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President's Message

As I write this final message to you, I complete my second term as president of our Emeriti Association. It has been an interesting two years. We have welcomed and become acquainted with a new president on our campus. President Covino has been very supportive of our association and appreciative of the contributions we emeriti continue to make to the campus community. I am most appreciative of President Covino and his staff, particularly Yolanda Aguiar, who arranged our monthly meetings and was available whenever we called on her.



We have witnessed changes on the campus. We recently met with our new vice president for advancement, Janet Dial, who is completing her first year in that position. We plan to work closely with her office to find ways to increase the endowment for the fellowships and scholarships our association awards to students each year. You will be hearing more about this in the coming months. We have had a successful two years in increasing fellowship opportunities, including the establishment of the Leonard Mathy Fellowship in Economics and the Vicente Zapata Undergraduate Scholarship. We invite emeriti who wish to support students in their educational pursuits to contribute to existing fellowships or endow a new one. Our Fellowship Fund Committee, chaired by Alfredo Gonzalez, is preparing to read applications and make recommendations for the Fall 2015 awards. This year, the campus is moving into an online application process for financial aid, and we hope this new approach

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CAMPUS LEADERS IN HYDROGEN RESEARCH TO SPEAK AT JUNE 5 SPRING LUNCHEON

On Friday, June 5, emeriti faculty and guests attending the spring luncheon and meeting will be treated to an exciting collaborative presentation by three leaders in the hydrogen revolution: the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology's **Virgil Seaman**, emeritus professor of technology; **Michael G. Dray,** technical operations manager of Cal State L.A.'s Hydrogen Research and Fueling Facility; and **David Blekhman**, professor of technology, who is unable to be present due to travels. The presentation, "Advancing Hydrogen Infrastructure to Power Clean Transportation," will be a discussion of the development of hydrogen fuel cell power, its potential uses, and its required infrastructure.

The Cal State L.A. Hydrogen Research and Fueling Facility (H2 Station) was formally opened on May 7, 2014, the largest such facility on a university campus in the United States. It has generated a lot of interest from international visitors who wish to tour it. Supported by federal, state, and private resources, the $4.5 million facility is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and equipment. It produces a minimum of 60 kilograms of hydrogen daily– enough to serve 15 to 20 vehicles a day. This past January, it became the first station in the nation to sell hydrogen fuel to the public.

Hydrogen powered vehicles emit only water vapor. Vehicles prototyped at the Cal State L.A. station by Audi, Hyundai, and BMW, among others, hold approximately six kilograms of hydrogen and take about six minutes to fill. A kilogram typically allows a vehicle to travel about 50 miles.

Virgil Seaman came to Cal State L.A. in 1987 and retired in 2014. His expertise is in the areas of product design and development, and product data management. Seaman served as chair of the Department of Technology from 2001 to 2007 and was the primary adviser for the B.S. in industrial technology program. He spent the last eight years of his career devoted

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LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015
11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
GOLDEN EAGLE BALLROOM 1
COST: $34 PER PERSON

Send a check made payable to the Emeriti Association, along with your entrée choice: **spinach ricotta stuffed chicken in a lemon herb sauce, grilled salmon with mango salsa on the side,** or **penne pasta mixed with sautéed vegetables and tomato basil marinara sauce**, to T. Jean Adenika, P.O. Box 2105, Chino Hills, CA 91709, ***no later than Friday, May 29***. For questions, call Jean at 909-393-7916 or email her at tjmadenika@att.net.

Sikand Foundation Establishes Faculty Endowment

The Sikand Foundation has recently given Cal State L.A. a $1 million gift to establish the Gunjit S. Sikand Faculty Endowment for Research in Urban Sustainability. The Sikand family established the endowment as a tribute to Gunjit Sikand, emeritus professor of civil engineering, who died last spring after a long and distinguished career as an educator, business owner, and philanthropist. Sikand, who taught at the University for 23 years, valued its role in providing first-generation college students with an outstanding education and ensuring that they possessed the expertise and accomplishments that would lead to further success.

The endowment will be used in perpetuity to provide funding for a faculty member, allowing the awardee time to focus on research, according to Mark Sikand, president of Sikand Engineering Associates, which was founded by his father in 1958. During his career, the elder Sikand established three endowments at Cal State L.A. through the foundation: the Sikand Scholarship Fund, Gunjit Sikand Civil Engineering Endowed Guest Lecture Fund, and Gunjit Sikand Civil Engineering Endowed Senior Design and Freshman Design Fund.

Emily Allen, dean of the College of Engi-

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is successful.

Our Lifelong Learning offerings have been very successful as well. Peter Brier works tirelessly to invite emeriti to contribute their expertise in the offerings scheduled at various senior citizen centers in the Los Angeles area. We invite you to contact Peter to get involved.

