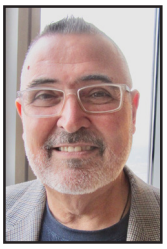
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President's Message



In a recent Zoom meeting with friends who get together virtually about twice a month, I shared that my granddaughter Emma would be rejoining her Montessori class for in-person instruction soon, and a couple mentioned how much they had enjoyed reading the Robert Fulghum book, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Naturally, I pulled out a copy and reread it with renewed interest.

The first chapter presents an inventory of the lessons learned by youngsters during that first school year. They include important life skills, such as sharing, playing fair, not hitting others, putting things back where they were found, cleaning up after ourselves, not taking what belongs to others, saying sorry when you need to, taking pleasure in eating a healthy diet (like warm cookies and cold milk), putting beauty and playfulness into everyday activities, taking an afternoon nap, being careful to hold each other's hands so as not to stumble or venture

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In-Person Commencement to Resume in July

Cal State LA is planning to hold an in-person Commencement for the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2020 on campus from Wednesday, July 21 through Friday, July 23 and Monday, July 26 through Thursday, July 29.

The ceremonies will take place outdoors at the baseball stadium, Reeder Field, which is being modified for this special event to keep everyone safe. The University will follow public health protocols set by the state and the county for large outdoor gatherings that are in place at the time of the event. Additional seating and shade structures will be added to the field in anticipation of the weather.

Each graduate will receive tickets for four guests. The ceremonies will also be livestreamed so that other family members and friends can share in the celebration.

During the ceremony, students' names will be called and they will have the opportunity to walk across the stage and have their photo taken. The ceremonies will also include a graduation address, music, and the turning of the tassels. Hooding will not take place at these ceremonies.

Caps, gowns, and other regalia are highly recommended but not required. Students and their guests are being urged to wear a face covering, not attend if experiencing symptoms, and be vaccinated or have had a negative COVID-19 test. (The University held college-based virtual celebrations for the Class of 2021. The recorded online celebrations can be viewed at any time by graduates and their families and friends.)

Earlier, Cal State LA had announced an in-person Commencement for both graduating classes, set for May 29 at the Rose Bowl. However, the heavily restricted event—no guests, no walking, no hooding—was met with resistance from students, who preferred to postpone an in-person event until a less restricted ceremony could take place.

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Politics 2021: A New Day or More of the Same?

By Paula J. Arvedson

On May 7, the invited keynote speaker for the Emeriti Association annual spring event and members meeting was the highly honored Raphael J. Sonenshein, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State LA and a nationally recognized, published expert on racial and ethnic politics, California and Los Angeles, and charter reform.

Sonenshein's book, *Politics in Black and White: Race and Power in Los Angeles* (1993) won the American Political Science Association's 1994 Ralph J. Bunche Award. He served as executive director of the Los Angeles (Appointed) Charter Reform Commission that led to the city's first comprehensive charter reform in 75 years, described in his book, *The City at Stake: Secession, Reform, and the Battle for Los Angeles* (2004), and he has since guided successful charter reform commissions in a half-dozen cities. His third book is *Los Angeles: Structure of a City Government* (2006). Sonenshein received a Wang Family Excellence Award as one of the four most outstanding California State University faculty members.

After detailing his intentions for the time with the group, Sonenshein began his talk by explaining how all politics is connected: what happens at the national level impacts the state level, which impacts the local level, and that impacts the small communities.

He described major changes in the Democratic Party, especially related to California. Historically, California was the fly-in/fly-back "ATM" of the Democratic Party. Go to California, do fundraising at major stars' homes, fly back to the east coast. When that wasn't working anymore, California needed to change its position in the Democratic Party. Evidence of this change was in President Biden's speech to the nation, with two Californians standing behind him: Vice President Kamala Harris and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Events at the national level in the coming years will reshape California, which will reshape Los Angeles and our smaller communities.

Looking back, the 2008 and 2012 elections set forth a series of events that led to the ascendancy of Donald Trump. The Democrats saw growth of voters of color, voters younger in age, and more voters who were women, all actively involved in the party. This led to overconfidence that history had turned and the nation was headed for better days for them. As an example, Sonenshein cited the Affordable Care Act as one of the most popular of Presi-

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Emeriti Association Revises its Constitution

By John Cleman

The shutdown of the University due to the COVID-19 pandemic created many challenges for students, faculty, and administrators, but for the Cal State LA Emeriti Association there was an unexpected benefit. The timing of the shutdown last March meant that the Association would not be able to hold its spring luncheon, designated in the constitution as the annual business meeting of the Association, where an election of new officers is held. While the loss of that social contact was unfortunate, it also meant that the election of officers had to be done in a way other than by asking for ayes and nays of members sitting around luncheon tables. The solution, of course, was an electronic vote, but there was concern that such a method was not authorized by the Constitution and might be necessary in the future.

