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A Note from the Editorial Board

With this issue of *The Emeritimes*, we enter a new chapter in the history of our newsletter. We were forced to migrate to this new format and delivery method because the COVID-19 pandemic continues to keep us from holding the group events that allowed us to mail you the hard-copy issues of the newsletter by assembling and stuffing them into envelopes. For the time being, we will continue to publish *The Emeritimes* in this new digital format. Special thanks to editor Ellen Stein and graphic designer Brennan Hernandez, who have worked so diligently to create this new format. We welcome your feedback and ideas for ways to make this new version easier to navigate and read. Send your comments to emeriti.office@calstatela.edu with "Emeritimes" in the subject line.

Virtual Event Honors 2020-21 Emeriti Award Recipients

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L. to r., top row: José L. Galván, Emeriti Association president, and award recipients Chris Fennessy and Neil Kohanski. Second row: Pamela Venegas, Daniel Barton, and Melissa González.Third row: Amy Robb, Deedhiti Dola, and Joanna Moreno-Riley. Fourth row: Alfredo González, Fellowship Committee chair, and award recipients Raam Ravi and Emerald Aueyong. Bottom row: Mary Anne Clare Pace, Wendy Layco, and Erin Kimble.

One of the Cal State LA Emeriti Association's signature events, the annual awarding of its undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships, took place as a Zoom webinar on Saturday, November 14 due to the pandemic and subsequent cancellation of the fall emeriti luncheon.

Emeriti Association president José Galván began by offering some remarks on the Association's ongoing commitment to support deserving students and sharing a video outlining the campus' response to the COVID-19 pandemic before introducing the host and chair of the Fellowship Committee, Alfredo González, who launched the online event. González reiterated the Association's role in supporting deserving students and noted that this financial support came from the Association's endowment, created and supported by contributions from Association members and friends, and from endowments created by individuals and groups in honor or memory of a friend or loved one.

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President Covino Points to Smooth Transition to Fall Semester

In his Spring 2021 Update presentation on February 1, President William A. Covino welcomed 467 Zoom participants from the University community and presented current information about the return to in-person instruction in the fall.

The plans call for the option of in-person or virtual classroom experiences, depending on the available technology. There will not be an abrupt or wholesale opening of all classes, but a smooth transition. School deans and department chairs will prioritize classes that are best suited for in-person experiences, such as labs or clinical training. Priority will be given to classes needed for graduation or those delayed because of the pandemic.

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Spring Emeriti Webinar with Raphael Sonenshein

In lieu of the annual emeriti spring luncheon event, which once again is cancelled due to the pandemic, the Emeriti Association will host a webinar via Zoom with guest speaker Raphael Sonenshein, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs. Sonenshein has given enlightening and entertaining presentations at previous luncheons, and his talk, "Politics 2021: A New Day or More of the Same?," will be timely and informative considering the recent course of politics in the U.S., the events from November to January, and the attack on the Capitol on January 6.

Look for a special announcement from the Emeriti Association with the date and time, likely in early May.

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President's Message

On behalf of the executive committee, my wish for all of us in 2021 is for a healthy and productive new year! We have just completed what has been arguably the most challenging year of our lives, and now we look forward to a time of renewed sanity and a gradual return to our normal lives.

If you will indulge me, I have decided to share with you some examples of my own personal experiences and discoveries that I will forever associate with the first year of the pandemic. Perhaps some of these will resonate with some of you.

First, I think we have all learned that the safety protocols recommended by health experts really do work. We quickly accepted and got used to **wearing masks**. We kept hearing from Dr. Anthony Fauci and others about the importance of face coverings to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Even my three-year-old granddaughter Emma readily dons her face mask each time we venture outdoors and is quick to remind me, upon reentering our home, "You can take your mask off now, grandpapá!" **Social distancing** has become institutionalized everywhere.

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Constitution Alert!

In July, the executive committee formed a committee to consider an amendment to the Emeriti Association Constitution and Bylaws that would allow for electronic elections of officers, as had become a necessity due to campus closure in Spring Semester 2020. An ad hoc Constitution Committee formed for this task began working on proposed amendments of the Constitution and ByLaws, going beyond the electronic elections issue to include other amendments that would better organize and clarify the structure and purposes of the Association, and perhaps also increase participation of its members. On March 11, the executive committee unanimously approved the revised drafts of both the Constitution and the Bylaws, and these drafts are being sent out electronically to all members in good standing, with a request for approval. You can expect to receive this request very soon by email.

