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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRES DECIMATED ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOODS IN ALTADENA/PASADENA AND MALIBU/PACIFIC PALISADES

A large number of students, faculty, and staff, including several emeriti and their relatives, were personally affected by the devastating fires that ravaged Altadena/Pasadena, Malibu and the Pacific Palisades in January.

Responses to a Wellness Check email sent out by *The Emeritimes* in the days after the fires erupted revealed the personal scope of the tragedy for emeriti faculty —from the loss of homes and property burned to the ground, to enduring days without power or water, to the terror and panic felt when the evacuation orders were issued.

The entire Pasadena area and beyond was covered in a thick layer of toxic ash and debris containing asbestos and other chemicals from the burned houses and automobiles, and unhealthy particles carried in the air made it necessary for all to wear N-95 masks. Survivors whose homes were lost now face a year or more of debris clearing before they will be able to start to rebuild.

The University has set up a Golden Eagle Recovery Fund to assist those affected by the fires.


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More than 20 of our emeriti colleagues fell victim to the fires, by losing their homes or requiring evacuation, and thankfully at this writing, there are no reports of deaths among the emeriti community. Still, the responses to the Wellness Check, some of

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which are excerpted below, illustrate the many ways in which the tragedy was felt.

> *"Sifting through the ashes. It was astonishing how little was recovered—a vase, one flower pot, some kitchen knives without the handles, a pearl necklace in a box, in fragments, among other things. Our big pine in the back yard had sap dripping down the bark like tears. That was the hardest."*

> *"Not so lucky are 5 of my 14 book club friends, who one at a time, checked in to report the worst. The magnitude is too hard to comprehend. The fires have never come down the hill as far as they did this time."*

> *"She has lost more than just a house. She has lost a house full of memories. They were so proud of that house, full of art and antiques. Just terrible."*

> *"I am one of the fortunate ones who heard that our townhouses were still standing and had the opportunity to return for Rescue Mission 1 on Wednesday and Rescue Mission 2 on Friday. I already have another list of items I forgot or didn't have space or time to take, constrained by darkness and the curfew. No matter what I take, I see more that I cannot. And so much of what I have is one-of-a-kind and/or holds sentimental value."*

Members of the emeriti community, as well as the campus community at large, have stepped in to volunteer by staffing at food distribution sites and by contributing to the Golden Eagle Recovery Fund. We wish all of our affected emeriti friends a speedy recovery from this tragic ordeal.



EMERITI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Every year, we all eagerly anticipate January 1 with high expectations. However, 2025 has not been the "Happy New Year" I was expecting, as yet. We have watched in horror and disbelief as neighborhoods have been devastated by uncontrollable winds and fire. We have all come to realize that we have someone in our lives—loved ones, neighbors, colleagues, or friends—who were directly in harm's way when the fires in Altadena/Pasadena and Malibu/Pacific Palisades exploded in early January.

This disaster has seriously altered the reality of our lives. There are no words to express how devastating this will continue to be for so many. For those of you who have experienced loss I express my deepest sympathy. I want you to know that the Cal State LA Emeriti Association is there for you. We are thinking of you and reaching out to you.

Cal State LA President Berenecea Johnson Eanes has launched a campus response that we can all be proud of. She immediately directed University Advancement to create a Golden Eagle LA Fires Recovery Fund to support "the basic and general needs of Cal State LA students, faculty, and staff who have been deeply impacted by the wildfires." Furthermore, she has made personal phone calls to every University community member whose homes were destroyed or damaged. "These were difficult calls," she said at our new emeriti recognition reception recently, "but they were necessary calls!" Finally, President Eanes has postponed her Presidential Investiture Festivities until a more appropriate time.

But this is only the beginning. Our community will be impacted by this disaster for years to come. It is important that we continue to support each other by creating an even stronger Cal State LA community. I have been moved by the number of our association members who have been checking up on, and reaching out to, fellow colleagues and friends.

Members of our community, whether directly impacted or not, are struggling right now to comprehend the enormity of the devastation, and we will continue to struggle for some time to come. Even if we are not overtly aware of its effects, we are all experiencing anxiety and uncertainty over the losses experienced by members of our community.

I encourage you to reach out if you need support. Faculty can find counseling assistance by accessing support resources through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Visit the Employee Assistance Program website. Once there, use the "Company Login" on the righthand side of the screen, and enter the Cal State LA password: GOEAGLES. Alternatively, you may phone at 800-367-7474.

Take care and continue to be safe.

Patricia A. Chin
Emeriti Association President

PLEASE HELP US FILL SOME IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

The Emeriti Association is facing a leadership transition at this time, and the Executive Committee is actively looking to recruit a few members to join us by filling some important positions.

Some members of the old guard are stepping down for health or other personal reasons, and they are passing on the baton. We are grateful for their achievements and inspired by their dedication and service. Under their leadership, our association has earned its place as one of the largest and most productive emeriti associations in the California State University state-wide system.

To ensure that we can continue to operate without disruption, and hold our place as academic leaders and advocates, we are seeking your participation in filling a few soon-to-be-vacated positions on the Executive Committee, including Web Manager, Copy Editor of *The Emeritimes* newsletter, and chairs of the Lifelong Learning Program (LLP) and Fellowships Committees. We are also recruiting Executive Committee Members-at-Large.

The Web Manager is responsible for maintaining the association's website, working closely with staff in the Office of University Events and Protocol. Our website was recently updated and is in compliance with University standards, and the Web Manager ensures that occasional updates are uploaded, such as the posting of our newsletter twice a year and updating the In Memoriam section.

The Chair of the LLP Committee oversees all aspects of the Lifelong Learning Program, which schedules emeritus faculty to give presentations at community centers and senior residences in the LA area. This includes acting as liaison between the faculty who volunteer to give presentations and senior audiences and stakeholders in the Los Angeles area. The senior centers have participated in this program for many years, and we expect that those relationships will continue.

The Chair of the Fellowship Committee administers the Emeriti fellowship awards process. The Chair publicizes the availability of the association's scholarships/fellowships, and coordinates the review of the students' applications as well as the final selection of the awardees. The Chair also serves as a liaison to the Center for Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.

The Copy Editor of *The Emeritimes* collaborates with the Executive Editor to solicit news items, edit submissions, implement copy and production deadlines, work with the graphic designer on the newsletter's format and layout, submit the final version of the newsletter for review, and sign off by the Office of Strategic Communication.

Executive Committee Members-at-Large play a pivotal role in the day-to-day functioning of the association. Depending on the member's focus and interests, they volunteer to serve on one of our standing committees: Lifelong Learning Program, Fellowships, Programs, and *Emeritimes* Editorial Board. It is an excellent way to become more involved in the association and to learn the functioning of the executive committee.

We need visionary leaders with commitment and drive to step up and take the helm. In other words, we need you.

