

# EMERITI *Newsletter*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Emeriti,

**Welcome** to the new academic year. Even for those of us with no academic responsibilities, our lives and our programs are still governed by the rhythms of the academic calendar.

We enter this new year with our structure intact but with another new addition to our leadership team. **Victoria (Vicki) Steele**, recently retired from the Clark Library, has agreed to become our new program chair. Vicki will lead the currently strong team and brings fresh ideas and a whole new field of vision to the program committee. You will see the results of her efforts in the programs for the coming year and beyond.

As always, we are grateful to **Sue Barnes** and her staff of **Eric Wang** and **Maria Lubrano** for their hard work, their imagination and the manner in which they make our existence possible.

Many of you have been privy to our email requests for you to contact the Regents who are considering a proposal to remove the **70% floor** on their contributions to the emeriti and retirees health care plans. A separate article about this topic (Floor No More?) can be found on Page 4.

Apropos of emails, I anticipate that this year we will begin the **transition to emails** as our primary means of communicating to the members. If the board approves, we will, at some point following this "snail-mail" to all members, continue to send out correspondence to all of you with no email addresses by regular mail.

At last count, there were more than 400 people eligible for membership in the Emeriti Association who have not reported an email address to the ERRC. Those with email will get a notice by email asking you to request your newsletters and other communications by regular mail if you wish, but email will be our default communication with you. The majority of emeriti and retiree organizations in California and around the country operate in this manner, and costs and other logistical considerations mandate that we move in this direction as well. In this way we will get

the benefits of these savings and still be able to accommodate those of you uncomfortable with this change.

Finally, a word about **the Faculty Center**. Those of you who are members, who get the newsletters and who are generally attuned to happenings on campus, are aware that the Faculty Center is facing some severe financial pressures. Bruce Miller and I have written a separate article on this topic that you can read on Page 2.

**In closing** I want to reiterate my welcome to you and hope that you will continue your membership in the Emeriti Association and continue to join in, take advantage of, and contribute to everything that we do.

*Steve Cederbaum*  
President

## 50<sup>TH</sup> EMERITI ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

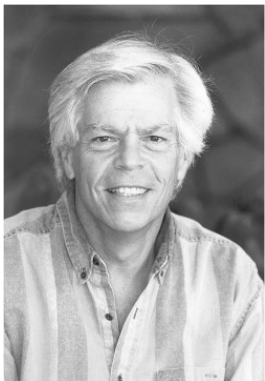
Our November dinner will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UCLA Emeriti Association. Our evening theme, "**To Our Health**," has a number of meanings. At our pre-dinner reception, we will toast in honor of the health of each of us individually, the health of our association, and the health of our partners, especially the Faculty Center.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new, including former EA presidents, and a special guest, **Eddie Murphy**, who provided many years of leadership and support for the organization as Director of the ERRC.

The **celebration** will take place at the pre-dinner reception on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 4:45 pm in the Faculty Center.

**Fall Dinner Speakers Wendelin Slusser  
and Michael Goldstein**

Our Fall Dinner speakers, **Wendelin Slusser** and **Michael Goldstein**, will tell us more about the health of UCLA and the innovative changes the **Healthy Campus Initiative** has brought to UCLA and to the UC system.



Michael Goldstein, now Professor Emeritus of Public Health - Community Health Sciences, was the first Associate Vice Provost for the Healthy Campus Initiative, and spearheaded the launch of this incredible endeavor.

After Michael's retirement, Wendelin (Wendy) Slusser, assumed the AVP role and expanded HCI's outreach. Because of these two exceptional leaders, disparate parts of campus life have been brought together and have created a strong program that reaches beyond UCLA to the UC system and to other regional and national health efforts.

Goldstein's vision and expertise in Community Health Sciences was critical to HCI's launch. "Live Well" is HCI's nickname and is very apt for this campus-wide wellness movement that chose as its goal to make UCLA the healthiest university campus in America.

It was Goldstein's vision to build a bottom-up program that engaged existing health-related groups, programs, and activities that already existed on campus and to use UCLA's cutting-edge research to create new programs.

