only real option was the Hotel Wilson, the best lodgings in town and choice of all the flight personnel. It was up a side dirt road with vendor stalls and puddles and stray dogs. Our room had a working fan, to help dry out our wet gear from our drizzly early 3-hour boat ride. The walls were Malachite green.

Dinner. It was pouring rain. The modest establishment around the corner had only enough fish for 20 dinners and they needed volunteers for the alternative "picuru." Even Charlie and the guide Alex didn't

know this name and asked to see it. The cook appeared with the carcass held aloft, about the size of a small dog, skinned and headless. We figured it must be paca, a small jungle mammal, and said fine. It eventually came, although without extended cooking time was tough, but tasty.

The building across the street had a huge poster of author Mario Vargas Llosa, who ran for president that year. Later, in the highlands, we saw many painted signs on rocks along the highway and on sides of buildings in ancient Ollantaytambo for Alberto Fujimori, who won. "El Chinito."

We survived the night in Hotel Wilson, where Carol found a 4-inch green frog on the bathroom wall. At the basin, there were thread-like antennae tips extending from the overflow outlet. One of our party was sufficiently fearful to spend the entire night sitting up in her bed with the lights on.

Thanks to the roosters, we were all awake long before wake-up call at 6:00. No electricity, no water, no candles. Off to a quick breakfast. At the airport we learn it is raining in Cusco, and the plane is still in Lima. The Hercules is our "ace in the hole"...the Cusco flight is cancelled. Then, suddenly, the word from our leaders that we are OUTTA HERE on the transport.



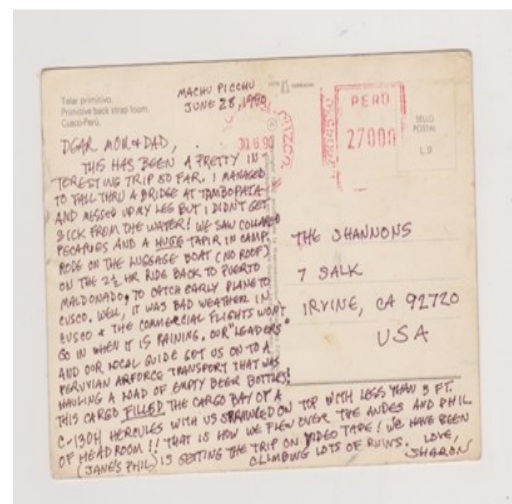
Our leaders were shown to a forward door for a few actual seats up front. We, on the other hand, were allowed to board through the rear cargo bay, a yawning maw at the plane's tail. What we saw was a wall of stacked beer cartons, nearly to the ceiling. We had to pass our carry-ons up to those on top, and scale the stacks by grabbing at the chains holding them in place. Once on top, we had to crawl along on top of the bottles with about 3 feet of headroom to find a spot to sit among the bags. The crates were packed up close to the walls (bulkheads?) of the bay, as far as the eye could see---maybe 40 feet toward the center of the plane. We just couldn't believe it---this was so bizarre and unlikely and ridiculous!



We made ourselves as comfortable as possible, relieved that we would be touching down in 45 minutes. I sat with my legs over the side of the stack just above a window that came up to my knees, and so I could see a slice of the jagged snow-covered peaks of the Andes. And I'll tell you, this was one smooth ride. We were laughing all the way, but at the same time tremendously grateful for the resourcefulness of our instructors and guide.

When I finished this, I almost felt I must apologize to our Newsletter editor because this jungle adventure didn't involve any jaguars or Harpy eagles...but on a walk in Tambopata, we heard the scream of what must have been a bird of prey. All of a sudden, the canopy above us was raining monkeys! They usually hide from humans, but at the sound of an eagle above, they were down at eye level. The lodge keeps a daily log of wildlife sightings and tracks seen, and on which trails. Jaguar tracks were often noted, and we saw some in the mud along a stream. One day an entry noted the sighting of a giant anteater. This is a very large animal, just about the strangest-looking rainforest beast ever imagined. I was very glad that Tambopata was a place they might be seen strolling the trail.

