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## President's Message

As I write this column, I am struggling to avoid partisan politics or a sense of doom and gloom. We are in a time of very significant challenges. Having spent my entire career in the technical world causes me to reflect that many of our greatest inventions of the past generation are turning around and creating some of our greatest challenges. Please bear with me; I promise to tie this in to emeriti concerns.



My engineering colleagues did a great job inventing and refining the computer. It has made our lives safer and more pleasant. Airplane travel is much less dangerous due to the reliance of modern jetliners on computer control. We also find that computer-driven, high-speed electronics has revolutionized communications, but in the process, young people have lost the ability to talk to each other face-to-face. A major industrial giant (Toyota) has been brought to its knees by an over-reliance on the computer, and other car manufacturers are not immune from this problem. As an example, in past generations, pressing the gas pedal of an automobile tightened a cable that opened a valve, allowing gasoline into the cylinders. Today, the pedal has become a switch, giving input to an onboard computer that juggles (remember the old Ed Sullivan plate-spinning acts) numerous parameters. Anyone with a home computer understands the dangers of relying too heavily on these devices.

The computer and high-speed electronics have ushered in the era of George Orwell's "Big Brother." Simple devices allow us to track individuals, and facial recognition software even enables identification of people using the plethora of cameras we encounter every day. Black boxes

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# Ted Anagnoson to Discuss Health Care at October 8 Fall Luncheon

On Friday, October 8, the Emeriti Association will hold its annual fall luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Golden Eagle Ballroom 2. The featured speaker is Ted Anagnoson, with a timely talk entitled "The Effects of President Obama's Health Care Reform on Retired CSU Faculty." He is a previous guest speaker (Fall 2005), most recently serving as part of a panel on the state budget crisis at the Fall 2009 luncheon.

Anagnoson, emeritus professor of political science at Cal State L.A., has taught at the University since 1983. From 1995 to 1997, he served as acting director of the Health Financing Policy Division of the Office of Health Policy, under the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. He received the campus Outstanding Professor Award in 1991, the campus President's Distinguished Professor Award in 2005, and the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration's Harry Scoville Award for Academic Excellence in 2006. He was also the campus nominee for the CSU's Wang Family Excellence Award in 2005 and 2006.



Courtesy of Ted Anagnoson

Anagnoson has taught over 23 different courses while at Cal State L.A., in public policy, aging and health policy, methodology, and American politics, and developed course proposals for some 14 new courses in the curriculum. He has had 20 grants over the course of his career, including four from the National Science Foundation. He has written more than 30 articles and book chapters, the most recent of which was on the civil service in the U.S., as well as several versions of a statistics text, *StataQuest 4*, and has recently rewritten several

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**Luncheon and Annual Meeting**

Friday, October 8, 2010
11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Golden Eagle Ballroom 2
Cost: $28 per person

Choice of entrée: penne pasta primavera, chicken marsala, herb-crusted salmon

Send check, made payable to the Emeriti Association, along with choice of entrée, to Hildebrando Villarreal, 1915 Las Lunas Street, Pasadena CA 91107 *no later than Saturday, October 2*. For more information, call Hildebrando at 626-793-8975 or email him at hvillar@calstatela.edu.

# Emeriti Association Awards Eight Fellowships for 2010-11

The Emeriti Fellowship Fund Committee recommended awarding fellowships to eight students – seven graduate students and one undergraduate. The top Emeriti Fellowship will be designated as the Smallenburg Family Award in honor of their generous financial contributions to the Emeriti Association Fellowships. For the first time, an award will be made for the Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship. This year, through the generosity of emeriti and other donors, we can provide an award of $1,300 for each fellowship, the largest awards we have been able to make and which are greatly needed by our students.

Recipients of Emeriti Fellowships are Erin Thomason (Anthropology), Antonio Morehead (Communications), and Joshua Truett (TV/Film/Theater). The recipients of the Jane Matson Memorial Fellowship for students in counselor education are Meghan Thompson and Cindy Benavides. Victor Morales (Philosophy/Political Science) will receive the John L. Houk Memorial Fellowship.

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# Campus News

## *Ashish Vaidya Named Provost and VP for Academic Affairs*

Ashish Vaidya was appointed provost and vice president for academic affairs, effective October 1, 2010. He has served as dean of the faculty at CSU Channel Islands since 2005. Prior to that position, he was the director of the MBA program (2003-05) and the founding director of the Center for International Affairs (2004-06). Vaidya began his faculty career in 1991 in the College of Business and Economics at Cal State L.A. During his tenure at Cal State L.A., he was a professor of economics, as well as the director of the MBA program from 1997 to 2001 and, subsequently, associate chair of the Department of Economics and Statistics.

Cheryl L. Ney, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of graduate studies, has been serving as interim provost since Desdemona Cardoza's departure in June. Costello L. Brown, emeritus professor of chemistry and former associate dean of graduate studies and research, is serving as acting associate vice president for academic affairs through October 29, 2010. Cardoza is currently on leave in an administrative position at the Chancellor's Office.

