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**DR. BERENECEA JOHNSON EANES BECOMES  
NEW CAL STATE LA PRESIDENT**

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Dr. Berenecea Johnson Eanes began her tenure as the new Cal State LA President on January 8, 2024. She is Cal State LA’s first female president and succeeds Interim President Leroy M. Morishita, who served since the retirement of President Emeritus William A. Covino at the end of July 2023. Eanes is the ninth president of Cal State LA.

President Eanes, who earned a bachelor’s degree in public health from Dillard University, a master’s in social work from Boston University and a doctorate in social work from Clark Atlanta University, served as president of York College, City University of New York, before assuming the presidency here. Prior to that, she served as vice president for Student Affairs at Cal State Fullerton (2012 to 2019). In 2018, Eanes received the CSU’s Wang Family Excellence Award for achieving transformative results in her role as a member of the CSUF president’s cabinet and as vice president.



Eanes is an acclaimed scholar widely published in the field of social work and has served as a faculty member or administrator at various institutions, including Columbia University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Morehouse College, Georgia State University, Clark Atlanta University, Hamilton College and Teach for Africa, Ethiopia.

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and its vibrant and diverse campus community,” Eanes said. “I look forward to engaging and collaborating with Cal State LA’s talented students, staff and faculty to continue the institution’s journey to new heights in student success, research, scholarship and creative activity, and community engagement.” Prior to her arrival on campus, she launched 100 days of Listening, using the visits as a time for Golden Eagles to reflect on who we are as a community.

As part of her listening tour, Eanes requested a meeting with senior Emeriti Association leaders. At this February 2, 2024 meeting, association President Kathy Reilly outlined the history of the Emeriti Association’s connections with the campus and requested the president’s continued support of our mission and activities. Toward that end, President Eanes agreed to participate in a time-certain appearance at the meeting of the Executive Committee on May 9, 2024. For more details on this meeting, see the Save the Date on Page 4 of this newsletter.



**Emeriti Association leaders meeting with President Eanes, from left: Kathy Reilly, president; Marshall Cates, treasurer; President Eanes; Jose Galvan, immediate past president; and Pat Chin, incoming president.**

## **PAT CHIN HONORED AS CAL STATE LA ALUMNA OF THE YEAR**

The Cal State LA Alumni Association will honor Patricia A. Chin (D.N.S., R.N., 1980, 1984) as the Alumna of the Year at its Alumni Awards Gala 2024 event on April 5, 2024. Chin is a board member of the Alumni Association and the inaugural president of the Chin Family Institute for Nursing. In addition, she is the incoming president of the Emeriti Association.

The gala begins with a reception at 6 p.m. in the Golden Eagle Ballroom, followed by dinner and the awards presentation at 7 p.m. Registration information is available at [the Alumni Awards Gala Registration page](#).

## EMERITI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are now three months into 2024, and we continue to reconnect with each other in many ways. I encourage you all to join us for our upcoming Spring event. Instead of our traditional luncheon, Deborah Schaeffer and the programs committee are planning a welcome reception for President Eanes' time-certain appearance at the May 9 meeting of the Executive Committee in the community room of the library. In this more intimate setting, members and guests will be able to enjoy a light lunch and visit with each other prior to the President's update on her first months at Cal State LA. All emeriti will be welcome to attend! For more details on this meeting, see the Time Certain article on Page 4 of this newsletter.

For the past two years I have focused on supporting each chair of our association's standing committees and encouraging them to continue with new initiatives, some of which include: *The Emeritimes'* invitation to receive contributions from all emeriti, the updating of our website, the retreat that brought many of us together, the quick dispatch of email communications to all emeriti, the special recognition event honoring our recent newly-appointed emeriti, the expansion and continued support of our scholarship/fellowship fund donations, and the strengthening of our relationship with both the interim and new Cal State LA presidents. For me, this was possible because we all worked together as part of our executive committee team. No matter what day or time I have asked for a response to my messages or emails, your responses have been swift and helpful.

It is now time to consider candidates for the executive committee officers and appointed committee chairs for 2024-2026. We have positions open for the election of a new Vice President/President Elect, Membership Director, and Secretary. In addition, the new association president will be nominating several positions for the executive committee's approval, including the following: Fellowship Committee Chair, *The Emeritimes* Editorial Board Chair, one Senate representative, one ERFSA delegate, and two members-at-large. I encourage any of you, especially our new members, if you are interested in learning about these positions, to contact me for further information at [kreilly@calstatela.edu](mailto:kreilly@calstatela.edu). Serving on the executive committee requires participation at monthly Zoom meetings and assuming other duties of the specific position. Not only does this service strengthen our association's ties with the university, but it enables you to meet with colleagues from different disciplines across the university.

When my term as president ends this June, Pat Chin will assume the duties of president. She will bring her stewardship and loyal support of the university to this position. In the next two years, I feel assured that our association will continue to flourish under her leadership.

I want to thank all of you, especially the members of the executive committee, for making my experience as president so valuable and meaningful for me. I have truly enjoyed working with you on our various projects and activities. We have experienced many tense, dangerous, and sad times in the local, state, national and international world, challenges which have reminded us of our place as citizens beyond our identification as Cal State LA emeriti. This honor that we all share will continue to be the foundation for our future contributions to the university and beyond.

**Kathryn C. Reilly**  
*Emeriti Association President*

## SAVE THE DATE: MAY 9, 2024

The May 9, 2024 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Emeriti Association will be open to all association members who wish to participate from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. It will be held in the Community Room of the Library North B131. Following the meeting will be a light lunch and Welcome Reception in honor of **President Berenecea Johnson Eanes, who will join us at 1:00 p.m.** She will give brief remarks and then take our questions.

More details will follow, but please RSVP at [emeriti.office@calstatela.edu](mailto:emeriti.office@calstatela.edu) if you plan to attend in order to assist us in preparing the lunch order.

## ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCED

Association President Kathy Reilly has announced that the association's annual meeting this year will be held via Zoom on June 13, 2024. This will be the final meeting of the year, and the results of the election of officers will be announced. Incoming president Pat Chin will begin her two-year term on July 1, 2024.

In addition to the announcement of the new officers, Reilly will deliver her State of the Association remarks which will recount what we have accomplished in the past year, and the standing committee chairs will be invited to present reports describing their activities to date.

More details will be announced via email in the coming weeks and months.

## 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](mailto:emeriti.office@calstatela.edu) if you wish to attend or receive the Zoom link for a particular month's meeting.

### March 30, 2024

Hold this Date: Theater workshop in Pasadena, given by Jose Cruz Gonzalez, Emeritus Professor of Theater and Dance

### April 1, 2024

University closed in observance of Cesar Chavez Day

### April 1-7, 2024

Spring break

### May 20-21, 2024

University Commencement events: West Hall, Los Angeles Convention Center

### May 27, 2024

University closed in observance of Memorial Day

### June 13, 2024

Emeriti Association annual meeting via zoom

### June 19, 2024

University closed in observance of Juneteenth

### July 4, 2024

University closed in observance of Independence Day

### August, 10, 2024

Convocation opens the 2024-2025 school year

### August, 11, 2024

Fall classes begin



## PRESIDENT'S STAFF AND CABINET LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Eanes announced several appointments to positions on her staff and in the President's Cabinet as well as other campus leadership positions.

*President's Chief of Staff:* **Victor Rojas**, with prior positions at CSUF and Mt. San Antonio College, will serve as senior advisor and member of the President's Cabinet.

*Director of Strategic Presidential Engagement and Deputy Chief of Staff:* **Anh Huynh-Nelson** formerly worked with President Eanes in the CSUF Student Affairs office.

