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CHANGING TIMES AT CAL STATE LA

The University's administrative leadership team underwent significant changes over the summer months, most notably with the retirement of President William A. Covino and the appointment of Interim President Leroy M. Morishita, who will serve in this post until the completion of the ongoing presidential search. In addition, several dean
and associate dean positions also have undergone changes.

After 10 years of exemplary service at Cal State LA, former President Covino retired from his position as Cal State LA's seventh president, at the end of the academic year. During his tenure as president, Cal State LA's graduation rates increased significantly, and the university achieved recognition as number one in the nation in upward mobility. Covino previously served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Fresno State. A farewell video tribute to former President Covino was shown at the recent Commencement.

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Interim President Morishita has held leadership positions in the CSU for more than 40 years, capped by his nine-year term as president of Cal State East Bay. Morishita began his CSU career at San Francisco State, where he held several increasingly responsible positions leading up to his role as execute vice president and chief financial officer. Interim President Morishita announced that he will serve in this position "until a permanent president takes office." In his first message to the campus, Morishita announced the appointment of former Vice President for Student Life Nancy Wada-McKee as his chief of staff.

Morishita's first official ceremonial duty was to host the University Convocation on August 17, where the newly-hired faculty were introduced, and the President's Distinguished Professor, Outstanding Professor, and the Outstanding Lecturer Awards were presented.

In addition to the changes in the University's Office of the President, several other administrative shifts have been announced in the past several months. Former Executive Vice President and Provost Jose A. Gomez was pointed the interim Superintendent-President of Pasadena City College, effective July 1. In his 13 years at Cal State LA, Gomez led major initiatives to expand opportunities for students, including the creation of Cal State LA Downtown campus; the establishment of Cal State LA's Prison B.A. program, the first California bachelor's degree program taught in a state prison; and the construction of the new Cal State LA BioSpace facility. In addition, he guided philanthropic, facilities and research initiatives that have raised more than $50 million in external funding for Cal State LA.

Prior to the departure of Gomez, Dr. Amy Bippus was named interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs in June. Bippus previously served as vice provost.

Several leadership changes in the academic colleges also were announced in recent months. In the College of Ethnic Studies, the renowned labor economist and feminist Dr. Julianne Malveaux stepped down as dean to focus on other professional and personal endeavors, and interim associate dean of the college Dr. Lena Chao was appointed interim dean. Finally, the position of dean of the College of Education, formerly held by Dr. Cheryl Ney until her retirement last year, remains unfilled and under the leadership of Interim Dean Mitch Fryling, who will serve until a permanent dean is appointed.

John Cleman
English

EMERITI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It feels like we've just lived through a summer of extremes—temperatures have soared due to climate change; writers, actors, and hotel workers are all on strike; our country's political divisions are at dangerous levels; issues like artificial intelligence and other technological innovations point to an uncertain future, and a wind-driven wildfire decimated the beloved City of Lahaina on the island of Maui. My hope is that the fall brings us a much-needed balance, where things start to fall back into place and we return to our life routines with fresh perspectives.

I see fall as a time to balance and rebalance our priorities. We can strike a balance between our work commitments and our personal priorities in life; we can adjust our time commitments in ways that allow us time for ourselves; and we can make time to contribute to our communities by volunteering in ways that add value to society and that contribute to our own feelings of wellness.

As your president, my priority is to find ways to support you, our Emeriti Association colleagues, and to find ways that will encourage you to become more involved in our community as retired faculty. Toward that end, we have just engaged in important conversations among ourselves at the recent retreat at the Huntington Gardens. One of the messages we heard from the participants was the importance of finding ways for us to meet and communicate with each other, in both large- and small-group activities. We are committed to finding ways for us to do that, and we will have some important announcements in the coming months toward that end.

One of the new initiatives that we are introducing this year is a reception, which we have scheduled for December 1, in which we will welcome our newly-designated emeritus faculty colleagues. This year, we will honor faculty awarded the emeritus status during the pandemic years, including in the previous Academic Year (2022 – 2023). We ask that you join us on December 1, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the President's Conference Room, 8th Floor, Student Services Building, for a reception to recognize and celebrate our new emeriti colleagues. A light lunch will be served. Look for an email announcement in the weeks ahead with more details about this special event.

Since the University began awarding faculty with the emeritus designation, we estimate that we have had more than *1,200* faculty accorded that distinction. This year is the first time the new emeriti honored formally with a reception in their honor, and we hope that this recognition event will become institutionalized in the University. I extend a warm welcome to the *13* newly appointed emeritus faculty members!

We have many things to look forward to in the year ahead. In late October, we will recognize the students who will receive scholarships and fellowships funded through the Emeriti Association fellowship endowments, either through our main endowment fund or through the several named endowments created by the families and friends of former emeritus faculty who are no longer with us. We look forward to many other opportunities throughout the year for us to get together in small-group gatherings to continue to nurture the connections that began when we worked side-by-side in our roles as colleagues at Cal State LA.

Again, I give a warm welcome to our new emeriti faculty and extend my gratitude to our colleagues who have been an active part of our association for many years. My wish is that we will take time to think about how the Emeriti Association fits into our own individual lives and reflect on how it contributes to the important balance in life that we all need.

Go Golden Eagles!

Kathy Reilly
Emeriti Association President

RECENTLY APPOINTED EMERITI FACULTY

The 13 individuals listed below were awarded emeritus status by former Cal State LA President William A. Covino during the previous academic year. This includes one faculty member who received the emeritus designation posthumously.

Adelaide Doyle-Nichols (*Applied and Advanced Studies in Education*
Doyle-Nichols joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1999 and was promoted to associate professor in 2000. She became full professor in 2008 and retired in 2022. Her expertise is in educational technology, online teaching and learning, augmented reality and virtual reality.

Carol Blaszczynski (*Management and Information Systems*
Blaszczynski held positions as a lecturer in the Department of Office Systems and Business Management until she accepted an assistant professorship in Management in Fall 1997. In 1999, she was added to the faculty in the Department of Information Systems, where she was promoted to associate professor in 2001. In 2003, she became a full professor, and she retired in 2022.

William Bollinger (*History, Pan-African Studies, Chicano/a Studies, Communication Studies, and Latin American Studies Program*
Bollinger joined the Latin American Studies Program as a lecturer in 1976 and retired from teaching in 2020.

Gaithri Fernando (*Psychology*
Fernando joined the Department of Psychology as an associate professor in 2002 and served as chair from 2019 to 2022 and as associate chair in Fall 2022 before she retired in 2023.

Samuel Landsberger (*Kinesiology and Mechanical Engineering*)
Landsberger joined the Cal State LA faculty in 2000 as the Northrup-Grumman Endowed Chair of Engineering and retired in 2021 to begin his FERP assignment in Fall of that year.

Paul Liu (*Technology*
Liu joined the Department of Technology as associate professor in 2000 and was promoted to full professor in 2003. He retired in 2022. During his years at Cal State LA, he successfully authored numerous grant proposals and mentored many winning student design teams whose work aided those with disabilities.

Milan Mijic (*Physics and Astronomy*
Mijic came to Cal State LA as an assistant professor in 1991, having earned his PhD from Caltech. He was promoted to associate professor in 1997 and retired in 2020, after which he began his FERP assignment.

Madhu Mohanty (*Economics and Statistics*
Mohanty became an assistant professor in 1990 and served as department chair from 2014 to 2021. He then served as chair of the Department of Marketing until retiring in 2022. Professor Mohanty began his FERP assignment in Spring 2023.