Included in this issue is the slate of officers to be voted on at our luncheon and annual meeting on June 5. We will lose two long-time members of the Executive Committee who have contributed much. Marilyn Friedman has served as corresponding secretary since fall 2002 and Harold Cohen has served as database coordinator, keeping records of our membership, since fall 2003. They have both earned a vacation! Their commitment of more than 12 years has been outstanding. We have also appreciated the outstanding contributions of Diane Vernon, who has served as vice president for programs, and Ted Crovello, a member-at-large.

As you see in the slate of nominated officers, John Cleman (English) will be our new president when elected at the annual meeting. I am happy to pass the baton to him. The Association is most fortunate that he has agreed to serve. Stan Burstein will be our vice president of administration, and president-elect. We are also welcoming some new members to the Executive Committee. Neda Fabris (Mechanical Engineering), Diane Klein (Special Education), and Roberto Cantú (English and Chicano Studies) will serve as members-at-large. Jean Morrow Adenika will be serving as vice president for programs. And the incoming corresponding secretary will be Marlene Zepeda. Margaret Jefferson has agreed to take on the task of database coordinator and Don Dewey will step into Stan Burstein's shoes as historian/archivist.

As the 2015-16 year begins on July 1, I am grateful for the two years I had serving as your president, and look forward to contributing to the work of our Cal State L.A. Emeriti Association in the future. My final word is to invite you to *get involved.* Continue to *give back* to our campus in any way you can. Do attend our June 5 luncheon, where we will have the opportunity to vote for our new officers, learn about hydrogen-fueled vehicles, and tour our campus facility. And bring a friend! If you haven't yet joined the Association, please do so. Looking forward to seeing you on June 5. Adios for now!



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neering, Computer Science, and Technology, indicated that the Sikand family's gift would serve as a cornerstone for a proposed Institute for Urban Sustainability at Cal State L.A. "The next generation is deeply concerned about how we will survive as the climate changes, and with the research supported by this gift we can help make Los Angeles County a model for sustainable development."

Association Gains Two New Life Members

The following faculty members have joined the Emeriti Association:

BARRY MUNITZ
(Life Member)

GAY YUEN
(Life Member)

We welcome them and look forward to their participation in Association activities.

President Covino Delivers Upbeat Annual Address

In the annual State of the University address to the Academic Senate on May 12, Cal State L.A. President William A. Covino reported that the University has made significant strides in supporting student success. He noted to the standing-room-only crowd that graduation rates, first-year retention rates, and student enrollment figures were all at an all-time high.

"Everything is moving in the right direction," he said, adding that much of the success has resulted from the hard work of the faculty. He also credited faculty members with leading the way to create, revise, or convert more than 4,750 courses as part of the effort to change from quarters to semesters in fall 2016.

The University has made significant progress in support of faculty research and scholarship. Covino reported a 70 percent increase in funds awarded to scholarly, research, and creative activities.

More than 2,500 prospective students and their families attended Preview Day in late March, an indication that Cal State L.A. has become a destination university. Forty new tenure-track faculty members will be hired in the fall, the highest number since 2008.

Covino also spoke about the new Mind Matters initiative to address issues involving student psychological and physical health. Additional space is being set aside for the initiative in the Student Health Center, and more counselors will be hired. He also lauded the Center for Engagement, Service, and the Public Good, which is coordinating service-learning and volunteer efforts by students, faculty, and staff.

Campus News

Michelle Hawley Appointed Interim Dean, Undergraduate Studies

Michelle Hawley, director of the Honors College, has been named interim dean of undergraduate studies, effective July 1, 2015. As the founding director of the Honors College, she integrated the Early Entrance Program and the President's Scholars into a robust four-year college that emphasizes civic engagement, knowledge creation, and leadership. She worked with faculty to develop an innovative signature curriculum that begins with a first-year experience focused on Los Angeles and culminates in a senior thesis or project.

Current dean Jun Xing will continue to support the University's efforts to integrate civic learning into the curricula through a new civic learning general education requirement by serving as the senior director of special projects before returning to the liberal arts faculty to pursue teaching and research in 2016.

Marla E. Peppers Named Interim University Librarian

Marla E. Peppers, associate University Librarian, has been appointed as the interim University Librarian, effective July 1, 2015. Prior to her Cal State L.A. employment, she was the head of library information services for the Occidental College Library, where she was also the acquisitions librarian and acquisitions manager. With more than 20 years of library work, she has extensive experience in a wide range of areas, including acquisitions, reference, circulation, interlibrary loan, information literacy instruction, collection development, and administration and management.

University Librarian Alice Kawakami, who has played a leading role in the CSU's Library of the Future initiative, will be leaving Cal State L.A. for a three-year special assignment as director of strategic library initiatives for the CSU at the Chancellor's Office.

