



Retirement Center Mission Statement

The UC Berkeley Retirement Center is dedicated to developing programs and services that support the campus and contribute to the continued well being and creativity of retired faculty, staff and their families.

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UC BERKELEY RETIREMENT CENTER NEWSLETTER

What's News

Over the years, the phrase “Cal Community” has come to mean a great many things; no doubt it has different meanings to each of you. Recognizing this, the Center works to maintain your access to campus programs and services, while also creating a myriad of new possibilities for connection.

As always, the *Cal Connection* section describes the ways that you can use your retiree ID card for continued special access to the campus (pgs.2-3). As we are currently working on ways to enhance Cal Connections, please let us know if there are other campus-based programs that you would like to see included.

This semester, **Learning in Retirement** offers two courses: *Shakespeare Study: Here and Now* highlights the infinite variety of ways that scholars, critics, et al., think about and interpret Shakespeare. *Three faces of the American Revolution, 1763-1789* examines the political and philosophical underpinnings of the Revolution as well as its consequences for American life (p.4).

Developing partnerships on the campus has been central to the Center's evolution. This fall, we introduce a new program in collaboration with the *ASUC Art Studio*. The “hands-on” three-week class gives you the opportunity to sample five different art modalities (p.5). If you are more inclined toward art appreciation, join us for a free docent-led tour of the exhibit *Taishō Chic: Japanese Modernity, Nostalgia, and Deco* at the Berkeley Art Museum (p.6).

Another new connection the Center has made is with the **Lair of the Golden Bear**, Cal's retreat in the Sierras. Page seven details their fall weekend get-aways. Or, if you'd prefer just a day away, we have again collaborated with the UC Retirees' Association at Berkeley (UCRAB); this time we are headed to beautiful **Bodega Bay** (p.6).

For some of you, a continued connection with Cal has meant intermittent work assignments or consultation to campus departments. Over the past three years, the Center has been exploring and evaluating how to structure this so that you can easily find out about temporary, part-time work opportunities and hiring managers can find you. This year, the Center's **Retiree Work Opportunities program** is one of four recipients of a campus grant to use the power of the Web to transform the way the university operates. See page six for further details. Appreciating that others of you are looking for **volunteer opportunities**, the Center is creating a list of campus-based options, as well as collaborating with Cal Corps to explore new possibilities (p.6).

Recently, a problem at the US Post Office delayed pension checks from the UC Retirement System for up to three weeks. Since those who use **direct deposit** were not impacted, we have included information about direct deposit and how to sign up on page seven.

We have also included information about the upcoming Open Enrollment Faire and about Question and Answer Sessions co-sponsored with the Health Care Facilitator program.

The **On Campus** section highlights how you can join Cal in assisting students and others displaced by Hurricane Katrina

Finally, in this issue of *The CenterPiece* we recognize, through our **donor honor roll**, those of you who have made donations to the Center in the past two years. Given that our permanent budget has been cut over 20% during this time, your continued support has been critical in maintaining current programming such as Learning in Retirement and computer classes and has allowed us to seed new initiatives such as the Retiree Work Opportunities program.



UC Press Discount

University of California Press is pleased to offer you a 15% discount on all books. With more than 180 new books published each year in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, the UC Press offers something for everyone's reading list.

A code, which you can get from the Retirement Center, is required to receive the discount. The code can then be used for phone orders when you call the fulfillment service at (800)777-4726 or order online at <http://www.ucpress.edu>. (Type the code in the coupon code field.)

ID Cards

To take advantage of the special Cal Connection offers, you must use a retiree ID card that identifies you as retired staff, retired faculty or their surviving spouse or partner. To obtain your card, come by the Center between 1pm and 4pm daily or call the Center to order by mail.

Library Cards

Obtain a free campus library card good for use at all UC Berkeley libraries. Call the Center for details.

Long-Term Care Insurance Counseling

Before purchasing a long-term care insurance policy, it is important to know all the issues you must consider. The Center has arranged for free, one-on-one sessions with a community expert from the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP). This is a state-funded program that provides unbiased professional assistance to insurance consumers. To make a confidential appointment, call the Center.

