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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Cederbaum

My introduction to the Executive Board of the Emeriti Association some three years ago was promising, but with work to be done. I was struck by an organization which had begun to identify ways in which to become more relevant. Under John Edmond's leadership, and I hope mine, the organization has begun to change and in ways that we believe will appeal to the future newly retired faculty, while still meeting the needs and be acceptable to our current membership. So far, almost all eligible new emeriti have elected to join our organization, a hopeful sign. In this valedictory message, I would like to reflect on some apparent successes and some disappointments.

We needed to modernize our communications and reach, and recognized that commuting to campus might be difficult for an increasing proportion of emeriti. Here we have made notable progress thanks to the efforts of Dan Mitchell and Betty Chang, and of course Eddie Murphy and Jonathan Bates. We have a Facebook page and group ([*yousee elayemeriti*](#)) with 40 plus members which allows for the immediate dissemination and exchange of information and comments. We have recorded, and made available, audio recordings of all of our dinner and after lunch events, so far only on our Facebook

page, but soon on the new website. We will soon have a newly designed and up-to-date website that will be more complete and have more information than in the past, with Betty Chang as our webmaster (or webmistress). We have periodic e-mail "blasts" that carry notes from the President and up to the minute alerts about events. We will soon augment our membership mailings with online forms and of course old and new *Newsletters* available by this means. Rest assured, "snail mail" will continue as before. We hope that within a year we will have online payments as well, first for membership dues and then for events.

We have an excellent lineup of programs and speakers as always, led now by Judi Smith. She organized a get-together after Hillary Clinton's talk to discuss that presentation. Betty Chang has suggested that we have informal get-togethers after all post-luncheon seminars. We are about to begin a voluntary Associate Professor mentoring program stimulated by the Office of Faculty Diversity. Next fall, Dave Lopez and the Senate-sponsored Committee on University Emeriti and Pre-retirement Relations will host an informational meeting for those contemplating retirement that will focus on the non-financial concerns of those individuals

There have been disappointments as well. I had imagined that with thoughtful planning and energetic

leadership, emeriti champing at the bit for opportunities for meaningful participation would sign up in droves. Alas, that has not been the case. The undergraduate mentoring program is dormant, not for want of mentors, but rather lacking an emeritus willing to undertake the organizational leadership needed to make it function. Filling other leadership roles has been no easier. The presidency has sometimes felt like my experience with teenage dating, or for that matter serving on the Committee on Committees. I have been reluctant to pick up the phone or send an e-mail lest I suffer another polite turndown or rejection. Read this not as a complaint but as another plea.

Why should we care? It is because we must. We want the long emeritus life to be rich and rewarding and we want to be sure that the University provides the critical infrastructure to make this happen. We cannot take long term University support for granted, however generous UCLA has been in the past. We must strive to be excellent, to be imaginative and to be helpful to the university as well as our constituents. It has to be a joint effort. Serving as your president has been a real pleasure because I have met so many wonderful, interesting and thoughtful people, even those who turned me down, and because the organization has so important a role in campus life. Together we can make it even better.

SPRING DINNER PROGRAM

“UCLA’s Twenty-First Century Poets” will be featured at the Spring Dinner Meeting on May 14. A panel of UCLA graduate and undergraduate students will read and discuss their poetry. Several have already won awards. The proceedings will be moderated by **Reed Wilson**.

Reed Wilson earned his PhD in English at UCLA. His poems have been published in *The Antioch Review*, *The Chattahoochee Review*, and *The Cortland Review*, and elsewhere, and are forthcoming in the Summer issue of *The Sunnyside Review*. His book reviews have appeared in *Poetry International*, *The Chattahoochee Review*, and *The Sunnyside Review*. Founding director of the UCLA Undergraduate Research Center for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, he now coordinates creative writing programs in the English Department.

*Judith Smith, Chair
Program Committee*

The May 14 Spring Dinner will be held in the Main Dining Room of the Faculty Center. It will be preceded by a reception beginning at 4:45 p.m., during which the 2014 Dickson Emeritus/a Professorships and the Emeriti Association Awards, will be presented. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the Business Meeting and Program will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. The dinner reservation form and return envelope are enclosed with this *Newsletter*.