A committee was formed at our first monthly meeting of the year last August to revise the Emeriti Association Constitution to include electronic voting as an alternate means of electing officers. However, the ad hoc Emeriti Association Constitution Revision Committee (EACRC) comprised of myself (chair), Alfredo González, Kathy Reilly, Dimitri Margaziotis, and José Galván (ex officio), was given a larger charge, not only to find reasonable workarounds to the challenges of meetings and voting created by the pandemic, but also to examine other parts of the Constitution and Bylaws that seemed inconsistent, unclear, or reflective of older traditions of meeting protocols needing update.

With that charge in mind, the EACRC developed proposals for numerous revisions—some big, some small—in nearly all parts of both the Constitution and Bylaws. Among the smallest was to raise the quorum number from three to seven, and among the largest were to move the classes of membership descriptions from the Bylaws to the Constitution and to provide more detailed descriptions of the duties of the executive committee members, as well as previously nonexistent descriptions of the charges, duties, and membership of all the committees.

In addition to including the possibility of electronic voting, the spring luncheon was changed to be more of a business meeting, with the president and others providing reports, though food, wine, an interesting speaker, and camaraderie will remain staples of this event. A guiding principle for many of the proposed changes was to find ways to stimulate larger participation of members in Association activities.

The EACRC Zoom met some 20 times from mid-August 2020 to late February 2021 and presented its proposal to the executive committee for (Zoom) discussions on February 25 and March 4. This was followed by a vote at a regular executive committee (Zoom) meeting on March 11, where it was approved with only a few minor amendments. On March 17, the proposed revisions were sent to all members of the Association for whom we have email addresses, and Association president Galván announced that it had been ratified unanimously on March 30, with 36 members responding. If that number seems small for a membership of over 300, it should be noted that it is many times larger than any known membership vote in the past.

The last two steps in this process were for the executive committee to certify the results of the vote (no hanging chads or charges of illegal voting in this election), and then prepare for the first officer election under the new Constitution, which was set to occur by May 15.

CSU to Require COVID-19 Vaccinations for Fall

The California State University and the University of California have announced that they will require COVID-19 immunization for students, faculty, and staff who will be physically present on campuses and at other university facilities in the fall, effective upon the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's full approval of one or more vaccines currently available under an emergency authorization.

As with other immunization requirements, the goal is to maintain the health and safety of the university community. The requirement will allow for exemptions for medical or religious reasons, according to CSU Chancellor Joseph I. Castro. Those who do not wish to get the vaccine and do not qualify for exemption will be able to take their classes virtually.

Through the Cal State LA Vaccination Center, the University has facilitated the vaccinations of many faculty, staff, and student workers. The University is in the process of defining the procedures needed for implementation and verification.

The University of California made a similar announcement.

Emeriti Association Gains New Member

One emeritus faculty member has recently joined the Emeriti Association.

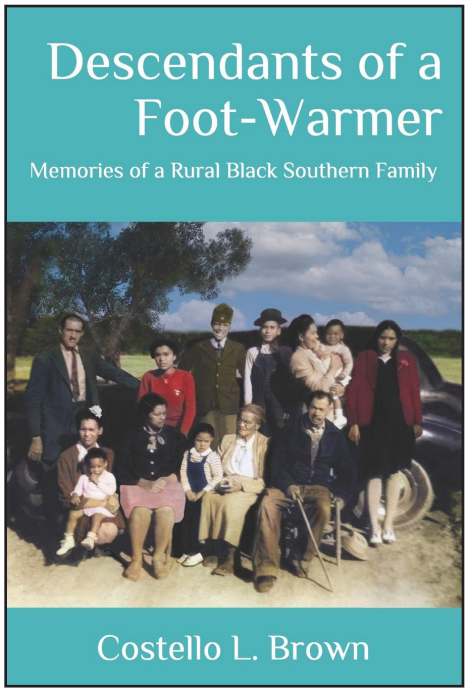
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We welcome him and look forward to his participation in Association activities.

Two Emeriti Write Family Memoirs

Costello Brown Authors Family History Book

Written by Costello L. Brown, emeritus professor of chemistry, *Descendants of a Foot-Warmer: Memories of a Rural Black Southern Family* tells the story of the Brown family of Caswell County, North Carolina, and their journey over four generations captured in short stories, vignettes, and whimsical narrative glimpses.



As described on the book jacket, the family's journey began two generations earlier with Cos' grandmother's grandmother, Queen Evans, who was kidnapped in Africa and brought to North Carolina as a slave on a plantation of a white slaveowner. One of the many duties of Queen, the seven-year-old enslaved girl, was to serve as a foot-warmer. The stories, in no particular sequence, are centered around Queen's descendants.

The book cover photo features Cos as a little boy standing in the front row, and Queen's son, Sam Evans, seated and holding a cane. These stories have a strong focus on education and educational achievements, financial ingenuity, and the Brown family's service to society, all in the context of the rural South and its accompanying Jim Crow laws and systemic racism from slavery to the present time. At the same time, readers will get to experience Christmas Eve through the eyes of children who don't know they are poor or Black, and share in the culinary delights and humor of Christmas dinner at Granny's house.

