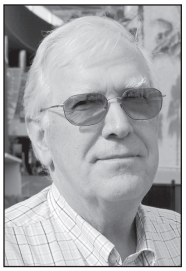
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President's Message



For many, fall signals a closing down, the approach of winter and the end of the year. But, for those of us who have lived our professional lives in the academy, fall is the new beginning, the start of the academic year, the promise of new things to come. This is especially true in southern California, where the seasons often seem much the same, and especially true this fall as the Emeriti Association ushers in new leadership and the campus continues its transition into the semester system.

On the leadership side, as incoming president I am looking forward to the challenge of serving the Association in whatever ways that I can, along with the new and continuing members of the Executive Committee. Let me first express my appreciation to Dorothy Keane, who has ably and graciously guided the Emeriti Association as its president over the past two years. Many thanks as well to Harold Cohen, Marilyn Friedman, and Diane Vernon, who have provided excellent service on the Executive Committee for many years and are now going on to other endeavors, and to Ted Crovello, whose stint was shorter but whose service was also very valuable. Then I would like to welcome the incoming members of the Executive Committee: Roberto Cantú (Chicano/a Studies and English), Neda Fabris (Mechanical Engineering), Margaret Jefferson (Biological Sciences), Diane Klein (Special Education and Counseling), and Marlene Zepeda (Child and Family Studies). This promises to be an active, vitally engaged, and productive committee for 2015-16.

The campus as a whole is undergoing many changes. The semester conversion process

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Janet Schellhase Dial to Speak on the Campus' Deepening Focus on Development and Growth

Janet Schellhase Dial, vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Cal State L.A. Foundation, will be the featured guest speaker at the emeriti fall luncheon



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on Friday, October 16. In a talk entitled, "The Merits of Emeriti: How the Emeriti Association can Partner with University Advancement," she will share her visionary ideas and extensive experience for moving the University continually forward in developing its capacity to serve our student population.

Recognized as a university development expert statewide, Dial honed her skills at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. As the director of annual giving and director of major gifts for the Eberhardt School of Business, she raised more than $330 million during a $200 million-goal advancement campaign. In recognition of her contribution to the university's development program, she was appointed associate vice president of development.

Dial joined the Cal State L.A. administration in May 2014. In her role as vice president, she has been delighted to partner with many enthusiastic faculty, staff, and alumni to promote the alumni and fundraising activities at the University. At the close of her first year at Cal State L.A., the University raised a record nine million dollars in philanthropic support, including three seven-figure gifts. The advancement team, which includes fundraising and alumni relations, has been energized anew, vacant positions have been filled, and the division is poised to accomplish great achievements for Cal State L.A in the

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LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015
11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
GOLDEN EAGLE BALLROOM 1
COST: $34 PER PERSON

Send check made payable to the **Emeriti Association**, along with your entrée choice: **hanger steak with wild mushroom sauce, seared blackened salmon filet with mango salsa,** or **stuffed chicken with ricotta in lemon herb sauce,** to Marshall Cates, 1036 Armada Drive, Pasadena, CA 91103, ***no later than Friday, October 9***. For questions, call Marshall at 626-792-9118 or email him at marshallcates@gmail.com.

Cal State L.A. to Open New Downtown Campus

Cal State L.A. will open a new downtown Los Angeles campus in 2016 to provide programs in a vibrant and growing area. The University has signed a lease for 21,000 square feet at West 8th Street and South Grand Avenue. At the edge of the Financial District, the location is in the midst of a residential development boom, with thousands of apartments under construction or being planned, including a 700-unit apartment building across the street from the future campus site. The new campus will be a short distance from important downtown commercial centers, including the Figueroa corridor, arts district, fashion district, and civic center.

Cal State L.A. will offer both undergraduate and graduate programs at the site, as well as professional development and certificate programs. Programs will focus on meeting the needs of working professionals, those in career transition,

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(known as Q2S) will be in its third and final year of preparation before the switch is thrown in fall 2016. The academic year 2013-14 was devoted to curriculum conversion, some of it mostly renumbering existing courses, but in several areas the revision included new courses and significant restructuring of curricular programs. This past year, the major technological infrastructure was rebuilt to accommodate the program conversions so that the online advisement tools would be in place this coming year for advisers to help students either finish on time before the conversion or smoothly transition to the semester calendar next fall. The challenge of providing these advisement services will be even greater because of fairly dramatic enrollment growth, from 24,500 students this past year to 27,000 in the next. This growth was made possible, in part, because the campus was not held to enrollment targets during semester conversion, and healthier funding is promised in the future if the growth can be maintained.

