# UCLA **EMERITI** Newsletter Fall 2023

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#### **President's Message**



Dear Fellow Emeriti. Retired Librarians, Partners and Friends.

I am pleased to welcome you to the start of another academic year. I am especially pleased to welcome those of you who have recently joined the ranks of retired faculty and librarians and are now beginning

their first year of retirement. It is an exciting and rewarding time of life and the Emeriti Association provides activities and programs to help enrich the experience. As long-standing members are aware, the EA also advocates vigorously on behalf of retirees to preserve their rights and due rewards. The EA also works closely with the Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel, Professor Michael Levine, to address issues vital to Emeriti. The Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC) provides support for emeriti and retirees, coordinates activities and programs, and helps address issues involving emeriti and retirees. So, you are not alone and you have individuals and organizations prepared to help you.

As in years past, the EA has a rich store of programs for the coming year: from after lunch programs featuring faculty at UCLA, to three dinners with exciting speakers, to the annual Emeriti Art Show. The EA has also worked closely with the Retirees Association - members of the staff - to enhance its programming and offer special events. In addition, the EA, in conjunction with the Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel, honors outstanding Emeriti by selecting the winners of the Dickson, Goldberg and Panunzio Awards. The awards recognize the outstanding contributions that Emeriti continue to make in research, teaching and service.

As in years past, problems crop up in the administration of retirees benefits and the EA acts to resolve them. This year, many emeriti survivors experienced considerable hardship in securing their rightful health benefits after the death of a spouse in a timely manner. Those delays were contrary to the benefits to which survivors were entitled. Under the leadership of Dan Mitchell, the EA Board brought this problem to the attention of EA and Retiree Associations systemwide (the Councils of UC Emeriti and Retiree Associations [CUCEA and CUCRA]) who have joined in the effort to resolve the situation. With the support of the Board, Professor Mitchell has been untiring in his efforts to get the Regents to acknowledge their responsibility and make simple changes that would correct the problem. It is a good example of the ongoing vigilance and support that the EA provides for the Emeriti community.

Membership in the EA is therefore one way you can make a difference for yourself and your colleagues. The EA fosters connections among the Emeriti themselves and among the Emeriti, UCLA and the UC system. Joining is simple and inexpensive. I encourage you all to visit the EA website, where you can easily sign up: emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/Join. The ERRC, in the capable hands of its Director, Avesha Dixon, who is supported by Maria Lubrano and Lam Luu, can answer any questions you may have about the EA and joining.

You can go a step further and volunteer your service to the EA Board. You can be helpful in a variety of ways from working on the annual emeriti art fair to programming. Anyone on the Board would be happy to explain to you what we do and how you can help.

Once again, I urge you to join the EA and then join us at our first dinner of the new year on 15 November, which will feature Professor Neil Garg from the Chemistry Department as our guest speaker. It is sure to be a wonderful evening and discussion and I look forward to seeing you there.

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## Neil Garg dinner Nov. 15 will celebrate the art of teaching



Photo credit: Jesse Herring

The Emeriti Association invites you to dinner at the Faculty Club on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 and an engaging UCLA Conversation on "The Art of Teaching" with Neil Garg, who is Distinguished Professor, Kenneth N. Trueblood Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, former chair of UCLA's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and 2018 recipient of our country's most important award for outstanding university teaching — the prestigious Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching, which is given once every two years to honor extraordinary, inspiring teachers with a positive, longlasting effect on students and a record of distinguished scholarship. Professor Garg, the only UCLA professor to win this award, has made organic chemistry one of UCLA's most beloved undergraduate courses. He will discuss with Stuart Wolpert how he has achieved this and his work to engage students worldwide in the importance of organic chemistry. In his awardwinning research, Professor Garg develops new chemical transformations that enable the synthesis of important organic molecules.

A reception will begin at 4:45 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and the program at 7:00 p.m. The program will be part of this year's new series of UCLA Conversations with outstanding experts on important topics that we hope will be of broad interest.

