President’s Message

The year 2017 marks an epoch in the history of Cal State L.A. Seventy years ago this year, the California legislature authorized the establishment of the Los Angeles State College of Fine and Applied Arts. After a decade during which it shared the campus on Vermont Avenue with Los Angeles City College, the College moved to the East Los Angeles location, where it has remained ever since. A splendid exhibit on the first floor of the library traced the history of the University from these modest beginnings to its flourishing present with over 28,000 students, record-breaking numbers of applications, national recognition for the achievements of its faculty, and its proud ranking as number one nationwide in promoting the upward mobility of its students.

Your Emeriti Association is also approaching a milestone. In 2018, it will be 40 years since the Association was established with the goal of “enhancing the status and condition of the University’s emeriti faculty, and strengthening their ties to the University.” Throughout its existence, the Association has worked to achieve this goal, advocating for the interests of emeriti in dialogue with the administration and in the Academic Senate. We have also actively supported programs that showcase the University’s current and emeriti faculty, such as the faculty colloquia series in the 1990s. Recently, the University recognized the important contributions of emeriti faculty by including books by emeriti in a Fine Arts Gallery exhibition of works reflecting scholarship by University faculty through the years.

The Association continues today to work to

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Emeriti Association Marks 40th Anniversary at the Senate

On Tuesday, February 27, the annual formal recognition of emeriti faculty is scheduled from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. in Golden Eagle Ballroom 3. All emeriti are invited, and those in attendance will be asked to introduce themselves and say a few words to the senators. The annual recognition is held to mark the anniversary of the founding of the Emeriti Association. The Association was established on February 9, 1978, led by Sidney P. Albert, emeritus professor of philosophy. The long-standing tradition of honoring the emeriti was begun by the Academic Senate executive committee in 1980.

Alumni and Faculty Exhibitions Mark Cal State LA’s Seventieth Anniversary

Among the many events and programs commemorating Cal State LA’s 70th anniversary were two special exhibitions at the Fine Arts Gallery: Legacies, featuring the artwork of 15 former Cal State LA students, and the Faculty Book Exhibition, a presentation of Cal State LA faculty publications.

Legacies, on view in the Gallery from September 9 to 30, displayed the cultural and artistic impact of Cal State LA alumni in the community and beyond. Curated by artist Mark Steven Greenfield (MFA, 1987), the exhibition included works by Frank Romero (B.A., 2009), Cal State LA emeritus faculty member Daniel Douke (B.A., 1970 and M.A., 1971), and Kent Twitchell (B.A., 1972). In the exhibit was a graphite sketch of renowned muralist Twitchell’s famous mural, Freeway Lady, in a different pose, the original of which he had created when he was a senior at Cal State LA.

The Cal State LA Faculty Book Exhibition, on view from October 9 to 28, presented a historical survey of books and monographs authored and edited by Cal State LA faculty over the last seven decades. It was the first exhibition of its kind.

Clockwise, from upper left: Kent Twitchell alongside his ‘Freeway Lady,’ curator Mark Steven Greenfield penning an autograph, and two views of faculty publications, at the alumni and faculty exhibitions in the Fine Arts Gallery.

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Visit the Emeriti Association webpage, http://www.calstatela.edu/emeriti
fulfill these goals. Particularly noteworthy is the assistance it provides the University’s students through its scholarships and fellowships. Thanks to the generosity of emeriti donors and their families year after year, the Association has granted such awards to our students—13 alone this year. Not only do we offer more scholarships and fellowships than any other similar association in the CSU system, but also more than any department on our campus. In addition, the Association sponsors Cal State LA’s successful Lifelong Learning program, which offers numerous presentations by emeriti faculty on subjects ranging from the latest research in chemistry and physics to Gilbert and Sullivan operettas and archaeology, at six community centers and residential facilities in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and the San Gabriel Valley.

The Executive Committee encourages all the Association’s members to take advantage of its varied programs, not only by attending its annual luncheons, but also by helping to read scholarship and fellowship applications and proposing topics for talks in the Lifelong Learning program. The committee also welcomes suggestions for new activities it could offer to Association members. All such suggestions should be sent to the president at sburste@calstatela.edu.