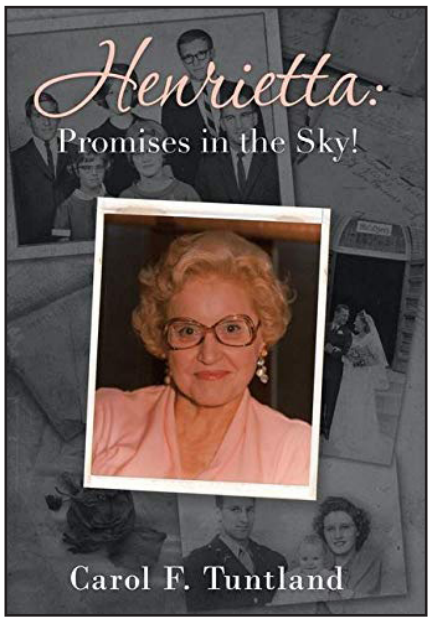
The book was independently published in February 2021.

Carol Tuntland Pens Her Mother's Life Story

In her recent memoir, *Henrietta: Promises in the Sky!*, Carol F. Tuntland, emerita professor of art, tells the story of her mother, born Irene Henrietta Bork in 1917 on a homestead on the prairies of southeastern North Dakota.

As the granddaughter of two immigrant families, Henrietta grew up appreciating the opportunities she had in the United States, and was always interested in history, politics, and events in North Dakota. As the book jacket indicates, she admired Eleanor Roosevelt, Helen Hayes, Jacqueline Kennedy, Hillary Clinton, and Michelle Obama, and was more liberal than she was conservative in her views. She was a remarkable woman who was interested in the world until her death at age 96 in 2013.

She and her husband raised four children, including Carol, the eventual documentarian of her life. This life story recalls the hopes, challenges, adversities, and triumphs of the first-born granddaughter of German immigrants, and serves as an important record of what life was like from the end of World War I into the 21st century. The book was published by LifeRich Publishing in May 2020.



Professional and Personal

Ted Anagnoson (Political Science) taught a three-hour course on the life and times of J. Robert Oppenheimer for Vistas Lifelong Learning in Santa Barbara, as part of a longer course titled Heroes and Rogues. Oppenheimer was the scientific director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory during World War II and subsequently lost his security clearance as a result of hearings held by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1954, at the height of McCarthyism.

As a member of Culver City's Sister City Committee and Poet Laureate for the city, **Janet Cameron Fisher-Hoult** (Education) writes poems for city events, including celebrations with sister cities in Canada, Mexico, Japan, Sicily, and Korea. She recently wrote a poem for Kaizuka, Japan, which, like Culver City, is home to many marathoners. When she was teaching language methodology/phonetics for the University of Southern California's M.A. program on the military bases in Korea and Japan in the early 1980s, she had the opportunity to visit Kaizuka.

Demetrius J. Margaziotis (Physics) authored an article, "Measurement of the generalized spin polarizabilities of the neutron in the low-Q2 region" that has been published online in *Nature Physics*.

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Six New Emeriti Named

Six faculty members have been awarded emerita/emeritus status:

RUSSELL J. ABBOTT
(Computer Science, 1987-2021)

SHYUH-DAHN HUARING
(Information Systems, 1999-2021)

SUSAN M. KANE
(Music, 2001-2020)

NANCY L. MCQUEEN
(Biological Sciences, 1989-2021)

RAJ. S. PAMULA
(Computer Science, 1987-2021)

LUDWIG SLUSKY
(Information Systems, 1985-2020)

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

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Courtesy of Ralph Sonnenshein

dent Obama's many improvements—unless you called it Obamacare, in which case it suddenly dropped by 20 points in popularity even though it was the same bill (an example demonstrating that what you name things makes a difference in their success).

According to Sonenshein, these wins for the Democrats caused the Republicans to fear that they would never win another election, which led to near panic and put the Republican Party in a fury of rage. Republicans felt cornered and responded by bringing in Donald Trump, someone who was not taken seriously by the Democratic Party. But Trump fed on the Republican Party's fear of immigrants, especially Mexicans, and rallied the evangelical Christians, the white working class (although not all), and rural white voters.

Donald Trump's presidency did not turn out the way people expected. Instead of becoming "presidential," Trump's harshness and violence against nonwhite people continued and strengthened. His major focus was to erase everything that President Obama had accomplished during his two terms in office. Both the Republican Party and the Democratic Party changed in their reactions to Trump. In the Democratic Party, for example, people of color determined that another four years of race-based actions and white dominance in the presidency would result in their annihilation, leading to actions and reactions to racism dominating the headlines over the past year.

In 2019-20, the Democratic Party, as usual, came up with 30 to 40 candidates to run against Trump. The African-American community threw its support behind Joe Biden, and Biden chose Kamala Harris as his running-mate.

Sonenshein briefly digressed to "the remarkable story of Joe Biden," who never won a primary until the end of the 2020 election. People said he was too old, too weak, too goofy, yet he persisted. With strong support from women, people of color, and young people, Biden won the primary in South Carolina (his first), then California, and then shocked everyone by winning the Georgia primary. Even so, Sonenshein asserted that if it had not been for the COVID-19 pandemic, Donald Trump would have won the 2020 election.

