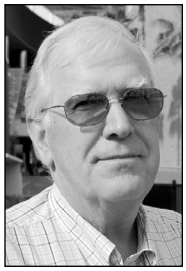
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President's Message

At the end of my last President's Message, I posed a question that I want to start with this time for those who may not have read to the end: *What do you think the Emeriti Association could be doing for emeriti and the University that it is not now doing?* The Executive Committee is truly interested in receiving input from members of the Association about activities, events, projects, and the like that would interest them and encourage their participation.



Due to the large number of applications we receive, we have begun to involve non-executive-committee emeriti in the fellowship review process. And, following the lead from CSU-ERFA, the Association will also have a role in the Soles4Souls project to collect shoes (old or new, and in any condition) for millions of people throughout the world who are shoeless due to poverty or natural disasters. But there are also possibilities of social and cultural activities—talks, field trips, performances—that we could organize that might appeal to emeriti and contribute to their continued engagement with Cal State LA and with each other.

Our fall luncheon was again very successful. Several of the fellowship awardees were able to attend and speak about their academic and career goals, and how the fellowship would help them to achieve those goals. As he has so ably before, our featured speaker, Raphael Sonenshein, executive director of the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute for Public Affairs, provided a fascinating analy-

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Emerita Patricia A. Chin Donates $7 Million to Name School of Nursing and Institute

Emerita professor of nursing Patricia A. Chin, along with her husband, William Chin, M.D., made a $7 million transformative gift to Cal State LA that will name the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing and establish the Chin Family Institute for Nursing.

In addition to being an emerita, Chin is a Cal State LA alumna who earned her bachelor's degree from the University in 1980 and her master's degree in 1984. She is also a former director of the Cal State LA School of Nursing.

Chin has been a strong supporter of the University for more than 30 years. The Chins' gift will endow the Chin Family Institute for Nursing and create a state-of-the-art nursing simulation lab in the Rongxiang Xu College of Health and Human Services. "As U.S. healthcare evolves to improve the quality and access to patients and reduce the waste in our healthcare system, it is nursing that will be the catalyst for this change," she said.

President William A. Covino stated, "Their assistance will enable the University to continue to be a national leader in nursing education and ensure student success and academic distinction for years to come." The nursing master's degree program has been ranked consistently during the past decade as one of the best in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report.*

The graduate program offers an option in nursing education and nurse-practitioner options in primary and acute adult, family, and psychiatric/mental health. In Fall 2012, the School of Nursing launched its Doctor of Nursing Practice program, which is a consortium with CSU Long Beach and CSU Fullerton.

Emeriti Annual Senate Recognition Set for February 21

The annual formal recognition of emeriti faculty is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 1:30 to 3:10 p.m. in Golden Eagle Ballroom 3. All emeriti are invited, and as always, those in attendance will be asked to introduce themselves and say a few words to the senators. The annual recognition is held to mark the 39th anniversary of the founding of the Emeriti Association. The Association was established on February 9, 1978, led by Sidney P. Albert, emeritus professor of philosophy. The longstanding tradition of honoring the emeriti was begun by the Academic Senate executive committee in 1980.

2016-17 Emeriti Fellowship Recipients Celebrated at Spring Luncheon



President William A. Covino (center) joins (l. to r.): Alfredo Gonzalez, Fellowship Committee chair; fellowship recipients Raul Bravo, Lauren Copeland, Amalia Castañeda, Krista Marrero, Cecilia Fang, Erin Uhlfelder, Richard Nicolas, and David Shipko; and John Cleman, Emeriti Association president. Unavailable for photo: Ariel Sherman, Anna Hovhannisyan, Michelle Vasquez Ruiz, Ashley Tarin, Vanessa Black, and Arianna Brown.

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sis of what was then the upcoming presidential election. He refused to make a prediction of the outcome, but thought that at the time the good news was that Hillary Clinton had a 60 percent chance of winning. The bad news was that Donald Trump had a 40 percent chance of winning, and as we all know, that chance turned out to be even greater.

As you might imagine, Trump's victory and the campaign promises he made to deal with immigration by mass deportations have had a particularly unsettling effect on the campus community. Many students, especially the "DREAMers," who came to the U.S. as undocumented children and were brought out of the shadows by President Obama, have expressed fears that they will not be able to complete their college education if they or their parents are deported. The responses of the University and the CSU have been strongly on the side of the students. President Covino stated clearly, "Cal State LA will not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies, Homeland Security, or any other federal department, for the enforcement of federal immigration law." The Academic Senate approved a statement reaffirming the University values of "diversity, inclusion, culture, and mutual respect," and then a more forceful declaration of opposition to any efforts to "target students, faculty, or staff based on race, religion, and/or immigration status." This followed a joint letter to President-elect Trump from University of California President Janet Napolitano, California State University Chancellor Timothy White, and California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley, arguing vigorously against any efforts to undermine or repeal the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Act.

More immediately, the University has been offering workshops to provide support and accurate information, as well as access to a number of specifically focused support resources such as the Dreamers Resource Center, Chicana/o Latina/o Student Resource Center, Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, and Pan African Student Resource Center. So, in addition to the other stresses of campus life this year—the new calendar, accreditation, a rather large resources gap, finals, grading, and so on—students, faculty, and staff find themselves challenged by this additional anxiety. Luckily, we now have a rather large pack of therapy dogs to help us get by.

One of the two major events for emeriti in the new year will be the **Academic Senate's honoring us at their February 21 meeting**. The annual event was not very well attended this past year, but I am hoping there will be a better turnout this time around. For those of you who have not visited the campus in recent years, it will be a good opportunity to take in some of the changes. Then the emeriti will hold its **spring luncheon and annual meeting on May 12**. Our featured speaker will be Alan Bloom from the Television, Film and Media Studies Department, and those interested will be able to tour the new Television Media Center with Bloom as our guide. We hope to see you at either or both of these events.



Emeriti Association Gains Eight New Life Members

Two retired faculty members have recently joined the Emeriti Association.

DARRELL W. GUILLAUME
(Life Emeritus Member)

DEBORAH SCHAEFFER
(Life Emerita Member)

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

Six current members have recently become Life Emeritus/a Members.

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Building Naming in Honor of Emeritus President Rosser

On October 22, Cal State LA paid tribute to President Emeritus James M. Rosser at the 19th Annual Billie Jean King and Friends Gala and announced that the University plans to name a building in his honor. Wing B of the Wallis Annenberg Integrated Sciences Complex, which opened during Rosser's tenure and features state-of-the-art science laboratories and equipment, will become the James M. Rosser Hall. William A. Covino said, "President Emeritus James M. Rosser has left a long and rich legacy at Cal State LA. By honoring Dr. Rosser with a building, we honor his uncompromising vision, his commitment to academic excellence, and his dedication to diversity. These are the ideals that define the CSU." He was also praised for his inspiring philanthropic spirit. Rosser credited students, faculty, and staff for helping make Cal State LA a great institution and accepted his recognition on their behalf. "I stand here on the shoulders of Golden Eagles and Diablos," he said. A formal dedication is planned for the spring.

