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#### From the Emeriti Association President

This has been an active and productive year for the Emeriti Association. The UCSB Library Special Research Collections co-sponsored a celebration of continued emeriti research. Professor Emerita Shirley Lim read from her latest volume of poetry, Dawns Tomorrow. Professor Emeritus John Gerig talked about his work in the field of nanochemistry, and Professor Emerita Pat Cohen described her project on the history of abortion in 19th century America. Last year the focus of this event was emeriti donations of papers and research material to the Special Research Collections archives. Plans are underway for a third celebration of continued emeriti research in 2025.

Among Program Committee winter quarter events: webinars with Peter Alagona, Joel Feigin, and Nelson Lichtenstein—all archived and available for viewing on our website. Emeriti Association bike-to-breakfast rides are also great ways to get exercise and to meet fellow emeriti.

We had our first emeriti lunch at The Club (formerly known as the Faculty Club), and we plan to have one each quarter. Outdoor activities included an oncampus bird walk with an Audubon Society guide, and on April 19, we'll meet at the Carpinteria Salt Marsh for a docent-led walk. Announcements of events are made in email blasts sent regularly and designed by Emeriti and Retirees Center Coordinator Ellen Pasternack.

The Emeriti Association Welfare Committee has been busy behind the scenes. At our May 7 Business Meeting, open to all emeriti and in Zoom format, the

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#### From the Retiree Association President

Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather as we dry out from another crazy, wet winter. Although our leadership board is small and is actively seeking more members, we have kept busy planning events for you. In January, Elizabeth Stewart gave a presentation on downsizing. She gave helpful tips on what to do with our stuff when our kids or other family members aren't interested in them. On April 20, we will be having a tour of the historic Santa Barbara Cemetery. The tour will be given by a local historian who has written a book about the cemetery and will highlight the cemetery's art, architecture and famous residents. This event is free for retirees and \$20 for guests. On Wednesday, May 22, we will be hosting a webinar about the UC Retirees Travel Program. The webinar will be presented by Sue Barnes, the program coordinator and retiree from UC Davis and will cover upcoming trips including Croatia, Japan, Finland, Canada at Christmas and a whole lot more. The trips are geared towards retired staff and faculty from the entire UC system and have a dedicated UC escort on each trip (including our very own Sabina White). If you are interested in group travel but don't necessarily want to travel with "strangers", this is the program for you! I recently did the Cuba trip and will be taking more trips through them. For more information go to <a href="https://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/">https://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/</a>. We have much more in store for you this spring and summer. If you have any suggestions

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## April is Financial Literacy Month Take Control of your Finances!

#### Women & Investing:

Organize, Plan, and Own your future Thursday, March 21st @ 12:00 PM Pacific Time

#### 5 Money Musts:

Start your financial journey on the right foot.

April 2nd @ 12:00 PM Pacific Time

#### **Tax Efficient Investing**

April 9th @ 12:00 PM Pacific Time

#### **529 College Savings Plan**

April 16th @ 12:00 PM Pacific Time

#### **Guide to Your UC Retirement System**

April 23rd @ 12:00 PM Pacific Time

Registration for all sessions is on Shoreline: https://cglink.me/2dD/r2259632



From the Emeriti Association President, Continued from page 1 Committee will report on the issues they have been addressing. The Committee has been particularly

concerned with the quality of advice and support that faculty approaching retirement and retirees receive now that we have no retirement counselors on campus and all advising is done by staff working in Oakland at the newly-established unit called RASC (Retirement Administration Service Center). The Welfare Committee is also concerned that emeriti are not fully aware of their rights and privileges, including free parking, eligibility for Senate research funds, travel grants, and eligibility for appointment as a Research Professor. The Welfare Committee is chaired by Bill Ashby, and members are Stan Awramik, Denise Bielby, John Gilbert, and Cynthia Brown (ex officio).

We continue to support the Promise Scholars program. Thanks to the generosity of emeriti, in our first year of a fundraising campaign we exceeded our goal for 2023. The goal of our next campaign is to raise funds to support our Promise Scholars through 2024. Donations can be made online here.

You can <u>register now</u> for the Emeriti Association Business Meeting, to be held on May 7, 1:00-2:30 p.m., <u>via Zoom</u>. I hope you can attend.

With best wishes, Muriel Zimmerman President UCSB Emeriti Association mzimmer@writing.ucsb.edu



Promise Scholars & Emeriti at lunch in 2023

#### **UCSB's AD&A Museum Events**

#### **UCSB Library Events**

#### (Includes UCSB Reads)





#### The UCSB Current: UC Santa Barbara News & Events

UCSB's official news site updated daily with breaking news, events, and research news from the University of California.

