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Emeriti Association Awards Six 2015-16 Fellowships

The Emeriti Association has awarded six outstanding graduate students fellowships for the 2015-16 academic year. While implementation of a new online application system delayed the review and selection process and required us to limit the number of awards that the Association could make, the quality of applicants remained high and those selected continue to be outstanding students.

The *David Cameron Fisher Memorial Fellowship* in biology has been awarded to **Meher Beigi Masihi**. His goal is to earn a Ph.D. and then teach and do research at a university. After earning his bachelor's degree from Azad University in Tehran in microbiology, Meher developed a more focused interest in cancer and cell biology. He pursued that interest by attending the Pasteur Institute of Iran, one of the leading institutions in Iran providing innovative programs in basic and applied medical sciences, but ultimately decided to continue his education in the United States. His research interests are in identifying novel anticancer drug targets through examining cell

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Lynn Mahoney to Speak on Cal State LA's Role as an Anchor University in the City of Los Angeles

Lynn Mahoney, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will be the featured guest speaker at the emeriti spring luncheon and meeting on Friday, May 20. In her talk, "Cal State LA: L.A.'s Public Anchor Institution?," she will share her goals and ideas to assist the



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University in its current strategic plans to move forward in developing its capacity to serve the student population in the City of Los Angeles.

Mahoney came to Cal State LA in February 2015 from CSU Long Beach, where she had served as the associate vice president for undergraduate studies from 2008 to 2013 and, most recently, as interim vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies. She previously served in a variety of leadership roles at Purchase College, State University of New York, including associate provost for integrative learning and vice president for student affairs.

At Long Beach, Mahoney provided leadership to the university's enrollment management planning and graduation rates initiative, as well as to the offices traditionally associated with undergraduate studies. She has spent her academic career working on issues related to enhancing student learning and improving retention and graduation rates. She also facilitated major revisions to the campus' graduation writing assessment requirement, general education, academic advising, and Writing Across the Curriculum program.

Mahoney received a bachelor's degree in American studies from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in history from Rutgers University. She is the author of *Elizabeth Stoddard and the Boundaries of Bourgeois Culture* and has lectured extensively on the construction of whiteness in the U.S. and the construction of gender globally.

The emeriti and guests will gather at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. After the brief annual business meeting, during which election of officers will take place for the coming year, this year's emeriti fellowships will be awarded to Cal State LA students. Mahoney's presentation will follow the awards, closing with a question-and-answer session to end no later than 3:00 p.m.

Faculty Strike is Averted

A last-minute round of talks in early April has led to a tentative agreement between the California Faculty Association and the California State University management, avoiding a faculty strike scheduled for April 13 and the following week. The agreement must be ratified this month by a vote of CFA members and the CSU Board of Trustees. By its terms, faculty will receive a total 10.5 percent raise over three years (2015-18) plus service step increases where appropriate. Emeriti associations around the state, including this one, had expressed support for the strike.



LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016
11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

GOLDEN EAGLE BALLROOM 1
COST: $35 PER PERSON

Send a check made payable to the Emeriti Association, along with your entrée choice: grilled salmon with lemon thyme chardonnay sauce, hanger steak with wild mushroom sauce, or stuffed chicken with spinach/ricotta in lemon herb sauce, to Marshall Cates, 1036 Armada Drive, Pasadena, CA 91103, **no later than Monday, May 16**. For additional information, call Marshall at 626-792-9118 or e-mail him at marshallcates@gmail.com.

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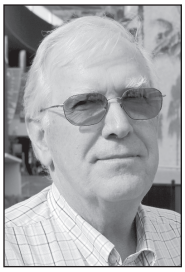
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President's Message

In my first message, I noted the irony that, while the fall season for many signaled the coming of the end of the year, for Cal State LA and most academic institutions fall was the time of renewal, of new beginnings. In the same vein, spring—the traditional season of rebirth and promise—is, for academics, the end of the school year, a time for offering diplomas and other ways of settling up, finishing off, and closing down. At Cal State LA, what is most obviously closing down is the quarter system.



With the three-year process now nearly complete, the University has revised or at least renumbered its curriculum, modified its technological infrastructure, and intensified its advisement practices to assure that as many students as possible will be able to graduate before next fall when the new academic calendar begins. For faculty, the strain of this effort has been intensified by several factors. Perhaps, most importantly, the decline in the number of tenured and tenure-track faculty over the past several years has meant that the workload for the semester conversion has been more onerous, borne by fewer people than if that decline had not occurred. Further adding to the strain, enrollment has significantly increased during this period in terms of both total numbers and the percentage of full-time students. Classes have been full, parking has been so difficult that an off-site lot with shuttle service has been acquired, and the lines have been long in the food court and the King Hall hallways outside the women's bathrooms during breaks between class periods.

And now, the campus is in the process of strategic planning, which involves many town hall meetings to discuss the University's vision of itself and where it wants to be in the future. Some of the strain has been visible at Academic Senate meetings in the form of various "concerns from the floor," a new feature of the Senate's regular agenda, and it has exacerbated the disgruntlement of faculty during the recent collective bargaining process and the scheduling of a five-day strike in mid-April.

Despite these strains and discontents, the prospects for the future at Cal State LA are very good, and those who attend this year's spring luncheon on Friday, May 20 will be treated to a view of these prospects from the new provost and vice president for academic affairs, Lynn Mahoney. In my observations of her at the Academic Senate where she now has a regular spot on the agenda, I have found her to be an upbeat, energetic, straight-talking individual with good ideas about what to do and what not to do to improve the University. There will be a Q&A period after her talk during which you can voice your curiosity about what has been happening recently on campus. We will also have a number of our 2015-16 fellowship recipients as well as a prior awardee to meet and hear speak about their academic and professional goals and activities.