2017 Emeriti Association Fellowship Fund Donors

Following is the list of donors to the Fellowship Fund for the last calendar year. Names in parentheses show the person or fund commemorated by the corresponding donor.

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Epstein, Taylor Honored as Distinguished Educators

On November 3, Martin Epstein and William Taylor, emeritus professors of physics, were among the eight people honored by the Charter College of Education at its 28th annual Distinguished Educators Awards Dinner. They were honored for developing a rigorous STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum for students at nearby Lincoln and Garfield high schools.

The idea for the program began in 1989 when a former student of theirs came to them to ask for help in teaching the AP physics course at Lincoln High School. In talking with him, Epstein and Taylor realized that they were also interested in working on a larger problem: how to increase the number of Latino students who go to college and who major in STEM fields. That summer, they worked with faculty and administrators at Lincoln to develop the University Preparatory Program (UPP).

In Fall 1989, Epstein and Taylor selected about 100 incoming ninth graders with grades of B to C in middle school, a group they believed had much to gain from a university preparatory program. Participants were required to take rigorous university preparatory courses, attend some Saturday morning science laboratories at Cal State LA, and attend a tutoring program. The required courses, along with English and social studies classes, included three years of laboratory science, four years of mathematics, and three years of modern language.

Lincoln offered one section of physics and one section of AP physics that year. By comparison, today the school offers five sections of physics, a section of AP physics, and courses in engineering physics. In 1996, the pair partnered with Garfield High School to establish the second UPP.

Over the years, Epstein and Taylor have received funding for the program from Cal State LA lottery funds, Metropolitan Life Foundation, TRW Inc., the National Science Foundation, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, U.S. Department of Education, and Cal State LA matching funds.

Between 1989 and 2009, more than 3,000 students completed the program, many of whom attended the dinner to express their gratitude to their mentors. Approximately 40 percent of incoming UPP ninth graders enrolled in four-year colleges. Of those that came to Cal State LA, some 20 percent selected STEM majors.

Gaucher-Morales Memorial Conference Series Reaches a Milestone

The Gigi Gaucher-Morales Memorial Conference Series reached a milestone in April 2017. Founded in honor of Jeanine Gaucher-Morales, professor emerita of French and Spanish, by her family, the Morales Family Lecture Series Endowment completed its first decade of sponsoring conferences devoted to bringing the best in international scholarship in Latin American and Chicano studies to Cal State LA by celebrating the work of the distinguished Mexican author, Alfonso Reyes.

Alfonso Reyes was one of the major figures of Mexican and Spanish literature in the first half of the 20th century. Not only was he a diplomat, translator, essayist, poet, and writer of fiction, but he also founded one of the premier institutions of higher education in Mexico, El Colegio de México. Brought together by Roberto Cantú, professor emeritus of Chicano studies and English, 31 scholars from Mexico, Colombia, Croatia, France, and the United States—including two members of the Cal State LA Emeriti Association, Stanley Burstein and Hildebrando Villarreal—met on April 14 and 15 in the Music Hall to explore the multifaceted career and works of Alfonso Reyes.

The conference series is now internationally known and respected, as reflected by the broad sponsorship of the 2017 conference. In addition to the offices of President William Covino and Provost Lynn Mahoney, the Colleges of Arts and Letters and Natural and Social Sciences, and the Emeriti Association, sponsors included Mexico’s Consulate General in Los Angeles, the Autonomous University of Mexico, the Autonomous University of Nuevo León, and the Secretaría de Cultura de Mexico.

On April 6 and 7, the Gigi Gaucher-Morales Lecture Series Endowment completed its first annual Distinguished Educators Awards Dinner. They were honored by the College of Education, and (right) Gay Yuen, chair, Friends of the CCOE.

Erratum
In the fall issue of The Emeritimes, the obituary for Donald Dewey erroneously stated that he was the founding dean of the School of Letters and Science. The founding dean of the School was Leonard Mathy, followed by John Palmer and then Donald Dewey.