Campus Hydrogen Facility Now Selling Fuel to Public

On January 8, the Cal State L.A. Hydrogen Research and Fueling Facility, the largest university-located hydrogen fueling facility in the nation, became the first station in the nation to sell hydrogen fuel by the kilogram to the public. This is a milestone in the commercialization of hydrogen in preparation for the next generation of electric vehicles that will be powered by hydrogen. Governor Jerry Brown's office informed the University that the fueling facility has received the certification known as the California Type Approval, the equivalent

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Professional and Personal

Walter Askin (Art) recently had a lithograph included in a collaborative folio on the theme of "What I should have learned in school had I been listening." He will have a large, galvanized and painted steel sculpture at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. Walter is also a visiting artist at Caltech.

Roberto Cantú (Chicano Studies and English) has edited and authored an introduction for the book, *The Reptant Eagle: Essays on Carlos Fuentes and the Art of the Novel,* Cambridge Scholars Publishing, United Kingdom, 2015. He also edited and authored an introduction for the book, *The Willow and the Spiral: Essays on Octavio Paz and the Poetic Imagination,* Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014.

Domnita Dumitrescu (Spanish) presented "La fusión entre el español y el inglés en la prosa de Junot Díaz" at the 25th Conference on Spanish in the United States and 10th Conference on Spanish in Contact with other Languages, The City College of New York, March 26-29, 2015. She was the organizer of three panels at the 130th Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association in Vancouver, Canada, January 8-11, 2015, and chair of two of these panels, entitled "Teaching and Learning Spanish North of Rio Bravo: Innovative Approaches for the Twenty-First Century" and "Meeting the Needs of the Global Economy: Mastering Spanish and Portuguese North of Rio Bravo." She presented a paper, "Sobre el Spanglish y los estadounidismos," at the Fall 2014 meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Southern California chapter, at USC on October 25, 2014. Domnita is an editorial board member and peer-reviewer of the *Journal of Spanish Language Teaching* and book/media review editor of *Hispania,* the *Journal of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese* (2011-present). Recent publications include "On the Translations of Carlos Fuentes into Romanian," *The Reptant Eagle: Essays on Carlos Fuentes and the Art of the Novel*, edited by Roberto Cantú, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015; and online publications "Dude was figureando hard: El cambio y la fusión de códigos en la obra de Junot Díaz," *Perspectives in the study of Spanish language variation: Papers in honor of Carmen Silva-Corvalán,* editors Andrés Enrique-Arias, Manuel Gutiérrez, Alazne Landa, and Francisco Ocampo; Servizo de Publicacións e Intercambio Cientifico: Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, 2014; "Alina Diaconú: La profundidad de una vocación más allá del idioma," *RANLE*: *Revista de la Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española* 6 (2014); "Sobre Hablando bien se entiende la gente 2 y la necesidad del buen uso del español en los Estados Unidos," *Glosas,* vol. 8, nr. 6, 2014; and "La alternancia de lenguas como actividad de imagen en el discurso hispanounidense/Code-switching as face-work in the discourse of U.S. Hispanics," *Pragmática/Sociocultural Sociocultural Pragmatics,* edited by De Gruyter, vol. 2, nr. 1, 2014. She was interviewed on teaching heritage speakers of Spanish in Los Angeles, in *Hola Cultura,* on July 18, 2014.

Janet Fisher-Hoult (Education) has a new book, *Body Language, Another Collection of Poems about Aging*, just published by Outskirts Press (as Janet Cameron Hoult). These poems move beyond the *Body Parts, Poems about Aging* poetry collection, which focused on the body parts that begin to fall apart as people age. *Body Language* recognizes the aches and pains our bodies use to communicate when they need attention. Proceeds from both books go to the David Cameron Fisher Memorial Biology Undergraduate Scholarship/ Graduate Fellowship.

Harold Goldwhite (Chemistry) recently co-authored a book with Cathy Cobb and Monty Fetterolf, *The Chemistry of Alchemy*, published by Prometheus Books, 2014.

Louis Negrete (Chicano Studies) delivered a lecture on the Chicano movement in East L.A. at CSU Dominguez Hills on November 22, 2014. The lecture material was based on his forthcoming book, *Chicano Homeland: The Movement in East Los Angeles for Mexican American Power, Justice, and Equality*, to be published later this year.

Janet Lever (Sociology) recently co-authored a book, *Frommer's Places for Passion: The 75 Most Romantic Destinations in the World—and Why Every Couple Needs to Get Away*, 2014. The book provides "a guide to the world's sexiest destinations" and also includes advice on how to make each destination even more romantic.

Joseph Prabhu (Philosophy) received a certificate of recognition for outstanding interfaith leadership to the Southern California Parliament of the World's Religion and for co-chairing the third Seeds of Peace Conference at Loyola Marymount University on March 8, 2015. The certificate was presented by Daniel Tamm, interfaith liaison for L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Two New Emeriti Named

The following recently retired faculty have been awarded emeritus/a status:

BARRY MUNITZ
(English, 1991-2015)

MING-FANG WANG
(Nursing, 2005-2015)

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

Health Briefs

A Side Effect of DrugsAffecting Dental Health

By Marilyn Friedman

I recently attended a lecture at our community center and was struck by the wide array of drugs that cause *dry mouth*. I was also impressed by the significance of this problem in terms of our dental health.