If you are interested in learning more about these positions, and how you can play a crucial role in steering our association forward, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact us by email at emeriti.office@calstatela.edu. I invite you to contact me to discuss any of these positions in which you may be interested.

Patricia A. Chin

Emeriti Association President



Nine faculty members who received appointments as emeritus professor in the past year attended the second annual New Emeriti Faculty Recognition event, which was held on January 24, 2025 in the University Club. President Berenecea Johnson Eanes presented each of them with a certificate. Pictured above (from left) are Carol Blaszczyski (*Management*), Anthony Cox (*TV, Film, and Media Studies*), Silvia Heubach (*Mathematics*), President Eanes, James Brady (*Anthropology*), Rebecca Davis (*Art*), Gunnar Valgeirsson (*Sociology*), Christina Kim (*Special Education and Counseling*), ChorSwang Ngin (*Anthropology*), and Rika Houston (*Marketing*).

NEWLY APPOINTED EMERITI FACULTY

The following 6 members of the Cal State LA faculty were awarded emeritus status recently by President Berenecea Johnson Eanes.

Beth Baker-Cristales (*Anthropology*) was awarded emerita status on December 16, 2024. Baker earned her B.A. degree at Sarah Lawrence in 1989 and immediately began her graduate work at the University of New Mexico, which culminated in her earning a Ph.D. in 1999. Upon graduation, she accepted a position at the California Institute of the Arts, where she taught Latin American Studies. In 2002, Dr. Baker came to Cal State LA as a faculty member in the Department of Anthropology where she taught a wide range of courses. From 2010 to 2014, she served as director of the Latin American Studies Program. During the COVID pandemic, from 2019 to 2022, she served as chair of the Department of Anthropology. She retired in 2023, but she continues to teach through FERP.

Anthony Cox (*Television, Film, and Media Studies and Communications Studies*) was granted emeritus status on October 11, 2024. Professor Cox joined Cal State LA in 2002 as an assistant professor, having earned his B.A. at UCLA in 1970 and his M.F.A. in 1972. Six years later, in 2008, he was promoted to full professor. From 2016 to 2020 he served as associate chair for journalism. In 2018, he received the University's Award for Exceptional Services to Students in recognition of his six-year sponsorship of Golden Eagle Radio, a student-managed broadcast project which he founded. After his retirement in 2020, he continued to serve the University and students through FERP.

Christina Kimm (*Department of Special Education and Counseling*) was named professor emerita on January 2, 2025. Before earning her Ph.D. in educational psychology at the University of Minnesota in 1991, Professor Kimm had earned a B.A. in 1979 and an M.A. in 1982 from Dankook University in Seoul, Korea. She completed two additional years of post-doctoral research in Minnesota before she joined Cal State LA in June 1993. Before being appointed full professor in July 1997, she also took courses towards a Masters of Divinity at the Fuller Seminary in Pasadena.

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Robert Martin (*Art*) was named emeritus professor on December 16, 2024. Professor Martin earned a B.S. at Florida A&M and an M.F.A. at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. From 1986 to 2005, he taught at Wayne State University in Detroit, where he served as chair from 2000 to 2002. He joined Cal State LA in 2005 as chair of the Art Department, a position he held until 2009. He continued to serve the department as a faculty member until he retired in August 2024.

Amelia Russo-Neustadt (*Biological Sciences*) became an emerita professor on December 16, 2024. Dr. Russo-Neustadt earned her B.S. at Chapman University in 1983 and continued her education at UC Irvine, where she earned both a Ph.D. in pharmacology in 1988 and an M.D. in 1990. She then completed her clinical residency in psychiatry at UC Irvine in 1994. She came to Cal State LA's Department of Biological Sciences in 1999 and taught a full range of classes specializing in neurobiology and herbal medicine. She continued to teach after her retirement in 2019 as a FERP member until December, 2024.

Gunnar Valgeirsson (*Sociology*) was named Lecturer Emeritus on December 16, 2024. After earning his B.A. from the University of Reykjavík in 1983, Dr. Valgeirsson moved to the United States, where he enrolled in Bowling Green State University, Ohio, earning an M.A. in sociology in 1986 and a Ph.D. in 1991. He has held lectureships in sociology at Cal State Fresno (1991 – 2001), Cal State Dominguez Hills (2001 – 2004 and 2009 – 2012), and at Cal State LA (2001 – 2024). He was named CFA/Cal State LA Lecturer of the Year for 2007-2008.

NEW EMERITI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

The Emeriti Association welcomes four new life members–**James E. Brady**, **David Hossain**, **David B. Peterson**, and **Silvia Heubach**, and two new annual members–**Ari Ashkenazi** and **Nazareth Khodiguian**.

We extend a warm welcome to all of the new members and hope they will join us for our upcoming sponsored events.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

March 25, 2025
Black Women in History

March 31, 2025
Cesar Chavez Day - University closed

April 1-6, 2025
Spring Break

May 8, 2025
Emeriti Association Annual Meeting

May 19-23, 2025
Commencement at Shrine Auditorium

May 26, 2025
Memorial Day - University closed

May 27, 2025
Summer Intersession

June 19, 2025
Juneteenth - University closed

July 4, 2025
Independence Day - University closed

August 19, 2025
Univesity Convocation: Fall Semester

August 20, 2025
First day of classes

September 17, 2025
National Voter Registration Day

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM DIRECTOR STEPS DOWN, NEW DIRECTOR SOUGHT

The Lifelong Learning Program (LLP) began on the Cal State LA campus more than 20 years ago, thanks to start-up funding from the Osher Foundation. The program transitioned to a campus-funded program, initially in the then-Department of Social Work and later in the former Roybal Gerontology Center, with Professor Emerita Connie Corley as its director. Corley realized that the pool of Cal State LA emeriti faculty was a good source for speakers to present to audiences of retired adults in the community. Among those whom she recruited was Professor Brier, who retired in 1999 and held FERP assignments until 2004. Soon after volunteering as a speaker, he took over as the program's director.

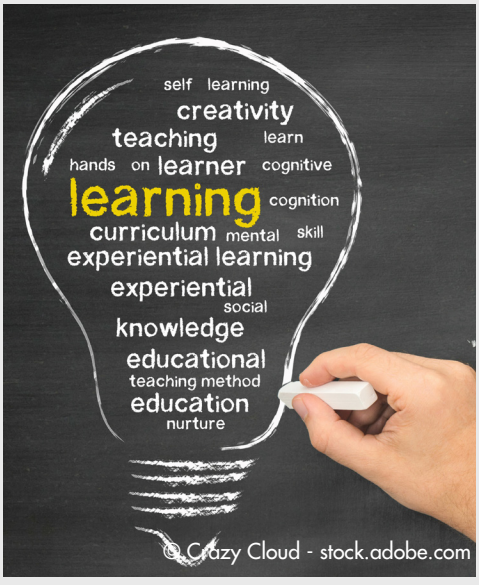
Under Brier's leadership, the program has flourished and became a popular source of speakers at senior facilities in the area. But without a firm foothold in an academic department, he sought the sponsorship of the Emeriti Association. His proposal was approved, and LLP is now a permanent part of the Emeriti Association, where it has become an entirely self-supported entity, collecting fees from the venues it serves and offering modest honoraria to the speakers.

