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Convocation 2026

On August 21, the campus celebrated convocation. The annual event began with coffee, tea, cold water, and lots and lots of donuts on the Luckman Street of the Arts. Faculty, staff, students, and emeriti heard from the provost, Dr. Heather Lattimer, who read the 39 names and departments of the newly named emeriti. She was joined by Ashley Bellorin, the president of ASI, and President Dr. Berenecea Eanes. The speakers shared their perspectives on the coming year's challenges and the soon to be shared strategic plan. A panel discussion moderated by Luisa Acosta, the Associate Vice President for

University Advancement and a 1990 Cal State LA alumna, addressed the four pillars of the coming Strategic Plan: an Integrated Student Experience, Bridging Access to Achievement, a Culture of Empowered Growth, and Resources Aligned to Mission. Participating in the panel were Ms. Bellorin, Dr. Karen Elliott-Brown (starting her first day as a returning faculty member in Social Work), Academic Senate Chair Dr. Jessica DeShazo, and Dr. Stephen Trzaskoma, Dean of Arts and Letters and Interim Dean of Natural and Social Sciences.

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There were two big changes from previous Convocations. First, the announcement of the President's Distinguished Professor and Outstanding Professor/Lecturer Award winners has been moved to the Employee Recognition and Service Awards Celebration to be held Friday, September 4. Distinguished faculty and staff will be honored at that event. Second, the new faculty hires were not introduced. I have been told that there were only two such hires. Perhaps that explains the change.

Web Manager's Corner

Do you use the Emeriti Association website? Do you know we have a website and a whole website subcommittee behind it? If you have never been to our [website](#), then I suggest you check it out! The most used page is the page for the Emeritimes, where you can find archived issues dating back to March 1980. The newest edition can also be found on the [landing page](#). The second most heavily used page is the In Memoriam page, which has obituaries of emeriti faculty whose deaths we have learned about. During the past academic year this page was updated and reorganized. Missing obituaries from the last five years were added, broken links to photos were fixed, and the order in which the obituaries appear was reversed to show most recent on top. Obits can also be accessed either alphabetically or by selecting a year in 5-year increments. During this reorganization I had a chance to read many of the obits, and there are some truly remarkable stories.

Other pages of our website give information such as FAQs, the names of the current members of the executive committee, our constitution and bylaws, and upcoming events. We would like to hear from you, our members, about what you would like to see in the website. We are planning to send out a survey to the membership to get input during the Fall semester or in early Spring semester. In the meantime, feel free to reach out to [me by email](#) if you have ideas to make the website more useful. Likewise, if you have ideas regarding events that you would like the association to organize, or if you want to become more active in the association, feel free to reach out to any one of the officers, whose names you can find on the "[About Us](#)" page, or send an email to the [emeriti association office](#). We look forward to your ideas and participation.

Silvia Heubach

Web Manager

Emeriti President's Message



Welcome to the Fall 2026 Emeritimes! Campus is starting the 2026-2027 academic year, and I have been installed as the new president of the Cal State LA Emeriti Association. I am honored to have been elected to this position. I am proud to be an emeritus professor, and I am honored to help lead this organization.

Before I identify some things I hope to accomplish in the next two years, I want to acknowledge and thank all the members of the Executive Committee. They work on committees and attend meetings; some in person, some via zoom. No association can succeed without people willing to do the work of the association. I have been impressed by the dedication of these individuals. I specifically want to shine a light on Alfredo Gonzalez. He recently stepped down as Chair of the Emeriti Association's Fellowship and Scholarship Committee after many years of devoted

service. He has been the steward of our flagship contribution to the university and its students. This year, this association awarded 28 fellowships providing \$58,500 to outstanding Cal State LA students. To accomplish this task, Alfredo coordinated the efforts of 22 application readers. There is no greater advocate to support the academic journey of Cal State LA students in financial need. Fortunately for us Alfredo will remain on the Fellowship committee as it continues to carry out this legacy.

I also wish to thank Immediate Past Presidents Pat Chin and Kathy Reilly. Both have mentored and guided me as I prepared to assume this office. They have been excellent role models, and I know that I can continue to rely on their guidance.

So, what do I hope to accomplish? Let me identify three things. First, I hope to maintain the excellence that my predecessors achieved. They are a tough act to follow. Second, I hope we can better celebrate the achievements of emeriti faculty. We already solicit and share in the Emeritimes the research, professional activities, and publications of emeritus faculty. I think we can do even more. Some of our members give presentations in the community through our very successful Peter Brier Life-Long Learning Program and three experienced members gave their talks at our spring 2026 association meeting. They were wonderful. I think we ought to continue this tradition and perhaps expand it by inviting campus faculty to join us for our annual meeting next spring. Finally, I will seek to grow the association membership and increase the participation by new members. Silvia Heubach, our new Vice President, has already worked to improve our website, although more work needs to be done. She has volunteered to survey our members to see what they would like to see from the association. Silvia, Kathy Reilly and I have also been working on the process for receiving emeritus status. We will be bringing recommendations to the Executive Committee and then to the campus administration. I hope to increase the new emeriti who choose to be active members. All members are invited to read fellowship applications or share their expertise and interests through community presentations or submit contributions to the Emeritimes.

There is much we can do together. If you have questions or suggestions, you can reach us at emeriti.office@calstatela.edu.

Kevin Baaske, President

Cal State LA Emeriti Association

National Recognition for Cal State LA's CETL

Cal State LA is the first college campus in the nation to achieve the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Curriculum Endorsement, recognizing the university's innovative approach to integrating career readiness into the academic experience. The endorsement was awarded to the Center for Effective Teaching and Learning's (CETL) Career-Engaged Departments Program and its faculty development curriculum.

"Being the first campus to achieve the NACE Curriculum Endorsement is a tremendous honor and affirms Cal State LA's commitment to student success," said Cal State LA Provost Heather Lattimer. "Our faculty and staff are dedicated to ensuring that our students graduate prepared to secure their first professional job, successfully navigate the career ladder, and lead change in their professions, communities, and our broader global society."

Campus Recognized Nationally for Role in Promoting Upward Mobility

Money.com has once again honored Cal State LA as one of the "Best Colleges in America." The publication's 2026 rankings gave Cal State LA a five-star rating, one of only 42 colleges across the country to receive the top-scale designation.

Money.com cited Cal State LA students' 66% graduation rate but added that "where Cal State LA really stands out is in helping students from low-income families climb up the socioeconomic ladder."

In 2022, Opportunity Insights at Harvard University listed Cal State LA as the top university in the nation for upward mobility, a measurement of how effectively colleges enroll economically disadvantaged students and graduate them into well-paying careers. Two years later, the California Mobility Index's inaugural rankings of the state's colleges also placed Cal State LA in the No. 1 position.

Cal State LA Receives 2026 Braille Institute Community Hero Award

On June 24, 2026, the Cal State LA News Service shared that "Cal State LA has been named the recipient of the 2026 Braille Institute Community Hero Award in the education/community partner category, recognizing the university's longstanding commitment to preparing professionals who serve people who are blind or visually impaired. The award is part of the Braille Institute's third annual Community Hero Awards, which honor organizations and leaders who are breaking barriers, expanding access, and transforming opportunities for people who are blind or visually impaired."

"Cal State LA was recognized for its partnership with the Braille Institute and its leadership in preparing the next generation of Orientation and Mobility Specialists and Teachers of the Visually Impaired."

Billie Jean King Awarded Undergraduate Degree in History

Billie Jean King's academic career at Cal State LA began 65 years ago, and while it was interrupted by an illustrious professional tennis career, it concluded on Monday, May 18, when she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

The beloved tennis icon, equality champion, and arguably Cal State LA's most famous alumna, celebrated her accomplishment by volleying signed tennis balls to her fellow graduates seated in the lower bowl of the Shrine Auditorium.