*Assistant to the President:* **Sally Freiling** served as executive assistant and office manager to the vice chancellor for human resources at Coast Community College District and has previous experience working in the CSU.

*Interim Vice President for Student Life:* **Patrick K. Day** was vice president for Student Affairs at San Jose State from 2018 until coming to Cal State LA. Before that he was vice chancellor of Student Affairs at the University of Massachusetts in Boston and vice president for Student Life at the University of the Pacific.

### Other Leadership Announcements

Also announced recently is the new *Director of the Honors College*, **Kathy Cooke**, who came to Cal State LA from the University of South Alabama, where she was a professor of History and the founding Dean of their Honors College.

*Interim Executive Director for the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State LA:* **Sascha Brown Rice**, a current Pat Brown Institute board member, was appointed by President Eanes to be interim director. She is an award-winning filmmaker, producer, and marketing executive with a commitment to civic engagement. She will serve in an interim capacity until a permanent executive director is hired later this year.

### Continuing College Deans and Interim Deans

*Arts & Letters:* **Stephen Trzaskoma**

*Business & Economics:* **Tye Jackson**

*Education (Interim):* **Mitch Fryling**

*Engineering & Computer Science:* **Nancy Warter-Perez**

*Ethnic Studies (Interim):* **Lena Chao**

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## RECENTLY APPOINTED EMERITI FACULTY

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The following seven members of the Cal State LA faculty were awarded emeritus status by Interim President Leroy M. Morishita, one posthumously, since September, 2023.

**William Covino** (*English, President Emeritus*), the seventh president of Cal State LA, was granted emeritus status in December, 2023, following his retirement in June. Covino came to Cal State LA in 2013, and during his 10-year service as president he oversaw some major innovations on the campus as well as spearheading its greatly increased national recognition as an institution of higher learning. He earned a B.A. in English Literature in 1973 at UCLA. He went on to earn an M.A. in English at CSUN in 1975. He then earned a further M.A. in English from USC in 1977 while working towards his Ph.D., which he earned in 1981. He had a distinguished career, both academically and administratively, before coming to Cal State LA. He began his career at San Diego State University, where he was an assistant professor from 1981 to 1984 and associate professor from 1984 to 1988. He then assumed that position at the University of Illinois, Chicago from 1988 to 1994, when he became full professor. In 1998, he accepted a position with the rank of professor at Florida Atlantic University, and in 2006 he returned to California to serve briefly as provost at CSU Stanislaus before his four-year term as provost at CSU Fresno.

**Darlene Finocchiaro** (*Nursing*) retired in June, 2022 and immediately began her Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) duties. She was granted emeritus status in November, 2023. Finocchiaro received her B.S. in Nursing from Cal State LA in 1997 and earned a Ph.D. in Nursing from UC San Diego's Hahn School of Nursing in 2011. She first came to Cal State LA as a part-time lecturer in the School of Nursing in September, 1990. In 1997, she became a full-time lecturer with a multi-year contract and continued in that position until she was appointed assistant professor in September, 2009. In September, 2015, she was appointed associate professor and continued in that position until her retirement. She is still actively involved in teaching and mentoring students during her FERP years.

**Jun Liu** (*English*) joined the English Department in 1992 after receiving his Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he had also received an M.A. in 1987. Following his retirement in 2022, he was awarded emeritus status in October, 2023. Liu began his formal study of English literature in China, where he earned a B.A. in English from the Xi'an International Studies University in 1975. From 1975 to 1977, he studied as a British Council Scholar at Durham University, UK. While at the UN Translation Program at Beijing Foreign Studies University, he earned a Post-Graduate Certificate in Translation in 1981. A noted poet as well as literary scholar, Liu was named Outstanding Professor in 2014.

**William M. London** (*Public Health*) was awarded emeritus status on October 3, 2023. He joined Cal State LA in 2006 as the Interim Coordinator of what was then the Health Sciences Program. In the following year he became professor of what became the Department of Health Sciences and eventually the Department of Public Health. He continued in that role until his retirement in August, 2022. During the 2011-2012 year, he also served as professor in the Honors College. He continues to serve the University after his retirement by participating in the FERP program.

**Susan Saul** (*Anthropology*) was named emerita lecturer in December, 2023, six months after her retirement in June, 2023. Saul earned her M.A. in physical anthropology from the University of Illinois in 1979. In 1981, she earned an M.A. in biological and medical anthropology from UCLA, where she also earned a M.P.H. in epidemiology in 1984. She began teaching at Cal State LA as a lecturer in 1990 and was named University Outstanding Lecturer in 2011.

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**Jun Xing** (*Asian and Asian American Studies*) was named emeritus professor in December, 2023, after retiring earlier that year. He earned a B.A. in English Language and Literature from the Shanghai Foreign Studies University in 1982 and an M.A. from the Beijing Foreign Studies University in 1984. In 1993, he completed the Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He came as a Full Professor to Cal State LA in 2012 to serve as Dean of Undergraduate Studies and left that position in 2016 to chair Asian and Asian-American Studies, which transitioned from a program to a department under his leadership.

**Lili H. Tabrizi** (*Electrical and Computer Engineering*) was named emerita professor posthumously, on October 3, 2023. Tabrizi was a much-loved member of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering where she served, among other duties, as principal investigator for the NASA Sharp+ Program. In that capacity, she mentored many of our alumni towards their professional careers. Dr. Tabrizi earned her B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering and Physics in 1978 from Sharif University of Technology in Tehran, Iran. In 1980, she earned her M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University, East Lansing, where she also earned her Ph.D. in 1984. She came to Cal State LA in 1988 as an Associate Professor, and was promoted to full Professor in 1992. Among her many honors, she was named Outstanding Professor in 2009.

## NEWLY APPOINTED EMERITI FACULTY RECOGNIZED

The Emeriti Association held a recognition event on December 1, 2023, to honor newly appointed emeritus faculty. The association honored faculty awarded emeritus status over the previous three years, due to the ban on public gatherings during the pandemic years. In the future, faculty who are awarded emeritus status during the previous year will be recognized. This will be an annual event.

Seven faculty were able to join in this inaugural event held in the University Club. Association President Kathy Reilly introduced the honorees and presented each with a certificate of recognition. Interim President Leroy Morishita, Provost Amy Bippus, and Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs Elizabeth Heise were on hand to welcome attendees and to congratulate the awardees



Newly-appointed emeriti faculty who attended the recognition event included, from left, William Bollinger (*History, Pan-African Studies, Chicano/a Studies, Communication Studies, and Latin American Studies Program*), Kevin Baaske (*Communication Studies*), Susan B. Kane (*Music, Theatre and Dance*), Darlene Finocchiaro (*Nursing*), Lois Andre-Bechley (*Advanced and Applied Studies in Education*), Ping Yao (*History*), and Jun Liu (*English*).





## HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP ENDOWMENTS

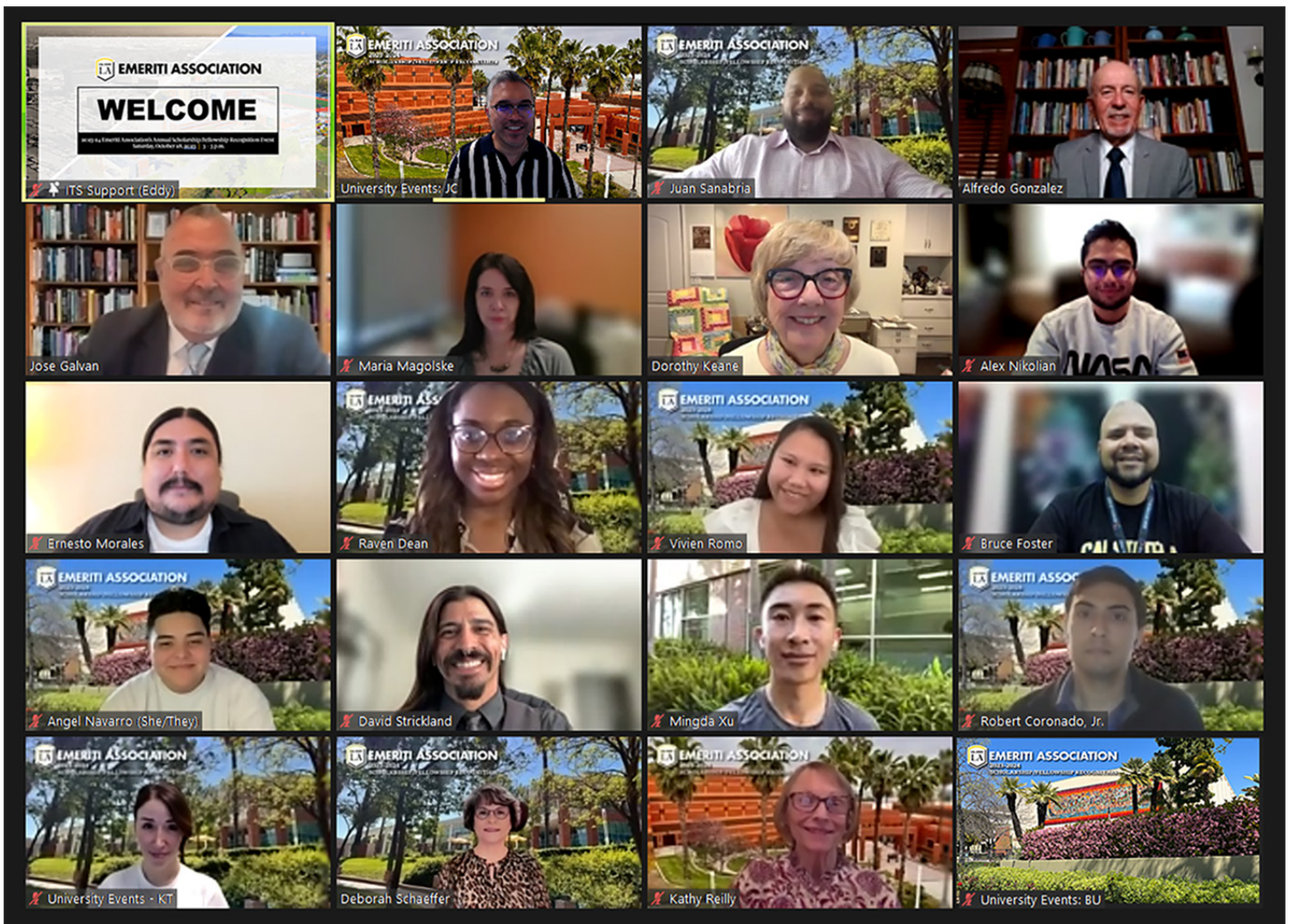
Among the many contributions the Cal State LA Emeriti Association makes to the University is the annual awarding of fellowships and scholarships to deserving graduate and undergraduate students. If you wish to contribute to one of the several endowments that make these awards possible, you may choose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

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

Award Fund Name	Level	Academic Major
Emeriti Association Fellowship for Academic Excellence	Grad	Any Major
Bill Darrough, Eleni Pitsiou-Farrrough 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 Memorial 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



## ONLINE EVENT HONORS THE 2023-24 SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS



The Emeriti Association introduced and honored the 22 scholarship and fellowship recipients selected for the 2023-2024 academic year at an online event on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Fifteen of the awards were from the Emeriti Fellowship Fund, and 7 from endowed scholarships and fellowships. The students selected represent 7 colleges and 13 departments.

The Emeriti Fellowship Fund is supported by donations from emeriti and friends of the Emeriti Association. Awards from “Named Endowed Scholarships and Fellowships” are funded by emeriti members, and/or family and friends of emeriti, to honor the memory of a loved one or a colleague. The program opened with a video of students sharing their goals and aspirations, their desire to make a difference in the community, the challenges of paying for school, and the tremendous difference receiving

financial aid makes for their educational success and peace of mind.

Welcoming guests to the program was Kathy Reilly, president of the association. Before introducing Amy Bippus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, for a campus welcome, Dr. Reilly welcomed everyone to the program and thanked the following for attending: Dr. Robert Avalos, Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Cal State LA Foundation, Dr. Karin Elliot Brown, Associate Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies, Ms. Queen King, Interim Vice President for Administration Finance and Chief Financial Officer, and Dr. Mitch Fryling, interim Dean, College of Education.

In her remarks Provost Bippus thanked the association for its contributions to the campus and

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noted the presence of association members at campus events throughout the year. She also noted that “the association has awarded over a quarter-million dollars in scholarships and fellowships over the years, which is more than any other campus in the CSU”. It should be noted that the Cal State LA Emeriti Association was the first to be established in the CSU.

After describing the two categories of scholarship and fellowship awards, Alfredo Gonzalez, chair of the Fellowship Committee, introduced the first group of award recipients, followed by Jose Galvan and Dorothy Keane, both members of the Fellowship Committee, who also introduced several of the award recipients. Eleven of the student awardees attended the program, and three others provided statements, which were read by Deborah Schaeffer, also a member of the Fellowship Committee.

Each of the 11 student awardees who attended gave brief statements that included the following themes: how much they owed to their faculty mentors for their support and guidance; their desire to become professors to help empower students, such as themselves, as they have been empowered by faculty; and the confidence and morale booster it is to have an organization, like the Emeriti Association, demonstrate through these awards, its support and confidence in their ability, their scholarship, and their future.

A recording of the entire program can be found at on the [Emeriti website](#) by clicking on the **Recognition Event Video** button.

If you are interested in the selection of next year’s student recipients by reading scholarship and fellowship applications for the 2024-25 academic year, which is done online, please contact Alfredo Gonzalez at: [alfredo@cslanet.calstatela.edu](mailto:alfredo@cslanet.calstatela.edu). The application reviews are conducted online.

**Alfredo Gonzalez**

*Chair, Emeriti Association Fellowship*

### **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](mailto: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!!

### **MyCalStateLA Accounts**

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

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](http://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.

## **EMERITI ASSOCIATION**

### **FELLOWSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP DONORS**

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

***William Darrough***

*(Bill Darrough, Eleni Pitsiou-Farrough & Athena Fellowship)*

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*(William A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship)*

***Valerie Margaziotis***

*(Dimitri Margaziotis Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship)*

***Deborah Schaeffer***

*(Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship)*



## REFLECTIONS ON A CHANGING CAMPUS: A REPURPOSED RELIC AND OTHER CHANGES

Few emeriti may have seen many changes in the Cal State LA campus in recent years. Campus visits were curtailed during the COVID pandemic, but even before that faculty came primarily for meetings held in the administration offices. Campus buildings, both the ancient and relatively new, were familiar, and only a few, such as the Luckman Theatre, the Golden Eagle Building, La Kretz Hall, and James M. Rosser Hall reflected modernity. Recently, however, the President's old office quarters, as well as Student Affairs, were closed due to their vulnerability to seismic events. The President's Office has been relocated to the newly restored Student Services Building, formerly Physical Sciences. From the outside, the building seems very ordinary, a rescued relic, but inside it is an amazingly modern and spacious structure with large windows facing in all directions and efficient elevators that require only a little practice for seniors to master.

