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THE EMERITI ASSOCIATION RETREAT IS HAPPENING ON MARCH 30 AT THE HUNTINGTON GARDENS

The Emeriti Association is hosting a retreat for all emeriti faculty on March 30 at the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. The deadline for registration is March 19. You already should have received an email with details on how to register, but if you did not receive one, you may email the Association’s Programs Director, Bea Yorker at byorker@calstatela.edu.

The purpose of the retreat is to provide opportunities for colleagues to connect or reconnect with each other but also to collect feedback on the Association’s current activities and to generate suggestions for new activities or events as well as how to involve and engage more emeritus faculty in the Association’s activities and events.

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The retreat organizers have planned informal discussion sessions in the morning, with plenty of free time in the afternoon for all to take advantage of the Huntington museums and gardens.

Registration for Association members is complimentary and for non-members is only \$30, which will include membership in the Association for the 2023 – 2024 Academic Year. Retreat participants will receive complimentary parking, admission to the Huntington grounds, continental breakfast, and a box lunch.

The formal program will wrap up at 2:30 p.m., after which participants will be able to explore the Huntington's grounds or gather in the café for a no-host happy hour.

Everyone is urged to attend for an opportunity to connect with former colleagues and to assist the Association by providing valuable input.

ELECTION OF EMERITI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Nominations Committee, appointed by Association President Kathy Reilly, will develop a slate of candidates for several open positions on the Executive Committee for 2023 – 2024. The open positions are Programs Director, Treasurer, Senate Representative, 3 Members-at-Large positions, and a delegate to the CSU Emeriti Retired Faculty and Staff Association.

In the coming weeks, the committee will send out a call for nominations for these positions and expects to finalize the slate of candidates soon after May 15, after which the election ballot will be distributed by email.

The Executive Committee has also begun to prepare for the Association's Annual Meeting scheduled for June 8. The program for the Annual Meeting will include a report by the Association president on the state of the Association as well as reports by officers and chairs of the various committees. If election results are known by that date, the new officers will be presented at the meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be a hybrid event (Zoom plus in-person) and held on the Cal State LA campus. All members will be invited, and details are forthcoming and will be announced via email.

"We encourage all members to consider becoming a candidate for one of the open positions," said Reilly. For additional information about the various positions, you may email Kathy Reilly at kreilly@calstatela.edu.

EMERITI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In my last message I looked forward to moving into my first year as president. At this point I am hoping I can keep up and maintain the energy from the activities we've enjoyed since our kick-off lecture last September! The list is very long, and we still exercise extreme caution in planning events both on campus and elsewhere. A lesson I have learned from the pandemic and other continuing challenging events reminds me that vigilance is the operative word: vigilance both over my and others' health and safety. This strikes me as particularly true in light of the recent violence striking our neighbors so close to home in Monterey Park. We continue to grieve with many of our colleagues, students, alumni, and employees who live there. The mass murder suffered during the Lunar New Year celebrations shocked and saddened us all and will be forever remembered.

So, here are some of our many accomplishments thus far. We have moved from a print version to a PDF version of this newsletter that is sent to all members, saving much paper and postage. We have awarded up to \$2,000 each to 31 outstanding scholarship and fellowship recipients, and we have begun a fundraising plan to augment our various endowments. We have appreciated President William A. Covino's support and look forward to continued good will and cooperation as we transition to the naming of Cal State LA's new president. This includes providing us with the use of an Eighth Floor conference room in the renovated Student Services Building, where we can hold hybrid (both in-person and Zoom) meetings. We have approved some changes to our By-Laws to clarify and align them with text in our Constitution. We enjoyed holding our first in-person Executive Committee meeting in December and combined it with a potluck. Finally, we marked the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Emeriti Association with a presentation at the University Academic Senate.

Our goals over the next few months will continue to be guided by the purposes of the Association. We plan to revise the Emeriti Association website, which has been dormant over the past two years since the passing of our beloved former web manager Dimitri Margaziotis. The revised website will incorporate the new university standards and ease of access. We have begun a project, with the help of the University Library's Special Collections and Archives personnel, of developing a master list of all faculty since the university's creation 75 years ago. We have set a goal of providing more opportunities for newly appointed emeritus faculty and members of our Association to become involved in our programs and activities and to enjoy the benefits of membership. We have also begun to explore further the connection between the Cal State LA Emeriti Association and CSU-ERFSA, the systemwide organization for retired faculty and staff. Also, we will continue to participate in the selection of scholarship and fellowship recipients by reading and evaluating their applications for next year's awards. Finally, we anticipate generating even more ideas for our Association's programs and activities from those who participate in our upcoming retreat at the Huntington Library on March 30!