Professor Emeritus Brier has announced that he is stepping down from the role he has held for the past 10 years. His departure has now created an important opportunity for someone from the Emeriti Association to step in and continue to lead the program. He welcomes your inquiries by telephone at 626-794-4060, or by email at pbrier@calstatela.edu.

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM

The Cal State LA Lifelong Learning Program (LLP), sponsored by the Emeriti Association, continues to arrange for emeritus faculty to give presentations at community centers and senior residences in the LA area.

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. The faculty speakers give presentations of approximately 45 minutes on a variety of topics.



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.

The LLP 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. If you wish to be scheduled to give a presentation, or if you have questions about the program, you may contact us at emeriti.office@calstatela.edu.



HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP ENDOWMENTS

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

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

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

2024-25 FELLOWSHIP RECOGNITION ZOOM EVENT

The photo montage below features the 2024 – 2025 Emeriti Association Scholarship and Fellowship recipients who participated in this year's recognition program. This annual event was held virtually on November 2, 2024. The students shared life stories that recalled how they came to study at Cal State LA, how they chose their fields of study, and the support they received from faculty. Their stories were touching, inspiring and powerful. Many commented on the sense of belonging that they felt when they received the award notices. The association awarded 25 scholarships or fellowships this year, 13 from the Emeriti Fellowship fund and 12 from endowments created by emeriti faculty and/or their family and friends. The video recording of the event can be viewed on the Cal State LA YouTube channel.



Pictured here are: (*top row, from left*) Anthony Sales Hernandez, Cindy Nguyen, Demetrio Rebollo, Eric Phipps, India Wesley Cardwell, Kylee Robinson, Violeta Murillo, and Lauren Hill; (*middle row, from left*) Arpit Vaishya, Alfredo Gonzalez (Fellowship Committee chair), Deborah Schaeffer (Committee member), Dorothy Keane (Committee member), Jose Galvan (Committee member), Kathy Reilly (Committee member), Pat Chin (association president), and Christopher Cid; (*bottom row, from left*) Christina Ogata, Laura To, Suyog Pote, Nghe Tang, Marlee Rapp, Samuel Groysman, Marjorie Hunt, and Victoria Cecilia.

EMERITI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS BEGINS SOON

The annual review of student applications for the 2025 – 2026 scholarships and fellowships awarded by the Emeriti Association takes place from late March until early May. Association members will receive an email inviting your participation as application readers for the various awards that will be offered. The review of applications is done online in teams of two.

If you wish to volunteer as a reader, please send us your contact information by email at emeriti.office@calstatela.edu.

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 also noted.

Kenneth and Joan Wagner

John L. Houk Memorial Scholarship

Dorothy Keane

William A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship

Jose L. Galvan

Wiliam A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship

John LaBetta

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William A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship

Alfredo and Michele Gonzales

William A. Taylor Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship

Janet Cameron Hoult

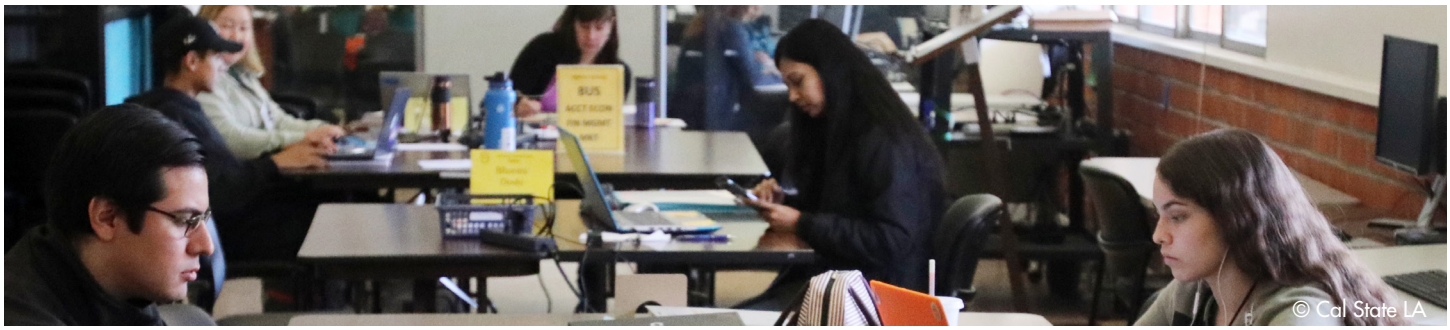
David Cameron Fisher Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship

Deborah Schaeffer

Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship

Vicente Zapata

Vicente Zapata Scholarship



Moving?

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

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

PRESIDENT EANES ADDRESSES THE EMERITI ASSOCIATION AT THE ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON



After a long hiatus brought on by the pandemic, the Emeriti Association returned to hosting an in-person Fall Luncheon on September 11, 2024, with President Berenecea Johnson Eanes as the featured speaker. Professor Emerita Susan M. Kane emceed the luncheon, which was hosted by Emeriti Association President Patricia Chin.

President Eanes shared her vision of making Cal State LA a vital part of the fabric of Los Angeles, and she highlighted two pressing needs for the campus: a physical master plan and a strategic enrollment plan. With enrollment declines exacerbated by COVID-19, she urged the emeriti to assist in recruitment and retention efforts. She said that her leadership philosophy centers on data-driven decisions, accountability, and transparency.

The president then turned to several recent challenges faced by the campus. The first dealt with the significant repairs to King Hall that she oversaw, and she emphasized the importance of maintaining a transparent communication with the campus community. She also spoke about the CSU-wide faculty strike and the need to relocate commencement to the downtown Los Angeles Convention Center to create a memorable experience. Finally, she addressed the violent June 12 takeover of the Student Services Building by students and outside activists protesting the devastation in Palestine. While initially engaging with students to implement changes in the campus response, she halted plans following the vandalism that occurred, setting a precedent against violence as a means of negotiation.

Reflecting on her journey, she said that, “I am the granddaughter of someone with a second-grade education who picked cotton. So, if anyone does not believe that higher education works, look at me!”

Her remarks were followed by a spirited question-and-answer session that dealt with a number of issues raised by the attendees. These included accessibility, enrollment, and recruitment; her firm response and strong anti-violence and anti-vandalism stances in the face of the protests; her plans to create an advisory council with membership from community-based organizations; and her commitment to a transparent budget process.

President Eanes closed by encouraging the Emeriti Association to collaborate with the college deans on fundraising, and in securing more external funding. She reaffirmed her dedication to ensuring that Cal State LA remains a beacon of opportunity and excellence for Los Angeles.