To register, go to: <u>ucla-ea-dinner-fall-</u> <u>2023.eventbrite.com</u>. Reservations must be received by **12 noon, Wednesday, November 8, 2023.** 

UCLA Conversations will also be held at our Feb. 21, 2024 dinner with **Lynn Vavreck**, UCLA's Marvin Hoffenberg Professor of American Politics and Public Policy, and an expert on political campaigns, elections, and public opinion; and our May 15, 2024 dinner with **Amy Rowat**, UCLA's Marcie H. Rothman Professor of Food Studies. Upcoming EA newsletters will say more about those dinners.

We hope to see you there and welcome your participation in the conversations, each of which will begin with an interview/ conversation, followed by an audience Q&A with our expert of the month.

Stuart Wolpert, Program Committee Chair

#### Join us for free After-lunch conversations starting Sept. 14 with Prof. Alan Castel and Oct. 12 with Prof. David Schaberg

Join us as we launch a new series of UCLA Conversations with outstanding experts. The series starts with three after-lunch programs at the Faculty Club. These after-lunch programs are free to attend, but space is limited. The fall programs will be:

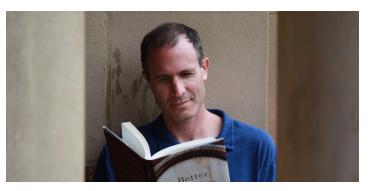


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#### Thursday, September 14: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

The Emeriti and Retirees Associations invite you to an engaging UCLA Conversation with UCLA Psychology Professor **Alan Castel**, author of "Better with Age: The Psychology of Successful Aging" (Oxford University Press). Professor Castel will discuss lessons he has learned from research studies and personal accounts from older Americans, including John Wooden, Professor Jared Diamond, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Maya Angelou, Warren Buffett, Vin Scully and Bob Newhart. In addition to his insights on successful aging, Professor Castel will discuss with Stuart Wolpert memory, the importance of curiosity and his research on how college students often speed up their course lecture videos, and how well they learn when they do so. Register here to reserve your seat:

<u>retirees.ucla.edu/event-5369412</u>



Courtesy of David Schaberg

Thursday, October 12: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. The Emeriti and Retirees Associations invite you to an insightful UCLA Conversation on the importance of the humanities to society and to UCLA with **David Schaberg**, Professor of Asian Languages and Cultures, who served as Dean of Humanities from 2011 to 2022. Professor Schaberg, an eloquent advocate for the humanities, will discuss the humanities with Stuart Wolpert. Extensive explorations of how ancient history, East and West, has been written have informed Professor Schaberg's perspective on the role of the humanities in the training of students and the making of societies. His research is distinguished by his mastery of Chinese, Greek and Latin, his knowledge of the primary historical texts from each culture and his ability to examine those works through the prism of the latest literary and critical theories. His research serves as a window into our understanding of early China, and helps us to understand Chinese ideas today. Register here to reserve your seat: retirees.ucla.edu/event-5346294

to an informative UCLA Conversation on "UCLA Alumni Travel/UC Retirees Travel Programs." Christel Aragon, director of UCLA Alumni Travel, Dolores Dyer with UC Retirees Travel, will talk with Stuart Wolpert and answer your questions about the benefits of traveling with these programs, the cost, and details about some of the upcoming trips worldwide. Event registration will be posted on:

#### retirees.ucla.edu/upcoming-events

We hope to see you there and welcome your participation in the conversations, each of which will begin with an interview/conversation, followed by an audience Q&A. Please arrive on time to get a seat, as the seats may fill up.

Stuart Wolpert, Program Committee Chair

#### **Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit**

Through devotion and hard work twenty-two artists, including Emeriti Association members and their spouses as well as five artists from the Retirees Association, proudly displayed a variety of artworks at the Faculty Club on May 16, 2023. Exhibition categories included acrylic painting, calligraphy, Japanese Folk Art, jewelry, oil painting, photography, sculpture, and watercolor painting.

Dr. Carolee Winstein, the daughter of late UCLA Professor Saul Winstein and his wife Sylvia Winstein, attended the art show and accepted four proclamations honoring her late parents' farreaching contributions to UCLA and the Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit.

#### Save the Date!

This year's art exhibit will be held on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**.



**Thursday, December 7: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** The Emeriti and Retirees Associations invite you

#### **Please Share**

If you have been honored with an award, draft-ed into a new initiative, published or edited a new book, or have any other news you would like to share with other emeriti, please inform the editor via <u>emeriti@errc.ucla.edu</u>.