Ten Faculty Members Join the Emeriti Ranks
The following recently retired faculty members have been awarded emeriti/a status:

RAQUEL ACKERMAN

GREGORY D. ANDRANOVICH
(Political Science, 1993-2018)

GRANT A. FRASER
(Mathematics and Computer Science, 1982-2017)

SHIRLEY B. GRAY
(Mathematics, 1994-2017)

STEPHEN E. G. LA DOCHY
(Geography, 1987-2017)

HENRY R. MENDELL
(Philosophy, 1983-2017)

DARLENE M. MICHENER
(Education, 1985-2015)

TERESA PORTILLA OMIDASALAR
/Library, 1997-2017

WAYNE R. TIKKANEN
(Chemistry, 1986-2017)

KAYLEY VERNALLIS
(Philosophy, 1993-2017)

We congratulate them and hope to welcome them into the membership of the Emeriti Association.
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**Walter Askin** (Art) was featured, along with artists Jimmie Jones and Grant Wood, in an exhibit titled “Winter Wonderland: Staff Picks from the Permanent Collection,” a collaboration with printer Wayne Kimball at the Southern Utah Museum of Art, on the campus of Southern Utah University, from November 14, 2017 to January 6, 2018.

**Ted Crovello** (Graduate Studies and Research/Biological Sciences) and **Jean Adenika Crovello** (Education), two former Emeriti Association Executive Committee members, were married in September 2017 and have now moved permanently to Tacoma, Washington, where they are enjoying their new life together. While Ted and Jean knew each other professionally for many years before retirement, their years of overlapping service on the Executive Committee provided the context for them to expand their friendship and appreciation of each other that led to their lifelong commitment. While it rains in Tacoma most of the year, many days have only periods of showers that are often balanced by “sunbreaks”!

**Domnita Dumitrescu** (Spanish) was named a lifetime achiever by Marquis Who’s Who in the World. For a lifetime of “dedication to linguistics and pioneering spirit in academia,” she has been included in numerous volumes of Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in American Education, Who’s Who in the West, Who’s Who in the World, and Who’s Who of American Women.

**Jenifer Fisher-Houtt** (Education) continues to write and teach poetry at the Culver City Senior Center. In February, her Word Painting with Poetry class was interviewed by Ina Jaffe of National Public Radio. As Culver City’s Honorary Artist Laureate, she organized a poetry contest for the city’s 2017 centennial celebration. She is editing a Centennial Poetry Collection that will be published in the spring. Her fourth book of poetry, *Going to the Dogs and Other Critters*, has just been published. Proceeds from the sale of her books go to scholarships and fellowships at Cal State LA, as well as to educational programs at Griffith Observatory. In August, she brought her AstroScan telescope to Veterans Park in Culver City to share the local eclipse experience with more than 100 neighborhood day campers.


**Alan Muchinski** (Biological Sciences) and previous graduate students have three manuscripts published in the *Bulletin of the Southern California Academy of Sciences* in 2017. Each manuscript deals with an issue related to introduced tree squirrels in California and their potential future impact on native species of tree squirrels.

**Martin Schiesi** (History) wrote biographical entries on police official, business leader, and civil rights advocate Elbert T. Hudson and attorney, civil rights leader, journalist, and historian Roger Wood Wilkins in 2017. The entries are posted on the website http://www.BlackPast.org. On September 20, the University Bookstore hosted a signing of Schiesi’s book, *City of Promise: Race and Historical Change in Los Angeles*.