Sharon Belkin, Arts & Crafts Exhibit Chair



PASSINGS

The UCLA Emeriti Association is fortunate to have the help of some wonderful people. We recognize these with appreciation.

Joseph Cascarano, served three terms as treasurer, 1998-1999-2000-2001. He was professor emeritus of ecology & evolutionary biology and retired in 1993. Cascarano studied cell mitochondria. He received the UCLA Alumni Association Distinguished Teaching Award in 1970.



Seymour “Sy” Feshbach was president-elect in 2004-05 and president, 2005-06. He was professor emeritus of psychology and retired in 1994. His accomplishments are memorialized by the Life Sciences Division at [In Memoriam: Seymour Feshbach, Professor Emeritus of Psychology - Life Sciences \(ucla.edu\)](#) and the UCLA Newsroom, [In memoriam: Seymour Feshbach, 95, professor emeritus of psychology | UCLA](#).

Helen Palmer served the Emeriti Association as Recording Secretary with four presidents (1994-95 through 1996-97 and again 1998-99). She died December 8, 2020, and retired from the University Research Library where she was head of cataloging in 1992. During her more than 40 years at UCLA, she had also been a reference librarian in the College Library and head of the audio room. Eddie Murphy remembers her.

I joined UCLA in May, 1998. The Emeriti Association board members during that time remain vivid in my memory. Each, in their own way, helped me to learn the UCLA way and to navigate the world of academia. Helen Palmer was the recording secretary during my introduction to the EA Board. She was quiet, self-exacting and her minutes were impeccable. Remarkably, she managed to care about the board as she cared for her beloved husband David. Oft times, she wheeled him into the office as she went about EA tasks. Her gentle presence was always welcomed at the ERRC; always inquiring about our individual and collective welfare. Her presence lingers in my memory bank and I am ever grateful for the assistance she gave—not only to the Emeriti Association—but to me personally.

Eddie Murphy, ERRC Director, 1998-2014



Florence Ridley was a member-at-large 2004-2006 during Sy Feshbach's presidency. She was professor emerita of English. Three statements have captured her from different points of view. Colleague Andy Kelly's: [Microsoft Word - Ridley HAK obit 25Feb'21 \(ucla.edu\)](#). The UCLA Faculty Center News adapted her

obituary in the *Murfreesboro Post* with additional information from three of her campus friends—including two from the library and one, the English Department:

<https://www.errc.ucla.edu/Portals/10/Documents/EA/FC%20Newsletter%20February%202021%20Florence%20Ridley.pdf>

And the UCLA Newsroom: [In memoriam: Florence Ridley, 98, trailblazing English professor | UCLA](#).

MEET THE UC PRES

UCLA's Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center will host the next CUCEA/CUCRA meeting virtually in April (Wednesday and Thursday, April 28 and 29).

The Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA) meet twice yearly to provide representatives from each of the campus chapters the opportunity to discuss issues of common interest and to share ideas.

CUCEA acts statewide on behalf of the welfare and status of UC emeriti. It “presses for the protection, improvement and extension of a broad spectrum of benefits, such as good and affordable health care options, appropriate cost-of-living adjustments and enhanced academic privileges.”

And, importantly, **CUCEA administers the statewide Emeriti Activities Survey** through its campus coordinators (Sy Levin, at UCLA).

The two organizations meet separately on topics of interest to their particular constituents and jointly for issues of mutual interest. Sessions include discussion with representatives from the Office of the President.

Meetings are usually attended by association presidents, vice-presidents, representatives, and alternatives. **This time, members of the UCLA Emeriti Association are invited to attend.** To be clear, the invitation for non-delegates is as observers.

The part of the meeting most likely to be of interest to emeriti is that of UC President **Michael V. Drake's** remarks. He will join the group on Zoom, Wednesday, April 28 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Space is limited.** Register for the CUCEA/CUCRA Joint Meeting at [CUCRA - The Council of University of California Retiree Associations \(ucsd.edu\)](#).

BELMONT VILLAGE TO GROW

Patricia Will, Belmont Village founder and CEO, reports to the Emeriti Association board that she is “happy to continue our collaboration and vision that together we created in 2008 at Belmont Village Westwood to a new building and community that we are temporarily referring to as Westwood 2.”