According to Dr. Janet Lent from the USC School of Dentistry, because most seniors are taking one or more medications, dry mouth is a very common problem seen in geriatric dentistry. Dry mouth is defined as a reduction of saliva in the mouth. The mouth feels dry and uncomfortable. Having sufficient saliva is important because of several functions it carries out. Saliva protects teeth and gums, lubricates the mouth and helps prevent infections by controlling bacteria and fungi in the mouth. It contains enzymes that start the digestive process by helping to break down starches and fats. Chronic dry mouth is a primary cause of tooth decay (cavities) and gingivitis (gum disease) among seniors.

Dry mouth can be the outcome of many factors, but most notable and common in older persons are the side effects of many medications, both prescribed and over-the-counter. This includes drugs used to treat depression, anxiety, pain, allergies, and colds (antihistamines and decongestants), obesity, acne, epilepsy, hypertension (diuretics), diarrhea, nausea, psychotic disorders, urinary incontinence, asthma, and Parkinson's disease. Dry mouth can also be a side effect of muscle relaxants and sedatives. In addition, dry mouth can also be the consequence of certain medical conditions, medical treatments, dehydration, and lifestyle factors such as smoking. From this list of drugs, it sounds like practically all drugs may possibly cause dry mouth.

Certainly talking to your physician is important if you are experiencing dry mouth and taking medications. There are also oral rinses that help restore mouth moisture, plus prescription medications that boost saliva production. I found the website *WebMD* useful for understanding the condition. Different strategies are suggested here that describe ways to improve saliva flow.

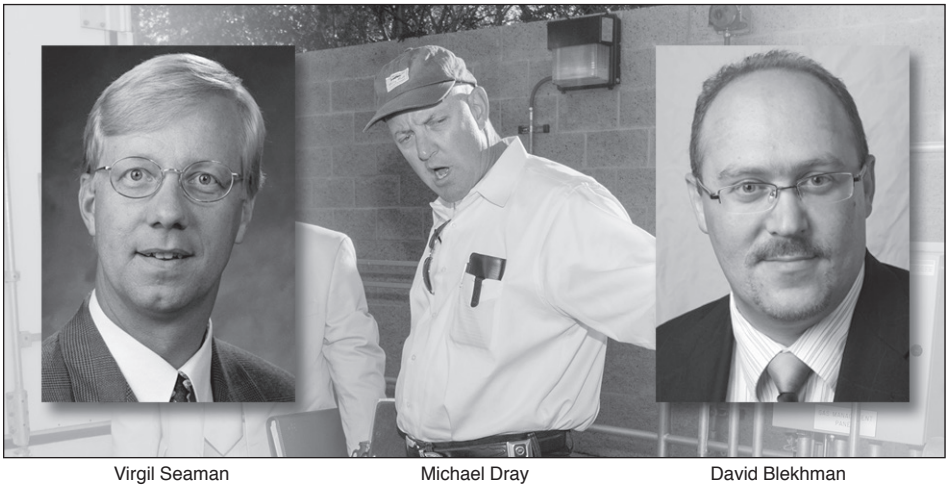
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to the evolution of the hydrogen station. Seaman earned a B.S. in industrial education from Lake Superior State College in 1979, and both his M.A. (industrial arts education, 1984) and Ph.D. (curriculum and instruction, 1987) from Indiana State University.

Michael G. Dray, the technical operations manager of the facility as well as the station manager of operations and marketing, came to Cal State L.A. in 2013. He is a licensed first class power plant steam operating engineer, and has worked as a power plant technician, operating engineer, and chemical technician. A member of both the California and Ohio Bars, Dray has also held a variety of positions in the legal field. He was awarded a B.A. in political science with a minor in chemistry from Capitol University in 1992, and in 1999, earned a juris doctorate from Capitol University Law School.

David Blekhman came to Cal State L.A. in 2007. His many research interests include alternative and renewable energy, fuel cells, automotive applications, reforming, combustion, and thermal and fluid systems. Blekhman has many publications and technical presentations. Initially studying at St. Petersburg State Technical University in Russia, he earned both B.S. and M.S. in 1995, in thermal physics and engineering. His Ph.D. studies were at the University at Buffalo, where he received the doctorate in mechanical engineering in 2002.

The emeriti will gather beginning at 11:30 a.m., with food service to follow shortly thereafter. The annual business meeting, including election of officers for the coming year, will take place before the presentation. After the guest speakers' presentation, an optional tour of the facility will be conducted for those who are interested.



Courtesy of CSULA Public Affairs

Virgil Seaman Michael Dray David Blekhman

New CSU Fact Book Touts Record Enrollment, Success

The 2015 *CSU Fact Book,* which features systemwide data on students, staff, campuses, and academic programs for the 2013-14 academic year, reports that the California State University, while serving 48,000 more students than it did five years ago, has achieved graduation rates that are at an all-time high.