Emeriti Fellowship Recipient Receives 2016 CSU Trustees' Award

Cal State LA graduate student Amalia Castañeda, one of two recipients of the William E. Lloyd Memorial Fellowship for 2015-16 and recipient of the Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship for 2016-17 (reported in *The Emeritimes*, Spring and Fall 2016), is a recipient of the 2016 California State University Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement. The awards are the CSU's highest recognition of student achievement, and provide scholarships to students who demonstrate superior academic performance, personal accomplishments, community service, and financial need.

Castañeda was among 24 students who were honored on September 20 during the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach. She was presented with a $6,000 award and named a Michael A. and Debe Lucki Scholar. A first-generation college student who received her undergraduate degree in political science and women's studies at UCLA, Castañeda is now completing her master's degree in history at Cal State LA with the goal of becoming a local



Courtesy of Cal State LA Public Affairs

public historian. She is co-editor-in-chief for the history journal, *Perspectives,* and works in the University Library's Special Collections and Archives.

Castañeda was recently awarded the Institute of Museum and Library Services Rare Book School Fellowship, which includes funding for a course at the University of Virginia's Rare Book School, taught by a chief preservationist from the Library of Congress. With support from the CSU's Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship last summer, she interned at the University of Chicago, where she digitized a collection of rare books and materials from the 1888 Republican National Convention.

After earning her master's degree, Castañeda plans to pursue a master's degree in library and information science. She attended the emeriti spring luncheon last May and spoke about her plans and aspirations.

The CSU Trustees' Award program was originally established by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation as an endowed scholarship fund to honor William Randolph Hearst, founder of the Hearst newspaper chain. In 1999, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation partnered with the CSU Board of Trustees to supplement the endowment with contributions from CSU trustees and private donors. Today, more than 120 donors have supported the program.

CSU, Cal State LA Push Back at New Administration

In remarks made before the California State University Board of Trustees following the November election and shared subsequently in an open letter to students, faculty, and staff, Chancellor Timothy P. White declared that campus police will not honor federal requests for deportation holds, and that the university system will not voluntarily enter into immigration enforcement agreements with federal or other law enforcement agencies. He reiterated his pledge to make the CSU campuses safe environments for their students, including those living in the country illegally, but declined to declare the CSU campuses as "sanctuaries" that would be off-limits to immigration authorities.

Cal State LA President William A. Covino echoed these statements in his letter to the University community and the Academic Senate issued a statement reaffirming the University values of "diversity, inclusion, culture, and mutual respect." The Senate approved a more forceful declaration of opposition to any efforts to "target students, faculty, or staff based on race, religion, and/or immigration status" following a joint letter to then President-elect Trump from University of California President Janet Napolitano, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, and California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley, arguing vigorously against any efforts to undermine or repeal the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Act.

The CSU policy on immigration states that the CSU will not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies, Homeland Security, or any other federal department for the enforcement of federal immigration law; University police will not honor immigration hold requests; and University police do not contact, detain, question, or arrest individuals solely on the basis of being, or suspected of being, a person who lacks documentation. The system does not track students' immigration status of its 470,000 students, but the *Los Angeles Times* reported that approximately 10,000 CSU students received waivers for fall 2015 through state legislation that allows students in the country illegally to pay in-state tuition.

While many advocated for CSU campuses to be declared sanctuaries to ensure that students will not be pulled out of classrooms by immigration authorities, White stated, "While I understand and deeply respect the sentiment behind this interest, we as a public university cannot make that promise unilaterally. The term 'sanctuary' has several interpretations and is in many contexts ambiguous. If we were to use this term, it would be misleading to the very people we support and serve. To address immigration matters, we intentionally adopted a flexible systemwide set of policy guidelines grounded in our value-based principles. This approach provides each campus with the opportunity to

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Phi Kappa Phi Banquet Set for April 30

The 2017 initiation for new members of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) will be held at Cal State LA on April 30. Emeriti who are PKP members are encouraged to attend. For further information, contact PKP president Ping Yao at pyao@calstatela.edu.

Bulletin: Statement Issued Regarding Executive Order

On January 30, President William A. Covino sent a letter to the campus community reaffirming the statement issued by Chancellor Timothy P. White and the CSU presidents regarding the January 28 executive order on immigration and travel.

Covino stated, "I want to assure you that we value our international students, faculty, and staff; they are a vital part of the Cal State LA community. Their safety and well-being, and that of their families, is of utmost importance. We are assessing the impact of the executive order on our community. For now, we recommend that students, faculty, and staff from the countries included in the executive order, and anyone who feels uncertain about international travel, remain in the United States and seek the advice of an immigration attorney. . . . Cal State LA does not support measures that undermine the values of our community."

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Reflections on Recent Changes in the Cal State LA Academic Senate

By John Cleman

As the current Emeriti Association representative to the Cal State LA Academic Senate and, before that, as an Arts and Letters or at-large representative from much of the 1990s on, I have become interested in the practices and procedures of the organization. I have been particularly struck by a number of changes that have occurred over the past four or five years, and to gain a better perspective, I have been reviewing the minutes of the Faculty Council, and then the Academic Senate, beginning in 1955.

Reading the history of Cal State LA that peeps out from those documents is itself an interesting experience, dotted as they are with familiar names and registering the institutional changes that accompanied the move from the Vermont campus downtown to the hilltop Ramona campus we now know. But my focus here will be primarily on the more recent changes, using what I have gleaned about the history of the Senate from the earlier minutes to measure current practices against those of the past. Some of the changes I have observed are relatively minor variations of procedure, but others seem to me to have more significant implications about the Senate's role in shared academic governance.

Let me start by noting that the Senate minutes offer an imperfect record of what actually took place at the meetings or of the culture within the institution at the time—the tone of the debates, the role of the various speakers, the subtexts of arguments being made. The earliest minutes of the Faculty Council, which may have been written by a faculty member serving as secretary or one of the president's staff, listed the names of those present and were more descriptive of what various speakers said during debates, whereas the minutes from the late 1960s to the present only list absences and tend to use the phrase "debate ensued," not even identifying who the speakers were. Of course, all parliamentary actions are recorded, and from the summer of 1972 to the present, the format of the minutes has remained pretty much the same, with the names of the formal agenda items (e.g., Announcements, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of the Minutes, etc.) and first- and second-reading items in a marked-off column on one side of the page. For some time, announcements and the Intent to Raise Questions have needed to be submitted in writing in order to be included in the minutes. This standardization of the minutes format corresponds to my sense that, even during the periods when I was not on the Senate, the conduct or pattern of the meetings remained fairly consistent, a consequence, no doubt, of the Constitution that was approved in 1964.