Will added “UCLA Affiliates continue to have the benefit of priority waitlist and move in status at both the existing and planned Belmont communities.” With the high demand for senior housing near campus, Belmont’s increased capacity is good news for UCLA emeriti and retirees.

Belmont has been very supportive in collaborating with UCLA emeriti by inviting our artists to exhibit in its foyers and reception areas and the like, hosting ERRC events, and consistently making a generous donation to our treasury.

The new location, also on Wilshire Boulevard, across the street and four blocks to the west, will be occupying the parking lot of Westwood Presbyterian Church, akin to the current location that was built on the parking lot of the Westwood United Methodist Church.

Belmont will be working with Westwood Presbyterian to create a non-denominational pre-school and a shared fellowship hall for congregants and seniors.

Plans call for a 12-story senior housing project with three levels of subterranean parking. The project includes 176 apartments, 53 designed for independent living, 77 for assisted living, and 46 for memory care.

The ground floor will include amenity spaces such as an indoor pool and a screening room. The top floor will have a dining room, lounge, great room, bistro, gym, and outdoor terraces.

Project renderings were presented to the Westwood Village Design Review Board last November. One can be seen here: [12-Story Senior Housing Center to Include Memory Care Guest Rooms and More - SM Mirror](#).

Belmont Village Senior Living:
www.belmontvillage.com

Existing Westwood location:
10475 Wilshire Boulevard

Planned Westwood location:
10822 Wilshire Boulevard

*Roelina Berst
Belmont Village Liaison*

UCLA RETIREES PARTY VIRTUALLY

Members of the 2020 “retirement class” were guests of honor at the ERRC Virtual Retiree Reception held last November.

All emeriti and retirees were invited to the Celebration of All UCLA Retirees that featured greetings and an appreciative video from Chancellor Block. His brief welcome can be found here: <https://ucla.box.com/s/rao5ufx4386ci5m049t081bxy865rtqd>

There were also speeches by Vice Chancellor Mike Levine, Emeriti Association President Dick Weiss, Retirees Association President Sue Abeles, and UCLA Osher Life Long Learning Institute Manager, Anousheh Shayestehpour.

Zoom breakout rooms gave attendees a chance to network. And Retiree Center Director, Ayesha Dixon concluded the program, thanking attendees for their service and asking them to raise a glass to toast this milestone.



Last, but not least, the fabulous students of UCLA’s Resonance a cappella group sang. You can find their entire performance, [here](#).

ERRC director Ayesha Dixon produced the event with assistance from Eric Wang and Maria Lubrano.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Elaine Radoff Barkin, professor emerita of Composition and Music Theory, has edited and curated a tribute to the Australian Poet Composer Chris Mann. Issue 22, 2020, of *The Open Space Magazine* is a 92-page magazine with musical works, videos and artworks composed For Chris Mann. (Go to [The Open Space | Web Magazine \(the-open-space.org\)](#)). A number of Barkin’s pieces are in the *Open Space Bandcamp Discography* ([Music | OPEN SPACE \(bandcamp.com\)](#)). A second collection of Barkin’s music texts and graphics (1980 - 2020) is forthcoming: e2 : an anthology / “Are we nearly there?”, edited by Mark So. Under the auspices of the UCLA Music Library, Hugo Davise Fund “6 Compositions for Piano (1969) was published in 2019 as part of a new Contemporary Score Edition. The Department of Music, now the Herb Alpert School of Music, in commemoration of its centenary has included Barkin’s name on a Faculty Honor Roll.

Michael Owen Jones, professor emeritus of Folklore and World Arts and Cultures, has co-edited *Comfort Food Meanings and Memories*, University Press of Mississippi, May 2017. The lead essay by Jones is "Stressed" Spelled Backwards Is "Desserts": Self-Medicating Moods with Foods." Contributors to the volume focus on items ranging from bologna to chocolate, sweet and savory puddings, "one-eyed Jacks," dairy products, fried rice, cafeteria fare, "doughboys," soul food, and others. All this fare is then related to identity, family, community, nationality, ethnicity, class, sense of place, tradition, stress, health, discomfort, guilt, betrayal, and loss, contributing to and deepening our understanding of comfort food.