The experience with this building brings to mind other campus changes taking place. Library North, for example, is no longer primarily a book repository and a reading and quiet study area, in part because electronic books require no physical space. Also, students are often assigned to work in groups and gather either in special study rooms or wherever space is available, and food and drinks are now allowed. There have also been changes in the South-end of campus. Reeder Field still exists, but the football field has now been converted to a soccer pitch. The tennis courts along Circle Drive have been upgraded and a smallish court for tournaments and spectators has been added.

The more surprising new structures are at the north end of campus, visible if you arrive or leave along Paseo Rancho Castilla. As you leave campus, the old parking structure across from the Luckman has been replaced by a large multi-storied parking facility. Then, across from the old student apartment complexes there is the Los Angeles Football Club Performance Center which was created as a training center for the LA/FC soccer club. On the right, in what previously was a parking lot, there is now a broad green field that accommodates a soccer game, perfect for intramural activities. At the far end of this space is an enormous row of white buildings that are the new dorms. The two- to three-story buildings are now known as South Village. In the spot previously

known as the "cardiac hill stairs", a large outdoor elevator has been erected for students to reach the campus upper level across from King Hall. It is an impressive site, reminiscent perhaps of the scenes one remembers from one's own college days, but no longer what one expects to see on a commuter campus.

As for the future, there are serious building plans and needs which will no doubt change the campus look even more dramatically. One such change is the replacement of King Hall, estimated to take at least three years and probably more, in part because of the need to maintain a portion in use as the destruction and construction proceeds. Then, there  
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**Remodeled interior area of the newly repurposed Student Services Building**





### View of South Village, the new student dorm complex, in the former parking lot below King Hall

is the question of what to do with the Administration and Student Affairs buildings, now deemed unsafe seismically. Tearing them down seems likely, but if new structures are built, one wonders if one of them will be tall enough for San Bernadino Freeway travelers to see the Cal State LA sign at night?

Much has changed, and more changes are coming.

**John Cleman**

*English*

## 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.

## 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** (*History*) co-authored with C.E. Finch, “Dementia in the Ancient Greco-Roman World Was Minimally Mentioned,” *Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease*, 97, 4, February 13, 2024.

**Roberto Cantu** (*Chicano Studies and English*) was honored on February 7, 2024, with the 2024 UCLA Spanish & Portuguese Distinguished Alumni Award. At the ceremony, Professor Cantu delivered a lecture entitled, “The War Novel as a Work of Art,” based on Alfredo Vea’s Vietnam novel, *Gods Go Begging* (1999). Also, Professor Cantu published *Alfredo Vea’s Narrative Trilogy: Studies on La Maravilla, The Silver Cloud Café, and Gods Go Begging*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2023.

**Antony John Kunnan** (*TESOL Program, Education*) will be the recipient of the 2023 Cambridge/International Language Testing Association Distinguished Achievement Award, to be presented at the LTRC Conference in Innsbruck in July 2024.

**William M. London** (*Public Health*) authored the following articles in the online Consumer Health columns for *Skeptical Inquirer*: “Health Street Smarts Fairs created by university students to promote critical thinking on campus,” *Part 1, July 27, 2022*, and “Health Street Smarts Fairs created by university students to promote critical thinking on campus,” *Part 2, September 2, 2022*.

**Elliott Oring** (*Anthropology*) published *The Consolations of Humor and Other Folklore Essays*, his seventh book on the analysis and interpretation of humor, with Utah State University Press, November, 2023.

**Lauri Scheyer** (*English*) co-edited with David Grundy, *Selected Poems of Calvin C. Hernton*, Wesleyan University Press, 2023 and she published *Between the Night and Its Music: New and Selected Poems of A.B. Spellman*, Wesleyan University Press, 2023. Also, in 2023, she gave keynote and invited lectures at Williams College; Institute of Politics, Policy, and History in Washington; the China University of Mining and Technology; the International Society for the Study of Surrealism; the Ethnic Literature Symposium at Sichuan University; the Northeast Modern Language Association; and the University of Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture After 1900.

**Ping Yao** (*History*) co-authored *Chinese Autobiographical Writing: An Anthology of Personal Accounts*, published by University of Washington Press in 2023. She also co-translated the book into Chinese, which was published by Shanghai Classic Publishing House the same year.

A Chinese version of her co-edited book, *Chinese Funerary Biographies: An Anthology of Remembered Lives* (University of Washington Press, 2019) was published by Shanghai Classic Publishing House in 2023. She co-edited *An Exploration into Medieval Times* (in Chinese), published by Shanghai Classic Publishing House in 2023, presented a paper entitled “Marriage with A Deceased Wife’s Sister: Cases of *Zi Wang Mei Xu* 姊亡妹續 from Middle Period China” at the International Conference in Middle Period China Humanities at Yale University, and gave a talk, “Approaching Women’s History and Gender History: Mainland China, Taiwan, and Beyond,” at a workshop at Ghent University.





The “Book Corner” is meant to feature your descriptions of books for our readers to consider adding to their reading lists. 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.

*Gratitude*, Oliver Sacks, Alfred A. Knopf, 2015

Oliver Sacks, a physician and professor of neurology, wrote many books on the topic of neurology, with the *New York Times* referring to him as “the poet laureate of medicine.”

This book, *Gratitude*, is a series of four reflective essays by a man who faced aging, illness and death with grace. The first essay, *Mercury*, celebrates the pleasures of old age, written as Sacks reached his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Eighteen months later, he was diagnosed with a form of liver cancer and informed that he had six months to live. While in the hospital, he wrote the essay “My Own Life,” which was immediately published in the *New York Times*. A few months later, he wrote “My Periodic Table,” wherein the physical cosmos and the elements he loved took on lives of their own. And finally, his fourth essay brings the reader to his description of Sabbath, the day of rest when one’s work is done and may, in good conscience, rest.

Sacks described himself as unconsciously becoming a storyteller, at a time when medical narrative was almost non-existent. In only 45 pages, we meet an extraordinary man who shares a love of life as one who loved and had been loved, who had been given much and had given in return. From my point of view, this is a great read and has a good message for us!

**Dorothy Keane**

*Curriculum & Instruction*

*The Enchilada Queen Cookbook: Enchiladas, Fajitas, Tamales, and More Classic Recipes from Texas-Mexico Border Kitchens*, Sylvia Casares (with Dotty Griffith), St. Martin’s Griffin, 2016.

I recently came across a citation to this cookbook, and the reference to the Texas-Mexico border caught my eye because that is where I was born and raised. I was surprised and quite pleased to see step-by-step guides to preparing many of the dishes that were served at our table as I was growing up. These are the “authentic” versions of classics such as enchiladas and tamales—I say authentic because, unlike the versions we are served in local Mexican restaurants, they have a special home-made quality and flavor.

If you enjoy browsing through cookbooks, as I do, and are adventurous enough to try a new recipe every once in a while, I highly recommend this book. You may find yourself actually making real flour tortillas from scratch or venturing to try your hand at the tamale tutorial that is described in great detail.