Two major changes for the coming year are re-branding and the acquisition of space for a downtown campus at 801 South Grand. As for the re-branding, don't expect a return of the Diablos. Cal State L.A. will still be the Golden Eagles, but the design of the logos will be significantly improved—more modern, more sophisticated, and more appropriately expressive of the campus identity. I happen to have been a member of a branding advisory committee, so I saw some of the trial balloons a design firm came up with as well as the results of President Covino's decisions. However, until these results are presented at the fall faculty meeting, the committee members who saw them have been sworn to secrecy. So, you'll have to wait until they appear, as no doubt they will, on the campus website.

The downtown campus site is in a rather impressive modern building housing law firms and other businesses. Cal State L.A. will have top billing on the signboard in front of the building and offer classes on the sixth floor. There is also a "student-oriented" eating facility on the ground floor, essentially a sports bar with both outdoor and indoor seating and numerous TVs on the inside, presumably to help students relax after a long day of work and study. The aim of creating the new satellite campus is to make the University and its curriculum more available to people working or living downtown, and thereby increase both enrollment and visibility. While there is still work to be done to convert office spaces to classrooms, the plan is to begin offering classes at the site in January.

These changes combine with other physical changes at Cal State L.A., such as the new Television, Film & Media Center on the hill, Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center, Los Angeles County High School for the Arts, Marc and Eva Stern Math and Science School, Annenberg Science Complex, and new University-Student Union and renovated plaza before it, to make the campus "at the intersection of the Long Beach and San Bernardino freeways" (an earlier motto) nearly unrecognizable to anyone who knew it in the 1970s or before and has not been back since the 1990s. There is a new and, for most, a welcome vibrancy at the University, a sense of optimism about the future. Faculty still grouse about being overworked and underpaid, and students are stressed about the challenges of balancing work, school, and family demands. For both groups, there is some anxiety about what teaching and learning will be like in the semester system. But the changes are energizing, especially those created by the curricular modifications, new General Education program, burgeoning Honors College, increased opportunities to do interdisciplinary research and teaching, and increasing emphasis on student-based learning.

It is, in short, a good time for Cal State L.A. emeriti faculty to pay the campus a visit and see for themselves some of the changes and learn more about them. The fall and spring luncheons plus the winter welcoming in the Academic Senate provide the best opportunities for such a visit. Attendees at last spring's luncheon were treated to a fascinating account of the development and operation of the Hydrogen Research and Fueling Facility located near the Engineering and Technology building. This was followed by a guided tour of the facility, during which an actual paying customer came in for a fill-up. This fall, the featured speaker will be the vice president for university advancement, Janet Dial, whose account of recent successes in fundraising, including some complete surprises, thoroughly engaged members of the Executive Committee when she met with us last spring.

As always, however, the major attraction of the fall luncheon is the awarding of emeriti fellowships and scholarships and the brief talks that the recipients are asked to give. Awarding these substantial fellowships and scholarships is no doubt among the most important activities of the Emeriti Association, made doubly special by the publicity accorded the students who receive them and by the demonstration of the students' merits in what they have to say about themselves, their academic and life plans, and their appreciation for the opportunity these scholarships afford.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it, and if you have questions about what is happening at the University or in the Association, please feel free to contact me at jcleman@calstatela.edu.



On Leaving a Legacy: Supporting Students

By Alfredo González and Janet Fisher-Hoult

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a member of the faculty at Cal State L.A. is the opportunity to interact with students and support their development. As emeriti faculty at the University, there are a number of ways we can continue to support student development. As an emerita colleague said, "You can't take it with you." So she and others have established endowments to fund a variety of Emeriti Association fellowships and scholarships.

By leaving a legacy, we continue to support the development of highly qualified students by making it easier for those who have demonstrated their promise to pursue their education. Each donation, in whatever amount, helps the basic endowment grow and ensures that each year, through the CSULA Foundation, the Emeriti Association can continue to give awards to students based on the interest earned by the endowment.