## *Kevin Baaske Elected Vice Chair, CSU Academic Senate*

Kevin Baaske, professor of communication studies and chair of the Cal State L.A. Academic Senate from 2006-07 to 2008-2009, was elected vice chair of the statewide Academic Senate in May. He will serve as vice chair for the 2010-11 academic year.

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in automobiles allow parents to track their children's behavior, and also allow insurance companies to determine if the driver contributed to an accident. (Hmmm. If you are exceeding the speed limit and have an accident, the insurance company might deny your claim.) On the positive side of the ledger, antisocial behaviors, such as obscene phone calls, have become obsolete due to caller ID. Violent behavior (terrorism) is being thwarted by these inventions (I find it amusing and satisfying that even the over-exuberant Laker fans who broke store windows are finding themselves prosecuted because people with cell phone cameras caught it all for posterity. The same thing happened with the "Times Square Bomber.") But are all of these advances enough to balance the loss of personal privacy? Cameras in police cars can detect license plates of cars that have been stolen or drivers who don't have insurance. But they also can keep track of where we are and where we are going.

While the bulk of my experience has been in electrical engineering, it is impossible to miss the impact of other forms of technology. For example, the evolution of the internal combustion engine has driven an obsessive march toward more machinery and automation, and with it the need for petroleum. This takes us to the second major industrial giant that has been brought to its knees (BP). Apparently, the unimpeachable ethics of which our generation was so proud has been replaced with worship of profits. The day of the technologist saying "I just was following orders" is over. Everyone must raise questions and challenges when appropriate. While technology may be capable of sorting out some of the challenges it creates, some of the problems may not have any acceptable solution.

So why is Roden exhibiting diarrhea of the typing fingers and skirting closely to politics and gloom and doom? What does all this have to do with emeriti faculty? Our ranks include many of the leaders who helped frame the parameters under which society operates today. But society may well be diverting from what we had in mind when we conceived these systems. We now have an opportunity, perhaps even an obligation, to influence the way in which the next generation uses our inventions. I would hate to see history prove that we, the emeriti, were the last ethical generation and we were followed by those more interested in "now" and financial results. I sincerely hope we can all stay involved and channel our energies into making sure our inventions don't get perverted to end up causing more problems than solutions.

Moving to a different issue, our country is going through some very major modifications. One of these of particular interest to emeriti involves changes to the manner in which health care is administered to the population. To help you sort out these issues, your emeriti board has scheduled a presentation at our fall luncheon on Friday, October 8. We are so fortunate to have a world-class expert on our Executive Committee: Ted Anagnoson. Ted will enlighten us on the direct impact we can expect from the health care changes. A lot has been written, but we expect this meeting to be far more focused and of great use to us. Please plan on attending. See the separate article on page 1.

Thanks for listening.

With continuing optimism,

Martin L. Roden

*Pacific Dispatch*

# Birding in the Western Ghats of India

By Margeret J. Hartman

Our trip to South India was a wildlife-spotting trip, with emphasis on birds, but we were also on the lookout for mammals. There were nine participants (two of us, six from the U.S., and one from Canada), the head birding specialist (from Kenya), and a local bird guide. The trip originated in Bangalore and our route went generally south along the mountains, but then curved northwest to end in Kochi (Cochin). We spent time in three different habitats: wet and dry deciduous forest of the interior plateau, the mountains, and the coastal moist evergreen forest. However, the major focus of this article is the mountains, called the Western Ghats.

The Western Ghats is the name for the mountain range just inland from the west coast of India, extending about 1,400 kilometers from the southern tip of India almost to the Pakistan border, between 30 and 50 kilometers inland from the Arabian Sea. It has been subdivided into a number of "hills," each of which has been given a name. We visited three of these hills: Nilgiri, Anaimalai, and Cardamom.

A study of the distribution map for each species of birds (such as the maps found in *The Birds of India* by Grimmett, Inskipp, and Inskipp) reveals that many of the birds found in the Western Ghats are also found in the foothills of the Himalayas, but nowhere in-between, which is indicative of the ability of these species to cross the lowland gap between the Ghats and the Himalayas to interbreed. By contrast, many other bird species are endemic to (found only in) the Western Ghats. Indeed, there are some species that are found in only one or two of the hills.

Before the British control of India, much of the Western Ghats was uninhabited; the natives found living in the lowlands much more salubrious. However, the British engaged in logging activities in the mountains, and when most of the forests had been destroyed, they used the cleared land to grow tea. They also set up a number of hill stations where the British went to get some relief during the hot season. A few of these hill stations retain their colonial charm.



Courtesy of Margaret J. Hartman

Birding on elephant back.

The Indian government has set up a continuous protected area within the Western Ghats as a park. Much of the reserve is not accessible by road, and in some areas, the road goes through large tracts of native forest, but cars and buses are not allowed to stop except at designated areas. So, we drove through large tracts of forest that were excellent habitat for wildlife, but we were not allowed to stop or get out of the bus except at specific forest areas called sholas, where we were allowed to bird from the road. That is good for bird watching, because it is easier to see birds at the edge of the forest rather than deep in the forest. However, it is not good for seeing mammals.

