



RETIREMENT CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

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

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UC BERKELEY RETIREMENT CENTER NEWSLETTER

Director's Notes

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times... Dickens' commentary may well speak to life today at the Retirement Center. Under the capable direction of Program Manager Andre Porter, Center educational and service offerings are expanding and serving more retirees and now active faculty and staff, demonstrating the continuing value of the Center and retirees to the education and service mission of the University. Our new Office Manager, Summer Scanlan, is using her excellent organizational and customer service skills for a more efficient and effective office. Our Pre-Retirement Planning Program has strengthened its faculty with additions of experts in the fields of long-term care insurance and older adult housing. And the Center and its Policy Board are considering exciting possibilities focused on volunteerism and campus affiliated retiree and alumni housing.

But we are now challenged by the state's budget crisis and its impact on the University. The Center, like other campus departments, will experience a permanent budget reduction this fiscal year and our staff will also be furloughed without pay for several days. This is all due to a massive reduction in state support for the University -- \$150 million.

The Center will strive to maintain the level of service you have come to expect. If changes in response time to your needs become necessary, we will keep you informed. Your support, including your financial response to our annual funding appeal, has been and will continue to be very important as we weather the next few budget cycles. Retirees demonstrated

their continuing value to the University with contributions to UCB in the last three years totaling over \$34 million.

You know best that our longevity revolution is not just about growing older but it is also about coming alive to other possibilities in this phase of life, to listen to the dream that keeps coming back. The Center exists in part to help you with that exploration. To that end, the Center notes in this newsletter a variety of opportunities for you.

Volunteer/Service: Thanks to all of you who responded to our recent volunteer/service survey. On p.5, read a summary of the findings and potential next steps for a Center volunteer program.

Personal Financial Education: A collaboration between the Center, University Health Services, and Human Resources has brought together the personal financial education and counseling opportunities available to active faculty, staff and retirees. To view the free education sessions, go to <http://hrweb.berkeley.edu/resources/financialeducation.htm>.

Retiree Value: On p.6, we highlight a distinguished retiree who continues to serve the University and add value to our efforts.

Post-Employment Benefits: Note the article on p.7 about the UC Post Employment Benefits Task Force and the upcoming listening sessions.

Program Updates: Take advantage of discounted Cal Athletics season ticket (see p.3). Our fall program listings start on p.4 with Learning in Retirement and ends with Fiscal Planning, p.7.

Patrick C. Cullinane, MS, Director

Cal Connections

The Retirement Center has arranged these discounts and services for UC retirees:

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. Retiree ID required.

Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive

Enjoy free admission to the Berkeley Art Museum (BAM) with your retiree ID. The Pacific Film Archive (PFA) offers you the UC faculty and staff rate of \$6.50 (with retiree ID card).

Cal Athletics

Receive the staff rate on all season-ticket purchases for all intercollegiate athletic sports, including football, basketball, volleyball. Offer not valid for individual game tickets. Call the Athletic Ticket Office (800) GO BEARS for details.

Cal Performances Discounts

Enjoy select Cal Performances events at 15% off regular prices (limit two; cannot be combined with other discounts and all sales are final). To order tickets, call Cal Performances at 510.642.9988 or order online. For more information and program locations visit <http://www.calperformances.org>. Note: discount is not available for performances not listed below. All performances are in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted below. Retiree ID card required at the door.

American Premiere!

A House in Bali

An Opera by Evan Ziporyn

Libretto by Paul Schick (after Colin McPhee)