The nation has moved on and not moved on, Sonenshein said. The Democratic Party has moved on; President Biden has been aggressive and swift, and the Democrats are beginning to pass and propose major pieces of legislation. The Republican Party has not moved on, but has rallied around Trump, continuing to deny the election results and creating an extremely volatile situation that culminated in the January 6 insurrection incited by Trump.

It is clear, in Sonenshein's opinion, that Donald Trump will be the Republican candidate for president in 2024. California Republicans cannot escape Trump. Any Republican candidate seeking election anywhere must swear allegiance to Donald Trump and claim that Joe Biden did not win in 2020. Those will be the requirements for Republican support.

In summary, some words of advice from Sonenshein: 1) Democrats, don't rush; 2) Donald Trump is not going away; and 3) Republicans did not have an epiphany when Trump lost in 2020, rather they are doubling down. The California recall will bring this all very close to home. It will most likely take six or seven years to reach the end of the Donald Trump story. Everyone must pay attention, remain alert and active, to see that democracy is preserved.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Sonenshein spent nearly half an hour answering questions with knowledge and humor. He was engaging and informative. His full talk can be accessed at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ehhq1j0kr4wrdnj/AAD9DzzxwmhuIg1s2o3RCqca?dl=0.

CSU Campuses Take Part in Early Exit Program

In 2020, Cal State LA and other California State University campuses began offering an Early Exit Program to help manage budget reductions. It is intended to encourage eligible employees to voluntarily separate through a severance package, based on an employee's monthly base salary. The program is not offered systemwide and program conditions vary from campus to campus.

Cal State LA offered the package in November to employees who chose to voluntarily separate on or before December 30, 2020. Cal State LA employees who separated were to receive six months' salary or a minimum of $25,000 (whichever is higher) up to a maximum of $70,000, to be paid in two installments.

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. Dues checks may be sent to Marshall Cates, Treasurer, Emeriti Association, 1036 Armada Drive, Pasadena, CA 91103.

Chin Family Institute Places Nurses in At-Risk Communities

Eight family nurse practitioners are working across Los Angeles under a new program co-administered by Cal State LA's Chin Family Institute for Nursing in the Rongxiang Xu College of Health and Human Services and the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County.

Launched in January, the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Community Care Residency Program placed eight residents from across the nation at four clinics in underserved communities in East Los Angeles, downtown Los Angeles, and Chinatown. The diversity of their backgrounds and skills includes speakers of Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, and Vietnamese. In addition to their FNP licenses, they hold degrees in biological engineering, biological sciences, biology, psychology, and sociology.

During the eight-month program, the participants will gain valuable experience in the community clinics while receiving didactic education from Cal State LA's School of Nursing. The program is part of a growing effort in California and the nation to provide FNPs with field experience they need to work independently of physicians. The hope is to develop a pipeline of such practitioners to deliver primary care in urban and rural communities that do not have enough health care providers.

Emerita Lorie H. Judson is executive director of the Chin Family Institute for Nursing. The partnership aligns with the founding principles of the Chin Family Institute and its benefactors, emerita Patricia Chin and her husband, William Chin. The Institute, established in 2016, defines its mission as providing postgraduate nursing education, advocacy, leadership, and action emphasizing care for diverse, underserved urban populations.

The Community Clinics Association of Los Angeles County sought out Cal State LA as a partner because of the caliber of the University's nursing curriculum, the demographic makeup of its students and the surrounding community, and its experience with educating FNPs who speak Spanish. The program is supported by grants from Kaiser Permanente and the California Area Health Education Center.

New Directions

From Professor to Rancher: At Home on the Range

By Ed Forde

Ed Forde is an emeritus professor of art who taught at Cal State LA from 1971 until his retirement in 2004. He later served as director of the School of Art and Design at the University of Nebraska. During his academic career, he began venturing into farming and cattle ranching.



Courtesy of Ed Forde

In 1987, during the time I was teaching art at Cal State LA, I moved from Los Angeles and bought a small, exhausted avocado farm in Fallbrook, North County San Diego. Having grown up in the suburbs, I knew nothing about farming but decided to try and revitalize the land. This property contained about 220 old avocado trees; 50 mature fuyu persimmon trees; various citrus, such as Valencia oranges, blood oranges, and Meyer lemons; pomegranates; a cherimoya; and my favorite—a loquat tree. I learned from my neighbors and local services; worked hard on irrigation, water conservation, fertilizing, and pruning; and soon reconstituted a beautiful productive fruit farm. I sold many boxes of persimmons to my colleagues at Cal State LA.

Upon my retirement, we sold the farm and my wife and I moved to the Valdez Valley, 10 miles north of Taos, New Mexico. Her grandparents had worked this land, about 35 acres, since the early 1900s as subsistence farmers.

"The winter weather in the Southern Rockies is rough, with up to eight feet of snow and sub-zero-degree temperature."

Since the 1960s, this land had been used for cattle ranching because, at 7,800-foot elevation, the summer growing season is too short to raise crops. In 2004, we took over this small cattle operation that varies from six to 16 animals. Again, the suburban boy from California knows nothing about raising cattle.