**Marlene Zepeda** (Child and Family Studies) co-authored an article, “Early education of Dual Language Learners: An efficacy study of the Nuestro Niños school readiness professional development program,” with D. C. Castro, C. Gillanders, X. Franco, D. M. Bryant, M. T. Willoughby, and L. I. Mendez, published in *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 40, 2017. In May, she gave a presentation, “Equity for DLLs/ELs Starts Early: Leveraging ESSA as a Part of the ECE System,” a Watercooler Discussion to inform advocacy from birth to age five, sponsored by the Advancement Project in Sacramento. In October, she presented via webinar a Migration Policy Institute-sponsored session focused on young Dual Language Learners (DLLs) and educational policy implications for early childhood education and care programs and systems that seek to provide equitable access and quality education for these children. With support from the Heising-Simons Foundation, she released *California’s Gold: An Advocacy Framework for Young Dual Language Learners* in November. This Advocacy Framework, and associated interactive website, opens a dialogue on how best to integrate preschool with the early primary grades and improve DLL and English Learner (EL) education throughout these grades.

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**Gaucher-Memorial Conference**

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Memorial Conference Series will begin its second decade with a conference titled “Chicano History, Historiography, and the Historical Novel: Out of Many, One” in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Cal State LA Chicano Studies Department, the first such department in the United States.


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**Rami Maysami** was named dean of the College of Business and Economics, effective August 1, 2017. He came to Cal State LA from Jackson State University, where he served as dean of the business college. In that role, he led the successful reaffirmation of their Association for Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation for the bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs. Previously, he led the business school at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke through its initial AACSB accreditation process. He has served as a member of several AACSB peer review teams and as an AACSB-authorized mentor for other business schools seeking initial accreditation. A prolific researcher, he has authored more than 100 journal articles and presented more than 150 conference papers. His research interests include regulation of financial institutions and personal finance and entrepreneurship, particularly the study of minority entrepreneurs.

**Outstanding Faculty Honored at Fall Convocation**

As part of the annual Fall Convocation on August 17, Cal State LA recognized five Outstanding Professors and one Outstanding Lecturer, as well as the President’s Distinguished Professor. Cal State LA alumna **Sharon H. Ulanoff** (Education), the President’s Distinguished Professor, is respected for her work in bilingual/multicultural and literacy education. Her research interests include second language writing acquisition, teacher identity development, and practitioner research. She has been awarded grants in support of research on reading comprehension, teacher education reform, and assessment of reading specialist competencies. Recipients of the Outstanding Professor Award are **Talia Mae Bettcher**

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**Michelle Hawley Named AVP & Dean, Undergrad Studies**

Michelle Hawley was appointed associate vice president and dean of undergraduate studies, effective June 1, 2017. A member of the Cal State LA English Department faculty since 1999, she had been interim dean since 2015. Under her leadership, Undergraduate Studies has been responsible for several initiatives focused on improving student success, including efforts to strengthen and coordinate university-wide advising initiatives. Earlier, Hawley served as the founding director of the Honors College.

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Leonard George Mathy, emeritus professor of economics and an ardent champion of academic freedom and shared academic governance at Cal State LA and within the California State University, died peacefully at the age of 99 on August 6 at the Pasadena Highlands senior living center in Pasadena. A man of many firsts, he was instrumental in the creation of both the campus and statewide academic senates, and served as the first chair of both institutions. He was the first chair of his academic department, the initial dean of the School of Letters and Science, and the first emeriti representative to the CSU Senate—a founding faculty member in every sense.

Born in Chicago on July 8, 1918 to Leonard and Ida (Laue) Mathy, Len completed his freshman year at Valparaiso University in Indiana before transferring to the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he earned a B.A. (1941), M.A. (1943), and Ph.D. in economics (1946). After postdoctoral work at the University of Washington, he joined the faculty of the three-year-old Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences in 1950, one of 90 faculty members housed in trailers on the Los Angeles City College campus who set the tone and direction of the fast-growing college.

Early in Len’s career, he became active in the movement for faculty governance, serving first in the Faculty Association, where he was president at its inception from 1952-53, and then on the Faculty Council that was created in 1955 as a consultative body to the president. One of his first assignments on the Council was to help draft procedures for faculty promotions that would include faculty in the evaluation process. His concern with having faculty play a significant role in decision-making on the campus was a hallmark of his participation in faculty governance at both the university and statewide levels.