"More than 60 years have passed before I returned to the classroom to complete my degree in history," King said, addressing her fellow graduates. "Talk about delayed gratification, and I came back with a purpose. I had

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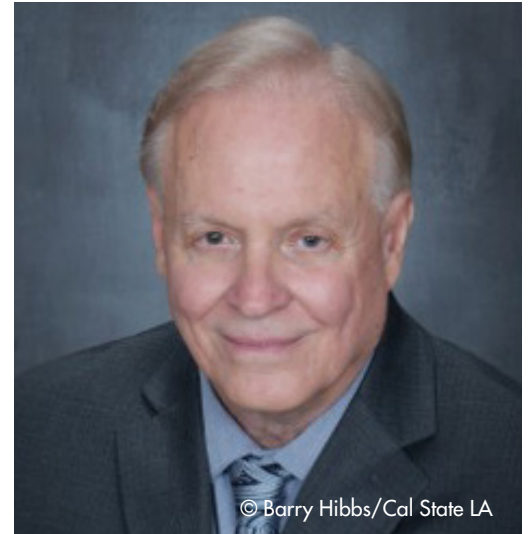
unfinished business, and it is important to me to finish what I started. I like completing things. It's like shaking hands at the net after a match."

King, 82, began her studies in 1961 when the college was still named Los Angeles State College. She left three years later before completing her degree to concentrate on her burgeoning professional tennis career.

Hydrogeology Professor Barry Hibbs Receives Prestigious Award

Cal State LA Professor Barry J. Hibbs, a hydrogeology professor in the Department of Geography, Geology, and Environment, has been selected to receive the 2026 Karl and Ruth Terzaghi Outstanding Mentor Award from the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG).

The prestigious international award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in mentoring environmental and engineering geologists throughout their careers. Recipients are honored for longstanding mentorship of students and junior colleagues. The award will be presented during a banquet at AEG's Annual Meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn., this September.



Beloved Father Gregory Boyle Honored with Honorary Doctorate

In the face of despair and destruction, Father Gregory Boyle offered hope and a path to rebuild lives and communities.

The Los Angeles-born-and-bred Jesuit priest saw firsthand the devastating toll brought by rampant gang violence during the "decade of death" that spanned the late 1980s and early 1990s. He knew that law enforcement tactics of suppression and criminal justice policies of mass incarceration were not the answers to quelling the gang problem.

Boyle, along with members of his Boyle Heights parish and community, took the radical route of treating the gang members as human beings. He founded Homeboy Industries, which today has grown into the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world.

On Monday, May 18, Cal State LA and the Board of Trustees of the California State University (CSU) acknowledged Boyle's commitment to community and long-lasting impact with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during the first of nine Commencement ceremonies at the historic Shrine Auditorium.

The Status of the Honors College

According to Provost Heather Lattimer, "we paused admissions to the Early Entrance Program (EEP) and the Honors College since Spring 2025. For our current students, we maintain our commitments. All students currently enrolled in the Honors College and the Early Entrance Program will continue to receive the high-quality academic instruction, advising, mentoring, and co-curricular experiences promised at the time of their enrollment. The university remains committed to supporting every currently enrolled student through successful completion of their program." Provost Lattimer also indicated that "during the year ahead, our campus community will engage in a robust conversation about the future vision for Honors at Cal State LA. This collaborative assessment and reimagining process will include faculty, students, staff, administrators, alumni, and community partners, ensuring that a broad range of perspectives informs the next chapter of honors programming."

Budget Update

Budget News

In 2025, Cal State LA had a structural deficit (revenues were less than planned expenditures) of \$12.4 million. To address this deficit, the budget of each division was reduced by 5%. Additional steps were taken during the 2025-2026 academic year to reduce expenditures and increase revenues. The budget approved by the state legislators and signed by Governor Newsom provides the CSU with 5% augmentation to the base. Projected state funds for Cal State LA assume we meet the Full-Time Equivalent Student target. As of July 31, 2026, campus had not reached this target even though the number of first-time and transfer student enrollment has increased.

A Future Challenge

In 2025, Congress passed and President Donald Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Within this legislation was authorization for the Department of Education to establish guidelines for an earnings test. The proposed guidelines, which should be finalized soon, threaten to deny federal loans to those students who do not meet earnings standards. For example, according to the New York Times, under the proposed guidelines the federal government would calculate the earnings of alumni four years after earning a specific university's master's degree. If twice in three years such graduates did not exceed the earnings of working adults aged 25-34 with a bachelor's degree, future students in that program would not be eligible for federal loans. The Times reported (June 2, 2026) that future students in nearly half of all graduate programs in visual arts, music and performance would not be eligible for federal loans. The plan is to have such guidelines apply to all students. In this program, education itself is not valued. Only earnings after a degree is earned.

Newly Appointed Emeriti Faculty

In June, nineteen faculty members were awarded emeritus status. They join five members who were awarded emeritus status in April. The names and some of their achievements of these twenty-four recent emeriti are listed below in alphabetical order. These and other recent emeriti were honored at the Convocation.

Julie M. Albright, of the Sociology Department was named lecturer emerita on June 12, 2026. Dr. Albright was a lecturer in sociology from 1999 to 2024. During her years of service, she co-created a new course, based on her own research on the impact of digital technology on younger users and how it has restructured their interactions with the traditional social influences of their lives. The results of her research were published in 2019 as *Left to Their Own Devices: How Digital Natives are Reshaping the American Dream*. The social impact of technology has been a major focus of her research and teaching, and she has frequently been a guest speaker or interviewee on these topics. Dr. Albright earned a BS in Psychology from Florida International University, an MS in Social and Systemic Studies from Nova Southeastern University, and an MS and PhD in Sociology from USC. She also earned a certificate in leadership Fundamentals from Harvard Business School.

On June 12, 2026, **Amy Bippus** was named professor emerita after retiring as Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs, a position she has held since arriving at Cal State LA in 2015. Since 2022, she has served as Interim and Acting Provost for Academic Affairs. Before coming to Cal State LA, she served as Professor of Communications Studies at CSU Long Beach, whose faculty she joined in 1999. Dr. Bippus earned her BA in Communication at

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Pennsylvania State University, Erie in 1993. She obtained an MA in Speech Communication from Wake Forest University in 1995 and earned her PhD in the same subject from the University of Texas, Austin in 1999.

Professor of English and mediaevalist **Michael Calabrese** was named emeritus professor on June 12, 2026. Dr. Calabrese earned his BA at Columbia and his MA and PhD from the University of Virginia. He came to Cal State LA's English Department in 1994 after teaching at Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, the University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL, and Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. His extensive publications have focused primarily on *Piers Plowman*, but in addition to critical analyses of mediaeval literature, he has performed much Middle English poetry for the Chaucer Society recordings. He intends to continue teaching our students through FERP.

Allison Fuligni was named professor emerita on June 12, 2026. Dr. Fuligni joined the Department of Child and Family Studies in 2008, having previously served as researcher and associate director at the Center for Improving Child Care Quality at UCLA, after earning a BA in Cognitive Science and one in Psychology from Brown University and her MA and PhD in Developmental Psychology from University of Michigan. During her career at Cal State LA, she has taught important courses in her discipline and been engaged in numerous research projects that also involved Cal State LA students.

June 12, 2026 also saw **Stephen Gonzalez**, a lecturer in the Department of Kinesiology being named lecturer emeritus. Mr. Gonzalez earned his BS in Political Science from UCLA in 1986 and came to Cal State LA to earn an MS in Kinesiology and a single subject credential in mathematics and kinesiology. He later joined the Department of Kinesiology in 1999. In addition to his teaching both theoretical and activity classes, during his twenty-six years of service at Cal State LA he coordinated the kinesiology team for the Summer Bridge Program from 2001 to 2023. From 2000 to 2007, he served as the faculty advisor for the Martial Arts Club and as faculty advisor for the CSULA Hiking Club from 2005-2006. From 2020 to his retirement, he took on the role of Fitness Center Coordinator.

Haasan Hashemian of Civil Engineering was named emeritus professor on June 12, 2026. Dr. Hashemian joined the Department of Civil Engineering in 1980 and completed his PhD in Civil Engineering from UC Berkeley the following year, having previously earned his BS and MS from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. During his forty-five years of service, Dr. Hashemian lent his expertise in transportation engineering and city planning to some thirty-eight training programs and thirty-six research or consulting projects. In addition to serving on or chairing almost every departmental and college committee and serving on many university committees, he was technology and engineering consultant and advisor to the Montebello Unified School District. These achievements resulted in numerous University, community, and national awards.