20/20 Vision Plan at University Eye Center

You and your designated beneficiary are eligible for this plan. Benefits include a comprehensive examination for a maximum out-of-pocket cost of \$49.00*, a discount on other vision services, a discount on ophthalmic materials (such as spectacles, contact lenses, or low vision devices), a complimentary "Cal" glasses case when spectacles are dispensed, free parking, and a free shuttle ride to the Eye Center. For information or to make an appointment, call the UCB Eye Center at (510)642-2020. Be sure to identify yourself as a 20/20 Vision Plan member.

*Where applicable, insurance will be billed first.

Wellness Bargains

The UC Berkeley Wellness Letter offers new subscribers a discounted rate of \$15.00 (regularly \$28.00) on the first year of a subscription. To subscribe call the Center or to order online, go to www.calmarketplace.org.

Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive

Enjoy free admission to the Berkeley Art Museum (BAM) by showing your retiree ID. Also, the Pacific Film Archive (PFA) offers you the UC faculty and staff admission rate of \$5.00 (with retiree ID card). See bampfa.berkeley.edu for film information and schedules, or pick up a copy of *Film Notes* at the Berkeley Art Museum of PFA Theater for previews of coming attractions.

Night and Weekend Parking Coupons

The Center now offers individual night and weekend parking hang tags, good through December 31, 2007, for \$4.00 each. One-time use hang tags replaced coupons on July 1. You can purchase these hang tags by mail by sending a check, *made payable to UC Regents*, for the number of hang tags that you want to purchase, plus \$1.50 for mailing and handling costs. You may also purchase them at the Center, Monday through Friday between 1pm and 4pm. Note: These permits are not valid in UC public lots for sporting or special events.

Discounted Parking for Center Programs

When attending a Center-sponsored event, you are eligible for parking at \$4.00 in any non-reserved parking space on campus. You must prepay by sending a check or money order at least two days prior to the day of the event to reserve your parking pass. The Retirement Center is charged whether or not you use the parking permit, as such **we cannot offer refunds**.

Cal Rec Club

Join the Cal Rec Club at a significant savings. Membership includes free morning aerobics and discounts on other programs. Call the Center for information.

Chronicle of the University of California

The *Chronicle of the University of California* is devoted to the preservation of the University's past and the promotion of research in University history. The Chronicle offers you a 15% discount off the price of a single issue (normally \$20.00) or 15% off any two-issue subscription (normally \$36.00). Call the Center to subscribe.



Women's Faculty Club (WFC)

You are now invited to join the WFC as an Associate Member. Initial memberships are offered at a reduced rate, which includes a complimentary six months with the purchase of a full-year membership, so that you can enjoy your first year of membership privileges for only \$66. (The \$25 initiation fee is also waived.) Call the WFC at (510)845-5084 or download an application form at www.womensfacultyclub.com.

Cal Performances

Enjoy select Cal Performances events at 15% off regular prices below (limit two). This discount cannot be combined with other discounts, used for on-line purchases or for performances not listed below. For more information and program locations, visit calperfs.berkeley.edu. To order tickets, call (510)642-9988.

Mark Morris Dance Group \$30, \$42, \$58
Thursday September 29 8pm

The Yuri Yunakov Ensemble \$32
featuring **Ivo Papasov** (*Bulgarian Be-Bop*)
Friday October 14 8pm

Anne Sofie von Otter, *mezzo-soprano* . . \$34, \$46, \$58
Wednesday October 19 8pm

Beijing People's Art Theatre \$32, \$46, \$68
Saturday November 5 8pm
Sunday November 6 3pm

Composer Portrait: Gyorgi Ligeti \$32
Christopher Taylor, *piano*
Sunday November 6 3pm

Tania Libertad \$20, \$26, \$32
Thursday November 17 8pm

Ensemble Kaboul \$22, \$30, \$40
with special guest **Ustad Farida Mahwash**
Friday November 18 8pm

Randy Cohen \$20, \$26, \$32
How to Be Good
Saturday November 19 8pm

Health Care Facilitator

Receive confidential one-on-one assistance regarding problems with or questions about your health plan. This service is provided by a location-specific Health Care Facilitator (HCF). Call the Center to get the phone number of your HCF.