#### Passings

The UCLA Emeriti Association has lost 53 of our colleagues and their spouses during the last 15 months. The losses include current and retired members of the UCLA Academic Senate, Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles, or whose emeritus status was conferred.

The UCLA Emeriti Association honors them and extends our condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues.

A compilation of recent faculty and librarian deaths will be prepared for posting to the Emeriti Association website at <u>In Memoriam</u>

Diane Childs, Corresponding Secretary

#### In Memoriam

Lawrence Kruger, 93, distinguished neurobiologist and expert on brain circuits



*Photo credit: <u>https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/</u> latimes/name/lawrence-kruger-obituary? id=52584370* 

Lawrence Kruger, a distinguished professor emeritus of neurobiology, died July 12. He was 93. His long career in pain-related research was spent entirely at UCA, beginning in 1958. He served as professor of anatomy, neurobiology, and anesthesology.

Kruger was among the founding members of the International Association for the Study of Pain and the Society for Neuroscience. His research on brain circuits involved in slow pain and dull ache was key to identifying the specific neuron types associated with the transmission of pain, said Tom Otis, chief scientific officer at University College London's Sainsbury Wellcome Center, who worked with Kruger. An accomplished cellist, his passion for music and the arts led to his involvement in the development of UCLA's Performing Arts program.

He served as the UCLA Emeriti Association's program chair in 2016-2017.

For more information, see the Daily Bruin obituary by Dylan Winward, from which this news is excerpted:

dailybruin.com/2023/07/30/lawrence-krugerucla-professor-and-performing-arts-supporteris-dead-at-93

Richard Hovannisian, 90, distinguished professor of Armenian history



Courtesy of UCLA Department of History

Richard Hovannisian, a renowned scholar of Armenian history who was a UCLA faculty member for more than a half century, died on July 10. He was 90.

Hovannisian earned his doctorate at UCLA in 1966 and joined the history department as a full-time faculty member in modern Armenian and Near Eastern history in 1969. An illustrious researcher and educator, he made monumental contributions to the study of the history of modern Armenia and the Armenian Genocide.

In 1986, he became the first person to hold UCLA's Armenian Educational Foundation Professor of Modern Armenian History endowed chair; the chair was later renamed in his honor.

Hovannisian's published works include "Armenia on the Road to Independence" (University of California, 1967) and his fourvolume magnum opus, "The Republic of Armenia" (University of California, 1971). He also edited the two-volume "The Armenian People from Ancient to Modern Times" (MacMillan, 1998), which has become a definitive textbook of Armenian history. A child of survivors of the Armenian Genocide, Hovannisian dedicated his life to promoting the study of the genocide and the full sweep of Armenian history. In 1969, he launched the Armenian Genocide Oral History Project at UCLA, which aimed to preserve eyewitness testimonies of survivors in southern California. Together with his students, Hovannisian interviewed more than 1,000 genocide survivors during the 1970s and 1980s.

For more information about Professor Hovannisian, see the UCLA Newsroom obituary by Hasmik Baghdasaryan, from which this news is excerpted: <u>newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/in-</u> <u>memoriam-richard-hovannisian-armenian-</u> <u>history</u>

#### An Yin, 64, distinguished geologist shaped understanding of tectonics on our planet and others



*Courtesy of UCLA Department of Earth, Planetary and Space Sciences* 

An Yin, a UCLA distinguished professor of Earth, Planetary and Space Sciences, died on July 12. He was 64.

Yin was widely recognized for his profound contributions to the understanding of our planet and others in our solar system. Yin was the world's greatest authority on the Indo-Asian collision, the geological event that formed the Himalayas and Tibetan Plateau, said his colleague, UCLA professor T. Mark Harrison.

Among his many important accomplishments was his documenting, in the early 2000s, a seismic gap in China that would be capable of generating an earthquake of a similar magnitude to the 1976 temblor in nearby Tangshan that killed more than a quarter million people.

More recently, Yin applied his expertise to study tectonic processes on other bodies in our solar system. His investigations led to the proposal that Mars had once experienced localized plate tectonics and helped explain the origin of the famous tiger-stripe <u>fractures on Saturn's</u> <u>moon Enceladus</u>. He published more than 200 papers and his work was cited more than 38,000 times by other scientists.