HCI originally included four areas of emphasis: food and nutrition, mental health, exercise and physical fitness, and the built environment on campus. Faculty members led each of these areas of emphasis, connecting individuals and programs with similar interests from across campus to build on strength.



Slusser continued the drive with incredible dynamism and creativity. Under her leadership, HCI fostered the development of new academic programs, an undergraduate Food Studies Minor and a Graduate Certificate Program in Food Studies. She has expanded the opportunities for students to participate in HCI by engaging an increased number of graduate student researchers who conduct HCI-supported

wellbeing-related research, and hiring undergraduate students to carry out administrative work for HCI while developing valuable leadership skills for themselves.

Slusser also galvanized the establishment of a new botanical garden in the area of the amphitheater in the

Sunset Canyon Recreation Center. Plots in the Jane B. Semel HCI Community Garden are available not only for use by student groups, but also faculty, staff, and emeriti.

She has been a driving force in promoting health within the UC System by her contributions to the UC Healthy Campus Network which was modeled on UCLA's program.

The Healthy Campus Initiative was first conceived and funded by Jane and Terry Semel. Jane B. Semel, who remains actively involved in HCI activities and plans, has worked extensively with both Goldstein and Slusser.

Goldstein holds a Ph.D. from Brown University. He has served in multiple administrative positions at UCLA and in the Academic Senate. His research interests include the sociology of medicine and health promotion and the use of complementary and alternative medicine in chronic illnesses.

Slusser holds degrees in medicine and nutrition from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She is Board Certified in Pediatrics and, in addition to her AVP role, continues to serve as Associate Clinical Professor in Health Policy and Assistant Clinical Professor in Pediatrics. She has served as Medical Director of the UCLA Fit for Healthy Weight program.

The Emeriti Association is grateful to Sue Barnes who attends HCI meetings, always in the search for interesting activities for emeriti and retirees.

The **Fall Dinner** will take place on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 6:00 pm in the Faculty Center. The speakers will follow at 7:00 pm.

## THE FACULTY CENTER AT UCLA: AN UPDATE

The Emeriti Association has continued in its staunch support of the UCLA Faculty Center. Last academic year we made a matching gift to the center of \$12,000, and we estimate that with this gift, the emeriti have contributed over \$40,000 in support of the center.

Despite this support, the Center has sustained enormous losses over the last decade and has depleted the reserves completely. Even if it manages to break even on its current operations, it cannot develop the enormous resources for much needed repairs.

Given the importance of the Faculty Center to the

emeriti for both formal and informal involvement with the campus, the board has authorized, me, as the president, and Bruce Miller as our formal representative to the Center's Board to attempt to mediate between the administration and the Faculty Center board and to reach an accommodation to sustain the Center in the long term and to achieve much needed repairs.

We have met with both the Chancellor and his staff and the board of the Faculty Center. We believe that an accommodation is possible and negotiations are ongoing. The administration recognizes the distrust that the plan for the Luskin Center at the current Faculty Center site engendered and the need to maintain the Faculty Center operations largely as they are currently. The Faculty Center board is more realistic about its current plight and seems to understand the efforts being made by the administration to be accommodating.

We have high hopes that a meeting between Chancellor Gene Block and the Center's President Belinda Tucker will help the process. We will continue to encourage both "sides" to continue the fair negotiating process.

*Bruce Miller*  
*Faculty Center Representative*  
*Steve Cederbaum*  
*President*

## PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS

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

## PLAY READING NEWS

The Play Readers' ninth season is underway. New and returning members are welcome to join informal evenings at the Faculty Center. The group was founded by the UCLA Faculty Women's Club, with participation by members of the Emeriti Association, the Retirees Association, and others from the UCLA community.

On November 9 at 7:00 pm, the group will read and discuss *True West* by the American playwright and actor Sam Shepard, who died earlier this year. The play explores the complicated relationship between two adult brothers.

No play reading in December. Next up, on Thursday January 11, the play will be *You Can't Take It With You*, a romantic comedy (with lots of parts for readers) by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart.