As I referred to in my last message, the fellowship/scholarship process underwent some changes this year that led to an unusually long period before the awards could be determined, which is why we are honoring the recipients at the spring instead of the fall luncheon. We are hoping that we will be able to honor the 2016-17 fellowship/scholarship recipients at

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Gaucher-Morales Memorial Conference Celebrates Américo Paredes, Mexican Folklore

By Roberto Cantú

The 2016 Gigi Gaucher-Morales Memorial Conference, which takes place on May 6 and 7 in the Music Hall, is devoted to Américo Paredes and subtitled "Border Narratives and the Folklore of Greater Mexico."

This year's conference is the result of concerted planning and partnership with UC Santa Barbara and the University of Texas at Austin, where Américo Paredes (1915-2009) served as professor of English and anthropology. Admired and acknowledged as one of the inspiring founders of Mexican American studies in colleges and universities across the United States, Paredes was an active advocate of civil rights, educational reform, and improved social and economic opportunities for Mexican Americans and members of other ethnic communities in the United States. Born in Brownsville, Texas in 1915, Paredes served as president of the Texas Folklore Society and vice president of the American Folklore Society. His lifelong interest in Mexican American history and culture motivated him during his early years to collect *corridos* (ballads) from farmers and villagers living on the Lower Rio Grande and on both sides of the Mexico-U.S. border, resulting in his pioneering book, "*With*

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A Dean Advances Campus Connections with Emeriti

New Emerita Bea Yorker Eager to Assume New Role in Emeriti Association

One of the challenges emeriti faculty members face is that of isolation from their former campus networks. The Emeriti Association provides a critical link between retired faculty and the University, but even the Association finds it challenging at times to maintain those connections on a regular basis. Newly appointed emerita Beatrice Yorker, former dean of the College of Health and Human Services, has spoken regularly about the importance of these connections, and has found ways to facilitate them at the college level.

At the head of the College of Health and Human Services since 2005, Yorker recognized that the work of the Emeriti Association is enhanced by the support and collaboration of the campus community. Early in her tenure as dean, she arranged a visit by the emeriti to the School of Criminal Justice and a subsequent luncheon. It was a resounding success. Since that time, she has attended the emeriti fall and spring luncheons, and has been a spokesperson for continued collaborations in her college and on campus. She has also developed a college emeriti contact list that she has used regularly to keep emeriti informed about activities and events in their former departments.

Yorker may be a recent emerita but she has strong views about the Emeriti Association. "This Emeriti Association is the best I have ever seen. Getting to know the emeriti gave me a vision that there is life beyond. Reading *The Emeritimes* and hearing from the world travelers and the Fulbright scholars, about the books and the poems and the Lifelong Learning talks, made me feel that there is so much to still experience."

According to Yorker, Cal State LA's new vice president for university advancement, Janet Dial, is very aware of the value of emeriti as well. Even beyond our campus, Yorker notes that at the last systemwide health and human services college deans' meeting, "we spent 45 minutes discussing how each of us engages emeriti. There are advisory boards in most colleges. There are many roles that emeriti can play."

Yorker's collaborations have set an example for other college deans and senior administrators to emulate, and now that she is a new life member of the Association, she is eager to continue her support from the other side. The Emeriti Association looks forward to working closely with her in the years to come.

Source material for this article was provided by Dorothy Keane from her recent interview with Bea Yorker.

Neda Fabris Fellowship Now Under the Auspices of the Emeriti Association

Originally established under the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology in 2009, the Neda Fabris Fellowship in Mechanical Engineering is now under the auspices of the Emeriti Association. The Emeriti Association will now be responsible for reviewing applications each year and selecting the recipient who most closely meets the criteria established by Fabris. The fellowship will be awarded to full-time graduate students in mechanical engineering who have completed at least one 500-level course and have a minimum 3.5 grade-point average.

In 1979, Fabris was appointed as the first female faculty member in what was then Cal State LA's School of Engineering. While at the University, she taught 25 different courses, of which she developed nine in manufacturing material and automation, including four graduate engineering manufacturing classes. She also developed the National Science Foundation-funded and much praised Mother-Daughter Engineering Academy, designed to encourage girls to study and pursue careers in engineering. She served as chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering from 1988 to 1992, one of only two women in the United States to do so at the time. Fabris has been emerita in the Department of Mechanical Engineering since 2008.

Three New Emeriti Named

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

CARLOS G. GUTIÉRREZ
(Chemistry, 1976-2015)

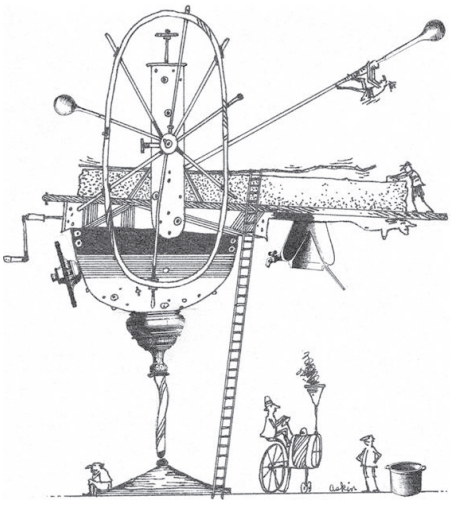
GLORIA J. ROMERO
(Psychology, 1989-2015)

LILLIAN K. TAIZ
(History, 1992-2015)

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

Professional and Personal

Walter Askin (Art) has a new exhibition at the Brigham Young University Museum of Art in Provo, Utah, titled "Reality Reorganized: Walter Askin and Wayne Kimball's Mysterious Discursions." The exhibition, which will be on display in the Jones-Boshard Gallery



Making Toasted Cheese Sandwiches

at the museum from April 13 to August 27, features two artists with strong ties to Utah County and celebrates their influences on the larger contemporary art world. They share whimsical reworkings of reality that shift expectations of familiar objects and motifs, play with perceptions, and embrace mystery and caprice as authentic means of experiencing the world. Kenneth Hartvigsen, curator of the exhibition, explains, "Both of these artists thrive on absurd humor. Their pictures are full of quirky and unexpected associations that playfully disrupt history along with the typical heady trappings of 'culture' and 'fine art.' Visitors will encounter realistic figures and forms reorganized in delightful ways." Their work clearly demonstrates their belief that humor is central to the human experience.