Affordable Computer Equipment at The Scholar's Workstation (TSW)

Purchase hardware and software at low educational prices at the campus computer retail outlet. Using your CalNet ID and passphrase, you can also place credit card orders online, where you have the option to pick up your order at TSW or have it delivered to your home. CRCN members (see below) can call the Center for their CalNet ID. Emeriti should contact their departments. All other retirees can select the "Ship Order Using Fax Authorization" option during the online check-out process.

Please call TSW at (510)642-8424 or visit tsw.berkeley.edu for more information.



Cal Retirement Center Network (CRCN)

The Center offers the following three options for keeping your connection to the campus through the Internet.

CRCN E-Mail Forwarding is a service that automatically forwards messages addressed to a "berkeley.edu" email address to the in-box of any email address you choose. This service is for those who want to keep a berkeley.edu email address, but want to use, or are already using, another email service such as Yahoo!,



CalMail

Earthlink or Comcast. Other than a \$10 set-up fee, there is no cost for this service.

CRCN CalMail, is for users of broadband (e.g., DSL, Cable) and other Internet connections, who want to keep a full service email account through the campus. For an annual flat fee of \$60, plus a \$10 set-up fee you will get a CalMail account with a "berkeley.edu" email address, 100MB of email storage, vacation forwarding and Connecting at Berkeley (C@B) consulting support, which includes software, updates, and technical support by email or phone.

The Center's ongoing email and Internet service, *CRCN SHIPS*, is also still available for just \$13 per month, with a one-time \$10 set-up fee, and includes unlimited Internet access through the campus Subscription Home IP Service (dial-up modem connection), a CalMail account with a "berkeley.edu" email address, software and consultation services.

Information sheets and application packets are available from the Center.



Center Sponsored Programs and Events

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

The Learning in Retirement (LIR) program, in its sixth year, offers a diverse array of lectures in the natural sciences, the social sciences, the humanities, and the arts.

For fall 2005, LIR offers the two courses listed below. Although there are no enrollment fees, registration is required. Retired faculty and staff from UC Berkeley, UC Office of the President and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and their guests, are welcome to register by contacting the Center. Course location will be provided in our written confirmation.

Shakespeare Study: Here and Now

Organized by Professor Donald Friedman, Department of English

A cursory glance at the PR2980 stacks in Doe Library will make it clear that of the making of books about Shakespeare there is no end. The corollary is that there is apparently no limit to the ways scholars, critics, actors, directors, dramaturgs and others think about Shakespeare. The purpose of this series of lectures is to acquaint you with some of the ways members of the Berkeley faculty think about Shakespeare, and what it is they are thinking about him these days. Although some may decide to talk about the same play or plays, they will approach their subjects from markedly different perspectives. Remarks about “infinite variety” will be entirely appropriate.

Fridays, 1pm-3pm

- October 14: Professor Joel Altman: “‘I Am Not What I Am’: Shakespeare’s Scripted Subject”
- October 21: Professor Stephen Booth: “Shakespeare’s Works Reward Study, But Do They Need It?”
- October 28: Professor Janet Adelman: “Outsiders in Shakespeare”
- November 4: Professor Jeffrey Knapp: “Shakespeare as a Co-Author”

Three Faces of the American Revolution, 1763-1789

Lectures by Professor Robert L. Middlekauff, Department of History

Although the origins of the American Revolution lay deep within Anglo-American culture, the Revolution’s central character is clear. It was a political event in the broadest sense, for its purposes all revolved around the question of how a free people should be governed.

In this course, the first lecture will examine the Americans’ resistance to British attempts to change imperial relationships, a resistance that led to a movement marked by violence, reorganization of colonial politics, and eventually the discovery of political principles and an original constitutionalism. British and American conceptions of the war—and military efforts—will, in the second lecture, be discussed with their attendant consequences for political and social life. The third lecture will deal with the changes (successes and failures) the Revolution brought to American society.

Mondays, 2pm-4pm

- November 7: “The Discovery of Political Principles”
- November 14: “The War: Policy and Strategy, and Civil-Military Relations”
- November 21: “The Consequences of the Revolution for American Society”





Center Sponsored Programs and Events

COMPUTER CLASSES

Classes are tailored for you. A \$10.00 per session fee includes instruction and materials. Parking can be arranged for \$4.00 per day. For questions, or to register, contact the Center. *Class space is limited to 18 participants.*

Advanced Basics (This is a two-session class.)