On April 20, 2026, **John Kennedy**, the 2021 President's Distinguished Professor, was named emeritus professor. Professor Kennedy joined the music faculty in 1994 as a visiting assistant professor and two years later received an appointment as an assistant professor. In 2002, he received his doctorate in musical composition from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. A prolific composer with an international reputation, his works have appeared in high-profile venues around the globe. Dr. Kennedy has also served the department and university as associate chair of the Music Department (2007-2011, chair of the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance (2012-2015), and as special assistant to the dean (2015-2016).

On June 12, 2026, Lecturer, **Kamyar Khashayar** was named emeritus lecturer. Mr. Khashayar earned his MS in Mechanical Engineering from Cal State LA's Department of Mechanical Engineering in 2000 and returned as a lecturer in 2003. From 2001 to 2005, he served as a research associate for the NASA University Research Center. Mr. Khashayar was also instrumental in supporting transfer student success by serving as liaison to the Transfer Success LA STAR program.

The Outstanding Lecturer of 2024, **Dr. Sharri Kornblum**, was named emeritus lecturer on June 12, 2026. Dr. Kornblum earned her BA in mathematics from UCLA in 1972. She earned her MS in pure mathematics from

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Cal State LA in 1992 and her PhD in mathematics education from USC in 2004. Dr. Kornblum joined the Cal State LA mathematics faculty as a lecturer in the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology in 1985. In addition to the many courses she has taught at all levels of instruction, she has served as Supplemental Instruction Coordinator and Mathematics Specialist for the MESA engineering program. She also served as faculty advisor to the National Society for Black Engineers.

On June 12, 2026, professor of art **James Moss** was named emeritus professor. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design (BFA 1988) and the Yale School of Art (MFA 1991), Mr. Moss was an internationally recognized design consultant with many high-profile clients before joining the Art Department as a lecturer in 2004. The following year, he was offered a tenure-track appointment as assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 2011 and full professor in 2016. From 2022 to 2025, he served as department chair, having been for the previous four years associate chair, a role he resumed during his final year.

Nayiri Nahabedian, a lecturer in the School of Social Work was named emeritus lecturer on April 20, 2026. Ms. Nahabedian earned a BA in psychology from UCLA in 1992 and a Master of Social Work from the same institution's School of Public Policy and Social Research in 1995. She joined the School of Social Work in 2000 as an Inter-University consultant and by 2006 she became field coordinator of that program. After 2013 she focused more on the classroom where she taught a broad range of courses until retirement in 2024.

Judy Olsen, a lecturer in the English Department was named emeritus lecturer on June 12, 2026. Dr. Olsen joined the English Department in 1998, having earned her PhD in English literature from UC Irvine in 1992, having previously earned her BA and MA from the same institution. While concentrating on composition and writing, Dr. Olsen also taught both lower and upper division major courses for the department. From 2023 to 2025, she served in the Academic Senate as the lecturer senator for the College of Arts and Letters. Dr. Olsen has also presented papers at several Modern Language Association conferences and at various sessions of the Conference of College Composition and Communication.

Behzad Parviz, was named emeritus professor on April 20, 2026. Dr. Parviz earned his BS in accounting from the Advanced Accounting College, Tehran in 1974. In the United States, he earned an MS in managerial science in 1976 from Marywood University, Scranton, PA. In 1979, he earned a second MS in computer science followed by a PhD in 1986 from SUNY, Binghamton. In 1986 he joined Cal State LA's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science as an assistant professor, where he has served as graduate advisor. In addition to being a teacher, advisor, and mentor to our students, Dr. Parviz has been active as a consultant to private businesses and has been an active researcher and presenter at national and international conferences.

Sunil Sapra of the Department of Economics and Statistics was named emeritus professor on June 12, 2026. He earned his PhD in Econometrics from Columbia University and joined Cal State LA's economics faculty in 1991 as an associate professor and was promoted to full professor in 1994. During his thirty-four years, he has taught almost every course offered by the department and published widely in his field, where he has earned international recognition. For the 2002-03 academic year, he was named Outstanding Professor. In February 2022, he gave a virtual keynote address at the Fifth ICABME meeting in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

On June 12, 2026, **Henry Schlinger** of the Department of Psychology was named emeritus professor. Dr. Schlinger, who earned a BS and MA in psychology from Southern Methodist University and his PhD in psychology from Western Michigan University, where he served as assistant and later full professor of psychology from 1985 to 1998. That year he came to southern California as visiting associate professor of cognitive psychology at UCLA. In 2000, he joined the Cal State LA Department of Psychology as a lecturer, and in 2006 was appointed professor of psychology. In that capacity, he was director of the master's program in Applied Behavioral Analysis (2006-2014) and director of the Applied Behavioral Analysis Option. Besides being an authority on behavioral analysis, Dr. Schlinger is also a musician and songwriter.

Professor of Mechanical Engineering **Adel Sharif** was named emeritus professor on June 12, 2026. Dr. Sharif

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earned his BS in mechanical engineering from Cal State LA in 1992, where he was named Engineering Student of the Year. He earned his MS in 1995 and his PhD in 1998 from UC Irvine, where he concentrated on materials science and engineering. He joined the Department of Mechanical Engineering in 2002 as professor of mechanical engineering and in 2016 served as the department's chair. In addition to teaching, Dr. Sharif has been an active researcher whose studies on oxidation and corrosion of metals and materials have been published in a variety of venues.

On June 12, 2026, after thirty-seven years of distinguished service in the Department of Applied and Advanced Studies in Education, **Marguerite Ann Snow** was named professor emerita. Dr. Snow earned her PhD in applied linguistics from UCLA in 1985, having previously earned an MA in TESOL and BA in linguistics from the same institution. Dr. Snow served as department chair from 2017 to 2021 and as coordinator of the TESOL MA Program. Among the numerous awards she received were the Cal State LA President's Distinguished Professor Award (2006-2007), the Outstanding Professor Award (1999-2000), CSLA Distinguished Women Award, the American Council on Teaching Foreign Language's Pimsleur Award for Best Research Article and was a two-time Fulbright Scholar (1985 & 2009). She was the co-author or co-editor of eleven books, and numerous articles on Teaching Speakers of Other Languages and an invited speaker and consultant at many international and state conferences.

Beverley Stein of the Music Department was named professor emerita on June 12, 2026. Dr. Stein joined the music faculty in 1999, having previously taught at Humbolt State, Chapman University, and Ventura College. She received her PhD in music history from Brandeis University in 1994, having previously earned her MA there. She also attended the Yale Master Flute program and received her bachelor's in flute performance from Juilliard. A popular performer, her flute concerts and lectures on the history of music are much in demand.

Anthropologist **Kathleen Sullivan** was named professor emerita on June 12, 2026. Having received a BA in anthropology from Colorado State University, Fort Collins and an MA from the University of Texas, Austin, Dr. Sullivan earned her PhD in anthropology from UC Santa Barbara in 2004. The next year she joined Cal State LA's Anthropology Department as a lecturer and in the next term was hired in a tenure-track position. During the 2024-2025 year, she served as associate chair. Her research interests in legal and political anthropology and the governance of oceanic zones have led to numerous presentations, peer-reviewed articles, and a co-authored text. By establishing the digital Anthropology Media Lab, Dr. Sullivan was able to mentor scores of anthropology students and to establish the annual Anthropology Film Festival, one of whose entries later won an award at the West Hollywood video contest.

One of the longest serving Academic Senators, **Sharon Ulanoff** of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction was named professor emerita on April 20, 2026. Dr. Ulanoff earned her BA in Spanish from SUNY, Buffalo in 1974, and an MA in Urban Education from Cal State LA in 1982 and her PhD in Language, Literacy, and Learning from USC in 1993. Prior to joining the faculty at Cal State LA's Charter College of Education in 2001, she was a faculty member at CSU San Marcos. As an associate professor specializing in bilingual and multicultural education and literacy education Dr. Ulanoff served as Reading Program coordinator and EdD director. Her research and teaching have resulted in numerous peer-reviewed publications and presentations. In 2011, Dr. Ulanoff was named Outstanding Professor, and in 2017 she was honored as the President's Distinguished Professor. In addition to being an Academic Senator, she served as chair of Curriculum and Instruction from 2023 to 2025.