Cattle ranching is not dairy farming so, no, you do not milk the cows. Cattle ranching raises beef for market. Cows are bred to bulls once annually and the calves are sold or kept to replace older animals. Our small pastureland has limited our number of cows, and we usually have replaced our bull every year because you cannot breed a bull with its own progeny. Ranchers usually don't keep bulls over five years old because they grow progressively more stubborn and aggressive, like some professors.

The winter weather in the Southern Rockies is rough, with up to eight feet of snow and subzero-degree temperatures. Cattle are not kept in barns; they stay out on the range year-round and have to be fed every day during the winter. Imagine the joy of going out every morning in five-degree temperature and hauling out 50-pound bales to feed the cows.

More fun is when your cows or bull decide to break through the fences and you have to go find them. They can weigh more than 800 pounds and can go wherever they want. During several winters, the cows escaped and we had to walk up hillsides through snow and ice, and over rivers, to recover them. Our cows are Black Angus because they have easy birthing; we don't have to reach in and pull the calves out. But because they are black, when they escape at night, they are even harder to find.

The best part of cattle ranching is raising the new calves. Our land has forests, streams, ponds, and some thicker brush, and the cows often hide their newborn so we have to search for them. Newly born calves must nurse within the first 24 hours to activate their digestive system. If the mother cannot nurse, we have to feed the calves colostrum, a formula like that for new babies. Many times, I have had to climb down steep slopes to carry a baby calf up to her mother because she could not retrieve it. Watching the little calves grow and play is the most fulfilling aspect.

For some years, we also have had llamas that grazed with our cows. They acted as a warning system whenever bears came into the pastures. Living in the southern Rocky Mountains and bordering on the Carson National Forest, we have many bears on the property every summer. They never harm or threaten the livestock. They usually eat all of our apples. Our dogs keep the bears from getting too close to the house.

We water our pastures by an old series of *acequías*, traditional gravity-fed dirt ditches that are organized and maintained by all neighboring members of our main ditch. These ditches are fed by winter snowpacks and controlled by headgates on the main rivers. Our land is bordered on the north by the Hondo River, which flows year-round from Taos Ski Valley. Just like farming, the biggest factor is the unpredictable weather, especially annual rains. Just like California, we are currently experiencing a severe prolonged drought. Weather, and the growing senior years, will determine how much longer we can continue to operate.

New Directions *is an occasional feature about the varied ways Cal State LA emeriti have expanded or refocused their interests, or changed them entirely, after their retirement. If you would like to submit your story, contact the editor at erstein25@gmail.com.*

By Train Through the Japanese Winter: A Photo Essay

By John A. Kirchner

At a very young age, I was already a geographer, of sorts. The view from the bay window of our flat on San Francisco's Union Street was spectacular. One could see the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and Angel Island. Ships, both civilian and military, passed before us day and night. Local freight trains transited along the Marina Green from Fort Mason to the Presidio, and small military planes landed at Crissy Field within the confines of the former colonial fort.



Courtesy of John A. Kirchner

A double set of JR Hokkaido diesel railcars near Niseko, a ski resort famous for what people call *japao*, or Japanese powder snow.

A favorite childhood locale was the little sand beach next to the St. Francis Yacht Club. From there, where one could often see the names and flags of passing ships, I vowed I would someday visit such exotic places as Yokohama, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Sydney. So much was happening and I needed to record it. So, at age six, I acquired my first camera, a simple $3.00 127-film model, bought using a coupon off a box of Wheaties. My first 12-exposure roll of film included boats, a ship, and a train. I was soon in business as a transportation photographer, a handle which has continued to this day.

We moved briefly to temporary housing near the tunnel portal at the Southern Pacific's Bayshore yard. My first school overlooked the facility, and our teacher's father was a locomotive engineer who regularly worked the *Lark*, an overnight all-Pullman train between Los Angeles and San Francisco. On days he was due in, Miss Lockhart would take our class down to the edge of the school playground to wave as the train passed.

We then moved to Redwood City on the San Francisco Peninsula. Once more, I was near the tracks, and I would jump on my bicycle and race off to record passing trains. Our next move was to Menlo Park, where I attended high school, and in 1961, I headed to San Jose State. I was a pretty good student, graduated with honors, and thanks to some very supportive teachers, my initial goal to teach high school civics and history evolved into a graduate fellowship in geography at the University of Chicago. During my five years there, which led to an M.A. and a Ph.D., I worked several summers for the Santa Fe Railroad, both as a trainman in Chicago and as a clerk in San Francisco. The experience was immensely helpful, meshing perfectly with the doses of spatial statistics and transportation theory that I got in the Chicago classroom.

International travel was already part of my experience when I arrived at Cal State LA in 1976. I had done research in Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Argentina, including National Science Foundation (Organization for Tropical Studies) funding in Costa Rica and a Fulbright in Argentina. My academic focus had changed somewhat, with a seeming dichotomy between transportation and tropical agriculture, and over the last 40 years, I did research and taught courses that involved both transport and environment, especially in developing countries.