Playreading will continue on the second Thursday of each month through May, with details to be announced.

There's no charge to attend, and guests are always welcome. If you'd like to read a part, rehearsals generally happen on the first Thursday of the month at 7, also at the Faculty Center.

Meetings of the Play Readers are preceded by dinner at the Faculty Center at 5:30 pm, with the director and members of the cast. Each person pays for his or her own dinner. Please let the Play Readers know if you'd like to reserve a place for dinner before a performance. If you're coming just for the performance, no reservation is required, but they would appreciate knowing so they can plan accordingly.

If you'd like to be on the Play Readers' mailing list, or for questions about directing, reading a part or attending a reading, please contact chairperson Rochelle Caballero ([rrcab90272@cs.com](mailto:rrcab90272@cs.com)). To make a dinner reservation at the Play Readers' table, please contact Marjorie Friedlander ([friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com](mailto:friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com)).

*Marjorie Friedlander*

## 2016-2017 GOLDBERG AWARD WINNER

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



**Judith (Judi) Smith**, retired as Senior Dean and Convener of the College Cabinet of Deans (Letters and Science) in

2012. In 2014, she was asked to become executive director of the (still-"virtual") Herb Alpert School of Music and the School's interim dean. This was more than a full-time job, but she undertook it, did a superlative job in what might have otherwise seemed an impossible situation (being tasked with fusing three departments into a cohesive school). She has now formally become Founding Dean of the School, lending her considerable dynamism, charisma, and collegiality to the School and enhancing its visibility and presence on campus.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS



At the **39th Sylvia Winstein UCLA Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit** presented by the UCLA Emeriti Association in cooperation with the UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center on May 16, 2017, featured artist Jim Turner sits with his wife, Gloria Turner; past chair of the committee, Noël Carterette; current chair, Sharon Belkin; and long-time committee member and stalwart Kathi Yamazaki.

Jim says, “I’ve always messed around with one thing or another: drawing, painting, carving, assemblage, collage, etc. Although I never had formal instruction, I’ve always been interested in what others do and have looked extensively (from cave walls to the Louvre) and read broadly on art.”

Jim was joined by 25 other artists, five of whom were first-time exhibitors. In the afternoon, following a bubbly toast, exhibitors and their guests enjoyed a lavish buffet on the Faculty Center patio.



Toshi Ashikaga stands with one of her signature floral arrangements.

**More photos from the Art Show can be found on the Emeriti Association website.**

## READ AND TRADE

The Faculty Center Book Exchange is thriving. Not only is it “decorative,” but it attracts people who aren’t even members of the Faculty Center but happen to be visiting.

The exchange was founded by EA member Norah Jones more than 30 years ago in order to facilitate leisure reading and allow people to share books they enjoy with others who might like them too.

Exchange Chair Toshi Ashikaga and her committee are very grateful for the generous contributions of fiction, mysteries, and non-fiction. And the 35 monthly regulars are grateful for their work.

Every year the shelves are gone through and books that have not circulated in the current year are thinned out. On June 28, 2017, a team of eight spent the morning going through books. After each one was taken down and checked, the shelves were dusted and cleaned and the remaining books reshelved—ready for the coming year. More than 300 books were identified to be discarded.

There is no fee to borrow books and no time limit to return them. The book exchange committee welcomes new readers and traders.

## FLOOR NO MORE?

As many know, the Regents are considering a proposal to remove the 70% floor on their contributions to the emeriti and retirees health care plans. This open-ended proposal will cost all of us, but have the most impact on those whose retirement incomes are the lowest.

The proposal, originally on a Regents committee agenda in July (and noticed by Dan Mitchell), was postponed to November when it was so forcefully called to their attention that this item was to be

addressed without any consultation whatsoever.

The process is now normalized and underway, but whether the efforts are serious or *pro forma* remains to be seen.

Please remain alert for our emails and requests for rapid responses should this be necessary. Those who do not have email may wish to team up with emeriti who do.