Ashish Vayda (*Economics and Statistics*) was named emeritus professor on June 12, 2026. Dr. Vayda, who served as Provost and Vice-president of Academic Affairs from 2010 to 2014 and from 2014-2015 as Special Advisor to the President for Regional Economic Development, was initially hired by the Department of Statistics in 1991 and left in 2002. From 2005 to 2010, he was Dean of Faculty at CSU, Channel Islands. After leaving Cal State LA, he served as President of St. Cloud State University, Minnesota from 2016 to 2018 and as President of Northern Kentucky University from 2018 to 2022. He is the editor or co-editor of two books

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on economics and author or co-author of numerous refereed articles. He is currently President and CEO of Growing Inland Achievement.

Professor of Chemistry **Robert Vellanoweth** was named emeritus professor on April 20, 2026. Dr. Vellanoweth came to Cal State LA as a biochemistry major, earning his BS in 1982. After earning a PhD in biochemistry at UC Berkeley in 1988 and holding research positions at Washington State University and the University of Texas, he returned to Cal State LA as an assistant professor in the Biochemistry Department in 1995. There his research establishing the Vellanoweth Lab has led not only to many presentations and publications but a vigorous program of active mentoring of students. Since 1996 he has also directed the LA Basin Bridges to the PhD Program, which has had a significant impact on directing minority students into professional and academic careers in science. Dr. Vellanoweth also served as associate chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Chemistry from 2007 to 2010 and as chair from 2010 to 2016.

Dr. Nnenna Weathers of the Chin School of Nursing was named professor emerita on April 20, 2026. Dr. Weathers joined Cal State LA at the rank of assistant professor in 2011, four years after she earned her PhD. in nursing from the University of San Diego. She had previously earned a BS and MS from CSU Long Beach. In addition to teaching the full range of nursing courses, she served for many years as director of the nursing practitioner program, where she mentored numerous students offering them a model of nurse practitioner, teacher, and published researcher. Dr. Weathers retired in 2021 and finished her FERP in 2025.

On June 12, 2026, **Scott Wells** of the History Department was named emeritus professor. He joined the History Department in 2003 after receiving his PhD from New York University that January. A specialist in mediaeval history, he nevertheless taught a broad range of departmental offerings. He also served as department chair twice from 2014-2017 and 2023-2025. He is the co-editor of Brill's 2009 collection of essays *Negotiating Difference and Community in Medieval Europe* and the author of numerous chapters and articles dealing with mediaeval and pre-modern topics. Dr. Wells has also served as secretary of the Medieval Association of the Pacific, of which he has been a longtime member.

New Emeriti Reception

A reception will be held for our newest Emeriti on Friday, October 2 in the University Club on campus from 11:30 am to 2 pm. We have 39 newly named Emeriti faculty who will be welcomed by the Emeriti Executive Committee and President Eanes. A save-the-date flyer and subsequent registration email will be sent out in the near future. New Emeriti, please plan on attending, meeting the Executive Committee and hearing about opportunities for ongoing engagement after retirement.

New Members of the Emeriti Association

The Emeriti Association welcomes three new life members:

Amy Bippus, Nnenna Amachi Weathers and Sharon Ulanoff

Membership in the Association keeps it strong and helps strengthen our advocacy for emeriti rights and privileges and protects existing rights and privileges.

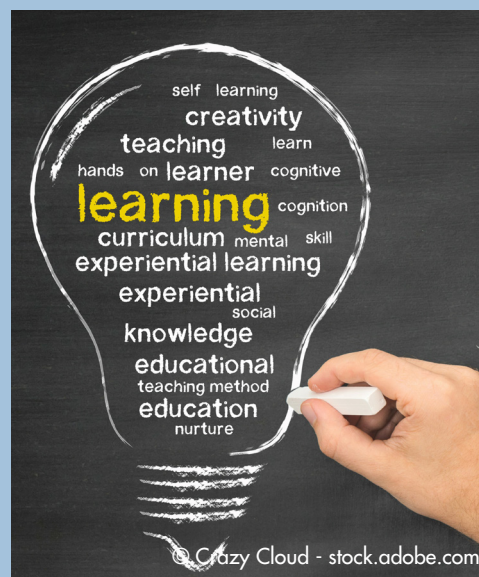
Peter A. Brier Lifelong Learning Program

The Peter A. Brier Lifelong Learning Program is an outreach program that invites emeriti faculty to give lectures or make presentations to senior communities. This popular program was managed for many years by Peter Brier (English), in whose honor it has been renamed. John Kirchner (*Geography, Geology, and Environment*) now chairs the selection committee, assisted by Connie Corley (Social Work) Martin Epstein (*Physics and Astrononmy*), Steve LaDochy (*Geography, Geology, and Environment*), and Andy Winnick (*Economics*).

Many emeriti faculty have shared their expertise and passion with audiences served by the program. Because each speaker may make their presentation at different venues and at different times, the topic list may seem repetitive, because it is. And sometimes the subject may be very different from the speaker's academic specialty. Over the years one very popular Emeriti speaker was Harold Goldwhite of Chemistry, whose love of Gilbert and Sullivan brought joy to audiences. John Kirchner presented an unusual talk entitled "Dinosaurs in the Snow: Getting to Know a Very Different Japan." Marty Epstein spoke on the origins of gold in the cosmos. Susan Kane presented, "Opera and the Power of the Human Voice," and Steve LaDochy, coauthor of the 2023 book, "Fire and Rain: California's Changing Weather and Climate," talked about issues that concern us all. Connie Corley and Andy Winnick also joined the list in 2026. John Kirchner was recently asked to do a special talk on Peru for a luncheon—the resulting title is "Making Tracks to Machu Picchu: By train through the Empire of the Potato."

Emeriti are invited to propose talks for the future. Retired faculty are encouraged to volunteer to speak on a topic of their choice. The topics that are offered are quite varied. If you are selected, you will receive an honorarium for each presentation. Please contact Professor John Kirchner at jkirchn@calstatela.edu for more information.

John Kirchner
Geography, Geology, and Environment



We invite You to Contribute to the Emeritimes

We encourage our readers to help us make our newsletter a means to communicate with each other by sharing something that we can include in a future issue of *The Emeritimes*.

Our readers would like to read about your ongoing research activities (published books or articles, conference presentations, other research activities). Also, our readers would enjoy learning about what is happening in our lives, now that we have left our academic careers. Some possible topics may include:

- A research project you are undertaking;
- A description of a book that has interested you, to add to our Book Corner column;
- How your experience with FERP helped ease you toward retirement;
- Volunteer work you do in your community;
- A new hobby you enjoy, or a collection you have begun;
- A book recommendation;
- A fascinating trip you took; or
- Any other experience you wish to share that will interest Emeritimes readers.

The Emeritimes guidelines call for articles of around 500 words or less. If you wish to submit a piece for a future issue, you can mail your submissions to our email address: emeritimes@calstatela.edu

Emeriti Spring Luncheon

The annual Spring Luncheon was held on Friday, May 1, in the Golden Eagle Ballroom. Approximately 40 guests enjoyed a splendid lunch, engaging presentations, conversation, and community. From volcanoes to song and activism, the audience was held in rapt attention by three varied presentations.

Dr. Connie Corley (*Social Work*) reported on her ongoing research project, “Resilience in Activism and Advocacy” for which she has received a mini grant from



the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA) to continue examining efforts to sustain democracy.

Dr. Susan Kane (*Music*) presented “Ready for the Wonderful”—A Tiny Concert of Original Songs—while playing her ukulele. This included a moving tribute to her grandmother and a surprising variety of other inspired songs.

To end the program, Dr. John Kirchner, (*Geosciences and Environment*) presented

“Volcanic Activity in the Pacific Ring of Fire,” showcasing his amazing photographs of volcanoes while providing the history and current activity of each. His work is also partially funded by ERFSA.



Dr. Connie Corley (*Social Work*) reported on her ongoing research.



Immediate Past President Pat Chin enjoying the luncheon.



Dr. Susan Kane (*Music*) playing her ukulele.

Lorie Judson

2026-27 Fellowship and Scholarship Recipients to be Honored

Twenty-seven students were selected to receive fellowships and scholarships administered by the Emeriti Association for the 2026-27 academic year. Of these students, 16 were selected to receive awards from the association's fellowship fund, and 11 from separate endowments created by association members or by family and friends of a member.

More than 300 applications from students were received, and 21 Emeriti Association members participated in reading the applications to select this year's recipients. The awardees were selected based on their outstanding academic accomplishments, excellent faculty references, and consistent record of university and community service.