2014 DICKSON PROFESSORSHIPS

The Dickson Emeriti Professorships, which are funded by an endowment established by UC Regent Edward A. Dickson, honor UC emeriti from any department who have, during their formal retirement years, continued their distinguished academic pursuits. The two UCLA Emeritus Professors named below have been selected to receive a Dickson Award this year. These awards will be presented at the reception preceding the Spring Dinner Meeting on May 14.

Dr. Eric (Rick) Fonkalsrud of the Department of Surgery in the School of Medicine is an inspirational mentor and a master surgeon who is revered by colleagues, trainees and his patients. He is among the founders of the specialty of Pediatric Surgery and has been president of numerous surgical organizations. He continues to add to a prolific body of work and to be a thought leader in his field. He is ubiquitous at UCLA and is available as a mentor, advisor and friend to his colleagues.

Howard Suber, School of Film, Theater and Television, is a legendary teacher whose classes are regularly considered among the best and most inspiring that students have ever taken. His book *The Power of Film*, published in 2006, is the extraordinary distillation of his ideas about film and is a classic. He continues to publish both in book and article form, to lecture, and to influence in so many ways how we create and understand film.

*Steve Cederbaum
Awards Committee*

2014 UCLA EMERITI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

At the reception preceding the Spring Dinner Meeting on May 14, the UCLA Emeriti Association will recognize members of our cohort with awards of our own.

Melvin “Mef” Seeman, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, has been chosen by the UCLA Emeriti Association as the recipient of its Lifetime Distinguished Service Award. Mef Seeman came to UCLA from Ohio State in 1959, just as the Sociology Department was building its identity following its separation from Anthropology. Over his long and distinguished career Mef has been best known for his foundational contributions to the empirical study of alienation. He served as Department Chair and President of the Pacific Sociological Association, and in 1991 was awarded the American Sociological Association’s prestigious Cooley-Mead Award for contributions to social psychology. He formally retired in 1988, among the last professorial cohort obliged to retire because of “age.” But apparently he did not get the message: from 1988 until very recently Mef has served UCLA as special advisor to the Academic Vice Chancellor, helping out successive incumbents, as well as myriad Committee on Academic Personnel chairs and department chairs, with especially delicate and difficult academic personnel matters. This quarter century “post-retirement” second career is as remarkable as it is unusual, if not unique.

The Lifetime Distinguished Service Award is presented only when a

particularly meritorious candidate is identified. The most recent awardee was Norman Abrams, in 2012.

*David Lopez
Awards Committee*

The 2014 Emeritus of the Year Award is being given to **Paul Sheats**, a Rhodes Scholar and Professor of English for many years, serving a term as chair of the department and as acting Dean of the Humanities. He is a noted critic of Romantic poetry, particularly Keats and Wordsworth. He has served the Senate as chair of the Committee on Academic Personnel. Since retirement he has worked tirelessly for the Emeriti Association, serving as its president and in a number of other roles, including founding the undergraduate mentorship program. He has continued to serve his department as well. He is legendary for his modesty, generosity, integrity and decency.

The Distinguished Service Award is being given to **Joyce Pellerano Ludmer**. Joyce Ludmer has served UCLA and elsewhere as a distinguished Art Librarian and the Emeriti Association as our Membership Chair for the last 5. She was head of the Art Library for 20 years; during that time she doubled as the Head of UCLA's Elmer Belt Library of Vinciana and consultant to *Achademia Leonardi Vincii: Journal of Leonardo Studies and Bibliography of Vinciana*. After her "retirement" from UCLA in 1993, she became Senior Bibliographer at The Getty Research Institute, retiring finally in 2008.

*Steve Cederbaum
Awards Committee*

CELEBRATE THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF A VERY GOOD THING!