Professor emeritus of sociology **Ivan Light** and Leo-Paul Dana have published *Entrepreneurs and Capitalism Since Luther: Rediscovering the Moral Economy* (Lanham MD: Lexington, 2020). At the operating level, the book makes a case for business strategies that exploit an owner's resources of skill, reputation, work-ethic, and social network. A successful business starts with non-monetary resources the owners *already have* in order to get money, not the reverse. To ground that claim in the history of capitalism, starting with Martin Luther and ending with Donald Trump, six contrasting case studies illustrate the priority of non-monetary resources in successful business enterprise. Shifting to a systemic viewpoint in part 2, the book reviews moral ideas that legitimated the market economy in its inception, its growth, and its maturity.

Judea Pearl, Chancellor's Professor of Computer Science emeritus at the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering, has been selected to join the Toyota Research Institute's program on artificial intelligence. With more than \$750,000 in funding over the next two years, his research will focus on transforming data science from its current paradigm, "data fitting," to one that leads to robust and useful data interpretation. In light of the many challenges caused by COVID-19, Pearl noted that such technology advancements could go a long way in preparing for future pandemics, enabling timely public policy directives and societal responses, as well as informing individual health care decisions.

Research professor of Chicana/o and Central American Studies **Susan Plann**'s latest book is *Coming of Age in Madrid: An Oral History of Unaccompanied Moroccan Migrant Minors* (Sussex Academic Press, 2019). *Coming of Age in Madrid* is a longitudinal study of twenty-seven Moroccan youth who migrated to Madrid as unaccompanied minors, passed their adolescence in the Spanish child-care system, and embarked on their lives as young adults. Interviews were conducted over a period of six years in Spain

and Morocco. The stories begin with narrators' lives in Morocco, contextualizing their migratory experience, then follows them - children traveling alone - as they across the Strait of Gibraltar and make their way to Madrid; the study also engages with those who were deported, crossing the Strait once again as they were returned to Morocco.

Jerome Rabow, professor emeritus of sociology, has published his third and fourth mysteries in the Joe Zuma Detective Series: *You Gotta Know the Territory* and *This Ain't Chinatown*. In *Territory*, Zuma returns from vacation with his wife and is immediately confronted with the murder of two women in Santa Monica. In the *Chinatown* mystery, Zuma unravels the murder of a successful female pharmacist who is an orthodox Jew. Rabow has also published two plays. "A View From Above" has characters from WWII, the Roosevelts, the Churchills, Pamela Harriman and Sigmund Freud who argue about the barriers and resistances to achieving an enduring peace and how they might have been overcome. "A Beautiful Mess" illustrates the ways in which a professor seeks to overcome racism, sexism and homophobia in his university class and his parallel struggle to achieve a more egalitarian relationship in his marriage. The two plays are combined in one volume. Copies of all three titles are listed through multiple sources on bookfinder.com.

Fraser Stoddart, professor emeritus of chemistry, has been named as one of the 10 most influential academic in the field of chemistry over the last decade by Academic Influence. A team of academics and data scientists at the Academic Influence website looked at influential chemists over the last decade to determine the most influential chemists in the modern era. Based on their ranking methodology, the individuals included on the list have significantly impacted the academic discipline of chemistry from 2010 to 2020.

Bernard Weiner, distinguished research professor of psychology, is this year's recipient of the Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement in the Science of Psychology, awarded by the American Psychological Foundation. This award is one of the nation's highest honors, recognizing "a distinguished career and enduring contribution to advancing psychological science." Weiner was honored for his development of attribution theory and its application to educational achievement, stigma, interpersonal aggression and pro-social helping behavior, according to a member of the award selection committee. He was also praised for his support of diversity through his mentorship of former students who went on to achieve excellence.

A CELEBRATION!

Let's have dinner together again!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 10, 2021, for our next - and very long-awaited - Emeriti Association dinner! Dinner will take place in the main dining room of the Faculty Club, and we will enjoy meeting with one another again and celebrating our award winners.