Gary A. Best (Special Education) authored a chapter, "For the Folks Back Home," in the book, *Hope and Courage: Military Writers Society of America 2015 Anthology*, Red Engine Press, 2015.

Domnita Dumitrescu (Spanish) has a number of new publications: "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,

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Campus News

Rita Ledesma Appointed Interim Associate Dean, HHS

Rita Ledesma was named interim associate dean for diversity and student engagement in the College of Health and Human Services, effective April 1. In this new role, she will focus on increasing diversity within the college's faculty ranks and improving student success. Appointed to the School of Social Work in 1995, Ledesma played a significant role in the development of the MSW program and served as the first director of field education. She has participated in grant activities and developed a number of community partnerships to address educational equity issues as well as community-campus interventions. She directed the Partnership for Academic Learning and Success (PALS) Peer-Mentoring Program for many years and developed the Pathways to Graduation Program in the Department of Child and Family Studies, which she has chaired for the past six years.

As a lifelong resident of the communities immediately adjacent to the campus, Ledesma has a deep appreciation for Cal State LA's role in nurturing the academic achievement of students and improving local communities. Her academic and culturally focused social work career has been informed by her commitment to social justice, equity, and opportunity. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Alumna and Coach Finishes Third in L.A. Marathon

Cal State LA alumna and assistant track and field coach Julia Budniak finished third in the 31st Annual Los Angeles Marathon on February 14. Running an inspiring race, Budniak captured the bronze medal with a personal best time of two hours, 44 minutes, and 44 seconds. Originally from Poland, Budniak, who also coaches cross country, received a master's degree in nutrition from Cal State LA in 2013.

Graduate Nursing Program Ranked Among the Best

Cal State LA's master's degree program in nursing has been rated among the highest in two recent publications. According to *College Choice,* an independent college search and rankings website, Cal State LA ranks 28 out of the top 50 in the country. It is also the only California State University campus in the rankings, which are based on academic reputation, acceptance rate, cost of tuition, and average graduate earnings.

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nr. 6, 2014 (online publication); "Spanglish, estadounidismos y bilingüismo vestigial: ¿Qué es qué?," *Visiones europeas del Spanglish*, edited by Silvia Betti and Daniel Jorques Jiménez, Valencia: Ediciones Uno y Cero, 2015 (electronic publication); "Aspectos pragmáticos y discursivos del español estadounidense/Pragmatic and discursive aspects of Spanish in the United States," *Informes del observatorio/Observatory reports* 015-11-2015, Instituto Cervantes at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University (online publication); "Homenaje a Luis Alberto Ambroggio: Perfil del poeta,"*Alba de América* 35, 2015; "Tradicion e innovación en el diccionario académico," *Glosas,* vol.8, nr. 8, 2015; "Innovative Approaches to Teaching Spanish and Portuguese in the Twenty First Century, and More . . .," 2015 MLA Convention Feature, *Hispania* 98.2, 2015; and "Oraciones interrogativas directas" and "Oraciones interrogativas indirectas y otras estructuras," *Enciclopedia de lingüística hispánica*, edited by Javier Gutiérrez Rexach, London: Routledge, 2016. Recent lectures and presentations include "Preguntas que contestan preguntas: Una estructura especial del diálogo en español," presented at the XV Congreso de la Asociación de Academias de la Lengua Española, México City, November 22-25; "Teaching Spanish heritage speakers in the U.S.: Some challenges," at the Fall 2015 meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) Southern California Chapter on October 31 at CSU Channel Islands; "Teaching Spanish heritage speakers in the U.S.: Challenges and rewards," at the University of Stockholm, September 17; "A particular kind of 'action-reaction': Questions answering questions (in Spanish and Romanian dialogues), at the International Association for Dialogue Analysis International Conference, Nancy, France, in August; "Tradición e innovación en el diccionario académico," at the Annual AATSP Conference, Denver, in July; and "La literatura en Spanglish como espacio de encuentro e identidad: El caso de Junot Diaz," at the 35th Congreso Internacional de ALDEEU (Association of Spanish Professionals Living in America), Segovia, Spain, in July.

Don Paulson (Chemistry) received the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award from the Ridgway Ouray Community Council for his work in preserving the history of Ouray County, Colorado. His latest book, *Mines, Miners, and Much More,* was published in June 2015 by Twain Press, Chicago. The book paints a broad colorful history of gold and silver mining in the San Juan Triangle of southwestern Colorado. It is intended for those who want to see, explore, and understand the historic sites remaining from the glory days of Colorado mining.

Martin Schiesl (History) wrote biographical entries on Los Angeles civil rights leader Christopher L. Taylor and San Francisco civil rights leader Thomas Nathaniel Burbridge in 2015. The entries are posted on the website, http://www.BlackPast.org.

Marlene Zepeda (Child and Family Studies) was appointed by Los Angeles First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis to represent Supervisorial District 1 on the Los Angeles First Five Commission in 2016. First 5 LA, a leading early childhood advocacy organization working collaboratively across L.A. County, strengthens families, communities, and systems of services so that all children in L.A. County enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school and life.

President's Message

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the fall luncheon later this year, which will make for a very exciting program along with Raphael Sonenshein as our featured speaker. Sonenshein, director of the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute for Public Affairs, has spoken with great success on the political landscape in America at two of our prior luncheons. The luncheon is scheduled for September 16 and, as it looks now, the political landscape will be a strange and exotic space indeed. So, mark it on your calendar.