The Featured Artist for the thirty-sixth year of the art show is **Ulrich Batzdorf**, Professor Emeritus (recalled) Neurosurgery His work, *Grommets* embellishes the 2014 cover of the invitation. Professor Batzdorf (Rick) has shown his paintings at the show since 2002. His works cover a range of subjects from landscape through still life, and the abstract.

The thirty-sixth **Sylvia Winstein UCLA Emeriti Arts & Crafts Exhibit** will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 in the California Room of the Faculty Center. The Emeriti Association's premier party opens at 11:00 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. The hour of the introductions and presentations of the artists will be at 1:30 p.m. The champagne reception follows.

Art objects, some for sale, are always diverting. Come to the Art Show to enjoy the premier Emeriti Association celebration with friends and colleagues.

A little history is in order: The first Emeriti Center director Marian Broome asked newly widowed Sylvia Winstein (Professor Saul Winstein, Chemistry) to work on expanding an idea for an art show of the creative work of retired faculty and spouses.

The idea began with a cup of tea in the afternoon with an artist and a few pictures. Sylvia began her expansion by calling on friends who painted or photographed or potted.

One emeriti artist always knew of others who made interesting things. And so the art show idea began to have a life of its own. Finally so many artists answered her call that new ways to exhibit the work were needed. There were enough tables but not enough room for more easels. How to show more hung work in available space? Thanks are due to Sylvia's dear friend Donald Handy (Kinesiology), who designed and had made the ten (double-sided) 6'x7'6" superbly functional, wheeled display boards. They have now been in service over 30 years.

In 2002 Sylvia Winstein was honored for her twenty years of dedication to the Emeriti Art Show. Sylvia's name was added to the title of the Art Show to which she had devoted so much energy and love.

Invitations are already in the mail for over 900 Emeriti members and for those emeriti who have not yet joined the Association.

Contributors are honored at the Show on the *Contributors* board. Checks may be made out to, "the UCLA Emeriti Association", and then please write "for the art show" on the memo line.

*Noël Carterette, Chair
Arts and Crafts Exhibit Committee*

LET US WELCOME

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Human Nutrition

EMERITI EXPRESS

Kudos, new undertakings, and other reports from the far reaches of emeritude.

Last September, Dr. **Marvin Am-ent** received the lifetime achievement Harold S. Diehl Award from the Medical Alumni Society of the University of Minnesota for his pioneering use of fiber-optic endoscopy for children, home parental nutrition for children and adults, and gastroenterology motility studies. He has trained some 120 practicing and academic pediatric gastroenterologists, and currently serves as chief of gastroenterology at Children's Hospital of Central California.

James Bassler's woven art works have been displayed at the Textile Museum in Washington, D. C., and the Gail Martin Gallery in New York City. He was represented in the PBS series "Craft in America", and was invited to lecture to the Textile Study Group, New York City, in May of 2013.

Since retiring, **Malcolm Cole** has prepared four performance editions of music by Austrian-American composer Eric Zeisl and has participated in several music retreats offered at the St. Mary's Retreat House, Santa Barbara.

Presidential historian **Robert Dal-
lek** frequently contributes book reviews and opinion pieces to the *New York Daily News*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and other popular media, while continuing his scholarly publication including *Camelot's Court: Inside the Kennedy White House* (HarperCollins, 2013)

Leonard Freedman is continuing his research into political satire and censorship in an online blog on his website (strictlysatire.com)

The Collegium Ramazzini in Italy has given Dr. **John Froines** the 2013 Ramazzini Award for his work in environmental health, including development of a federal standard for lead and cotton dust exposure, and his major contribution in California to identifying diesel exhaust as a significant air contaminant.

John Hawkins has been named co-director of the Asia Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership (APHERP), which is based in Los Angeles, Honolulu, Tokyo and Hong Kong. The organization focuses on research in higher education policy, innovation, governance and quality throughout the region.

Big Bear City, California resident **Jeanne McMaster** is very active with a local theater group, having designed sets and lighting for at least fifty productions and served on the Board of Directors for fifteen years.