Featuring Bang on a Can All-Stars & Gamelan Salukat

September 26..... 8pm..... \$32, \$50, \$68

September 27..... 7pm..... \$32, \$50, \$68

Zellerbach Hall

Christine Brewer, soprano

Craig Rutenberg, piano

September 27..... 3pm..... \$46

Hertz Hall

The Suzanne Farrell Ballet

October 25 3pm..... \$34, \$48, \$60

Zellerbach Hall

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

Love's Labour's Lost

November 4, 5, 6..... 8pm..... \$48, \$76, \$90

Zellerbach Hall

Nuccia Focile, soprano

David Lomeli, tenor

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra

Robert Cole, conductor

November 15 3pm..... \$48

Hertz Hall

Druid Ireland

The Walworth Farce by Enda Walsh

November 18, 19..... 8pm..... \$72

Zellerbach Playhouse

Taylor Eigsti & Julian Lage Duo

November 21 8pm..... \$36

Wheeler Auditorium

Shanghai Symphony Orchestra

Long Yu, music director & conductor

Yuja Wang, piano

November 23 3pm..... \$28, \$40, \$60

Zellerbach Hall

Mark Morris Dance Group

The Hard Nut—The Nutcracker with a Twist!

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra

Robert Cole, conductor

Children of the Piedmont Children's Choirs

Robert Geary, director

December 17 8pm..... \$36, \$48, \$62

Zellerbach Hall

Cal Rec Club

Join the Cal Rec Club for \$296/year. This annual membership fee includes free morning aerobics, five annual guest passes, and discounts on other programs.

Faculty Club

The Faculty Club is pleased to offer you membership at the Professor Emeritus rate of \$10 per month upon presentation of your retiree ID card. Call the Center for details.



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) or 15% off any two-issue subscription (normally \$36). Contact the Center to subscribe.

Health Care Facilitator (HCF)

Receive confidential one-on-one assistance regarding problems with or questions about your health plan. Call the Center to contact your location-specific HCF.

Health Insurance Counseling from HICAP

The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides assistance to people with questions and/or problems relating to Medicare. HICAP is a non-profit, volunteer-based program that does not charge for its services. Through trained Volunteer Counselors, HICAP provides information, education and advocacy in the areas of Medicare, medical billing and claims, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D plans, Long Term Care Insurance and insurance fraud or abuse issues. Retirement Center constituents can make an appointment with a HICAP Counselor. HICAP is a program of Legal Assistance for Seniors in Alameda County and also provides legal representation to clients when necessary. HICAP is funded through the Alameda County Department on Aging and Adult Services. Please call 510.839.0393 if you have questions and/or would like to make an appointment at the Center. Be sure to identify yourself as a Retirement Center constituent.

Music Department

The Department of Music offers a discount on the price of admission. Unless otherwise noted, tickets to weekend and evening concerts are \$10 (regularly \$15) with your retiree ID card. Concerts include performances by the University Symphony Orchestra, University Chorus, and University Wind Ensemble as well as by other groups. Noon concerts and some special events are free to the general public.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI @Berkeley)

Receive a special membership rate of \$40 for a single term (normally \$50) in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Berkeley with a retiree ID. Visit olli.berkeley.edu for more information.

20/20 Vision Plan at University Eye Center

You and your designated beneficiary are eligible for a comprehensive examination (maximum out-of-pocket cost of \$70.40*), a 20% discount on other vision services and 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 510.642.2020. Be sure to identify yourself as a 20/20 Vision Plan member. Note: this is not the Vision Service Plan (VSP) offered to retirees for the first time this year. The 20/20 Vision Plan is for those who opt out of that plan or are not eligible.*Where applicable, insurance is billed first.

UC Botanical Garden

With your retiree ID card, you are eligible for discounted admission of \$5 to the UC Botanical Garden. You can also become a member for \$35 (regularly \$45). Established in 1890, the Garden's 34 acres contain over 12,000 different kinds of plants. The Garden is open 9am-5pm year round. Get more information at botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/.

UC Press

University of California Press is pleased to offer you a 15% discount on all books purchased online or by phone. Before placing your order, please contact the Center to obtain the "UC Press discount code." Simply mention the code when you call the fulfillment service at 800.777.4726 or enter the code in the coupon code field when ordering online at <http://www.ucpress.edu>.