The 27 awardees are scheduled to be introduced and honored in at a special recognition event later in the fall. Students will share information about their academic goals, challenges and aspirations. All association members will be receiving a "save the date" notification and then a registration link a few weeks prior to the event.

The students selected, their academic disciplines, and the awards they received are listed below.

2026-27 Fellowship and Scholarship Awards

Emeriti Graduate Fellowship Fund Awards

Angeline Widjaja (*Ed.S School Psychology*)

Amir Reza Edalati (*M.S. Information System*)

Edgar Yak-DePadua (*M.S. Mathematics*)

Jacqueline Tsui (*Ed.S School Psychology*)

Lami Glenn (*M.S. Organizational Management*)

Michelle Tan (*Ed.S School Psychology*)

Roberto Ponce (*M.S. Biology*)

Reyna Zborovsky (*M.A Communication Disorders*)

Randy Munoz (*M.S. Physics*)

Vanessa Palacios (*M.S.W./P.P.S.*)

Sarah al-Shoubaki (*M.S. Counseling*)

(The following awards honor the contribution to the Emeriti Association and/or the University made by the individuals whose names they bear)

The Carol Smallenburg Fellowship
Jennifer Castillio (*M.A. Education*)

The Donald Dewey Fellowship
Derek Abikenari (*M.A. Philosophy*)

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The Freida Stahl Fellowship
Elizabeth Noriega (*M.S. Biology*)

The James M. Rosser Fellowship
Jasmine Armstrong (*M.S.W.*)

The Sidney Albert Fellowship
Eliza Kim (*M.F.A.*)

Named Endowed Fellowships and Scholarships

Brodwin Family Scholarship in Rehabilitation Counseling
Rosio Patino (*B.S. Rehabilitation Services*)

Costello Brown Scholarship in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Geology or Physics
Luis Rodriguez (*M.S. Physics*)

David Cameron Fisher-Hoult Memorial Scholarship
Cynthia Bonilla (*M.S. Biology*)

Demetrius Margaziotis Memorial Scholarship
Yahan Lin (*B.S. Biochemistry*)

Jane Matson memorial Fellowship
Douglas Ramon (*M.S. Counseling*)

Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship
Eric Gonzalez (*M.A. Anthropology*)

William Lloyd Memorial Fellowship
Ricardo Payan (*M.A. History*)

Roland L. Carpenter Memorial Fellowship
Yabo Ogunduwile (*B.S. Physics*)

Vincent Zapata Scholarship in Public Health or Nutritional Science
Biridiana Robles (*B.S. Public Health*)

William A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship
Ethan Potter (*M.S. Physics*)

Bill Darrough, Eleni Pitsiou-Darrough, and Athena Fellowship
Joshua Ramirez (*M.A. Sociology*)



How to Contribute to the Scholarship/Fellowship Endowments

Among the many contributions the Cal State LA Emeriti Association makes to the University is the annual awarding of fellowships and scholarships to deserving graduate and undergraduate students. If you wish to contribute to one of the several endowments that make these awards possible, you may choose from among the various endowments currently in place, including the Emeriti Graduate Fellowship Fund, which is the Association's general fellowship endowment, or any of the 13 individual endowments set up to honor emeritus faculty members or their families and made possible through contributions made by their families and/or colleagues and friends, including Association members.

If you wish to contribute to any of these endowments, please visit the [Emeriti Association Scholarship and Fellowship Program](#) page.

Award Fund Name	Level	Academic Major
Emeriti Association Fellowship for Academic Excellence	Grad	Any Major
Bill Darrough, Eleni Pitsiou-Darrough and Athena Fellowship	Grad	Sociology
Brodwin Family Scholarship/Fellowship in Rehabilitation Counseling	Jr./Sr./Grad	Rehabilitation Counseling
Costello Brown Fellowship in Chemistry/Biochemistry, Geology, or Physics	Jr./Sr./Grad	Chemistry/Biochemistry, Geology, or Physics
David Cameron Fisher-Hoult Memorial Scholarship	Jr./Sr./Grad	Marine Biology or Environmental Studies or Biology
Dimitri Margaziotis Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship	Jr./Sr./Grad	Physics/Astronomy preferred, or Chemistry, Biochemistry, Geological Sciences, Geology, and Mathematics
Jane Matson Memorial Fellowship	Grad	Counselor Education or Counseling or Social Service
John L. Houk Memorial Fellowship	Grad	Political Science
Leonard Mathy Fellowship	Grad	Economics
Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship	Grad	Native American emphasis in Anthropology, Art, Economics, History, Mexican American Studies, Latin American Studies, Political Science, or Sociology
Roland L. Carpenter Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship	Jr./Sr./Grad	Physics B.A./Astrophysics Option; Physics M.S.
William A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship	Jr./Sr./Grad	ECST, NSS, Physics major preferred
William E. Lloyd Memorial Fellowship	Grad	History or Political Science or Master of Public Administration
Vicente Zapata Undergraduate Scholarship	Jr./Sr.	Public Health



Book Corner

The “Book Corner” is meant to feature books that you recommend to our readers. Your submissions should include brief descriptions of the recommended books, including why you chose to add them to your reading list. These descriptions should be kept to 300 words or less, and they should be framed more as addressing why our readers may enjoy this book/author rather than as a full book review.

Andy Weir *Project Hail Mary*, Ballantine Books.

Last spring semester while FERPing, a student taking my science writing course at Cal State LA approached me after my lecture and suggested that I might like the book, *Project Hail Mary*, by Andy Weir. I was so pleased that this young man took the time to talk to me (and presumed that I enjoy reading) that I checked out the book from my local public library. Briefly, it’s a book of fiction about a desperate attempt by humankind to save our planet, which is slowly dying due to a mysterious strain of bacteria that prevents sunlight from reaching Earth’s surface. A spaceship carrying a scientist is sent to another solar system to find clues about how to fight this plague.

The book touches on many themes including climate change, crisis management, friendship, sacrifice, evolution, and extraterrestrial life. For me, what resonated were the insights into how a scientist thinks and how hypotheses are formulated. The author highlights the scientist’s relentless drive to find truths and quench curiosity. Many ideas of the scientist are incorrect and lead to almost catastrophic consequences. What is interesting is how he forces himself to look hard at his failures and discard his ideas, no matter how logical they seemed at the time. In the end, a few ideas turn out to be correct and humankind is saved. I think others might enjoy this unique perspective.

Jamil Momand (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*)

Clyde W Barrow. *A Critique of Political Science: A History of the Caucus for a New Political Science*. University of Michigan Press, 2026.

Readers of the *Emeritimes* may be interested in looking into Clyde W. Barrow's *A Critique of Political Science: A History of the Caucus for a New Political Science* (University of Michigan Press, 2026) contains a detailed description of the role that the Cal State LA Political Science department played in the early years of the Caucus for a New Political Science, an organization formed in 1967 and still active today with its own journal, *New Political Science*.

Chapter 5, pp.129-167 of Barrow's book is primarily about my role in the history of the Caucus and that of the CSULA political science department including four of our students who went on to get doctorates in the field

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and play leading roles in the Caucus for New Political Science: Charles Fox, Ralph C Guzman, Carlos Munoz, and Raymond Rocco. The latter three also played important roles in the Chicano Caucus.

Edward S. Malecki (*Political Science*)

Executive Editor's Note:

While this book review might seem rather long, we chose to include it because it is so timely for those of us who have seen the epic film, *The Odyssey*. I wish I read it before seeing the movie.

Rhys Carpenter Folk Tale, Fiction and Saga in the Homeric Epics. University of California Press, 1946

The recent chatter regarding Christopher Nolan's interpretation of the *Odyssey* and his use or abuse of Emily Wilson's new translation of the Greek text has sent me to reread Rhys Carpenter's 1946 *Folk Tale, Fiction and Saga in the Homeric Epics*, which is based on the 1944-45 Sather Lectures, whose ideas I still find filled with understanding and sympathy for the reception of Homer and his society. Before explaining that, I must confess that I have not seen Nolan's movie nor read Emily Wilson's translation, nor do I intend to do so.