Of his nearly 40 graduate students, 11 have gone on to become university professors, and one, <u>Jessica Watkins, is a NASA astronaut</u> who was selected for the Artemis lunar lander team. Yin was especially admired by a new generation of Chinese scientists, many of whom consider him one of the most important geologists their nation has ever produced.

"When I was a student, Yin was the greatest geologist I looked up to," said Peng Ni, an assistant professor of Earth, planetary and space sciences who grew up in China and joined the UCLA faculty in 2023. "As a professor in the department myself, I came to realize how approachable, sincere and enthusiastic he was. He loved collaborating with young scientists, and I will miss him deeply."

Yin was a magnet for young scientists from around the world. More than 40 international visiting scholars came to UCLA to learn from him.

For more information about Professor Yin, see the UCLA Newsroom obituary by Ben Paul, from which this news is excerpted: <u>news-</u> <u>room.ucla.edu/stories/in-memoriam-an-yin-</u> <u>geologist-understanding-tectonics</u>

#### **Dickson Award Recipients for 2022-2023**

The Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award, created by a gift endowment from the late Edward A. Dickson, Regent of the University of California from 1913 to 1946, honors outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching and/or educational service by an emeritus or emerita professor since retirement.



**Yvonne J. Bryson**, M.D., Distinguished Research Professor in Pediatrics, retired in 2019. Since becoming an emerita, she helped lead the study of a relatively new medication in premature and term infants that may help block mother to child transmission of HIV. She was also Vice-Chair of a study of early treatment therapies for newborn infants and helped test new cutting-edge treatment strategies. She has also explored the impact of cutting-edge therapies (treatment for HIV beginning within days of birth and stem cell transplantation) in moving medicine closer to making cure of HIV infection a reality and disease-free survival with a normal lifespan possible for infected newborns.



**Carole E. Goldberg**, J.D., Jonathan D. Varat Distinguished Professor of Law Emerita, and Distinguished Research Professor officially retired in 2018 from the UCLA School of Law after 40 years as an integral member of the law facul-

ty. Professor Goldberg has continued to work closely with Law faculty to support and advance the Tribal Legal Development Clinic and the Native Nations program. She served on several important campus-wide committees, such as the Chair of the UCLA Centennial Celebration Steering Committee and was also appointed to the UCLA Campus Honorary Naming Advisory Committee. Throughout her career, and in post -retirement, Carole has demonstrated a deep commitment to the university's mission and the significance of her leadership has been invaluable.



#### Sander Goldberg,

Ph.D., Distinguished Research Professor in Classics, retired in 2013 after 28 years at UCLA. Since retirement, Professor Goldberg has continued to publish scholarly articles, books, and reviews at a remark-

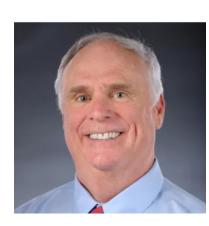
able pace. He is considered one of the most important scholars working in the field of Early Republican Roman literature, and it is a field in which his voice has remained active and groundbreaking. Professor Goldberg is a liter-

ary critic and editor who has tackled some of the most challenging Roman poets; he is also well-known for making early and decisive inroads in his field by combining literary analysis with digital humanities and archaeology in order to make celebrated breakthroughs as to the layout and function of the Roman theater. In addition to this scholarly output, he models an academic generosity that supports the work of emerging scholars in the field.

Read the award announcement here: apo.ucla.edu/news/edward-dickson-emeritusprofessorship-award-recipients-2022-23

#### **Robert Morris Awarded with Goldberg**

The Carole E. Goldberg Award was created in 2014 to recognize the extraordinary service by an emeritus/emerita professor to the academic enterprise after retirement.



**Robert Morris**, M.D., Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine, retired in 2011 following a distinguished career devoted to the development and wellbeing of adolescent youth caught in the judicial system both

locally and nationally. In that role, he has been and continues to be a powerful champion of LGBTQ youth and more generally of diversity, equity and inclusion inside as well as outside the University. Since his retirement he has served continuously on the Pediatric Department's Diversity Committee (JEDI) and has worked tirelessly to promote diversity within the Department and Geffen School, especially in the residency program. He has been active professionally in the American Pediatric Society, the Academic Pediatric Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics as well as the Los Angeles Pediatric Society, and frequently lectures and teaches about adolescent health issues. Besides his distinguished service, Professor Emeritus Morris has continued to publish on the issues of diversity, adolescent mental

health, and the welfare of incarcerated youth.