Finally, I want to note that the Executive Committee has begun to have conversations—so far informal, but soon to be part of our meeting agendas—about the Emeriti Association's mission, the role of the Committee in the Association, and the role of the Association in the University. Since the Emeriti Association was founded in the late 1970s, much has changed in the profession and in the University, and we want to be sure that we are appropriately in tune with those changes. To that end, we plan to invite attendees at our spring luncheon to make suggestions to the Executive Committee about the roles or activities in which they would like to see the Association become more engaged. I hope to see you then, but even if you are unable to attend, we invite your input on this issue.



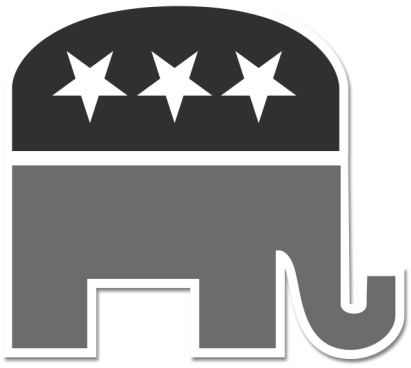
Primary Elections: Uncertainties Increasing

By Ted Anagnoson

Interesting times. Some years we are blessed with relatively predictable presidential primary elections, but other years are like this one, with several wild cards thrown into the equation.

This year, the biggest wild card is the anger in both parties from those who feel disaffected by the economy—on the Republican side from the Trump voters who feel that the economy has sent their jobs overseas and left them with lower-paying or no jobs, and on the Democratic side from the Sanders voters, fired up over Wall Street shenanigans, student debt, and a host of other issues.

The tradition on the Republican side has been that there is an "anointed" candidate who receives the nomination, usually the person who was runner up in the last election (think John McCain in 2008 or Mitt Romney in 2012), but this year there was no clearly defined runner-up from 2012. The tradition since World War II has been that the presidency has gone to the other party after two terms in office in six elections out of seven, with the only exception being 1988, when George H. W. Bush succeeded Ronald Reagan. Consequently, the Republican nomination this year attracted 17 candidates. In the first few caucuses and primaries, Donald Trump managed to attract some 35 to 45 percent of the votes, with the other candidates splitting the remainder. This situation is a classic case where counting only the first place votes makes a difference, and a proportional representation voting scheme of one kind or another would surely have ranked him lower than first place in those elections.



On the Democratic side, the tradition is a free-for-all at the primary nomination stage, but this year there was an "anointed candidate," former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, challenged by Senator Bernie Sanders. With President Obama having energized younger and ethnic minority voters to the point where their surge propelled him into the presidency, the key question was and still is whether Secretary Clinton could activate the same energy and consequent surge in turnout. However, the energy of the younger voters went to Senator Sanders. African-American and Latino voters seem to have gone to Secretary Clinton, but without the same energy that President Obama received in both elections. If Secretary Clinton is the nominee, the question is still whether she can energize the Obama coalition of younger and ethnic minority voters to approximately the same level that President Obama did. On the Republican side, the question will be whether Republican anger over the Obama presidency will be so strong as to trump (pun intended) discomfort over the particular nominee. While there is still a possibility of someone other than Mr. Trump or Senator Cruz receiving the Republican nomination, the likelihood is small. The most likely outcomes are either that Trump will have the 1,237 votes necessary to receive the nomination on the first ballot or that, if the process goes to a second or subsequent ballot, the Cruz forces will be victorious.

The Fundraising

The presidential primary season is governed by a series of parameters, the first of which is the long length of the season and its beginning in the small and unrepresentative states of Iowa and New Hampshire. The combination of the long season and the differing rules in each state mean that any serious presidential campaign requires a major staff and fundraising effort to compete. The presence of two to four small states at the beginning of the period, with the history that candidates who do not finish in the top two or three places often drop out, means that strikingly large amounts of money are spent in each of these first states just to ensure that candidates finish in the top two or three places.

A major organizing parameter from the 1970s until the early 2000s was the matching funds provided by the Federal Election Commission (FEC), the result of a reform effort of the Nixon era called the Federal Election Campaign Act. Matching funds were provided at a 1:1 ratio for all contributions below $250 once the candidate had raised $5,000 in contributions of $250 or less in each of 20 states. In return, candidates had to accept an overall expenditure limit for the entire primary season ($48 million in 2016), as well as limits in each state (Iowa, $1,842,100; New Hampshire, $961,400). The more competitive candidates consider these limits too low, particularly in the first few states where a top three outcome has been a prerequisite for continuing the campaign. Candidates who want to win in Iowa and New Hampshire usually spend at least $3 million in each state (in 2016 the per-vote totals reported in the press indicate that the Republican candidates in Iowa spent anywhere from $6 million to more than $25 million—just in Iowa). Consequently, beginning in 1996, candidates who are better fundraisers have tended to refuse the federal matching funds. Steve Forbes was first, and then George W. Bush followed him in 2000.

The U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United decision in 2010 changed some of these parameters by making it possible for a SuperPAC or 501(c)(4) nonprofit to support a candidate past the point when normally the candidate's fundraising would have dried up and the campaign would have been "suspended." (Campaigns are suspended rather than terminated so that the candidate can pay his or her debts and wind down leases and such; "terminating" a campaign requires that all of these things be accomplished.) New in 2016 are SuperPACs and 501(c)(4) nonprofits that are almost attached to campaigns; they use the same advertising agencies and other services that the campaign does, and those of you who watched Stephen Colbert form his SuperPAC on late-night television know that the rules on "coordinating" with the campaign are very loose.



There is a similar campaign finance system for the general election campaign, with a fixed amount of $96 million (2016) offered in return for the candidate's not raising any other money. Barack Obama was the first to reject that arrangement, in 2008, resulting in his having substantially more money for the general election campaign than John McCain. In 2012, neither candidate accepted the FEC block grant. It is

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signaling dysfunctionalities in tumor development and translating these findings into potent therapeutics. His interest in teaching dates back to when he tutored high school students while he was an undergraduate, where he enjoyed the interaction with students and finding ways to get them to better understand and remember the material. He found that one of the most effective ways was to relate the material he was teaching to their own lives and experiences. Meher states that he would like to inspire students with the same kind of passion with which his professors inspired him.