Many of you already add a much-appreciated donation to your Emeriti Association membership dues and designate which fellowship or scholarship endowment you would like to augment. Now may be the time to consider setting up an endowment of your own for a fellowship or scholarship for which you establish the criteria. As an example, an Emeriti Association scholarship in biology was established in the memory of David Cameron Fisher, a marine biologist. This endowment, created several years ago with an initial gift of $5,000, has grown to more than $15,000 with periodic donations and interest earned. Recently, an additional donation, via a bequest/beneficiary designation, was designated for this same endowment. As a result, for years to come, biology students will receive awards and David Cameron Fisher's memory will live on.

For more information about the many options for leaving a legacy, please contact Jacqueline Williams, senior director of development for gift planning, directly at 323-343-3045 or via email at jwilliams@cslanet.calstatela.edu. You may also contact Alfredo González, chair of the Emeriti Association Fellowship Fund Committee, via email at alfredo@cslanet.calstatela.edu. The University website for planned giving at http://www.calstatela.edu/philanthropy has additional information.

18th Annual Billie Jean King Gala Set for October 24

On Saturday, October 24, the 18th Annual Billie Jean King and Friends Dinner will be held at the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. This year's honoree is Frances Hellman, dean of mathematical and physical sciences at UC Berkeley, who will be presented with the Joe Shapiro Humanitarian Award in recognition of her humanitarianism, leadership, and vision. Celebrity masters of ceremony Pam Shriver and Mary Carillo will again lead the program. The evening will also include a lively auction, with several trips and other unique items on the auction block.

The mission of the Billie Jean King and Friends event is to enhance the student-athlete scholarship program in the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. Proceeds support current scholarships and provide long-term stability for the King and Shapiro scholarship endowments. The Joe Shapiro Humanitarian Award is presented in memory of Shapiro, who worked enthusiastically to assist student-athletes in reaching their educational and athletic goals. Since its inception, the event has raised more than $3.1 million.

"It is very gratifying to see how the scholarship dollars this event has generated over the past 17 years have helped change the lives of so many student-athletes," said King. "It is important to me that we continue providing opportunities to these deserving young men and women, many of whom would not be able to afford a college education without our support."

Last year, the event had a record turnout and also featured a morning tennis clinic on campus, which will be repeated this year. Hosted by Cal State L.A. and the United States Tennis Association, the clinic will offer instruction by current and former Cal State L.A. tennis players and coaches. Clinic attendees will also have the opportunity to meet tennis legends Billie Jean King and Rosie Casals. Following the tennis clinic, Cal State L.A. will compete against USC in the Collegiate Team Tennis Challenge, an exhibition that will include men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles with tiebreakers.

A special reduced price of $200 for the gala is available for emeriti. For information, contact, Cal State L.A. Athletics, 323-343-3080.

Four Faculty Members Join the Emeriti Ranks

The following recently retired faculty have been awarded emeritus status:

KAMRAN KARIMLOU
(Electrical and Computer Engineering, 1984-2015)

ETHAN LIPTON
(Technology, 1984-2015)

STEVEN K. MA
(Political Science, 1990-2015)

VIRGIL SEAMAN
(Technology, 1987-2015)

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

Professional and Personal

Walter Askin (Art) currently has an exhibition at the Luckman Gallery on campus, on view through October 24. His multifaceted work ranges from sardonic graphic works and large painterly abstractions to vibrant figurative sculptures. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday and Saturday from noon until 5:00 p.m.

Gary Best (Special Education) officially launched his two books, *Tink's Tank* (his first novel) and *Silent Invaders; Combat Gliders of the Second World War*, at The Book Shop in Covina on September 5.

Stanley M. Burstein (History) has two recent publications, "States, Empires and Connections: Africa, Ca. 1200 BCE-Ca. 900 CE" in volume 4 of *The Cambridge History of the World*, edited by Craig Benjamin (Cambridge University Press, 2015) and "Alexander's Unintended Legacy:

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months and years ahead.

During her short tenure, she has worked closely with President William A. Covino to establish the first President's Council. It is a group of more than 40 successful individuals who are committed to building relationships between Cal State L.A. and the wider community. This group of business leaders, community members, and Cal State L.A. alumni has become a vital partner in the future success of Cal State L.A.

Dial earned her bachelor's degree from the College of Wooster in Ohio, and her master's and Ed.D. degrees from the University of the Pacific. In her free time, she enjoys being mom to two wonderful children. When she is not running after gifts for Cal State L.A., or running with enjoyment of her two children, she can be found running races throughout the world. She is an avid runner and swimmer and has completed more than 45 marathons, including the highly acclaimed Athens Marathon and eight Boston Marathons.