PRESIDENT EANES INVESTITURE POSTPONED DUE TO FIRES

Due to the fires that swept across much of Los Angeles and the significant effect they have had on many of our faculty, staff, and students, President Berenecea Johnson Eanes has postponed her Investiture to a date to be determined later. A number faculty, staff and students lost their homes, and 600 of our students live in the zip codes devastated by the fires. An undetermined number of our campus community members have been forced to relocate. Taking all of this into account, President Eanes feels that now is not the time to celebrate her investiture.

Budget Shortfall Will Seriously Impact the Campus

President Berenecea Johnson Eanes informed the Cal State LA campus community in a memo last fall that Cal State LA is struggling with a $32.4 million deficit this year brought on by state cuts, unfunded employee pay increases, and inflation. The proposed additional cut for 2025-26 could widen that gap by another $19.7 million.

"Combined, these are more than 20% of our budget. A 20% budget cut is not survivable without significant changes and a lot of tough decisions," she wrote.

Colleges decreased course offerings this academic year and are scheduling even fewer classes for next fall. Additional changes may be necessary. Many lecturers were significantly affected by the cuts this year, and there will be even fewer classes for them to teach next year. The LA Times reports that, so far, Cal State LA has not eliminated any degree programs, but it cites as an example of the cuts that the political science department has reduced upper-division electives from 22 in spring 2022 to 13 in spring 2025 and that sections for the required Introduction to American Government class are down from 14 to nine during that same period.

No public announcements have been made about laying off tenure-track faculty, furloughs, nor about downsizing, combining or eliminating departments or programs, as has happened at Sonoma State. Enrollments at Cal State LA have declined, but not as precipitously as at Sonoma, whose enrollments fell 38% from their peak in 2015. In fall 2017, our headcount was 28,253. In fall 2024, it was 24,673. That is a decline of 19.5%. That is a significant drop, but it amounts to about half of Sonoma's decline.

Campus Leadership Changes Announced

Two significant changes in the campus senior administration have been announced. First, Heather Lattimore, Ed.D., has been appointed as the new Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Dr. Lattimore comes to Cal State LA after a very successful term as Dean of the Connie L. Lurie College of Education at San Jose State University. Dean Lattimore significantly diversified the students and faculty in the College and led initiatives that increased enrollment by 35%. She was expected to start at Cal State LA on March 1.

Also, Jeff Poltorak has been appointed interim Vice President for Advancement, following the retirement of Robert Avalos, effective January 31. Poltorak, who most recently was Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Southwestern Law School, had a long history of working in advancement at CSU Dominguez Hills.

Washington's Aggressive Immigration Campaign Causes Concerns at Cal State LA

Many faculty have expressed concerns regarding the executive orders emanating from Washington, D.C. that promise mass deportations. Especially concerning are the executive orders that could result in undocumented students, faculty, and staff being deported.

The campus administration informed the school community that campus police will not assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers if they come to campus, but they cannot prevent ICE from entering the campus.

The rights of the undocumented and of faculty have been shared via email and are posted on a campus website in the form of Frequently Asked Questions. These FAQs provide guidance for how individuals can respond in these situations. The FAQs can be found at on the CSU FAQs for Undocumented Students page.

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Cal State LA President Heads First-Ever Entry in LA's Kingdom Day Parade

President Berenecea Johnson Eanes led a Cal State LA delegation that participated in the Kingdom Day Parade in Los Angeles on February 17. This marked the first time for the campus to participate in this event, which has been an annual local tradition for 40 years.

Joining President Eanes as part of the Cal State LA parade entry were Assistant Coach Michael Cooper, Chief of Public Safety Larry Bohannon, Associate Dean James Ford III, the Cal State LA Cheer Squad, and a delegation of Golden Eagle students, faculty, and staff. They carried the banner, WE ARE LA.

The Kingdom Day Parade each year is organized by the Congress of Racial Equality of California (CORE-CA), a California-based civil rights organization that fights racial injustice. It is the world's largest- and longest-running life celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's theme was "Peace and Unity, Let It Start with Us."

Artificial Intelligence Tools and Training Coming to Cal State LA

The CSU announced in February that it has mounted a new initiative to provide tools and training in Artificial Intelligence across the system's 23 campuses. The University is partnering in this venture with Governor Gavin Newsom and nearly a dozen tech companies, including Microsoft, Meta, Nvidia, OpenAI, Intel, LinkedIn, Amazon Web Services, and Alphabet, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

CSU is developing a systemwide "AI Commons Hub" that will provide free access to such tools as ChatGPT 4.0, a chatbot that can answer questions, assist with writing, help brainstorm, provide coding help, and perform other tasks using human-like conversations. The university has licensed the technology from OpenAI for all CSU students, faculty and staff. Information on how to access these tools and the training workshops are forthcoming. The full press release can be found on the Chancellor's Office website CSU AI Powered Initiative.



PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

Galvan, Jose L. *Writing Literature Reviews: A Guide for Students of the Social and Behavioral Sciences.* 8th ed., Routledge, 2025. Written with his daughter, Melisa C. Galvan, this new edition of the book provides students with model literature reviews and discussions of digital research tools and implications of AI use.

Klein, Norman. "Crime Doesn't Play" *Angel City Beat.* Short, 2024, pp.177-190. The story follows a New York City police detective who goes to Los Angeles for a vacation and finds himself involved in investigations of a robbery of a Beverly Hills billionaire and the murder of a college professor.



BOOK CORNER

The "Book Corner" is meant to feature books that you recommend to our readers. Your submissions should include brief descriptions of the recommended books, including why you chose to add them to your reading list. These descriptions should be kept to 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.

James, Percival Everett, Doubleday, 2024

I learned about *James*, a novel by Percival Everett, when I struck up a conversation with someone seated next to me at a fundraising dinner recently. When he told me that this was a retelling of Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, one in which the novel's "voice" was changed from that of Huck to that of Jim, the novel's enslaved runaway, I decided to give it a try. While Huck views their exploits as their raft floats down the Mississippi River as "adventures," James personifies his role as a fugitive from Southern slavery. He is a warrior—he kills men, frees fellow slaves, even sets fire to a plantation. And his character is shown to be a serious reader who views the Bible as an instrument of oppression. James uses what he calls a "slave filter," which produces his version of code-switching to convert the vernacular they spoke with one another to a version of English that would not draw the attention of their White slave-owners. In one exchange with a group of Black children, James asks a young girl to translate the statement, "And the better they feel, the safer we are." The girl responds with, "Da mo' betta dey feels, the mo' betta we be." The bittersweet irony in that statement—that they use code-switching in order to appease their oppressors—is heart-breaking and poignant.

Jose L. Galvan

TESOL Program

The Violin Conspiracy, Brendan Slocumb, Knopf, 2022.