Judea Pearl has been awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree by Texas A & M University for his distinguished career as an internationally noted educator and his "sustained scholarly activity in artificial intelligence, human reasoning, and philosophy of science".

John V. Richardson has been recognized with a Literati Network Award for Excellence by publisher Emerald Insight for his contributions as a reviewer for *Reference Services Review*. He is the first

American to have a book published in Turkmenistan, and is working on the third edition of an English-Russian-Turkmen dictionary of information technology.

Since 1994, **Anthony Verity** has continued work in sculpture, painting and graphic arts (he regularly shows his work at the Sylvia Weinstein Arts and Crafts Exhibit) and is also a consultant in neuropathology for the Los Angeles Coroner

If you have been honored with an award, drafted into a new initiative, published or edited a new book, or have other news you would like to share with other emeriti, please inform the Newsletter editor via emeriti@errc.ucla.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

George Eisenman	(1929-2013)
Thelma Estrin	(1924-2014)
Valerie Hunt	(1916-2014)
James Lockhart	(1933-2014)
Donald L. Morton	(1934-2014)
Bernard (Ben) Nefkens	(1934-2014)
Ruth E. Schwartz	(19??-2013)
Marian E. Swendseid	(1918-2014)
Ralph Turner	(1919-2014)
William N. Valentine	(1917-2014)
Alfred S. Yue	(1918-2014)

RECENT AND NOTABLE

Two emeriti in the College of Letters and Sciences have made a joint testamentary pledge to UCLA of \$1 million, to be divided between the English and History departments.

Anne Mellor, distinguished research professor of English, and her husband, **Ron Mellor**, distinguished professor emeritus and former chair of the History department, recently established endowments for graduate fellowships in their home departments as well as the **Ronald and Anne Mellor Endowed Educational Fund**, which will provide resources for visiting lecturers, summer travel-study opportunities, and new acquisitions for UCLA library special collections.

Ron retired from full-time teaching last February, followed by Anne in June, but both plan to continue teaching part-time as well as pursuing their scholarly interests.

Ron has led six Alumni Association sponsored tours to Europe and will be featured again in a special “immersion” tour of Paris, September 17 through October 2, 2014. The tour group is limited to 28 passengers. For information, contact (310) 206-0613 or <http://travel.alumni.ucla.edu>.

2014 CONSTANTINE PANUNZIO AWARD

The recipients of this year’s Panunzio Award are Professor Emeritus of Psychology Norman Anderson, UC San Diego, and Professor Emeritus of Political Science Rein

Taagepera, UC Irvine. Each of this year’s five excellent nominees has a distinguished record. Professors Taagepera and Anderson both have especially long and notable records of research, teaching and service to the University of California, their disciplines, and their communities.

Norman Anderson was a founding member of UC San Diego’s Department of Psychology, joining the department in 1965, after initiating his UC career at UCLA in 1958. He is an experimental psychologist whose contributions over a long and distinguished career span social psychology and cognition, and he is best known for his development of information integration theory.

He formally retired in 1992, but his four books published since that date attest that his research and scholarship continued unabated, as did his mentoring of graduate students and contributions to his department and his discipline. His post-retirement work in support of graduate student life and research has been especially notable, including establishment of the Norman Anderson Lecture series in the UCSD Department of Psychology.

Rein Taagepera joined UC Irvine’s Department of Political Science in 1970, following a shift from his initial career as a physicist. He is an internationally renowned expert in political parties and systems, and the recipient of the Johan Skytte Prize, often considered Political Science’s equivalent to the Nobel Prize.

He formally retired in 1994, but has continued to publish, teach and serve both UC and Tartu University

in his native Estonia, where he served as founding Dean of Social Sciences. His combination of empirical and theoretical publications in addition to the outstanding academic leadership at Tartu University for the past 25 years constitute a remarkable third career: first a physicist, then a luminary career at UC Irvine as an innovator in political science, and then as the founder and sponsor of modern political science in post-Soviet Estonia.

The Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award is housed at UCLA and open to emeriti from all UC campuses with outstanding post-retirement records of research, teaching and service to the University and the broader community. The selection committee is headed by UCLA’s Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, one or more prior Panunzio Award recipients, a representative from the UCLA Emeriti Association and UCLA Deans or senior scholars in fields represented by the nominees. One or at most two awards are given annually.

*David Lopez
Awards Committee*

EMERITI SURVEY INTERIM REPORT

The UCLA Emeriti Association Executive Board wanted to connect with you and we did. We conducted a survey last fall (September, 2013) and we learned a number of things. Some of them we can change (more on that below) and some we can’t (such as traffic conditions and travel times on the Westside). President Steve Cederbaum and Member-at-Large David Lopez wrote from their

viewpoints in the Winter newsletter. Now it's my turn from the perspective of my third of the surveys (with apologies for repetition).

Our understanding that people attend events for different reasons was confirmed. As Gloria Turner recently explained from her six-year perspective as Hospitality Chair, there are three reasons people attend dinner meetings. The first is the group who come to socialize with former colleagues and friends. Then we have the group who come to hear a particular program. There is a much smaller group who are those Gloria refers to as "testing the waters...newly retired and just checking out what the event is like."

It's worthwhile to continue our approach to meetings that allows time for socializing as well as interesting content. And this may mean that we need to restore time at the beginning of our afternoon programs and not just assume that the program should start because so many people have arrived.

We could have crafted some of our questions better--especially to recognize the important group of members whose spouses were UCLA professors and librarians. We value you and your opinions as much as those of your husbands and wives.

There will be a long period of using multiple communication modalities. While electronic communication is increasingly significant, paper through the U.S. Postal Service is not going away. This means that some people will receive communications from the organization in formats that don't appeal to them

and that are overlapping. But it's not yet feasible for us to deliver on-ly paper to some and only electronic to others. And it might be useful to have multiple ways to reach folks.

There are some misunderstandings about who does what. For example, the Emeriti Association was credited for events and services provided by others--such as the First Friday technical consultations, One-on-One sessions with Fidelity Investments, and others that are offered by the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC) as well as some programs put on by UCLARA (The UCLA Retirees' Association). The Emeriti Association is proud to collaborate with the ERRC on our similar missions devoted to making life better for UCLA's academic retirees, but Eddie Murphy and her staff deserve all the credit for their fabulous work. You can see "News from the Center" in each *Newsletter* issue and look for announcements from the Center in your e-mail inbox. They won't say "on behalf of" or "at the request of" at the beginning.

Many emeriti are "retired" in name only. Some have taken on academic positions at other institutions; others are continuing at UCLA in much the same way as they did before getting a monthly "check" from UCOP rather than UCLA.

Some mentioned the expense associated with daytime programs. Except for attendance at Hillary Rodham Clinton's Luskin Lecture and/or the buffet afterwards, the after lunch programs are free, and cookies and beverages are served. The after lunch programs typically end before the worst of the Westside traffic sets in. We're also looking

into ways to facilitate ride sharing. And I wonder whether it is possible that some people aren't aware of one of my favorite things about being a UCLA retiree: Parking permits--for what I find to be an extremely reasonable price. Emeriti receive X permits and other retirees with at least 20 years' employment get blue permits at the same rate. Surviving spouses are also eligible.

As for time of events, too few preferred morning programs for us to go in that direction. The traditional mix of evenings (three/year), after-lunch (about six/year), and the Arts and Crafts show works too well to expect change in the foreseeable future. However, there's a strong incentive to help people get to campus via ride-sharing, regardless of the time of the program. It's being worked on.

One of the best results of the survey? People stepped up to volunteer whose interest wasn't previously known. Your willingness to help out is appreciated enormously.

We heard from many members who had achieved "Honorary" status (members age 85 and older and their spouses). The Emeriti Association is enriched so much by your continued support.

There wasn't enough of a response about holding events off-campus to make that a feasible option at this time. However, issues of distance and traffic have been heard. That's one of the reasons programs are being recorded and posted online for those who missed them or want to hear them again.

Recent retirees were underrepresented in our survey (and member-

ship). We hope they'll find time to join us.