*Buen provecho!*

**Jose Galvan**

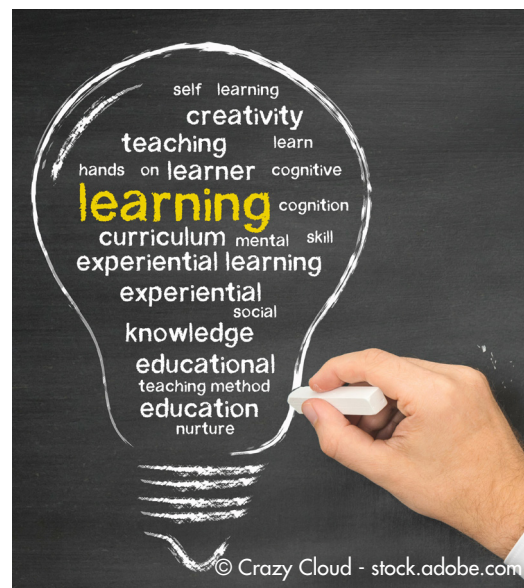
*TESOL*

## LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM AT CAL STATE LA

The Cal State LA Lifelong Learning Program, sponsored by the Emeriti Association, continues to arrange for emeritus faculty to make presentations at community centers and senior residences in the LA area. The faculty speakers give presentations of approximately 45 minutes on a variety of topics.

The Lifelong Learning Program was founded by faculty in the Gerontology Program more than 20 years ago, and it became an Emeriti Association program about 15 years ago. During the COVID pandemic, the program was administered by ZOOM, but it is now operating with in-person presentations on a regular schedule.

Currently, the program has arrangements to present at South Pasadena Senior Center, Hollenbeck Palms in Boyle Heights, Villa Gardens in Pasadena, Monte Cedro in Altadena, and Griffith Park Community Center. Topics presented are varied, as the following table illustrates.



Our Constitution and the 2020 Election	Untold but True Stories of Artists in Old Pasadena
The Conquest of Pain: A Chemical History	Language and the Brain
75 Years of Railroading	Designing Electric Cars
Climate Change and Sea Level Rise	Criticism, Evaluation, and the Canon: How Literature Survives
Making LA More Livable and Age-Friendly	Following a Medieval Spanish Trail on Foot
Winter in Japan	Gilbert and Sullivan (in Three Parts)
Where is the Tomb of Philip of Macedon?	A Classic Poem by Coleridge
Forensics and Mystery Fiction	How Gold is Made from the Collisions of Dead Stars
Patagonia: Land of Fire and Ice	Alchemy: The Forerunner of Chemistry

Peter Brier, Chair of the Lifelong Learning Committee, welcomes volunteers to give presentations on topics from their academic areas or on experiential or personal interest topics. Presenters receive honoraria in the form of a \$100 Visa gift card, with funds provided by the community agency. You may contact Brier at [pbrier@yahoo.com](mailto:pbrier@yahoo.com) or by phone at 626-376-0300.

Lifelong Learning at Cal State LA is continuing to grow and develop its connection to the larger LA community. The program welcomes the input of emeriti faculty.

**Peter Brier**

*Chair, Lifelong Learning Committee*



### Grant to Create Employment Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated College Graduates

The *University Headlines* recently reported that Cal State LA has received a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to establish an educational and employment program supporting incarcerated individuals while in prison and after reentry into their communities. The program which offers academic courses to prisoners at Lancaster State Prison – the first in-person bachelor’s degree completion program for incarcerated students in California – was inaugurated in 2016 by former Executive Vice President **Jose Gomez**, Public Good Executive Director, **Taffany Lim**, and Cal State LA English Professor **Bidhan Chandra Roy**, who taught many of the prison courses himself.

This new dual pilot program builds upon the continued success of the degree program by adding employment support, which is a greater preventative to recidivism than the degree itself. Lead principal investigator on the grant, Lim, observed: “The pathway will allow the students to build their social capital and a professional network while gaining meaningful, paid work experiences after they have graduated and are released from prison.”

### Cal State LA Makes Forbes List of America’s Best Midsize Employers 2024

Cal State LA has placed first on the *Forbes* list of America’s Best Midsize Employers 2024. The annual ranking, conducted in partnership with the market firm Statista, is based on a survey of more than 170,000 U.S.-based workers at American companies with 1,000 to 5,000 employees, who were asked to rate their employer, and if they would recommend their employer to others.

“I’m delighted to see our outstanding ranking on the *Forbes* list,” said Cal State LA President **Berenecea Johnson Eanes**. “I want to continue building on this success so our deeply dedicated faculty and staff will continue to thrive.”

This prestigious award is presented by *Forbes* and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The awards list was announced on Feb. 13, 2024, and can be viewed on the [Forbes website](#).

### University Library Creates Oral History Archive of Latinx Theatre in Los Angeles

The University Library at Cal State LA has partnered with the Latinx Theatre Alliance/Los Angeles to create an oral history archive of Latinx theatre in Los Angeles.

This groundbreaking project, the *Voces del Teatro Oral History Archive*, features more than 40 video and audio interviews with key theatre makers who founded and developed the genre of Latinx theatre in Los Angeles from the late 1960s to the present. “The *Voces del Teatro Oral History Archive* is an important archive capturing the Latinx theatre of Los Angeles from the 1960s to today,” said **José Cruz González**, professor emeritus of theatre at Cal State LA. “It is both a regional and national treasure.”



## CAL STATE LA 2024 COMMENCEMENT AT THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER

The 2024 Commencement to celebrate the outstanding achievement of the Class of 2024 will be at the Los Angeles Convention Center on May 20 and 21. There will be 6 college-based ceremonies. For each ceremony, doctoral and master's students will be hooded and all graduating students will cross the stage and have their names read and appear on the screen, as well as on the live stream.

Monday, May 20 will have three graduation ceremonies for the Colleges of Business and Economics; Arts and Letters; and Natural and Social Sciences.

Tuesday, May 21 will have three graduation ceremonies, for the Colleges of Education, Engineering, Computer Science and Technology; Ethnic Studies; and Rongxiang XU College of Health and Human Services. Be sure to check the website for specifics.

For more information about the plans for the Cal State LA commencement, please visit the [Commencement Website](#).

## NEW EMERITI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

We welcome the most recent life members of the association:

**Martin Epstein** (*Physics & Astronomy*)  
**Adelaide Doyle-Nichols** (*Educational Technology*)  
**Gaithri Fernando** (*Psychology*)  
**Darlene Finocchiaro** (*Nursing*)  
**Susan Kane** (*Music*)  
**Jun Liu** (*English*)  
**Sheila Price** (*Philosophy*)  
**Gloria Romero** (*Psychology*)  
**Susan Saul** (*Anthropology*)

We also welcome our new annual members:

**Perry S. Ganas** (*Physics & Astronomy*)  
**Edmond Hallberg** (*Education*)

## MEMBERSHIP DUES AND RENEWAL

If you wish to join the Emeriti Association, or if your membership has lapsed in recent years, you may join the association or renew your annual membership for \$50, or you may join as, or upgrade to, life member for \$300.

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

## 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](mailto:emeritimes@calstatela.edu), ATTN: Jose Galvan.

### **UCLA Alumnus Returns to Receive Distinguished Award**

I recently returned to UCLA, my alma mater, after an absence of 50 years, to receive a big honor as the 2024 UCLA Spanish & Portuguese Distinguished Alumnus. The reception was more than collegial: I was in the festive company of students and assistant professors who could have been my grandchildren.

All is well!

**Roberto Cantu**

*Chicano Studies and English*



### **Disaster at Kilometer 135: Be Advised to Purchase Travel Insurance for International Travel**

This past November, I joined a group of 48 rail enthusiasts for two weeks on the 402-kilometer narrow gauge railway in the Argentine Patagonia with people from the U.S. and Canada, the U.K., Denmark, France, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, and New Zealand. There were also two Argentine guides, a U.S. travel agent, and yours truly, for a total of 52.



We flew first to the beautiful Andean ski resort of Bariloche and then headed east by rail on a local broad gauge (5'6") diesel train. At the junction town of Ingeniero Jacobacci we transferred to the steam hauled La Trochita, with a double header, one locomotive from Kassel, Germany and the other from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, both built in 1922.