Email regarding this issue may be sent to the regents using the subject line "Retiree Health Care—Rescinding of 70% Floor." Postal mail can be sent to Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Regents; 1111 Franklin St., 12th Floor; Oakland, CA 94607.

*Steve Cederbaum*

## RIP

*The UCLA Emeriti Association acknowledges the loss of two past-presidents and extends our deepest sympathy to their families.*

**Dr. Eric (Rick) Fonkalsrud** served as president for the 2011-2012 year. Following his term, he continued on the board as chair of the program committee. Although a pediatric surgeon, Rick read widely about medicine and was well known for his reports to the board about developments of potential interest to us. Dr. Fonkalsrud died April 6, 2017, at the age of 84. A memorial was held on May 17.

**Dr. W. Eugene (Gene) Stern** was Emeriti Association president for 1993-1995. As one of the earliest presidents still living at the time that the 50th Anniversary committee began planning, we hoped to consult Dr. Stern as a resource and potential speaker. Sadly, he died July 27, 2017, at the age of 97. A memorial was held on August 19. Dr. Stern joined the Department of Surgery at the newly established UCLA School of Medicine in January 1952, and became the founding chief of neurosurgery.

## NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR EMERITI AWARDS

University-wide and campus-wide awards (the **Panunzios**, the **Dicksons**) and the newest--The **Goldberg Service Awards** are now solicited.

Descriptions of the awards and their respective deadlines are below. Announcements about UCLA's Dickson and Goldberg award winners for 2016-2017 are on Page 3 and 7.

### Constantine Panunzio Award

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

The 2016/2017 awardees were Neil Smelser, UC Berkeley (Sociology) and Margaret Norris, UC Irvine (English and Comparative Literature).

UCLA candidates are evaluated by the Association's Awards Committee and reviewed by the deans of the humanities and social sciences. A single UCLA candidate is selected for the statewide competition.

**Nominations for the Panunzio Award must be submitted to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Panunzio\\_Award](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Panunzio_Award) by Friday, December 8, 2017.**

### Dickson Emeritus Professorships

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

### Carole Goldberg Emeriti Service Award

The Carole Goldberg Emeriti Service Award was initiated in 2015 by then Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Carole Goldberg to honor and recognize those emeriti who were serving our campus disproportionately in an administrative role, but were no less worthy of recognition.

**Nominations for Dickson or Goldberg awards must be made using the online form at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Emeriti\\_Awards\\_2018](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Emeriti_Awards_2018) by Friday, January 26, 2017.**

Nominations consist of a cover letter outlining the nominee's distinctive scholarly work and/or educational service since retirement; Curriculum Vitae; and supporting letters (2 minimum) from leaders in the field commenting specifically on the nominee's achievements since retirement.

Each UCLA department or school may nominate one candidate for each award. Individual emeriti may self-nominate or be nominated by others.

Well-prepared dossiers are the most likely to be successful. And success is rewarded well.