As chair of the Council in 1962, Len played a major role in drafting a constitution for the Academic Senate that would replace the Council and define the rights and role of faculty in shared governance to this day. When the Academic Senate was approved by the faculty, Len was elected its first chair.

Then, when the new California State College chancellor set in motion steps to create a statewide faculty organization, Len was appointed head of the committee to draft its new constitution. He chaired the final drafting session attended by all of the campus presidents, most of the campus faculty association chairs, and the chancellor. He recalled that one of the more controversial moments occurred when an amendment was proposed to establish the chancellor as the chair of the Senate. After much debate, the vote on the amendment resulted in a tie, which Len decided by voting in the negative. After ratification of the statewide Constitution, Len became the first elected chair of the Academic Senate of the California State Colleges in 1963.

These Senate “firsts” were not the only ones that Len achieved. On campus, he was the first chair of the Department of Economics and Statistics, in 1962-63, as well as the founding dean of the School of Letters and Science, from 1964 to 1969. He was appointed university-wide dean of instructional administration in 1974, and served in that role until 1980.

All the while, Len participated in his first love, which was teaching. He taught thousands of young men and women to gain an appreciation and understanding of the study of economics, and eventually established a fellowship in his name through the Emeriti Association.

Throughout his career, Len was a member of both the statewide and local senates, playing a major part in formulating the Faculty Early Retirement Program. He drafted the proposal and the economic justification that were (somewhat to his surprise) readily accepted by the CSU system for the program that continues to benefit all faculty.

After his retirement in 1983, Len continued to work tirelessly to increase the influence of emeriti and retired CSU faculty through involvement with both senates. He represented the Cal State LA emeriti on the CSU Academic Senate and worked to obtain voting status for that position. His vision came to fruition in 2002, and he became Cal State LA’s first voting emeriti representative to the statewide body.

Len continued going to Senate meetings well into his 90s, and put many miles on his car driv-
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instrumental in developing new art education programs. Colleague Robert Reeser recalls that Ron was greatly respected and appreciated by his colleagues, always there when they needed him, and was responsible for assembling a very effective group of faculty. “Not only faculty, but students as well were drawn to him and appreciated his knowledge and his humanity.” He was a passionate teacher and a lifelong mentor to many students, and his positive impact will long resonate throughout the art education community in Southern California and beyond.

Ron was a well-published author, including the much-used college text, Learning About Art. Among his major research projects was a federally funded project that explored the challenges of teaching art in economically and academically disadvantaged communities. He was a life member of the National Art Education Association, a founding member and past chair of the Los Angeles County Art Education Council, and a past president of the California Art Education Association, Southern Region.

At the University, Ron received the Outstanding Professor Award for 1977-78 and, in 1981, the Pacific Region of the National Art Education Association honored him for his “outstanding contributions to the profession of art education.” In 1989, the California Art Education Association recognized his contributions with its Higher Education Art Educator Award. He was elected as a Distinguished Fellow of the National Art Education Association in 1991.

During the last 10 years of his career, Ron worked with the Getty Center for Education in the Arts. As one of the founders of the innovative learning strategy known as discipline-based art education, he worked with 21 school districts in Los Angeles County and served as director of curriculum for the Getty’s Institute for Educators. A scholarship for students of art education was established in his name upon his retirement in 1988.

Though he spent most of his life in Southern California, Ron was also an intrepid traveler, enjoying many adventures around the world with his wife, Marilyn. They enriched the lives of their sons by including them in their travels.

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(Philosophy), an expert in feminist philosophy, transgender studies, and philosophy of personhood, who has served as director of the Center for the Studies of Genders and Sexualities; Nanda Ganesan (Information Systems), whose current research focuses on using cloud computing to enhance technology-mediated learning, building collaborative platforms for learning, and producing multimedia instructional modules; Patrick J. Krug (Biological Sciences), a highly regarded marine biologist, who has performed field work uncovering new biodiversity in Africa, Australia, the tropical Indo-Pacific, and the Caribbean; and Arturo Pacheco-Vega (Mechanical Engineering), a leader in the field of soft computing and heat transfer, who has helped to secure more than $12.4 million in external funds to support research projects, including the University’s internationally recognized Center for Energy and Sustainability. The Outstanding Lecturer Award was given to Jay Conway (Philosophy), whose teaching has focused on gender and culture; existentialism; postmodernism; ethics; critical thinking; philosophy of film, emotions, and law; and human diversity and justice.