With the possible exception of *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* movies 'based' on the *Odyssey* are uniformly disappointing to me. They are much like fan-fiction, taking up characters or ideas of the original work and bending them to the tastes and obsessions of the fan, and all too often the fans are less creative or insightful than the original author. Homer has suffered from fan fiction from the very first. Both the *Odyssey* and the *Iliad* offer only a few days' action in a story which claims to have taken over twenty years, and the many gaps have been filled by a dreary effusion of dactylic hexameter called the *Epic Cycle*. The last entry, the *Telegony*, purports to tell the final days of Odysseus. The king, whom Homer claimed only wanted to return to home and hearth, suffers in old age from a fit of wanderlust and takes off for a final journey, in the course of which he comes across a young warrior, Telegonus, who fatally wounds him in a confrontation. It turns out that this Telegonus is actually Odysseus's son by that witch Circe, but the parricidal story comes to a happy conclusion when Telegonus arrives in Ithaca with his mother and marries his father's wife Penelope and gives his half-brother Telemachus his own mother and their father's mistress Circe in marriage. I doubt that Mr. Nolan can beat this bathetic poem for abuse of Homeric material or inane characterization and awful plot devices.

From what I have seen of it, Wilson's translation is not one that I would use in a classroom or read for pleasure, but one must remember the old Italian adage about translations: they are like wives: the faithful are seldom beautiful, and beautiful cannot be expected to be faithful. Somewhere there is an appreciative reader for it, but I cannot get past the choices made in the first few lines.

What makes Carpenter's Sather Lectures so interesting to me is the way in which he emphasizes the Homeric use of folkloric themes. The remarkable thing about the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* is that despite the constant interference of the gods and their many improbabilities (Akhilleus is the youngest warrior at Troy, dies in the tenth year of the siege, yet has a full-grown son to take his place. Odysseus has taken the able-bodied men with him to Troy, yet the able-bodied suitors, presumably men of military age, are camped out in his living room making free with his wine cellar and barbeque) the poem strikes readers as having remarkable verisimilitude.

Carpenter explains that many of the features of the poem derive from what we would call fairy tales. When Odysseus's men land on Circe's island they seek its inhabitants only to find themselves lost in a dense forest that really oughtn't exist in a subtropical Mediterranean island. But we know of another story where some wanderers in a dark forest find the house of a cannibal witch. Really, why else would anyone keep pigs or fatten them on acorns and cornel cherries? Once Carpenter has pointed it out, it becomes clear that Homer is reworking *Hansel and Gretel*.

What is most interesting is Carpenter's identifying Odysseus's story as the *Bear's Son's Tale*, the story that the

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Beowulf poet also exploited. Neither the *Beowulf* poet nor Homer use the story in its entirety as recorded by folklorists. A late blooming hero is fathered by a were-bear but matures to fight an aquatic demon and his mother. The demon has abducted one or more princesses. The hero and his companions find the demon's lair, but only the hero is brave enough to enter. There he kills the demon and his mother, finds the abducted princesses, and sends them and the demon's head up. His envious followers then abandon him in the lair, return claiming to be the saviors. One of the princesses remains true to the hero and contrives to delay the forced wedding to the impostor but is betrayed by the wicked princesses who have thrown in with the impostors. At the last moment the disguised hero returns, successfully reveals his true identity and deeds and punishes the betrayers. *Beowulf* has discarded the princesses, but when he faces Grendel's dam, the Danes leave the bloody pool much like the disloyal followers. Homer slowly disposes of Odysseus's crew, but the Suitors look an awful lot like warriors who have beaten Odysseus back to Ithaca as the disloyal followers. The disloyal maids were the wicked princesses of the fairy tale, and their gory end matches the fairy tale finality accorded to wicked characters in fairy tales.

Reading Carpenter's analysis makes one appreciate again Homer's originality, not in the construction of plots or characters, but in the way in which he skillfully combines fairy tale elements and gives them a veneer of realism that conceals their humble origins. Modern readers find the grisly end of the female servants misogynistic, though the suitors face a similar fate. As Andrew Lang pointed out in the preface to the *Violet Fairy Book*, children favor justice and mete out severe punishments to the wicked, adults expect mercy. Because the *Odyssey* is basically a fairy tale, its ending has the same gruesome finality.

Martin Huld (*English*)

Professional Activities

This column includes descriptions of research, professional activities, and publications of emeritus faculty. Your contributions to future columns are welcome and encouraged. Please include full citations for publications and full names of professional organizations for conference presentations.

Roberto Cantú (*English and Chicano Studies*) published an interview with Cuban poet Octavio Armand titled “*Concierto para delinquir: Diálogo con Octavio Armand*,” and an essay, “*Piel menos mía: poesía y poética de Octavio Armand en su juventud*.” The interview and essay were published in the Sunday cultural supplement of Venezuela's newspaper *El Nacional*. *Papel Literario* is one of the oldest and most prestigious weekly supplements dedicated to Latin American literature and the visual arts.

Professor **Cantú** also had his hardcover book *Octavio Paz and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Studies in Biography, Poetry, and Poetics* (October 2025), released on July 22, 2026, in paperback and e-Book editions.

Domnița Dumitrescu (*Modern Languages and Literatures*) will be awarded the North American Academy of the Spanish Language (ANLE) Gerardo Piña-Rosales Prize honoring individuals who make a significant contribution to strengthening, promoting, and studying Spanish in the United States. She will be acknowledged in October at the Instituto Cervantes in New York during the 3rd Hispanic Studies Day. A specialist in Spanish pragmatics, language contact, and Hispanic linguistics, Dr. Dumitrescu has authored more than 150 scholarly publications and, since 2011, has served as review editor for the prestigious journal *Hispania*. Her extensive research and editorial work have elevated the standing of Hispanic linguistics and strengthened the academic authority with which she has represented ANLE for years in numerous national and international projects and initiatives.

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Silvia Heubach (*Mathematics*) co-authored a twenty-five-page article, Dufour, M. and S. Heubach, “On the P-positions of some Infinite Families of Slow A-Nim.” It appears in *Integers* 26 (2026), #G3.

She also presented, via Zoom, a talk “The Invariance Reduction Process - a New Tool to Solve Circular Nim and Related Games” at the *International Conference on Combinatorial Game Theory* in Japan, March 19–22, 2026, Tokyo Japan.

Martin Huld (*English*) published *Lions, Dragons, and Hounds, Oh My!* in the *Journal of Indo-European Studies* (52.), 1-2. It provides new etymologies for these common n-stem nouns (λέων ‘lion’, λέαινα ‘lioness’, δράκων ‘dragon’, δράκαινα ‘dragoness’, and κύων ‘dog’) based on their shared morphology. The first of these three nouns was widely regarded as an alien loan word in Greek, but this study suggests a native origin. Greek ὕαινα ‘hyena’ can also be seen as a feminine member of this micro-domain.

Life After Retirement

My Retirement Odyssey

Every retirement is an odyssey as we cast off from years of contending with the struggles of faculty work, crisis after funding crisis, and the surprising victories that make it all worthwhile. Then what? The raft of FERP helps. But I for one found myself on a quest for new adventures, not literal travels, although our trips to France, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Israel, and Crete were certainly wonderful wanderings. The pandemic seemed like being marooned on an unknown island with no escape, so I grew a small beard and studied Babylonian language and culture. That way I could link my own exile to the exile of the Jewish people who, like Daniel in the Bible, had to take years to learn the language of this first diaspora. Still at sea, I went more deeply into my Jewishness. I became active in Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center, especially in the Social Justice Committee led by Rabbi Marv Gross of blessed memory. Marv was the energy behind Union Station Homeless Services before he retired and helped organize our group. The SJC mission is

1. to respond to societal conditions and contemporary issues based on traditional Jewish values and the prophetic admonition--Tzedek, tzedek tirdofe, Justice, justice shall you pursue.
2. To promulgate and implement programs that engage the PJTC community and the communities of the San Gabriel Valley in advancing Jewish values of justice rooted in Torah.

Our committee is dedicated to action based on education about issues roiling our communities and society. In conjunction with such partners as the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, we have organized against the detention, deportation, and dehumanization of immigrants. Through an initiative of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the participation of our entire synagogue community, we successfully resettled an Afghani family in Pasadena—a journey in itself.