One of the more dramatic, although less consequential, recent changes was moving the meetings from Lecture Hall 2 in King Hall to Golden Eagle Ballroom 3 in 2012. Although the early Faculty Council meetings were held in the President's conference room, Lecture Hall 2 had been the meeting site since the early 1960s when the building was named North Hall. In the last decade or so, there had been discussions of finding another location for the meetings, particularly after the new University-Student Union was built, but the eventual move was ostensibly made to free up the lecture hall for large classes during the Tuesday-Thursday afternoon time slot. While large enough to seat the 50-plus senators and numerous guests, the arrangement was not ideal in that all the seats faced the front. However, because the room was tiered and the senators tended to sit along the sides and toward the back of the middle section, they were arranged in a sort of tilted semicircle and so could generally see each other during debates.

The ballroom arrangement was at first simply rows of chairs all facing the front. This presented the double problem of not being able to see a person speaking unless the individual stood and not having a platform on which to place papers or portable computers. The second problem was soon solved by having rows of tables, but they were also all parallel and facing the front. Arranging the tables in a V-pattern, like a chevron, enabled speakers to see each other better, but the eventual solution has been to arrange the tables in a large square-cornered horseshoe shape with two parallel rows on each side and three or four parallel rows at the back, these last generally occupied by administrators and other guests. While this space utilization issue took some time to solve, the result has been positive. Senate meetings feel less like sitting in a classroom and more like a conference gathering around a large table.

"As with most everything else in our world today, the Senate has gone digital."

Also involved in the location change has been the use of digital technology. As with most everything else in our world today, the Senate has gone digital. Agendas, minutes, proposals, resolutions, and even *The Emeritimes* are distributed online, and during meetings, action items are projected on a large screen so that amendments from the floor can be seen as they are made. This was one of the reasons the ballroom was kept in a facing-forward arrangement for as long as it was.

A more controversial technological innovation has been the use of clickers for all votes except approval of agendas, minutes, resolutions of commendation, and adjournment. Clickers are basically remotes that allow the user to register a response to a question. Instructors use them in classes to do quick, mid-class quizzes and monitor how concepts are being understood. They were introduced as a means to conduct Senate votes in Winter Quarter 2014 in the midst of a rather fierce debate over a revised general education program that would go into effect with the conversion to semesters.

One of the advantages of the clickers is that they allow the results of votes to be known quickly, and they don't require a chair's interpretation on close votes or the delay of a subsequent call to "divide the house" by a show of hands or other means. They also provide for greater assurance

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Professional and Personal

Francisco Balderrama (Chicano Studies/History) presented a talk, "Recognizing Mexican Repatriation," at the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes in downtown Los Angeles on September 8.

Gary Best's (Special Education) newest novel, *Kill Hitler*, has been released by his new publisher, Sarah Book Publishing, and is available in print and in a Kindle edition and other e-book formats. He participated in reading and book signing events on November 26 and 30 in Claremont and Glendora, respectively.

Stanley Burstein (History) participated in a doctoral defense at the UC Santa Barbara History Department on October 3. He delivered a paper, "Hellenism Beyond the Egyptian Frontier: The Case of Kush," co-sponsored by the Center for Hellenic Studies and the Department of History at UC San Diego on November 30. In addition, three reviews appeared in *Ancient West & East,* 15 (2016): P. Adam-Veleni and D. Tsangari (eds), *Greek Colonisation: New Data and Current Approaches*; J.R. Anderson and D.A. Welsby (eds.), *The Fourth Cataract and Beyond, Proceedings of the 12th International Conference for Nubian Studies*; and V. Grieb, K. Nawotka and A. Wojciechowska (eds.), *Alexander the Great and Egypt: History, Art, Tradition.*"

Roberto Cantú (Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies) was project director of the Gigi Gaucher-Morales Memorial Conference Series and organized the 2016 Conference on Américo Paredes: Border Narratives and the Folklore of Greater Mexico held at Cal State LA, May 6-7. He was elected to the editorial board of the University of Oklahoma Press, Chicana and Chicano Visions of the Américas Series, 2016. He edited two books in 2016: *Equestrian Rebels: Critical Perspectives on Mariano Azuela and the Novel of the Mexican Revolution* (Cambridge Scholars

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of anonymity in the vote, for voters not to feel the peer pressure from knowing how others are voting. For some senators, that was the disadvantage of the clickers and the source of controversy. The argument was made that the senators are like congressional representatives who are responsible to their constituents and whose votes are always recorded. The issue was not resolved formally until the opening meeting of Fall Quarter 2014, when a specific motion to adopt the use of clickers for most Senate votes was passed.

The most recent change in Senate operations was to move to an every-other-week meeting schedule. In my own experience, the Senate had always met on Tuesday afternoons, starting with the second week of each quarter. The Senate stopped meeting during the summer several years ago, but until I looked at the early minutes, I hadn't realized that the meeting patterns had changed several times, at least until the mid-1960s. During the 1950s, when the Faculty Council was formed, the group met once a month, with the occasional special meeting being called. An every-other-week pattern had existed in the 1960s, but there were occasions when the Senate met weekly that an extra meeting was called during the same week. What has always determined the need for meeting in whatever pattern has been the amount of work that needs to be done, that work being principally proposals generated for new or revised policies by the Senate's standing committees. In years past, if the Senate had no real business to take up, then meetings were cancelled, but in recent years there had been a tendency to devote more and more Senate time to presentations of various kinds, making the Senate seem less of a deliberative body and more of an audience.

Three years ago when I was elected to the Senate executive committee, there were efforts to shorten exec's meeting and talk of the Senate not having to meet every week. Some faculty senates on campuses in the CSU who were on the semester system reportedly met only twice a semester. However, it was not until this past year that the meeting pattern was changed to every other Tuesday, with the understanding that the senators should keep the other Tuesdays open for special events or meetings that they were expected to attend as part of their service. Perhaps predictably, when those special events did occur, they were not always well attended by the senators, and action items seemed to pile up at the end of the year. The chair felt compelled to admonish the senators more than once about their responsibilities to attend all meetings, and action items seemed to pile up at the end of the year.

However, the conversion this year to a semester calendar ended the more leisurely biweekly meeting pattern. The time modules for classes are shorter in the semester system, so the Senate now meets Tuesdays from 1:40 to 2:25 (as opposed to 1:30 to 3:10). To accommodate the shorter meeting time, the statewide Academic Senate reports and the bulk of the chair's reports are posted online. The president and provost, when present, keep their comments to a minimum, and for the most part, the regular business gets done in a timely fashion. That said, there is still talk of changing back to a biweekly pattern next year with longer sessions, so we'll see. The changes I have described so far are mostly rearrangements of space and time and the use of different tools.