2020 Emeriti Association Fellowship Fund Donors

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

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We All Gain When Students Receive Fellowships

By Paula Arvedson

The signature event of the Cal State LA Emeriti Association is the fellowship and scholarship recognition at the emeriti luncheon each fall. Because of the pandemic, the event in 2020 was held virtually. However, that did not diminish this vital recognition of the outstanding students we have at Cal State LA as they pursue their educational goals. The Fall 2020 issue of *The Emeritimes* had an extensive article about the awards and the recipients. I would like to share a personal story of a connection that came about simply because of the ceremony that recognized the recipients.

While all of the recipients were impressive and articulate, one in particular stood out for me: the student who received the William E. Lloyd Memorial Fellowship, Christopher Fennessy. Chris is an educator and historian. While pursuing his master/s degree in history, he teaches at both the university level and middle school. During his remarks when he received the fellowship award, he mentioned that he is concerned about the middle school students' lack of experience with the history of their own country, their own state, and even their own hometown.
Since "Curriculum and Transformative Teaching of Social Science" (including history) is one of the courses I teach at Cal State LA specifically for prospective elementary school teachers, I emailed Chris and asked him questions about how I might do a better job of teaching that subject to enthuse those future teachers about teaching history at all levels. He was gracious enough to respond quickly and we conversed over the course of several weeks. I was actually in the middle of teaching that course during the fall semester, and I believe Chris made the experience for my students much more relevant and exciting than it would have been without Chris' input.

All of the students who received fellowships and scholarships at the fall event said that having a group of people like the Emeriti Association essentially say, "We believe in you and we think you are going to accomplish the goals you are striving so hard to accomplish" means the world to these students. More than financially, they receive a psychological and emotional boost. I would respond that we, the people who support those funds, gain as much from the recipients as they receive from us. There are many ways that we profit from supporting those students, and I encourage everyone to take a moment to contact outstanding students in your field and get them to apply for the awards. We will all benefit.

Campus Implements *2-Step Verification* to Provide Additional System Security

Effective March 10, all faculty and staff accounts are requiring *2-Step Verification* to provide better protection for access to University systems. With passwords becoming increasingly insecure and more accounts being compromised, *2-Step Verification* is key to providing an additional security layer. Student accounts will follow on March 24.

The new process is required every time you log into the MyCalStateLA Portal. *2-Step Verification* combines something you know (your account and password) with something you have (your mobile device). You will be able to link multiple devices to your account. Once registration is complete and your device is registered, follow these steps:

- Enter username and password as usual.
- Use your phone to verify your identity.
- You're now securely logged in.

If you have not yet enrolled into the process, or have trouble with it, call the ITS Help desk at 323-343-6170.

New COVID-19 Vaccination Center Opens on Campus

On February 16, one of two new federal COVID-19 community vaccination centers opened at Cal State LA, part of the Biden administration's effort to scale up COVID-19 vaccination distribution nationally. The second center is located at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum in East Oakland.

Operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services with support from the U.S. Department of Defense and the California Conservation Corps, the Cal State LA site serves the surrounding communities that have been among the hardest hit by the pandemic. Vaccinations at the center, which has the capacity to vaccinate 6,000 people per day, are in addition to the state's regular vaccination allotment from the federal government that are distributed at other sites throughout Los Angeles County and the state.

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Cal State LA Receives Second Allocation for Emergency Relief

President William A. Covino announced on January 24 that the University has been allocated $61, 905, 561 through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERFII). It is part of the larger Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act 2021, passed by Congress on December 27, 2020, which provided more than $81 billion in emergency support to elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education. The funds will be used to be used to cover institutional expenses and student needs related to the pandemic, such as food, health care, technology, course materials, and childcare expenses. It adds to the amount already received last spring from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of March 2020, which distributed $18,957,083 to Cal State LA. That entire amount was dispersed as emergency financial aid grants to 26,976 students. This allocation differs significantly from the CARES Act in that it provides a formula that includes institutions like Cal State LA that serve a significant part-time student body and one that is based on the provision of purely distant education programs to students at the time of the emergency. For more information on CARES and HEERFII, go to http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/crrsaa.html.

