PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Dear Fellow Emeriti, Retired Librarians, and Spouses:

My friend and colleague Ron Mellor indicated in the Fall Newsletter the unfortunate circumstances that caused him to continue as President of the Emeriti Association for an additional six months and has required me to assume this responsibility six months in advance of the normal term. The Association and I are deeply grateful to Ron for his long and successful service. The challenge for me is to successfully follow Ron’s lead – a difficult task as I know from past experience.

Like many of you, UCLA has been an important part of our lives, both professionally and personally. I joined the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (my father’s department) in 1974 and retired in 2016. I met my wife here. UCLA has had a profound effect on my personal and professional life. I consider participation in the Emeriti Association one means of demonstrating my appreciation for all that UCLA has meant to me.

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 (ERRC) whose staff are an invaluable asset for retired UCLA faculty and staff. The ERRC has a bi-monthly e-newsletter and a helpful website, www.errc.ucla.edu, which has an easy link to the Emeriti Association website. You should acquaint yourself with the ERRC office in Rolfe Hall and its many programs and services.

The Emeriti Association represents retired faculty, librarians, and their spouses. It fosters continuing connections between UCLA colleagues through its quarterly newsletter, after

ROBERT GURVAL

AND UCLA CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Robert Gurval will provide a special treat for the UCLA Emeriti Association winter dinner. He will take us on a tour of the architectural highlights of the UCLA campus. “From Vermont to Westwood: UCLA Becomes a University.”

Gurval is Associate Professor of Classics in the College and received the Eugen Weber Honors Collegium Faculty Award for teaching in the Honors Collegium as well as other awards for his teaching.

His research explores the intersections of politics and literature in the Augustan Age and early empire and his interests include Latin literature, ancient biography, Roman numismatics, and the reception of Classics in popular culture. His current project examines the construction of Cleopatra as a myth and image from antiquity to the 21st century.

Gurval is renowned for his engaging and knowledgeable tours of the UCLA campus. We hope you will all join us for this unique event.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at the UCLA Faculty Center. The room will be announced in the lobby. The reception will begin a 4:45 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

To make reservations using a credit card, please go to https://ucla-emeriti-dinner-winter-2020.eventbrite.com

Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee Chair
lunch programs, quarterly dinners, and annual arts and crafts fair. It works with Vice Chancellor of Academic affairs Michael Levine to provide awards toemeriti faculty who continue productive professional activities and/or make significant contributions to the UCLA community after retirement. The Emeriti Association has been instrumental in improving communications between emeriti and the Board of Regents and Office of the President—an ongoing effort. You can learn more about Emeriti Association programs in its newsletter and on its website.

The Emeriti Association is led by a board composed of a number of volunteers dedicated to continued service to theiremerti colleagues and to UCLA. We are always looking for new volunteers. You should feel free to contact me with questions (or better yet to volunteer) at weiss@chem.ucla.edu.

Dick Weiss, President

CUCEA NEWS

At its most recent gathering with CUCRA (Council of University of California Retiree Associations) at UC-Davis, three topics of note were discussed by CUCEA (Council of University of California Emeriti Associations).

1) The move to a Medicare Advantage option in the retiree health system sparked considerable concern. CUCEA will monitor the results of offering the new option which went into effect on January 1, 2020.

2) A second matter of concern was the adoption by the Regents of a change in policy with regard to the automatic granting ofemeritus status to retiring Academic Senate members. The reasons for the change - and exactly why it got to the Regents - have never been clear. But under the new rules, the automatic entitlement toemeritus status for certain untenured Senate members, such as those in the "in-residence" and clinical-X series, was dropped. UCLA in response is adopting interim campus-level rules that are aimed at restoring the status quo. But other campuses may respond differently.

3) Finally, CUCEA voted, on the recommendation of the UCLA Emeriti Association, to establish a committee to look into possible directemeriti representation at the Board of Regents. One motivation for this effort was the above-mentioned abrupt shift in rules regardingemeritus status adopted by the Regents. Had there been someemeriti representation on the Board when the item came up, the outcome might have been different.

Dan Mitchell
CUCEA Representative

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Brenda Stevenson is scheduled to be co-presenter (with Eddie Murphy) at our March after-lunch program. She has been selected to receive the 2020 Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal presented by the Yale Graduate School Alumni Association. The medal recognizes distinguished achievements in scholarship, teaching, academic administration and public service.

EMERITI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Emeriti Association makes its own awards and appreciates nominations from many sources—including readers of this newsletter.