The emeriti and guests will gather at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Due to the implementation of a new online application process, the 2015-16 fellowship recipients will be selected later this fall and will be honored at the spring luncheon. Instead of the usual fall program, three previous fellowship recipients will update everyone on the progress they have made in completing their degree programs and speak about their personal and professional goals and the contributions they wish to make, both personally and professionally. Dial's presentation will follow, with a question-and-answer session to end no later than 3:00 p.m.

Another Rewarding Year for Lifelong Learning

By Peter Brier

As Lifelong Learning program liaison, I am enthusiastic about the diversity of the past year's presentations and the number of emeriti who participated as lecturers. Always looking to increase the number and diversity of our presentations, I share with you some of the past year's highlights.

In December 2014, Cal State L.A. Lifelong Learning honored one of our principal presenters, Vilma Potter, at Villa Gardens Retirement Center. Vilma has been delighting members of the South Pasadena Community Center for several years with her continuing classes on poetry. Frieda Stahl, one of the founding presenters in the early years of the Lifelong Learning Program, took great pleasure in hosting Vilma at Villa Gardens, where Frieda is now a resident and a great supporter of Lifelong Learning.

John Kirchner joined the growing cadre of emeriti presenters, with three lively presentations on the history of bananas, his travels in the Galapagos Islands, and train travel in Japan.

In the first half of 2015, Harold Goldwhite brought to a dramatic close his cycle of animated talks, complete with music and lyrics, on the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. Deborah Covino went deeper into the benefits of hypnotherapy and Stanley Burstein explored the mysteries of the tomb of Philip of Macedon. I did my best to stress the importance of keeping up the literary canon in our increasingly narcissistic age, and Neda Fabris intrigued her audiences at Griffith Park Community Center and Hollenbeck Palms Retirement Community with her life story as a woman in engineering.

Joseph Casanova explained how insect pests can be controlled with benign agents and targeted vectors, thereby avoiding the problems of current insecticides, under the titillating title of "Sex and the Maiden Ant." Martin Epstein explored the wonders of scientific theorization.

Emeriti did all these things in 2014-15. Why not join them in 2015-16? Call me at 626-376-0300 or send an email to pbrier@yahoo.com. You can educate, vent, confess, and share. Chances are that you will find our senior audiences quite different from the students you taught for decades. All presenters receive a $50 gift certificate.

Lifelong Learning Program Upcoming Fall Lectures

Griffith Park Adult Community Center
3203 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles
- November 4, 2:00 p.m. - Harold Goldwhite: "Alchemy"

South Pasadena Senior Center
1102 Oxley Street, South Pasadena
- October 28, 10:30 a.m. – Harold Goldwhite: "Alchemy"

Hollenbeck Palms Retirement Community
573 S. Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles
- November 19, 11:00 a.m. – Ted Crovello: "Xinjiang – China's Northwest Treasure"

Villa Gardens Retirement Community
842 E. Villa Street, Pasadena
- October 22, 7:15 p.m. – Walter Askin: "Visual Humor: Woomsters and Foozlers"
- November 17, 7:15 p.m. – Martin Epstein: "The Scientific Mind: How it Works"

For further information, please contact Peter Brier, Lifelong Learning Program Liaison, at pbrier@yahoo.com.

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Borders," in *Greece, Macedon and Persia: Studies in Social, Political and Military History in Honour of Waldemar Heckel*, edited by Timothy Howe, E. Edward Garvin, and Graham Wrightson (Oxbow, 2015). He also presented "The Hellenistic Fringe Revisited: The Case of Meroe," one of the keynote addresses at the Tombros Conference on Hellenistic Monarchies, at Pennsylvania State University on April 24, 2015, and a paper entitled "Chersonesus: Between Greece and Scythia," at the annual meeting of the World History Association in Savannah, Georgia on July 2, 2015.

Vincent G. Mazzucchelli (Geography) continues to utilize his skills as a cartographer to produce illuminated manuscripts similar in appearance to those rendered by monks during the 15th through 17th centuries. He recently completed an altar triptych for the Lady Chapel at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church in Hollywood, where he has been a member for many years. The inspiration for the background of the central panel derives from the western flank of the Sierra Nevada. The left panel depicts the Mendocino coast and the right panel depicts the east face of the Sierra Nevada, including Mt. Whitney. Mazzucchelli also has four large manuscripts hanging in the Lady Chapel. In addition to the illuminations given to this church, Mazzucchelli has presented gifts of illuminations to several churches, monasteries such as Mount Calvary Monastery in Santa Barbara, and private homes and individuals throughout the United States.