We reached the Nilgiri Hills and raced through Ooty to climb to the top of the mountain at 2,800 meters (by bus). There we saw the first of our highland endemic birds and our first endemic mammal (Nilgiri langar–a primate) before returning to Ooty to spend the night at the Taj Savoy Hotel. This hotel, originally constructed in 1829, once (1870s) housed the Prince of Wales on his visit to India. However, our wing was constructed in the 1920s.

From there we drove to the Anaimalai Hills. There are no good accommodations at the top, so we stayed at the bottom of the Hills and drove to the top during each of the next two days. We could bird in the morning until about 11 and in the afternoon after three, but birds are quiet in the middle of the day and birding is not very good at that time. Several of us took advantage of the midday break to try birding during an elephant ride, and learned that looking through binoculars from the back of a moving elephant is impossible.

Our third location in the Ghats was the Cardamom Hills. We spent two nights at the hill station at Munnar and one day at Eravikulam National Park, where we saw the Nilgiri tahr (species of mammal related to sheep and goats). (DNA tests have shown that this species of taur is more closely related to sheep, while the other species of tahrs is more closely related to goats.)

Unfortunately, our day at this park was a Sunday, and the park was quite crowded.

After a week in the Ghats, we reached the lowlands again. We spent two full days in the moist

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Courtesy of Margaret J. Hartman

The Western Ghats from Eravilulam National Park.



Courtesy of Margaret J. Hartman

Laundry day in South India.

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evergreen forest of Periyar Reserve, another area that contained a number of the birds and mammals we were looking for, and a plentiful supply of one animal we weren't looking for—the leech. The first day, we were all issued leech socks. Leech socks, for those fortunate enough to have never had to wear them, are knee length stockings made of a very tightly woven material. They are put on over your socks and trousers, and tied at the knee. Then you put on your shoes or boots. The first day, they worked pretty well, and we probably got an average of two leech bites apiece, but none through the socks. However, that night it rained, and it continued to rain all the next day. The leeches were out in full force, but the birds had all taken cover. So, about 11, we gave up and walked back to the bus, where most of us found, to our horror, an average of 100 leeches per person on our leech socks and in our shoes, trying to get through the leech socks to skin. Our local guide dusted us down with nicotine powder, which killed the leeches in about 15 minutes on those willing to wait. I had one crawl under my wristwatch and dig in for a meal; Bob got several bites on the palms of his hands. And we were the lucky ones. One unfortunate person seemed to be extremely attractive to leeches. He had at least eight around his neck like a collar. An additional four crawled through the mesh of his shirt and couldn't be picked off because they were so engorged that they were too big to come back through the mesh. Fortunately, although leeches are a pest, and sometimes the wounds they make can bleed for several days, they don't carry any diseases.

On the trip, we saw 17 species of mammals and 250 species of birds. There are tigers and leopards in the Western Ghats, and although we didn't see any, we heard them. The trip provided an excellent opportunity for wildlife viewing, but a knowledgeable nature guide is essential to make the experience worthwhile.

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Jennifer Coats, an anthropology major, is the first recipient of a Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship. Kathleen Carlos, undergraduate in biology, is the recipient of the undergraduate Emeriti Scholarship, established in the memory of David Cameron Fisher, son of Janet Fisher-Hoult.

Emeriti Fellowship recipient (Smallenburg Family Award) **Erin Thomason**, an anthropology major with a concentration in sociocultural studies, has an extensive international background in China, the Philippines, India, and Egypt. Currently the Judy Y. T. Chang Fellow and Research Associate in the Asian and Asian American Studies Department, Erin is also a domestic violence counselor intern at the Center for the Pacific Asian Family. She is planning to continue her studies for a Ph.D. in anthropology in order to use its "power to realize justice in at-risk communities" and achieve her goal of becoming a "true public intellectual committed to actively engaging issues of injustice and inequality with academically rigorous theory."

When he completes his M.A. in Communication Studies with an emphasis on political rhetoric, Emeriti Fellowship recipient **Antonio Morehead** is planning to pursue a Ph.D. in social science after a few years of teaching at a community college. Although his undergraduate degree is in industrial engineering and he presented his honors thesis in 2005 at the annual IEEE conference in Ireland, he has continued to win honors in competitive forensics. Antonio's collegiate forensics career was one of the most decorated in the history of the activity. While pursuing his studies at Cal State L.A., Antonio has served as a speech and debate coach. He plans to continue "swinging from the quantitative world of engineering to the qualitative world of rhetoric and communication," and hopes "to be of some use to the socioeconomic problem solvers of modern politics."

Emeriti Fellowship recipient **Joshua Truett's** career objective is to be a teacher and professional writer. His area of concentration for his MFA in Television, Film, and Theatre is dramatic writing, and he approaches his work as an artist, performer, and writer as a mission "to create performances that expand social discourse and instigate introspection." He has founded experimental theatre groups, written plays about social justice and oppressed communities, and produced such plays as *Wine Blue Water* and *Dispossessed* (funded by the European Union and the American Embassy in Israel). Joshua was associate producer for the Theatre Arts and Dance Department's 12th John Lion New Plays Festival, which presented four new plays by student playwrights during the 2010 spring quarter.