Wellness Letter

The UC Berkeley Wellness Letter offers new subscribers a discounted rate of \$15 (regularly \$28) on the first year of a subscription. To subscribe, call the Center or order online at <http://www.calmarketplace.org>

Women's Faculty Club (WFC)

Join the WFC as an Associate Member. New memberships include a complimentary six months with the purchase of a full-year membership, so that your first year of membership is only \$66. (The \$25 initiation fee is also waived.) Call the WFC at 510.845.5084 or download an application form at <http://www.womensfacultyclub.com>. To receive the discount be sure to note you are retired on the form.



Center-Sponsored Events

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

There are no enrollment fees for Learning in Retirement (LIR) courses, but advance registration is required. Please call the Center to register; course location will be provided with your confirmation. Parking information for Center-sponsored events can be found at the bottom of this page.

The Victorian Novel

Presented by Professor Catherine Gallagher, Eggers Professor of Literature, Department of English

Over 10,000 novels were published in Victorian Britain; we'll read four of the best. The course will emphasize the variety of forms the novels take, their functions and importance in Victorian culture, and the persistence of their narratives in our own time, especially through screen and television adaptations.

Mondays, 3pm-5pm

September 14: General introduction, discussion and analysis of William Makepeace Thackeray's *Vanity Fair*

September 21: Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*

September 28: Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*

October 19: George Eliot's *Middlemarch*

From Stalemate to Checkmate: The Great War 1914-1918

Professor Thomas Barnes, Boalt Hall School of Law, Department of History, Canadian Studies Program

The First World War—Britain's "Great War," France's *Guerre de Quatorze*—on the Western Front, stretching 440 miles from the Franco-Swiss border near Basel to the North Sea at Nieuport, Belgium, was fought in three stages. Each of these stages will comprise one lecture and discussion.

Thursdays, 2pm-4pm

October 15: *Guerre de Course*, 4 August-24 November 1914

October 22: *Stasis*, 24 November 1914-21 March 1918

October 29: *Mobility Regained*, 21 March - 11 November 1918

Bells, Bells, Bells – and a Chance to Meet the Berkeley Carillonist (Co-Sponsored with The Faculty Club)

September is a lovely month in Berkeley. Imagine a warm evening, sipping wine on the Faculty Glade, and enjoying Jeff Davis, the University Carillonist, perform a special concert on the Sather Tower bells.

On Thursday, September 24th, Jeff will perform a special concert in lieu of his evening (6:00 pm) bell ringing. Please join us before the concert for drinks and snacks on the Faculty Glade. Programs will be provided. After the concert, Jeff will join us for dinner in the Faculty Club's great hall, where he will talk about our bells, the art of bell ringing, and answer your questions. This program is \$40 per person, all inclusive.

Parking for Center Sponsored Programs and Events

When attending a Center-sponsored event, you are eligible to park at \$5, plus \$2 postage and handling for mailed permits. You must prepay by sending a check or money order to be received by the Center at least one week prior to the day of the event. The Center will then mail the permit to your home for use at that program. Alternatively, you may come into the Center and purchase the permits in person.

Center-Sponsored Events

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, TOURS

Social Networking on the Internet

Monday-Wednesday October 26-28 9am–Noon
 Wednesday-Friday November 4-6 9am–Noon
 Course fee: \$20

If you have not, yet, you will likely soon hear about social networking websites like Facebook and Twitter, MySpace, Flickr, LinkedIn and others. The most recent political season showed the importance of blog (weblog) sites as new media news sources. Television networks like CNN have completely integrated this technology into some broadcasts. With the future status of print media unknown, one may find social networking a very good option for gathering and reading news.

These three-session courses will help define social networking, introduce you to some of the most popular and useful sites, and show you how to find the information important to you.

Accessing Your Fidelity® Account Online

Thursday October 8 9am-10:30am
 11am-12:30pm

These two individual sessions (register for 9am or 11am) provide hands-on information as it relates to online accounts at <http://netbenefits.fidelity.com>. In this session the facilitator will work from examples projected on a screen, while retirees can work with their own accounts. To facilitate this effort, please come to the workshop with a valid P.I.N. to access your account. Don't know your P.I.N? Contact HR and Benefits at <http://atyourservice.ucop.edu> or 800.888.8267.