Jamil Momand (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*
Momand joined the faculty in 1999 as an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. He was promoted to associate professor in 2003 and to full professor in 2007. He chaired the department from 2019 until he retired in 2022.

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Scott Nickolaisen (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*)
Nickolaisen joined the faculty in 1994 as an assistant professor in the Department Chemistry and Biochemistry. He was promoted to associate professor in 1999 and to full professor in 2004. He retired in 2023.

Lifan Wu (*Finance, Law, and Real Estate*)
Wu began teaching at Cal State LA in 1998. Following retirement in 2022, he began a FERP assignment that year.

Ping Yao (*History*)
Yao is an internationally recognized authority on the role of women in traditional Chinese society. She joined the History Department in 1997 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 2003 and to full professor in 2007. She retired in 2022.

Frances Siu (*Special Education and Counseling*)
Siu began her faculty career at Cal State LA in 2009. Sadly, she passed away in 2022 and was posthumously awarded emeritus status this past year.

New Emeriti Association Life Members

We welcome the most recent life members of the association:

Emily Allen (*Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology*)
Lois Andre-Bechely (*Applied and Advanced Studies in Education*)
Kevin Baaske (*Communication Studies*)
Carol Blaszczynski (*Management and Information Systems*)
Gail Washington (*Nursing*)

We also welcome our newest annual member:

Colleen Friend (*Social Work*)

Two people have renewed their annual memberships:

Ari Ashkenazi (*Art*)
Timothy Fox Harding (*History and Latin American Studies*)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: ELECTION RESULTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Emeriti Association President Kathy Reilly announced the results of the election of officers for 2023 – 2024 at the association's Annual Meeting held on June 8 via Zoom.

Marshall Cates was re-elected Treasurer for a two-year term, 2023 – 2025, and Deborah L. Schaeffer was elected Programs Chair, also for 2023 – 2025.

At the June meeting of the Executive Committee, President Reilly made the following appointments to the Executive Committee:

- Stephen Felszeghy was appointed to fill the position of Membership Director for the duration of the term vacated by Schaeffer when she was elected Programs Chair. Felszeghy will serve for the term 2023 – 2024.
- Norman Klein was appointed member-at-large (2023 – 2025).
- Kevin Baaske was appointed a Council Delegate to the Emeriti and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA) for the period 2023 – 2025.

The full slate of members of the Executive Committee is shown in the Masthead on Page 2 of this newsletter.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

This column includes descriptions of the 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.

Stanley Burstein, Emeritus Professor of History, authored a book, *The Essential Greek Historians*, Hackett Publishing Company, Inc., 2022. Also, a German translation of his 2017 book, *The World from 1000 BCE to 300 CE*, was published under the title, *Antike Global: Die Welt von 1000 v. Chr. bis 300 n. Chr.*, by the German publishing house Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 2022. In addition, he presented a paper, "A Crisis of Legitimacy: The Case of Ergamenes/Arqamani," at the 15th International Conference for Nubian Studies, in Warsaw, Poland, on Sept. 2, 2022.

Steve LaDochy, Emeritus Professor of Geosciences and Environment, co-presented (with Cal State LA graduate student Tania Torres and Frederick Hsu of Temple University) a paper on "The Elusive Los Angeles Urban Heat Island," at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, in Bellingham, WA, Oct. 6-8, 2022. LaDochy also presented (with Cal State LA graduate student Antonio Santana and Todd Hall of the National Weather Service) an oral paper, "The changing climate of Los Angeles over the last quarter century," at the California Geographical Society's annual meeting at East LA College on April 22, 2023.

J. Theodore Anagnoson, Emeritus Professsor of Political Science coauthored with Melissa R. Michelson, "Cultivating a Beginner's Mind: How Textbook Writing Improves Our Undergraduate Teaching," in PS: Political Science & Politics, Volume 55, Issue 3, July 2022.

Lauri Scheyer (*English*) co-edited (with David Grundy), *Selected Poems of Calvin C. Hernton*, Wesleyan University Press, 2023.

Gay Q. Yuen (*Emerita, Education*), a Cal State LA alumna, was presented a Leadership Award at the USC Asian Pacific Alumni Association (APAA) Scholarship and Awards Gala at The Langham Huntington hotel in Pasadena, CA, April 22, 2023. She was recognized for her role as board chair of the Friends of the Chinese American Museum of Los Angeles.

Domnita Dumitrescu, Emerita Professor of Spanish, published *De Chile a Japón: la lingüista que " ha logrado cambiar los paradigmas existentes": Entrevista con Carmen Silva Corvalán*, en *Revista de la Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española (RANLE)*, vol. X, No 19-20, 2022, pp. 116-132. She also published two book reviews: Liliana Ionescu Ruxandoiu, Mihael-Viorica Constantinescu, Gabriela Stoica, and Serban Hartular (eds.), "Attitude and Stance in Discourse," *Revue Roumaine de Linguistiqu*e, LXVII, 1, 2022, pp. 115-117, and M. Victoria Escandell-Vidal, José Amenós Pons and Aoife Kathleen Aher, eds. "Pragmática," *Journal of Spanish Language Teaching 2022*, online (DOI:10.1080/23247797.2022.2085339). Also, she presented "Novedades en el Diccionario de la Lengua Española (DLE)" at the 104th Annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), in San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 9-12, 2022, where she also participated at the *Hispania* session, in her capacity as book review editor of the journal since 2011. She continues to participate in a project of the North American Academy of the Spanish Language (ANLE), and to periodically evaluate scholarly articles and/or books for publication.

Roy Liebman, Emeritus Librarian, authored *Theda Bara: Her Career, Life and Legend*, Macfarland Publishing Company, 2023. In addition, he continues to work as a programmer and juror for various film festivals.

Gloria J. Romero, Emerita Professor of Psychology, published *Just Not That Likable: The Price All Women Pay for Gender Bias*, Post Hill Press, 2021. Romero was the first woman to serve as Majority Leader of the California State Senate.

22 STUDENTS SELECTED TO RECEIVE EMERITI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS IN 2023-2024

The Emeriti Association has awarded 22 students with scholarships and fellowships for the 2023-2024 academic year. They represent seven colleges and 13 departments. A group of 18 Emeriti Association members who read and evaluated more than 318 applications in April and May, selected 15 students to receive Emeriti Fund fellowships and seven to receive named endowed scholarships or fellowships.

For the third year, these award recipients will be honored at an online Recognition Event. This year's event is scheduled for October 28. This program provides the student recipients an opportunity to share their personal accounts about their amazing accomplishments and aspirations, and how they have overcome obstacles on their road to their academic achievements.

All members of the association are encouraged to log in to the event. The online format makes it possible for the family and friends of the honorees to be part of the recognition event and to lend their support to their loved ones.

A save-the-date notice will be sent out to all association members in early October, containing detailed information about the program with instructions on how to register.

The awardees are listed below, including the award they are receiving, their department and college.