More subtle, but perhaps more significant, are two other changes. When President McDonald opened the first meeting of the Faculty Council on October 5, 1955, the minutes record him as saying that "the purpose of the Council [is] to be one of becoming better acquainted with the faculty and the problems of the college. … [and] that the Council is to be advisory only." He "desired the Council to have its own organization," but the line of responsibility was clearly drawn. Two years later, the minutes record a conversation that will seem familiar to practically everyone who has ever served on the Senate: "One council member said that communiques of decisions already taken are not what is needed. Faculty members are authorities in their respective fields, he said, and should be consulted on matters affecting them while policy is being formed upon such matters. He emphasized that the faculty should be consulted on appropriate matters of policy before policy hardens." President McDonald agreed, but the minutes reflect that a council member said that, in his opinion, there was a widening gulf between faculty and administration because of policy decisions taken without faculty consultation.

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It would appear that this issue of consultation and what it means has been a contested matter throughout the history of the institution, representing even more than the processes of policy development and approval—those being fairly clear—the core of trust and cooperation between faculty and administration. In the days of the Faculty Council, the minutes record the president as attending and participating in the meetings. But, after the council was transformed into a senate, it is not clear that this was the case with all of the presidents. Certainly there did not seem to be much participation of the presidents when they were recorded as present. And, as a further reflection of this separation, the Intent to Raise Questions portion of the agenda was regularly an occasion for a faculty member to raise concerns about some matter to an absent administrator, who would offer a response weeks or months later.

This has changed with the current Senate and the new president. For one, President Covino asked to be permitted to attend executive committee meetings from time to time, and he has. He has also attended Senate meetings and now has a regular place on the agenda, which he uses when he is available to update the faculty on various matters of interest. On a few occasions, he has even expressed his views on issues of debate. The provost also has a regular place on the Senate agenda to offer comments and information, and both have participated in discussions and debates, not to take sides, but to help clarify.

In fact, it seems to me that the number of administrators regularly present at Senate meetings has increased and the Intent to Raise Questions portion of the agenda has all but disappeared. In its place, the Executive Committee has added Concerns from the Floor as a regular agenda item, in which senators can describe problems they know of or are experiencing that the Executive Committee will take under consideration and direct to an appropriate administrator or Senate committee. While this feature of Senate meetings is still fairly new, it has been frequently used, not only by faculty members, but also by some of the student representatives. In fact, on a couple of occasions, senators have expressed concerns on behalf of non-senators. This change seems to me a very positive development because it gives the Senate a role in addressing campus grievances not necessarily related to some policy issue.

With the emergence of collective bargaining in the 1980s, the role of advocacy on behalf of the faculty became inevitably shared with the California Faculty Association, with the bread-and-butter issues of salary and workload falling more to the union. Many of the recent policy revisions before the Senate have been initiated by the need to square University policy with the contract, executive orders from the Chancellor's Office, or state and federal law. These matters are important, but can come to seem rather bureaucratic after a while. The opportunity to raise Concerns from the Floor engages the Senate members and the faculty more generally with day-to-day problems needing solutions that can fall to either the administration, the Senate apparatus, or the two collaboratively to address. All this may not mean that issues of proper consultation have not or will not be raised, but at least the concerned parties are spending a little more time at the same table.

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Cheryl Ney Appointed Dean, Education College

Cheryl Ney was named permanent dean of the Charter College of Education, effective February 1, 2017. She has served as interim dean since 2015. Ney came to the University in 2009 as associate vice president and dean of graduate studies, and also served as associate provost and interim provost. Under her leadership, the campus received WASC reaccreditation, converted to semesters, and met graduation rate goals established by the CSU in 2010. As interim dean, she has fostered faculty development and grant activity, shepherded the launch of the postsecondary specialization in the Ed.D. program, and strengthened educator preparation programs and partnerships for pre-K through 12th grade and community colleges. Ney has had a special focus on educator preparation for linked learning pathway programs that provide 21st-century career and technical education at the high school level.

Octavio Villalpando Named Vice Provost for Diversity

Octavio Villalpando was appointed vice provost for diversity and engaged learning and chief diversity officer for academic and student life, effective January 3, 2017. Villalpando comes to Cal State LA from the University of Utah, where he was a faculty member for 17 years. Most recently a professor of educational leadership and policy, he has extensive experience in diversity and inclusive excellence initiatives. From 2007 to 2014, he served as associate vice president for equity and diversity, where he shaped institutional policies and practices related to gender, racial, ethnic, and sexual equity and diversity. He oversaw the faculty recruitment and appointment processes and served as de-facto dean for ethnic studies and gender studies, and supervised the LGBT resource center, Center for Ethnic Student Affairs, American Indian Resource Center Undergraduate Diversity Scholarships and Grants, Early Student Outreach, Transfer Student Outreach, and other related student support services for underrepresented students. At Cal State LA, Villalpando's goals include developing programs and initiatives to close the achievement gap, increase faculty diversity, and strengthen community engagement. He returns to his roots, having been raised in Boyle Heights and Burbank and obtained his undergraduate degree and one of his two master's degrees from CSU Northridge.

Michael Caldwell Named AVP, Faculty Affairs

Michael Caldwell was appointed associate vice president for faculty affairs, effective January 9, 2017. He comes to the University from the CSU Chancellor's Office, where he served as senior director for academic personnel, responsible for advising faculty affairs and academic personnel offices at the 23 CSU campuses. He expanded professional development programs for deans and department chairs, and collaborated with other offices to support the outreach and recruitment of faculty in the CSU, with a focus on increasing diversity. In addition, he worked closely with CSU Labor Relations and was a CSU system representative on the Unit 3 (Faculty) and Unit 11 (Academic Student Employees) collective bargaining teams. Prior to his appointment at the Chancellor's Office, he served as associate vice president for faculty affairs, chair of the Academic Senate, and chair of the Department of Music at CSU Fresno. As the senior officer overseeing the implementation of all faculty personnel processes, policies, and procedures at Cal State LA, Caldwell will work collaboratively with deans, faculty, and staff to build upon the strengths of the Office of Faculty Affairs and develop new opportunities to support departments and colleges.

Scott Bowman, who has been serving as interim associate vice president for research and academic personnel, will continue to serve as associate vice president for research.

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Five Faculty Members Join the Emeriti Ranks

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

SHERWOOD J. BEST
(Education, 1993-2016)

DARRELL W. GUILLAUME
(Mechanical Engineering, 1999-2016)

DEBORAH L. SCHAEFFER
(Library, 1999-2016)

CAROLE SROLE
(History, 1984-2016)

ANDREA G. ZETLIN
(Education, 1989-2016)

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

Former Chancellor Charles B. Reed, Dead at 75

Former California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed, who served as the CSU's sixth chancellor and held the title of chancellor emeritus, died on December 6 at the age of 75. He led the CSU from 1998 until his retirement in 2012.

During his 14-year tenure, Reed was committed to serving the needs of all students and improving access to underserved students. In 2009, he launched the CSU's first Graduation Initiative, the foundation for the current Graduation Initiative 2025, which aims to eliminate all achievement gaps and more than double existing completion rates. The initial Graduation Initiative gave the CSU national recognition as a leading model of excellence in higher education.