This will be our first Emeriti Association dinner since the reopening of the south side of the Faculty Club. While many of the structural and seismic renovations will not be immediately visible, you will notice definite changes in the main dining room and the south restrooms. On the off chance that we will still have pandemic restrictions, you should know that the Faculty Club has plans in place to keep everyone safe. And, this is one time when age has its virtue, since we are all most likely to have been vaccinated!

As usual, you will receive more information about the event as we get closer to the dinner date. In the meantime, if you have menu requests, please send them my way!

*Julie Kwan
Chair, Hospitality*

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY CENTER

The Faculty Center seismic and infrastructure project construction is well underway! The main dining room and the south side of the building will be reopened in September. The project will include new roofing and a much-needed all-new HVAC system that will make the Faculty Center a campus model for sustainable renovation.

A new grease interceptor is being installed that required tearing up the floor of the kitchen and leading to the Sequoia patio. In order to meet code, the south restrooms have been gutted and will be replaced with beautiful new finishes. The Sequoia patio will also be totally renovated.

Finally, there will be new landscaping and exterior painting.

If pandemic restrictions still remain when the Faculty Center reopens, there are plans to manage foot traffic, social distancing, and food service delivery.

A new dynamic website is currently in production as well as a new club management system that will give members more control over their own membership records and payment information.

As a reminder, members may book events beginning in September for the southside rooms (Main Dining Room, Redwood, Sequoia, Boardroom, and Cypress Bar & Lounge). Members may book the northside rooms beginning in March 2022.

*Bruce Miller, Faculty Center Liaison
Julie Kwan, Hospitality Chair and
Faculty Center President*

Editor's Note: It's worth having a look at the construction update photos at [Construction Updates - UCLA Faculty Center](#) and architectural renderings at [Construction - UCLA Faculty Center](#)

AN FWC INVITATION



California Secretary of State **Shirley Nash Weber**, Ph.D., is to speak at the UCLA Faculty Women's Club on April 20th at 1:30 PM (via Zoom). The UCLA Faculty Women's Club is proud to have Secretary Weber as our featured speaker to address her goals as Secretary of State and how her education prepared her for her leadership roles.

Shirley Weber, was sworn into office as California Secretary of State on January 29, 2021. She is California's first Black Secretary of State and only the fifth African American to serve as a state constitutional officer in California's 170-year history.

Weber attended UCLA where she received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in communication studies by the age of 26.

Secretary Weber served four terms as an assembly member representing California's 79th Assembly District, which includes parts of the San Diego region. During her tenure in the Assembly, Weber chaired several important committees and was a member of a number of others. She also served as chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus.

To attend this event, please register in advance using the following registration link: <https://ucla.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErF-CsqDwrE9AgI0rlZ6darYqn80ZQOpUJ>.

You will then receive a link to the Webinar.

*Hélène DesRuisseaux
Faculty Women's Club, Program Committee Chair*

**UCLA Emeriti Association
Annual Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020
Ending on August 31, 2020***

Balance Carried Forward **\$75,070.66**

Income:

Contribution to Art Show**		
Membership Dues	\$11,230.00	
Dinner Receipts***	7,657.01	
Earned Interest	277.26	
Contributions/Donations	11,064.65	
Total Income		\$30,228.92

Expenses:

Art Show**	\$2,909.74	
Dinner Expenses	12,541.46	
Program & Refreshment	3,563.02	
Newsletters & CUCEA Dues & Contribution to Faculty Ctr	5,000.00	
Other Expense	3,015.75	
Total Expenses		-\$35,910.63
PayPal e-Members		536.56
Ending Balance		\$69,925.51

Jane S. Permaul, Treasurer

*Audited by Steve Cederbaum
 **Art Show scheduled for May, 2020 cancelled due to COVID-19; display panels refurbished
 ***Spring dinner cancelled due to COVID-19

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

February 1, 2021

Richard Weiss, PhD
 President, UCLA Emeriti Association

Re: Audit of Emeriti Association Books 2019-2020
 Academic year

Dear Dick,

I attest to having examined the accounts and financial Documents of the UCLA Emeriti Association for FY 2019-2020 and I have found them to be all in order.