Alfredo Gonzalez,
Chair, Emeriti Association Fellowship Committee

2023-2024 Emeriti Graduate Fellowship Fund Award Recipients

Angel Navarro, Sociology (NSS)
Alexis Salzer, Counseling (COE)
David Strickland, Material Science and Engineering (ECST)
Ceren Acik, Kinesiology (HHS)
Isabel Gurrola, Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies (CES)
Julio Henriquez, Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies (CES)
John Lee, Nursing (HHS)
Mingda Xu, Nursing (HSS)
Lekha Ajit Kumar, Information Systems (B&E)
Sukhjinder Kaur, TESOL (COE)
Reyna Guzman Martinez, Counseling (COE)
Juan Sanabria, Rehabilitation Counseling (COE)

Named Emeriti Graduate Fellowship Fund Award Recipients

The Carol Smallenburg Emeriti Fund Fellowship - **Raven Dean**, TESOL (COE)
The James M. Rosser Emeriti Fund Fellowship - **Tania Romero**, Biology (NSS)
The Sidney Albert Emeriti Fund Fellowship - **Emily Aguilar**, English (A&L)

Named Endowed Scholarships and Fellowships

Bill Darrough, Eleni Pitsiou Darrough and Athena Fellowship - **Andrea Dominguez**, Sociology (NSS)
Brodwin Family Scholarship - **Bruce Foster**, Rehabilitation Services (COE)
David Cameron Fisher Memorial Fellowship - **Tania Romero**, Biology (NSS)
Leonard Mathy Fellowship - **Vivien Romo**, Economics (B&E)
Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship - **Ernesto Morales**, Anthropology (NSS)
Roland L. Carpenter Memorial Scholarship - **Alex Nikolian**, Physics (NSS)
William Lloyd Memorial Fellowship - **Robert Coronado**, History (NSS)



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. These include 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's description of the Scholarship/Fellowship Program and select "Donate to Our Endowments."

Award Fund Name	Level	Academic Major
Emeriti Association Fellowship for Academic Excellence	Grad	Any Major
Bill Darrough, Eleni Pitsiou-Farrough and Athena Fellowship	Grad	Sociology
Brodwin Family Scholarship 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 Memorial Scholarship	Jr./Sr./ Grad	Marine Biology or Environmental Studies or Biology
Dimitri Margaziotis 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



RETREAT EVALUATION RESULTS: MEMBERS CALL FOR GREATER EMPHASIS ON SPECIAL-INTEREST ACTIVITIES

After a three-year pandemic-related delay, the Emeriti Association finally held its long-awaited retreat on March 30 at the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, and the association's Executive Committee already has begun the planning process to act on the recommendations generated at the retreat. Most of the recommendations dealt with strategies to allow for greater member participation and to emphasize programs that address a variety of interests.

Despite a rainy start to the day, 35 individuals attended. The evaluation results were overwhelmingly positive, with unanimous praise for the choice of the Huntington as the retreat setting (Mean score of 5 on a scale of 1 – 5), and most indicating that the day was well spent (4.95).

By far, the most revealing item on the evaluation form was the question, "Which activities, events or programs would you most like to be implemented?" The suggestions given were grouped into three categories: opportunities for giving service to the campus (mentioned 7 times); conferences/meetings on topics of interest, on/off campus (mentioned 10 times); and social, small-group, special-interest, and fun activities (mentioned 20 times).

President Kathy Reilly has asked the association's Programs Committee to consider identifying topics of interest for new, specialized conferences or meetings, and she asked Jose Galvan to head an ad hoc committee to develop plans for organizing a series of small group, special interest activities. In addition, planning is underway to develop a Survey Monkey poll of the association's members in order to augment the list of ideas for "activities, events or programs" that the association may consider implementing.

Reilly thanked the Retreat Organization Committee, chaired by Bea Yorker, and she has asked for periodic updates of the progress made, which will be shared with the association membership.

Jose Galvan
Member, Retreat Organization Committee

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND RENEWAL

If you wish to join the Emeriti Association, or if your membership has lapsed in recent years, we encourage you to consider joining now. Life membership is $250 if paid before December 31. Beginning January 1, 2024, Life membership increases to $300. Annual membership dues are $50.

Dues checks payable to CSU Los Angeles Emeriti Association may be sent to Marshall Cates, Treasurer, Emeriti Association, 1036 Armada Drive, Pasadena, CA 91103.



WELCOMED INCREASES FOR RETIRED FACULTY IN 2023

In a welcomed development for most of us, Cal State retired faculty benefitted from both Social Security Administration and CalPERS cost-of-living (COLA) adjustments in 2023.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits increased by 8.7 percent, effective January, 2023. For more specific information, see the Social Security Administration's news release.

In addition, all CalPERS retirees who retired in 2021 or earlier received an increase in their annuities this past May, as a result of a COLA adjustment. The minimum increase was 2 percent for those who retired between 2015 – 2021. Those who retired earlier earned a slightly higher percentage adjustment. For more specific information, go to the CalPERS website and enter the search term COLA.

Both the Social Security and CalPERS COLAs were the result of the annual rate of inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), which was 8 percent in 2022.

EMERITI ASSOCIATION

FELLOWSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

The following donors contributed to the fellowship/scholarship funds in the period since the publication of our last *Emeritimes*. The specific funds that benefitted from these contributions are shown in parentheses.

Dorothy L. Keane
Roland L. Carpenter Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship

Vicente Zapata
Vicente Zapata Memorial Scholarship

Ronald Pettie
Emeriti Association Fellowship for Academic Excellence

CAMPUS NEWS

CSU Board of Trustees appoints Mildred García as 11th chancellor

The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Mildred García to serve as the 11th chancellor of the California State University. García currently serves as president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and previously served as president of California State University, Fullerton and California State University, Dominguez Hills. García is the first Latina appointed to oversee the CSU's 23-campus system. She will begin her tenure as Chancellor on Oct. 1, 2023.

Joint Statement on Use of Race in Admissions Issued by UC/CSU/CC Heads

The leaders of California's three public higher education institutions issued a joint statement expressing their disappointment with the Supreme Court's recent decision to prohibit the use of race in college admissions. They pledged to continue to support programs and practices that seek to address historical inequities and ensure that our colleges and universities are reflective of California's rich and dynamic diversity. Read the full joint statement.

Cal State LA Receives NASA Grant to Research 3D Printing on the Moon

Cal State LA has received a $900,000 grant from NASA to support improving the space agency's capacity to use metal 3D printing technologies on the moon. Read more about the NASA grant.

New Director of the Honors College Named

Interim Provost Amy Bippus recently announced the appointment of Dr. Kathy Cooke as the new director of the Honors College, effective August 14. Dr. Cooke comes to Cal State LA from the University of South Alabama, where she served as professor of history and founding dean of the Honors College. She previously served as the founding director of the Honors Program at Quinnipiac University, where she was a member of the Faculty Senate and the elected faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. She has a B.A. in history from Calvin College and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago.

Cal State LA honored as ACUE inaugural Movement Maker

The Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) has named Cal State LA a Movement Maker for demonstrating an enduring commitment to the success of all students. The University was presented the Movement Maker award along with the California State University (CSU) system and Cal State Northridge during the inaugural National Higher Education Teaching Conference that took place June 22-23 in New York City. You can read more about the ACUE award.

Moving?

If you change your physical and/or digital 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—either with a Cal State LA or other personal 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!!



BOOK CORNER

Starting with this edition of The Emeritimes*, we are introducing a new column that is meant to feature your descriptions of books for our readers to consider adding to their reading lists. We start with a few samples, and we welcome your contributions for future issues. 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 200 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.*

The Beauty of Dusk, Frank Bruni, Simon & Schuster, 2022.
This memoir by *New York Times* columnist Frank Bruni tells of his complicated adjustment to the near-total loss of vision in his right eye due to a rare stroke that cut the circulation of blood to his optic nerve. Bruni begins by describing his own process of adjustment to the vision loss and the several experimental treatments that proved unsuccessful. Then, he recounts his reaching out to others who had experienced their own physical traumas, and he explains their coping processes. What starts as a tragic new reality for Bruni, ultimately becomes a positive tale of self-discovery and of overcoming diversity by turning lemons into lemonade. Highly recommended!