Reed's legacy includes creating many statewide programs and initiatives that remain in place today, including the Native American Studies Program at Humboldt State; Super Sunday, a key statewide college recruitment event for African-American students; and the Early Assessment Program, which made the CSU a national frontrunner in assessing college readiness among California's high school students. Under Reed, the CSU expanded its commitment to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and established sustainability efforts and research centers to address issues surrounding California's water, coastal, and marine resources. Under his leadership, the CSU also added CSU Channel Islands to bring the total number of CSU campuses to 23.

As a scholar and educator, Reed had a special passion for teacher preparation. During his tenure, he revitalized the teacher preparation program, making it the leading teacher credentialing program in the nation and the foremost trainer of teachers in STEM disciplines. He advocated among CSU administrators and faculty to develop online educational programs. CalStateTEACH, an online teacher education program delivering high-quality training to elementary school teachers, became a national award-winning model.

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Publishing, 2016) and *The Forked Juniper: Critical Perspectives on Rudolfo Anaya* (University of Oklahoma Press). A review of Rudolfo Anaya's book of poetry, *Poems From the Río Grande,* was published in *World Literature Today* in May 2016 and a book review of Alfredo Véa's novel, *The Mexican Flyboy*, also appeared in *World Literature Today,* in September 2016.

Domnita Dumitrescu (Spanish) was organizer and chair of the 7th International Colloquium of the EDICE Program, co-sponsored by Cal State LA, USC, the University of Stockholm, The Cervantes Institute, and the North American Academy of the Spanish Language, held at Cal State LA, March 28 to April 1. Recent presentations include "Presentation of LIBSUS: Bibliografía lingüística del español en los Estados Unidos," May 9, at The Cervantes Institute in New York (in collaboration with Francisco Moreno and Javier Pueyo); "Repertorio bibliográfico de las publicaciones lingüísticas sobre el español de los EE UU (in collaboration with Francisco Moreno), 36th ALDEEU (Spanish Professionals in America) Congress in New York City, June 3; "La fusión de lenguas en la obra de Junot Díaz" (at the Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española [ANLE] special session titled "Don Quijote in Manhattan") at the 2016 Annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Miami, July 10; "More on Spanish Pragmatics," response to the acceptance speech of Frank Nuessel (University of Louisville) on the occasion of his election into ANLE, New York, September 27; "Current Studies on Pragmatics of U.S. Spanish: An Overview," invited lecture at the Observatorio de la lengua española y las culturas hispánicas en los Estados Unidos/Observatory of the Spanish language and the Hispanic Cultures in the U.S., Cervantes Institute at Harvard University, October 27; "Spanglish, Bilingualism and "Estadounidismos": Disentangling the Concepts," invited lecture at St. Mary's College (Ethnic Studies Department), Moraga, California, November 8; and "El estudio de la pragmática del español estadounidense: principales líneas de investigación," at the fall meeting of the Southern California Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Loyola Marymount University, November 12. Recent publications include *Language and Dialogue,* 6:2, 2016; and with Francisco Moreno-Fernández (dirs.) and the collaboration of A. Enrique-Arias and F. J. Pueyo Mena, *Bibliografía lingüística del español en los Estados Unidos/Linguistic Bibliography of Spanish in the United States,* Instituto Cervantes at Harvard-ANLE, 2016. She was appointed to the Inter-academic Commission for the preparation of the 24th edition of the *Dictionary of the Spanish Language* (a joint project of the Spanish Royal Academy and the Association of the Academies of the Spanish Language); as representative of the North American Language and the Philippine Academies of the Spanish Language; as co-opted member of the Inter-academic Commission preparing the Glossary of Grammatical Terms (a joint project of the Spanish Royal Academy and the Association of the Academies of the Spanish Language); to the editorial board of *Language and Dialogue*, a scholarly journal published by John Benjamins; and for a third term (2017-19) as book/media review editor of *Hispania*, the scholarly journal of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Richard Roberto (Mechanical Engineering) and Dan Roberto, College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology staff technician, volunteered and supported the 2016 American Solar Challenge/ Formula Sun Grand Prix, in July and August. Richard sat on the judges panel and Dan assisted behind the scenes.

Martin Schiesl (History) wrote biographical entries on Los Angeles civil rights activist and education reformer Marnesba Tillmon Tackett; Los Angeles defense attorney and judge Earl C. Broady, Sr.; and Oakland attorney and civil rights leader Donald Pitts McCullum in 2016. The entries are presented on the website, http://www.BlackPast.org.

Gay Yuen (Education) was presented with a Women's History Month Leadership Award at a community event hosted by Assemblymember Ed Chau in Monterey Park on March 18. She was recognized for her contributions to the cultural and societal makeup of California.

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implement a policy reflecting its unique campus climate, while assuring conformity in certain key systemwide principles. Our policy is both clear and substantive, and removes the CSU from the enforcement of federal immigration laws."

Cal State LA has been offering workshops to provide support and accurate information, as well as access to a number of campus resources such as the Dreamers Resource Center, Chicana/o Latina/o Student Resource Center, Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, and Pan African Student Resource Center.

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James Goodrich, B&E Dean, Leaving Cal State LA in June

James Goodrich, dean of the College of Business and Economics, will be leaving the University at the end of June to assume the role of dean of the College of Business and Stoller Distinguished Endowed Chair at Pacific University Oregon. Goodrich will have an opportunity to participate in the establishment of a new college, as well as a chance to return to Portland. In his six years as dean, the College successfully participated in two cycles of Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation and added 36 new faculty members. He created a college external relations group to consolidate the college's marketing, placement, fundraising, and graduate recruiting staff. This has helped to improve the College's rankings in national and international publications.

Outstanding Professors, Lecturer Honored at Fall Convocation

At the Fall Convocation on August 18, Cal State LA recognized five Outstanding Professors and one Outstanding Lecturer, as well as the President's Distinguished Professor. **José Cruz González** (Theatre Arts), this year's President's Distinguished Professor, is an acclaimed playwright and director. He is coordinator of The John Lion New Plays Festival at Cal State LA, which he created in 1997 to stage the best student works in his playwriting classes.

Recipients of the Outstanding Professor Award are **Oscar Bernal** (Physics), an expert in the field of experimental condensed matter physics who studies and analyzes electronic states of matter found in superconductors and quantum magnets; **Meredith Greenburg** (Theatre Arts), a professional stage manager in theater and opera for more than 25 years, who teaches courses in stage management and theater production; **Mark Tufenkjian** (Civil Engineering), a geotechnical engineer for more than 25 years, who has received more than $3 million in grant funding that has provided research and mentoring experiences for students; and **Angela Vergara** (History), a social and labor historian, who has conducted research and presented lectures on topics including labor and social movements, occupational health, mining and transnational history. The Outstanding Lecturer is **Kamran Afary** (Communication Studies), who brings a breadth of interdisciplinary knowledge and years of experience in journalism, community activism, and drama therapy to his courses in rhetoric, cultural studies, and performance theory.