We work with groups such as Making Housing and Community Happen to advocate for affordable, supportive housing for the houseless and those at risk. We are proud of a major accomplishment in response to climate change. Our committee is one of 22 Pasadena non-profits that comprise Pasadena 100 (<https://pasadena100.org/about/>). As SJC Chair, I served on the organizing committee of this group for five years. In 2023 we achieved a major goal. Pasadena declared a climate emergency and resolved to source all electricity from non-carbon, renewable resources by December 31, 2030. Not carbon neutral-- Carbon Free. I served on the City Water and Power Stakeholders Technical Advisory Committee for over a year to develop strategic and technical plans to implement the resolution and we continue to provide critical input to Pasadena as we move forward.

Although our synagogue burned down in the Eaton fire, and our site has been defiled by anti-Jewish graffiti, we continue our work as a committee, a community and a synagogue.

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For information about the Social Justice Committee, email: SJCPJTC@GMAIL.Com. All are welcome.

Carl Selkin (*English*)

Retirement without FERP

I officially retired on December 31, 2025. I was planning on FERPing starting in the Fall of 2026, but I was so busy doing other things I loved when I was off during the Spring semester (2025), I decided to retire completely. One of the best decisions I've ever made! But I've only retired from teaching. In the past year, I've published one major theoretical article, three book chapters, and several other smaller pieces for professional newsletters. In addition, this past Spring semester I had two major theoretical articles published in one of the preeminent peer-reviewed journals of my discipline. And I am working on two more, which should be submitted soon. One of them deals with how a mediational theory of human problem-solving intersects with recent reasoning models of artificial intelligence.

I have also recently given talks at conferences in the U.S., France, Italy, Spain, and online to a Russian professional group. The talks in France, Spain, and Russia corresponded to my latest book, *How to Build Good Behavior and Self-Esteem in Children*, which was recently translated into those languages (in addition to Italian and Chinese). This past Spring semester, I started a Substack page where I have already posted 8 articles on skeptical thinking and behavior science.

Long before I became a behavioral scientist, I was a musician (songwriter, singer, guitarist). And I still am. In fact, the last many years during which I was a professor in the psychology department at Cal State LA, I continued writing and recording my songs. You can hear my fully produced album, *One More Invention*, on Spotify, as well as other demos that I've recorded at different studios in Los Angeles on my YouTube channel. I spent this past spring semester recording five original songs with a multi-platinum producer in LA. Those should be finished soon and will be up on my Spotify page. Also, in the last year I've begun composing classical music and taking composition lessons at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music. In that time, I have composed several pieces, including a piano trio, seven preludes for piano, five pieces for clarinet and piano inspired by short stories by Octavia Butler, a short piece for flute, viola, and harp, and numerous other pieces. I am working on getting my compositions performed and recorded.

In addition, I have a 15-year-old son, who is an accomplished pianist and composer in his own right, and I spend quite a bit of time ferrying him to and from his high school in Pasadena, the Pasadena Conservatory of Music where he studies both piano and composition and participates in piano competitions all over the Southland.

So, you can see that even though I've retired from teaching, I'm as busy as ever, and doing things that I love and that keep me actively engaged.

Hank Schlinger (*Psychology*)

A Relaxing Retirement

When I turned in my keys, the reality of leaving California State University, Los Angeles settled on my shoulders with a thud. It was over. I had been part of Cal State since 1979, as a student earning my bachelor's degree, then my master's degree, and later as a faculty member. Before driving home, I slowly circled the campus one last time, taking in the familiar buildings and memories. I knew it would likely be my final visit as an employee.

What I didn't realize was how remarkable life after retirement would become. My blood pressure went down while my self-care went up. I discovered the simple pleasure of exercising every day and cooking nearly all of my meals from scratch. Grocery shopping has become a different experience. When I look into my cart, I often

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ask myself, "Could I make this instead?" Even crackers have become a fun challenge. The only things I haven't mastered yet are making cheese and laying eggs.

Life no longer feels rushed. I take slow walks along the beach without having to be anywhere. There are no meetings to attend, no overflowing inbox waiting for a reply, and no constant sense of urgency. The days feel peaceful in a way I had almost forgotten was possible. Travel has become a pleasure rather than something squeezed between work obligations. I enjoy driving through California's Central Coast and visiting Napa Valley for wine tasting. I have the freedom to linger, explore, and simply enjoy the journey.

Retirement hasn't meant slowing down intellectually. I continue taking online courses through Pasadena City College, keeping my mind active. Every day seems to bring something new to learn. I've discovered things I never noticed before, like the ice cream truck making its rounds during weekday afternoons, or the monarch butterflies that now visit the milkweed in my backyard. Even the cool, comfortable evenings feel like a gift.

Retirement has given me something I never expected: the time to appreciate life's ordinary moments. Looking back, leaving California State University, Los Angeles was the end of one meaningful chapter, but it also opened the door to another. I am deeply grateful for the career I had and even more grateful for the life I live now.

Heidi Paul (*Special Education and Counseling*)

Spiritual Retirement

I taught at Cal State LA for 32 years and retired over 20 years ago. Upon retirement, my wife and I moved to a rural valley in northern New Mexico where her ancestors had lived and farmed for more than 120 years. We live on 32 acres where we farm alfalfa and raise animals. Fifteen years prior to retirement, we ran a small farm in northern San Diego County, so farming was very familiar. Our small local community is an historic mixture of heritage Hispanics who settled here 300 years ago, the indigenous Tewa Pueblo people dating to around 1200 AD., and smaller mixed populations.

New Mexico is the oldest settled part of the Spanish Colonies in North America. The Spanish settlers brought Catholic missionaries here in the 1600s, and this state remains one of the most Catholic parts of the country. Both my wife and I were raised in the faith which remains very vital to our communities. When we moved here, I volunteered to work restoring the local parish chapel and, in the process, ended up working with local Hispanic people from our valley. I had learned Spanish in Los Angeles and am a generational Catholic from my Irish ancestors. Through these associations I was accepted as a member of the Cofradia Piadosa de Nuestra Padre Jesus Nazareno, the Men's Brotherhood of Christ, the Hermanos Penitentes.

New Mexico was a very isolated and neglected part of the Spanish empire. In 1820 when Mexico gained independence from Spain, the Spanish clergy were expelled, and our area was left without priests to maintain the peoples' religious traditions. In isolation, the communities formed their own religious organizations to sustain the faith. Our group, the Cofradia was founded in Spain around 1500 AD and still exists there today especially during Semana Santa, Holy Week. We are a men's charity service organization dedicated to maintaining Catholic traditions. We financially assist the needy and especially help families



The church of San Antonio, Valdez NM, built in 1820.

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with their funerals, often a time of distress and emotion. We are not an ordained order, and we do not offer the Sacraments; we follow strict rules established through decades of supervision from the Archbishop of Santa Fe.

My work in the Brotherhood has deeply enriched my life and my experience as a teacher and scholar are a contribution to our mission. Ironically, although many people here speak and understand Spanish, most cannot read or write the language. So, although I am the only non-Hispanic group member, I was elected to serve as secretary, transcribing all meetings in Spanish. I am also the spiritual advisor, presenting discussions on doctrine and symbolism, aided by my own scholarship in art history. And, since teachers are used to public speaking, collectively, we quietly maintain the historical and religious traditions for our community. Faith is not a tangible thing. It is a sensory and emotional acquiescence to the metaphysical, the omnipresent

Ed Forde (*Art*)

How Did I Ever Have Time to Work?

For 34 years, I taught at Cal State LA, 12 years in Child Development (how children learn, from a variety of perspectives and theories), then 25 years in the Charter College of Education (how to teach children in early childhood, especially mathematics and social studies). From 2001 to 2022, I was the Conference Coordinator for the Satellites & Education Conference on our campus. I developed close ties with JPL, NOAA, Northrup Grumman, Raytheon, and many others. It was international and SO much fun to convene with old friends from around the world. I started a program to train teachers in using satellite data to teach middle and high school students about global climate change. Having experienced life in South Africa as a Fulbright Scholar, I continue to work with national Fulbright, as a reviewer of applications and speaker at meetings. I currently serve Cal State LA as the national Fulbright Campus Liaison.

Then I retired. Only I didn't. I FERPed for five years, then contracted for two more. The last year that I *taught* at Cal State LA was Fall 2024. Thanksgiving of 2024 I had to rush my son to Emergency where he was diagnosed with pneumonia AND congestive heart condition – just like his father and with the same medications. Then, I became the sole driver for the household.