The Emeritus of the Year Award is made annually and recognizes the special contributions of a UCLA Emeritus or Emerita whose talents and energies continue to benefit the University and the Association.

The Lifetime Achievement Award may not be made every year but is presented when a deserving candidate has been nominated. This award honors a UCLA Emeritus or Emerita who has demonstrated continuous, sustained outstanding service to benefit the University and the Association—especially service rendered after retirement. This award was presented to Charles E. Young as part of the Association’s 50th anniversary celebration in fall, 2017.

Nominations may be made by the potential awardee, other retired or active faculty members, or department chairs or deans. The nomination letter should include the candidate’s name, department prior to retirement at UCLA, and a description of the candidate’s contributions to the University and the Emeriti Association. Other supporting documentation such as CVs or one additional supporting letter may be submitted.

Deadline for the Emeritus of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award is March 9, 2020.

Nominations for the Emeritus of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award may be submitted by email to emeri-@errc.ucla.edu or by usps mail: Emeriti Association Nomination Committee, UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center, 1116 Rolfe Hall, Box 951437 Los Angeles, CA 90095.

The awardees will be honored at the May 13, 2020, Spring Dinner and should plan to be present.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the nomination procedure for Emeriti Association Awards, please contact Dick Weiss at weiss@chem.ucla.edu.

Dick Weiss, Awards Committee Chair

AFTER LUNCH IN MARCH

Our March after-lunch program will be a special and unique treat. Prof. Brenda Stevenson of the History Department, recently honored as a Faculty Research Lecturer, will combine forces with our own Eddie Murphy in a program depicting aspects of the women of slavery. Eddie will give us her acclaimed impersonation of Harriet Tubman and Brenda Stevenson will share with us the narratives of some enslaved women.

This program will be a unique and special treat. DON’T MISS IT!!

Thursday, March 12, 2020, at the Faculty Center in a room to be designated. Coffee, tea, and cookies available at 1:00 p.m.; the program begins at 1:30 and ends by 3:00 p.m.

Steve Cederbaum, Program Committee Chair
Professor Emeritus of Education and centenarian **John McNeil** was honored in November at a Los Angeles City Council meeting—not because of his age, but as a veteran. He was an officer in the navy during World War II and was at Normandy on D-Day for the invasion of Omaha Beach. Each city council member selected a person from their district to be recognized as their Veteran of the Year. Paul Koretz picked John as his District 5 representative.

The Proclamation from Mayor Garcetti and the Council was presented to John in city council chambers.

**AWARDS FOR EMERITI**

Nominations for Emeriti Awards have been received or are due shortly.

The **Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award** is given for outstanding scholarly work and/or educational service. The nominees (due in December, 2019) were examined first by an internal UCLA committee which then forwarded one nominee to a systemwide selection committee chaired by Vice-Chancellor Mike Levine. The selection committee chooses one or more awardees in March. UCLA’s Lynn Hunt won one of the two awards in 2019.

The **Edward Dickson** Emeritus Professorship recognizes outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching or educational service by UCLA faculty emeriti. There can be several awards—there were three in 2019.

The **Carole Goldberg** award is for outstanding service by an emerita/emeritus. Rinaldo Canalis won the award in 2019.

Nominations for Dickson or Goldberg awards must be made using the online form (via surveymonkey) at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020goldbergdickson by Friday, February 7, 2020.

*Dick Weiss, Chair of Awards Committee*

When Chuck Berst died two days before his birthday in September, he left a big hole at the conference table in whatever room the Emeriti Association board met. After retiring in 1993 in the third VERIP, Chuck became involved with the UCLA Emeriti Association and continued his service until almost the end.

Chuck was Emeriti Association president, represented the Board on CUCEA (Council of University of California Emeriti Associations) and the Joint Benefits Committee of CUCEA and CUCRA (Council of University of California Retiree Associations), and chaired or co-chaired the Biobibliographic Survey (now Emeriti Activity Survey) Committee from 2008 until 2017, pioneering the efforts that resulted in the now-famous report on “the Eleventh campus.”

He was also chair or co-chair of the Joint Committee on Emeriti/Retiree Housing and University & Public Relations Committee. As a member of the housing committee, Chuck was part of the group that worked to establish Belmont Village Senior Living Westwood as a resource for a large minority of UCLA-affiliated residents.

Last, but not least, he was our institutional memory—reminding us how and why things were done and giving guidance for going forward.