In the mid-1980s, Cal State LA was visited by a group of university presidents from China's railway universities, and I was asked to assist. I was invited to visit China, and in 1987, began a long-term relationship with academia in China and the Far East—both as a lecturer and a visiting professor. During those trips, I began stopping off in Japan, perhaps the world's most railroad-oriented society. In some ways, it reminded me of Switzerland, also a small country, which has a similar intensity of rail operations. But Japanese culture proved intrinsically fascinating and I was hooked, food and all. I found an incredibly hospitable country with a spectacular physical environment and, clearly, a love affair with trains.

With more than two dozen trips to Japan behind me, I still try to make an annual visit, especially in the winter months. An advantage of winter travel in Japan is that local trains are



Courtesy of John A. Kirchner

Because most diesel or electric railcars have end windows, passengers can usually share the view with the train operator. This scene is on the isolated Akita-Nairiuku-Jukan Railway, in the Tohoku region, and occurred after an overnight of heavy snow. A third-sector line, it is not part of the JR, but fares are low. This wonderful one-point perspective image shows a bridge and two tunnels. The ride was thrilling.



Courtesy of John A. Kirchner

The Japanese love steam locomotives and many still operate, mostly seasonally, including service over some tracks of the major JR lines. Curiously, the Japanese refer to them as SLs, taken from the English "steam locomotive." During February, JR Hokkaido operates locomotive C11-171 between Kushiro and Shibecha on the Senmo line in eastern Hokkaido. Called the *Fuyu-no-Shitsugen*, this Winter Moors' Train operates through the Kushiro Wetlands National Park, Japan's largest freshwater marsh. The red plate visible on the locomotive smokebox honors Japan's sacred bird, the red-crowned crane, which can be seen in the park. With a glorious chime whistle played like a musical instrument, the coal-fired locomotive hauls a usually sold-out five-car train.

usually not crowded. One normally does not need a reservation, and if one has a Japan Rail Pass, one can simply hop aboard and enjoy the ride. The seasonal attraction is simple—snow! And I delight in surprising people by letting them know that Japan is the world's snowiest country.

Since my retirement, I have given many talks and presentations on behalf of the Cal State LA Lifelong Learning Program, which is hosted by the Emeriti Association. These have included presentations on a diverse set of topics, from bananas and tropical agriculture to Darwin and the Galápagos. Some of the lectures, including one on the 100th anniversary of our national parks, were also given to students in China.

This current photo essay on Japan's railways in winter formed part of one of the series, and I was delighted with the audience reaction. You don't have to be a train buff to be captivated by Japanese railroads, and since most visitors ride the trains and enjoy them immensely, it is a perfect match.

Ed. Note: Selected photos appear on these pages. The full photo essay appears in the digital edition of The Emeritimes.



Courtesy of John A. Kirchner

A small, but well-equipped, rural station with a ticket office (right), lounge (rear), and bar (left). The ubiquitous vending machines are found all over Japan, including one seen in a Hokkaido station where the machine dispensed fried chicken. Equally curious, some do double-duty as slot machines.



Courtesy of John A. Kirchner

One of the more unusual winter sights to be seen from a JR Hokkaido train is the drift ice on the Sea of Okhotsk. Easily viewed between Shiritokoshari and Abashiri on the Senmo line, this part of the Pacific Ocean can be experienced up close aboard ice breakers that sail from the port of Abashiri.



Courtesy of John A. Kirchner

JR East's *Tsubame* rolls through the snowy station at Akayu on the Yamagata Shinkansen route. The world's first high-speed bullet train service opened between Tokyo and Osaka in 1964 and Japan has operated an expanding network ever since, with a perfect safety record. The fastest trains push 200 miles per hour and will soon hit 220 with new equipment on JR East Tokyo-Shin Hakodate *Hayabusa* services.

Campus News

Campus Administrative Changes

Two vice presidents have retired. **Lisa Chavez**, vice president for administration and finance, and **Nancy Wada-McKee**, vice president for student life, retired at the end of the spring semester. **Joyce Williams**, senior associate vice president for financial services, has been promoted to vice president for administration and finance, effective June 1, 2021. A Cal State LA alumna, she began working at the University in 2018 after serving as chief financial affairs and operating officer at Emerson College in Los Angeles. **Octavio Villalpando**, vice president for equity, diversity, and inclusion, has been appointed vice president for student life and equity, diversity, and inclusion, effective June 1, 2021, in a pilot program combining the two divisions. He joined Cal State LA as vice provost for diversity and inclusion in 2016 and was appointed vice president in 2019.

Lena M. Chao and **René L. Vellanoweth** have been appointed interim deans of their respective colleges, the College of Arts and Letters and the College of Natural and Social Sciences, both appointments effective June 21, 2021. **Chao** is currently the interim chair for the Department of Music and has been a Cal State LA faculty member for 28 years. She has served in a wide range of administrative and advisory roles, notably as associate dean for her college during the semester conversion. **Vellanoweth** is a professor and past chair of the Department of Anthropology, who joined the Cal State LA faculty in 2008. He previously was an associate professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology at Humboldt State University. Both will serve in their new positions until permanent deans are appointed.