Cal State LA Team Wins Inaugural Mayor's Cup

Cal State LA won the grand prize of $25,000 in the first L.A. Mayor's Cup, a competition in which university students create innovative solutions to civic problems. Nearly 100 entrepreneurial teams from universities and

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In Memoriam

David Bilovsky

Professor of Education, 1956-1979

David Bilovsky, emeritus professor of education, died in Los Angeles on August 7, 2015, his 96th birthday.

Dave received his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Southern California in 1954 while serving as supervisor of child welfare and attendance for Los Angeles Unified School District. He joined the Cal State LA faculty in 1956 when the college was still located on the campus of Los Angeles City College, two years prior to the opening of the current campus facility. A member of the Guidance (later renamed Counseling) Department in the Division of Education with a specialty in the study of developmental disabilities, he worked closely as well with faculty in the Special Education Department and served as director of the federally funded, campus-based Training Center in Mental Retardation (as the field was called at that time).

Published in the area of developmental disability, Dave's books include *Readings in Learning Disability*, with colleagues Arthur Atwell and Colleen Jamison, and *Community Colleges and the Developmentally Disabled: Training Models for Direct Care Personnel*," with colleague Jane Matson.

Ray Hillis, who was mentored by Dave when he joined the faculty in 1965, remembers him as a very energetic and dedicated professional with a keen sense of humor, personal warmth, and true passion to improve the lives of developmentally challenged individuals. This passion was shared by his wife of 65 years, Adeline, who was a graduate of UCLA and Cal State LA; a longtime teacher, psychologist, and educator for LAUSD; and, like Dave, an advocate for the developmentally disabled.

Dave left the University in 1979 to continue his life's work in other ways. Adeline died in 2006 while traveling in Prague. He is survived by son Paul and his wife, daughter Diana and her husband, son Jeffrey, five grandchildren, and sisters Frances and Pearl.

Robert R. Fiedler

Professor of Art, 1961-1997

Robert R. Fiedler, emeritus professor of art, died peacefully in Milwaukee on December 8, 2015 at the age of 84.

A graduate of Bay View High School in Milwaukee, Bob was a member of the Bay View Alumni Choir. After receiving his B.S. in 1952 from Wisconsin State College, he obtained his M.S. and MFA degrees from the University of Wisconsin in 1958 and 1959, respectively.

After teaching in Oshkosh and Madison, Bob came to Cal State LA in 1961. He had six books published during his career.

He is survived by daughter Michele, son Robert II, sister Marilyn, and five grandchildren. His service was held at St. Veronica Catholic Church, followed by entombment at St. Adalbert Cemetery.

Joan D. Johnson

Professor of Physical Education, 1955-1992

Joan D. Johnson, emerita professor of physical education, died on October 14 at Huntington Hospital in Pasadena from sepsis, which quickly swept through her body. She had just turned 87. A teacher, coach, pioneer, and mentor, she devoted her career to developing women's intercollegiate tennis. She was instrumental in the fight for Title IX, the legislation that enforced gender equity in athletics programs nationwide.



Courtesy of Cal State LA Athletics

Born into a tennis family on October 10, 1929 in Wyandotte, Michigan, she was a serious player from the age of 17. Both her mother and her father were tennis players, her mother having won the Detroit City Championship for 10 of 12 years. Joan's strong interest did not develop until high school, but she quickly reached competitive status. She was a member of the Western Lawn Tennis Association Girls' Intersectional Team, Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia in 1946, and in 1947 won the first Orange Bowl girls' championship in Miami Beach.

While attending Western Michigan College in Kalamazoo and then the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Joan continued to play in tournaments, at a time when few colleges had women's tennis teams and there was much opposition to women's sports. In 1951, she received her B.S. degree and left for California to begin graduate work at the University of Southern California as well as to play tennis year-round and work on her game. She received her M.S. and an award for outstanding thesis in 1955, and earned her Ph.D. from the same institution in 1965.

Beginning in 1952, Joan was active in tournament play. Representing Detroit, Los Angeles, and Southern California between 1954 and 1970, she won an amazing 18 national public parks titles: singles (1960-62 and 1970), doubles (1952-54, 1957-58, and 1961-64), three mixed doubles; and the women's 40 singles and doubles (1970). Her doubles partner, later life partner, was Geralyn Shepard, whom she met in 1959. They competed at Wimbledon, as well as in France, Italy, and Switzerland that year. In 1967, they played on the Hawaii, Japan, and Australia circuit. They competed in three of the four Grand Slam events—England, Australia, and the U.S.—over the course of their careers. Too early for the rise in prominence of women's professional tennis, Joan and Jeri were pioneers who paved the way for others.



Courtesy of the Detroit Sunday Times

Joan off to an early start, with mother Emily.

Joan joined the then Los Angeles State College faculty in 1955, teaching Tests and Measurements to undergraduates, and statistics and research design courses to graduate students. Still a time when women's athletics programs were practically nonexistent, she was instrumental in the founding of the Women's Recreational Association, which led to her recruitment as co-coach of the men's tennis team. She soon helped pioneer the Southern California Women's Intercollegiate Tennis League, and in 1957, became coach of the first women's tennis team on campus. Her players included, among others, the legendary Billie Jean King, several national collegiate champions, and many state and regional champions. When the league initiated its year-end tournament in 1966, Cal State LA won, and the women were repeat champions the following year.

Through the years, Joan put on clinics, workshops, and demonstrations, and gave speeches and seminars locally and at conferences nationwide. She wrote many articles on tennis and a book,

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Tennis, now in its eighth edition. Joan served as chair of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics from 1977 to 1980, the first woman in the nation to manage an NCAA Division I athletics program. At the time, the department was large and diverse, with more than 70 faculty and staff, including coaches, a comprehensive undergraduate and graduate curriculum for majors, a full array of activity course offerings for undergraduates, intramural sports, and men's and women's athletics. Al Marino, colleague and longtime friend, who served as associate chair during her tenure, recalls that it was a volatile time in collegiate athletics following the passage of Title IX, with men's and women's athletics in often adversarial roles. She "led the way in this difficult fight for women's sports to take their rightful place in the pantheon of athletics."

Active in academic governance, Joan chaired many committees, culminating in service as chair of the Academic Senate during 1991-92. After retiring in 1992, she was an active member of the executive committee of the Emeriti Association and a member of the Editorial Board of *The Emeritimes,* coordinating its distribution for many years.

Off campus, Joan served on a variety of U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) and intercollegiate committees, including the USTA Women's Collegiate Championships Committee (1959-1969) and Tennis Games Committee of the U.S. Collegiate Sports Council (1969-1979), and chaired the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Tennis Committee (1976-1979). She was involved for many years with the Western Society for Physical Education of College Women and with the Soroptimist Fellowship Award. Wherever she served, Joan was known for her generosity and determination, including in recruiting others to become involved.