Wednesday	November 9	9am-Noon
Thursday	November 10	9am-Noon

Have you ever saved a file only to realize you couldn't find it later? Ever wanted to go beyond basic letter writing? This class offers instruction on how to navigate your computer and how to use programs such as Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. (Includes use of My Computer, Windows Explorer, menus and icons.)



Prerequisite: Completion of Computer Basics or equivalent experience.

World-Wide Web: The Internet Starter Course

Thursday	December 1	9am-Noon
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Finding long-lost friends, researching the best price on airline tickets, purchasing books, and even academic research can now be done from the comfort of your home, or anywhere there is an Internet connection. This class covers Internet basics, including how to use browsers and search engines.

World-Wide Web II: The Next Steps

Friday	December 2	9am-Noon
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This class is designed to help you take the next steps in using the Internet. Topics covered include researching, shopping, downloading and more. It also provides in-depth coverage of viruses and security issues.

Prerequisite: Completion of The Internet Starter Course.

CO-SPONSORED

Open Enrollment Sessions

Open Enrollment (OE), held annually in the month of November, offers UC annuitants a chance to change medical plans. No major plan changes are expected and all active employees and annuitants will once again make health plan changes online at <http://atyourservice.ucop.edu> (November 1-30).

To get information that you need to make your OE decisions:

- 1) Carefully review the OE materials that you will receive by mail in late October or early November;
- 2) Visit <http://atyourservice.ucop.edu> for frequent updates;
- 3) Attend an OE Information Session co-sponsored by the Retirement Center and the Health Care Facilitator program. The sessions are November 16 and November 22, from 9am-11am. Call the Center to register.
- 4) East Bay annuitants can also attend the Annuitant OE Faire on November 4, from 8am-11am at the Holiday Inn, 1800 Powell Street, Emeryville. Representatives from the medical plans, as well as

the Health Care Facilitator, will be available to answer your questions. (For OE locations in other areas, call the Center.)



ASUC Art Studio Hands-On Art Sampler

Tuesdays	October 18, 25, November 1	9am-2pm
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Get your creative juices flowing this fall at the ASUC Art Studio! Coming this October, the Art Studio offers a sampler of three hands-on art workshops. An affordable and easy way to try your hand at a variety of art forms, this series hopes to help you discover a new passion. Use a pinhole camera to make a black and white silver gelatin print. Sink your hands into some clay and learn to throw on a potters' wheel. Dye fabric using the traditional Japanese technique of shibori. Learn to use digital video to record your autobiography or begin your memoirs in our nonfiction writing workshop.

We are offering this course for \$30. To register, or for further information, contact the Center.



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Berkeley Art Museum Tour

Taishō Chic: Japanese Modernity, Nostalgia, and Deco

Thursday October 6 12:15pm

Join us for a free docent-led tour of the exhibit *Taishō Chic: Japanese Modernity, Nostalgia, and Deco*. The “Greater Taishō” era (1900 - 1930) was a time of cultural transformation in Japan comparable to the flourishing of the Belle Époque in Europe from the mid-1890s until the Great War. An increasingly affluent society, and the spread of popular culture in the form of novels, magazines, radio broadcasts, motion pictures, and gramophone records, brought with it an unprecedented fascination with the cultural trends currently taking hold in Europe. The exhibit features a stunning array of prints, paintings, and decorative arts that illustrate the collision of Western fashion with centuries-old Japanese art forms. Contact the Center to register.

A Trip for the Birds - Day Trip to Bodega Bay

Friday October 7 8:30am-5:30pm

The UC Retirees' Association at Berkeley (UCRAB) and the Center invite you to join them for a day trip to Bodega Bay. We will leave Berkeley by chartered bus to Sonoma County to visit the Majestic Potter Schoolhouse, where Alfred Hitchcock filmed part of his classic “The Birds.” Center Staffmember Lana Buffington will talk about the making of “The Birds,” the Bodega Bay sites Hitchcock filmed, and how to use the Pacific Film Archive Library for film research. We'll also visit the town of Bodega Bay, where we will lunch and enjoy the ambiance at the Tides Wharf & Restaurant (also used in the film) overlooking the bay. From there, we will have a guided tour of the Bodega Marine Laboratory. After which, we will return to Berkeley. Contact the Center to request an information and registration packet.