I remind everyone that members may attend the retreat for free, while non-member attendees will be asked to pay a registration fee of \$30, which will include a wonderful lunch and parking, and which will credit them with membership in the Association through December 2023.

As always, stay vigilant.

Kathryn C. Reilly
Emeriti Association President



Technology Professor Given the Wang Family Faculty Excellence Award

David Blekhman, professor of technology at Cal State LA, received the California State University’s (CSU) Wang Family Excellence Award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship. Blekhman is the first Cal State LA professor in 19 years to receive this prestigious award, and he is one of only four faculty and one staff member in the 23 CSU campuses to be selected this year. The award honors faculty and staff for unwavering commitment to student achievement and advancing the system’s mission through excellence in teaching, scholarship and service. The Wang award includes \$20,000 provided through a gift from CSU Trustee Emeritus Stanley T. Wang and administered through the CSU Foundation. Blekhman and the other honorees were recognized on January 24 at the Office of the Chancellor in Long Beach. Cal State LA President William A. Covino praised Blekhman for displaying outstanding leadership in the field of alternative energy and a deep commitment to introducing innovative technologies into the curriculum.



Cal State LA Community Remembered the Monterey Park Shooting Victims

A memorial and candlelight vigil for the victims of the massacre of 11 people at a dance studio in Monterey Park was held on the Cal State LA campus on January 24. President William A. Covino said, “We send our deepest condolences to the loved ones of the victims, to the AAPI community, and to any of you who may have suffered the loss of a loved one.” In the days following the shooting, the university provided resources for students, faculty, and staff, including grief counseling and a community circle, in addition to the vigil.



Seven Cal State LA Students Named as Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars for 2022 – 2023

A group of seven Cal State LA students was selected for the 2022-23 Sally Casanova pre-doctoral scholar awards, which are granted each year to support the doctoral aspirations of students across the 23-campus CSU system. Each scholar receives a \$3,000 award to help fund graduate exams, fees for professional conferences and other costs related to graduate school. The late Sally Casanova was the wife of Cal State LA Professor Emeritus Joseph Casanova. Also, former Emeriti Association president Jose Galvan is a member of the Advisory Committee for the pre-doctoral scholar program and participated in the students’ selection.



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.

March 3 - April 13, 2023

Filing period for students submitting fellowship applications for 2023 – 2024 Academic Year.

March 30, 2023

Emeriti Association Retreat, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens in Pasadena.

March 31, 2023

Cesar Chavez Day, to honor the life of the man, who, along with others, organized the first successful farm workers union in the United States, thereby ensuring farm workers received numerous benefits and protections that they did not previously have.

March 27 - April 2, 2023

Campus Spring Break

April 14, 2023

Deadline for Emeriti Faculty to volunteer to read scholarship/fellowship applications
(Contact Alfredo Gonzalez at alfredo@cslanet.calstatela.edu)

April 17, 2023

Tax Day

April 20, 2023

1-3:00 Fellowship application reviewers' Orientation via Zoom

May 15, 2023

The slate of candidates for the Emeriti Association Executive Committee will be completed and announced.

May 19, 2023

End of emeriti scholarship/fellowship application review period.

May 22 - 26, 2023

Commencement Ceremonies by Colleges.
College-level schedule is available at the [Cal State LA Commencement schedule page](#).

June 8, 2023

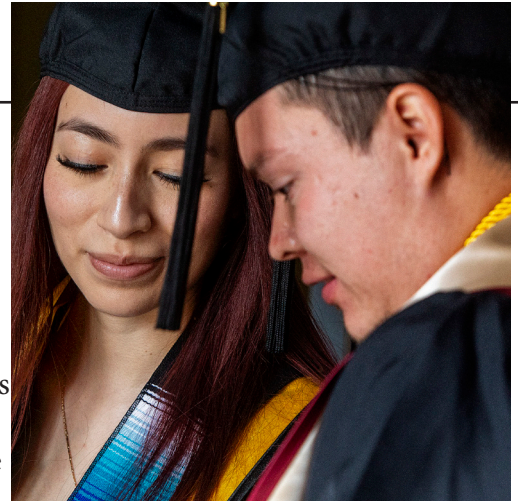
The Annual Meeting of the Emeriti Association will take place both in-person on campus and virtually via Zoom.

July 1, 2023

Terms of Office begin for elected officers and members of the Emeriti Association Executive Committee.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO 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 12 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 make a contribution to any of these endowments, please submit a check made out to Cal State LA Foundation and include in the Memo section the name of any of the endowments listed below. Your checks should be mailed to our Treasurer, Marshall Cates, at 1036 Armada Drive, Pasadena, CA 91103.