Signed

Stephen Cederbaum

Stephen Cederbaum
 Auditor, UCLA Emeriti Association

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EMERITI PHILANTHROPY



Courtesy of Lynn Andrews

Last fall, Emeriti Association Past President **Bernice Wenzel** and her husband **Wendell "Jeff" Jeffrey** were recognized for their philanthropy to UCLA and elsewhere. Their estate left nearly \$9 million to UCLA for psychology, music, the Hammer Museum, the UCLA Library, Henry J. Bruman Chamber Music Festival, and the **Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center**.

Bernice Wenzel was a professor emerita of physiology and psychiatry & biobehavioral sciences and served as president of the Emeriti Association in 1994-95. She was also part of the Wednesday Group --retired faculty and campus leaders that continues to meet weekly at the Faculty Center. Jeff Jeffrey was a professor of psychology emeritus specializing in developmental psychology.

The UCLA Newsroom story can be found at [UCLA faculty couple leaves nearly \\$9 million for psychology, music and other programs | UCLA](#)

PLAYREADING CONTINUES

The UCLA Faculty Women's Club Playreaders group—which includes emeriti readers and directors—have been especially active lately. We have added a second Thursday to the lineup.

Plays have been announced for 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- April 8th-Ellery Queen Radio plays
- April 22nd-*The Comedy of Errors* by William Shakespeare
- May 13th-*Angel Street* (aka *Gaslight*) by Patrick Hamilton
- May 27th-*Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand
- June 10th-Moliere's *Tartuffe*
- June 24th-*Othello* by William Shakespeare

Send your RSVP to Marjorie Friedlander, friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Sign up to participate in the readings with Rochelle Caballero, rrcab90272@cs.com

*Rochelle Caballero and
 Marjorie Friedlander, Faculty Women's Club*

INTRODUCING MARION PETERS



Marion Peters joined the Emeriti Association board as Web Content Master last December. As she says:

December, a month for change, as it marks my arrival to head UCLA's Chemistry Library in 1976. Over a third of a century later on July 1, 2010, I retired as Head, Public Services, Science & Engineering Library. As an auspicious beginning for a future librarian, I was born in Story County, Iowa, where my parents met as graduate students and married. At age six months we left Iowa as my father's academic career led him to Texas where I grew up and attended The University of Texas, graduating from Plan II with a physics concentration in 1972. Then, it was off to UC Berkeley for their Master of Library Science program, followed by my first professional position in 1973 as Sprague Library's Science Reference Librarian for Harvey Mudd College, one of the Claremont Colleges.

Now, as incoming Web Content Master, I have begun reviewing the EA Web pages <https://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/>. I welcome your comments and suggestions for content.

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. It attracts UCLA emeriti and retirees, as well as retired lawyers, physicians, teachers, architects, etc. 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.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has reduced many social activities (as it has elsewhere), but many programs continue on Zoom. We co-ordinate (not *teach*) Study Discussion Groups of about 15 members.

Ron is currently coordinating an SDG on "The Silk Road" and Anne leads one on "Early Jane Austen." We suggest you look into it.

The Plato Society is housed on Gayley Ave. in Westwood, with easy parking for UCLA emeriti faculty. Check us out at <https://www.theplatosociety.org>

*Ron and Anne Mellor,
Members, The PLATO Society of Los Angeles*

LET US WELCOME

The following faculty and librarians joined our ranks October 1, 2020-February 1, 2021. Congratulations!

Peter M. Bentler
Psychology

Lynn Kathryn Gordon
Ophthalmology

Gordon L. Henderson
Music

Janine Jacqueline Henri
Library

William R. Mower
Emergency Medicine

Lari G. Pittman
Art

Robert H. Schiestl
Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Gary W. Small
Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Science

Matthias G. Stelzner
Surgery (Chairman)

Henry Takei
Dentistry

Brett Michael Trueman
Management

CELEBRATING TOSHI



Friends and family gathered via Zoom to celebrate Toshi Ashikaga's life on January 19. The event was sponsored by the Faculty Women's Club. For those who missed it or wish to see it again, a recording of the heartfelt celebration will be available for viewing on YouTube <https://youtu.be/LWbxXkNraZM> until May 31, 2021.