How Well are Emeriti Association Members Coping with the Pandemic? Quite Well, It Turns Out

By José L. Galván

In mid-November, we sent a letter to our members to ask how everyone was coping with the pandemic. The responses sounded an optimistic note. We were pleased to learn that, as a community, we are doing quite well. Many of us have supportive families and life partners that keep our spirits high, and many of us maintain work relationships that provide ongoing engagement with colleagues or with students, using Zoom, email, and the telephone. Several individuals have shared their coping strategies, and no one reported having any unmet needs.

We appreciate the willingness of our Association members to share their thoughts as well as their coping strategies. The following is a summary of these responses, slightly edited for clarity and (in some cases) privacy, and they are presented here without attribution to the individual responders.

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Have You Been Vaccinated Yet?

We would like to hear from our members about your experiences with the vaccine delivery. When and where did you receive the vaccine, and how would you characterize your experience with it? Again, we will maintain your privacy in summarizing your responses for the spring issue of *The Emeritimes*. Please send your comments to emeriti.office@calstatela.edu, with "COVID Vaccine" in the subject line.

Professional and Personal

Costello Brown (Chemistry) is a consultant on a three-year, $586,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to train future teachers in math and science instruction using a simulation laboratory. The Simulations for Minority Interactive Learning Environments (SMILE) laboratory will help prepare elementary teachers who will work in high-need urban schools to offer a successful learning experience in math and science. Cal State LA students will be placed into the classrooms for their student-teaching experience. “Just as pilots spend long hours using virtual simulators before flying a plane carrying real passengers, it is now possible to provide students studying to be teachers opportunities to virtually practice teaching strategies to enhance learning before serving students in real classrooms,” stated Brown.

Roberto Cantú (Chicano Studies/English) has edited a new book, *Mexican Mural Art: Critical Essays on a Belligerent Aesthetic*, published in the United Kingdom by Cambridge Scholars Publishing in December 2020.

Janet Cameron Fisher-Hoult (Education), a long-time Culver City resident and Honorary Artist Laureate, participated in the inaugural live portrait session in a series broadcast by Culver City Artist Laureate Alexey Steele, in celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month. On three dates beginning October 6, Steele livestreamed the remote portrait sessions with Fisher-Hoult, who remained at home, maintaining visual contact with Steele via video conference transmitted onto a television screen in his Long Beach studio as if she were sitting right in front of him. Viewers were able to watch on Facebook Live as the portrait came to life, listen to Steele’s commentary, and ask questions. The sessions were also recorded for later viewing. Active in civic service and the cultural life in Culver City, Fisher-Hoult was instrumental in establishing the Artist Laureate Program.

Harold Goldwhite (Chemistry) gave a virtual presentation, “Francis Galton: Fingerprints and Eugenics,” on February 2.

As chair of the Social Justice committee at Pasadena Jewish Temple, **Carl Selkin** (English) organized and moderated a climate webinar titled “Climate Change: The Future is Now,” held on Sunday, February 21. **Carlos Robles** (Biological Sciences) was a presenter.

Send information about your activities, in Emeritimes *format, to* The Emeritimes *in care of the editor. We want to hear from you!*

Ann Garry Named 2020 Distinguished Woman Philosopher

Ann Garry, emerita professor of philosophy, has been named 2020 Distinguished Woman Philosopher by the Eastern Division of the Society for Women in Philosophy. The award recognizes outstanding scholarly contributions to the discipline of philosophy, with a focus on feminist philosophy, and service within the field, including committee work, mentoring women and people of color, and promoting equity within the discipline and academia.

Garry, who began her Cal State LA career in 1969, was the founding director of the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexualities. Her primary research has been in feminist philosophy, including feminist approaches to epistemology and philosophical methods. Her publications include *Women, Knowledge, and Reality: Explorations in Feminist Philosophy* (1996), *Transgender Studies and Feminism: Theory, Politics, and Gender Realities* (2009), and *The Routledge Companion to Feminist Philosophy* (2017). She was an interim editor of *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, as well as one of its founders many decades ago.

Since her retirement in 2006, Garry has been a visiting scholar at various universities worldwide, including Fulbright awards in Japan (2007) and Hungary (2013-14) and an appointment as Humphrey Chair of Feminist Philosophy at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada (2011).