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 BA/Astrophysics Option; Physics MS
William E. Lloyd Memorial Fellowship	Grad	History or Political Science or Master of Public Administration
Vicente Zapata Undergraduate Scholarship	Jr./Sr.	Public Health

THIRD ANNUAL ONLINE RECOGNITION EVENT HONORED THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Due to the campus' ongoing restrictions in response to the pandemic, the Cal State LA Emeriti Association, for the third year, held its annual recognition of scholarship and fellowship recipients online on November 29, 2022. For the 2022-23 academic year, the Association awarded 20 fellowships from the Emeriti Fellowship Fund and 11 Named Endowed scholarships and fellowships.

The Emeriti Fellowship Fund is an endowment supported by donations from members of the Association. Awards from this endowment are exclusively for graduate students from any discipline. Three of these awards are designated to honor the following individuals: Sidney Albert, considered the founder of the Association, Carol Smallenburg, one of the founders of our fellowship program, and former campus president James M. Rosser, who was a strong supporter of the Association.

The Association also administers the awarding of scholarships and fellowships from endowments established by Association members or their families and which bear either the donor's name or that of someone they wish to memorialize. These are identified as Named Endowments, and according to the donors' wishes may be awarded to either undergraduate or graduate students.

The 20 Emeriti Fund Fellowship recipients and 11 Named Endowed Scholarship/Fellowship recipients for 2022-23 represented 5 of the university's colleges and 17 departments. Of these, 15 students participated by introducing themselves at the November 29 event, and another 3 submitted statements that were read for them.

Association President Kathy Reilly opened the event and then introduced Jose Gomez, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, who delivered the campus welcome. Dr. Gomez noted that the Cal State LA Emeriti Association was the first emeriti organization in the CSU, that Association members are some of the most loyal donors to the University, and that the Association awards more scholarships and fellowships than any other Emeriti Association in the CSU.

The honored scholarship and fellowship recipients were introduced by Alfredo Gonzalez, chair of the Fellowship Committee, and by Deborah Schaeffer and Dorothy Keane, both members of the committee.

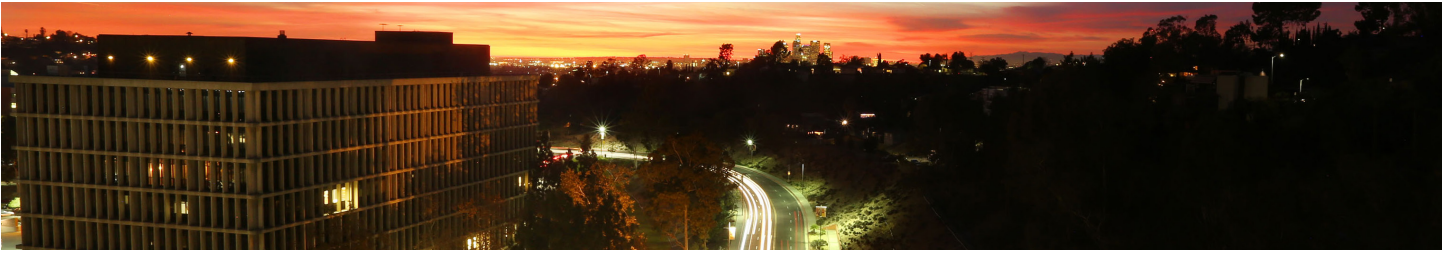
The presentations given by the honored students were moving, inspiring, touching and powerful. Their remarks provide strong evidence of the quality of students that attend Cal State LA, the immense hardships many of them face and overcome, as well as their intellectual curiosity, abilities and pursuits. Several spoke of their goals to pursue doctorates, teach at a university, inspire students like themselves and others, and bring about a more just and humane world.

The students expressed their appreciation for the financial support provided, indicating that it helped make their material conditions a little easier. In addition, most of them remarked on the confidence boost the awards provided, validating their hard work, academic achievements, and accomplishments.

The event was videotaped and posted to the university's YouTube site. To view the video, you may use the following link: [2022-23 Emeriti Fellowship Award Event](#).

Note: Information on how to contribute to any of the scholarship or fellowship endowments can be found elsewhere in *The Emeritimes*. Look for "How to Contribute to the Scholarship/Fellowship Endowments."

Alfredo Gonzalez
Fellowship Committee Chair



45 YEARS LATER, THE EMERITI ASSOCIATION STANDS PROUD

Most members of the Cal State LA Emeriti Association should be aware that our organization became the first of its kind in the CSU when it was created in 1978, and it was instrumental in developing retired faculty protections and privileges in the statewide system. But many more recent members may not be aware of the struggle to achieve those goals and benefits, unless – as I highly recommend – they have read Sidney Albert’s detailed account available on the Association website. (That account can be accessed on the [Emeriti history page](#).)

From my own most recent reading of that account, two features of the struggle and the Association’s achievements seem worth noting.