RETIREE WORK/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Retiree Work Opportunitites (RWO)

We are pleased to announce that the new RWO Website is up and running. For those of you who are interested in temporary, part-time work opportunities available at the UC Berkeley campus, LBNL, or UCOP, you will now be able to log on to the website, create your personal profile, post a resume (optional), browse through available work opportunities, and contact managers who've posted those opportunities to let them know of your interest. The managers will also be able to browse all profiles of retirees participating in the program and contact them directly.

At the present time, we are communicating the program to you to encourage you to explore the website and become participants by posting your profile. We will soon be starting a targeted campaign to reach a wide range of managers to let them know how this new resource may help them fill their part-time, temporary staffing or special project needs with experienced UC retirees.

If you are interested and want to explore the new website, you'll find it at www.login.icohere.com/ucbrp. To log in for the first time, use Calberkeley (no spaces) as the login name and the word password as the password. You are also welcome to contact Gloria Parra at gjparra@berkeley.edu, or at (510)643-4663, for further information about using the website.

New Retirement Center Campus Volunteer Web Page

The Retirement Center is partnering with campus departments to provide a centralized listing of the rich array of volunteer opportunities on campus where you can share your experience and expertise. The list can be found on the Center's website: thecenter.berkeley.edu. If you are interested in volunteering on campus, or would like to participate in a focus group to help the Center create a volunteer corps, please email Lana Buffington at lanab@berkeley.edu, or send a note to her at the Center.



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Lair of the Golden Bear

Want to get away for a weekend in the Sierras? The fall is a beautiful time to vacation in the mountains and UC Berkeley's Lair of the Golden Bear offers a refreshing dose of mountain hospitality.

Once at camp, you will immediately be treated to the Lair's unique brand of family fun and games. Your weekend includes meals, access to all of the Lair facilities (swimming pool, tennis courts, volleyball court, half basketball court, ping pong, horseshoes, and our art grove). You'll enjoy staff shows, hiking, and age-group activities for the kids or grandkids (ages 2 through teens). They currently have availability in the following sessions: September 23-25 and September 30-October 2. For more information, call the Lair office at (510)642-0221, email them at: lair@alumni.berkeley.edu or visit their website at: www.alumni.berkeley.edu/lair.

Help Cal Assist Students Displaced by Hurricane Katrina

UC Berkeley is now working to find housing for university students who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina and who are unable to study at their home campuses this fall. Berkeley is taking 50 undergraduate students and 25 law students from such universities as Loyola, Tulane, Xavier, Dillard and the University of New Orleans.

Anyone interested in offering housing can contact Nancy Jurich at: njurich@berkeley.edu. The campus has set up a website for information about how to donate, what is needed and how you can assist in helping these students join our community. The web site is located at <http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/home/news/supportforkatrina.shtml>

UC-Systemwide

Direct Deposit Information

As you may know, direct deposit is an automatic, computerized method of electronically depositing your monthly UC Retirement System (UCRS) benefit directly into your bank account. You may not know that there was a recent error at the U.S. Post Office, which resulted in pension payment delays of up to three weeks for many retirees not using direct deposit. As a result, the UCRS Customer Service Center phone system became overloaded as it attempted to handle over 2000 calls a day. If this happened to you, you might consider the direct deposit option to potentially avoid the frustration of not receiving your benefit check on time, compounded by a reduced ability to contact UCRS.

You can sign up or cancel direct deposit at any time, subject to monthly processing deadlines (the 15th of each month for direct deposit). To sign up for direct deposit, complete the *Electronic Direct Deposit Form* (UCRS 160), which is available for download on the At Your Service website (<http://atyourservice.ucop.edu>). Just click on "Forms and Publications," located on the upper right-hand side of the At Your Service home page, and then click "Direct Deposit." From there you can select the *Direct Deposit Fact Sheet* and the *Direct Deposit Enrollment Form*. For those without Internet access, call the Center. We will be happy to send these documents to you.



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