Photo Courtesy of Ann Garry

My Virtual Classroom During These Strange Times

By Martin Huld

I hope that in recounting some of my adventures in teaching during the Fall 2020 semester, my last FERP assignment, I don’t sound too whiny, but I am going to whine. Obviously, my students and tenured and tenure-track colleagues faced the same difficulties, and many of them were in far less secure positions than I. Nevertheless, I found it a daunting experience, and much of it was probably my own fault. I am an historical linguist, so the past is dear to me, and I am not as eager as some to be at the forefront of technology. I do have a cell phone, but I don’t carry it with me 24/7, and have even been known to leave it at home when I go for walks. I have never in my life taken a selfie. I envy those who seem to have effortlessly constructed PowerPoint presentations. I did, however, realize that I would be teaching from home.

What I didn’t realize is how much going to campus to teach insulated me from the everyday bothers of home life. Before the pandemic, my partner ran a nonprofit art gallery in Pasadena, where he taught classes four days a week. I would drop him off at the gallery, head off to classes and office hours, and pick him up in the evenings. When I stayed late for committee meetings or other matters, one of his students would drop him off, or he would simply wait, working on a painting until I showed up. When the gallery closed down, he stayed home and had reduced Zoom contact with his students. Aiding him and his students seemed like a good opportunity to practice with Zoom in advance of my own classes in the fall.

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Our Inaugural Virtual Emeriti Talk

By Andrew J. Winnick

A few months ago, I presented a talk that was accessible to the entire membership of the Emeriti Association based on a paper I had recently written, titled "Voter Suppression, Disproportionality and the Failures of Democracy in America." Following are some thoughts on how that effort went and what we could learn for future efforts to make such talks available to the membership.

Of course, we used the Zoom platform for the presentation. We decided to do so with a regular Zoom format, not a webinar, to enable those watching to both be seen and heard. In order to maintain a coherent presentation, we decided that I would respond to questions only after the initial presentation, but we encouraged folks to write questions into the chat box function of Zoom while I was talking. We arranged for a moderator host who would monitor those questions and comments, organize them a bit, and then read or present them to me and the entire group after my main presentation was complete. To maintain more spontaneity during the Q & A period, we also encouraged folks to use the "Raise Hand" function of Zoom or just wave their hand visibly and allow the host or me to choose from among those and respond. I think making these efforts worked well and should be repeated.

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New Directions

From Chemistry Professor to History Museum Curator

By Don Paulson

Donald R. Paulson is a professor emeritus in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Since his retirement, he has become an expert on the history of southwestern Colorado and the curator of the Ouray County Museum in Ouray, Colorado.

I began my 36-year teaching and research career at Cal State LA in the fall of 1970. My initial research interests were in photochemistry of several classes of organic molecules. In the early 1980s, I added research into the mechanism of oxygen binding to hemoglobin. This research was very rewarding and I mentored dozens of research students during this time, many of whom have gone on to careers in science and medicine. In the early 1990s, I became interested in the new area of hands-on science in the elementary school classroom. With help from grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health, I gave workshops to hundreds of elementary teachers. I also did work on active learning in the college classroom and gave workshops all across the west to college professors on how to engage students in the classroom.

My wife Beth retired from the English Department of Cal State LA in 1999. We built a house in Ouray, Colorado that year in anticipation of my retirement. Ouray is located in the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado at an elevation of 8,000 feet and surrounded by 13,000- to 14,000-foot peaks. It is known as the Switzerland of America. After my retirement in 2006, we moved full-time to Ouray.

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Campus News

Diane L. Fazzi Appointed Associate Vice President, Faculty Affairs

Diane L. Fazzi, associate dean of the Charter College of Education, was named associate vice president for faculty affairs for the coming year, effective February 15. She succeeds Nancy McQueen, who returns to teaching after helping to steer the University during the challenges of the past 11 months. Fazzi will serve in the position while the University conducts a national search for a permanent associate vice president. She joined the Cal State LA faculty in 1992 and served her college as the first chair of the School as a Whole (SAW) shared governance structure. She later was chair of the Division of Special Education and Counseling. Fazzi assumed the role of associate dean in 2011 and worked with faculty and staff on numerous successful external accreditations, most recently the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. She was appointed to the California Advisory Commission on Special Education by both governors Schwarzenegger and Brown and currently serves as a trustee on the board of the American Foundation for the Blind.