In this work of fiction, our hero aspires to a world-class level of solo violin performance. We are exposed to this violinist's complex inner experience as he prepares for and accomplishes his goal, and of course intrigue and mystery complicate his journey along the way. The path is nuanced as our hero faces and storms through the prejudices a Black musician encounters in today's classical music world. His tenacity and undaunted positive outlook bring joy and uplift to any reader who embraces the character as I did. This novel is both revelatory and fun.

JoAn Kunselman

University Library

On Freedom, Timothy Snyder, Crown, 2024

This book is not the sort of "pleasure read" that is usually recommended in this column, but it is well worth reading. The author is a distinguished history professor at Yale with a broad background in European history and culture. His argument is that what we often claim as our freedom is not, but could and should be. Perhaps the most compelling part of his argument and the consequence of misunderstanding freedom can be measured in our recent political election. He specifically notes how candidate Trump was deploying false meanings

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of freedom to gain support. The results of the election (after the book's publication) testify to the need to understand and restore real freedom in order to maintain our democracy.

John Cleman

English

Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir, Ruth Reichl, Random House, 2019

When entertaining friends, I am generally asked how I prepared the meal. I always explain that I don't make food; I merely make it available by finding great carry-out restaurants as my resources. So, when my book club chose a book about the journey of a woman who loved to "make food," I wasn't excited at first, but I quickly changed my mind.

This memoir is by Ruth Reichl, who at the early age of eight came across the magazine *Gourmet* and an accompanying *Gourmet* cookbook on a used bookstore shelf. She was excited to read about food from faraway places, and the result was her experimenting with cooking exotic meals and doing it quite well. For her it was a hobby, but while attending college she made money baking pastries for restaurants. Friends encouraged her to write a cookbook, and it was through this experience that she realized she enjoyed writing about food. She began contributing articles to magazines, eventually maturing to become the restaurant critic for the *Los Angeles Times* and later for the *New York Times*. This book is filled with delightful tales of her travels to many countries, with mouth-watering descriptions of foods she enjoyed and tested in the *New York Times* test kitchen.

We also learn about her personal life, her marriage and parenthood, while she dealt with the challenges of working as a woman in a world dominated by male executives. Ultimately, she is offered the position of editor-in-chief of *Gourmet* magazine, which then became the bookends for her career.

Reichl's writing draws the reader into her world with great enjoyment. I even attempted to copy some recipes. I highly recommend this book!

Dorothy Keane

Curriculum and Instruction

King Alfred the Great, Alfred P. Smyth, Oxford University Press, 1995

This substantial book, over 600 pages of text plus another 142 pages of end notes, bibliography, and index, caused something of a stir when it appeared 30 years ago but now seems to have been largely forgotten. Despite its size, it is not replete with new data on the life of the only English king to be called "great".

The first part of Smyth's book, slightly less than 150 pages, surveys the historical facts of Alfred's life and reign and reveal an energetic guerrilla fighter, a clever tactician, and an astute politician who realized that rebuilding a devastated country involved more than battlefield victories. The second part addresses the credibility of the only then-contemporary biography, Bishop Asser's *The Life of King Alfred*. Clearly Asser was a highly placed member of Alfred's court and presumably instrumental in Alfred's educational program that included translations into Old English of seminal works of early mediaeval history and culture. Asser's original manuscript was among the casualties of the Cotton Fire of 1731, so Smyth relies on a subsequent transcription of the text. Given the many absurdities in it, he concludes that earlier scholars were taken in by a twelfth-century forgery.

This is not an easy book to read, but I found rereading it to be an important experience.

Martin Huld

English

LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

The day Kennedy was shot is one of those memory landmarks, something so dramatic everyone who experienced it can remember exactly where they were at the moment it occurred.

After my fellow University of Pennsylvania alumnus Donald Trump was shot on July 13, 2024 (I never met him), I submitted this politically neutral reminiscence to the UPenn Alumni magazine. Perhaps my CSULA retired colleagues would find it interesting.

> In 1963, I was a student in a General Honors course in psychology. It was my first exposure to the field, and I was surprised to learn there was more to it than the clinical side I had seen in the movies. That era was the Golden Age of Social Psychology, wherein (as this naïve sophomore saw it) researchers routinely deceived subjects in order to expose their susceptibility to biases and dark tendencies. Stanley Milgrim, at Yale, induced people to deliver what they thought were painful electric shocks. Solomon Asch, at Brandeis, employed lying confederates to convince people to disbelieve their own senses. What was going on at Penn? I didn't know, although there were rumors about weird things happening in the College Hall basement. I loved the course, so much so that I changed my intended major from mathematics. I went on for a doctorate, and spent my career as a psychology professor focusing on human judgment.
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> The course instructor was David Williams, then a recent Yale PhD who had studied with B. F. Skinner, of Box fame, as an undergraduate. I immediately liked him for the twinkle in his eye and because we shared initials. By mid-November, we students had learned enough to be distrustful of his ilk. The class was now working on operant conditioning, which for us meant training a thirsty animal to press a bar for water. One Friday afternoon, while I was begging my lab rat to press already, Williams ran into the classroom shouting "the president has been shot!" No response. We were convinced this was a manipulation, and were determined not to be fooled. It wasn't until he brought in a radio that the unbelievable tragedy was accepted as truth. Nowadays, alas, reports of shootings are so common that I have lost my skepticism.

I have forgotten my other college classes, just as I imagine my students have forgotten those I taught. The most dramatic landmark for me is 9/11, in which case I was at LAX expecting to take a morning flight to DC to discuss an FAA grant I had just received. I still shudder when I go to the airport.

David J. Weiss
Psychology

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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



IN MEMORIAM

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

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Robert John Stull

Professor of Geology, 1969 – 2001



This obituary was adapted from one provided by the family.

Robert John Stull ("Bob") was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 27, 1942. He died on January 2, 2025 in Alhambra, California after suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Professor Stull had a charmed childhood in Forest Hills and Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania with his sister Jeanne. His parents were happily married for over 65 years, setting the template for Bob's own long marriage. He followed in his father's footsteps as a Boy Scout, with his favorite childhood memories derived from summertime scouting adventures and athletic pursuits.

Bob initially pursued architecture at Carnegie Mellon University, but his passion for the outdoors led him to study geology in Texas and ultimately earn his Ph.D. from University of Washington in Seattle. Bob met his wife, Janet Low, at UW, and they married in Seattle in 1969. Early adventures of their marriage included skiing in the Cascades, a three-month trip crisscrossing Europe, and hiking and canoeing in California.

Stull began his career at Cal State LA in 1969. He was an inspiring teacher, leading many students to pursue careers in geology. He was a proud feminist who encouraged women in the sciences. His

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students remember field trips to Hawaii, New Mexico, and California (including "urban geology"). Bob was Geology Department Chair for many years, and his sabbaticals took him to New Zealand and deep into the Mojave Desert.