Jose A. Perez and **Leah Zeller** have each been awarded a *Jane Matson Memorial Fellowship* for students pursuing a master's degree in counseling. Both recipients are students in the Division of Special Education and Counseling.

Jose A. Perez's goal is to become a family psychologist in order to help others foster positive family relations. His interest is in helping individuals and families that have been negatively impacted by personal or social factors, finding ways to deal effectively with those experiences, and mitigating their effect on the family unit, especially the children. His volunteer work has included serving as an assistant to the intervention specialist at an area high school, assisting the facilitator of parenting classes for probations and foster youth, recruiting and doing intake interviews for Cal State LA's Counseling and Assessment Clinic (many of them in Spanish) under the supervision of a professor working with several families in the clinic, and tutoring youth at Boy's Republic. One of Jose's professors writes that Jose "has shown himself to be an excellent student, has enriched the lives of children and parents here in the Clinic and in our local schools, and has made a significant contribution to Cal State LA and its surrounding communities."

"My personal mission statement," states **Leah Zeller**, "simply put, is to help people." She goes on to say, "I want to use my talents and education to help better my community, specifically its children." It is apparent that Leah is passionately committed to doing everything she can to ensure that all children are able to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment and experience all of the joys, wonders, and excitement that childhood should be. As an undergraduate at West Virginia University, Leah received a full tuition waiver for her academic performance and extracurricular involvement and the Blue and Gold Academic scholarship, and was admitted into the university's top honor society each of her four years as an undergraduate. Among other extracurricular activities and volunteer work, she serves as president of the School-Based Family Counseling Association, a Cal State LA student organization, and as a walker, fundraiser, and board member for the Maryland, Virginia, and Los Angeles chapters of the Out of Darkness Community Walks for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She recently was invited to serve on the board of Globescope Arts and Entertainment, Inc., a home to citizen artists, entertainers, and underrepresented cultures. One of her professors writes that Leah is "an excellent example of the resilience, quality and caliber of students in our program and the University."

The *Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship* for students whose work is devoted to areas of interest or concern to native peoples of the Americas has been awarded to **Claudia Camacho-Trejo**, who is working on her master's degree in anthropology with an emphasis in Meso-American studies. Claudia first came to the United States when she was four years old, only to return to Mexico a year later and not return again for eight years. As a high school student in the United States, she was enrolled in remedial English classes as well as advanced placement classes in Spanish and calculus. She began her college studies in Mexico, but again returned to the U.S. to earn her A.A. degree, followed by her bachelor's degree from Cal State LA in 2013. As an undergraduate, Claudia was active and held leadership positions in a number of student organizations and played key roles in organizing numerous events, including the first International Mesoamerican Symposium held at the University by the campus Art History Society. The event, supported by the Mexican Consulate, attracted more than 600 attendees, including several of Central Mexico's most prominent archaeologists. As an undergraduate she was invited, and served in, several prestigious internships in Central Mexico that provided her invaluable research experience. One of Claudia's goals is to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, where the most prominent Mesoamerican lithicist teaches.

Amalia Castaneda and **James Steele** have each been awarded a *William E. Lloyd Memorial Fellowship* for students pursuing a master's degree in history or public policy.

Amalia Castaneda's goal is to earn a Master of Library and Information Science degree and work as a museum/archival professional in a cultural institution. Her academic and volunteer experiences at Cal State LA influenced her transition into public history. Through archives and museums, she is confident she can continue working on the social justice work she grew passionate about as an undergraduate. Amalia received her bachelor's degree from UCLA with a double major in political science and gender studies. At her commencement, she was conferred the department achievement award for her commitment to feminist issues through service and academic excellence. Some of her many honors and awards include the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship, UCLA 2009-11; CSU Sally Casanova Fellowship; Institute of Museum and Library Services Rare Book School Fellowship; and Eugene Fingerhut Award for outstanding graduate student in the Cal State LA History Department, awarded by the Department's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society. Amalia's volunteer work is extensive and is both influenced and motivated by her background. She currently serves as a board member at the Museum of Social Justice, assistant at the Cal State LA Department of Special Collections and Archives, and co-editor-in-chief for the History Department's academic journal, *Perspectives*. In 2015, she co-curated "African American Civil Rights Movement in L.A.," and this year she is helping develop an exhibition highlighting the undocumented student movement in Los Angeles. Most recently, Amalia was selected to intern with the University of Chicago Preservation Program, where she will gain hands-on professional training in special collections digitization.

In 2009, **James Steele** made a decision to pursue something he had not been able to do years earlier; he returned to college to complete his degree in history. As James states, "I graduated in 2014 with honors and haven't looked back." Indeed he has not, having been named to the Dean's List and become a member of the Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Golden Key honor societies. Perhaps the delay was a mixed blessing, as he states, "I believe strongly that this detour has allowed me to learn to appreciate the opportunities that I am afforded now far more than I would have at the age of eighteen." Concerned about the community, and especially the educational experience of young people, he works with the Autry National Center's education outreach program, which allows him to go into some of the most at-risk elementary schools in greater Los Angeles to try to help students succeed. Since 2014, he has served as a resident life coordinator at Cal State LA. In the fall of 2016, without looking back, James will begin applying to Ph.D. programs.

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.

Primary Elections (Continued from Page 5)

unlikely, given that the candidates are spending three to five times that amount for the general election, that any candidate will again accept the block grant without Congress updating the law. The likelihood of that, in turn, is like the likelihood of most legislation in these polarized times—unlikely.