Three New Emeriti Named

The following retired faculty members have been awarded emerita/us status:

JANE HOOK
(Nursing, 1998-2019)

KON S. LAI
(Economics and Statistics, 1987-2020)

JEAN LOO
(Finance and Law, 1985-2020)

We congratulate them and hope to welcome them into the membership of the Emeriti Association.

University Aids Students, Community During Pandemic

Cal State LA has undertaken several initiatives to aid students during the COVID-19 crisis. The University purchased thousands of laptops and wi-fi hot spots to assist students with their classwork. Staff members safely distributed the laptop and hot spot loans through a collaboration between Student Life, Information Technology Services, and the University Library.

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In Memoriam

THOMAS ANNESE

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 1961-1992

It was recently reported to the Emeriti Association that Thomas Annese, emeritus associate professor of philosophy, died on July 7, 2020.

Tom joined the Cal State LA faculty in 1961 after completing his Ph.D. at UCLA. He taught the department's core courses as well as seminars in both epistemology and modern philosophy. A meticulous and dedicated teacher, he wanted the same high standards for his students. Colleague Donald Burrill asserts, "He took the discipline of philosophy seriously and cared about how it should be taught." A stalwart contributor to the master's program, Tom wrote exams, making sure they were balanced and fair.

Tom was interested in the theory of knowledge as well as what philosophers call "early Modern philosophy"—the period from Descartes to Kant, roughly Europe in the 17th to 18th centuries. Colleague Sharon Bishop recalls that he always complained that there was no time in the quarter system to get from Descartes to Kant, feeling that Kant got shortchanged. However, she attributes that to Tom's being so enamored of Descartes that he couldn't move quickly to later philosophers. "But that was also Tom's strength as a philosopher—giving careful and thorough attention to positions he thought were important."

Both faculty colleagues and students appreciated his dry sense of humor, remembers colleague Ann Garry.

On campus, Tom served on numerous department and university committees as well as a term as department chair during the 1970s. He retired in 1992.

In his personal life, Tom was passionate about opera and a true aficionado. After retirement, he spent more time at his cabin in Big Bear, baked bread, and exercised energetically.

Tom is survived by his wife Drewcilla; one son, Tom Jr.; and two grandchildren.

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BARBARA JEAN CLARK

Professor of Education, 1968-2000

Barbara Jean Clark, emerita professor of education, died peacefully on January 2 in Nampa, Idaho, where she and her husband had relocated.

Born on November 4, 1931 in Hanford, California, Barbara earned her A.B. degree at Wichita State University in 1955 and her M.A. degree from UCLA in 1966. Her distinguished career began as a host and teacher of preschool children on the famed television show, *Romper Room*. She joined the Cal State LA faculty in 1968 and completed her Ed.D. in gifted education at UCLA in 1969.

During her tenure at Cal State LA, Barbara provided leadership to the credential and degree programs in gifted education. She was named Outstanding Professor in 1978-79 and was nominated twice for the systemwide California State University Outstanding Professor Award, in 1980-81 and 1983-84.

Colleagues in the Charter College of Education paid tribute to Barbara on both a professional and personal level. Gary Best called Barbara “a good friend, an imaginative teacher, and a thoughtful colleague.” Maria Gutierrez expressed admiration for her longtime friend, “I was always in awe of her work ethic, devotion to gifted students everywhere, and her incredible professionalism. She could also be wickedly funny.” Paula Arvedson similarly recalled, “Barbara was a kind and generous person who focused on helping gifted students as the underrepresented in special education. She was also a bit playful. She and Gary Best were the ‘holy terror’ of King Hall; no one knew what they might be up to next and whatever it was, it would be a surprise.”

Barbara authored the widely used text, *Growing Up Gifted: Developing the Potential of Children at School and at Home,* now in its eighth edition, and *Optimizing Learning*. She was the primary author on several state handbooks and guidebooks in gifted education, including the *Recommended Standards for Gifted and Talented Programs*, adopted by the California State Board of Education in 2002. She also had chapters in numerous books.