Support for DACA Students Continues on Campus

As the tension increases for Cal State LA students and the campus community due to the decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, Cal State LA has reached out to students with forums, face-to-face meetings, and emailed messages to affirm the University’s resolve to support DACA students. President William A. Covino’s periodic letters have been transmitted via email and posted on the University special Immigration Issues and Resources page. A forum was held on September 6 to address questions regarding financial aid and scholarships, campus employment, academic standing, housing, and other topics. As part of its ongoing support, the University has made certain non-state funds available to cover the $500 fee associated with submitting a DACA renewal application to the Department of Homeland Security. The Office of Communications and Public Affairs is providing, free of charge, the photographs required for inclusion with the application. Unfortunately, if the March 5 expiration is allowed to occur, the CSU will be required to end the employment of some of its DACA recipients as early as March 6. President William A. Covino has conveyed his cautious optimism that Congress will pass legislation that will make this unnecessary.

Campus Goes Smoke-Free

Effective September 1, Cal State LA became a 100 percent smoke-free and tobacco-free campus, in accordance with the CSU Policy on Policy on Systemwide Smoke and Tobacco Free Environment, Executive Order 1108. A steering committee was created to work with students, faculty, and staff to ensure a smooth transition to a healthier, smoke-free environment.

The Silverman home was filled with art and music, and these passions were passed on to their children. After retiring, Ron returned to his roots as an artist and began painting again, producing many whimsical images inspired by the great art of the world. The family treasures these paintings, many of which hang in their homes.

Ron embraced people from all walks of life, of all cultures. He was a creative, freethinking person who knew how to make everyone feel appreciated and valued. He also knew how to make them laugh with his wonderful sense of humor, and was full of witty expressions like, “He isn’t the best, but better than most!”

Known at home by the Yiddish word for grandmother, Zayde, Ron was a very loving and proud parent, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who took immense joy in his family. Despite his many professional accolades and accomplishments, he claimed to be most proud of his family. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Marilyn; sons Ray, Jeff, and Paul; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

JOHN O. HERBOLD II
Head Coach, Baseball, 1984-2004

John O. Herbold II, legendary head baseball coach from 1984 to 2004 and member of the Cal State LA Hall of Fame, died on July 27 in Garden Grove at the age of 88. A baseball coach for 49 years at the high school and college level, he had a record-setting 21-year career at Cal State LA and led his Diablo and Golden Eagle teams to 455 victories, including 15 campaigns of at least 20 wins.

Born in Hollywood on June 27, 1929, John graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. from Stanford University in 1951 and obtained his M.A. there the following year. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

Before coming to Cal State LA, John was a beloved and admired high school English
teacher as well as baseball coach. He achieved great success in the high school coaching ranks, compiling an amazing 483-176 record in 28 years at Long Beach Poly and Lakewood high schools, including California Interscholastic Federation titles at both schools. He led Long Beach Poly to a title in 1963 and Lakewood to championships in 1970 and 1974. His teams captured 18 Moore League championships.

John’s 1997 and 1998 Golden Eagle teams were among the program’s best, winning back-to-back California Collegiate Athletic Association Conference championships with a combined record of 41 wins and 23 losses in conference play. The 1998 squad also earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament, the first for the Cal State LA baseball program since the 1977 team finished in fourth place at the College World Series.

During John’s tenure, Cal State LA was ranked among the top 25 schools in the nation, regardless of division, in sending players to the pros. Numerous Cal State LA alumni advanced to the professional ranks during that time, including outfielder Jay Gibbons, who played for the Golden Eagles from 1996 to 1998, and pitcher Mike Burns, who started his collegiate career as an infielder and wound up as a Major League Baseball pitcher. He played for the Golden Eagles from 1997 to 2000. In the classroom, John’s teams consistently performed at a high level, often compiling the best grade-point average of any Cal State LA collegiate athletics squad.