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Administrative Changes in Academic Affairs

Cheryl Ney has been appointed interim dean of the Charter College of Education for two years, effective July 1, 2015, while a nationwide search for a new dean is conducted. She replaces Eunsook Hyun, who served as dean since July 2013. Ney most recently served as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. Her previous position was as associate provost.

Ron Vogel, former associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the Chancellor's Office, has joined Cal State L.A. as interim vice provost for academic affairs, effective July 1, 2015. Prior to his position at the Chancellor's Office, he was the provost at CSU Dominguez Hills and the dean of the College of Health and Human Services at CSU Long Beach.

U.S. News *Rates Cal State L.A. Among Top Schools in the West*

Cal State L.A. is one of the best regional universities in the nation, according to the 2016 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges edition. Ranked number 63 among western universities, Cal State L.A. moved up from number 84 last year. The rise was the biggest gain of any California State University campus.

In a separate category, Cal State L.A. was ranked 18th among public regional universities in the West, a jump from the previous year's number 34 ranking.

U.S. News also highlighted Cal State L.A. for affordability. The University's bachelor's degree recipients have the third lowest debt among schools in the West.

The report also singled out two Cal State L.A. academic programs as among the nation's best undergraduate programs, both of which have

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Reminder: Dues Policy

The Emeriti Association's fiscal year extends from July 1 to June 30. Dues paid between June 1 and June 30 are credited for the coming fiscal year starting July 1. Dues paid on or before May 31 are credited to the current fiscal year.

Martin Schiesl (History) wrote biographical entries on civil rights attorneys Leo Branton, Jr. and James Lionel Tolbert, lawyer and medical expert Raymond L. Johnson, Sr., former Judge Vaino Hassan Spencer, current NAACP president Cornell William Brooks, and U.S. Attorney General Loretta Elizabeth Lynch in 2015. The entries are posted on the website http://www.BlackPast.org.

In Memoriam

Paul H. Rosenthal

Professor of Information Systems, 1988-2013

Paul H. Rosenthal, emeritus professor of information systems, died at his home in Sherman Oaks on August 6, surrounded by his family and friends. He had a 25-year teaching career at Cal State L.A. after a distinguished career in private industry.

As one of three siblings, Paul, his twin brother Billy, and sister Myra were born in Philadelphia to Samuel and Celia Rosenthal. From a young age, Paul was observed to be academically astute, excelling in mathematics, and athletically able. He received a swimming scholarship to attend Temple University, where he completed a bachelor's degree in mathematics and natural science in 1951 and a master's degree in applied mathematics in 1953. Later in his life, he obtained an MBA from the Anderson School of Business at UCLA (1963) and a DBA from USC's Marshall School of Business (1980).

After obtaining his undergraduate degree, Paul joined Sperry Rand Corporation, a leading and groundbreaking computer company of that era, as a manager. Within a few years, he quickly rose to become the director of the Western



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Region Data Center, managing more than 100 employees. He later moved from Sperry Rand to become the assistant to the vice president of marketing at Computer Science Corporation.

The upwardly mobile and charismatic Paul next assumed the position of vice president and members of the Board of Directors at Information Technology Systems, Inc. Following a series of other prominent managerial positions at leading computer consulting companies, he eventually joined Coopers and Lybrand, where he distinguished himself by serving as the regional director of IT Operations for the entire southeast Asian region.

In 1988, Cal State L.A.'s Department of Information Systems was fortunate enough to lure Paul from his last industry job to join them as a professor of information systems. Within the department, he made significant and everlasting contributions in many areas of academia for well over two and one-half decades. He was 85 years old when he retired in 2013. He continued in the Faculty Early Retirement Program until his last days.

The Cal State L.A. information systems programs owe much to Paul for their existence. Often referred to as the initiator and incubator of the master's degree program, he is credited with planning, designing, and implementing the program that grew, at one time, to become one of the largest in California. Subsequently, he served tirelessly as the graduate and undergraduate adviser, providing long overdue solutions to lingering advisement issues. He also developed and introduced the capstone courses for the undergraduate and graduate programs.

As one of the few professors blessed with technical aptitude and managerial acumen, he taught a variety of courses in several departments, including the departments of Accounting and Management. The breadth and depth of his teaching experience made him uniquely qualified to prepare, manage, and grade the comprehensive examinations, a task shunned by other faculty but willingly embraced by Paul for many years.