Click **here** to see the latest edition.





#### The CUCRA/CUCEA Zoom Conference Links are Live!

Join CUCRA, the Council of University of California Retirees Associations, and CUCEA, the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations, for their Spring Zoom conference

Wednesday, April 24 from 8:30 am to noon A joint meeting with CUCRA & CUCEA

Zoom Registration Link

Wednesday, April 24 from 12:30 to 4 pm CUCEA Meeting
Zoom Registration Link

Thursday, April 25 from 8:30 am to noon CUCRA Meeting
Zoom Registration Link

All meetings are free.

Questions? Contact Ellen Pasternack, Emeriti Retirees Coordinator, or call 805.893.2168

#### Live Entertainment Presented by UCSB!

Enjoy live and filmed entertainment on campus, or downtown:



Rhiannon Giddens

<u>Carsey-Wolf Center</u>

**Department of Music Events** 

Department of Theatre and Dance



Galan Trio

**UCSB** Arts and Lectures

From the Retirees Association President, Continued from page 1 please consider joining us. It's not a major commitment just an interest to be more involved with your fellow

retirees. Don't hesitate to contact <u>Ellen Pasternack</u> or call her at 805-893-2168 should you have any questions.

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#### **2024 Spring Webinars and Events for UCSB Emeriti & Retirees**

Stay tuned to your inbox to receive registration details for the following events. Please contact Ellen Pasternack if you would like to be added to the Emeriti Retiree Center email list. Details will also be posted on the Emeriti Retiree Center website.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Tues, April 2	Emeriti Association: Inaugural Lunch at The Club - Contact Ellen Pasternack or call 805.893.2168 to reserve a space	Noon	The Club  UCSB map
Fri, April 5	Emeriti Association trip: Border Crossings. Contact Ellen Pasternack or call 805.893.2168 to RSVP	3:15 to 5 pm	HSSB1151, Ballet Studio Theater & AD&A Museum  UCSB map
Thurs, April 11	Emeriti Association trip: Ensemble Theatre Company. Contact Ellen Pasternack or call 805.893.2168 for your group discount code BEFORE purchasing your ticket	6:30 pm	The Lehman Trilogy, by Stefano Massini The New Vic
Fri, April 19	Emeriti Association trip: Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve. Walking Tour with Reserve Director Andrew Brooks Contact Ellen Paster- nack or call 805.893.2168	10 t0 11:30 am	<u>Carpinteria Salt Marsh</u>
Sat, April 20	Retirees Association trip: Santa Barbara Cemetery. Guided Walking Tour with author David Petry Contact <u>Kim Summerfield</u>	10 am to 1 pm	Santa Barbara Cemetery
Weds, May 22	Emeriti Retirees Center hosts a UC Retirees Travel Preview Webinar	10 to 11:15 am	Zoom - please register in advance
Weds, June 5	Emeriti Association trip: Hermitage Museum. Contact Ellen Pasternack or call 805.893.2168 (Group size is limited; this trip is for Emeritionly)	10 am to 12:15 pm	Hermitage Museum



Elaine Grimmesey

Student Health

2016

Herbert Kromer

Electrical & Computer Eng

2012

George Homsy

Mechanical Engineering

2009

Kollamala Mathew

Physical Ed & Recreation

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David Moreno

Police Department

1990

Glenda Vasquez

Unknown

1992

Losing a loved one is never easy, and it can be difficult to settle your loved one's estate while you are still grieving. Detailed information on the steps you need to take can be found at Your Guide to Survivor and Beneficiary Benefits booklet. UC staff will work with you to explain any benefits available to you and to other survivors or beneficiaries. The Retirement Administration Service Center will be your primary point of contact. RASC representatives can answer questions and guide you through the process of claiming both UCRP benefits and UC-sponsored health and welfare benefits, if you're eligible. RASC Survivor Intake Unit, for survivors and beneficiaries, call 800.825.6833. Report a death via Retirement At Your Service (UCRAYS) or contact the RASC at 800.888.8267 (or 1-510-987-0200 from outside the U.S.), 8:30 a.m.— 4:30 p.m, Monday through Friday.

#### Have you moved recently?

If you have moved, please remember to contact the following with your new address:



- ⇒ <u>UC Retirement Administration Service Center</u> (RASC) 800-888-8267 will forward your updated address to your insurance carriers. You can update your contact information via <u>Retirement At Your Service</u> <u>Online</u> (UCRAYS)
- $\Rightarrow$  To send to RASC via USPS, the change of address form for retirees is found here -<u>UBEN131</u>. Once completed, the form should be sent to RASC (address on UBEN 131 form)
- ⇒ Social Security if you are on Medicare
- ⇒ UCSB Emeriti/Retiree Center send email to <u>ellen.pasternack@hr.ucsb.edu</u>





The UC Retirees Travel program offers two great advantages to retirees wishing to see the world. First, we travel in good company! Retired faculty and staff from the 10 UC campuses and three national laboratories tend to develop a strong camaraderie, based on our shared work history.