Active in professional organizations, Barbara served as president of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children and was on the board of directors and a past president of the California Association for the Gifted. A recognized scholar in the state, national, and international communities, Barbara presented major addresses and workshops throughout the United States and in Australia, Austria, Canada, China, England, Hong Kong, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, and Thailand. In 2001, an international scholarship was established in her name by the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. Her national and international awards include the International Distinguished Service Award from the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children (2003), Distinguished Service Award from the National Association for Gifted Children (1997), and Ruth Martinson Award from the California Association for the Gifted.

A devoted wife, parent, and grandparent, Barbara is survived by her husband of 48 years, Terry; daughter Vanessa; son Mark; four granddaughters; one grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

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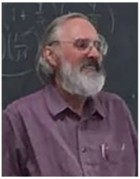

MICHAEL JOHN HOFFMAN

Professor of Mathematics, 1981-2017

Michael John Hoffman, emeritus professor of mathematics, died at home in Pasadena on September 19 at the age of 72, after fighting a long battle with colorectal cancer. His loving wife Susan was at his side.

Born on January 12, 1948, Mike grew up in Ohio and Michigan. While his primary residence since 1970 was in California, he returned almost every summer later in life for extended stays at the family summer home on the upper peninsula of Michigan, which he owned jointly with his brother. He particularly loved to sail on such trips.

Mike received a first-rate mathematical education. He earned a B.S. in mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1970 and then moved on to graduate studies at UC Berkeley, where he earned a master’s degree in 1973 and a Ph.D. in 1979. His thesis advisor was Donald Sarason, himself a student of Paul Halmos, one of the truly illustrious mathematicians and expositors of the 20th century. Mike’s mathematical research at Berkeley focused on functional analysis, and the title of the thesis itself was “Product and Commutation Properties of Hilbert Space Operators." While at Berkeley, he also taught college mathematics to Navy sailors who earned college credit at Chapman College while at Naval Air Station Alameda.

After finishing his Ph.D., Mike accepted a prestigious Bateman Instructorship at Caltech. He joined the Cal State LA faculty in Fall 1981, earning tenure in 1985 and promotion to professor in 1993. He formally retired in 2017 and then participated in the Faculty Early Retirement Program, delivering his last lecture only nine days before his death.

Mike felt that the academic department should be at the center of a faculty member's academic career. However, he served on a fair number of committees outside the department and was particularly active in University Commencement and Honors Convocation. In the Department, he was most notably department chair for two terms during the period 1995 to 2001. But he also served as associate chair, principal undergraduate adviser multiple times, and principal graduate adviser. He organized department colloquia for many years and was singularly responsible for establishing and maintaining the department library.

Mike embraced the idea of the traditional academic, in part dictated by his academic pedigree. By no means was he ever California casual. He would always wear a sportscoat to his lectures, often wearing a tie. He might refer to his colleagues as doctor or professor rather than by their first names. He was respected by his colleagues for his erudition.

As a teacher, Mike preferred to teach upper-division and graduate analysis courses. This orientation served the department well, as his general expertise in this area distinguished him from his colleagues and he was happy to teach in the evening when many advanced classes are offered. Mike was never a morning person instructionally, often arriving on campus around noon. He would have extensive office hours later in the day for his students, and his door was always open to them. He was famous for preparing supplemental written instructional materials for his students.

Over the years, Mike supervised many master's theses. Some of his students went on to exciting mathematical careers. For example, Michelle DeDeo and Hafedh Herici earned doctorates at UC San Diego and UC Riverside, respectively, and now have full-time academic positions. DeDeo is also doing data science with the Mayo Clinic.

Mike has written a number of research articles in prestigious journals, including three with department colleagues. With Dick Katz, he published in the *American Mathematical Monthly*, the most widely read of mathematical journals. Gerald Beer was his co-author on two other papers. But his most important publications are his textbooks with Jerrold Marsden, who was a faculty member at Berkeley when Mike was a graduate student. First, there is *Basic Complex Analysis* (3rd edition), followed by *Elementary Classical Analysis* (2nd edition). These have been widely adopted, not just nationally, but internationally. In fact, *Elementary Classical Analysis* has been used for years in the advanced calculus course at Universidad Complutense de Madrid, the largest university in Spain with around 85,000 students.