One important reason that people value the newsletter is as a source of information about other emeriti. We can only provide what **you** are interested in sharing. So please report your news to the Newsletter editor via the ERRC at emeriti@errc.ucla.edu

*Diane Childs
Survey Committee Member*

DON'T FORGET THE UCLA ARCHIVES!

Are you moving or remodeling or simply cleaning house? Are you wondering what to do about the records of your professional activities? You have kept them as documentation of your productive academic careers, and they often have significance far beyond individual achievement. At such times it is important to keep in mind that the University Archives welcomes the contribution of records that define emeriti personally or that bear upon the history and development of UCLA itself. The University Archivist, Charlotte Brown, (310) 825-7265 will be happy to discuss individual cases and to give advice about what should be preserved.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center boasts a dedicated volunteer team over 3,000 strong, a diverse group of individuals from various backgrounds but with a common interest: to serve the hospital and its patients. It offers pro-

grams that meet the needs of the hospital while matching the interests of volunteers.

For example, if you enjoy being with children, the Child Life program may be the department for you. Hosting the Information Desk is a wonderful way to interact with patients, visitors and staff, and there are also "behind the scenes" positions. Volunteers often find that helping others in need gives them a great sense of accomplishment and reward. Why not join them?

For more information, please contact Lisa Harden at (310) 267-8182.

FROM THE CENTER

Eddie Murphy, Director

Hold the Dates: The UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (formerly known as the UCLA Emeriti Center) was established in the spring of 1969. In celebration of its 45th year, there will be two lectures offered. On Monday, April 28, UCLA alumnus Taylor Wang will give a presentation entitled "Serendipity in Science"; this event will be held in the California Room of the Faculty Center from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Peter Taylor will give the second lecturer. Peter is the current Chief Financial Officer of the University of California. This event will be held in the Tamkin Auditorium of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center on Monday, May 19, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The topic of his presentation is "UC's Financial Challenges and the Systemwide Response." Please plan to join us at both of these events and confirm your reservation by emailing emeriti@errc.ucla.edu or calling

(310) 825-7456.

Discounts: This is a reminder that you can obtain discount tickets to on campus and off campus events through the Central Ticket Office (CTO). CTO is located in the James West Alumni Center just east of Pauley Pavilion. Theme Park tickets (e.g. Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, etc.), movie theater tickets, (e.g. AMC, Regency etc.) are available as well as senior (over age 55) discounts for the Music Department, World Arts & Culture and Center for the Arts of Performance at UCLA. Discounts for bus passes can be secured through Campus Parking Services. A 25% reduced fee for enrollment in classes offered through University Extension is available to all retired faculty. There are various vendors throughout Westwood which offer a discount once a Bruin Card is presented (e.g. Sarah Leonard Jewelers, Barney's Beanery, etc.). For a more exhaustive list, google BruinCard Discounts.

Memory Classes Scheduled: Class content is based on the research of Dr. Gary Small, Director of the UCLA Longevity Center. Sessions will be held over a four week period commencing on Tuesday, April 29 and each consecutive Tuesday through May 20. These classes will be held at 1420 Peter Ueberroth Building from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. The cost of the course is \$25. Send checks payable to UC Regents to: UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center, 1116 Rolfe Hall, Box 951437, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1437. Participants will be selected on a first come first serve basis. Please respond by April 21.

Looking Ahead: The ever popular no-charge “First Fridays” technical assistance workshops continue on an every other month basis. The next workshop is scheduled for the first Friday in June 6. Please bring your electronic device(s) to the Young Research Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and meet one-on-one with a technical support expert. Light refreshments are available and assistance is available on a first come first serve basis.

Moving? Don't forget to change your address if you are moving from the address currently on record. Please bear in mind that some of the medical plans are zip code specific. You may change your address online at the At Your Service website (<http://atyourservice.ucop.edu>) or by calling (800) 888-8267 to secure a form. Additionally, please note that if you move near the following campuses, reciprocal privileges are offered through those retirement centers: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Santa Barbara and San Diego.

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