Bob and Jan were a perfect match, enjoying over 55 years as life partners. They raised two children in San Marino, California and enjoyed all the seasons at their beloved cabin in Idyllwild. Bob was a good man, an amazing husband and father.

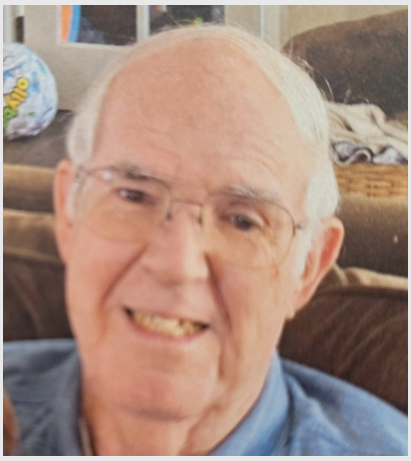
The travel bug bit Bob and Jan hard: together, they traveled to over 60 countries. The rule for most trips was simple: there has to be a volcano and some interesting birds or beasts. He vowed that he would never keep a "bird list", but in fact he couldn't resist documenting his finds. Bob planned an epic 50th wedding anniversary and family reunion to one of his favorite destinations, the Galapagos. Many of his dearest friends were also travel partners to exotic locations, including Asia, Africa, and the Americas. His "Old Goats" hiking group hiked often in the Western US.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jan, his children, Adrian and Linnaea, his sister Jeanne, and his three grandchildren. A private memorial will be held for close family.

Bob will be missed by all who knew him, privately and professionally. We will always remember his strong work ethic, his devotion to his family, and the calm, considerate way he treated everyone. Bob had a wonderful laugh; he loved life and lived it to the fullest. We will honor Bob's memory by channeling his moral compass and steady positive outlook as we carry forward.

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Roger Raymond Bowers



Professor of Biology, 1972 – 2007

The following obituary was prepared by Alan Muchlinski.

Roger Raymond Bowers passed away on November 21, 2024 in Hacienda Heights, California at the age of 80. Roger was born on September 15, 1944 in Augusta GA, to Don and Elizabeth Bowers. His early years were spent in the midwest where he enjoyed working during the summers on farms owned by both sets of grandparents. Like many children growing up on a farm, he learned to drive at an early age, driving both cars and tractors at the age of 13. After high school, Roger went on to earn an undergraduate degree at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and his doctoral degree at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Roger joined the faculty at Cal State LA in 1972. He taught pre-medical sciences courses at Cal State LA, including undergraduate courses in embryology and histology, as well as graduate courses on various topics. His courses were always fully enrolled, and he was known among both students and faculty as an excellent teacher. Roger maintained a very strong research program focused on a condition in humans called Vitiligo, a chronic autoimmune disorder that causes patches of skin to lose pigment or color. Vitiligo affects people of all skin types, but it is more noticeable in people with darker pigmented skin. Funding for his research came from the National Institutes of Health, and he made major discoveries regarding the genetic and cellular bases for the condition.

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Roger was a sought-after speaker at national and international conferences, including conferences in Europe and Japan. Since Roger utilized the wild-type Jungle Fowl and Barred Plymouth Rock Chicken as animal models for the disorder, he was often gifted chicken memorabilia from all over the world by his colleagues and friends. An article in the Los Angeles Times highlighted his collection of over 3000 chicken souvenirs, many of which were on display in his faculty office. He often joked about opening his own chicken museum.

Roger received the Outstanding Professor Award in 1986 for his achievements in teaching, scholarship, and service. He retired from his full-time position in 2007 and then taught in the Faculty Early Retirement Program until 2012.

Roger loved time with his family, coaching his children in various sports, and worldwide travel. He loved watching his favorite western cowboy shows, spending time outdoors, and enjoying trips to Knotts Berry Farm. Roger also loved cheering on his Nebraska Cornhuskers football team. Only a truly loyal fan would sit in the middle of the UCLA Student Cheering Section at the Rose Bowl, with his pregnant wife, a colleague and his pregnant wife, and wear a hat proudly proclaiming Cornhusker Football. He could make anyone laugh with his quick wit, had an incredibly generous heart, spent his entire life putting others first, and was deeply loved by so many. He will be greatly missed by all.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Audrey. He is survived by his children, Kerry, Debbie, Cindy, and Brian, and 6 grandchildren.

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Theresa Larkin



Professor of Theatre Arts and Dancee, 1989 – 2018

The following obituary was adapted from one posted online by the Dignity Memorial Network.

Theresa Larkin died peacefully on December 2, 2024, at her home in Idyllwild, California. She was surrounded by her beloved pets and loved ones.

Theresa was born on August 29, 1955, in Riverside, California. She was a fearless and intelligent child who grew into the dynamic force of nature beloved by many over the course of a life devoted to the arts and education.

Her teen years in Redondo Beach, California, sharpened her creativity and strong will. Her undergraduate years at Loyola Marymount University—earning a B.A. in drama and dance in 1977—established her admiration for the Jesuits and their connection to education and brought forth lifelong friends who recall her striking and dynamic stage presence at such a young age. She moved through space like a mesmerizing dynamo.

Theresa pursued her M.F.A. at UC Irvine, studying drama and Shakespeare performance, graduating in 1983. She directed many productions and delivered indelibly strong performances in productions such as *The Visit*, *Coriolanus*, *The Threepenny Opera*, and *Lu Ann Hampton Laverty Oberlander*, among others. She established long-lasting and deep intellectual and personal connections with many teachers, peers, and students from this era that have lasted a lifetime.

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A lifelong learner, she studied activism, cultural studies, and media at Claremont University, where she received an M.A. in cultural studies in 2009 and a Ph.D. in grassroots activism in 2011. She was completing a second Ph.D. before the health challenges overtook her.

She began teaching Theatre and Dance at Cal State LA in 1989, where she was a tenured full professor in the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance.

She began her professional life teaching and directing at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, followed by an assistant professorship at San Jose State University. Back in Southern California, she served on the faculty of National University and embarked on a long career at Cal State LA as tenured professor before her retirement in 2018. She had an enormous impact on so many individuals over the years as a teacher, mentor, and inspirational friend.

Following her retirement, she relocated to Idyllwild with her father, where they enjoyed beautiful nature.

She was predeceased by her father, Ned William Larkin, her mother, Ruth (nee Smith) Larkin, and her sister, Tina Pappas. She is survived by brothers Steve and Nick, nieces and nephews Matt, Melanie, Hayley, and Cassie, and extended family Melissa Smith Phillips, Timothy Larkin, Candy Pappas, Reza Nafez, and many others, along with the cherished friends she held close to her heart.

A Celebration of Life for her is planned on April 12, 2025, at the Rustic Theatre & Entertainment Center in Idyllwild.