Jose Galvan
TESOL

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Boards: Stylish Spreads for Casual Gatherings, America's Test Kitchen, 2022.
Easy to follow descriptions for creating stylish charcuterie boards for any occasion. In the tradition of America's Test Kitchen publications, the illustrations are helpful and instructive in their own right, and the choice of ingredients in the various examples shown of very creative charcuterie boards include items readily available in any market. This is a handy guide to have available when planning your next social gathering.

Jose Galvan
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Tasting History, Max Miller and Ann Volkwein, Simon and Schuster, 2023
In 2020, furloughed from Walt Disney, Max Miller launched the YouTube series, "Tasting History," in which the intrepid history buff recreates ancient (and some not so ancient) recipes and tests them in his kitchen. In the videos, Miller punctuates the cooking process with delightful historical digressions, and this book offers print versions of 66 of the recipes from the series. Arranged thematically, Miller presents readers with workable antique recipes adapted for the modern kitchen. While not all readers might be eager to recreate Spartan melas zomos (literally, black

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soup), which is a seasoned broth made with a mixture of vinegar and pigs' blood, many creations, such as pullus parthicus (Parthian chicken) or a medieval recipe for gingerbread, are quite tasty, and the histories are always fascinating, as are the photographs by Andrew Bui. Alas, Miller does not include his recipe for garum, the notoriously odiferous Roman sauce made from fermented fish parts. But he does inform us that the Byzantines eventually passed laws keeping garum factories outside of inhabited areas. If you are anxious to learn how to make garum you will have to await the sequel.

Martin E. Huld
English

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Winter Brothers: A Season at the Edge of America, Ivan Doig, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1980.
Ivan Doig is known for his writing about Montana, where he was raised, and the Pacific Northwest, where he earned his doctorate. This *House of Sky*, essentially a memoir, is one of his best non-fiction works, and *Dancing at the Rascal Fair* is the middle work of a trilogy, a wonderful fictional account that in essence dramatizes the transition of the West from the arrival of immigrants to their increasing irrelevance in emerging modern America. Right now, I'm reading *Winter Brothers*, which essentially is a kind of dialog between Doig and the lengthy journal of an explorer of sorts who came to the Pacific Northwest when it was still essentially Indian territory. Super! The voice is fabulous.

John Cleman
English

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A Beginner's Guide to the End: Practical Advice for Living Life and Facing Death, B.J. Miller & Shoshana Berger, Simon & Schuster, 2019.
The title of this book may sound morbid, but in fact the book presents a frank and honest blueprint for preparing yourself and your loved ones for the inevitable. I heard Anderson Cooper interview one of the authors on his podcast, "All There Is with Anderson Cooper," and I was so impressed with how the authors organized the information presented that I decided to order it. This is more of a reference manual than something you would keep on your nightstand, but it is chockfull of valuable insights that will guide you in preparing your own personal trust documents.

Jose Galvan
TESOL

FACULTY RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING

Interim President Leroy M. Morishita announced the recipients of the President's Distinguished Professor, Outstanding Professor and Outstanding Lecturer Awards for 2023-2024 at the annual University Convocation ceremony held on August 17, 2023.

This year's President's Distinguished Professor is Howard Xu, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Natural and Social Sciences.

The three faculty that received the Outstanding Professor Awards are John C. Bachman, associate professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology; Mitchell Eisen, professor of psychology in the College of Natural and Social Sciences; and James Ford III, professor of music in the College of Arts and Letters.

Finally, Dmitri Seals, a lecturer in the Department of Sociology in the College of Natural and Social Sciences, was named this year's Outstanding Lecturer.

ERFSA NEWS

The CSU Emeriti and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA) recently made three important announcements.

Research Support Funds. ERFSA announced the availability of funds to support member research and creative projects. Information about the program and a link to an application are available.

CalPERS Data Breach. CalPERS informed its members this past June that a third party provider, PBI Research Services, had experienced a data breach which resulted in members' full names, birth dates, and Social Security numbers being accessed by an unauthorized party. CalPERS is offering affected members free 24-month monitoring of their identities through Experian's IdentityWorks. Visit IdentityWorks for more detailed information.

Settlement on Long-Term Care Program. A judge granted final approval on July 28 of a settlement by CalPERS in response to the class-action lawsuit by members enrolled in the Long-Term Care program (LTC). Terms of the settlement include the opportunity for current enrollees either to maintain their current LTC policy, receive a cash payment, and have a moratorium on premium increases through the end of October 2024, or to receive a premium refund of 80% of all premiums paid, less benefits received, in exchange for surrendering their LTC policy. Visit CalPERS Long-Term Care Class Action Settlement for more details.



NEW VIRTUAL PARKING PERMITS NOW REQUIRED

One of the benefits extended to emeritus faculty by Cal State LA is complimentary parking on the campus. Parking Services launched a new parking management system two years ago that replaced the physical permits with virtual permits. This new system has improved and streamlined the parking permitting process by using license plate recognition technology. Thus, you no longer have a physical permit to place on your rearview mirror or dashboard. You only need to register the vehicle that you drive to campus.

To register your vehicle in this new system, visit the Cal State LA Parking page, and select the Forms icon. Click on the Emeriti Parking Registration Form and enter your vehicle information. When you click "Submit," you will automatically be in the parking virtual system. If you need assistance, please call 323-343-6118. As a reminder, emeriti are eligible to park in any unrestricted faculty/staff parking area. When parking in a disabled space, please make sure to display a valid DMV-issued placard.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

Breaking News: Just two days before *The Emeritimes* went to press, the CSU Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Dr. Berenecea Johnson Eanes as Cal State LA's ninth president, effective January 8, 2024. Our March issue will include a full article concerning Dr. Eanes' appointment.

On March 21, Interim Chancellor Jolene Koester announced via email to the campus that the search for the new Cal State LA president was extended. According to Koester, one of the finalists withdrew their candidacy for personal reasons, and she stressed that the search committee and the CSU Board of Trustees were committed to "inclusivity, diversity and collaboration" as the search for a new president continues.

There have been no new elections, so it is presumed that the members of the Search Committee have been asked to continue to serve.

Because the newly installed Interim President Leroy M. Morishita, the former president at CSU East Bay, is a retiree, CalPERS rules limit his term of service to six months. Since he started on July 31, his interim presidency is expected to end in January. It is expected that the next update on the search will be given at the Board of Trustees meeting in September.

Read additional information regarding the search.

WE WELCOME YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

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;
- 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

OBITUARY NOTICES

One of the more important sections of *The Emeritimes* is our In Memoriam column. We ask that you let us know when you hear of the passing of a colleague. When you notify us of the passing of a colleague, please note that we try to include their start-year at Cal State LA and the year they retired. Also, if you have access to a published obituary or their CV, we would appreciate receiving a copy. Note that we attempt to have articles limited to approximately 500 words, so we may need to edit a published obituary. Submissions should be sent to: emeritimes@calstatela.edu, c/o Jose Galvan.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

The Emeriti Association Executive Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month. All association members are welcome to attend these meetings, currently being held in-person on campus and via Zoom. Contact the association president at emeriti.office@calstatela.edu if you wish to attend or receive the Zoom link for a particular month's meeting.

October 28, 2023

Emeriti Fellowship/Scholarship Event to honor student recipients. Look for an upcoming email with the Zoom link to hear the students' stories.