Read the award announcement here: <u>apo.ucla.edu/Carole-E-Goldberg-Emeriti-Service-</u> <u>Award-Recipients-2022-23</u>

#### UC Irvine and UC San Francisco Professors Honored with Panunzio Award

The Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award, created by a bequest from UCLA Professor Panunzio, honors outstanding scholarly work or educational service since retirement by UC emeriti in the Humanities or Social Sciences.



**Raul Fernandez**, Professor Emeritus of Chicano/Latino Studies at UC Irvine, and **Charlene Harrington**, Professor Emerita of Nursing at UC San Francisco.

Read the award announcement here: apo.ucla.edu/news/constantine-panunziodistinguished-emeriti-award-2022-23

#### **Nominations for Emeriti Awards**

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

#### **Constantine Panunzio Award**

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

Nominations for the Panunzio Award must be

submitted to <u>surveymonkey.com/r/paunzino24</u> by **Friday, February 9, 2024**.

#### **Dickson Emeritus Professorships**

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

#### Carole Goldberg Emeriti Service Award

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

Each UCLA department or school may nominate one candidate for each award. Emeriti Association members may nominate candidates also if they keep their related departments aware of their intentions. Individual emeriti may selfnominate or be nominated by others. Nominations consist of a cover letter outlining the nominee's distinctive scholarly work and/or educational service since retirement; Curriculum Vitae; and supporting letters (2 minimum) from leaders in the field commenting specifically on the nominee's achievements since retirement. Nominations for Dickson or Goldberg awards must be made using the online form at surveymonkey.com/r/dicksongoldberg24 by Friday, February 9, 2024.

Awards will be presented at the Emeriti Association's spring awards reception.

#### **2024 Open Enrollment Help Desks**

- October 31, 2023 (1pm 2pm)
- November 2, 2023 (11am 12pm)
- November 6, 2023 (5pm 6pm)
- November 9, 2023 (9am 10am)
- November 15, 2023 (4pm 5pm)

Registration is now open. Sign up here: <u>errc.ucla.edu/events-programs/open-</u> <u>enrollment</u>

### UCLA Emeriti Association

#### emeriti.errc.ucla.edu

#### MEMBERSHIP for 2023-2024

To join, or renew your membership to the UCLA Emeriti Association, use this form with return envelope OR complete the form electronically (paying with a credit card via PayPal) by going to http://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/join.

Dues are \$25/year for an individual or \$35/year for a member and spouse/partner. There is no charge for the initial year of first-time membership.

Individuals who attain age 85 become eligible for honorary membership and are exempt from paying Association dues. Honorary members need only complete this form stating they wish to be honorary members. Optionally, honorary members may wish to make a contribution to the Emeriti Association.

Michael Goldstein, Membership Chair

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### From the ERRC

The Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC) has had a busy quarter already — organizing open enrollment presentations about retiree health care benefits and supporting the Emeriti and Retirees Associations.

The Center has been updating our database — removing duplicates, making edits, and updating "undeliverable" email addresses. We are also planning and hosting virtual and in-person events this fall.

Our Notary Services have returned! Lam received her certification in the spring and will do notaries by appointment only. To inquire, contact Lam Luu, <u>lluu@errc.ucla.edu</u>.

Ayesha Dixon, ERRC Director

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### Meet the Emeriti Association's Board of Directors

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. Who serves on the Emeriti Association's Board of Directors? We are:

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We look forward to serving you.

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If you have not yet renewed your membership, you can use the form on page 8 and mail it with your payment to the ERRC: UCLA Emeriti Association Membership

c/o UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center 1116 Rolfe Hall; Box 951437 Los Angeles, CA 90095-1437

**For checks, make it payable to UCLA Emeriti Association.** Please note payments take time to be received and processed. Online renewals can be made here: https://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/join **Complimentary and honorary members do need to complete a form.**