Soon after retiring, I joined the Emeriti Association. That was easy enough and very enjoyable. The pandemic forced us to meet via Zoom, and I got to converse with wonderful people I had worked with for 34 years. And here's the whopper – I joined the League of Women Voters! What a busy crew! It's fulfilling to be actively addressing government issues in our country, state, and community. It's like another fulltime job.

At Christmas time 2024, I prayed fervently that 2025 would be a better, easier year. Then January 2025 hit. We were ordered to evacuate our home the evening of January 7 and spent the next five weeks in hotels with our 3 cats. The story of the Eaton Fire and its aftermath is already well known. Our part in that story continues. Our house is standing and was full of toxic ash and smoke. My time from January 7, 2025, to today has been governed by the work required to get our house back in livable shape. Nearly everyone in Altadena knows what is involved.

I know it sounds like a lot of complaining, but the truth is that if I were not doing – everything – I would not be happy. Church keeps me centered. The League of Women Voters keeps me actively addressing the challenges of our country and community today. The Emeriti Association keeps my brain focused. Singing, crocheting, and gardening keep my soul in tune with beauty and love. And my family, whether they are in my house, or in Oregon, or in Georgia, keep love alive.

How did I ever have time to work? Times change. We change as we grow older. Our lives become richer. Give thanks for your blessings.

Paula Arvedson (*Curriculum and Instruction*)

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Retirement? No. Transfer.

When people ask how retirement has been, I usually smile and answer with a sentence that surprises them. “I didn’t retire. I transferred.”

For more than thirty years, I taught at the university. My classroom was filled with students, research projects, journal articles, committee meetings, and endless conversations about learning and teaching. I loved that life. Teaching was never simply my profession; it was the way I thought. Yet, as retirement approached, I realized something unexpected. The questions that had shaped my academic life had not disappeared. If anything, they had become even more personal. I was still thinking about choice.

Why do people hesitate? Why do we sometimes know the right answer and still struggle to act? These questions had followed me through special education, behavior analysis, and educational technology. Retirement did not take them away. It simply changed where I could ask them. Instead of writing journal articles, I began writing fiction. On some mornings, I still sit down to work at the same hour I once left for campus. Caffrey, my service dog, whom many of my colleagues will remember, still reports for work beside me. The habits are surprisingly familiar: I read, revise, question a sentence, and revise it again. The difference is there is no syllabus and no deadline imposed by a semester. A story now tells me when it is ready—or, more often, when it still is not.

The protagonist of my novel attends his own retirement ceremony. At the end of the day, someone congratulates him on his retirement. He quietly replies, “It’s not retirement. It’s a transfer.” I smiled when I wrote those words because I realized they were about me. Today, my students are no longer enrolled in a university. Many of them are readers I have never met. I write essays and fiction, publishing each piece when it is ready rather than following an academic calendar. For many years, I thought teaching meant helping people find better answers. Now I think it may be just as important to help people ask better questions. Perhaps that is why I still don’t think of it as retirement. To me, it has simply been a transfer.

These days I write essays and fiction on my Substack under the name *Writing as the Cult Leader*. The name often surprises people. That is intentional. My hope is not to gather followers, but to encourage readers to make their own choices.

I haven’t stopped teaching. I simply changed classrooms. If you’d like to see what I’m teaching now, you’ll find me at chkimm.com.

Christina H. Kimm (*Special Education and Counseling*)

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

All members are welcome to attend the Executive Committee meetings the second Thursday of each month. Contact the association president at emeriti.office@calstatela.edu to receive the Zoom link.

September 15 2026

National Voter Registration Day

October 2, 2026

New Emeriti Reception

November 3, 2026



Election Day

November 11, 2026

Veterans Day - University Closed

November 23-25, 2026

Fall Recess - University Closed

November 26-28, 2026

Thanksgiving Holiday - University closed

December 12, 2026

Fall Classes End

January 18, 2027

Martin Luther King Jr Day - University closed

In Memoriam

A Note to Our In Memoriam Readers:

We ask that you contact us by email at emeritimes@calstatela.edu (ATTN: Jose Galvan) to inform us when you learn of the death of a colleague. We welcome receiving any obituaries you or a loved one may have already prepared, and we ask that you try to limit their length to approximately 500 words. Please include, at minimum, the following details for the deceased: work title(s), year hired/retired, area of expertise and department. We would also appreciate receiving high-resolution photographs, if they are available.

Martin George Brodwin

Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling, 1988 – 2015

Martin George (Marty) Brodwin, emeritus professor of rehabilitation counseling, passed away on April 24, 2026, at the age of 81. He was a beloved professor, spouse, father, and grandfather.

Brodwin joined the faculty at Cal State LA in 1988 and enjoyed an illustrious career as teacher, mentor, and colleague. His many students remember him as “inspirational,” “thoughtful,” and “caring.” One wrote that he “makes going to school worthwhile.”



Brodwin earned a BA from UCLA and a PhD at Michigan State University, and he worked at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey, where he assisted injured workers’ return to work, before coming to Cal State LA. A pioneer in the rehabilitation counseling field, Marty wrote the textbook that has become the standard training manual used in more than 50 universities. At Cal State LA, he was the coordinator of the undergraduate program in rehabilitation services and the graduate program in rehabilitation counseling.

In 1996, he and a colleague received a \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to mount a training program specifically for rehabilitation counseling and special education graduate students.

Marty mentored and advised thousands of students throughout his career, and he earned many honors in recognition of his work, including the 2004 CSU systemwide Wang Family Excellence Award and the 2005 Cal State LA President’s Distinguished Professor Award.

Outside of work, Marty was known for his sarcastic wit and love of Salvador Dali, and he was a lifelong fan of science fiction. His family summed up his legacy as exemplifying an overarching theme of imagining a better, fairer, juster, and more equitable world. Former Cal State LA President James M. Rosser echoed this assessment in applauding his “dedication and effort, which have played a key part in making Cal State LA and the CSU outstanding leaders in the field of rehabilitation education.”

Professor Brodwin is survived by his wife, Sandra, his daughter, Erin, and grandchild Ezra, as well as by his brother, Bennet.



Frequently Asked Questions

The following questions are often on the minds of newly named emeritus faculty. If you have additional questions, please send them to emeritimes@calstatela.edu. We will do our best to answer them.

How can I obtain a virtual parking permit?

To register your vehicle in this new virtual system, you must fill out the form posted at <https://www.calstatela.edu/parking/emeriti-parking-registration-form>. Enter your identifying information and your vehicle information. When you click "Submit," you will automatically be in the parking virtual system. If you need assistance, you can call 323-343-6118.

Emeritus faculty may retain their Cal State LA email accounts, but they must be activated in our new status as emeritus. What do I need to do to activate my account?

As an emeritus faculty member, you retain your Cal State LA username and password, which provides access to your campus email account. In addition, you continue to have online access to the University Library's databases and its full-text journal collection. If you have any difficulty retrieving your username and/or password, either contact your college IT staff person or call the Help Desk at 323-343-6170 for assistance.

What are the steps that retiring faculty need to follow to apply for Emeritus status?

Here is the relevant section of the Faculty Handbook that describes the steps to follow.

“Request and Approval. It is highly recommended that the procedure for consideration of Emeritus status be initiated by the faculty member within two years following the effective date of retirement or resignation. For those in the faculty early retirement program (FERP), the effective date of retirement is prior to entering FERP status. To be considered for Emeritus status, resigning or retiring faculty members must submit electronically an updated curriculum vitae, a digital photograph, and brief biography.”

Requests for Emeritus status are submitted through the usual RTP process. The initial request is made to the department and includes an updated CV, a digital photograph, and a brief biography. The request is considered, first by the department's RTP committee, then by the college-level committee. If approved, the college dean forwards it to the provost who then forwards it to the president for final approval and appointment.

Moving?

If you change your physical and/or email address, we ask that you please send us your new contact information so that we may continue to provide you with *The Emeritimes* and other notices from the Emeriti Association. Remember that we communicate with our members primarily by email—whether you use your Cal State LA or other email address—but on occasion, we will use the U.S. mail.

You may send us your updated contact information, via email, to emeriti.office@calstatela.edu or by U.S. mail to Emeriti Association Membership Chair, c/o Office of the President, SSB 8320, Cal State LA, 5151 State University Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90032. Thank you!