Chuck also served on the Board of Governors of the Faculty Center. He and Roelina supported the Faculty Center with care and concern for its welfare.

The board decided that a fitting tribute to Chuck would be a donation to the Faculty Center in his name. In lieu of a plaque, a certificate has been prepared that serves to honor him. It will be found in the Faculty Center Library/Billiards Room in the Book Exchange area. The exact location may change with time.

**FALL EMERITI DINNER**

*Editor’s note: Do you wish you had been there? Please join us for the winter dinner and make your reservations early.*

At last November’s dinner Professor Asli Ü. Bâli of the School of Law offered an enlightening discussion of the current political and social dynamic in turkey offering historical background on current events. It was one of the most well-attended events in recent memory and people were still talking about it days later.

Awards were also presented. Dickson Emeritus Professorships to Richard L. Abel, Ivan Berend, and James Cherry. The Carole E. Goldberg Emeriti Service Award to Rinaldo Canalis (in absentia). And The Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award to Lynn Hunt. The awards event—usually held in the spring—was moved to the fall dinner in order to accommodate awardees who had travel commitments in May.
REGAINING YOUR RIGHTS

Editor’s note: When Hospitality Chair and Distinguished Librarian Emerita Julie Kwan asked Ron Mellor to arrange for Marty Brennan (Scholarly Communication Education and Copyright Librarian) and Lisa Moske (OpenUCLA Project Manager) from the Charles E. Young Research Library to attend the Emeriti Association board meeting on November 6, they presented information that generated lively interest from some quarters. In fact, one board member has made a resolution to investigate further the process for making material she helped to create for UCLA that has long been out-of-print available again. I am looking forward to hearing how she fares. In the meantime, perhaps others will be inspired to get started.

Author Rights Reversion for UCLA Emeriti:
A Message from the UCLA Library
When professors publish a book, they typically sign an “author agreement” transferring their copyright to the publisher. Publishers retain these rights for the duration of the term of copyright: the life of the author plus 70 years. But what happens when the book is no longer being printed and promoted? While they live on in library catalogs and on library shelves, the full text of such books can be hard to locate online, and can fall into obscurity.

You can take action to make sure your published works avoid this fate, and actually become more accessible than ever. Many publisher agreements detail specific conditions in which the copyright can transfer back to the author – a process known as “rights reversion.” Even when that option is not specified, the UCLA Library has been assisting UCLA scholars as they request their copyright back from the publisher through negotiation.

We then encourage scholars to make these works into an Open Access digital version, which can be freely accessed and read worldwide. Doing so allows your text to be accessible to current scholars regardless of institutional affiliation, expanding its reach and impact. It also gives current professors an option for high-quality no-cost course materials, which benefits students.

One such author is UCLA Professor Charles Knobler. Along with his late colleagues Jürg Waser and Kenneth Trueblood, Knobler wrote the influential chemistry textbook Chem One in 1976, as well as updated editions in 1980 and 1982. Knobler took action to have the rights of all three editions revert back to him, and then made all editions of Chem One freely available through the Hathi Trust database.

UCLA Emeriti faculty are ideal candidates for this approach because of your important scholarly legacy. With a little effort, you can make sure your work is freely available to the world in perpetuity, and we can help.

Please get in touch with the UCLA Library if you would like to learn more about “Rights Reversion” so that you can regain your copyright. We can then make a digital copy freely available online, which we will promote to the campus community and beyond.

To begin the process, email us at OA@library.ucla.edu.

Martin J. Brennan
Scholarly Communication Education Librarian
UCLA Library
EMERITI CELEBRATE 50 WITH THE ERRC

The ERRC (Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center), our partner and our crutch celebrated its golden anniversary (50 years) in grand fashion at a lively luncheon on December 5, 2019 at the UCLA Faculty Center.

The large group of retirees and emeriti, some visitors from sister institutions, former directors Sue Barnes and Eddie Murphy (above with Ayesha Dixon) and leaders of both organizations and the administration were present.

Emily Carter, Executive Vice-Chancellor and Provost gave an expansive and optimistic vision of UCLA's role in the future and Mike Levine, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and our administrative liaison recounted the important of the organization. The leaders of the emeriti and retiree associations echoed these remarks.

The featured speaker, Adrian Harris Vice-Chancellor Emeritus of planning recounted his memories of the ERRC and the campus over his more than 60 years.

In between these talks there was a delicious luncheon and much animated conversation. Members who see one another infrequently mingled happily and noisily and applauded the speakers enthusiastically.