With his 398th win on February 10, 2002, John became the University’s all-time leader in victories, surpassing the late Jim Reeder, for whom the Cal State LA baseball field is named. Overall, he had a lifetime 938-841-4 record over a span of 1,783 games, for an average .527.

In 2004, John received the prestigious Lefty Gomez Award, presented annually by the American Baseball Coaches Association to an individual who has distinguished himself among his peers and has contributed significantly to the game of baseball locally, nationally, and internationally. He was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998. In 2015, he was inducted into the Cal State LA Hall of Fame. His uniform number 28 was officially retired at the induction ceremony and family members were presented with a framed Cal State LA baseball jersey.

John is survived by his wife of six decades, Joanne; daughter Shele; and sons Morgan, Andrew, and John. In his published obituary, the family said, “John would not want to be remembered in a mortuary, auditorium, banquet hall, or church chapel. A remembrance while watching a baseball game would be most appropriate.”

Herman D. Lujan
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, 2001-2007

Herman D. Lujan, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Cal State LA from 2001 to 2007, died on May 30 in Vallejo at the age of 81. He was an educator and administrator for more than 50 years, including provost positions at four California State University campuses. A leader in national educational organizations, he was active in the activities of the American Council on Education and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. He wrote several books on higher education.

Born in Peleau, Hawaii, Herm attended seminary before obtaining his A.B. from St. Mary’s College of California in 1958. He went on to receive a master’s degree from UC Berkeley in 1960 and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Idaho in 1964. He also held an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from St. Mary’s College.

Herm taught undergraduate and graduate political science courses throughout his career. He began his administrative career as vice president of minority affairs at the University of Washington in 1978 and served in that role until 1988, when he became vice provost for academic affairs at the same institution. In 1991, he left to become president of the University of Northern Colorado.

As president until 1996, he rebuilt the school’s reputation as Colorado’s premier teaching university and stabilized its $120 million budget while dramatically improving private sector support. He was also a driving force in forming a coalition of university presidents to improve relationships with the Colorado legislature. He led the efforts to build enrollments while improving retention of both minority and majority students, turning the university into one of the state’s leaders in access and retention.

Herm came to Cal State LA in 2001 from the Connecticut State University system, where he had been vice president and provost, serving as chief liaison to the leadership of the four system campuses and the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education. His diverse and extensive experience at all levels of university administration included particular expertise in academic governance, institutional and statewide policy, strategic planning, governmental and business relations, community leadership, and assistance to trustees.

At Cal State LA, Herm provided leadership in the reorganization of the Division of Academic Affairs; strategic planning; reaccreditations; technology support for academic programs; recruitment for strong faculty, deans, and other administrators; and successfully managing fiscal and enrollment reductions. He was also highly involved in the planning for the Integrated Sciences Complex and the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center, as well as the securing of major philanthropic gifts.

Following his retirement from the University in 2007, he served as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at Cal Poly, Pomona.

Herm is survived by his wife Carla, three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Kenneth Ryan
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Librarian, 1988-2017

Kenneth Ryan, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) librarian, died unexpectedly at his New York summer home on July 11 at the age of 75. He was a highly respected member of the library faculty for nearly 30 years and was still working full-time.

Ken came to Cal State LA in 1988 as the assistant university librarian and manager for public services. After two years as a library administrator, Ken returned to the ranks of the library faculty, where he has served as the liaison to the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology and the College of Natural Science, Technology and the College of Natural
and Social Sciences. Between 2004 and 2006, he was the acting associate university librarian.

During Ken’s career, he oversaw several library reorganizations—both functional and physical—in the periodicals and government document areas. He moved information literacy as a full-fledged campuswide initiative and assisted the information literacy coordinator, library Information Literacy Advisory Committee, and campus information literacy advisory committee in planning and implementing a series of workshops, community college summit, and many staff development opportunities.