The first is the resistance to the aims of the emeriti in creating an association, which were essentially to be able to continue to do research and participate in university life after retirement. The resistance at both the LA campus and statewide was largely economic, the concern that funding emeriti research would compete with funding for regular faculty research and other needs on campus. Since emeriti were no longer employees, they didn’t qualify for traditional forms of support from the university.

Also, the role of continuing participation in campus life through membership in the Academic Senate was resisted by some in the Senate on the grounds that emeriti were no longer attuned to current campus issues and so should not have a vote in how these matters were considered.

Proposals were offered in the Senate to accept one non-voting emeritus faculty member, but the newly created Association held fast, and the single emeritus representative, with voting privileges, was approved by a slim two-vote margin.

In sum, the Albert account suggests that, in the eyes of the administration of the time, admitting the Emeriti Association into the campus family was something of a begrudging favor to honored retirees rather than a particular benefit to the university.

The second notable feature of the account, for me at least, is the irony of the long-term benefit that the Emeriti Association has bestowed on Cal State LA, rather than the other way around.

The focus of the Association in recent years has increasingly shifted from gaining and maintaining status for emeriti to providing service in various forms to the university and to its students. The primary example of this is the awarding of student fellowships and scholarships. Thanks to the generosity of donors, emeriti and others, the Cal State LA Emeriti Association is now the largest awarder of fellowships and scholarships in the entire CSU system.

So, what was once regarded as something of a threat to the university by potentially diluting support to current faculty, has become instead a significant benefit to its students and thereby to the reputation of the University and its mission as the leader of “upward mobility.”

We can be proud.

John Cleman
Emeriti Senate Representative



SEARCH FOR NEXT PRESIDENT OF CAL STATE LA IN PROGRESS

As *The Emeritimes* went to press, the search process for selecting the successor to Cal State LA President William A. Covino was still underway. President Covino previously announced his retirement effective June 30, 2023. The announcement of the new president is expected sometime prior to the start of their term on July 1, 2023.

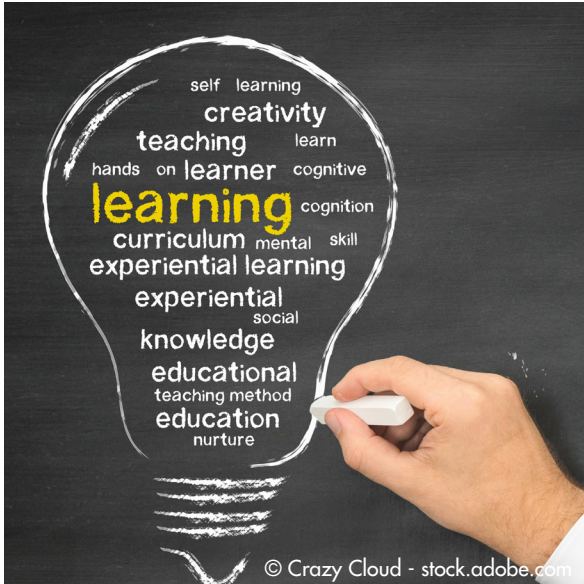
Part of the initial process for selecting the next president included a hybrid Open Forum held on

the campus in early November 2022. The forum was intended to provide campus constituents an opportunity to share with the Search Committee what they feel are the qualities and experiences that are important for the new president to have. This was the only public event of the search that is open to the public. If you are interested in viewing the discussion that took place in November, the recorded video of the Open Forum can be found on the [Presidential Search page](#).

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM INVITES 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 Gabriel 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.



PROFESSIONAL NOTES

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

Gerald Beer, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, has a monograph, *Bornologies and Lipschitz Analysis*, that will be published in April 2023 by CRC Press, part of Taylor and Francis publishers. Also, he recently co-authored two papers, “Stability of Lipschitz-type functions under pointwise product and reciprocation,” with M. Isabel Garrido and Luis Carlos Garcia-Lirola, in 2020 in the journal *Revista de la Real Academia de Ciencias Exactas, Fisicas Y Naturales*, and “Embeddings of topological posets in hyperspaces,” with Efe Ok, in 2021 in the journal *arXiv*.

Stanley Burstein, Emeritus Professor of History, published a book, *The World from 1000 BCE to 300 CE*, New Oxford World History, 2017.

Roberto Cantu, Emeritus Professor of Chicano Studies, has published a new book, *Jose Antonio Villarreal and Pocho: A Mexican American Novel and Its Tragic Plot* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2020). The book is a semi-autobiographical novel about Richard Rubio, a Mexican American youth raised in central California where people self-identified according to race, ethnicity, or religious affiliation. Dr. Cantu holds a joint appointment in the College of Natural & Social Sciences and Arts and Letters. His publications range from book reviews, articles and books on Chicano and Mexican writers as well as Mesoamerican civilization. He has also organized conferences with colleagues at Cal State LA highlighting the contributions of many contributors to Mexican American literature, most recently Rudolfo Anaya.