Mike and Dick Katz were best friends in the Department. They both knew complex analysis equally well, while Mike was more literate in functional analysis. Besides mathematics, the other thing that Mike and Dick had in common was a love of books. One particular area that they both liked was science fiction and fantasy. J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* grabbed their attention. Mike was fascinated by the whole infrastructure that Tolkien had created for the middle earth and read all of the companion books that Tolkien and his son Christopher had published on the subject.

Another aspect of their love of books was their willingness to run the semiannual book sale for the Southern California Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), which publishes the *American Mathematical Monthly*. They did this for about 20 years. At these meetings, held at various college campuses, Mike took the opportunity to buy campus coffee mugs to add to his large collection. For this work, in 2015 they both received a Meritorious Service Award from the MAA at a national meeting of the Association. Mike also served as program chair and treasurer of the Southern California Section.

From the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s, Mike hosted the Southern California Functional Analysis Seminar at Cal State LA. He was a member of the American Mathematical Society (AMS) and has published a research article in the Proceedings of the AMS.

Besides his wife Susan, Mike is survived by his brother Eric of suburban Ann Arbor and Eric's children Stephanie, Erika, and John Michael. A Zoom service was held for Mike on September 26. He will be missed by all the people he has touched.

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DOROTHY RUMMELL GANG

Dorothy Rummell Gang, honorary associate member of the Emeriti Association and the first retiree on whom that title was bestowed, died on January 2 of COVID-19. She was a Cal State LA staff member for 40 years, most of which she spent in the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dorothy began working at Cal State LA after graduating from high school. During her long campus career, she achieved a B.A. degree in English. Starting as a Clerical Assistant II, at the time of her retirement she was the administrative assistant to the provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Emeritus professor Alfredo González remembers that Dorothy was always kind, helpful and had a smile and laugh that always made him smile. "My first administrative assignment was a three-quarter appointment working for the vice president, Ed Kormondy. Quite the 'rookie', I was grateful that Dorothy immediately helped me feel comfortable and at ease on the 8th floor."

Margaret Hartman, emerita professor and former provost and vice president for academic affairs, characterized Dorothy as someone with a gracious manner to all, an ability to deal with anything given to her, an incredible institutional memory, and a remarkable ability to keep a secret. Dorothy was honored by her colleagues with the Outstanding Staff Award.

She is survived by her two children and two grandchildren.

Photo Courtesy of Margaret Hartman

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The Emeriti Association received word at press time that **Tony Longson**, emeritus professor of art, died on January 21. A full obituary will appear in the spring issue.

Richard Maddox, Former Early Entrance Program Director

Richard Maddox, longtime director of the Cal State LA Early Entrance Program (EEP), died on September 25 from lung cancer. He was beloved and much regarded by both "EEPsters" and faculty.

Emeritus professor José Galván lauded Rich as "the heart and soul of the Early Entrance Program." Faculty member David Olsen stated, "His enthusiasm and belief in the program were legendary." Chris Endy offered similar high praise. "Rich built an amazing program. I was inspired by his vision of EEP as a safe place for kids who wouldn't fit in elsewhere, and so many of the students he brought to Cal State LA helped me grow as a teacher."

Tony Ross, former vice president for student affairs, echoed the sentiments of the faculty, calling Rich "ever so quirky, so much fun, dedicated, energetic, and a breath of fresh air in an environment stuck in the mode of educating traditional-aged students. Rich educated us about the true benefits and value of having a nationally recognized program on our campus for the gifted and talented preteens and teens who have gone on to great heights."

A distinguished member of the University's chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP), Rich was initiated into PKP in 1990. He received his Ed.D. from the University of Southern California in 2010.

To honor his unique character and legacy, the EEP Alumni Network shared some of Rich's stories, quotes, and "Rich-isms" like "Don't act your age!" Former EEP student Owynn Lancaster paid tribute to Rich, stating, "As most of us met Rich during our very formative years, it's without question he helped shape how we became adults and rose to face the innumerable challenges of the last two decades. His service towards the students of EEP is measured not only in his 20-plus years as director, but in the legacy of stories and students he leaves behind."

According to another former student, "Rich was a champion for all kids who felt like outcasts or socially awkward because of their quirks or personalities." And another recalled, "I owe a lot of who I am to EEP and Dr. Maddox. He saw my potential and brought me into a program that changed my life. He saw potential in me that I didn't know I had and constantly worked with me to help me channel all my energy and enthusiasm into a career path that was right for me."