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SEPTEMBER 19TH LUNCH WITH SETH ROSENFELD – DEFENDING FREE SPEECH: EDWARD TOLMAN, CLARK KERR, MARIO SAVIO, RONALD REAGAN, AND THE FBI AT UC DURING THE COLD WAR

Our upcoming Emeriti Association lunch meeting brings us yet another distinguished speaker.

While working as an investigative reporter for the San Francisco Examiner and the San Francisco Chronicle, Seth Rosenfeld sued the FBI four times over the past 30 years to obtain confidential records under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the agency's covert campus activities at UC during the 1960s. Eventually compelling the FBI to release more than 250,000 pages from their files, he painstakingly recreates the dramatic and unsettling history of how J. Edgar Hoover worked closely with then California governor Ronald Reagan to undermine student dissent, arrest and expel members of Berkeley's Free Speech Movement, and fire the University of California's liberal president, Clark Kerr.

His best-selling account of these events, *Subversives: The FBI's War on Student Radicals and Reagan's Rise to Power*. Published in 2012, the book was awarded the 2013 Ridenhour Prize for books; PEN Center USA's Literary Award for Research Nonfiction; the National Society of Professional Journalists' Sunshine Award; and the American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation.

Rosenfeld's talk will focus on four men: Edward Tolman, Clark Kerr (who played a role in guaranteeing all Californians access to higher education), Mario Savio

(the student activist who led the Free Speech Movement), and the ambitious Reagan, who was a more active FBI informer in his Hollywood days than previously known. By tracing the FBI's involvement with these figures, Rosenfeld reveals how the agency's counterintelligence program took tactics originally developed for use against foreign adversaries during the cold war and turned them on domestic groups whose politics the agency considered "un-American." Rosenfeld also draws on court transcripts, newspaper archives, oral histories, historical works, and hundreds of interviews.

We look forward to hearing his discussion of this critical and controversial time in the history of the University.



MAY 2ND LUNCH WITH CAROLYN BERTOZZI – DEVELOPING NEW DRUGS TO FIGHT CANCER

At our May lunch meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing Carolyn Bertozzi, the T. Z. and Irmgard Chu Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, talking about the work being done by the Bertozzi Group as they study cell surface interactions that contribute to human health and disease and runs specific projects in the areas of cancer, inflammation, and bacterial infection. The group uses complicated (to the uninformed viewer) techniques of organic synthesis, genetics, and biochemistry as tools to study and manipulate complex cellular processes. Much of their research involves cell surface oligosaccharides, biopolymers that contribute to cell surface recognition and cell-cell communication.

Please excuse the brevity of this record of Carolyn's talk. Somehow in the massive cleaning of my office my

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notes on her talk were either destroyed or completely misplaced. Mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

- Phyllis Brooks Schafer



EMERITUS OF THE YEAR AWARD – NEIL SMELSER

Our Emeritus of the year, Neil is Professor Emeritus of Sociology and former director of the Center for Studies in Higher Education here at Berkeley, as well as former director of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford.

Since his retirement in 1994, Neil has built an outstanding record in publication, in service to the Berkeley campus, and in service outside the University. In the twenty years since his retirement, he has published seven books with the University of California Press, 23 major articles, and 40 minor pieces. His work has focused on sociology, but also on higher education, terrorism, and the Free Speech Movement – an interesting tie-in to our September lunch speaker.

He has continued to teach, both here at Berkeley and as a visiting professor at various U.S. universities as well as in Germany. Among services to other institutions he has been a member of the Council for International Security and Arms Control and member of the Council of the American Philosophical Society.

At the national level he has also been president of the American Sociological Association, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences.

We're not the first to honor Neil! He's been the recipient of the Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize for Distinguished Career Achievement from the International Sociological Association. He was named to the Kluge Chair at the Library of Congress, Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Science, and as a fellow in the Society of Fellows at the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Will he ever slow down? Meanwhile, we are all proud of Neil, and wish him many more happy emeritus years to come! And we hope to celebrate him at the special luncheon in his honor on November 12th! Details later.

- Phyllis Brooks Schafer

SHORT TAKES: Emeriti Lunch Table, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at noon in the northwest corner of The Great Hall in The Faculty Club. Pick up a salad or sandwich, and find the table with our reservation sign. All are welcome to join in our informal discussions!



Sheldon Zedeck

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Emeriti:

This message coincides with my moving into the President's role of UCBEA. So, at the outset, I want to acknowledge and thank Caroline Kane for her outstanding leadership of UCBEA for the last 2 years. She functioned with great class, humor, sincerity, efficiency, and effectiveness. She is a hard act to follow, but an excellent role model.