Daniel Crecelius, Emeritus Professor of History, had his tribute to the famous Georgian historian and diplomat Gocha Japaridze, with whom he published several articles on Georgian mamluks in 18th century Egypt, included in the memorial to Dr. Japaridze’s career in *Historical Collections*, no. 8, 2021. In addition, he was inducted into the Class of 2021 Hall of Honor at Lutheran High School North, his alma mater, in recognition of his distinguished career. The induction dinner was held at the Norwood Hills Country Club, St. Louis, MO, on Oct. 2, 2021.

Domnita Dumitrescu, Emerita Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures, coauthored the following articles: “Diversidad lingüística y obras lexicográficas,” in *La diversidad del español y su enseñanza*, ed. by N.H. Muñoz, J. Muñoz-Basols and C.S. Montes, Routledge, 2021, and “A manera de prólogo,” in *El inglés y el español en contacto en los Estados Unidos Reflexiones acerca de los retos, dilemas y complejidad de la situación sociolingüística estadounidense*, ed. by S. Betti and R. Enghels, 2020. She also authored a book review, “Exploring discourse practices in Romanian,” ed. by A. Vasilescu, M. Constantinescu, G. Stoica and J.R. White, in *Language and Dialogue*, vol. 1, no. 2, 2021.

Steve LaDochy, Emeritus Professor of Geosciences & Environment, coauthored a paper, with student Antonio Santana and Todd Hall of the National Weather Service, entitled “The changing climate of Los Angeles: Highlights from the last three decades,” which was presented at the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, Oct. 15, 2021. The paper received the President’s Outstanding Undergraduate Paper during the meeting.

Lauri Scheyer, Emerita Professor of English, edited the book, *Theatres of War: Contemporary Perspectives*, Bloomsbury, Oct. 2021. This collection discusses more than 30 international plays and case studies from different time periods, which are all set in a backdrop of war.

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Sandra B. Sharp, Emerita Professor of Biological Sciences, was appointed to serve on the Huntington Medical Research Institutes (HMRI) Board of Directors, 2021. HMRI is a nonprofit, independent biomedical research organization dedicated to finding diagnostic tools and treatments for serious diseases that affect millions of people each year.

David Weiss, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, has published an article with Dr. James Shanteau of Kansas State University: Weiss, D. J., & Shanteau, J. (2021). "The futility of decision making research." *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, Part A, 90, pp. 10–14. In this article, they lament the fact that after 50 years of doing research they feel that their field of judgment and decision making (JDM) "has had little or no impact due to the failure of psychological models that use methodologies that emphasize testing models rather than looking for differences in behavior." They feel their methods of research have not stood the test of time and urge their successors to "study real decisions. Manipulate something real and see how decisions change. That's what audiences attend to; what people expect to see."

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND RENEWAL NOTICE

The Emeriti Association has just announced two important changes pertaining to our membership dues and renewal terms.

First, the Emeriti Association recently adopted a calendar-year membership term starting with January 1, 2024. This replaces the fiscal year calendar (July 1 – June 30) that was previously in place. So, if you join at any point before 2024, your next renewal will not be due until January 1, 2024!

Second, the Association recently adopted a modest increase in dues to defray increased expenses for our programs and operations. Effective January 1, 2024 the annual membership dues will be \$50 (up from \$30) and the life membership will be \$300 (up from \$250). Note that the last dues increase occurred in 2016.

If you have yet to join the Emeriti Association, or if your membership has lapsed in recent years, you may still renew your annual membership for \$30, valid through December 31, 2023, or you may upgrade to life membership for \$250. As noted earlier, the increased rates become effective January 1, 2024.

If you are now a current annual member in good standing, your next renewal will not be due until January 1, 2024.

Dues checks payable to Cal State LA Emeriti Association may be sent to Marshall Cates, Treasurer, Emeriti Association, 1036 Armada Drive, Pasadena, CA 91103.



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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.*

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ODE (OWED) to a Former FERPer

Like many of my colleagues, retirement ain't as leisurely as we planned. FERP was a great experience of easing out of regular teaching, though it freed up time for other projects. Some of us are busier now than when we were teaching full time. And we may be enjoying it. So what keeps me going after completing my FERP?

Thanks to my fellow colleague, Barry Hibbs, I'm part of one, maybe two grants that involves mentoring students in the summers. When that five-year grant runs out, I may be part of a second 5-year mentoring grant.