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E. Frederick Anderson
Professor of Social Work, 1991 – 2011



We have just learned that E. Frederick Anderson, who joined the Cal State LA faculty in 1991 as a full professor and chair in the then-Department of Social Work, died at his home on December 23, 2023. Anderson was hired to oversee the development of a Master of Social Work program. Prior to coming to Cal State LA, Anderson was one of the administrators of the first CSU College of Human Services, which was part of San Diego State University.

He successfully navigated the creation of a new M.S.W. program at Cal State LA, and it admitted its first class in 1997.

Anderson became the founding director of the School of Social Work in 1997. He authored the document approved by the academic senate to change from a department to a school. The faculty graduated its inaugural M.S.W. class in 1999 and achieved full accreditation in 2000, thus protecting its first graduates with retroactive accreditation.

Anderson was the first principal investigator on training grants from the Inter University Consortium, the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, and the California Social Work Education Consortium at Berkeley, which provided stipend support for graduate education in

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social work. The consortia today includes all accredited departments and schools of social work in California. Anderson retired in 2011 and continued to teach in the FERP program for an additional five years. Anderson's last act while in the FERP program was to chair the search committee of the School of Social Work, which hired two new faculty members and a new director in 2016.

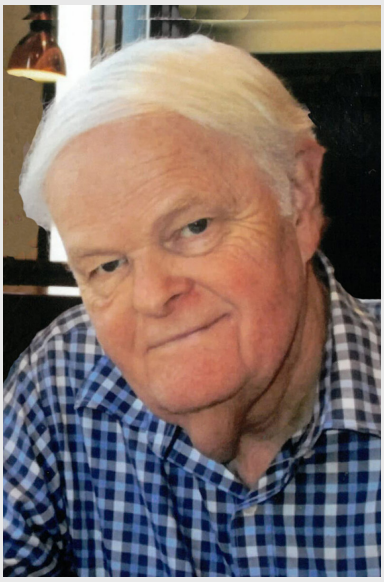
His teaching interests included the history of social welfare and the Western treatment of social needs from feudalism through Social Security, as well as the analysis and application of social policy and the process of macro practice, including community organization tactics and techniques.

Anderson was the principal investigator on a large number of grants that provided stipend support for M.S.W. students, and he was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Alumnus Award at the Cal State Alumni Gala in 2011.

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David Wilkinson

University Librarian, 1984 – 2000



David Wilkinson died at age 79 on July 4, 2024, in Chico, California, from respiratory failure. David was born June 20, 1945, in Oakland California and had lived primarily in Chico and Fresno.

His adoptive parents were William and Erna Wilkinson of Fresno. Through his natural mother, Ruth McGlauflin Banttari, he had a natural half-brother Richard Banttari who preceded him in death in 2006. David married his high school sweetheart, Dianne Seeger, in 1982. They had a son Matthew who passed away in the 1980s. David and Dianne had a strong mutual interest in historic preservation. They both worked for many years on saving the original 1915 Fresno State Administration Building. The historic structure was later owned by Fresno City College and is now safely preserved. David assisted Dianne in the placement of Fresno's 1899 Santa Fe Depot on the National Register. That building is now also safely preserved.

David earned five academic degrees, including three graduate degrees. He held an M.B.A. as well as an M.L.S. in Library Science from UCLA. He also earned a graduate degree in educational administration from Cal State LA, and he earned a B.A. in Broadcasting (summa cum laude) from Fresno State and an A.A. degree in electronics technology from Fresno City College.

David had two significant careers. First, he served in television broadcasting and was employed by a television stations in Fresno and San Mateo. As a television engineer, he assisted in the building of KFSN-TV's G-Street studio facility in Fresno. He helped move the station's studio to that new facility from a smaller downtown location. He also served in television program and commercial production capacities, including television news. His expertise spanned both television engineering and television production.

David entered a second career in 1982, when he entered the field of academic librarianship with appointments at the UCLA University Research Library and other libraries while completing his

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graduate degree in library science. After graduation, he held library faculty positions at Cal State LA and Chico State. He was tenured at Cal State LA and served two terms in its Faculty Senate. Also at Cal State LA, he served in several long-term interim administrative positions, including University Librarian and Assistant University Librarian for multi-year periods. He also served on the CSU Council of Library Directors for two years.

David had a strong interest in how college attendance can enable upward social mobility and socioeconomic status attainment. He provided lectures and presentations on this topic at Chico State.

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Philip C. Chinn
Professor of Special Education, 1988 - 2000



Philip C. Chinn, emeriti faculty at Cal State LA passed on September 17 after a two-year struggle with failing lungs. He had spent most of that time in hospital and rehab care near his home in Fullerton. His wife, Fran, emerita professor of education, and family held a private memorial service for him in Hawaii.

Philip was a professor emeritus of multicultural education and special education. He served multiple terms as Special Education Division chair and was responsible for supporting the hiring and mentoring of numerous special education faculty during his tenure. Previously, he was an administrator at the University of North Texas, taught at the University of Utah, and was the special assistant to the Executive Director for Minority Affairs at the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), where he coordinated the first national conferences on the Exceptional Bilingual Child and the Exceptional Black Child.

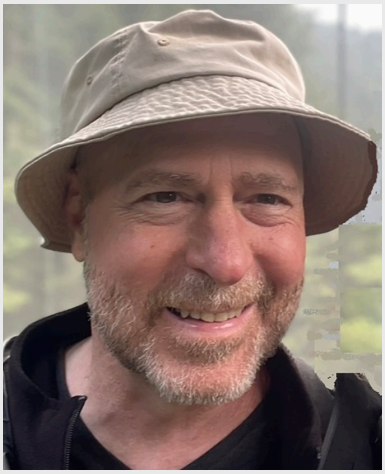
He has coauthored two special education texts. The 12th edition of *Multicultural Education in a Pluralistic Society,* coauthored with Donna M. Gollnick, was published in 2024. He also served on the California State Advisory Commission for Special Education and was on the Board of Examiners for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Chinn was a recipient of the President's Award from the National Association for Bilingual Education and the Advocate for Justice Award from AACTE. He served on the Board of Directors of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) from 1995 to 2001 as a Regional Director and Vice President. He also served NAME as the coeditor of the NAME journal, *Multicultural Perspectives*, with Penny Lisi from 1999 to 2002 and has been honored by NAME with an award in his name—the Philip C. Chinn Book Award.

Phil is survived by his wife, Fran, also a NAME member, and two children, three stepchildren, ten grandchildren, his sister, three nieces and many grand-nephews and nieces in his beloved Hawaii.

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Darrell Wesley Guillaume



Professor of Mechanical Engineering, 1997 – 2016

The following obituary was adapted from one provided by the family.

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Darrell Wesley Guillaume, aged 64. Darrell, born August 12, 1960, in Glendora, California, died on November 4, 2024, at his home in Fullerton after a brief battle with lung cancer. Darrell leaves a legacy of kindness and humor, creating a deep impression on each person with the privilege of knowing him.