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Camera angles made suggesting the scope of the event (as it was kicking off) a challenge.

The event was an enormous success and huge thanks go to Ayesha Dixon and her colleagues, Maria Lubrano and Eric Wang for this amazing event.

Steve Cederbaum

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Elizabeth Ligan Bjork and Robert Bjork, emeriti professors of psychology in the UCLA College, have received the 2020 Association for Psychological Science Mentor Award. The award honors the importance of mentoring in the field as well as the dedication and impact of individuals with a distinguished record of teaching, advising, and encouraging students and colleagues who go on to have productive and influential research careers.

Leonard Kleinrock, distinguished professor emeritus of computer science and Gabor Temes, distinguished professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering join two other professors from the Samueli School of Engineering who have been elected as fellows of the National Academy of Inventors. According to the academy, the honor recognizes inventors at academic institutions who have “demonstrated a spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society.”


PRESIDENT-ELECT NEEDED FOR 2020-2021

Nominations are requested for the 2020-2021 Emeriti Association office of Vice President/President-Elect. Candidates must be members of the Academic Senate.

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

Current President Dick Weiss will continue as president until July 1, 2021. He started his term early due to the resignation of Edwin Cooper. Ron Mellor will serve as Past-President until July 1, 2021.

Corresponding Secretary Diane Childs, Treasurer Jane Permaul, and Member-at-Large Harvey Herschman will run for reelection.

Recording Secretary Barbara Lippe will continue for the second year of her two-year term. Members-at-Large Abdelmonem Affifi, Nick Entrikin, and Claudia Mitchell-Kernan will serve the second years of their two-year terms.

Please send nominations or suggestions to the Nominating Committee at rmellor@ucla.edu The deadline for nominations is March 9, 2020.

Ron Mellor, Nominating Committee Chair
INVIATIONS

UCLA Emeriti are welcomed to a number of events put on by our sister organizations and other complementary groups. Here are a few.

FACULTY WOMEN’S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

The UCLA Faculty Women’s Club cordially invites members of the UCLA Emeriti Association to join us for our annual Scholarship Dinner, Tuesday, February 4, 2020, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the California Room of the Faculty Center.

The exceptional evening features our special guests: noted attorney Daniel Lowenstein, our 10 impressive FWC Scholars, and artist Jarka Wilcox, initiating her Art for Scholarships Fundraiser prior to dinner.

Our guest speaker, Daniel H. Lowenstein, emeritus professor at the UCLA School of Law, will have us consider “Why UCLA (and the World) Needs the Liberal Arts.”

To increase the number of awards the FWC can support, the FWC Board recently approved the sale of art works by Jaroslava (Jarka) Wilcox, PhD, formerly of Tufts University faculty and JPL-Caltech, and UCLA graduate, Alumni and FWC member. Checks for purchases are written payable to the UCLA Foundation, ensuring that all proceeds go directly to the FWC Scholarship Fund.

If you wish to make dinner reservations, contact Estellaleigh Franenberg, franenberg@support.ucla.edu, 310-794-5189

Dianne Homsher, Faculty Women’s Club

FACULTY WOMEN’S CLUB PLAYREADING

Emeriti, their family and friends are welcome to join the Faculty Women’s Club Playreading group on the second Thursday of the month during the academic year, October through May (no meeting in December).

The February 13, 2020, selection will be Who Am I This Time by Aaron Posner. Posner is an award-winning American director and playwright, and the play is based on a story by Kurt Vonnegut.

The next winter playreading events are March 12 and April 9.

Please contact Rochelle Caballero, chair of the Play Readers, at rccab90272@cs.com for more information or to be added to the Play Readers’ mailing list. Emeriti are encouraged to participate as readers as well as to attend performances. Be sure to let Rochelle know if you’d like to be a reader.

Make an evening of it—join cast members for a delightful dinner before the performance, 5:30 pm at the Faculty Center. To reserve, contact Marjorie Friedlander, friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com. Past audience members have been known to become readers and directors.

Marjorie Friedlander, Faculty Women’s Club

FACULTY WOMEN’S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

FWC’s General Meeting on March 17, 2020, 1:30 p.m., Faculty Center, features Dr. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz, professor of medicine, UCLA Division of Cardiology, and visiting professor of human evolutionary biology at Harvard University. She will discuss Wildhood, her second collaboration with science journalist, Kathryn Bowers. Reservations are not required.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS WITH PLATO!