The last two years, I've been writing a book on California's chaotic weather and climate, called *Fire and Rain*. It should be done this January 2023. At the same time, I'm helping a National Weather Service forecaster and an intern student from Cal State LA in updating the 1998 Climate of Los Angeles manuscript. Almost done there, too.

In between these projects, I have more time to play tennis, when it's not raining. Travel? Well, with

pandemic worries, I haven't done much, though my wife and I had many plans canceled. We chanced a trip to the Big Island of Hawaii for an enjoyable week and went to two regional conferences to present papers and judge student papers.

So being busy is not a bad thing. Maybe I'll have time to strum the ol' guitar soon, too.

Steve LaDochy

Geosciences & Environment

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Researcher In Adult Development and Textbook Author

I retired from Cal State LA in 1992, after 25 years and took a job as an Associate Dean in the School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara where I currently live. I retired there in 2019, but continue to work in my field.

I am currently the first editor of the *Oxford International Handbook of Adult Development and Wisdom* which is due to be published this year. I recruited scholars from as far away as Iran, China, India, Cypress, and Finland as well as those from Canada and the U.S.

My current publications include chapters on theory and personality in handbooks on adult development and a book called *Living Well, Dying Well*. As a developmental psychologist, I have written textbooks on child development, adolescent development, and adult development, so at 79, I feel it is time to explore death and dying as part of the life cycle. You can find

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my recent work at www.dyingwithwisdom.com.

Judy Stevens Long
Psychology

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Perspectives on a Career's Research Contributions

Retirement has given me the time to take a hard look at my field and what I contributed to it. The result of that scrutiny was a paper that, unlike most of my work, managed to inspire quite a few members of my research community to contact me. "The Futility of Decision Making Research" was co-authored by me and a long-standing colleague with whom I shared an office during graduate school (See Professional and Personal column elsewhere in this newsletter). Surprisingly, most of the emails I received praised me for daring to tell it like it is. However, there were also some less positive responses; no death threats yet.

David J. Weiss
Psychology

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A Second Emeritus Designation after Leaving Cal State LA

Greetings from Lake Mary, FL, where I now reside after my second retirement in 2021, this time from the University of Central Florida (UCF), Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences, College of Medicine, in Orlando, FL.

I had the honor and privilege of serving our Cal State LA institution, Department of Biology and Microbiology, from 1963 to 2004, first as a tenured Associate Professor (coming from Loyola University of Chicago, Departments of Biology and Medical Physiology) and finally as Professor. In 2004, I moved to UCF in Orlando, FL, as a tenured Full Professor and Director of the Pre-Health Professions Advisement Office, where I ended my career in 2021 in the midst of the global COVID pandemic.

During my tenure at Cal State LA, I directed the Medical Careers Advisement Office, where I guided scores of pre-health professional students—both represented and underrepresented—who aspired to careers, including MD, DO, Dentistry, Chiropractic,

and various others. I was privileged to secure several grants from the US Department of Health and Human Services in the years 1982 – 2004, including the first-ever Model Hispanic Health Careers Opportunity Program, which provided \$5 million to support our efforts, with Dr. Costello Brown as co-principal investigator.

So much more to narrate, but I just wanted to let my beloved Cal State LA Emeriti Association colleagues know that I had to try to replicate my efforts for deserving pre-health professional students across our country. I am very proud of the UCF Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences, College of Medicine, which conferred on me a second emeritus designation in 2021.

Genaro A. Lopez
Biological Sciences

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Update from Florida

I now live in Saint Augustine, Florida. Though retired, I continue to work as a consultant on various research projects and stay active in my field. Hope everyone is doing well.

Diane Haager
Special Education & Counseling

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A Note from Gerardo Cerveza!

Since I retired in 2013, I have continued my professional activities with a Spanish flair. In two extended trips to Spain in 2019 and 2022, I lectured in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Elche, Zaragoza, Badajoz and Alcoy. At these lectures, I insisted on being announced as Gerardo Cerveza. I gave a 3-week course (in English) on Lipschitz analysis to graduate students at Universidad Complutense in Madrid, where my main coauthor M. Isabel Garrido has a position. Although I know Spain fairly well, Galicia and Asturias remain on my bucket list. I have eight grandchildren and cannot keep up with their birthdays.

Jerry Beer
Computer Science & Mathematics

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Recently Appointed Emeriti Faculty

The nine individuals listed below have been awarded emeritus status by Cal State LA President William A. Covino, one of whom is now Dean Emerita.

- Emily Allen** (College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology), Dean Emerita
- Vladimir Akis** (Mathematics and Computer Science)
- Lois André-Bechely** (Applied and Advanced Studies in Education)
- Pearl Chen** (Applied and Advanced Studies in Education)
- Jianyu “Jane” Dong** (Electrical and Computer Engineering)
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Posthumous Emeriti Faculty Appointments

The two individuals listed below were awarded emeritus status posthumously by Cal State LA President William A. Covino.

