Happy Fall, 2021 to all Emeriti and Emeritae!

It is my pleasure to welcome 18 new Emeriti/ae to join the 574 previously retired faculty at UCI. We hope you will join our organization and continue to remain active in a variety of roles, both old and new.

**A Survey is Coming!**

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will note that the UC triannual Emeriti/ae Survey will be coming to encourage you to share your continuing achievements and exploits beyond retirement. I hope that you will see the importance of collecting such information which helps us advocate in support of retaining and enhancing UC and UCI Emeriti status and benefits.

**Face Mask and Coffee**

I hope you have managed to stay healthy and are following campus updates issued by Chancellor Howard Gilman and EVC/Provost Hal Stern. Thankfully, they report that UCI and UCI Health are doing well. Financial support has continued to be impressive, and UCI Health especially is looking forward to substantial upgrades. The campus community continues to experience only a very low rate of COVID virus positives.

UCI is fully back to in-class instruction, but masking is required as well as vaccination. Facial recognition is a slight challenge for us all. The greatest change observed in the last couple of months is that moving anywhere on or near the campus is no longer a tranquil stroll, but is now impacted by large numbers of screen wielding individuals at every turn. Collision avoidance is definitely a challenge for the less alert. Coffee and snack lines have become unpleasantly long as it seems not all food services have yet returned to full operation. One of the less recognized advantages of remote instruction and learning is that you do not have to “mask up” at home, nor do you have to wait in line for that cup of “Joe”.

**Complimentary Parking**

We remind you that complimentary parking for general parking spaces in any UCI main campus lot continues to be offered to all UCIEA members. If you wish to join or renew for one year or multiple years, we have an online link at https://give.uci.edu/Emeriti/

**Advocacy**

The UCI Emeriti Association (UCIEA), has, as its core goals, protecting your UC retiree benefits and interests, promoting opportunities for your engagement with the campus, and, however possible, providing activities you may enjoy. At this time, our Executive Committee is still meeting by “Zoom” but this may make it easier for you to observe our always open meetings at 10 am on the second Wednesday of each month. If you wish to participate, please email Emil Nguyen in the Center for Emeriti & Retirees at emil.n@uci.edu for the link.
We have continued to be a diligent and strong advocate for emeriti/ae benefits and interests in the UC system and on campus. Through the systemwide committee to which we belong (CUCEA), we have remained active in discussions about revisions to UC health and other benefits that are now being considered and may affect current and/or future retirees.

While improvement has been made, we continue to call attention to shortcomings especially with the process for those entering retirement (RASC), though the on-line system for existing retirees (UCRAYS) seems improved. Bill Parker, our Faculty Retirement Liaison, is still available to provide assistance regarding all aspects of “the system” to those faculty who are retired or are thinking of retiring. Email him at whparker@uci.edu.

**Recognitions**

*Ellen Olshansky*
Recently, UCIEA was pleased to be able to award Professor Emerita Ellen Olshansky an Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship. This award provides modest financial support for limited term research during retirement. See the Emeriti Spotlight below.

*Spence Olin*
As reported in our previous newsletter, Professor Emeritus of History Spencer C. Olin was our 2020-21 UCI Outstanding Emeritus. We are pleased to note that the School of Humanities recently also honored Spence with a newsletter article *Making and Capturing History*, that can be read here: https://www.humanities.uci.edu/SoH/calendar/story_details.php?recid=2736

Some of you may recognize or even be shown in some of the historic photographs used.

**Programs and Website**
Together with CER and the UCI Retirees Association (a separate organization for non-Academic Senate retirees as well as faculty retirees), we promote events of interest for all retirees. A few activities have survived during the pandemic, safely distanced and masked, including local hikes, walks and bike rides. We co-hosted the annual CER/UCI Emeriti-Retirees Reception on October 20th 2021. Those attending our virtual event enjoyed the annual presentation and Q&A with Chancellor Howard Gillman.

We continue, in our newsletters and on the website, to spotlight emeriti/ae accomplishments and keep you updated on those sadly leaving us in an In Memoriam section. Please inform me or the Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER) staff of any information missing from our website [https://sites.uci.edu/emeriti/](https://sites.uci.edu/emeriti/).

I warmly welcome your comments, suggestions and queries and value your participation. Please do not “Zoom Out” of staying in touch. Also, please update CER with your home and email addresses and let us know if you are not able to access our communications.