In 2013-14, the CSU conferred 103,637 degrees, an increase of 2,428 from the previous year. The system now serves 460,200 students—the largest and most ethnically, socially, and economically diverse student body in its history. Record enrollments have been reached for the fourth consecutive year. The CSU continues to reflect a diverse California, with students of color making up more than half of the student body. One-third of the CSU's undergraduates are the first in their families to attend college.

During the past year, nearly 338,000 CSU students received financial aid and 77 percent of undergraduate financial aid recipients had their tuition fees fully covered. Nearly half are Pell Grant recipients.

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.

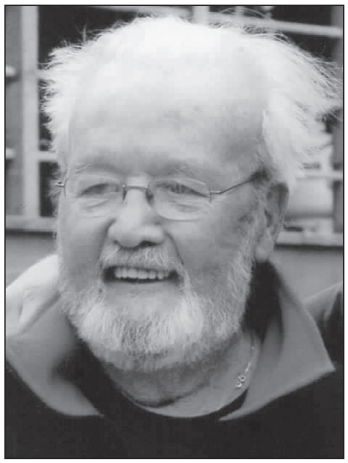
In Memoriam

ROBERT E. BLACKMON

Professor of Journalism, 1960-1986

Robert E. Blackmon, emeritus professor of journalism, died at 93 in Oxnard in May 2014, where he resided after his retirement. He was the dominant force of the Journalism Department for most of its existence, most often as its perennial chair. Three years before his retirement, the department ceased to exist, becoming a handful of courses within the Department of Communication Studies.

Bob was raised by his mother Gertrude and stepfather, Phillip Ledger George, as Bob's father,



Courtesy of Jil Lehr

Robert S. Blackmon, died when Bob Jr. was very young. He was educated in the Catholic school system of Oakland.

Bob had a heroic record as a paratrooper in World War II, making many jumps, both in training and in combat. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division at Normandy, Sicily, northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and was awarded six bronze stars.

Following the war, Bob returned to San Jose State College to earn a bachelor's degree in 1949, followed by a master's degree in journalism at UC Berkeley in 1954. After student teaching, he came to Cal State L.A. in 1960 and headed the journalism faculty.

In 1969, Bob married Henry Etta Waters, a faculty member in the Department of Nursing, and though divorced in 1979, they remained good friends until her move to Santa Fe, where the friendship continued by way of letters. After retiring in 1986, Bob also stayed in close contact with Nick Beck, the only other longtime journalism faculty member. He was able to travel with his mother during retirement as well.

On Bob's 90th birthday, his son Rob gave him the present of a sky dive. Bob "jumped" at the opportunity, which allowed him to dive from a few thousand feet compared with the 500 to 600 feet from which he had parachuted during the war. He told Nick Beck that it was a whole new experience that he truly enjoyed.

Bob is survived by three children from his first wife, Rae Soward—Kim, Jil, and Robert, Jr.—and their spouses, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was laid to rest with full military honors at Sacramento National Cemetery.

MAY ELIZABETH CHIN

Professor of Communication Disorders, 1975-1998

May Elizabeth Chin, emerita professor of communication disorders, died peacefully on January 4 at age 82, after a long period of poor health. She directed Cal State L.A.'s audiology program for her entire 23 years at the University.

May, which means "rose flower" in Chinese, was born on October 16, 1932, one of eight children. She grew up in Canton, Ohio, where she obtained her early education. After graduation from high school in 1950, she majored in occupational therapy at Ohio State University and obtained her B.S. in 1954. Her first job was working with polio patients at Warm Springs Medical Center in Georgia.

Following her relocation to California in the late 1950s, May worked as an occupational therapist at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey, earning an M.A. in occupational therapy at CSU Long Beach in 1966. Deciding to change careers, she left Rancho to return to school, this time at Northwestern University, where she earned her Ph.D. in audiology in 1971. A colleague at Long Beach General Hospital lamented that occupational therapy had lost a superb clinician, administrator, and teacher.

When she graduated, May was invited to join the faculty at the University of Michigan, but she returned to California after a short time and



Courtesy of Harlean Donaldson

joined the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1975. Devoted to her students, she was famous for coming early to class and filling every inch of chalkboard with notes. Colleague Miles Peterson, who considers May a wonderful mentor and friend, recalls that she loved to mother the students and help them pursue their professional careers in any way she could. She retired in 1998.

May enjoyed spending time with her family in northern California, but enjoyed foreign travel as well, sharing with them and others her visits to her parents' small village in southern China. Even in her later years, she was very active, especially when it came to working with her computer. Always ready to try new computer programs, she was well known at the Genius Bar at the Pasadena Apple Store.

May is survived by her sister Harlean; brothers Paul, Tom, and Jim; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. A family funeral was held in Colma, California on March 7.