Ken was an active participant in academic governance, serving as chair of the Library Faculty Affairs Committee from 1990 to 1992, 2002 to 2004, and 2007 to 2009; chair of the Program Review Subcommittee of the Educational Policy Committee from 2000 to 2004 and 2008-09; and member of the Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics Committee from 2008 to 2013. Among other things, he was known for his prolific notetaking. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Board of Directors, Gamma Epsilon Chapter, from 2004 to 2010 and a marshal for the Honors Convocation and Commencement from 1993 to 2010.

Ken received a Cal State LA Innovative Instruction Award in 1997-98. Within the CSU, he was a member of the Systemwide Electronic Access to Information Resources Committee from 2012 to 2014.

Library dean Juan Carlos Rodriguez stated, “Ken’s spirit and dedication to Cal State LA, especially in assisting faculty and students in his professional librarian capacity, will be deeply missed.”

Ken is survived by his lifelong partner Evelyn Burnett. The University Library held two events to celebrate Ken’s life, an informal gathering on July 21 and a larger memorial on October 3.

RUTH ANN LAMONICA

Ruth Ann LaMonica, widow of emeritus professor of industrial studies John LaMonica, died on April 26 from complications of a stroke, in San Antonio. She was 85. John predeceased her in 2006.

Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, she moved with her family to California as a child. Ruth and John married in 1951 and lived in suburbs of Los Angeles and Orange County until moving to Yucca Valley in 1997 to live near their son and daughter-in-law.

In addition to being a devoted and supportive wife, mother, and friend, Ruth traveled the world extensively with John. Her passion for travel continued her entire life.

Ruth is survived by her son Jim and daughter-in-law Deb, her friend and long-term companion Bud Garrett, her sister Carol, and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

JEANNE SCHWARTZ

Jeanne Schwartz, widow of emeritus professor of French Leon Schwartz, died in Silver Spring, Maryland on January 4. Leon predeceased her in 2013. Born in France, Jeanne met Leon in Paris and they were married in 1949. She is survived by their son Eric and daughter Claire, sister Marie, five granddaughters, a step-granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on January 8 at the Riderwood Village Chapel in Silver Spring, followed by interment at Judean Memorial Gardens in Olney.

Also Remembered:

LILLY SHEN
Professor of Family Studies and Consumer Sciences, 1963-1992

The Emeriti Association was recently notified of the death of Lilly Shen, emerita professor of family studies and consumer studies on May 21.

ELLEN PHILLIPS


The Emeriti Association received word at press time of the death of Judith L. Papenhausen, emerita professor of nursing and former director of the School of Nursing, on January 19. A full obituary will appear in the spring issue.

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ing to Long Beach and other meeting sites throughout the state. In 2005, the campus Senate bestowed on him the title of Pater Senatus. When he wasn’t working, Len enjoyed breeding and raising aquarium fish. He and his wife traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia.

Former campus Senate chair Nancy Hunt’s statement honoring Len at the Academic Senate reads, in part, “This remarkable collection of ‘firsts’ was a testament to his obvious intelligence; his habits of careful, thoughtful decision-making; his sound judgment; his calm, reassuring manner; and the paradoxical mix of his cool sobriety and his warm Midwestern sense of humor.” The statewide Senate honored Len at its September meeting with a statement read by the vice chair, and a name placard and roses were placed at an empty chair in the Dumke Auditorium in Len’s honor.

Staff member Raeleen Allard, who worked with Len when he was dean, remembers him fondly as a very interesting man who loved to travel. “And he respected you when you would speak your mind. I think that was one of his best qualities.” She recalls that fellow staff members often thought Len was very formal and formidable, perhaps because he kept his suit jacket on all day. However, she said he was “just the opposite.” Though he was known as a stickler for punctuality at both ends of the day, that gave him time at the start and end of each work day to come out into the main office to chat with the staff.

Len is survived by his wife of almost 73 years, Jean; sisters-in-law Jane and Joan; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters Vera, Margaret, and Josephine.