State Strategies

States establish the rules for presidential primary elections, including the date and the political party options on allowing independents and members of other parties to vote in their primaries. States pay for primary elections, which is important, because if a political party decides to have caucuses instead, it has to pay for them itself. You will notice as a consequence that the caucus states are mostly small ones, not places like New York, Texas, or California. A candidate's strategy for pursuing small state caucuses can be important: in 2008, one of the factors that kept Barack Obama ahead of Hillary Clinton was her mistake in not pursuing the delegates from some of the Rocky Mountain states that are strongly Republican. While these are Republican states, they still send delegates to the Democratic National Convention, and candidate Obama accrued some 100-plus delegates that, with the proportional representation system the Democrats require throughout the primary system, made it difficult for her to catch up. Senator Bernie Sanders is now experiencing the same phenomenon. Once a candidate falls behind in the Democratic Party's presidential primary system, catching up requires large victories like the one that Hillary Clinton got in Mississippi, where she won 83 percent to 17 percent. These are difficult to obtain.

The Republican Party allows states to have "winner-take-all" primaries starting on March 14, a date chosen to allow the primaries on March 15 to have this system. Some nine states have done so, but they are mostly small or middle-sized states, not the biggest ones.

A complicating parameter is that some state political parties allow independents, or even members of other parties, to vote in the primary election. Bernie Sanders' victory in New Hampshire this year was in part because of a surge in independent voting in the Democratic Party primary. In California, the state Democratic Party is allowing those who have declined to state a party preference to vote in its presidential primary; the Republican presidential primary is open only to those who have stated a preference for the Republican Party. In Wisconsin, the Democratic primary is open to independents; while Hillary Clinton led among Democrats, she was behind Bernie Sanders among independents by 30 percent or more as of a few days before the election.

The Good Old Days

Primary elections are relatively new as the method of nominating presidential candidates. Until 1972, most candidates were nominated in the infamous "smoke-filled rooms" of the Democratic and Republican national party conventions. Hubert Humphrey, the Democratic candidate in 1968, actually didn't run in any primary elections. But after the tumultuous Democratic National Convention of 1968, Eugene McCarthy's failure to get the nomination in spite of his delegates, and Humphrey's loss, the party formed the McGovern-Fraser Commission, named for its co-chairs, Senator George McGovern and Representative Donald M. Fraser. The commission's rule changes created an incentive for states to hold primaries that directly selected delegates for the national nominating conventions, and quickly over three-fourths of the states and 80 percent of the delegates came to be selected in primary elections. The Republicans came to use similar rules over the same time period—the 1970s.

The result was the elections of 1972, 1976, and 1980, with the Democrats suffering two crushing losses in 1972 and 1980, and the conclusion among many that too great a proportion of the Democratic National Convention delegates were not party officials and were too interested in issue position purity rather than in actually winning elections. With the Hunt Commission of 1981, the Democrats came to include "superdelegates" in the convention. These were generally national and state party officials and office holders, generally the sorts of people who are interested in winning the election first and in issue purity second.

Delegate Math

This year, the Democratic National Convention will have 719 unpledged or superdelegates, some 15 percent of the 4,765 (2,383 to be nominated) delegates at the convention. Pledged delegates emerge from primaries and caucuses. The superdelegates are distinguished party leaders, past presidents, governors, senators, members of the House of Representatives, Democratic National Committee members, and the like. In general, most of them have been informally "pledged" for Hillary Clinton, but if Senator Sanders were to have a lead among the pledged delegates emerging from the primary season, there would be strong pressures on the superdelegates to switch their votes to the "democratic" choice.

Republicans have superdelegates, but fewer, and the rules make them much less interesting than the Democratic Party superdelegates. The Republican National Convention in 2016 has 2,472 delegates (1,237 to nominate), with 168 superdelegates, three from each state's Republican Party. However, a 2015 rule compels them to vote for the candidate who won their state's primary or caucus, so they are not "unpledged," as the Democratic superdelegates are.

Combine the complicated rules with the very different personalities and appeals of the candidates, and we have a supremely interesting primary election period. Interesting times, indeed.

Ted Anagnoson is an emeritus professor of political science, frequent guest lecturer, and persistently optimistic voter.

Memorial Conference (Continued from Page 2)

His Pistol in His Hand": A Border Ballad and Its Hero (1958), and other influential books on folklore, poetry, and narrative fiction. In 1991, Paredes was honored by the government of Mexico with the Order of the Aztec Eagle Award in recognition of his contributions to Mexican culture.

The program includes 10 keynote and featured speakers, two plenary sessions on conference-related topics, and four theatrical pieces written by Chicano playwright Carlos Morton, to be performed by four professional actors under the direction of Guillermo Avilés Rodríguez. One of the highlights of this conference is the discussion between Chicano actor Edward James Olmos (a Cal State LA alumnus) and film director Robert Young on the making of the film *The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez* (1982), adapted from Paredes's book *With His Pistol in His Hand.*

Cal State LA's Emeriti Association continues to be one of the main sponsors of the annual conference honoring the late Jeanine "Gigi" Gaucher-Morales, professor emerita of French and Spanish from 1965 to 2005, who died in 2007. The memorial conference was established and funded by the Morales Family Lecture Series Endowment in 2009, with a contractual agreement that the conferences be funded in perpetuity. Other sponsors include the Office of the President, College of Arts and Letters, College of Natural and Social Sciences, Department of Chicano Studies, and Department of English, in conjunction with UC Santa Barbara, the University of Texas at Austin, and the Américo Paredes Center for Cultural Studies at UT-Austin. Participating as organizers and moderators are Cal State LA faculty, Provost Lynn Mahoney, and members of the Emeriti Association such as John Cleman and Roberto Cantú.

The conference is free and open to the public. For detailed information regarding the scheduled speakers and sessions, and biographies and lecture abstracts of speakers and panelists, visit http://americoatcalstatela.blogspot.com/.