JOHN MELVIN LEIMAN

Associate Professor of Psychology, 1967-1983

John Melvin Leiman, emeritus associate professor of psychology, died at age 95 on December 27 at home in Eugene, Oregon. He died peacefully in his sleep after enjoying Christmas week with



Courtesy of Leiman Family

his large family and friends. After having served in the Army through World War II and worked at the Air Force Personnel Laboratory and in private industry, John was appointed as an associate professor at Cal State L.A. in 1967, at age 48, where he taught industrial and organizational psychology and psychometrics and statistics until his retirement in 1983. His daughter reports that he felt this teaching position was the career best suited for him.

Born on May 29, 1919 on a family farm in Butler, Ohio, John was an inquisitive and precocious child who quickly concluded that farm life was not for him. He read widely and in high school excelled on the football field as well as in the classrooms. He was the first member of his family to graduate from college at Ohio State

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University in 1940. He then left Ohio with $50 in his pocket for graduate school in Eugene, Oregon.

John had enlisted in the ROTC to help pay for college, which enabled him to become an Army lieutenant soon after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1942, he and his new wife Geraldine drove to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he attended the battery officers course. He joined the 289th Field Observation Battalion as a commander, assigned to utilize sound and flash to locate enemy artillery. In August 1944, he sailed to the Philippines to help plan the invasion of Japan.

After the war, John returned to Eugene to finish his master's degree at the University of Oregon. After receiving his M.S. in 1947, he entered a doctoral program in psychology at the University of Washington. While completing his dissertation, he taught at Western Washington State College. He obtained his Ph.D. in 1951, and that same year, was employed to develop aptitude tests for pilots at the new Air Force Personnel Laboratory in San Antonio, Texas. In 1959, he relocated to Southern California, where he worked for Systems Development Corporation, an early designer of computer software, until he began teaching at Cal State L.A.

One colleague reports that John was a "numbers guy" surrounded by clinicians and researchers. He used those numbers effectively on the stock market. He had learned about IBM when he was in Seattle and recognized the potential significance the computer would have on most of us, and his fascination with the stock market was devoted more to that future than to financial benefit.

John was an extremely popular instructor who prepared his students very well for careers in human factors in industry. This area languished when John and Jerry Phelan retired. John represented the department on university and school committees, and was active in the United Professors of California. He was a lifelong member of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society and was honored as a member of the American Psychological Association for more than 60 years.

When he retired from Cal State L.A., John and his wife were divorced and he lived alone in Fallbrook, focusing on golf and duplicate bridge. When he turned 90, his large family living in Oregon coaxed him to return to Eugene, where he settled in a retirement home. He is survived by daughters Nancy and Sara, son James, brother Kenneth, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Because he perennially wrote "none" in any questionnaire involving religious affiliation, there was no formal memorial for him at his retirement home, where John was an enthusiastic member of the "Nones" group. His family hosted a very secular memorial gathering, with stories, laughter and his favorite foods, barbecued ribs and cinnamon rolls, at the Veteran's Club in Eugene.

Jane Sanford Lewis

Professor of Family Studies and Consumer Sciences, 1968-1991

Jane Sanford Lewis, emerita professor of family studies and consumer sciences, died from pneumonia on February 4, at the age of 96, surrounded by her daughters. During her 23 years at Cal State L.A., she was known for her teaching, research, and mentorship, and was a recipient of both campus and systemwide Outstanding Professor honors.

Born in Pasadena to Roscoe Frank Sanford and Mabel Dyer Sanford, Jane was the first of five children. Her father, an astronomer at the Mount Wilson Observatory, met her mother at the Dudley Observatory in Albany, New York, where she was working as a human computer. Jane graduated



Courtesy of Carolyn M. Lewis

summa cum laude from Pomona College in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, but was told there were no jobs for women in chemistry. She then readjusted her career plans and went on to graduate school at Cornell University, earning a master's degree in nutrition in 1942.

After graduation, Jane moved to Chicago and married Warren Burton Lewis, whom she had met at Pomona College. During World War II, she worked on the development of war rations and gas masks in Chicago, and then on rocket propellants at Caltech with Linus Pauling. In 1946, she and Burt moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts so that he could pursue his Ph.D. in chemistry at MIT. While in Cambridge, she gave birth to their first daughter, Catherine.

Jane and Burt moved to Los Alamos, New Mexico in 1948, where he began a career as a chemist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. During that time, she gave birth to their next three children, Warren, Carolyn, and Loretta, and worked primarily as a housewife, although she was active in the Garden Club, Unitarian Church, and League of Women Voters. She eventually became the League's state president.

In 1965, after her divorce, Jane began a new chapter in her life, going back to graduate school to earn a master's in public health and a doctorate in public health at UCLA, studying under Gladys Emerson. She started teaching at Cal State L.A. in 1968 while still writing her doctoral thesis, which she completed the following year. In 1975, she received the campus Outstanding Professor Award and, in 1976, she was selected as one of the two systemwide Outstanding Professors. These awards were in recognition of her dual concerns for scientific rigor and the welfare of others, focusing on the special nutritional problems of ethnic minorities. She deliberately reoriented her students' experiments toward community concerns in nutrition, and was personally involved in community programs such as Head Start and Freedom from Hunger. One of her students noted that she taught them that it was possible to be both fully scientific and fully human.