The recipients of Jane Matson Memorial Fellowships in counseling are **Meghan Thompson** and **Cindy Benavides**. Meghan began her career in special education, in large part, because of persons in her life affected by autism. She ran a volunteer organization that recruited and trained individuals to help children with disabilities, and has worked as a behavioral interventionist. When she completes her M.A. in Applied Behavior Analysis, she will sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst exam and begin work for her Ph.D. in clinical or developmental psychology. **Cindy Benavides'** major is school-based family counseling. Her objective is to become a marriage and family therapist after obtaining her MFCC license and Pupil Personnel Services credential. A series of family health crises caused her to shift from her original plan to pursue graduate studies in vocational education. Through dealing with her own difficulties, she has learned how to effectively provide counseling for clients in the Cal State L.A. clinic. Michael Carter, her faculty supervisor, noted that she has "done a wonderful job with these clients, many of whom would not be able to receive these services if not for her dedication."

When **Victor Morales**, recipient of the John L. Houk Memorial Fellowship, completes his M.A. at Cal State L.A., he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in political science, specializing in public policy, political/economic theory, and American politics. Born in El Salvador during the civil war, he was left with his grandmother and sister when his parents migrated to the U.S. a year after he was born. Victor did not meet his parents until he was eight years old, and is the first in his family to graduate from college. His experiences have inspired him to take charge of his life, which has led him to work, volunteer, and organize in local community organizations, and become a participant in public policy debate. His current studies are concentrated on political and continental philosophy, as part of his plan for a career in public service and public policy.

The first recipient of the Gormly Memorial Fellowship is anthropology major **Jennifer Coats**, whose area of concentration is Mesoamerican cave archaeology. After graduating summa cum laude from Humboldt State University, she came to Cal State L.A. to work with anthropology professor James Brady in the Maya Cave Archaeology Program, the only one of its kind in the U.S. Jennifer was one of four students invited to Belize to participate in the Mesoamerican Cave Archaeology Program. She has also participated in the China Lake Field School program as an assistant, instructing fellow students who were new to archaeology. With her career objective to become a university professor, she has already begun the process by presenting her research in a professional paper at the Society for American Archaeology in April 2010, and her paper, *The Stone House in the Cave: Analysis of a Speleothem Structure of Actun Yaxteel Ahau*, will be included in an edited monograph.

**Kathleen Carlos**, the recipient of the David Cameron Fisher Memorial Scholarship for biology majors, will be the first member of her family to graduate from college. Kathleen, a transfer student from CSU Fresno and Pasadena City College, is planning to become a forensic pathologist with a background in medical research. Since she eventually hopes to work in a forensics laboratory, she was attracted to Cal State L.A. because of its excellent forensic science department. Upon completing her B.S., she will be applying to medical school. Kathleen has been an active community volunteer, and has received academic honors at both of her previous campuses. Last year, she was named a Distinguished Member of the Caduceus Medical Club at Pasadena City College.

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### *Twelve Distinguished Women Honored*

On May 6, 12 faculty, staff, and administrators were recognized as Distinguished Women of Cal State L.A. for achievements in their fields, as well as other accomplishments, including contributions to the University, commitment to students and women's issues, community involvement, and professional recognition. Awards were presented to faculty members H. Rika Houston (Marketing), Gretchen Peterson (Sociology), Nancy Warter-Perez (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Nancy McQueen (Biological Sciences), Michele Hawley (English), Michele Wallace (Special Education and Counseling), and Valerie Talavera-Bustillos (Chicano Studies); staff members Eileen Roberts (Academic Senate), Luz Borjon (Educational Opportunity Program), and Nofoao Leau (Pan African Studies/Latin American Studies); and administrators Mary Falvey (Charter College of Education) and Beatrice Yorker (College of Health and Human Services).

### Three New Emeriti Named

The following recently retired faculty members have been awarded emeritus status:

WILLIAM R. BELAN
*(Music, 1982-2010)*

DEBORAH HOLLAND
*(Music, 1997-2010)*

TERRY R. KANDAL
*(Sociology, 1968-2010)*

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

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chapters of *Governing California in the 21st Century* for its 3rd edition. He was chair of the Department of Political Science for nine years and chair of the campus Academic Senate from 2002 to 2004. He was also chair of the CSU Academic Senate's Academic Affairs Committee (2004-05) and vice chair of the CSU Academic Senate (2005-06).

While retired, Anagnoson has taught at both Cal State L.A. and UC Santa Barbara, as well as several courses for seniors through the Osher Lifelong Learning Program at both universities. He was a participant in the German Fulbright Kommission's June 2010 German Study Seminar, "The German Sozialstaat Revisited: A System in Turmoil," in Berlin.

Emeriti will convene at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon, followed by the keynote speaker.