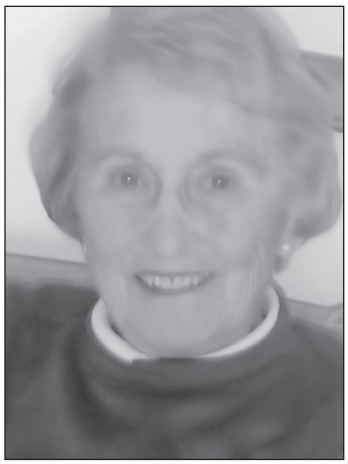
In Memoriam

ANITA H. FISHER

Professor of Physical Education, 1956-1980

Anita H. Fisher, emerita professor of physical education, died on March 10 due to natural causes. She taught, mentored, and coached future teachers for more than 30 years.

Anita was born in Archer City, Texas to Mont and Annie Hart, and was the last survivor of eight siblings. After her father died when she was only three years old, Anita lived with her mother, who supported them by taking in laundry and cleaning houses. Anita and her mother



Courtesy of Robert Fisher

also picked cotton to support them during the Great Depression. Her brothers and sisters, who were much older than she was, either lived with and/or were raised by other relatives. An older sister was raised by a wealthy aunt in Colorado, and Anita was in high school before she found out that she even had an older sister.

Most of her older siblings moved west in order to try to find jobs. One of her brothers was tragically killed while "riding the rails" trying desperately to find work. After starting college in Texas, Anita moved to Los Angeles, as there was little or no work at that time in West Texas and she had become responsible for the support of her mother. The Depression still had its grip on most of the nation.

Anita arrived in Los Angeles while still quite young, eventually finding a job at McKesson & Robbins, a wholesale drug company in downtown L.A. There she met and married I.V. "Bud" Fisher, who worked at McKesson in the sales department. They had been introduced by fellow employees while bowling on the McKesson bowling team. Bud was a widower with two young sons and Anita, who was barely out of her teens, took on the responsibility of raising them, legally adopting them as her own. Bud and Anita later added a daughter, Karla, to the family. The family had moved into a new home in the Morningside Park area of Los Angeles in 1940, where they lived until 1951 when Bud was named as the branch manager of McKesson's new facility in North Hollywood.

Following the move to North Hollywood, Anita decided to go back to college to get her teaching credential despite having children starting college, high school, and the first grade. She did more than that by not only earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at what was then Los Angeles State College (1954 and 1956, respectively) and teaching credential from then California State College in Northridge, but also a doctorate in education from the University of Southern California in 1963.

Anita began teaching elementary physical education for teachers at Cal State LA in 1956 and also coached women's golf. Like the other women who coached at that time, she did so on a voluntary basis, as these were the days before the arrival of Title IX. She retired as professor emerita in 1980. An inspiration to her students and athletes, she remained close to many of them over the years.

After her retirement, Anita moved to Orange County where she obtained a real estate broker's license and was active in a second career. She was also very active in civic, social, and athletic activities in Irvine, later at Leisure World (now Laguna Woods), and then at Freedom Village in Lake Forest. She served on various committees, homeowner groups, and panels, and was always an avid golfer. She also enjoyed tennis, bridge, and (much later) Wii bowling.

Anita is survived by son Robert, daughter Karla, eight grandchildren, 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM R. HANSON

Professor of Biology, 1960-1988

William R. Hanson, professor emeritus of biology, died on October 31 at age 96. Bill joined the Department of Zoology in 1960 and retired, after a career of 27 years, from the Department of Biology in 1988. He was a dedicated teacher, a skilled and meticulous researcher, a mentor to many students, a wonderful colleague, and a friend to many within the University community. He taught many courses throughout his career at Cal State LA, including ornithology, wildlife conservation, statistics, embryology, introduction to biology, ecology, population ecology, and humans and the biological environment, along with graduate seminars in the field of ecology.

Born in a sod house on the North Dakota prairie, Bill had a rich and varied life. His parents were homesteaders in the Dakota Badlands where he grew up on the Logging Camp Ranch. In his early years, he helped his parents as a farmhand raising hay and grain for the cattle, horses, pigs, and chickens, and also helped with cattle branding and cattle drives. He attended a one-room schoolhouse for his primary grades and boarded during high school in Dickinson, North Dakota. Later, he taught in a one-room schoolhouse where his pupils included his younger brother. His early background growing up in the Badlands of North Dakota fueled Bill's love of observing plants and wildlife.

Deciding that ranching life had too many factors over which he had no control, such as weather and disease, Bill decided to obtain a college education. In 1943, he graduated from the University of Montana with a major in botany. Fortunate to have completed his degree just before his active military service began, Bill worked in the Weather Service of the U.S.



Courtesy of Lynne Bramlett

Army Air Corps during World War II. He was sent to a base near Great Falls, Montana at the end of World War II where he met his future wife, Helen Louise Bordley. They married in August 1946.

From 1948 to 1950, Bill worked for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department before earning a Ph.D. in zoology with a minor in botany from Oklahoma State University in 1952. The title of his dissertation was *Plants for Improving Land-Use for Bobwhite Quail Habitat*. He later worked for the Arizona Fish and Game Department (1953-55) and the Illinois Natural History Survey (1955-59) before joining the faculty at Cal State LA.

While at Cal State LA, Bill was awarded a Fulbright grant to conduct research and teach at the University of Turku, Finland during the 1967-68 academic year. During that time, he and his wife met many people who became lifelong friends. Before he left Finland, Bill received the Founder's Day Award (medal) from the Government of Finland for his "meritorious service to

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the nation for his research." He later described his experience in Finland as a Fulbright Scholar as the high point of his professional career.

Before and after retirement, Bill loved traveling, playing golf and bridge, and meeting new people. He also enjoyed reading and writing, and along with documenting his travels, he wrote his autobiography, *Don't Fence Me in the Badlands,* and more recently, *A Guide to Bidding in Contract Bridge*.

After his wife Helen died in April 2005, Bill moved from West Covina to northern California to be closer to family. He was fortunate to have enjoyed very good health until July 2015. Despite his failing health, he remained characteristically cheerful, upbeat, and positive.

Bill is survived by his sons Rick and Keith, daughter Lynne, and their spouses; two grandchildren; sister Victoria; brother Robert; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Interment is planned for June 2016 in the Custer County Cemetery near Miles City, Montana.