For nearly two weeks we enjoyed picture-perfect travel. Then, with only four days left on the schedule, at Kilometer 135 we hit a soft spot in the track. The entire train derailed and rolled down a slope overturning in the process. The locomotive also turned over, but the quick-thinking crew vented the steam, preventing an explosion. The wooden car I was riding in disintegrated and caught fire (from the wood stove) and Tom, a heavy-set Brit of maybe 230 pounds landed directly on top of me. I was trapped. Tom was in bad shape, unconscious, and it took two men to pull him off me.

I could hear a woman crying and other persons yelling for help, but the train crew, despite their own injuries, were marvelous. They knocked down the fire with extinguishers, broke a nearby window to access me, and helped get me out once I was free of Tom. Amazingly my Canon R6 was intact, and my backpack which had

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been under the seat, was now high above me, on top of the upside-down seat, because I was actually lying on the roof!

All I could think of was taking pictures. I could see people sitting or lying on the ground, but my focus was the wreck itself. After about 15 minutes of click click click, the adrenaline began to wear off and I realized I was hurt. My right arm was swelling, the wrist broken. I used this limb to take the photos—I don't know how. My left side hurt from broken ribs, my left knee was lacerated, and I had a nasty hematoma on my left lower back. Weeks later, the doctors realized my left hand was broken as well.

We were in the middle of nowhere. But somehow first responders began to arrive. I was taken to a tiny clinic in the village of Rio Chico where a nurse put my arm in a sling and loaded me into an ambulance for a race to civilization. It took three and a half hours over dirt roads. That night the state hospital at Ingeniero Jacobacci was crowded with victims. I had full body X-Rays which confirmed what I already knew--

--wrist and ribs! But there was no charge. I was somewhat of a celebrity because my uncommon German family name, Kirchner, is the same as a recent President of Argentina and that got a lot of laughs.

We were offered air evacuation to Buenos Aires, but none of the survivors opted to leave. As one put it, "Boy, this is one tough group!" And now, the first week of the New Year, the last of the hospitalized travelers, Tom from the U.K.—who had a broken neck and then surgery in Buenos Aires—was sent home to Britain by special medivac flight. If you have ever wondered about getting travel insurance, this experience should answer that question!

**John Kirchner**

*Geography*

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

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





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## IN MEMORIAM

### A Note to Our In Memoriam Readers:

We ask that you contact us by email at [emeritimes@calstatela.edu](mailto: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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### Anthony Fratiello

Professor of Chemistry, 1962 – 1999

*The following obituary was posted by the College and Natural and Social Sciences on its website.*

It is with great sadness that we report the death on November 9, 2023, of Anthony Fratiello, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, a great friend, and a great colleague.

Anthony Fratiello was born in Providence, Rhode Island in 1936 and was raised in the working-class neighborhoods around Federal Hill, developing a strong social conscience and sense of responsibility to his tight-knit community. He became the first in his extended family to pursue higher education and studied chemistry at Providence College (B.S. 1957). He lived at home throughout college and was known to bring fellow students to his house for a hot meal when their funds ran short.

He earned the Ph.D. in chemistry at Brown University in 1961 and secured a postdoctoral fellowship at the famed Bell Research Labs in New Jersey. In 1963, he joined the faculty at Cal State LA, where he established a strong teaching program and a vigorous research group using nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) as the main analytical tool. He secured grant funding from the American Chemical Society, the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health and developed a solid national reputation for studying cation solvation by NMR methods. Recognizing the contributions Fratiello made to advancing faculty-mentored student research throughout the department and college, the high field NMR facility was named in his honor.

Though he was an accomplished chemist and teacher, Fratiello avoided the spotlight and preferred to help develop the careers of others. He joyfully celebrated the achievements of students and colleagues and

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nominated them for local, regional, and national awards. He appreciated the notion that much can be accomplished if you don't care who gets the credit. He served as department chair multiple times over his nearly four decades on the faculty, and he was awarded the Cal State LA Outstanding Professor Award in 1969.

He felt a strong affinity for the Cal State LA student body, especially first-generation college students. He included many of them in his research group, where they experienced career development within a culture of mentoring, community, and teamwork. Many talented students, including some with checkered academic records, were encouraged through participation in his group to complete their undergraduate studies and pursue advanced training, earning M.S., Ph.D., M.D., D.D.S., and other advanced degrees.

He expanded the reach of his mentoring impact by securing research training grants from the National Science Foundation to establish Research Initiative in Minority Institutions (RIMI), Undergraduate Research Program (URP), and Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) initiatives which supported student training in laboratories throughout the department. He also collaborated with Vicki Kubo Anderson, Carlos Gutierrez, and Lisa Bautista as the core in jointly administering the MARC and MBRS/RISE research training programs for over a quarter century and in establishing the Minority Opportunities in Research (MORE) Programs. In one of the many planning conversations for MORE, Fratiello was quoted as saying, "Let's create opportunities for students to develop their talents so that excellence becomes ordinary, commonplace".

His wife Barbara preceded him in death in 2002. He is survived by their three children, Jennifer, Toni, and Ann. The family is working to establish the Anthony Fratiello Endowed Scholarship and welcomes contributions from friends and colleagues.

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### **Alfredo O. Morales**

Professor of Spanish, 1965 – 1989

*The following obituary was prepared by Emeritus Professor Hildebrando Villarreal.*

Alfredo O. Morales, emeritus professor of Spanish, died on September 26, 2023, at the age of 97. He was born in Veracruz, Mexico on July 7, 1926, but he spent his childhood in Puebla. After coming to the United States in 1947, he attended Fullerton College, Cal State Long Beach, and USC, where he earned his A.A., B.A., and Ph.D. degrees, respectively. In 1988, he married Dr. Jeanine S. Gaucher, also a professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Cal State LA.



Morales' field of study was Spanish-American literature with specializations in poetry and theater. He was an active presenter at local, national, and international conferences, edited several plays, and published two books, Miguel N. Lira, vida y obra and Canto al amor: Cantares del Cantar. He also co-authored, with his wife, a book on Mexican theater, Tres dramas mexicanos en un acto. However, his most enduring contribution to the University was the creation of the Teatro Universitario en Español, in collaboration with Gaucher-Morales.

The Teatro enjoyed a long run at Cal State LA and presented plays by well-known Latin American playwrights, including Emilio Carballido, Osvaldo Dragun, and Rodolfo Usigli, and it even had the

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West Coast premier of Usigli's play, *Corona de sombra/Crown of Shadows*. As word spread about the success of the plays, students flocked to enroll in the department's theater classes. Many enrolled more than once in order to participate in several plays. Even the local Spanish-speaking communities of East Los Angeles, El Sereno, and Boyle Heights looked forward to these Spanish language plays. Morales and his wife also welcomed the collaboration of the Department of Theater Arts on many occasions.

After the passing of his wife, Morales established the Morales Family Lecture Series Endowment in her honor. It was a way of promoting their mutual love of Spanish-American literature, theater, and culture among the students, the University, and the surrounding community. The conferences touched on far-ranging topics such as Chicano murals, Octavio Paz, Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz, Mesoamerica, Latin American history, and the interpretation of Mayan and Aztec codices.

The Series could not have come about without the passion and dedication of Professor Roberto Cantu. His meticulous attention to even the smallest detail guaranteed the success of every event. The Morales family owes a debt of gratitude to him. Morales and Gaucher-Morales also created the Morales Family Endowed Scholarship to support students who attend Cal State LA.