Graduate Nursing Program Rated Among Nation's Best

Cal State LA's nursing master's program continues to rank among the best in the nation, according to the *U.S. News & World Report* 2022 edition of Best Graduate Schools. One of only two public universities in Los Angeles County that were included in the "Best Nursing Schools: Master's" listing, *U.S. News* has ranked Cal State LA's graduate nursing program among the top 10 programs in California. The program has consistently held this ranking for more than 20 years. The graduate school rankings are based on two types of data: expert opinions about program excellence and statistical indicators that measure the quality of a school's faculty, research, and students.

Campus Vaccination Center Immunizes More than 300,000

Since its opening on October 16, the Vaccination Center at Cal State LA has delivered more than 300,000 vaccinations through its walk-up, drive-thru, and mobile vaccination clinics. The center, one of the first state and federal community vaccination centers in the Biden administration's effort to ramp up vaccine distribution throughout the country, has transitioned to a city-run vaccination site. Along with government and community partners, Cal State LA also opened mobile vaccination clinics, extending the University's efforts to serve vulnerable populations hard hit by the pandemic.

President's Message *(Continued from Page 1)*

recklessly into traffic, and, best of all, recognizing that all living things (such as our pet fish and seedlings we've recently planted) will eventually die, including ourselves.

That got me to thinking that this past year has been like being in school for the very first time. For all of us, this has been our very first pandemic, and the sudden transition during that second week of March 2020 from having unfettered access to our civic and social environments to a virtual lockdown with little to no physical contact with others felt like the shock our children must have felt when we dropped them off at school on their first day.

Like our kids, it felt strange at first to realize that we had no choice but to learn to adapt to the new, dramatically changed, reality. We learned how to wear masks, how to maintain a safe social distance, how to shop safely for our groceries and such, and, interestingly, how to continue to nurture our relationships virtually. We also learned that by creating safe social bubbles with other households that agreed to follow the same strict safety protocols, we could continue to meet and hug and kiss our loved ones occasionally.

I could go on and on about how we have adapted to a changed world but we have all lived the same experience, and so I'm describing only what you already know. However, the reference to the Fulghum book suggests to me that it may be worth reflecting on the lessons we may have learned during the past year. My sense is that it is not so very different from the lessons learned by kindergartners. In the next few paragraphs, I describe a few of the things I've learned. I'm certain that you can easily supplement my list with additional lessons of your own.

Sharing and caring. My neighbors on either side and I have often called or texted each other to say that a package was just delivered. Maybe spending so much time alone at home makes us think of others more so than in normal times, but whatever it was, all the sharing and caring between friends and neighbors sure felt (feels!) good. I'm hoping it lasts.

Patience. This lesson has played out in so many ways during the past year. In the early months of the pandemic, it was waiting for stores to restock towels, toilet paper, and disinfectant. We found ways around the shortages and waited patiently for our turn to score a purchase. Then it was the wait for our turn to receive the vaccine. Now it is the wait for the return of normalcy, as in the recent announcement by the Center Theatre Group that the Ahmanson productions are expected to resume live performances downtown in November. I can't wait.

Playing fair and not hurting others. My neighborhood is home to a large number of retired persons, and walking is a regular activity. One person always moves to the side as we pass, usually the one whose righthand side is closest to the street; and a friendly greeting is always offered. Observing proper social distancing and wearing masks shows that we care to avoid hurting others as well as ourselves.

Taking pleasure in healthy living. That includes recovering from the COVID-15 (as in the extra 15 pounds gained in the first few months) by walking and planning my meals more carefully. And I try to limit restaurant deliveries to just once per week.

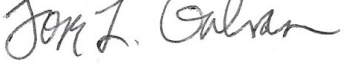
Did I mention patience? I recently got my first haircut in more than a year. It was long overdue, and my patience has been rewarded handsomely.

Finally, I have learned to recognize that the threats to life posed by this pandemic are real. From the sudden shifts in behavior during the first months of lockdown last year to the continued disciplined avoidance of crowded stores and indoor restaurants, we have come to accept that we are vulnerable to serious illness and death. So, we remain vigilant, not as a political stance but rather as a life-affirming strategy. A collective "Bravo!" goes out to all of us for our success in staying healthy and alive.

My wish for all of us now is that we can continue to exercise patience. I believe the herd immunity promised by the epidemiologists, watching movies in a theater, and going to dinner with friends—they're all just around the corner, honest. Stay safe, everyone.

I look forward to hearing about the lessons you have learned during this past year, and unless you tell me otherwise, I'll share some of your lessons learned in future issues. Write to me at emeriti.office@calstatela.edu.

Cheers!



In Memoriam

TONY LONGSON

Professor of Art, 1986-2013



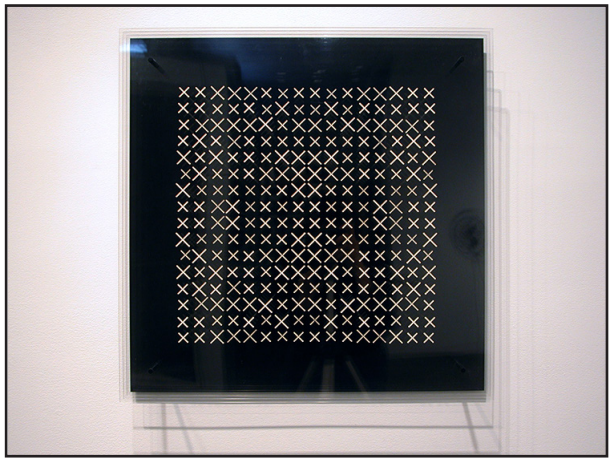
Courtesy of the Longson Family

Tony Longson, emeritus professor of art, died unexpectedly on January 17 in Altadena. He was 72. With a specialization in design, he was one of a handful of 1970s pioneering European artists to embrace the use of computers.