Second, by traveling with this program, we help support CUCRA (Council of University of California Retirees Associations) and our retiree associations at each UC location. CUCRA, a nonprofit organization comprised of volunteer representatives from each campus retiree association, represents our interests and advocates for our benefits in regular meetings with UC leadership. For example, CUCRA has been instrumental in establishing the UC Healthcare Facilitator program, maintaining UC contributions to retiree healthcare premiums, advocating for the establishment of campus-funded retirement centers, and encouraging retiree perks such as free or reduced parking.

UC Retirees Travel offers trips around the world through its three tour partners. Each offers a variety of trips which may be exclusive to UC Retirees or may be a mixture of our travelers and other group(s) or individuals, including our friends and family who are always welcome! Our tour partners are:

Collette, a family-owned company that has been offering guided tours for more than 100 years.

Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT), Grand Circle Travel (GCT), Grand Circle Cruise Line (GCCL), travel companies owned by Grand Circle Corporation. OAT specializes in small land and sea adventures. OAT/GCT feature land tours with no single supplement; GCCL cruises feature a limited number of single rooms with a very low single supplement.

Premier World Discovery, a 25-year-old tour company that offers one of the few trips to Cuba.

Some of our 2024 UC Retiree Travel trips still have available space, including Iceland, departing 9/4; and Kingdoms of Southeast Asia, departing 11/6 and 11/7. (Note: If you are interested in either off the Southeast Asia trips, please call Dolores Dryer at 805 758-0053.)

Retirees have also started to enroll in our 2025 trips and are excited to visit the Galapagos, departing 1/16; Costa Rica departing 1/31; Finland departing 2/20; Italy departing 3/3; Spain and Portugal departing 3/30; Danube River Cruise departing 4/19; Northern Italy departing 4/28; Africa departing 6/19 and 6/22; France departing 9/19 and Albania and Greece departing 12/2.

Pricing for our air-inclusive trips includes economy flights, a dedicated tour leader and escort, hotels, most group activities, many meals, and transfers, as well as gratuities for local guides, bus drivers, and wait staff for included group meals. Costs **not** included are:

- Some activities (usually one to three per trip)
- Visas (for countries where visas are required, trip flyers and/or final documents will specify the cost of and the procedure for obtaining the visa)
- Some meals (daily breakfasts are usually included as are some lunches and dinners)
- Some tips (tips for the dedicated trip leader, cruise staff, housekeeping staff and/or wait staff for meals not included, depending on the country's customs)

Trip costs are the same whether you book one of our retiree tours or book the same tour directly with the tour operator.

If you are interested in any of the UC Retiree tours, it is useful to review the trip flyer (<a href="https://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/index.html">https://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/index.html</a>) which includes the daily itinerary and activity levels, ranging from 1 (leisurely) to 4 (most active). If you have questions about specific tours, contact the tour companies directly. If you have general questions for the travel program, contact us at <a href="https://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/index.html">UCRetireesTravel@gmail.com</a>

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**Emeriti - Retirees Center** 

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#### Website Map

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### UCSB Retiree Association 2023-2024

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### UCSB Emeriti Association 2023-2024

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Claudine Michel

William Prothero

Jon Spaventa

Robert Warner

Simon Williams

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The UCSB Emeriti/Retirees Center serves as a connecting link between UCSB and its retired faculty and staff. While we encourage all retirees to join the UCSB Retirees Association or Emeriti Association, we serve all retirees regardless of membership. If we can't answer your questions, we will refer you to other resources. If you have questions about:

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#### UC pension, beneficiaries or retiree health benefits...

Contact the <u>Retirement Administration Service Center</u> (RASC), at 800.888.8267.

NEW! - RASC Survivor Intake Unit, for survivors and beneficiaries, call 800.825.6833. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

#### Medicare enrollment...

Visit the UC Medicare website or call the RASC at the number above.

#### UC defined contribution plan, 403(b) or 457(b)plans...

Contact Fidelity Retirement Services at (866) 682-7787 or, from outside U.S., (877) 343-0860 or email Andrew.Fung@Fidelity.com to schedule an individual consultation.

#### Your blue UCSB Retiree or Emeriti card, questions about parking, or referrals...

Contact Ellen Pasternack at the Emeriti Retirees Center or 805-893-2168.