September 12-13, 2023

CSU Board of Trustees Meeting

CAMPUS CALENDAR

November 3, 2023

College of Education Distinguished Educator Award Dinner 5 p.m., Golden Eagle Ballroom
(Tickets: 323-343-4300)

November 23-25, 2023

Thanksgiving – University closed

December 25-29, 2023

University closed

January 1, 2024

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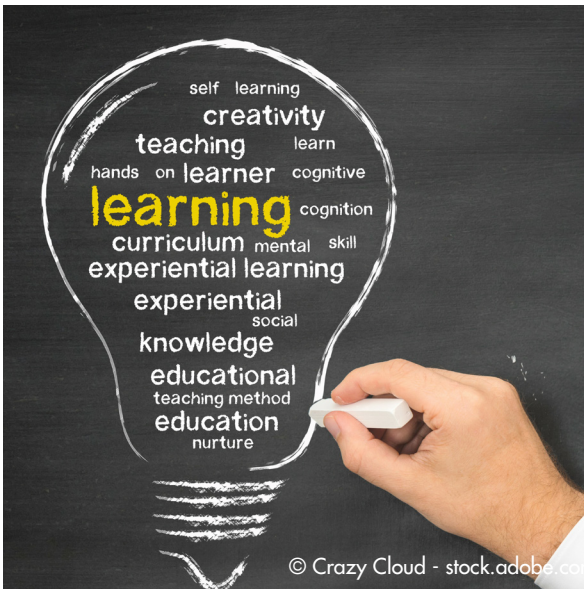
January 15, 2024

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – University closed

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM WELCOMES EMERITI FACULTY SPEAKERS

One of the important programs of the Cal State LA Emeriti Association, the Lifelong Learning Program, schedules emeriti faculty from a variety of disciplines to speak at senior residences and community centers in Los Angeles and the San Grabriel Valley. Directed by Emeritus Professor Peter Brier, the program has been recruiting Cal State LA emeritus professors to participate in the program for more than 15 years.

Participating speakers receive a $100 honorarium for delivering a 45-minute presentation. Emeriti faculty from any discipline are encouraged to write to emeriti.office@calstatela.edu, reference Professor Brier, for information about the program and to learn about how to participate.



LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

The Emeritimes *welcomes contributions from you, our readers, describing your activities since retiring from the University, any life changes you wish to share, or commentary about your ongoing research, creative activity, even your travel. We only ask that you limit your accounts to less than 500 words. You may send your contributions to* emeritimes@calstatela.edu*,* ***ATTN: Jose Galvan***

Glimpses from the *Camino de Santiago*



The opportunity to hike the Camino de Santiago/St. James Way was a stroke of good luck. Our daughter, a professor at Earlham College, was going to be a faculty member leading a group of students in 2016. Here was my chance to hike this historic trail in a part of Spain I had never visited. So many things ran through my head. Would I be able to complete this trek? Would I embarrass my daughter? Who would I meet? How would the experience affect me? What unexpected things would occur along the trip? I was really excited.

Our trek started in northern Spain on May 12 in the city of Burgos and ended in Santiago de Compostela on June 1, 2016. It covered 315 miles. Early May was the best time to hike the Camino because it offered perfect hiking weather. We carried everything ourselves: backpacks, clothes, water, and sleeping sacks. We kept our needs to the bare essentials and some of us always hoped for *albergue*s (hostels) with washing machines and dryers which, ironically, some students chose to ignore.

The *albergues* we stayed in ranged from a working convent, to an old church, to a medieval stone house. By the end of each day we were so exhausted that not even the snores, smells, nor hard beds prevented us from getting a good night's sleep.

Walking several hours a day allowed plenty of time for introspection, and I found myself pondering my own reasons for joining the pilgrims. For me, it was an opportunity to hike the longest distance I had ever attempted, and the possibility of meeting other pilgrims and finding out about their personal stories. Two Spaniards from Andalucía in southern Spain reminded me of the spiritual significance this pilgrimage had for them. When I asked if there were pilgrimages like the Camino in southern Spain they lit up, "Of course, but ours are not as long; they are filled with locals, not many tourists and they are more religious. When we reach the sanctuary or church there is a Mass followed by singing, dancing, and food."

After 21 days on the Camino, we finally descended into Santiago de Compostela on June 1, 2016. It felt like we had fulfilled a medieval vow and now we were going to enjoy the fruits of our efforts. Modern-day pilgrims had congregated in the main square, the *Plaza del Obradoiro*. They were ecstatic, singing, taking selfies, and looking for souvenirs. The steps leading to the *Catedral Basílica de Santiago de Compostela* teemed with people waiting for the 12 o'clock Pilgrim's Mass. When the doors opened everyone stampeded in to find a place to sit and wait for the ritual to begin. Mass began with a big welcome for all the pilgrims followed by individual recognition of all the groups present. Ours was one of the first to be recognized. It was so exciting to be a part of such an ancient ritual. It felt like the perfect culmination to a long pilgrimage. *¡Buen camino!*

Hildebrando Villarreal
Modern Languages and Literatures

Splitting Time between Irvine and the Gold Country

Hope each of you is well wherever you are and whatever you're doing. I'm writing this from Nevada City,

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California, where we built a house three years ago on five acres of pristine forest. Little did we know then that while we're here our lives would be quite so consumed by forest management and manual labor. Still, we're feeling lucky to be close to a great town in a beautiful area, one very different from Irvine, where we spend the other half of the year. If you're ever in the California Gold Country/Sierra foothills, please do get in touch.

Ann Barbour
Curriculum and Instruction

My Brilliant Movie Career

I once "did lunch" with Oliver Stone and Michael Caine at the Beverly Wilshire and appeared in a movie they were making—as an extra.

In 1976, I lost my left hand, disarticulated at the wrist, as a result of a laboratory explosion. I worked with physical therapists and a prosthetist over the next year. Some time later, in 1980 as I recall, I got a call from my prosthetist with a somewhat unusual request. He had been contacted by a film director who wanted to talk to someone who had lost a hand in a traumatic accident. The prosthetist asked me if I was interested, and I agreed to meet the director.

I drove to his office in what used to be the Selznick studios and met Oliver Stone who was directing his first movie for a major studio. Stone had recently received an Oscar in 1979 for his screenplay for "Midnight Express". We had a long and engaging conversation about my experience, and about the planned movie entitled "The Hand", based on José Donoso's novel, *The Lizard's Tail*. In this story an artist loses his hand, and the hand takes on a life of its own with horrific consequences. Mr. Stone asked me to meet with the star of the movie to talk about my accident.

And so I lunched with Oliver Stone and Michael Caine at the Beverly Wilshire. Mr. Stone and I arrived first to be soon joined by Mr. Caine who was briefly escorted by his wife, but after introductions she left the three of us to lunch and discuss business. Lunching with a recognizable celebrity was quite entertaining. I could see many of the patrons at nearby tables eyeing us and no doubt wondering who were these two guys in close conversation with Michael Caine. (Oliver Stone was still little-known at this time). Mr. Caine and I found things in common: both grew up in the East End of London; he was a year younger than I; both evacuees during World War II. He was very interested in my emotional state immediately after my accident. It was, surprisingly enough, shame.

A few days later, Oliver Stone and I visited a special effects studio in the Valley run by the Rambaldi family. Carlo Rambaldi had been an Oscar winner in 1979 for his work on "Alien". He was particularly interested in my bioelectronic left hand prosthesis and took some photos of it. I believe this was one of the influences on the designs for various versions of the hand in the movie.