Born in Britain, Tony obtained his B.A. from Reading University (England) in 1971 and was a Bicentennial Arts Fellow (M.A. equivalent) in England in 1981. He was one of the first artists to use early computers and, almost immediately, learned to program in order to have artistic flexibility over the creation of his mathematically based "constructions." In addition to making his own artwork, his passion for utilizing computers segued into a career spent promoting this new area of art and educating young artists to experiment and create using the new tool.

In 1980, Tony came to the United States from Britain under a UK/USA Arts Fellowship that enabled him to serve as artist in residence at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory's computer graphics lab for a year. At the time, the United States was considerably ahead of Great Britain in its approach to computers, so when the chair of the Art Department at Cal State LA head-hunted Tony to create a computer graphics laboratory at the University, he accepted the challenge eagerly.

Tony's talents were evident throughout his career at Cal State LA. He used his creativity to build first one, and eventually two, fully equipped labs for visual artists. Initially begging and borrowing computers from entities like Apple, he was later able to buy equipment utilizing funds from California's educational lottery account. His next goal was to create the first stateside educational programs to teach the creative use of computers to artists and designers and to establish a computer animation program with state-of-the-art software.



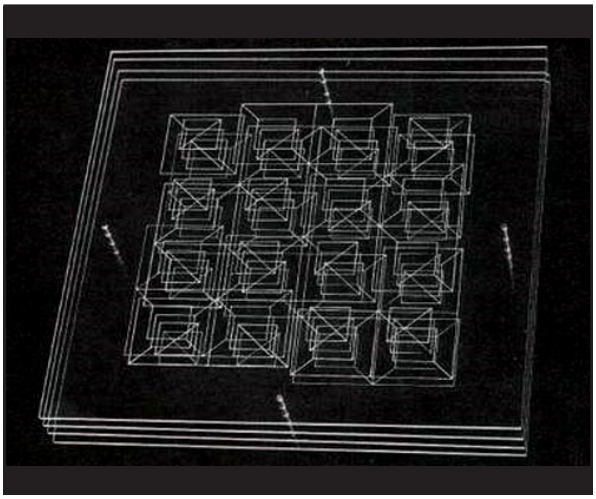
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Through his visiting lectureships at the University of Southern California, UCLA, and Art Center College of Design, Tony introduced many fine arts students to the exciting new medium. This led those institutions to follow in Cal State LA's footsteps in developing their own labs.

Within his growing peer group of artists using computers, Tony was frequently involved in SIGGRAPH's (Special Interest Group, Computer Graphics) events, especially the Art Gallery, and was a speaker and participant at numerous computer art forums.

Artistically, Tony is known for his work creating 3D constructions that explore fractals, symmetry, and the way we see. These have often been made using several layers of plexiglass, with different marks on each surface, so that the whole image changes with the viewers' movement. Among others, a common result is the apparent, expanded space that is visible.

Tony's work has been exhibited internationally, across Europe and the United States, and is represented in several major collections, including the Arts Council of Great Britain, Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and Gemeentemuseum in The Hague.



Courtesy of the Longson Family

In his personal life, Tony's sense of design and creativity were funneled into preserving and rehabilitating old British sports cars. Similarly, his efforts restored several old houses in his family's village of Arnside, where he went for R&R every summer.

Friends and family will fondly remember Tony's captivating storytelling, bright smile, jokes, and ability to infuse everything that he worked on with deliberate and playful artistic creativity.

Tony is survived by his sister, two sons, and four grandchildren. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a memorial service will be held later this summer. Please email tonylongsonmemorial@gmail.com to receive updates as restrictions ease.

It was reported to the Emeriti Association that **John M. Allswang**, emeritus professor of history, died on April 8. A full obituary will appear in the fall issue.

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The Association was recently notified that **Richard D. Burns**, emeritus professor of history, died on May 1. A full obituary will appear in the fall issue.

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It has recently come to the attention of the Emeriti Association that **Annette Ehrlich**, emerita professor of psychology, died on January 2. A full obituary will appear in the fall issue.

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The Emeriti Association received word that **David Perrott**, emeritus professor of psychology, died on December 12. A full obituary will appear in the fall issue.

Emeriti Association Officers and Executive Committee Members

2021-2022

Elections for Emeriti Association officers and Executive Committee members for the 2021-2022 year were held by email ballot, beginning May 17. All Emeriti Association members with valid email addresses in the Emeriti Association directory were eligible to vote. The offices and the term of office are indicated below, effective July 1, 2021. The Nomination Committee members were Patricia Chin, John Cleman, José Galván (ex officio), Kathryn Reilly, and Deborah Schaeffer.

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