Colleague Margaret McWilliams remembers her as a great role model for her dietetics students, a serious scholar and researcher with strong principles and ethics. She was instrumental in helping students understand the science of nutrition, and she and her students published a considerable amount of research. Susan Lue, who was Jane's student and later shared an office with her as a faculty member for many years, reflects that Jane held a very high standard for her graduate students to follow scientific methods of thought and writing. She also had high standards for teaching, and mentored Sue as her graduate assistant in the biochemical research labs, encouraging her to pursue a teaching career. The associate chair of the department for many years, Jane served effectively on department, school, and university committees, and was key on selection committees for new faculty.

She found teaching extremely rewarding and continued to teach at the University until 1991, when she retired at the age of 73. Gardening was another of Jane's passions, and she grew many flowers, fruit trees, and a large vegetable garden at her home in Tarzana. She was active in the Santa Monica Mountains Task Force of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter, eventually leading hikes, helping to build trails, and publishing their newsletter. She earned a badge from the Sierra Club for bagging 100 peaks, one of which was Mount Whitney, which she climbed in her sixties. She also enjoyed many trips to Yosemite with her children and friends from the Sierra Club.

Jane is survived by her three daughters, Catherine, Carolyn, and Loretta; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Her son Warren predeceased her in 2008. Her Sierra Club friends will be having a bench dedication and tree planting for her during the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Beverly Y. Warner

Professor of Physical Education, 1953-1975

Beverly Y. Warner, emerita professor of physical education, died of natural causes at age 96

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to getting the very first sticker from the state government to sell gasoline by the gallon. Formally opened last May, the station is capable of producing hydrogen onsite from renewable energy sources, using the process known as electrolysis. Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs) fueling at the station emit only water vapor emissions. Hours of operation for the station are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by appointment as needed. Station tours are available to the public free of charge.

Cal State L.A. Awarded $5 Million NASA Grant

Cal State L.A. is one of 10 universities to receive a $5 million grant to conduct NASA-related research and education to help train a new generation of scientists and engineers. Under the five-year Minority and University Research and Education Project grant, the University will establish a Data Intensive Research and Education Center in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to create academic and research opportunities in critical STEM fields for students from underserved communities. The goal is to strengthen the nation's base for aerospace research and development, spur participation by faculty and students at minority-serving institutions, and increase the number of undergraduate and graduate degrees in NASA-related fields. The principal investigator is Hengchun Ye, chair of the Department of Geosciences.

$1.6 Million Endowment for Dreamers Center

Cal State L.A. has received an endowment of more than $1.6 million from philanthropist Erika J. Glazer to help fund the University's dreamer resource center, which opened last October in the Student Affairs building. The center, which will be named the Erika J. Glazer Family Dreamers Resource Center, serves as a one-stop shop where students receive guidance on everything from scholarship deadlines to applying for work authorization from the federal government. The Glazer family has also donated more than $700,000 to fund a scholarship program that was established in 2006. The most recent gift comes in response to a call by California lawmakers for additional measures to help undocumented college students. State Senator Ricardo Lara of Bell Gardens and Assemblywoman Patty Lopez of San Fernando recently proposed bills that would establish dreamers resource centers at community colleges and CSU campuses.

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on March 23, 2014, at Cherish House Retreat in Cambria, California. With dancing as her first love, she decided instead to pursue a teaching career that incorporated her philosophy that movement is essential to life, and taught physical education at Cal State L.A. for 22 years.

Beverly was born in May 1917 in Ogden, Utah, into a large extended Latter-day Saints family that had traveled from the British Isles across the plains to settle in Ogden. From the age of nine, her main interest was dancing, and she thought it would be her lifelong career. At 17, she danced with a ballet troupe at the Hollywood Bowl, but when another opportunity presented itself, her father insisted she return to Utah for two years of college. However, during those summers, she worked tap dancing every night in quite professional shows at the Grand Canyon North Rim.

At 19, Beverly was allowed to leave for New York City to study dance and look for work dancing, but after dancing in a unit chorus line performing four shows a day, she decided she really didn't want the life of a professional dancer and returned to Utah. She earned her B.S. and M.S. from the University of Utah, in 1939 and 1941, respectively, where she taught and also danced in the University orchesis group.

With World War II came marriage to Carl Yerrington and the birth of their daughter, Barbara. They were divorced a few years later. Beverly then taught at the University of Texas before accepting a position at Cal State L.A. in 1953. She completed her Ed.D. at the University of Southern California in 1958. It was then that she met her second husband, Bernard Warner, a professor of health and safety studies at Cal State L.A., whom she married in 1967. Their parallel professional and personal lives were very compatible and happy, and they participated in many professional organizations and were recognized for their contributions. Both retired as professors emerita/us the same year, 1975.