I had two further interactions with the cast and crew of the movie. The first was in a studio, where a shot of a shower scene of a body double for the now one-handed artist was under way. In the script the artist loses his right hand. Since I had lost my left hand another amputee was doubling for Michael Caine in the shower. I saw, but alas did not meet, another star of the film, Viveca Lindfors. A week later I was asked to come for location work at the UCLA prosthetics laboratory. The usual array of trucks and trailers was in evidence, and filming soon began in the laboratory—a large open room with benches. The action involved designing a prosthesis for the artist, and it took many takes to get the scene right. Oliver Stone asked me to appear as an extra – a prosthetist in a white coat in the background of the shot, hammering away at something. For this I received the standard $50 for an extra plus an excellent lunch (union rules) from the food trucks.

And so ended my brilliant movie career. A couple of weeks later I received a check for my consulting work, and

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eventually I saw the movie on VHS. Michael Caine was excellent, but the plot was unbelievable. Two stars out of five.

Harold Goldwhite
Chemistry and Biochemistry

Enjoying Every Day to the Fullest

I finally hit 80 years old in May. Although I am still active (I can walk at least 5,000 steps! LOL), I am much slower than before. It is not easy to get old, and my mother used to tell me that I would understand how she felt at 80 years when I reached that age. Alas, I understand it painfully. Well, I would like to brag about my oldest son who just received first place in his division in the Transpacific Yacht Race from San Pedro to Honolulu. So, his crazy mom flew to Honolulu for two days to share in his accomplishment. Again, I had felt my age. It is so hard to travel at this age. I am happy at home now. I am trying to age gracefully and not be controlled by my mind (honestly, I think I am still in my 70s). I try to think that every day is a gift to enjoy at its fullest.

Noriko Saito
Curriculum and Instruction

House Restoration and Historical Society Leadership

John and I are living happily in La Verne, where I am very busy as president of our city's Historical Society. I have some interaction with local government (it's just as polarized as it is at the federal level), but there is lots to keep me occupied and intellectually engaged. Our house restoration continues, and—can you believe it?—my daughter celebrated her 39th birthday in May. Amazing how time slips by.

Sherry Best
Special Education

Tips on How to Manage Home Exchanges and International Hospital Stays

I taught at Cal State LA for 35 years, and I loved it! I finally retired in 2013. My life has always been fast and full of events, and it continues that way.

Last year, as part of my FERP workload, I taught a graduate class, and I also worked with a co-author on the handbook, *Material and Processes for Nondestructive Testing*. Unfortunately, I also experienced some health issues that required that I have open-heart surgery to replace some blocked aortic heart valves.

A year later, my husband and I decided to be part of an international home-exchange program where we exchanged our apartment for one in Argentina. Previously, we had exchanged our apartment in Croatia for homes in Spain, Italy, Germany, France, and South Africa. I highly recommend this program.

While in Argentina, we rented a car and traveled to the magnificent Iguazu Falls, on the border with Brazil. On the way back, we drove through Uruguay, and I ended up in a hospital in Montevideo, where I underwent another open-heart surgery to replace the aortic heart valves once again. I was in recovery there for about three months and eventually was medically-evacuated from Montevideo to Los Angeles, where I was placed in intensive care until I recovered fully.

Although I am not in perfect health, I can drive and cook; I am active in the American Association of

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University Women, and I am enjoying memories of my travels with my husband to 52 different countries. I am happy to share with whoever is interested to learn about the apartment exchange program and about how to manage a stay in hospitals while in a foreign country.

Neda Fabris
Mechanical Engineering

[Note: The following two statements by John Kirchner and Bea Yorker were featured in the Spring 2023 issue of the **Advancing Age Inclusivity in Higher Education** *newsletter, published by the Gerontological Society of America, with assistance from Caroline Cicero, Director of the University of Southern California Age Friendly University Initiative. They are reprinted here with permission.]*

Active in International Professional Work



Since attaining emeritus status, I have kept a close relationship with the campus, teaching an occasional regular course, being active in the Emeriti Association itself (as an officer and photographer), and being a regular participant in the Emeriti Association's Lifelong Learning Program aimed at the senior community. I have given many public lectures through this program on a variety of topics, including national parks in the U.S. and elsewhere, wildlife and travel photography, rail travel around the world, and tropical agriculture, which was one of my research interests during my academic career. I have also been lucky enough to lecture internationally, in Mexico, and especially in China, including visiting professorships. I also do occasional outside consulting, and use what little free time I have writing articles and books. I still maintain an office on campus.

John Kirchner
Geography

Active as Consultant in Criminalistics Professional Circles



I am so grateful to have emeriti status as a retired dean. Although we are not a "college town," my scholarship and practice has mostly focused on urban issues. I came to Los Angeles because it is the largest learning laboratory I could imagine for students in our College of Health and Human Services. Since retiring, I am busier than ever publishing my research in forensic science, crime in health care, and child abuse. Having the support of, and access to, our wonderful librarians is so essential at this stage of my career. For example, I am appointed as an expert to evaluate Munchausen syndrome by proxy by the Edelman Children's Court [in Los Angeles] and testify in complex cases. This is a continuation of our campus partnership over the years. I also am grateful to our Emeriti Association for keeping us connected to the campus, even when much of it was virtual during COVID. I love being able to choose when and what I work on and enjoy staying current in my fields of interest.

Beatrice Yorker Schumacher
Nursing; Criminal Justice and Criminalistics



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.

Bill Taylor
Professor of Physics, 1970 – 2004



The following obituary draws from the family's tribute to him and from notes provided by his close friend and fellow physics professor, Marty Epstein.

William A. "Bill" Taylor, a past president of the Emeriti Association and an influential campus figure for several decades, died in the early morning of February 28, 2023, after a brief illness. A Celebration of Life reception, attended by more than 200 family and friends, was held on April 1 in Yorba Linda.

A native of Southern California, Taylor began his Cal State LA career as an assistant professor of physics in 1970. While he retired from his position in 2004, after 34 years as professor and academic administrator, he continued his service to the University and the community an additional 19 years, through his leadership role in the Emeriti Association as well as by teaching part-time, advising students, and providing guidance to high school students in East LA until his death this year.

In addition to his role as Professor of Physics, Taylor served as chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy twice, in 1979-80 and 2000-03, and served as chair of the Academic Senate in 2000-02. He received the Outstanding Professor Award in 2001. Taylor began his academic administrative career when he was named Associate Dean for Academic Resources in the then-School of Letters and Science in 1980. From there, he was named Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs—Planning and Resources in 1982, followed by a temporary appointment as Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs (Provost) in 1986, and to the AVP Academic Affairs position in 1988, a position he held until he returned to the faculty in 1995.

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Taylor's service to the campus and to students in the surrounding community is best exemplified through his leadership in establishing, with his friend Marty Epstein, the University Preparatory Program (UPP) in 1989. This program helped to better prepare students from Lincoln and Garfield High Schools who ordinarily might not consider attending college for majors in math, science, and engineering. With partial funding from a federal grant to the department, the UPP program was able to place several students at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena for two summers, and Taylor personally drove a van each day to take the students to JPL. Taylor also conducted research at JPL during these summers, while supervising the UPP students. This program has benefitted more than 400 students, many of whom completed science degrees at Cal State LA and other universities.

Taylor was an active member of the Emeriti Association since his appointment as Emeritus Professor of Physics & Astronomy in 2004, and he served as president of the association in 2019-20.