To reserve a space and find out the location of the program, contact the Center.

UCBRC Book Club

Tuesday October 20 10:30am–Noon
 Professor Robert L. Middlekauff UCBRC Book Club selection this fall is Marion L. Starkey, *The Devil in Massachusetts: A Modern Inquiry into the Salem Witch Trials*.

Berkeley Art Museum Tour & Tea

Thursday October 8 2pm–4pm
 Fernando Botero: The Abu Ghraib Series

Join us for a free docent-led tour of internationally acclaimed artist Fernando Botero's powerful critique of the prisoner abuses at Abu Ghraib in a series of paintings and drawings recently donated to the Berkeley Art Museum. A tea and open discussion among tour attendees follows the one hour tour.

Planning Today for Your Fiscal Tomorrow

Friday, December 4, 1pm–5pm
 Guest Speaker: Adrian Harris, UCLA Vice Chancellor—Planning, Emeritus

This workshop has been designed to assist individuals of all ages in personal estate and retirement planning, understanding investment opportunities and strategies, and dealing with a wide-range of fiscal and related matters. Topics to be covered include key topics for those interested in retiring soon, including leaving survivors well informed, retirement needs, how to achieve planned goals, and converting assets into life-income. No specific investment recommendations made. Email the Center at ucbrc@berkeley.edu or call 510.642.5461 to register.

Center Volunteer Survey Update

In the summer issue of the Centerpiece, the Center included a volunteer survey. Out of the 10,096 retirees that received the survey, the Center received 455 responses.

Respondent Affiliation: 73% UC Berkeley (faculty or staff), 15% LBNL, and 12% UCOP

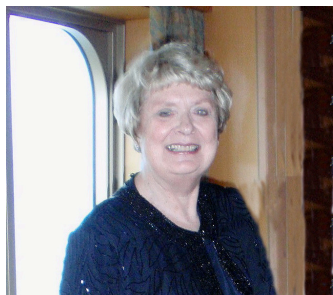
Respondent Retiree Status: 70% Staff, 20.5% Faculty, 9.5% Non-Senate Academic Staff

Out of the 301 respondents to the question "are you currently interested in volunteering," 169 responded "yes."

UC Berkeley retirees are motivated to volunteer by helping others and making a difference (76%), contributing to a cause they care about (76%), and using their skills in a productive way (80%).

The Center and its Policy Board will review these findings and decide on next steps for the Center's Volunteer Program. If you have more interest or thoughts to share on the program effort, please email ucbrc@berkeley.edu and note Volunteer in the subject line.

Louise Taylor – Distinguished Emerita



In 1998, Louise Taylor retired as Director of Planning and Analysis and as Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor. She and her husband looked forward to relaxed country living; however, within 10 days, she

was back working to help establish a new Department of Bioengineering. Louise was compelled both by Dean Paul Gray's vision and, after 34 years in the Chancellor's office, by the opportunity to interact with the Engineering faculty and to engage in administrative tasks at the departmental level. To the delight of Louise's patient husband, the goal was met in two years, one year ahead of schedule.

But then the phone rang again. Rod Park, Executive Vice Chancellor for the new Merced campus, wanted Louise to create a 5-year budget for the new Merced campus. This was an offer she couldn't refuse because it provided a chance to apply time-honored funding principles to an entire campus, including the schedule for developing particular programs, services, and facilities. The budget she prepared was approved in successive reviews culminating with the California Legislature, and then UCOP asked Louise to expand it by developing a 10-year budget plan. After a year and a half on this project, Louise told her husband that she would retire. He smiled skeptically.

Two weeks later, Louise was back at UCOP auditing research proposals for the California Institutes for Science and Innovation (CAL-ISI). Intended to last just 3 months, this project lasted for 18 and contributed to the establishment of four multi-campus institutes that partner with government and the private sector to help California maintain its leading role in science and technology. Berkeley is home to the Center for

Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRUS) and partners with UC San Francisco and UC Santa Cruz in the Institute for Bioengineering, Biotechnology, and Quantitative Biomedical Research (QB3).