# Professional and Personal

**Sidney Albert** (Philosophy) delivered a talk titled "Shaw's West Ham Salvation March" (with musical accompaniment) at the 34th Comparative Drama Conference in Culver City on March 27. He has just submitted a book for publication that involves a comparison of Shaw and Euripides, entitled *The Way From Athens: Classical Currents in Bernard Shaw's* Major Barbara. Sidney just celebrated his 96th birthday.

**Brian Capon** (Biology) recently had published a third edition of his bestselling book, *Botany for Gardeners*, by Timber Press, Portland, Oregon. Since 1990, it has been sold worldwide and translated into several languages. Over the years, it has been favorably received by laypersons, for whom it was written, and used as a text for horticultural master classes at numerous botanical gardens, and in colleges and universities for general botany courses for the non-science majors.

**Janet Cameron Fisher-Hoult** (Education) has had published a book of poetry entitled *BODY PARTS: A Collection of Poems About Aging,* which takes a whimsical look at all the debilitating conditions that people go through as they get older, such as poor vision, hearing loss, memory loss, arthritis, hair loss, and replacement parts. She writes about her own experiences and life, and the poems are humorous and sensitive. Coincidentally, the book was published on April 27, 2010, which would have been the 41st birthday of her son, David, for whom an Emeriti Association memorial scholarship in biology has been established. All proceeds from the book will go into the endowment for that scholarship. The book is available in the faculty section of the Cal State L.A. bookstore or can be ordered via the publisher's website, http://www.outskirtpress.com/bodyparts.

**Harold Goldwhite** (Chemistry) gave a talk in July entitled "Responsible Conduct of Research" to the group of undergraduate and graduate students involved in summer research programs in the natural sciences at Cal State L.A.

**Alfredo Morales** (Spanish) was honored at a campus reception on April 29 for the program he and his late wife, Jeanine (Gigi) Gaucher-Morales established for the Morales Family Lecture in Mesoamerican Culture and the Morales Family Scholarship.

**Leon Schwartz** (French and Spanish) participated in a program entitled "A Magic Evening of Arts–French Style" at the Secret Rose Theater in North Hollywood on May 26. He read in French and English his translations of French poems by François Villon, Jean de La Fontaine, Charles Baudelaire, and André Salmon, and his translations into French of four poems by the American poet Jan Alejandro were read by Sophia Balestri, a French artist, novelist, poet, and documentary film script writer and producer, who also presented her short film based on "a psychogeniological interpretation" of Alejandro Jodorowsky's symbolic "Tarots of Marseilles." The third performer was soprano Debbie Dey, who sang arias from Bizet's *Carmen* and Saint-Saën's *Samson and* Delilah.

**Barbara Sinclair** (Nursing) was recognized as Older American of the Year by the City of South Pasadena in May. She has served for seven years on the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging, three of them as its president. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Senior Citizens' Foundation of South Pasadena.

## Emeriti Honored at 50th Anniversary of Chemistry Department

Cal State L.A.'s Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding at a symposium and banquet on April 9, 2010. The department's founding faculty were recognized, including emeritus professor Richard Keys, who was present, and Sigmund Jaffe, through his widow, Elaine. Other Department emeriti at the celebration included Costello Brown, Joseph Casanova, Phoebe Dea, Anthony Fratiello, Harold Goldwhite, Anthony Moye, Donald Paulson, and Stanley Pine.

Goldwhite gave a talk on the first 25 years of the Department, and the keynote address was given by alumnus John Petersen, past president of the University of Tennessee system. More than 125 guests were in attendance.

Earlier, a reception was held in La Kretz Hall, where many of the department's laboratories are now located. An afternoon program, hosted by faculty member and Cal State L.A. alumnus Robert Vellanoweth, featured three other alumni: Glenn Millhauser (1980), professor of chemistry at UC Santa Cruz; Deborah Wong (1998), chief resident, UCLA emergency medicine program; and Alejandro Briseño (2004), professor of chemistry, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. More than 100 students are currently participating in independent research programs under the direction of chemistry and biochemistry faculty.

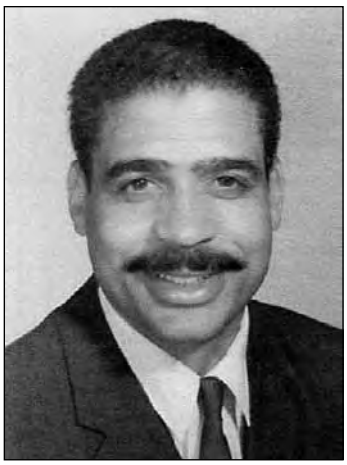
# In Memoriam

## HAROLD C. BROWN

*Professor of Education, 1969-1992*

Harold C. Brown, emeritus professor of education, died on May 5 at the age of 84.

Harold was born in Topeka, Kansas on November 27, 1925. The family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where Harold attended elementary and secondary schools. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Air Force. He found himself caught in the racially segregated policies of the military service at the time. He joined the U.S. Maritime Service, completed his basic training, and shipped out as an able-



Courtesy of the Brown Family

bodied seaman. After military service, Harold returned to St. Paul, where he met and married Mary L. Brown, his wife of 62 years. He moved his family to Los Angeles in the early 1950s and completed a bachelor's degree at then Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences in 1958. After earning a master's degree and credential from L.A. State in 1961, he began teaching in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD).