*Steve Cederbaum for the Awards Committee*

## LET US WELCOME

Joel Aberbach  
*Political Science*

Carol Aneshensel  
*Community Health Sciences*

Oddvar Bendiksen  
*Mechanical & Aerospace  
Engineering*

Keri Botello  
*Information Studies*

Linda Bourque  
*Community Health Sciences*

Ellen Carpenter  
*Psychiatry & Biobehavioral  
Sciences*

Patrick Coleman  
*French & Francophone  
Studies*

William Cumberland  
*Biostatistics*

James Denardo  
*Political Science*

David Dolinko  
*Law*

Gordon Fain  
*Integrative Biology &  
Physiology*

Roger Farmer  
*Economics*

Diane Favro  
*School of Arts & Architecture*

Lawrence Feldman  
*Microbiology, Immunology &  
Molecular Genetics*

Thomas Garrick  
*Psychiatry & Biobehavioral  
Sciences*

Juan Gómez-Quiñones  
*History*

Charles Goodwin  
*Communication Studies*

James Goodwin  
*English*

Marjorie Harness Goodwin  
*Anthropology*

Lev Hakak  
*Near Eastern Languages &  
Cultures*

Roger Herman  
*Art*

Robert Hicks  
*Chemical Engineering*

Lane Hirabayashi  
*Asian American Studies*

Joseph Horwitz  
*Ophthalmology*

Raymond Ingersoll  
*Earth, Planetary, and  
Space Sciences*

Reid Johnson  
*Biological Chemistry*

Adam Jonas  
*Pediatrics*

Burglind Jungmann  
*Art History*

Jack Katz  
*Sociology*

Mary Kelly  
*Art*

Deborah Koniak-Griffin  
*Nursing*

Angelia Leung  
*World Arts & Cultures/  
Dance*

Françoise Lionnet  
*French & Francophone Studies*

Danny Litt  
*Management*

Rose Maly  
*Family Medicine*

Ronald Mito  
*Dentistry*

Donald Morisky  
*Community Health Sciences*

Sherie Morrison  
*Microbiology, Immunology &  
Molecular Genetics*

Paul Ong  
*Asian American Studies  
Public Affairs & Urban Planning*

Susan Plann  
*Chicana/o Studies*

Andrew Pullinger  
*Dentistry*

Nancy Reifel  
*Dentistry*

Timothy Rice  
*Ethnomusicology*

Angela Riggio  
*Library*

Karen Rowe  
*English*

Lisa Rubenstein  
*Health Policy & Management*

Eduardo Schwartz  
*Management*

David Scott  
*Art History  
UCLA/Getty Conservation  
Program*

Charles Stanish  
*Anthropology*

Victoria (Vicki) Steele  
*Clark Library*

Donka Minkova Stockwell  
*English*

Lois Takahashi  
*Urban Planning*

David Wellisch  
*Psychiatry & Biobehavioral  
Sciences*

John Wilson  
*Law Library*

Alan Yuille  
*Statistics*

## 2016-2017 EDWARD A. DICKSON AWARD WINNERS

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



**Robert (Bob) Bjork**, professor emeritus of psychology, is widely regarded as one of the world's leading scholars on the topic of human learning and memory.

Since his retirement he has won a number of awards including the James McKean Cattell Award (with Elizabeth L. Bjork); 120th UCLA Faculty Research Lecturer, 2013; Elected Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2012; and Norman Anderson Lifetime Achievement Award, Society of Experimental Psychologists. He has remained a prolific scholar and highly sought-after lecturer. Bjork continues to teach classes, mentor graduate students, and serve on important departmental committees. He remains a giant figure on campus.

**E. Richard (Dick) Stiehm**, professor emeritus of pediatrics, is a renowned pediatric immunologist. He has been working virtually full time since retirement in research,



teaching, clinical and consulting work at UCLA, throughout the United States, and globally. The bible of pediatric immunology, Stiehm's *Immune Deficiencies*, was revised and published by Elsevier in 2014. Additionally, Dr. Stiehm is the editor-in-chief for Immunology for *UpToDate*, the most widely used online compilation of evidence-based medical information. In addition, he remains active in the publication of original material. Both inside and outside his department, he remains a valued mentor, an energetic university servant, and a beloved colleague.



**Martin Wachs**, professor emeritus of urban planning, served UCLA for 25 years before continuing his career at UC Berkeley

and at the Rand Corporation.

Since returning to UCLA, he has continued to pursue his career as an active classroom teacher with a large load of classes, a contributor to many seminar discussions, a mentor to graduate students and faculty, a highly visible public servant, and an active and well-funded researcher. Wachs lectures nationally and serves on a number of important committees in transportation policy, his specialty. He is considered an important figure in the present and future of the Department of Urban Planning and the Luskin School.

## THE BIG FOUR-O!

The new academic year opens amid planning for the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration of our beloved **Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit** on May 15, 2018.

The Art Show Committee strives to bring you this event with conviviality and a most varied artistic experience.