Darrell began his professional life as a mechanical engineer after earning a B.S. in 1983 and M.S. in 1987 at San Diego State University. He worked as a senior mechanical engineer specializing in fluid flow, first at Ametek/McCrometer Division and then at Bird (Medical) Products Corporation. A registered professional engineer, Darrell earned two patents for designing components of medical ventilators.

After earning his Ph.D. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering in 1997 at University of California, Irvine, Darrell joined the faculty of Cal State LA's Department of Mechanical Engineering. Esteemed as a teacher, he earned his department's Professor of the Year award six times and the University's Professor of the Year award as well. Darrell served as the Chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering for eight years, until his retirement in 2016.

Darrell was a prolific scholar and grants person, having authored or coauthored nearly 50 publications and presentations and securing over 12 million dollars of grants from prestigious agencies such as the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Darrell was committed to diversifying the region's engineering force and to serving as an ally to underrepresented students pursuing engineering.

Darrell married his high school sweetheart, Andrea, in 1984, and they enjoyed 41 years of growing, laughing, and learning together as a couple. Darrell was committed not only to his immediate family but to all his family members and friends throughout his life. His reputation was as a person dedicated to others, ensuring that he put others' needs and happiness before his own—which was plentiful, nonetheless. Darrell was known for his humility, his positive approach to life, and for his mischievous sense of humor.

In 2016, Darrell was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer, glioblastoma multiforme. Despite the disease's dismal 15-month survival rate, Darrell survived it for more than eight years. During those years, he served as an ambassador to others with the disease, and he and Andrea filled their lives with travel, appreciating new places and the outdoors. Darrell hiked more than 9,000 miles after his diagnosis with brain cancer, and he and Andrea visited more than half of America's national parks.

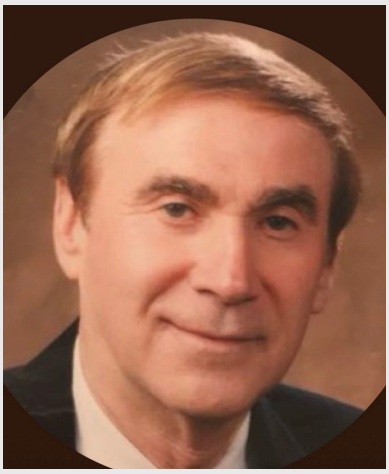
One word that describes Darrell best is "mentor." He served as a guide not only to his students, but to each person in his life. He taught us all to be our best by seeing the potential in each of us and by showing us all what it meant to live a life of gratitude and integrity.

Darrell is predeceased by his parents, Gordon and Beverly. He is survived by his wife Andrea; his sons Alexander (Tiana) and Zachary (Summer); three grandchildren; his siblings Gary, Nancy (Greg), and Brady (Linda); and eleven nieces and nephews.

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Ralph S. Spanswick



Professor of Accounting, 1970 – 2000

Ralph S. Spanswick, emeritus professor of accounting and chair of accounting, died on August 9, 2024, in Palm Desert, at the age of 87. He was born in Green Island, New York to Ethel and Claude Spanswick on August 9, 1937.

Ralph graduated as valedictorian from Heatley High School and received a scholarship to attend Albany Business College, where he earned a B.A. in accounting in 1959. He then went on to get an M.A. degree from New York University in 1961. He continued his journey in higher education and received an Ed.D. from Northern Illinois University in 1967, as one of the youngest individuals to do so.

Prior to working at Cal State LA, Ralph was a professor at Hunter College, which is part of the City University of New York. He began his academic career at Cal State LA in 1970 and earned tenure in 1972 in the Department of Business Education and Office Administration. Ralph served as chair of the department from 1985 to 1990. The department was later renamed as the Department of Office Systems and Business Education. He was given a joint appointment in both OSBE and accounting in 1988. In 1993, he transferred to the Department of Accounting and later served as chair from 1995-1999. After retirement, Ralph returned to FERP from Winter 2000 to the end of Spring 2003.

Ralph was a mentor and teacher to many business educators in California and was proud of their involvement in leadership positions at the state and national levels. He was active professionally and attended and participated in many local, regional and national business education meetings and conferences. Known for his professionalism and innovative teaching strategies, he was a proponent of active learning in the classroom.

Ralph was an inspiration and role model to many students, faculty, and future business educators. He was a great leader who created a good culture within the departments he chaired. Ralph was actively involved with the accounting business community, creating a network of cooperation and trust. His strong work ethic, sense of humor, encouragement and style of leading by example is what sets him apart. He was a major force in revitalizing and strengthening the Department of Accounting. He retired at the end of 1999 after a long and distinguished career. He will always be remembered for his style, grace and calmness.

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Phillip (Phil) Leroy Carter



Professor of Social Work. 1970 – 1988

The following obituary was adapted from one posted online by the Dignity Memorial Network.

Phillip (Phil) Leroy Carter was born on July 11, 1932 in Oak Park, Illinois, to Ralph and Ruth Carter. He was raised in River Forest, Illinois, amidst the challenges of the Great Depression and WWII. He died on May 4, 2023.

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Phil was a humanist, a U.S. Marine Corps captain during the Korean War, a social worker, a Cal State LA professor, a civil rights leader, a community organizer, a volunteer, a businessman, an animal lover, a traveler, a husband, a father, and a grandfather.

He earned a B.A. in sociology from Northwestern University and an M.S.W. from UCLA. He was the first director of the Venice State Service Center, where he was a community organizer. This was one of several community centers established throughout California by Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown. However, when elected, Governor Ronald Reagan announced the closure of all community centers, and Phil then organized the community in protest of the projected closures. Despite their best efforts, the closure plans proceeded, Phil resigned, and the center was closed. Recognized for his advocacy and leadership, Phil was invited to speak to community organizations about the need to address disenfranchised people on a local, state, and national level. Cal State LA professor Nate Horowitz also invited Phil to his classroom to speak to students about his experience as the Venice State Service Center director, and afterwards, he was offered a teaching position at Cal State LA.

Throughout his social work career, Phil served as a State of California juvenile parole officer. Early in his career as a parole officer, he was assigned to a 15-year-old parolee named Larry, and Phil's supportive nurturing style in helping Larry led to a friendship that endured over 50 years. Phil was the reason Larry changed, and he will forever miss their visits. Phil also volunteered for several years with Holt International Children's Services. He and other volunteers met incoming flights of Korean orphans and, upon landing at LAX, helped the children connect with their adoptive parents.

When Phil was ready to retire from teaching, he created an entire second life at Red Barn Feed and (Saddlery) Pet Store, a thriving animal supply business in the San Fernando Valley. What was intended to be something fun to do for a few years became a place he went to every day for many years.

Phil's life was a tapestry of service, love, and dedication. He left a legacy of profound influence and unwavering commitment to his community, loved ones, and the causes he held dear.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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