In his personal life, Taylor was an active outdoorsman and enjoyed spending time with his family on the water in house boats, skiing, fishing, and exploring rivers and lakes. He enjoyed all types of fishing, including ocean, stream, and lake fishing, but his preferred method was fly fishing. One of his passions was basketball, which he enjoyed throughout his life, frequently playing pickup games on campus during the lunch hour. In addition, he assisted his wife, Linda, in the management of her shop, Kaleidoscope Antiques, which she began in Monrovia in 1991. He continued managing the business after her death in 2016, until he closed the shop in 2022.

Taylor is survived by three sons—John, Eric, and Dave—and seven grandchildren. The family has established an endowed fellowship in his name, and the Department of Physics and Astronomy, the department's alumni group, and the Emeriti Association are collecting funds to supplement the endowment. Contributions can be made to the William A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship.

Howard Rosen
Professor of Biology, 1970 – 2002



The following obituary is adapted from one published by The Los Angeles Times *on April 23, 2023.*

Howard Rosen, Professor of Biology at Cal State LA for 32 years, died on March 24, 2023. He was born in Chicago and moved to Boyle Heights in East LA in 1954, where he graduated from Roosevelt High School. He received a B.S. in chemistry and an M.A. and Ph.D. in botany, all at UCLA, and was hired by Cal State LA in 1970 to teach genetics.

Rosen and his wife, Connie, settled in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles, where they raised two children.

Although he was a loyal and ardent sports fan who rooted for UCLA, the Lakers, the Dodgers, the Chicago Bears, and—after a post-doc in Ann Arbor—the University of Michigan, Rosen was well known for being too nervous to watch games in real time if his teams were playing. He was a strong believer in social justice, and he loved slapstick, George Carlin, classical music, mystery books, musicals, fantasy football, and watching dog shows. He adopted many rescue dogs.

Rosen is survived by his wife, his children, grandchildren, a brother, and several nephews and nieces.

Richard Kao
Professor of Marketing, 1981 – 2011



Richard Kao, Professor of Marketing at Cal State LA for 30 years, died on April 3, 2023. An outstanding member of the Cal State LA community, he joined the Department of Marketing in 1981.

During his tenure with the department, Kao served as department chair as well as on numerous committees at all levels in the University. He founded the Marketing Club, the department's student organization, and served as its faculty adviser.

He was active within the Chinese American community and served on the Board of Directors for the Chinese American Professional Association. He also consulted for various companies in the LA area. He was recognized as an outstanding researcher, having published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and conference proceedings, and he made presentations at multiple professional conferences.

Carolyn McIntosh
User Service Librarian, 1992 – 2010



Carolyn McIntosh, User Service Librarian for 18 years, died on April 12, 2023, in Jacksonville, Florida, at the age of 80. She served as the Library liaison to Kinesiology, Nutritional Science, Pan African Studies, Social Work and several other academic programs prior to her retirement in 2010. During her working years, McIntosh served on several campus and library committees and was always supportive to the junior librarians. She was humorous, warm and kind, and was well liked by the students, the faculty, and her library colleagues.

Sharon Bassett
Professor of English, 1967 – 2001



The following obituary was written by John Cleman, with contributions from Carl Selkin and Martin Huld.

Sharon Bassett, Emeritus Professor of English, died April 6, 2023. She was born December 28, 1941, and grew up in Red Creek, New York. She earned her BA from Elmira College and was awarded a PhD from the University of Rochester for her thesis on Walter Pater. After spending a post-doc year at the London School of Economics where she became acquainted with philosopher Karl Popper's theories of falsification, she joined the Cal State LA English Department in 1967. Her 1975 article, "Wordsworth, Pater, and the *'Anima Mundi'*: Towards a critique of Romanticism," appeared in the highly respected journal, *Criticism*. Her focus on rhetorical criticism in volume 8 (1984) of *Philosophy and Criticism* further established her credentials in the burgeoning field of literary critical theory.

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Not surprisingly, Bassett was both a popular and demanding professor. Her academic and literary interests as a scholar of 19th Century British literature, especially romanticism and rhetorical theory, drew students to her seminars in large numbers. For her, student involvement was crucial to learning, and even in undergraduate lecture courses, she often arranged the classroom desks into circles, enabling a broader range of students to discuss the topics of the day. Bassett was a gifted facilitator and moderator who kept those discussion circles alive and lively. She possessed a deceptively understated skill in eliciting responses from shy, quiet students and keeping extroverted participants from dominating the discussion. She was always in control of the classroom but never appeared to be controlling. Her phenomenal command of subject always appeared natural, her immense learning unrehearsed and without affectation.

In the mid-1970s, Sharon teamed with Professor Saralyn Daly to bring life to the English Department's composition program as it transitioned to a curriculum and methodology designed for the increasing influx of non-traditional students, hence anticipating the evolution of "composition" as a recognized field of its own. This was the beginning of what was often called remedial English and involved the specialized training of faculty and teaching assistants (mostly undergraduate), as well as the design and implementation of new courses.

After she retired in 2001, Sharon began a new career in psychoanalysis, which had long been an interest of hers. There, no doubt, she was as sympathetic and effective with clients as she had been with her students.

She is survived by her partner, Patricia Giermann, her brother Bill, nieces Kelly and Kris, and nephew Michael.

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Michael J. Maurer
Mechanical Engineering, 1970 – 1997

The following obituary was prepared by Phillip Gold, with contributions from Neda Fabris, Stephen Felszeghy, Young Kim and Maj Dean Mirmirani.

Michael J. Maurer, Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering, passed away peacefully at his home in San Luis Obispo this past spring at the age of 86. He was preceded in death late last year by his wife, Lorrie. They are survived by their son, Evan.

Maurer came to Cal State LA after completing his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at Tulane University in 1970. He received his undergraduate degree from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1959. After graduation from IIT, Maurer worked as a mechanical engineer for the Walker Company in Racine, WI and the Boeing Company in Seattle, WA before entering Tulane.

Once at Cal State LA, Maurer took a leading role in the Thermal Sciences area of the Mechanical Engineering curriculum, covering courses in heat transfer, fluid mechanics and thermodynamics. He served as department chair in the mid-1980s. This period was particularly significant because of the evolving accreditation criteria and the challenge of dealing with declining enrollments, which needed to be balanced in order to maintain the national standing of the department. Maurer met this challenge with determination and led the faculty in a successful effort to position the department

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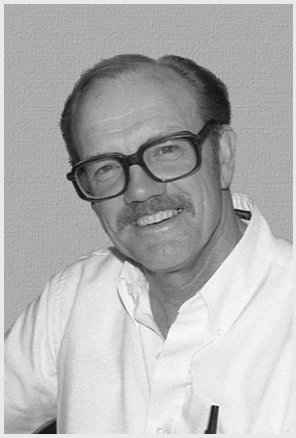
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in full compliance with accreditation criteria. Faculty still remember his assertive tone and special voice at department meetings of the time.

One always knew when Maurer was around. His booming voice and infectious laugh always preceded his arrival. He would bounce into a friend's office around noon with the cry, "lunch," and lead the way to the Faculty Club.

He loved skiing at Mammoth, and there are stories about his camping in the local mountains and playing tennis. After retirement, Maurer, his wife Lorrie and son Evan moved to San Luis Obispo, where he found true love in Central Coast wines. He delighted in taking visitors to little-known wineries where he was immediately greeted by name. Everyone knew and loved him. He will be missed.