Donald Lynn Rans

Professor of Accounting, 1984-1999

Donald Lynn Rans, emeritus professor of accounting, died on December 28 at the age of 79 in Laguna Niguel.

A native of Rochester, Indiana born on September 18, 1936 to Donald Chester Rans and Mary A. (Landis) Rans, Lynn, as he was known, graduated from Indiana University in 1958 with a B.S. degree in accounting. During that year, he also married the former Sally Ann Sharp in St. Louis, Missouri and received his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He continued his education at Michigan State University, where he received his MBA in 1963 and later, obtained his DBA from Indiana University in 1972.



Courtesy of the Rans Family

During his career in the Air Force, Lynn was promoted up through the officer ranks to become a brigadier general. His last duty assignment was as the deputy comptroller for the Air Force at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, and the Air Force Commendation Medal, among others.

Following retirement from the military in 1984, Lynn became a professor of accounting at Cal State LA, where he served until his retirement in 1999. He had previously taught at the CSU San Bernardino and Long Beach campuses. During his tenure, he taught advanced accounting courses and served as chair of the Accounting Department. He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Cost Accountants.

Lynn is survived by his wife Sally, son Kevin, daughter Laura, brother Stephen, and four grandchildren. A memorial service was held at South Shores Church in Dana Point on January 23.

Kenneth N. Sweetnam

Professor of Industrial Studies and Director of Instructional Media Services, 1957-1983

Kenneth N. Sweetnam, emeritus professor of industrial studies and director of instructional media services, died peacefully from natural causes on December 17 in La Crescenta. His wife of 66 years, Betty, died on January 15, the day that the memorial service was scheduled for Ken, so both were celebrated that day at First Baptist Church of La Crescenta.



Courtesy of the Sweetnam Family

Ken was born on October 8, 1925 in Los Angeles and spent most of his youth in the San Fernando Valley. He graduated from Glendale Community College with an A.A. degree and then earned his B.A. from UC Santa Barbara in 1951, M.A. from then Los Angeles State College in 1957, and Ed.D. from the University of Southern California in 1972. He served in the U.S. Navy in both World War II (one tour) and the Korean War (two tours).

His professional work began as a teacher at Belmont High School and continued at Cal State LA in the then Industrial Studies Department (now Department of Technology), where he taught past retirement for a total of 39 years, serving as chair for three years. He also taught as an adjunct professor at USC and was owner of KS Enterprises and Electronic Kit Supply, which was later sold to Fabri-Tek Enterprises.

One of the biggest passions in Ken's life was advocacy for community colleges. He was a member of the Glendale Community College District Board of Trustees for four terms (1981-2001), serving one term as Board president. Active in statewide community college affairs, Ken was a member of the Board of Directors of the California Community College Trustees Association and chair of its legislative committee.

At the memorial service, Ken and Betty were praised by many for their hospitality and friendship, as well as their readiness to lend a helping hand and guidance, especially for young people. Their children, grandchildren, and friends recalled numerous dinners and organized instructional games, including the "Children's Olympics" and races in their swimming pool.

Ken and Betty are survived by their sons Donald and Dale, daughter Diane, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The Emeriti Association was recently notified of the death of **Robert R. Fiedler** (Art) on December 8. A full obituary will appear in the fall issue.

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The Emeriti Association received word that **Robert Fowells** (Music) died on January 25. A full obituary will appear in the fall issue.

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It was reported recently to the Emeriti Association that **Keith Henning,** emeritus professor of speech communication, died on November 30. A full obituary will appear in the fall issue.

Campus News *(Continued from Page 4)*

Cal State LA is one of only two public universities in Southern California, and the only CSU campus, listed among the top 100 graduate nursing programs in *U.S. News and World Report* 2017 Best Graduate Schools. Rankings are based on criteria such as grade-point averages of incoming students, acceptance rates, and employment outcomes of graduates. The nursing school rankings also take into account the percentage of faculty members still actively working in hospitals and other health care settings.

The School of Nursing consists of approximately 500 undergraduate nursing students, 175 graduate students, and 11 tenure-track faculty members. An option in nursing education and nurse practitioner options in primary and acute adults, family, and psychiatric/mental health are offered.

EMERITI ASSOCIATION NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

MAY 2016 NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elections for Emeriti Association officers and Executive Committee members for the 2016-2017 year will be held at the emeriti annual meeting and spring luncheon, May 20, 2016. All Emeriti Association members in attendance at the meeting are eligible to vote. The offices to be filled, nominees, and terms 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 emeriti attending the spring luncheon. Additional nominations may be made at that time, followed by the elections.

President .....John Cleman (2016-2017)

Vice President for Administration .....Stanley M. Burstein (2016-2017)

Academic Senate Representative.....John Cleman (2016-2017)

Secretary .....Kathryn Reilly (2016-2018)

Membership Secretary .....Rosemarie Marshall-Holt (2016-2018)

Continuing Officers and Appointed Executive Committee Members

Newly appointed executive committee members are shown in bold.

Immediate Past President.....Dorothy L. Keene (2016-2017)

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

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

Corresponding Secretary .....**Barbara P. Sinclair**

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

Chair, Fellowship Committee .....Alfredo González

Chair, Fundraising Committee .....**Diane M. Klein**

Chair, Fiscal Affairs Committee .....Marshall Cates

Database Coordinator .....**José L. Galván**

Lifelong Learning Program Liaison .....Peter Brier

Webmaster .....Demetrius J. Margaziotis

CSU-ERFA Council Delegates .....Donald O. Dewey (2019), Barbara Sinclair (2017), John Cleman (2018)

Members-at-Large (6):.....William A. Taylor (2018), Diane M. Klein (2018), Neda Fabris (2017), Joseph A. Casanova (2017), **Stephen F. Felszeghy** (2019), TBD (2019)

The Emeritimes Editorial Board .....J. Theodore Anagnoson, 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