I also want to acknowledge the service of three "retiring" board members, Beth Burnside, John Cummins, and Calvin Moore. They served with distinction and brought valuable insights to the Board. They will be missed, but we wish them much success as they take on different "retirement" activities.

As you know, UCBEA is an independent, active social group that also vigorously advocates Emeriti interests. We have been in existence since 1981. Our goal has been to keep you informed about issues that impact emeriti, be involved in policy actions, and voice our opinions to administrations; we do this by staying connected with other retirement groups such as the UCB Retirement Center (UCBRC), the UC Retirement Association of Berkeley (UCRAB), the Ex-L's (retirees from LBNL), and PARRA (President's and Regents

Retiree Association) as well as collaborating with campus and system wide organizations – e.g. the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA), and the UCB Academic Senate Faculty Welfare Committee. This gives our emeriti a voice in many decisions made on Campus and at the Office of the President.

Other activities in which we are engaged include a mentoring program that matches Emeriti with undergraduates as well as a mentoring program for faculty. More will be presented about these activities in future issues of the *Emeriti Times*. Speaking of which, I would like to acknowledge the heroic efforts of Phyllis Brooks Schafer, editor of the *Emeriti Times*, for her work in putting out 5 issues per year; the information presented is valuable, noteworthy, and important for emeriti.

On the social front, we have the opportunity to meet with each other for informal lunches at an Emeriti Lunch Table, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at noon in the northwest corner of The Great Hall in The Faculty Club (September – May).

One special activity is our Saturday lunch/speaker session, arranged by Board Member Jack Kirsch. We sponsor five gatherings per year at the Faculty Club where participants enjoy the company of other emeriti in a social hour with lunch and interesting guest speakers. The following is our schedule; mark your calendars:

1) **Sept. 19, 2015** – Seth Rosenfeld -- Author of *Subversives: The FBI's War on Student Radicals, and Reagan's Rise to Power* (2012)

2) **Nov. 7, 2015** - Richard Taruskin -- Professor, Department of Music

3) **Jan. 23, 2016** - George Lakoff -- Professor of Linguistics

4) **March 19, 2016** - Mary Ann Mason -- Professor Emerita, School of Social Welfare and Co-director of Berkeley Law's Center, Economics and Family Security

5) **May 7, 2016** - Jennifer Doudna -- Professor of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Structural Biology

And this year, we will host a **Special Lunch, Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015**, to honor UCBEA emeritus of the year, Neil Smelser, University Professor Emeritus of Sociology.

More about these events will be presented in future *Emeriti Times* issues as well as by special email announcements.

From an administrative perspective, your Board meets five times a year to talk about relevant Emeriti issues. This year, at our first meeting, we will have a portion of our meeting dedicated to “soul searching.” We have been in existence since 1981 and the time is right for us to review our mission, operation, membership, goals, structure, etc. We will keep you abreast of changes, if any, as they occur.

With regard to current initiatives, we are monitoring the recently appointed Retirement Options Task Force that President Janet Napolitano has charged to design and develop retirement plan options for UC employees hired after July 1, 2016. Finally, I want to note the appointment by Associate Vice-Provost for the Faculty, Angy Stacy, of Prof. Emeritus Sam Davis, who will serve as an advisor for ladder-rank faculty who are considering retirement. In this newly-created position, he will offer assistance in negotiating pre- and post-retirement arrangements with faculty, chairs and deans, including **Pathway to Retirement** agreements. He will help to identify common issues and ways for the campus to address them.

That's it for now. You are encouraged to give us your thoughts and opinions (zedeck@socrates.berkeley.edu)

Best wishes,

Shelly, President UCBEA

RETIREMENT CENTER

Retirement Center Location – The UCB Retirement Center is at 101 University Hall, on the ground floor of the building located at the corner of University Avenue and Oxford Street. Drop-in hours are Mon.-Fri., 1pm-4pm.

Retirement CenterExpress – If you have not yet signed up for this Newsletter, send your name and email address to ucbrc@berkeley.edu and ask to sign up for the *CenterExpress*. Retirees who currently receive the Center's weekly emails will be automatically subscribed.

This publication has taken a wonderful turn for the better, listing materials of special interest to the Emeriti population along with general materials about the status of older members of our wider population.

Here is the email address that lets you view the latest issue: <http://retirement.berkeley.edu/centerpiece.shtml>

SHORT TAKES: An announcement of our Saturday, September 19th lunch at the Faculty Club, with our speaker Seth Rosenfeld, was sent out last week. Be sure you've returned the form. You may also call the Club at 510-540-5678, ext. 2-224, to make a reservation or modify your reservation. Hope to see you there!

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