> *[...] Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—*
> *I took the one less traveled by,*
> *And that has made all the difference.*
> Excerpt from "The Road Not Taken," by Robert Frost (1916)

Fred Marvin Reinman
Anthropology, 1967 – 1989



The following obituary was prepared by Anthropology Professors Norman Klein and James Brady and submitted to The Emeritimes *by Professor Elliot Oring.*

Fred M. Reinman passed away on January 9, 2023 at his home in Gig Harbor, WA, less than a month short of his 96th birthday. Born on February 3, 1927 in New Jersey, Reinman served in the Navy during World War II, and following the war, he was accepted to UCLA where he earned B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in anthropology. During a stint as Curator of Oceanic Archaeology and Ethnology at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, from 1964 to 1967, he completed his dissertation, "Maritime Adaptation: An Aspect of Oceanic Economy," based on his research on San Nicolas Island, the most remote of the California Channel Islands.

Reinman was best known professionally for his archaeological investigations on Guam, which established the foundation for the island's prehistory. He worked in partnership with local people and is credited with training the first generation of Chamorro archaeologists. Reinman's long-term contributions to the archaeology of Guam were officially recognized by the Guam Legislature in 2011, when it passed a resolution thanking him "for his excellent service and dedication to the people of Guam and Micronesia."

Reinman began his career at Cal State LA in 1967, the year that the then California State College of Los Angeles converted to the quarter system. Anthropology had become an independent department only three years prior to this, and Reinman was part of the core faculty until his retirement in 1989.

While he continued to work on Guam throughout his career at Cal State LA, it was Reinman's return to San Nicolas Island and his work at numerous sites in Southern California that created his teaching legacy. His work with his students on San Nicolas Island resulted in the recording and mapping of several hundred sites. He was continually involved in field work and was committed to involving students in that work. This created cohorts of students working in his lab on the third floor of North Hall, which later became King Hall. In the classroom, he was easy going and conversational in his

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style. Reinman had little patience for university or departmental governance, but he was clearly focused on students and his craft. The Anthropology Department's current archaeologist, James Brady, credits Reinman with being a major influence in his career and his own desire to return to Cal State LA.

Reinman is survived by his wife Gloria, daughters Cheryl and Sondra, son Fritz, and grandchildren Sean and Andrew.

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Elaine Osio
Professor of English, 1970 - 2004



The following is adapted from an obituary published in The Los Angeles Times *on July 2, 2023.*

Elaine Osio, Professor of English for 34 years, died on June 16, 2023. A resident of the Los Angeles area for more than 50 years, she had most recently lived in Manhattan Beach.

Born in the Bronx in New York City, Osio graduated summa cum laude from Hunter College, after which she earned an M.A. in English from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in English from New York University. She joined the English Department as assistant professor in 1970, and she taught a variety of courses until her retirement in 2004. Osio thrived on working with Cal State LA's diverse population, from Early Entrance Program students to re-entry adults.

A member of the Dramatists Guild and the Association of Los Angeles Playwrights, several of Osio's dramas were produced by small theaters in the LA area, including two one-act plays and four full-length dramas. Her play " 'Rangements" received a Media Access award for increasing public awareness of those with disabilities.

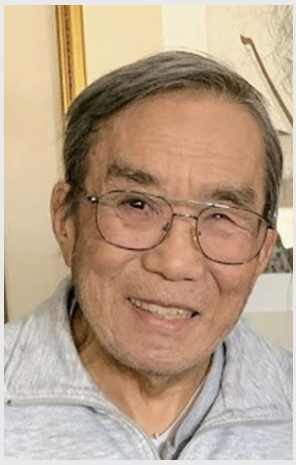
A quintessential New Yorker, Osio and her husband returned every few years to visit family, friends, and children of friends, to walk through Central Park, experience Lincoln Center, and take in a Broadway show almost every night. They traveled extensively in Europe, returning repeatedly to her two favorite places, Tuscany and Paris.

Until a few months before her passing, Elaine walked everywhere, starting as a child with two-mile hikes from her apartment through the New York Botanical Gardens and on to the Bronx Zoo, later continuing in California through 40 years of marching the hills, the strand, and the piers along the oceanfront. She would stop to "converse" with every cat she met along the way.

Osio had a clear sense of who she was and was confident and comfortable within herself. She had an uncanny memory for quotes and an irrepressible, sometimes sly, sense of humor. She delighted in excellent food, good friends, music, books and films, preferably in combination. She enjoyed reading and critiquing the writing of friends of all ages, including high school seniors' college essays and a contemporary's short story or memoir.

She is survived by her sister, Jeanne Goutkin, as well as nephews, a great nephew, and cousins. Her husband pre-deceased her in 2022.

Thomas Masami Miyake
Professor of Music, 1989 – 2005



Thomas Masami Miyake, an accomplished choral conductor and long-time Professor of Music at Cal State LA, died peacefully on June 14, 2023 at his home, surrounded by his wife of 35 years, Stephanie Miyake, and other family members. He was 80 years old.

Miyake was born and raised on a 160-acre farm in Alamosa, Colorado, the second child of Mitsumasa and Kimiye (Yoshida) Miyake. He graduated as student body president from Alamosa High School in 1961 and earned a Bachelor of Education from Adams State College, with a major in vocal music and a minor in mathematics, and in 1972 he completed his M.M. degree. He went on to earn a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 1985 from the University of Missouri–Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

As a choral conductor, Miyake's greatest professional strength was building choral programs. Early in his career, he built high school choral programs in the greater Denver area, including inaugurating the renowned Meistersingers at Cherry Creek High School. Throughout his career, he built community choirs, starting with the Cherry Creek Chorale in the greater Denver area and concluding with the Robson Chorale in his Denton, Texas retirement community. Miyake spent most of his career teaching at Cal State LA, where he developed a Master of Music program in Choral Conducting and started multiple new choirs.

Former students shared that "Mr. Miyake's" biggest impact came from the travel that he did with his choirs. Beginning in 1970, he took more than 20 high school and undergraduate choirs on concert tours throughout the United States, Europe, Mexico, China, and Japan. Over his career, he led choirs at several different high schools and universities, including the local LA County High School for the Arts and Cal State LA. Miyake's impact as a teacher and musician was recognized by receiving the Colorado Award for Outstanding Teacher for his work with the Cherry Creek Schools in 1982 and the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Missouri–Kansas City Conservatory of Music in 2000. Tom also leaves a legacy of dozens of former students who are music educators across the country.

In addition to his wife, Stephanie, Miyake is survived by three daughters, several step-children and grandchildren, a sister, and a nephew and niece.

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Ray de Leon
Professor of Kinesiology, 2001 – 2023
Director of the School of Kinesiology



The campus was shaken in late August by the announcement of the sudden death of Professor Ray de Leon, director of the School of Kinesiology, on August 19, 2023, of a heart attack at the age of 56.

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Human Services Dean Ron Vogel praised him as "an outstanding leader, an exceptional educator, committed to our students, and a dedicated family man."

Interim Provost Amy Bippus described his career by saying, "through his pioneering research and work, Ray helped restore mobility to countless victims of spinal cord injuries and strokes. His research sparked the development of new devices to treat paralysis. Ray was also the founder and principal investigator for the Spinal Plasticity Laboratory on campus and a mentor to many students and colleagues."

de Leon is survived by his wife, Dr. Cristine Navarro, and two sons, David and Josh. Cal State LA produced a YouTube video when he received the Outstanding Professor Award in 2018, and this video showcases details of his career and his contributions to Cal State LA. View the de Leon video.

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