As a retiree, if you are looking for an activity which is fulfilling, social, and rewarding, you might want to join The PLATO Society of Los Angeles, a self-governing community that shares a passion for learning.

PLATO stands for Partners in Learning Actively Teaching Ourselves. We are a member-run nonprofit group which organizes self-designed and taught seminars in our own facility in Westwood Village.

The PLATO Society is open to anyone who has a love of learning and wants to participate in a mix of intellectual and social events. Members meet regularly to study and discuss topics of interest in science, history, philosophy, biography, art, music, theater, literature, political science and more. Members propose and design discussion groups for other members to take. In addition, the group organizes optional lectures, brown-bag lunch discussions, book clubs, theater and dining outings, daylong excursions, foreign trips, and multi-day get-aways.

PLATO also organizes eight colloquia a year where distinguished scholars, journalists, public figures, and other professionals address topics of wide interest at the Skirball Center on Thursday afternoons.

You can learn more about everything The PLATO Society offers by going to the website: www.ThePlatoSociety.org. Call 310-443-7676 or email: office@ThePlatoSociety.org to be put on a mailing list.

Anne Mellor, PLATO Society Member and UCLA Distinguished Professor Emerita

ENJOYING THE FACULTY CENTER

When members think of faculty club dining they most likely think of lunch. Please keep in mind that the faculty club offers breakfast from 7 to 10:30 and dinner from 5 to 7 Monday through Friday.

This fall the faculty club has started afternoon tea from 3 to 5. The tea takes considerable preparation so reservations are required.

Also new, the Cypress Bar and Lounge is open Monday through Friday starting at 5 pm. Happy hour is from 5 to 6. Laura Saggars performs Thursday evenings.

Two themed dinners lead off 2020: January Prime Rib Thursday, January 23, and Valentine’s day Thursday, February 13.

The faculty club hopes many of you take advantage of these events and other special offerings.

Bruce Miller, Faculty Center Representative
EMERITI CENTENARIANS

UCLA began celebrating its centennial in earnest in the fall. However, there are retired UCLA faculty who are as old, if not older.

In October and November, Emeriti Association President Ron Mellor wrote to three emeritus centenarians on behalf of the executive board and all emeriti and emeritae to wish them a Happy Birthday on their momentous occasions.

Professor Emeritus of Education John McNeil continues to teach and engage students in the importance and relevance of education today. John was head of the Teacher Education Program (1964-1971) and went to Mexico to write curriculum and conduct professional development workshops for teachers. He also conducted projects and research in Latin America, Jamaica, and the Caribbean.

Professor Emeritus of Geography Norman Thrower contributed to UCLA over many decades as a teacher of geography and cartography, a scholar of exploration and Sir Francis Drake, and as an administrator, notably as Director of the Clark Library.

Professor Emeritus of Medicine Irv Zabin contributed to UCLA since his arrival as a postdoctoral fellow in 1950 soon thereafter teaching the charter medical school class. His seventy years of teaching, research and administration have helped to make UCLA one of the leading centers of medical education and research in the world.

IN MEMORIAM

The following current or retired members of the UCLA Academic Senate or Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles, or whose emeritus status was conferred, died between December 3, 2018, and January 2, 2020. Spouses of such individuals are also included.

The UCLA Emeriti Association honors their passing.

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*Spouse  **Died in Service  ***Surviving Spouse

SAVE THESE DATES

April 9, 2020
After-Lunch Program

May 13, 2020
Spring Awards & Dinner

May 19, 2020
Arts & Crafts Exhibit

June 11, 2020
After-Lunch Program
THE UCLA EMERITI ASSOCIATION

The UCLA Emeriti Association advocates at the campus and statewide level on behalf of all UCLA retired faculty, librarians and those with conferred emeritus status. Additionally, the Emeriti Association plans programs for its members, encourages emeriti to stay connected to UCLA, and reaches out to those considering retirement.

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FROM THE CENTER

Estate Planning Workshop:
Wednesday, February 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. University Credit Union, 1500 Sepulveda Boulevard To register, call (310) 825-7456 by Friday, February 14. If you are like most Americans, you have focused on securing a strong financial future for yourself and your family. However, the majority of Americans have no plan in place to preserve, manage and transfer their wealth upon death or incapacity.

First Fridays Technical Tutorial Fridays:
February 7 & April 3 10 a.m. - noon Young Research Library. To register, call (310) 825-7456.

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

Ayesha Dixon, ERRC Director

PLEASE SHARE

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

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