Beginning in 1962, Joan was a member of the Southern California Tennis Umpires Association and served as line judge or umpire at tournaments throughout the southwest. She directed numerous tournaments, including the Ojai Valley Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament, from 1978 until her death, and the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Division II National Tennis Championship, in 1980. She was also coach of the U.S. women's tennis team at the 1977 World University Games in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Joan's numerous awards include *World Tennis* magazine's Marlboro Award for her contributions to tennis (1963), USTA Women's Tennis Leadership Award (1970), and Southern California Tennis Association Coach of the Year Award (1974). In 1996, she was inducted into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Hall of Fame for her significant contributions to the growth and development of women's intercollegiate tennis. At Cal State LA, Joan was named Outstanding Professor in 1978. In 1985, she became a charter member of the Cal State LA Athletics Hall of Fame. At the 16th Annual Billie Jean King and Friends Gala in 2013, she was honored with the Joe Shapiro Humanitarian Award, along with men's tennis coach Cameron "Scotty" Deeds, for their outstanding contributions to sports.

A memorial was held on December 16 at Villa Gardens senior residence in Pasadena, where she and Jeri had recently moved. In a statement read on behalf of Billie Jean King, who was unable to attend, King said, "When it came to college tennis, she was a game changer. And for me, she was a life changer." Al Marino praised Joan as "a talented and accomplished woman who led with honesty, integrity, and a definitive vision...," to whom "every girl and woman who ever donned an athletic uniform since the '70s owes a debt."

Joan is survived by Jeri and myriad friends and family.

Edward Axel Nelson

Professor of Finance, 1959-1980

Edward Axel Nelson, emeritus professor of finance, died on August 7 in Anaheim at the age of 97.

Born on December 29, 1918 in Painsville, Ohio, Edward was the eldest of three children of Axel Nelson and Elma Karpinin. During World War II, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army and had recently returned from his honor flight to Washington D.C. to visit the war memorials. He married Mary Agnes Nelson on July 20, 1947.

Edward received his B.S. degree from DePaul University in 1948 and, in 1949, his MBA from the University of Chicago. In 1956, he earned his doctorate in finance at the University of Missouri. He taught at the University of Missouri



Courtesy of Karen Nelson

and Baylor University before coming to then LA State College in 1959. At Cal State LA, he taught and later served as associate dean of the School of Business and Economics.

In his personal life, Edward enjoyed dancing, camping, boating, and traveling the world with Mary visiting numerous countries.

A devoted father, he is survived by his stepdaughter Kaye, sons Raymond and Curtis, daughter Karen, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Mary predeceased him in 2014, after their 67th wedding anniversary, at the age of 93.

Arnold Pincus

Assistant Professor of History, 1961-1992

Arnold Pincus, emeritus assistant professor of history, died on February 15. He was 87 years old. Arnie—he was always Arnie to his colleagues—was a mainstay of the History Department, being one of its most reliable instructors during his 31-year career and a warm and generous presence on the fourth floor of King Hall.

Appropriately for a historian, Arnie's life paralleled the history of Jews in the United States in the 20th century. He was born in Brooklyn,



Courtesy of David Dietz

New York on May 31, 1929, the youngest of four children of parents who emigrated to the United States from Byelorussia at the beginning of the century. He was educated in New York City public schools, graduating from Tilden High School in Brooklyn in 1946 and Brooklyn College, where he majored in history, in 1951. In between, he was drafted, serving a hitch in the U.S. Army at bases in Louisiana and Kentucky. Thanks to the G.I. Bill, he was able to pursue graduate work in history at the University of Iowa, where he received his M.A. degree in 1952.

While at Iowa, Arnie studied under Herbert Rowan, who kindled Arnie's lifelong fascination with the early modern history of the Netherlands. Five years later, a Fulbright Fellowship made it possible for him to deepen his knowledge of the early modern Netherlands by studying for two years, 1957 to 1959, under the great Dutch historian Peter Geyl at the University of Utrecht.

Arnie's academic career began after he returned from his Fulbright Fellowship, first with a position at the University of Calgary and then,

in 1961, with his appointment at Cal State LA, where he spent the rest of his career until his retirement in 1992. He was first and foremost a teacher. During his career, he taught a wide variety of courses in the early modern Europe section of the history curriculum, thereby enabling the department to offer its undergraduate and graduate students a full cycle of courses in European history.

After his retirement, Arnie traveled widely and pursued many interests, but most important to him was his work with Beth Chayim Chadishim, the world's first reform Jewish LGBT synagogue, of which he was one of its first members and its president from 1975 to 1977.

Beverly Jeanne Schnitzler

Professor of Art, 1959-1997

Beverly Jeanne Schnitzler, emerita professor of art, died peacefully on August 1 in Scottsdale, Arizona. She was 83. In her 50-year career as a professor of art history, she dedicated her life to art, design, and educating her students with passion and excitement.

Jeanne, as she was known, was born on November 26, 1932 in Berkeley, California to Marvel and Edwin Steele. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Arizona in 1954 and an M.A. degree from then Los Angeles State College in 1959, the same year she began her teaching career at the college. Postgraduate work at Claremont College and the Chouinard Art Institute followed.

Jeanne had several books published, created artwork, and traveled. The love of her field took her to all parts of the world for research, exploration, and education. She was very involved with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art



Courtesy of the Schnitzler Family

and the Fine Arts Club of Pasadena, among other organizations. Although she spent the majority of her life in Southern California, in 2010 she moved to Scottsdale to be closer to her son and his family.

She is survived by her son Erich and his wife, two grandsons, and by her brother Robert and his family. Services were held at Grandview Memorial Park and Cemetery in Glendale, California.

Charles Hoult

Charles Hoult, husband of emerita professor of education Janet Fisher-Hoult, died at home from acute myeloid leukemia on November 23.

From 1958, when he was initiated into the sounding rocket business as a U.S. Air Force second lieutenant assigned to Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory in Bedford, Massachusetts to 1977, Charley did sounding rocket work. After 1977, he worked for The Aerospace Corporation and TRW, Inc. (later part of Northrop Grumman Corporation) until his retirement in 2007. During these 30 years, he supported the Titan launch vehicle and various classified satellite and missile defense projects, participating in launches from sites in California, New Mexico, Florida, Manitoba, and Brazil, as well as the Friends of Amateur Rocketry Site in the Mojave Desert.

Starting in 2006, Charley returned to his first love, sounding rockets, as a mentor in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department at CSU Long Beach. Most recently,

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Jewel Plummer Cobb, Former CSU Fullerton President and Cal State LA Trustee Professor

Jewel Plummer Cobb, the third president of CSU Fullerton, died on January 1 in Maplewood, New Jersey at the age of 92 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. She was president from 1981 to 1990, following which she served as trustee professor at Cal State LA until 2004. One of the first African-American women to lead a major university west of the Mississippi, she was known nationwide for her research accomplishments and her advocacy for equal access to education and professional opportunities for women and minorities.

During her tenure at CSU Fullerton, Cobb established schools for communications and for engineering and computer science. Several new buildings were constructed, including the first student dormitories on campus that bear her name. She established a university endowment fund, and actively promoted science education among minorities and women. Cobb's research in her field of biology focused on skin cancer and, in particular, the ability of melanin to protect skin from damage. She examined how hormones, ultraviolet light, and chemotherapeutic drugs could cause changes in cell division.