Morales loved to travel, and he and his wife visited Europe and South America regularly. His favorite sport was baseball, and he never missed the World Series, especially if the Dodgers were playing. He liked French and Asian food, but his absolute favorite was Mexican cuisine. Tamales, mole and cochinita pibil from Merida were his favorite dishes. Morales outlived three brothers and three sisters, and he is survived by two children, Patricia and Rene Morales and his beloved granddaughter, Angelica Martinez.

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### **P. K. Subramanian**

Professor of Mathematics and Adjunct Professor of Computer Science,  
1985 – 2007

*The following obituary submitted by Jerry Beer draws heavily on contributions from Karen Subramanian, Jyoti Subramanian and Melisa Hendrata.*

P. K. "Mani" Subramanian died at his home in South Pasadena on August 30, 2023. Subramanian was a faculty member at Cal State LA during the period 1985-2007 and served two consecutive terms as Chair of the Department of Mathematics beginning in 2001. Subramanian had the distinction of holding two Ph.D. degrees, the first in mathematics earned in 1971 and the second in computer science, both from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Initially, his research in mathematics focused on functional analysis, but he became more interested in optimization as time went on. After completing his undergraduate degree in mathematics at Delhi University and working for a few years, he came to the U.S. to pursue a Masters in Mathematics at Miami University in Ohio. On his first day of classes, he met the woman who would become his wife for the next 55 years, Karen Subramanian. Before coming to Cal State LA, he worked at Missouri Southern State College for 15 years.



Subramanian had publications in distinguished journals: *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*, *American Mathematical Monthly*, *Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications* and

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Studia Mathematica. Later in his career, he published four journal articles with Melisa Hendrata, who was formerly his master's thesis student at Cal State LA in 2004 and who returned to Cal State LA as a regular faculty member after she had completed her own Ph.D. degree. Together, they wrote a textbook, *Lecture Notes on Ordinary Differential Equations*, for an introductory course in differential equations, now in its fourth edition.

Subramanian held several visiting academic positions at Indian academic institutions, including two at the Ramanujan Institute for Advanced Mathematics supported by the Fulbright Program. His work at Cal State LA was supported by the National Science Foundation and the National Security Agency.

Subramanian was born in New Delhi in 1938 and raised there. He spent his summers with his grandparents in their ancestral village of Pudukkottai in the state of Tamil Nadu, where he was deeply initiated into the rites and rituals of Hinduism. He was a very spiritual and religiously devout Hindu throughout his life.

Subramanian became an avid and esteemed astrologer at a young age. Having a grandfather who was astrologer to the King of Pudukkottai put this spiritual science into his DNA. He was well-sought-after by friends and family alike for consultation before marriages, studies, and other specific life events. Also, Subramanian taught himself carpentry and how to build houses, and he proceeded to build three of his own that his family still live in. He also designed and built beautiful furniture that remains in perfect condition to this day. He loved to travel and explore the world with his beloved wife at his side. He had a deep passion and love for animals and shared companionship with many pets. He had a remarkable long-distance relationship with an elephant in India. He loved music – especially Indian music – and the beauty of the natural world.

Subramanian lived his life according to a very high standard of values, two aspects of which were his unwavering support for his family and empathy. He helped many of his students overcome personal, financial and structural problems that stood in the way of receiving an education, with particular attention given to supporting international students. Subramanian viewed education as transformative because it lends the promise of a better way of life, as he himself had experienced.

Besides Karen, Subramanian leaves his devoted daughter Jyoti.

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**Lili Tabrizi**

Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 1989 – 2023

*The following obituary was adapted from notices sent out by the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology as well as a tribute posted on the ECST website.*

Lili Tabrizi, professor of electrical and computer engineering in the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology, passed away on Sept. 5, 2023. Tabrizi joined Cal State LA's faculty in 1987 and taught classes in control systems, communication systems, electromagnetics, and probability and statistics. She also served as chair of her department's Control Systems Committee.



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Professor Tabrizi was born in Shiraz, Iran, on May 8, 1955, as the third and youngest child of her family. She began her elementary education in Shiraz and later moved with her family to Tehran, where she completed her elementary and high school education. After graduating from high school, she completed the challenging university entrance exams (koncoor) with high marks and gained admission to the esteemed engineering department at Sharif (Aryamehr) University of Technology in Tehran. She earned her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering with a minor in physics, graduating with high honors and placing her among the top 3% of all engineering graduates in 1975.

In 1976, Tabrizi arrived at Michigan State University (MSU) where she earned both her master's and Ph.D. degrees in EE, completing her studies in 1977 and 1983, respectively. Alongside her research project, Lili served as a dedicated teaching and research assistant during her time at MSU. Her exceptional academic achievements were acknowledged when she received the MSU College of Engineering Award in 1980.

Tabrizi embarked on her academic journey as an assistant professor of EE at the University of Detroit in 1983. Swiftly ascending through the ranks, she attained the position of associate professor of EE in 1985, and in the same year, she was honored as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year at the University of Detroit. She subsequently transitioned to Cal State LA in 1989, where she continued her career as a Professor of EE. Tabrizi was a true "superwoman" who remained tirelessly dedicated to her work until her retirement in August 2023.

In addition to teaching and research, she conceived, coordinated, and taught review classes for the Professional Engineering (PE) License Exam in electrical engineering. The Cal State LA PE/EE program boasted one of the highest passing rates in the State of California and was recognized as the premier PE/EE review program in the Los Angeles area. Acknowledged as a champion in securing external funding for Cal State LA, Tabrizi served as the faculty director and principal investigator for the NASA SHARP PLUS program from 1995 to 2005. Cal State LA stood as the exclusive host of NASA's apprenticeship program for an impressive 11 consecutive years. Additionally, she received Northrop Grumman's 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award and NASA's Education Division and Quality Education for Minorities Network award. She was voted as Electrical Engineering Professor of the Year an astounding 14 times by her students. In 2009, she was honored as Outstanding Professor at Cal State LA.

Tabrizi's most cherished hobbies included spending quality time with family, engaging in social activities with friends and exploring the world through travel. Her kind and steadfast character always shone through in group settings.

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### **Kenneth Leroy Anderson**

Professor of Biology, 1970 – 2003

Kenneth Leroy Anderson, 82, professor of Biology at Cal State LA from 1970 through 2003, passed away on March 28, 2023, in Tyler, Texas. Anderson was born to Pauline and Russel Anderson in Ames, Iowa in 1940.

The eldest of 4 children, he grew up in Iowa, where he spent time on his Uncle Fred and Aunt Rita's farm, playing football, bagging groceries, and actively participating in the Boy Scouts of America, even earning the status of Eagle Scout and later the Silver Beaver award. After high



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school, Anderson went to Iowa State University to study science and received the first of many degrees, culminating with a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Utah.

While doing post graduate work at Duke University hospital, Anderson met and fell in love with Elizabeth Ann Price. They were married in 1970 and drove across the country to Los Angeles, where they would live and raise their family. Anderson taught microbiology at Cal State LA from 1970 until he retired in 2003. During this tenure, he discovered that his real passion was science education, and he spent years travelling the country, providing science education workshops to secondary teachers.

After retiring, Anderson and his wife moved to Signal Mountain, Tennessee, where they continued camping and traveling abroad. Finally, in 2012, they moved to Tyler, Texas, where they lived until his death.

Anderson was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Robert and a sister Paula Morrical. He is survived by his wife of 52 years; three sons, Mark Anderson and wife Kristen, Jon Anderson and wife Bonnie, and Benjamin Anderson and wife Marie; grandchildren Price Anderson and wife Emily, Hansen Anderson, Luke Anderson, Caleb Anderson, Micah Anderson, Ari Anderson, and Kaya Anderson; sister Karen Schempp and husband Dan; and several nieces and nephews.