Louise also has been extremely active as a volunteer at Berkeley and systemwide. At retirement, she became one of the first Berkeley staff personnel to be granted the "Emerita" title, and soon thereafter Professor Sheldon Messinger invited her to become involved in the UC Berkeley Emeriti Association (UCBEA). In 2002, she was elected President of UCBEA, appointed as its representative to the Retirement Center's Policy Board, and served as UCBEA's representative to the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA). She was CUCEA's Vice Chair in 2004-05 and its President the following year. In 2005, she was elected Chair of the Retirement Center's Policy Board, and she provided crucial leadership in this position for four years during the illness and subsequent retirement of the Center's original Director, administrative review, budget shortfalls, the move of the Center to its current location, and recruitment of a new Director.

Louise explains this dedication in terms of her love of new challenges that help her grow, her desire to help the campus and the University, and the joy of meeting new people and continuing old friendships. In addition, because her experience enables her to see the University in broad perspective, she is committed to informing emeriti and retirees about new developments, policy issues, the wide range of opportunities for staying connected with UC, and the many benefits of doing so. However, country living still calls, and so Louise's role on the Center's Policy Board in the coming year will be that of Immediate Past Chair. This summer, she and her happy husband have been developing their acreage high in the Sierra and planning lots of family events.

Carol D'Onofrio

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Systemwide Update

POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

As costs of health and pension benefits continue to increase substantially, sustaining these retirement benefits is increasingly difficult. To help UC develop a comprehensive, long-term approach, President Yudof has established a task force to study and recommend funding, policy, and benefits design alternatives. The Post-Employment Benefits Task Force will consider market competitiveness, workforce behavior and development, affordability, and sustainability, recognizing the need to maintain competitive post-employment benefits in order to recruit and retain quality faculty and staff for the University.

Task Force members include a range of stakeholders including representatives of the Academic Senate, campus and medical center leadership, staff, and retiree representatives (Charles Hess, CUCEA Chair, and Marian Gade, CUCRA Chair). Members serve on one of three Work Teams: Finance, Pension, and Retiree Health.

The Task Force will hold a number of Listening Forums at UC locations in the fall to give faculty, staff, and retirees the opportunity to ask questions and share perspectives. Watch for an announcement from the Berkeley Retirement Center in your e-mail (if you're not signed up to receive notices from the Center, consider doing so).

A reassurance: UCRP contracts for current retirees cannot be changed. Your pension is secure.

Marian Gade, CUCRA Chair

On Campus

Section Club Fall Reception

UC retirees are invited to join the University Section Club at its Fall Reception, which will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at University House from 11:30am to 2pm.

The Section Club is a non-profit support group founded in 1927 with two main goals: to bring together members from faculty, administration and staff in a variety of interest/social groups or "sections," and to offer practical and financial help to students on campus. For more information, contact Julia Wenk at 527-5726 or visit: universitysectionclub.berkeley.edu.

Association News

Mark your calendars for the following retiree association events.

UCBEA (<http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/ucbea.html>)

Board Meeting - December 1, Luncheon - December 5

UCRAB (<http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/ucrab.html>)

Board Meetings, October 21, November 18, January 20

Luncheon - September 24, Holiday Party in December

PARRA (<http://thecenter.berkeley.edu/parra.html>)

Luncheon - October 22: Speaker Russel Gould, Chair of the UC Board of Regents

EX-L's (<http://www.lbl.gov/ex-l-express/>)

Luncheon - November 19, Board Meeting - October 8

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By AC Transit: AC Transit bus lines 1, 7, 9, 16, 18, 19, 51, 52L, 65, 67, 79, 800, 851, and F stop at the Berkeley Bart Station.

Campus Accessibility Information

Check out the online FASDI Access Guide, which includes building accessibility information, as well as other useful accessibility tools. <http://fasdi.berkeley.edu/index.cfm>

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