- Olaiya Emmanuel Aina** (Curriculum and Instruction)
- Joan Sabrina Mims-Cox** (Curriculum and Instruction)

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**New Emeriti Association
Life Members**

The following individual has upgraded his annual membership to a life membership.

- Norman Klein** (Anthropology)



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](#), scroll to the bottom of the webpage, 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.

WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles

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 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 fascinating trip you took; or
- Any other experience you wish to share that will interest Emeritimes readers.

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.

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 new email address: emeritimes@calstatela.edu



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.

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Bill Taylor

Professor of Physics, 1970 – 2004

Just as The Emeritimes was going to press, we received the sad news that our dear friend Bill Taylor died in the early morning of February 28. We will publish a full obituary in our next issue in September.

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John DeHardt

Professor of Mathematics, 1961 - 1992

Professor DeHardt’s surviving wife Susanne contributed to the following obituary, along with Emeritus Professor Gerald Beer.

John DeHardt passed away on December 26, 2022, at the age of 93. After earning his doctorate at the University of Missouri, he served on the faculty at Cal State LA from 1961 through 1992. Within mathematics he specialized in probability and statistics, and he liked to apply his knowledge at the gaming table. In fact, he was even asked by a Las Vegas casino to conduct probability research utilizing a new Black Jack game. He was a skilled duplicate bridge player and a competitive pool player as well. Finally, DeHardt was an avid golfer and enjoyed spectator sports. He leaves his wife Susanne and two sons Tom and Denny. He lived for many years in Cerritos.

Alfonso Gonzalez

Professor of Spanish, 1975 – 2001

The following obituary was prepared and submitted by Emeritus Professor Hildebrando Villarreal.

Alfonso Gonzalez, Emeritus Professor of Spanish, died on January 28, 2022 in Oceanside, California, at the age of 84. During his long career in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Cal State LA, Professor Gonzalez specialized in contemporary Mexican literature, Latin American Literature, translation, and bilingual education. After his retirement he also taught introductory Spanish classes at other colleges and universities in the Los Angeles area.

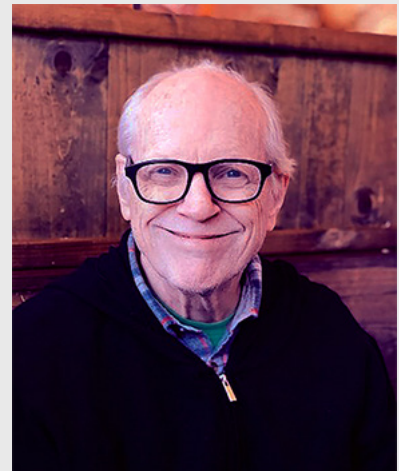


Gonzalez was a well-respected and versatile professor here. His first love was Mexican literature, and he also taught contemporary Mexican fiction, the Spanish-American novel, as well as graduate seminars on Carlos Fuentes and Octavio Paz. His contributions to the department’s curriculum included language, translation, and literature courses. He helped develop oral and written proficiency exams in the area of language testing and teacher training and he was a consultant for the Educational Testing Service Advanced Placement Exams.

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Michael Patrick Kelley

Professor of Communication Studies, 1972 – 2000

Michael Patrick Kelley, 79, passed away on May 30, 2022 in Eagle Rock. Professor Kelley was a career educator and spent 28 years as a professor of communication studies at Cal State LA. He loved to travel and was a cinephile who enjoyed watching films with his family and friends. The family’s obituary notes that he was a “warm, curious and incredible soul who made friends wherever he went.”



He is survived by his sons Brendan and Trevor, his daughter-in-law Angie, his grandson Elliott, his brothers Vince, Dan, Kevin and Tim as well as countless others throughout his extended family. His life was celebrated on July 15, 2022.

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Bette Adams

Widow of Former Cal State LA Football Coach

We have learned of the death of Bette Adams at the age of 99. She was the widow of Bud Adams, who was hired to start the football program at Cal State LA in 1951. Mrs. Adams died on July 21, 2022 in San Luis Obispo, with many of her family members at her side.

Christine C. Givner

Professor of Special Education, 1993 – 2004

The following obituary was prepared and submitted by former Charter College of Education Dean Mary Falvey.

Christine C. Givner passed away at the age of 69 on June 6, 2022, at the Buffalo General Hospital in Fredonia, NY, after a short bout with cancer. She was born on February 9, 1953 to Norman Cassatt and Betty Flasher in Warren, PA.