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### **Evelyn Boyd Granville**

Professor of Mathematics, 1967 – 1984

*The following obituary was adapted from one that appeared on the website of a Washington, D.C. funeral home.*

Evelyn Boyd Granville, 99, who was one of the first two African American women to receive a Ph.D. in mathematics from an American university, died peacefully at her apartment in Silver Spring, Maryland on June 27, 2023.

During her long life, she performed pioneering work in the field of computing, raised chickens, and sold catfish in Texas.



Granville was born on May 1, 1924 in Washington, D.C., the second daughter of William and Julia Walker Boyd. Her parents separated when she was young, and she was raised by her mother and aunt. Granville was valedictorian at Dunbar High School, which at that time was a segregated but academically competitive school for black students in Washington. She was always aware that discrimination defined much of her world, but she did not feel constrained by the knowledge or the fact.

With financial support from her aunt and a small partial scholarship from Phi Delta Kappa, a professional organization for educators, Boyd entered Smith College in the fall of 1941 with the intention of becoming a teacher of French, but mathematics, physics and astronomy drew her away from French literature, which she found “uninteresting”. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and to Sigma Xi and graduated summa cum laude in 1945. Encouraged by a graduate scholarship, she entered Yale University that fall, where she studied functional analysis, finishing her doctorate in 1949, with a dissertation “On Laguerre Series in the Complex Domain”.

Following graduate school, Boyd went to New York University Institute for Mathematics and was involved in research in addition to teaching there. Afterwards, she took a teaching position at Fisk University, a historically black college, because postings at predominantly white colleges were not available to black women. But in 1952, she left academia and returned to Washington with a position at

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the National Bureau of Standards. In 1956, a new door opened. Granville was recruited to a position with IBM, where she was seated before a 650 Magnetic Drum Data-Processing Machine and asked to do programming. Three years later, NASA was formed, and the fledgling space agency contracted with IBM to help launch satellites and manned capsules outward, closer to the stars.

She was assigned first to Project Vanguard and Mercury, writing programs to track the orbital trajectories of satellites and rockets. Later, she joined Project Apollo, providing technical support to the engineers working to make possible a lunar landing.

After nearly two decades in the private sector, Granville did, eventually, become a teacher. It was 1967, and she was living in Los Angeles at the time. In the midst of a divorce from her first husband, and with IBM asking her to move again, this time to Northern California. She decided to stay in place and applied to be an assistant professor of mathematics at Cal State LA but was hired as a full professor. There she taught and wrote textbooks on how to teach mathematics and, there, she finished her career.

She retired in 1984, after which she and her second husband, Edward V. Granville, left L.A. for a rural 16-acre plot of land in East Texas, his place of birth. Soon after settling there, Granville began teaching again, first at the local public schools, and then at Texas College, from which she retired in 1988. Two years later she began teaching at the nearby University of Texas in Tyler as the Sam A. Lindsey Professor of Mathematics.

After her husband died, she returned to Washington, D.C. in 2010 and finally settled into retirement, where she regularly bristled when she heard anyone say that “women can’t do math”.

Granville received honorary doctorates from Smith College, Lincoln University, Spelman College and Yale University. She also received the Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal, the Yale Graduate School Alumni Association’s highest honor; and was featured in a Yale Alumni Magazine cover story about 150 Years of Women at Yale. Granville was a National Academy of Engineering honoree; and was inducted into the National Academy of Sciences Portrait Collection of African Americans in Science.

According to her obituary, Granville died peacefully at her home in Selver Spring, Maryland on June 27. A funeral serve was held on July 8 in Washington, D.C.

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### **Olga Termini Walden**

Professor of Music, 1972 – 1996

The Emeritimes was recently informed that Olga Termini Walden, professor of music at Cal State LA for more than 20 years, passed away on September 5, 2022, at the age of 92. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Roy H. Walden, professor of graphic design at Cal State LA, who died in 2022.

Walden was a popular teacher and active in the academic life of the campus. She taught music history and musicology, foreign language diction, and several interdisciplinary courses. Walden received a Fulbright grant in 1966, the Outstanding Professor Award in 1988, and in 1990 was named Trustees’ Outstanding Professor for the CSU System. She served as associate dean of the School of Fine and Applied Arts from 1979 to 1982, and again from 1983 to 1984.

Prior to her Cal State LA career, Walden taught at Stevensen Junior High School and Fairfax High School in Los Angeles, and was a part-time instructor at Los Angeles City College, Claremont Graduate School, and Cal State LA. One of her former students at Fairfax High School commented

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that “she was very important in my musical development.”

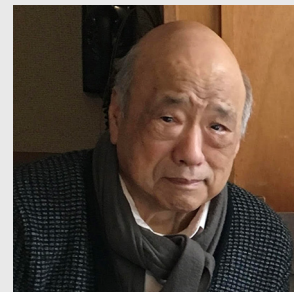
Walden was active in the Friends of Music organization, serving as its president from 1997 to 2007, and she served on the Neighborhood Music School Board of Directors from 1995 to 2008.

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### **Berken Chang**

Professor of Physics, 1969 – 1996

On February 4th, 2024, Berken Chang passed away peacefully at the age of 88. A physics professor at Cal State LA, his career traced the history of scientific research in the 20th century. As a researcher, he trained in the post-war physics boom and established his career in the space race; as an academic, he studied under Oppenheimer and Feynman and mentored the next generation of scientists.



Berken was born April 17th, 1935, to Chia-wei Chang and Yu-chieh Wang in Berkeley, California. As his father finished his Ph.D. in agronomy at UC Berkeley, Berken and his mother moved back to Shandong, China, to support their family, until invading Japanese forces captured the province. As the situation deteriorated, they sought passage back to the U.S., finally returning on the Tatsuta Maru ocean liner out of Yokohama. He arrived at Angel Island on Easter weekend of 1941, among the final Chinese Americans to be processed at the facility.

Growing up, Berken and his family hopped between Wisconsin, upstate New York, and Long Island as his father moved between research positions. The eldest of four, Berken worked diligently to support the family however he could: collecting bottles on the beach, picking string beans by the bushel, and running a paper route.

In 1947, his father became a professor at New Mexico State University, and the family settled in Las Cruces. Living near the Trinity test site, Berken was inspired to pursue physics, and soon found a part-time job as an electronics technician. After high school, Berken started college at NMSU before transferring to Caltech on a full scholarship. In 1958, he received his degree in physics with honors, starting work at Hughes Aircraft, testing missile guidance systems and radiation effects on electronics.

He earned a Ph.D. in physics from UC Berkeley in 1967, specializing in optics and spectroscopy under Sumner Davis. After graduation, he held research positions at many prominent institutions, including UC Berkeley, Bell Labs, and NASA Ames. He joined the Cal State LA faculty as a physics professor in 1969. He taught over ten thousand students across his career, many of whom became prominent physicists and engineers in their own right. Many became lifelong friends, continuing to call him for research and personal advice decades later. He took an interest in mentoring underprivileged students to help them gain a foothold in engineering, later funding a scholarship at Caltech to provide the next generation with the same opportunities he had.

In 1997, Berken retired to Berkeley to spend more time with his children and grandchildren. As professor emeritus, he continued to teach part-time for many years while each of his children followed in his footsteps, pursuing graduate degrees in science. He remained active around Berkeley, spending his days in neighborhood coffee shops and attending guest lectures at UC Berkeley.

Berken is survived by his wife Lori, his siblings, George and Betty, and his children Eric, Ardith, Carl, and Alene. He will be dearly missed.

The family will hold a celebration of life for Berken at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Berkeley on April 13th, 2024, at 2 p.m. All are welcome.