Sylvia Winstein was a gracious woman with an exceptional vision. She guided the early years of this one-day celebration of Emeriti artists and artisans to become the cherished tradition it is today. What she loved most was the creativity of emeriti and the wide range of artistic endeavors they displayed. Paint, throw pots, carve wood, sew, work with baubles, bangles and beads, write poems, or grow flowers. All arts are appreciated.

We welcome emeriti and spouses who may be considering participating in the show. For questions, please call Sharon Belkin, Art Show Chair (310-837-9704 or [amazon@ucla.edu](mailto:amazon@ucla.edu)). You may also contact Dr. Barbara Lippe, [blippe@ucla.edu](mailto:blippe@ucla.edu).

*Sharon Belkin  
Art Show Chair*

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**Did you know?** UCLA is really getting serious about green power. There's an entire wall in the parking structure that serves the medical center that is dedicated to EV charging. On a recent morning, it was almost full. A woman "of a certain age" was seen smiling while tugging the cord from the charging station to her car's port.

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**UCLA students** use Uber and Lyft to get from the dorms to class and vice versa. Another sign of changing times.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**Diane Favro**, professor emerita of architecture and urban design, was named the 2017-2018 Samuel H. Kress Professor by the National Gallery. The Kress professorship is one of four prestigious professorships appointed each year by the National Gallery's Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts (CASVA).

In addition to pursuing independent research, the Kress Professor is the senior member of the CASVA and counsels six predoctoral fellows. Throughout the year, Favro plans to pursue her own research on Roman arches as infrastructural propaganda.

**Sandra Harding**, distinguished research professor of education, has taken part in founding a new open access journal: "Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology and Society." The journal is created with sponsorship from the Universidad de Las Americas Puebla in Mexico and the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, Latin American Institute and Graduate School of Education and Information Studies.

The journal's name is derived from the Quechua word "tapuy," which means knowers who question. The journal will examine issues, perspectives and methods most relevant to Latin America.

History associate professor emeritus **Robert Hill** is among 16 individuals, from indigenous political and cultural leaders to an internationally renowned photographer, who are receiving honorary degrees from the University of Toronto. In awarding honorary degrees, the University of Toronto has two aims: to recognize extraordinary achievement in community, national or international service; and to honor individuals whose accomplishments are of such excellence that they provide, through example, inspiration and leadership to the graduates of the university.

Referred to as the "archaeologist of black memory," Hill is one of the world's leading authorities on the global influence and intellectual currents of Pan-Africanism in the 20th century.

**Margaret Kivelson**, professor emerita in the Department of Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences, has been selected as the winner of the 2017 Gerard P. Kuiper Prize for outstanding contributions to planetary science by the American Astronomical Society's Division for Planetary Sciences. The prize recognizes

and honors outstanding contributors to planetary science and is awarded to scientists "whose achievements have most advanced our understanding of the planetary system." The Kuiper Prize is the highest award presented by the society to a planetary scientist.

Kivelson is being honored for her studies of Jupiter's magnetospheric plasmas to understand the interiors of planets and their moons. Her pioneering discoveries of an ocean inside Jupiter's moon Europa and a magnetic field generated by neighboring Ganymede, Jupiter's largest moon, "showed us that these icy bodies are not inert but dynamic worlds," the AAA citation says.

In a new book, Luskin School of Public Affairs professor emeritus and author **Jack Rothman** chronicles his journey to find the forgotten village in Ukraine where his family had lived for generations. For Rothman, planning a visit to his parents' birthplace, Butsnivits, was challenging. The biggest issue: No map seems to acknowledge the existence of such a place.

In his self-published book, "Searching for Butsnivits: A Shtetl Tale," Rothman sets off to find the titular shtetl, a word for a small Jewish village, of which his father would speak fondly about.

After writing 25 other books in more traditional academic prose, Rothman's latest publication takes on a more personal feel. Described in the introduction as "part autobiography, part social history, and part detective story," Rothman pieces together clues to the shtetl life of his parents in early 20th century Ukraine.

"Searching for Butsnivits: A Shtetl Tale" is available via Amazon.