As Cal State LA trustee professor, she directed the ACCESS Center established to increase the number of economically disadvantaged students pursuing careers in science, engineering, and mathematics.

The granddaughter of a freed slave, Cobb grew up in Chicago, the daughter of a doctor and a teacher. While in high school, she began to focus on biology. Although she came from a middle-class background, because of segregation, she attended underfunded public schools reserved for blacks. At the University of Michigan, she found that black students were segregated into one dormitory and transferred to Talladega College in Alabama, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology. She received a fellowship to teach and study cell biology at New York University, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in cell biology. She later earned prestigious postdoctoral fellowships at the Cancer Research Foundation of Harlem Hospital, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and National Cancer Institute.

After returning to Chicago to teach and head the tissue culture laboratory at the University of Illinois, in 1969 Cobb began her administrative career at Connecticut College, where she served as dean of arts and sciences and professor of zoology until 1976, when she left to assume the position of dean and professor of biological sciences at Douglass College, Rutgers University.

Featured as a leading woman in science in various books and publications, Cobb was included in *I Dream A World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America*, a 1989 book and exhibition that debuted at the Phoenix Museum of Art and traveled to other galleries during a two-year national tour. Over the years, she was awarded more than 20 honorary doctorates, as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Sciences, among numerous other honors.

When asked in a 1990 interview how she would like to be remembered, Cobb told the Association for Women in Science, "I think I'd like to be remembered as a black woman scientist who cared very much about what happens to young folks, particularly women going into science."

She is survived by her son Roy, her daughter-in-law, and one granddaughter.

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he served as an adjunct professor in the same department. Along with Janet, he participated as a juror at the Cal State LA student research competition for many years.

Charley was educated at MIT and UCLA. He was a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Planetary Society, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Friends of the Griffith Observatory, and the Air Force Association. His sounding rocket publications include 17 papers on mission planning, structural loads, trajectory dispersion, and post burnout attitude. His website, Rocket Science and Technology (http://www.RSandT.com), offers open source software for anyone who seeks tools for amateur rocket design.

Charley is survived by Janet, brother David, two children from his first marriage, and a granddaughter. Predeceased by his sister Maude and Janet's son David, he also lost his daughter Elizabeth and two granddaughters who died in 2009. His extended family includes stepdaughters Lynne and Joi, two stepgrandsons, a stepgranddaughter, and two step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial was held in Culver City on December 17. Most of his ashes will be scattered at sea but, at the Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition next June, some will be placed in the CSU Long Beach rocket being built by Charley's Experimental Sounding Rocket Association students, to be scattered in the atmosphere when the parachute is deployed at apogee after the launch.

Linda Marie Taylor

Linda Marie Taylor, wife of emeritus professor of physics Bill Taylor, died on October 19 due to complications of Alzheimer's disease. She was 74.

Born in Spokane, Linda's family moved to Burbank in 1954. She graduated from Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach in 1960. After spending a year at UC Riverside, she transferred to UCLA, where she graduated with a degree in art history in 1964. While at Riverside, Linda met Bill, and they were married on August 28, 1964. In 1966, they moved to Iowa, where they lived for four years, during which sons John and Rick were born. It was also where Linda developed a passion for antiques. Third son Dave was born soon after they returned to California.

During the 41 years Linda and Bill lived in Glendora, she raised the boys, was a substitute teacher in the Glendora school district, and frequented flea markets and garage sales, expanding her collection of antiques. In 1985, Linda opened an antique store called Kaleidoscope Antiques in Monrovia. Her success with Kaleidoscope was a source of pride for the family, and it also led to many friendships with her dealers.

In addition to Bill and their three sons, Linda is survived by three daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren. A celebration of Linda's life was held at the La Fetra Senior Center in Glendora on November 12.

Also Remembered:

Milton W. Meyer

Professor of History, 1959-1986

The Emeritimes recently learned that Milton W. Meyer, emeritus professor of Asian history, died in 2015. He was born in the Philippines to missionary parents and retained a lifelong interest in that country and its culture. His *A Diplomatic History of the Philippine Republic* is still the standard work on the subject. He made a formal request that there be no obituary, and the Emeriti Association abides by that request.

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The Emeriti Association was recently notified of the following deaths: **Charles Borman**, emeritus professor of art, in April 2015; **James D. Boulgarides**, emeritus professor of marketing, on December 28; **Virgil H. Stevens**, emeritus associate professor of political science, on January 16; and **George R. Vick**, emeritus professor of philosophy, on September 30. Full obituaries will appear in the spring issue.

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colleges in Los Angeles County participated in the inaugural contest, with Cal State LA's Small Business Strong the only undergraduate team. Competitors were asked to develop ideas to address one of two issues: growing Los Angeles' economy and civic engagement in neighborhoods. Small Business Strong, proposed a traveling resource center that could connect small business owners with city resources using zero-emission vehicles to travel to businesses located in underserved neighborhoods. The Cal State LA team and four other finalists from USC and Loyola Marymount University pitched their projects to L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, deputy mayors, and local business leaders in a live competition on December 8. The grand prize includes an opportunity for the students to work with City Hall for eight weeks to transform their award-winning idea into reality. The L.A. Mayor's Cup is a project of the MetroLab Network, a group of public-private partnerships focused on addressing urban challenges with new technology and policy approaches. Cal State LA and the City of Los Angeles are partners in the network. The partnership was established through the University's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Campus Sets Fundraising Record

In 2016, Cal State LA raised a record-breaking more than $14 million to support the University, the most ever raised, following a record $9 million in fiscal year 2015. The University continues to grow the support of alumni and individual donors, and attributes the success to the strong network of communication and outreach to alumni and other external constituents. University Advancement is on pace to have another record-breaking year in 2017.

Cal State LA Ranked First in Upward Mobility of Students

Cal State LA is ranked number one in the U.S. in the upward mobility of its students, according to a study published in *The New York Times*. The Equality of Opportunity Project, which includes researchers from UC Berkeley, Stanford University, and Brown University, examined the role of colleges and universities in helping individuals climb the income ladder. The study found that Cal State LA has propelled a higher percentage of students from the bottom fifth of income into the top fifth of U.S. earners: 9.9 percent, ahead of Pace University's 8.4 percent. Based on anonymous tax filings and tuition records from the federal government, and following 30 million college students from 1999 to 2013, the study compared incomes of college graduates in their 30s from low income families with that of their parents. The research focused on institutions with more than 900 students born between 1980 and 1982 who attended school at some point between the ages of 19 and 22. Records from more than 2,000 colleges and universities were studied. Cal State LA also scored well when the upward mobility of students from the bottom 40 percent of the income distribution to the top 40 percent was examined, ranking sixth with a mobility rate of 35.7 percent, according to *The New York Times*.

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.