He gave generously of his time to serve on many committees, some of them intensively demanding of his time and effort. He was a household name across the campus for having served on the Educational Policy Committee, General Education Subcommittee, and Faculty Affairs Subcommittee.

Paul left a lasting imprint on all the Department of Information Systems program review reports. In particular, he created a unique assessment model that received commendation from the visiting Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation team. Ever since that time, he singlehandedly oversaw the Department's assessment activities and recommended many changes to the curriculum. In 2005, at the request of the College of Business and Economics, he undertook a leading role in securing its AACSB reaccreditation.

Outside the University, Paul was published widely in journals and conference proceedings, and gave presentations at regional, national, and international conferences. His service in the Institute for Certification of Computer Professionals, the national body that sets the standards for certifications in business intelligence, data management, and computing, brought favorable exposure to his department and his college. As a senior member of the Education Special Interest Group of the Association of Information Technology Professionals, an organization that devotes itself to information systems education, he actively contributed to the development of the 2006 and 2010 model curricula for information systems programs across the nation. Serving on yet another important committee at the state level, Paul, along with his contemporaries, initiated and developed the first transfer model curriculum for information systems. This ever-evolving model was well received and is in the process of being adopted by California's tertiary institutions.

Paul's altruistic nature extended beyond his professional life to his substantial community service. Notable among his contributions were his involvement with the Mayor's Committee on Technology Implementation and the preparation of environmental impact reports for the transportation authority.

Colleague and office mate Nanda Ganesan called Paul a one-of-a-kind intellectual and scholar who served both the community and Cal State L.A. well. For many, including himself, Paul was a mentor in their academic, professional, and personal lives, and he considered Paul "a valued guru and guide." Ganesan stated that there was always a humane touch to Paul's deeds that brightened and touched the lives of children and adults alike.

Paul is survived by his sister Myra, daughters Jan and Karen, son Richard, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, as well as other family members. He was predeceased by his wife Marcia.

Robert S. Cathcart, Former Campus Outstanding Professor

The Emeriti Association received word of the death of Robert S. Cathcart, professor of speech at Cal State L.A. from 1955 to 1968. In 1965-66, Bob was named Outstanding Professor and was the campus nominee for the statewide award. He left the University to teach at Queens College of the City University of New York.

Benjamin W. Smith

Professor of Political Science, 1963-2000

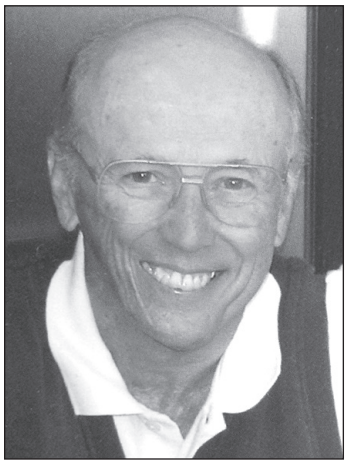
Benjamin W. Smith, emeritus professor of political science, died at home in Redlands on June 24 at the age of 76 from lung cancer that had metastasized into brain cancer. He had lived in Redlands since 1987.

Ben grew up in Austin, Texas, where his father, Reverend Blake Smith, was pastor of University Baptist Church. One of the church members was Lyndon Johnson's mother, and Ben and his father visited Johnson's ranch several times. He

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graduated from the University of Redlands in 1959 with a major in history and a minor in government. He returned to Texas and completed his Ph.D. in 1969 at the University of Texas, Austin, where his dissertation, "The Political Theory of



Courtesy of Alice Smith

Institutional Economics," combined his love for political theory with political science and political economy. He taught all three subjects throughout his career.

Ben first taught from 1960 to 1963 while working on his doctorate. He came to Cal State L.A. in 1963, retiring in 2000 and doing several subsequent years in the Faculty Early Retirement Program. However, he spent several stints as a visitor to other campuses. From 1971 to 1973, he went on leave to teach full-time at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland from 1971 to 1973. He negotiated Cal State L.A.'s first faculty exchange through a national faculty exchange program, going to Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1986-87. He also did a faculty exchange with John Korey of Cal Poly, Pomona for two quarters, one during 1992-93 and the other in 1994-95.