In the summer of 1962, Harold participated in the Spanish Language Program at the Universidad de Guadalajara, and in 1969, he accepted a grant to attend Claremont Graduate School, where he received a Ph.D. in Education in 1972 while teaching at Cal State L.A. He taught in the Department of Elementary Education until his retirement in 1992.

After his retirement, Harold returned to LAUSD and accepted a full-time teaching position at Bret Harte Middle School. He retired from Bret Harte in 2001. He often said that Bret Harte was the "crème" of his teaching career. There he was able to practice what he had taught at the University.

Harold is survived by his loving wife Mary, daughter Merie, son Harold C. III, granddaughter Carmen, great-grandsons Cyrus and Mekhi, and many nieces and nephews in St. Paul.

## SAMUEL M. CAPLIN

*Professor of Botany, 1960-1980*

Samuel M. Caplin, emeritus professor of botany, died peacefully at age 91 on July 4, 2009 in San Francisco.

Born in Akron, Ohio in 1917, Sam pursued his higher education locally, obtaining his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Akron, in 1939 and 1941, respectively. The war intervened while he was working on his doctorate, and there was a hiatus in his academic career between 1942 and 1946 while he served in the Army as a medical laboratory technician. He was awarded his doctorate in botany, plant physiology, and plant pathology by the University of Chicago later in 1946.

Sam's professional career began at the University of Rochester in 1948 as a research associate, and continued there as an assistant professor from 1950 to 1956. While there, his research was focused on the role of coconut milk growth factors. He worked with F. C. Steward, with many publications on the effect of coconut milk on the growth of explants from carrot root. In 1956, he and his family moved to California, where he taught chemistry at East



Courtesy of Abby Caplin

Los Angeles College until 1960, when he joined the faculty at Cal State L.A. Courses he taught included inorganic chemistry, general botany, general biology, fungi, morphology of vascular plants, cytology and microtechnique, plant tissue culture, and radiation biology. He served as department chair from 1972 to 1974.

Sam was active in the larger scientific community, with numerous professional memberships including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Botanical Society of America, American Society of Plant Physiologists, Biological Photographic Association, Phi Sigma, Sigma Xi, and Tissue Culture Association. Among his accomplishments, Sam's research in plant tissue culture led to new techniques in the field. His research was supported by grants from the National Cancer Institute and the National Science Foundation. His publications involved growth of plant tissue cultures, autoclaving techniques, and testing for heavy metals in water.

Sam retired from the University in 1980, and in 1984, he and his wife Beverly, a retired high school teacher, moved from Los Angeles to Berkeley to be closer to their children and grandchildren. He became an advocate for use of synthetic car lubricants to decrease dependence on fossil fuels. He also had a lifelong interest in nutrition and nutritional supplementation. Both he and Beverly were active in Jewish education and summer camps. He loved music and sang in the Jewish Folk Chorus.

He is survived by three children, two stepchildren, and their families.

## LESLIE CROMWELL

*Professor of Electrical Engineering, 1953-1980 and Dean, School of Engineering, 1973-1980*

Leslie Cromwell, emeritus professor of electrical engineering and dean of the school of engineering, died on June 15 after a brief illness. He is considered by colleagues as a pioneer in the University's engineering programs. Were it not for his vision and efforts in the early 1950s, Cal State L.A. would not have the quality engineering programs that exist today.

Born in Manchester, England in 1924, Les' B.S. degree with honors was earned at the University of Manchester in 1943, when he was only 19 years old. In 1948, he came to the U.S. He began teaching at UCLA in 1948, and joined the faculty of then Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences in 1953.

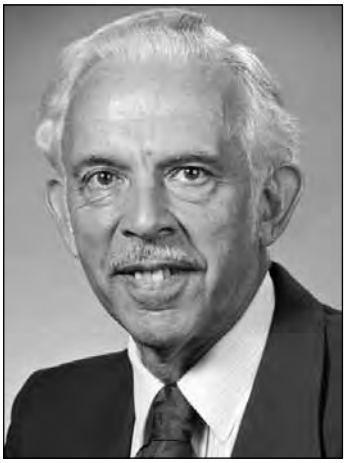
Les displayed leadership, compassion, humor, humility, and humanity in everything he did. He was appointed acting chair of the Engineering Department in 1956, during the formative years of the program. Homer Fetty, the division chair, wrote that "he is an able administrator and has developed the Engineering Department from a couple of instructors to a full-time staff of 18 and 600 majors." In fact, during his total time as head of the Engineering Division (1955-1964), enrollment grew from 25 students to over 1,000. He wrote much of the early curriculum, and in 1965, the engineering programs were awarded their first accreditation by the Engineers Council for Professional Development, now the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Les was instrumental in guiding the programs toward this important milestone.