Givner attended Allegheny College and eventually earned a PhD in education at the University of Pittsburgh. She began her career at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, where she conducted research for three years before joining Trinity College in Burlington, VT as a professor of special education. Five years later, in 1993, she joined the faculty in the Division of Special Education and Counseling at Cal State LA.

While at Cal State LA, Givner made significant contributions to the Mild/Moderate Credential and the masters degree programs, and eventually she became chair of the Division.

She returned to the East Coast in 2004 to become the founding dean of the College of Education at State University of New York at Fredonia, where she worked tirelessly for 16 years. She retired as dean emeritus in 2020, having mentored countless students, professors, and academic administrators.

Givner has made an indelible impact on the field of special education and higher education and will be remembered for her insightful publications over the years.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, James Givner, and a loving son, Jelani, daughter-in-law Rachel Ross, and their beautiful grandson, Paxton Ross-Givner. A virtual Celebration of Life was held last summer that was attended by a number of her Cal State LA colleagues.



John Eichinger

Professor of Education, 1992 – 2023

Professor John Eichinger, beloved professor of science education in the Division of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, passed away on January 3, 2023 at the age of 70. Professor Eichinger was hired at Cal State LA in 1992 and was professionally active in the field of science teacher training. He published numerous scholarly works in this area and was a frequent presenter at conferences and workshops. A Celebration of Life in Eichinger’s memory was held on February 11, 2023 in Claremont.



Keith Mew

Professor of Technology, 1997 - 2018
Director of the Aviation Administration Program

The following obituary was prepared by Professor Mew's son.

Professor Keith Mew, former Chair of the Technology Department and Director of the Aviation Administration Program at Cal State LA, died on October 2, 2022 at the age of 69. Professor Mew was active in the field of Aviation Administration, having worked on various computer systems projects for Chicago's O'Hare Airport prior to coming to Cal State LA. Locally, he served on a number of advisory boards, including those of the aviation programs at Glendale College, Cypress College, Mount San Antonio College, and Orange College. He participated in numerous committees at the department, college and university levels, and in 2005 was honored as the Outstanding Professor of the Year by the Department of Technology.

Dr. Mew was born on December 14, 1952 in Southampton, England, where he grew up with his three younger sisters. He went to university in London and then obtained his PhD in Urban Planning at the University of Warsaw in Poland prior to moving to Chicago. After a short stint at Indiana University, he moved cross-country to sunny SoCal and found a home in Cal State LA until he retired in 2018.

In his free time, he loved reading biographies, was an avid classic rock fan, and enjoyed running along the beach near his Long Beach home. He was also a lifelong and devoted fan of his beloved hometown Saints, Southampton's soccer team in the Premier League.

He is survived by his wife, Ji Hee Cheun, his son Nicholas, his grandson Adrian, as well as his three stepchildren, Luke, Tracy, and Ashley.

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Russell Young

Information Technology Specialist, College of Education, 1990 – 2022

The following announcement came from the family of Russell Young.

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Russell Young, who died unexpectedly on January 15. Russell graduated in 1977 as a Cal State LA Diablo and went on to work in technology and teaching. While working on his master's degree, he began work as an ITC specialist and retired in 2021 after dedicating 32 years to the College of Education.

Young was 67 years old. A Celebration of Life ceremony is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. on March 18 at the Evergreen Baptist Church in La Puente. In lieu of flowers, his family recommends donations be made to the National Park Foundation, in honor of Russell's love of the outdoors and his many trips to national parks. Donations can be made at give.nationalparks.org, and under Step 3, Tribute Gift, select "In Memory of" and designate "Russell Young".





Did you know: MyCalStateLA accounts

As an emeritus faculty member, you retain your CalStateLA 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.

When you receive an email notice that your password will expire by a certain date, you will need to follow the steps in the first two bullets below before the expiration date. Otherwise, your account will be locked out and you will need to follow the instructions in the third bullet below.

To change your password:

1. Go to the **MyCalStateLA ID** website (id.calstatela.edu) and click **Change Password**. If prompted, log in with your current Cal State LA email address and password.
2. On the **Change Password** page, enter your old password, new password and confirm your new password by entering it again into the corresponding field, and then click the **Submit** button.
3. Passwords on locked accounts cannot be changed online. In case of account lockout, please contact the ITS Help Desk at 323-343-6170 for assistance.

NOTE: The Golden Eagle One Card Office Moved

If you need to get a new or a replacement Cal State LA Emeriti ID card, please note that the Golden Eagle One Card Office has moved from the Golden Eagle Building to the second floor of the Student Services Building, Room 2232. You will need to provide a copy of your letter of appointment as emeritus faculty, or provide your Employee ID number in order to obtain a card.

More information can be found on the [Golden Eagle One Card Office website](#) or by contacting the office at 323-343-6800 or onecard@calstatela.edu.

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!!