Ben loved teaching and was dedicated to his students. He taught 27 different courses at Cal State L.A., ranging from the introductory course in American and California government to courses in classical, modern, and American political theory; political psychology, sociology, and socialization; environmental politics, campaign finance, and political development; and public policy and the economy. At the graduate level, he taught courses on political philosophy; the environmental movement; the structure of power in the U.S.; and science, technology, and society. The range of courses was truly amazing, even in an era when many faculty taught several different subfields in the discipline as a matter of course.

He presented papers at political science meetings throughout his career, on topics ranging from students and academic freedom to power structure research, corporations and U.S. foreign policy, and social network analysis. He was active in a reform movement in the discipline, the Caucus for a New Political Science, and used to tell stories of his and colleague Ed Malecki's work in Caucus meetings in Southern California. In the 1970s, he received a grant from the SUNY research foundation to do a history of the Social Science Research Council. He strongly supported department representation on the CSU Social Science Research and Instructional Council, going to some meetings himself.

Ben's committee service on campus was truly legendary during the 1970s and 1980s, where he served on every committee in the department, school personnel committees, the school assembly, and selection committees for administrators. He chaired many of these and served as chair of his department from 1983 to 1986. When he was chair, his desk was famous—more than six feet in width and three feet wide, covered with papers and documents in a pile that was almost a foot high in the middle—yet he could pull out any particular document almost at will. While he was chair, he bought the Department's first computer, a Macintosh, the beginning of three decades of a strong contingent of Macintosh advocates in the department.

At the university level, Ben was a long-time academic senator and member of the Educational Policy and Resources Committee. He was a strong advocate of a traditional approach to general education, where students are exposed to a wide variety of disciplines and schools of thought. All of this university activity must be tempered by the fact that at one point he lived in San Luis Obispo and commuted weekly to campus. In more recent decades, he lived in Redlands, although shortly after he moved there, Metrolink began its service from San Bernardino with a stop on campus, making his daily endurance sessions on I-10 a thing of the past.

Ben was an excellent athlete. In 1957, while working as an instructor at a summer gymnastics camp in Texas, he was ordered by the camp owner to perform an exhibition for parents of some midair moves he had mastered. Because Ben had been ill with the Asian flu, he told the camp owner he did not want to attempt the exhibition, but the man said he could not keep his job unless he performed. Ben felt he needed the money to attend college, so he attempted the demonstration. However, his coordination failed, and he finished with his head in the wrong position, resulting in a broken neck, a badly bruised spinal cord, and nerve damage to his right leg. He was paralyzed for about three weeks and very ill with a high fever. Doctors feared he would not walk again. Not only did he recover, but his tenacity, skill, and competitive nature enabled him to excel at tennis, racquetball, and squash. Then, after moving to Redlands, he began playing golf. As a member of the Redlands Country Club, his handicap became competitive as well. And, following a day on the links, he loved to have dinner at the club with family and friends and look out the huge dining room window at what he called "those green fairways of indifference."

Ben is survived by his college sweetheart and second wife of 30 years, Alice, and by an older brother and five children, two from his first marriage and three from Alice's previous marriage.

Also Remembered:

Patricia Little

It has recently come to the attention of the Emeriti Association that Patricia Little, wife of Ted Little, emeritus professor of art, died in November 2013. She taught art and art history at Fairfax High School for more than 25 years. Ted predeceased her in January 1989.

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The Emeriti Association received word at press time of the death of **Frank R. Balle**, professor of civil engineering, on July 1. A full obituary will appear in the winter issue.

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and those seeking personal enrichment.

"Our mission is to provide high-quality university teaching in the heart of Los Angeles," said Cal State L.A. President William A. Covino. "We will bring the resources of Cal State L.A. to students downtown, where they work and live."

Several of the programs and courses offered at the downtown campus will incorporate Los Angeles-specific elements, including urban issues, sustainability, and diversity. The downtown campus will enable the University to work closely with local area businesses, government agencies, and nonprofits to build relevant and timely programs to meet the challenges facing Los Angeles.

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been ranked by the magazine for more than a decade. Cal State L.A.'s engineering program is ranked 39th, moving up from number 41 a year ago. Among public, master's degree-awarding institutions, Cal State L.A. climbed to the sixth spot, up one notch from last year. Cal State L.A.'s business program is one of the top 10 in California among public institutions.

The *U.S. News* Best Colleges 2016 edition includes data on nearly 1,300 colleges and universities. Eligible schools are ranked on up to 16 measures of academic excellence.