Les went back to UCLA for his doctorate, and in 1967, was awarded a Ph.D. in Biotechnology. He was then appointed chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. In 1973, he was ap-

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pointed dean of what had become the School of Engineering, and held that position for seven years until his retirement. Les was instrumental in the formation of the statewide Engineering Liaison Committee—a joint venture among the CSU, UC, community colleges, and private institutions.



Courtesy of CSULA Public Affairs

Well-known in the engineering education community, Les authored two definitive texts in the area of biomedical instrumentation and medical instrumentation. He was exceptionally active in the statewide public education sector. He was a Fellow of the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering. In 1968, Cal State L.A. honored him with an Outstanding Professor Award.

Les retired in 1980 but kept active in retirement. He enjoyed acting and singing. He led the Saddleback College Foundation, served the city of Mission Viejo, was active in the retirement community of Casta del Sol and the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, and performed as an actor, singer, and director in over 50 shows. He and his wife of 54 years, Irina, traveled extensively and had recently concluded their more than 100th cruise.

In recognition of his generous donation to what is now the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology, its conference room was renamed The Leslie Cromwell Conference Room in 2004. It is rare for someone who retired over 30 years ago to be so well remembered and loved by so many previous colleagues. He continues to receive universal and unanimous praise for his leadership style and his contributions to the development of the University's engineering programs.

### ALFRED H. FRITZ

*Professor of Mechanical Engineering, 1971-1988*

Alfred H. Fritz, emeritus professor of mechanical engineering, died on July 7 in San Luis Obispo at the age of 85.

Alfred was born in Germany in 1925 and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He proudly served with the Navy Seabees in World War II. Al graduated in 1950 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He was inducted into the engineering honor societies Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma. Al continued his studies at the University of Southern California, where he earned an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1965. In 1959, he became a California-licensed Professional Mechanical Engineer.

Prior to joining the mechanical engineering faculty at Cal State L.A., Al was employed for 20 years at Douglas Aircraft, Byron Jackson, Vickers, Hughes Aircraft, and ATI Inc. His last title was manager of mechanical engineering. Al worked in the design and development of optical and hydraulic equipment and systems, which included infrared devices, commercial laser applications, rotary and reciprocating pumps, and other components. He handled all phases of project activities: proposals, scheduling, design supervision, layout and detail design, stress analysis, liaison with vendors and in-house prototype and production fabrication personnel, and running of test programs and analysis of results. For five years during this period, Al taught evening classes in drafting, descriptive geometry, trigonometry, and algebra at El Camino and L.A. Harbor colleges.



Courtesy of the Fritz Family

Al was hired by the Cal State L.A. Department of Mechanical Engineering to teach lecture courses in machine design, which he did at the junior, senior, and graduate levels up to the time he retired in 1988 with a "golden handshake." He taught many other lecture courses: descriptive geometry, graphics, statics, strength of materials, materials science, matrix algebra, statistics and probability, dynamics, kinematics, senior project, theory of elasticity, and economics. In addition, he taught laboratory courses in measurements, strength of materials, and thermal systems. During a dip in the engineering enrollments, Al taught mathematics courses for the Mathematics Department. At about the same time, he served as a consultant to Hughes Helicopters.

Beginning in 1976, Al served for one year as acting chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Engineering. He then became chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, serving from 1977 till 1980 during a period of department growth and continuing curriculum development. It was during this time that he developed and implemented a cost engineering program option offered by the Interdisciplinary Department jointly with the School of Business and Economics.

Besides serving on school and university committees, Al was very active in outreach efforts. For many years, he hosted students on campus as part of the Mentally Gifted Minors program. Later, he became the campus director of the Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program, which motivates and encourages minority high school students to study college preparatory subjects in math, science, and English. Al was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and at various times held the positions of director, secretary, vice chair, and chair of ASME's Los Angeles section. He organized ASME meetings and conferences on the Cal State L.A. campus, and served as adviser to the Cal State L.A. ASME student chapter. In 1983, Al was elected to the College of Fellows of the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering.

Al and his wife Diane moved to the beautiful central California coast after he retired. About 20 years ago, he built an energy-efficient solar home that became a showcase tour house for architectural students at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Al loved the outdoors, running marathons and endurance bike rides, and spent many summers leading backpacking trips in the Sierra Nevada with his family. He was a member and paid leader of the Sierra Club. At one time, he was a member of the oldest L.A. bicycle touring club, the L.A. Wheelmen. Al spent his retirement years traveling in Europe and visiting his extended family in Germany.

Al is survived by his wife of 54 years, Diane; children David, Bruce, and Suzanne and their spouses; and grandchildren Jenna, Vivian and Diego. He is also survived by his brothers William and Daniel, former sister-in-law Nancy, nieces Lisa and Joslyn, and nephews Kevin and Alex.

### PAULINE E. SCHATZ

*Professor of Home Economics, 1969-1983*

Pauline E. Schatz, emerita professor of home economics, died on December 17, 2009 of pneumonia.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, Pauline became a Californian, graduating from UCLA in 1945

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and doing her dietetic internship at Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital (now West Los Angeles VA Hospital). Her M.S. degree in 1950 and MSPH in 1963 were also from UCLA. It was at UCLA that she met her husband, Hy Schatz.