Very best regards,

George E. Miller
President, UCI Emeriti Association: gemiller@uci.edu

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**DOES UC’S ELEVENTH CAMPUS ALREADY SURPASS IRVINE?**

Only a select few—and likely that includes you, dear reader—can recite the names of 10 University of California campuses. But are you familiar with the eleventh campus? If not, read on. A 2019 system wide survey of UC emeriti activities¹ reported that

*The teaching, the scholarship and the community work of UC emeriti...when viewed in the aggregate, is equivalent to that of a major university. The emeriti contributions to the mission of the University of California amount to a virtual eleventh campus.*

Ellen Olshansky, Professor Emerita of Nursing

UCI Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professor 2021

For the Dickson Award, Dr. Olshansky proposes to study the experience of a diverse range of nurses from across the US who worked in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), taking care of patients with COVID-19. The purpose of this study is to understand how nurses are coping with the aftermath of this past year and how these experiences have influenced their current and future career plans. This proposal is highly significant in light of the current evidence by several authors that many nurses have experienced “burn-out,” compassion fatigue,” and “moral distress”.

It is anticipated that the results of Prof. Olshansky’s initiative will lead to recommendations for how to encourage nurses’ well-being and how to retain nurses as well as recruit new nurses to the profession. Recommendations will be developed at the individual level and larger systemic levels. At the individual level, the knowledge generated from this study will lead to implications for how nurses can increase their own self-compassion as a way of managing their personal response to the ICU experience. At the systemic level, the knowledge generated from this study will lead to implications related to not only equipment needed, but the moral support needed for nurses within their institutions.

See more UCI Emeriti/ae Spotlights here:
https://sites.uci.edu/emeriti/emeriti-spotlight/
2022 Constantine Panunzio Award - UCI Emeriti-ae take note!

This is a call for nominations for the 2021-2022 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award and an explanation of the nominating procedures. Created by a bequest from Professor Panunzio of UCLA, the award honors outstanding scholarly work or educational service (e.g. service in professional, University, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental or editorial posts, or committees) performed since retirement by a University of California emeritus or emerita in the Humanities or Social Sciences.

In the history of the award, UCI Emeriti-ae have received the honor 8 times.

Appropriate Deans on each campus, as well as the Provost or comparable officer, are asked to solicit nominations for this award from their constituent departments. Candidates may also self-nominate.

The complete supporting dossier must include:

- A cover letter outlining the nominee's distinctive scholarly work and/or educational service since retirement,
- A Curriculum Vitae, and
- Supporting letters (2 minimum) from leaders in the field commenting specifically on the nominee's achievements since retirement.

**Deadline for submission:** By Monday, December 6, 2021  
**Submit to:** UCI Emeriti Association Awards Committee via emeriti@uci.edu

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We remember our colleagues who have passed.

Clifford Woolfolk *Microbiology and Biochemistry* – February 2019

George Baerveldt *Health Sciences* – April 2021

Gerasimos Santas *Philosophy* – June 2021

William “Bill” Reeburgh *Earth System Science* – July 2021

Gary Guymon *Civil & Environmental Engineering* – September 2021

FULL list at our In Memoriam webpage:  
[https://sites.uci.edu/emeri/in-memoriam](https://sites.uci.edu/emeri/in-memoriam)
DOES UC’S ELEVENTH CAMPUS ALREADY SURPASS IRVINE?

Let’s call this eleventh campus UC Cucea (koo-CHEE-ah) after the survey sponsor, CUCEA (Council of UC Emeriti Associations).

From a sample of about 2,000 respondents (1/3 of UC emeriti), the survey reported these activities for a three-year (2015-18) period:

• 141 emeriti completed 519 works in the visual arts.
• 932 emeriti published more than 1,700 book chapters.
• 800+ emeriti performed pro bono public service that made use of their expertise.
• 777—the number of instructional FTE that would have been generated if all the courses taught by emeriti were divided using a nominal teaching load of 3.5 courses per FTE.

Without doubt, this productivity is worthy of a UC campus. Please help us document the continuation of this productivity—and yours by responding to the latest triennial survey (covering 2019-21) linked at the end of this article.

For skeptics, jocks, and sports fans only. Would UC Cucea (UCC) vanquish Stanford and USC on the athletic field of play? We lack data, but there’s good reason for optimism. As playwright David Mamet has observed, old age and treachery will always beat youth and exuberance. Go UCC!

--Ken Chew

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