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## SAVE THESE DATES

**December 7, 2017**  
After-Lunch Program

**January 11, 2018**  
After-Lunch Program

**February 21, 2018**  
Winter Dinner

**March 8, 2018**  
After-Lunch Program

**April 12, 2018**  
After-Lunch Program

**May 9, 2018**  
Spring Awards  
& Dinner

**May 15, 2018**  
Arts & Crafts Exhibit

**June 14, 2018**  
After-Lunch Program



## IN MEMORIAM

Forrest H. Adams, M.D.	Marsha Kmec
Marilyn McCord Adams	Roman Kolkowicz
Pauline Crose Alchian	Michael M. Laks, M.D.
Eva López Barcia	David D. McFarland
Theodore Berg, Jr.	Thomas Minor***
William (Bill) Charles Brown	Betty Page**
Donald Carlisle	David D. Porter, M.D.
James S. Catterall	Ronald M. Reisner, M.D.
Malcolm S. Cole	Mark Sawyer***
Dennis Wesley Cope, M.D.	Arnold (Arne) Scheibel, M.D.
Rodolfo Vittorio (Rudy) De Sapia	Raymond G. Schultze, M.D.
Earl Eldred, M.D.	Verne N. Schumaker
Eric W. (Rick) Fonkalsrud, M.D.	Oscar Scremin, M.D.
John Friedmann	W. Eugene (Gene) Stern
Paul H. Guth, M.D.	Betty Takahashi
Peter (Pierre) Haidu	Paul K. C. Wang
James E. Hansen	William D. Warren
Barbara Henker	Carol West*
Elizabeth (Betty) Herman	Wilson C. Wilhite, Jr., M.D.
Robert Henry Hethmon	Harold M. Williams
Claude L. Hulet	Yda Ziment**
Solomon A. Kaplan, M.D.	Arline Zuckerman
Ronald Lewis Katz, M.D.	*Spouse
Keith T. Kernan	**Surviving Spouse
	***Died in Service

## NEWS FROM THE CENTER

The Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC) has had a busy quarter already, coordinating with the chancellor’s office to plan a reception for new retirees and emeriti, communicating information, answering questions about the potential changes to retiree health care premiums, and supporting the emeriti and retirees associations. In the coming month, the staff will provide support to emeriti and retirees throughout the Open Enrollment period.

As a reminder, the ERRC coordinates a variety of emeriti privileges. Contact the ERRC at (310) 825-7456 to inquire:

### **Emeriti Campus Parking Privileges**

Emeriti are eligible for two different types of parking privileges:

- Emeriti Parking permit** (currently \$150 per year)—valid in X and Blue stalls with some exceptions. The ERRC verifies emeriti eligibility for parking privileges, so please call us for details or to obtain a permit. Librarians must have had emeritus status conferred in order to qualify for X privileges.

- RideCard** (free)—Those who visit the campus less frequently may obtain a RideCard at no charge that provides for a discounted daily rate (currently \$6). With the RideCard, you must stop at a kiosk to purchase a discounted parking ticket each time you visit campus. Contact the ERRC to request a RideCard.

For those who were permit holders or RideCard holders last year, Parking Services mailed renewal notices in mid-April. If you did not receive a renewal notice, please contact them at (310) 206-3877.

**Did you receive your 2017 COLA?** UCRP and UC-PERS Plus 5 Plan benefit recipients who retired after before July 1, 2016, received an increase that appeared in July 31 checks. Amounts ranged from 2.00% to 3.09%, depending on retirement date.

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**Words of wisdom:** “If you have a rich life, then you’ll have sorrows, too.” Leena Löfstedt

### Emeriti *BruinCards*

Emeriti may obtain a *BruinCard*, which provides discounts at various campus venues and events, including arts performances, athletic events, recreational facilities, Central Ticket Office purchases and University Extension classes. To obtain a *BruinCard*, contact the ERRC.

### Notary services

The ERRC offers complimentary notary services for emeriti and their spouses/partners. Call the ERRC to schedule an appointment with Eric Wang.

### Meet with a Fidelity Guidance Consultant

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

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