Beverly and Bernie traveled the world extensively, back in the day when parents got a 90 percent travel discount with Pan Am. They discovered Cambria not long after they married, and had always planned an early retirement to enjoy the community. After retirement and the move to Cambria, both were very active in the



Courtesy of Warner Family

many community activities Cambria had to offer. A highlight for Beverly was serving as a docent at Hearst Castle for 35 years. However, her first love was the pleasure that movement brought to her life, and she found some dance opportunities in Cambria through the years. Her last formal performance was at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a troupe called Variable Velocity, which included members of all ages. Beverly was the eldest at 86. She attended whatever exercise classes were offered by various groups in town, and was a three times per week regular at GymOne's Silver Sneakers class at 96 years of age.

At the time of her death, Beverly was survived by her daughter Barbara, granddaughter, niece, and Bernie's children, Lance and Jackie. A memorial was held on May 17, 2014 in Cambria.

17th Annual Distinguished Women Awards

Eleven faculty, staff, and administrators were honored at Cal State L.A.'s 17th annual Distinguished Women Awards ceremony on May 6. Sponsored each year by the Cross-Cultural Centers and the University-Student Union, this event recognizes University women employees for achievements in their fields, as well as other accomplishments, including contributions to Cal State L.A., commitment to students and women's issues, community involvement, and professional recognition. This year's honorees are Raquel Ackerman (Anthropology), Dwan Bridges (Kinesiology and Nutritional Science), Liudmila Flores (Child and Family Studies), Jenny Hicks (English), Monica Jazzabi (Student Health Center), Susan Kane (Music, Theatre and Dance), Rebecca Palmer (Housing Services), Betania Santos (Pan-African Studies/ Latin American Studies), Marguerite Ann Snow (Applied and Advanced Studies in Education), Angela Vergara-Marshall (History), and Angela Young (Management).

Golden Eagle Radio Debuts

On April 7, Cal State L.A. launched its new webcast student radio station, Golden Eagle Radio. Ten years in planning, the station provides a wide range of quality music, entertainment, and news for the Cal State L.A. campus and its surrounding communities, with nine shows on air and seven professional DJs who have worked on campus and at L.A. community events. The goal of the station is to bring unity to the Cal State L.A. community through diverse, informative, and exemplary student broadcasting. Golden Eagle Radio aims to provide an environment that encourages creativity and campus awareness, and serves as a platform for community activists, musicians, poets, philanthropists, and artists. Listen to the live stream at http://www.goldeneagleradio.org.

EMERITI ASSOCIATION NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

JUNE 2015 NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elections for Emeriti Association officers and Executive Committee members for the 2015-2016 year will be held at the emeriti annual meeting and spring luncheon, June 5, 2015. All Emeriti Association members in attendance at the meeting are eligible to vote. The offices to be filled, the nominees, and the term of office, as proposed by the Nomination Committee (John Cleman, Dorothy Keane, and William Taylor) are:

Officers Placed in Nomination

The following officer slate will be presented to the attendees at the spring luncheon. Additional nominations can be made at that time, followed by the elections.

President .....John Cleman (2015-2016)

Vice President for Administration .....Stanley M. Burstein (2015-2016)

Vice President for Programs .....Jean Morrow Adenika (2015-2017)

Treasurer .....Marshall Cates (2015-2017)

Academic Senate Representative.....John Cleman (2015-2016)

Continuing Officers and Appointed Executive Committee Members

Newly appointed executive committee members are shown in bold.

Immediate Past President.....Dorothy L. Keene (2015-2016)

Corresponding Secretary .....**Marlene Zepeda**

Historian-Archivist .....**Donald O. Dewey**

Secretary .....Hildebrando Villarreal (2014-2016)

Membership Secretary .....Rosemarie Marshall-Holt (2014-2016)

Chair, Fellowship Fund Committee.....Alfredo González

Chair, Fiscal Affairs .....Marshall Cates

Database Coordinator .....**Margaret Jefferson**

Lifelong Learning Program Liaison .....Peter Brier

Webmaster .....Demetrius J. Margaziotis

CSU-ERFA Council Delegates .....Donald O. Dewey (2016), William A. Taylor (2017), **John Cleman (2018)**

Members-at-Large (6):.....**William A. Taylor (2018)**, **Diane M. Klein (2018)**, **Neda Fabris (2017)**, **Roberto Cantú (2016)**, Joseph A. Casanova (2017), Barbara Sinclair (2016)

The Emeritimes Editorial Board .....Donald O. Dewey, Harold Goldwhite (chair), Joan D. Johnson, Vilma Potter, Frieda A. Stahl

Life Executive Members.....Donald O. Dewey, Janet Fisher-Hoult, Leonard G. Mathy, Frieda A. Stahl