Pauline's professional career began with a year in Connecticut, but she promptly came back to Los Angeles, first as a dietitian at Birmingham Hospital and later as a research dietitian at Wadsworth VA Hospital. After a stint of parenting, she began teaching student nurses in the Home Economics Department at Los Angeles City College. Cal State L.A. emerita Margaret McWilliams crossed paths with Pauline during that time, at which time Pauline shared her vision of the direction that dietetics education should take. Her powers of persuasion were impressive, and in 1968 Cal State L.A. was able to woo her to join its Home Economics Department, where she began to translate her plan into the curriculum and structure that became the Coordinated Dietetics Program. Her ability to convince the American Dietetic Association, as well as pertinent campus administrators and committees, of the rigor and worth of the program was evident as it passed the various levels of approval. She was able to develop sites for clinical experience with dietetic personnel at a number of hospitals and clinics. The one remaining hurdle was major—money—but that didn't daunt Pauline. She arranged for a visit with colleague Margaret McWilliams to the Kellogg Foundation, which promptly provided the money needed to implement and maintain the program for the first five years. Pauline's vision, dedication, and hard work are evident today as the Coordinated Dietetics Program continues to flourish at Cal State L.A., still the only one of its kind in California.



Courtesy of California Dietetic Association

Pauline became Dr. Schatz when she completed her degree at the University of Southern California after she retired. Another very important post-retirement project was the mentoring program she established with the California Dietetic Association. She continued to be active in dietetics until her death. The high regard she received from professional colleagues is reflected in the awards she received: California Dietetics Association's Distinguished Service Award (1986), Excellence in Education Award (1993), and Dolores Nyhus Memorial Award (1997).

She and her husband Hy were married 58 years and had two children, Barbara and Larry, and two grandchildren.

### Marie-Antoinette Zrimc

*Professor of French, 1964-1992*

Marie-Antoinette Zrimc, emerita professor of French, died at her home in South Pasadena of Parkinson's disease on June 7 at the age of 83. Marie-Antoinette was born in the Alsatian city of Mulhouse, France on January 20, 1927, and lived as a schoolgirl under the Nazi occupation from 1940 to 1945, obligatorily studying German, after which, with the help of scholarships, she was able to go to England to study English. She thus became proficient in German and English in addition to her native French. After teaching languages for four years in a French secondary school and earning her *licence-es-lettres* (master's degree) at the University of Strasbourg (1952), she came to this country, and studied and taught languages and literature as a teaching assistant, part-time lecturer, and instructor at four midwestern and eastern colleges and universities before becoming a teaching fellow at Harvard in 1958, where she eventually earned a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature, specializing in three literatures: French, German, and American.



Courtesy of Claire Zrimc

Marie-Antoinette came to what was then Los Angeles State College in 1964 as an assistant professor of French and, for a brief time, of German. Arriving at a time when a bachelor's degree in French had just been incorporated into the Department of Foreign Languages' curriculum and a master's degree program was being formulated, she proposed several undergraduate courses and seminars in her special areas of interest, including French stylistics, historical linguistics, translation, and post-Symbolist poetry. She also proposed a course in 17th-century French literature and, with the English Department, helped initiate an interdepartmental major in comparative literature. She later proposed and taught a general education course in the Maturity and Aging theme.

With all these program development and instructional activities, she found the time to serve her department, school, and university on many committees, as well as serve in the Academic Senate and as a two-term department chair. She participated in academic activities off campus by reading papers at professional meetings and publishing in scholarly journals. In spring 1988, she served as director and coordinator of the regional selection panel for the Rockefeller Foundation teaching fellowships, and from fall 1988 to spring 1989, she directed the University's French Study Abroad program in Aix-en-Provence, France.

After retiring in 1992, she became active on the Emeriti Association Executive Committee, serving a term as vice president for administration and many years as chair of the Emeriti Fellowship Fund Committee.

Marie-Antoinette was always highly regarded by both faculty and students, not only in all her professional duties, but as a sensitive, selfless, and modest human being. Long-time colleague Leon Schwartz knew her for 46 years "with unflagging admiration and affection." To quote one of her younger colleagues in the department's Spanish section, "When I first met Marie I was struck by her warm, unassuming personality, and I was unaware that I was rubbing shoulders with a Harvard graduate. Heck, she could have dropped the 'H-Bomb' on me, but she didn't."

Despite all these professional responsibilities and activities, Marie-Antoinette always managed to be there for her family when needed, as a devoted wife to Rudy, who died less than six months before her, as mother to her son John and daughter Claire, and as grandmother to her two grandchildren, Joshua and Monique.

### Geraldine Dimondstein

*Professor of Art, 1972-1989*

It was reported recently to the Emeriti Association that Geraldine Dimondstein died on May 9. A full obituary will appear in the winter issue.

### Sarah Winifred Utz

*Professor of Nursing, 1969-1992*

It was reported recently to the Emeriti Association that Sarah W. (Winnie) Utz died in Portland, Oregon on April 11. A full obituary will appear in the winter issue.