Contributions to the Faculty Center in the amount of \$102 are still being made to honor Toshi in recognition of her age. Go to [UCLA Faculty Center](https://www.ucla.edu/faculty-center). If you check the box for Tribute Gift, her family will be notified.

The Faculty Center Association Board of Governors approved the naming of the area in the Library/Billiards Room the "Toshi Ashikaga Book Exchange."

UCLARA WELCOMES EMERITI

As you scan listings in the twice monthly *ERRC Update*, have you noticed announcements for UCLARA—the UCLA Retirees Association (sometimes referred to as “RA”)? You may have seen notices about Armchair Travel, Monet and Giverny (so popular it had to be repeated), or Seeing Downtown LA with the LA Conservancy (a virtual tour).

These programs and more—about once per month—are arranged for UCLARA members; however, **Emeriti Association members are also invited**. Naturally, RA members have “first dibs.”

For example, registration for the program **Los Angeles: Vintage Cool**, hosted by Los Angeles Conservancy staff members was open to UCLARA members until March 17. Beginning the 17th, the event was open to both UCLARA and Emeriti Association members (and one guest) with all registration closing on March 23. UCLARA paid the Conservancy to give the tour but offered it to RA and EA members at no cost.

UCLARA also has various **interest groups** that can be found on their website. Most are on hiatus due to social distancing. Once they start meeting in person again, non-UCLARA and EA members should be able to join the interest groups as long as they become RA members or affiliates (with Board approval) after attending a group meeting for 1-3 times.

While paying dues to the Emeriti Association merits the bonus of the generous invitations from UCLARA, **emeriti are eligible to be Retirees Association members** and are encouraged to do so. [UCLA Retirees Association - Join Us](#).

WOMEN TAKE THE LEAD

We are delighted to welcome **Rosina Becerra** as the next president of the UCLA Emeriti Association. She extends a long tradition of women in presidential leadership since the organization’s founding in 1967. In chronological order they are:

Meridian Ball (Microbiology), 1976-77; **Margaret Jones** (Pediatrics), 1980-81; **Page Ackerman** (University Librarian), 1986-87; **Mildred Mathias** (Botany), 1988-89; **Roslyn Alfin Slater** (Community Health Sciences, Public Health, and Biological Chemistry), 1989-90; **Mildred Mathias** (Botany), 1991-92; **Bernice Wenzel** (Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences), 1994-95; **Jeanne Giovannoni** (Social Welfare), 1998-99; **Donna Vredevoe** (Nursing), 2010-11; and **Betty Chang** (Nursing), 2015-2016.

These nine women serving 10 terms represent 18 percent of those who were Emeriti Association presidents. When Rosina Becerra is sworn in, she will raise the level to a full 20 percent.

FROM THE CENTER

The ERRC does not have any impact on the covid-19 vaccination queue. But we have curated a collection of [links](#) to recent media articles, federal and state websites with the latest information on the COVID vaccine.

To determine when the vaccine will be available to high-risk 65+ older adults living in the community, you should call or check the websites of your health care provider, local public health department, CVS, and Walgreen's for updates.

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, email him directly at Andrew.Fung@fidelity.com.

Upcoming events:

Getting Started with Streaming TV 3/29:

<https://ucla.zoom.us/join/91234567890>

CUCRA/CUCEA 4/28 & 4/29: President Drake Speaking on 4/28: <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/meetings/2021-04Meeting/register.html>

BruinTech IT / Virtual Support

Our BruinTech colleagues have offered to assist retirees remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is our delight to offer a pool of volunteers to help you with your technical questions. If you need technical support with FaceTime, Zoom, and other technical issues, please [email Maria](#) to connect you with a BruinTech volunteer.

In your email, include:

1. Full name
2. What device or app you need assistance with
3. Your phone number/email address

Ayesha Dixon, ERRC 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.