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“Is there a Story in the History of  
Childhood? Replacing Philippe Aries”

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The Faculty Club

After reading Professor Paula Fass’ biography, one is tempted to ask her what she thought of a recently published book by Amy Chua entitled “Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mom” which created quite a stir by presumably advocating that Chinese parents are better at raising children than Western ones. That question will have to wait until Professor Fass’ May talk, but there’s no doubt that she is extremely well-qualified to address it.

Trained at Barnard College and Columbia University as a social and cultural historian of the U.S., Professor Fass is a long-time UC Berkeley faculty member and the Margaret Byrne Professor of History. Since 2010, she has also been Distinguished Scholar in Residence at Rutgers University, New Brunswick. In the past 10 years she has moved in a new direction: the developing field of children’s history, working to make it an interdisciplinary field with a global perspective.

From 2007-2009, Professor Fass was the President of the Society of the History of Children and Youth; she was also one of its founders. She is a prolific writer; among her books are *Children of a New World: Society, Culture, and Globalization*; *Kidnapped: Child Abduction in America*; *Outside In: Minorities and the Transformation of American Education*; and *The Damned and the Beautiful: American Youth in the 1920s*. She has also co-edited two works: one with Mary Ann Mason, *Childhood in America*, the first anthology in children’s history, and *Reinventing Childhood After World War II*, with Michael Grossberg. She is currently editing the *Routledge History of Childhood in the Western World*. Her family memoir, *Inheriting the Holocaust: A Second Generation Memoir* (2009) recounts and examines her experiences as the daughter of concentration camp victims eager to understand the history of her new country and culture.

A contributor to many collections in areas such as education, immigration, globalization, children’s history and children’s policy, Professor Fass has toured and lectured worldwide. It is not unusual to find her commenting in the media on children’s history and contemporary culture, including segments on

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## Replacing Philippe Aries, Continued...

celebrity trials and notably the Lindberg kidnapping. She is currently working on a history of American parent-child relations over 200 years, from the founding of the republic through the global era.

Fass is a member of the American Philosophical Society, and has an honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Linköping University in Sweden. She has held fellowships from such prestigious organizations as the Guggenheim Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities

## President's Message: UCBEA in 2012-2013

Dear Colleagues,

The 2011-2012 UCBEA year has been characterized by 1) maintaining the quality of our traditional activities by presenting excellent speakers (Professors Townes, Henry, Goldberg, Fass, and Justice Liu) at five luncheons with somewhat upgraded cuisine; publishing five issues of the *Emeriti Times*, now available both online and in print format; honoring the Distinguished Emeriti/Emeritus Professor of the Year (Professor Charles Townes); and representing Emeriti in a variety of campus and system-wide fora; and 2) innovating two new endeavors: the mentorship program, now up and running, for undergraduates who are the first in their families to attend college/university. Although an introductory event was held in mid-April, the second component of the mentorship program intended to link Emeriti with newly arrived (typically junior) faculty awaits full implementation in 2012-2013; and the twice monthly Emeriti Table at the Faculty Club.

UCBEA's goals for the forthcoming academic year are to make our traditional activities even better. We have already received commitments from several outstanding faculty members—Professors Jack Citrin, Ann Swidler, and the Distinguished Emerita/Emeritus of the year—to speak at our luncheons. The junior faculty mentorship program will begin in the Fall 2012 semester and the undergraduate program will be expanded if we have increased participation from Emeriti Faculty. The twice-monthly Emeriti Table will be continued with, hopefully, even greater numbers of UCBEA members participating. A major objective for the year is to increase our membership by attracting faculty who became Emeriti within the past five years and regaining the participation of former members. Increased membership is essential to bring new perspectives and vitality to UCBEA. Once again, I urge each of you to encourage Emeriti colleagues to join the Association and enrich its activities!

In my message in the March issue of the *Emeriti Times* (available online at <http://thecenter.berkeley.edu>), I posed the question “Is UC-

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## President's Message, Continued...

BEA serving your needs?!" Judging from the zero response I received from the membership, I can only conclude that either no one reads these messages (a distinct possibility) or that UCBEA is doing a reasonable job of fulfilling its mission. In that issue, I mentioned other undertakings that may be of interest to Emeriti. The Association is open to considering all suggestions for programmatic innovations. I encourage you to contact me over the summer at eepstein@berkeley.edu or (510) 527-7379 with your suggestions.

The UCBEA Executive committee functions on the basis of collective responsibility. As president, I have been exceedingly fortunate in having colleagues who have undertaken leadership roles in our various programs. I shall not mention names but refer you to the Executive Committee membership list which appears on page 2. Each of these individuals deserves your thanks for their efforts to make UCBEA an organization, which contributes to the lives of the members and the overall campus community. I am grateful for the opportunity to know and work with these outstanding individuals.

I wish you all a healthy and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you at UCBEA events in Fall 2012.

Most cordially,

*Ed Epstein, UCBEA President 2011-2012*

## News from UCOP

### Formal Recognition of UC retiree associations

In a letter dated March 26, UC President Yudof formally recognized emeriti and retiree associations as "affiliated organizations" of the university. According to Patrick Cullinane, Director of the Retirement Center, this news represents a major development in formally recognizing and including the associations as part of the UC family. President Yudof acknowledged the long and distinguished history of service the associations have provided the university and pointed out that formal recognition qualifies them for event liability insurance coverage.

## In Case You Missed It

At the March meeting of the Emeriti Association, The Honorable Goodwin Liu, Justice California Supreme Court, offered reflections on his transition from legal academia to the appellate bench. He compared and contrasted the work of scholarship with the work of judging, and discussed how another former Boalt Hall professor, Chief Justice Roger Traynor, both drew upon and transcended his background as a legal scholar during his thirty-year career on the California Supreme Court.

## Mentoring Update: Progress on all fronts

As previously reported, 10 current and former SAGE Scholars have been linked with emeriti faculty and initial meetings have taken place. Enthusiastic feedback has been received, and a more formal evaluation survey will be conducted soon. Also included now in the undergraduate mentor program are students from the College of Engineering Student Services. Six of those students are now linked with four emeriti faculty, and all have scheduled "get-acquainted" meetings.

Additionally, the mentoring focus on Assistant Professors is taking shape with a networking reception on April 19th organized with the excellent energetic assistance of Sheila O'Rourke from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion. O'Rourke, the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education's 2012 Individual Leadership Award recipient, has been working on mentoring programs for Assistant Professors. This reception will address the topic: "Can Assistant Professors have a life outside of campus? Balancing professional and personal expectations." All emeriti will be invited, and many who have indicated an interest in working with Assistant Professors as well as those mentoring students will be attending. Any interested emeriti are invited to contact Caroline Kane, Professor in Residence Emerita, at kanecm@berkeley.edu. Please join us at the reception with Assistant Professors, April 19th, 4-5:30 pm, 35 California Hall.

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## Retirement Center Update

### ***Passion and Purpose: Transforming Retirement Retiree Conference - May 24, 2012***

The conference is designed to offer advice and resources on important aspects of the “retirement” phase of life. Professor Robert B. Reich, the Chancellor’s Professor of Public Policy at the Goldman School, will provide a special keynote address, *The Baby Boom Bomb*. Professor Arthur P. Shimamura, Dept. of Psychology, will present a plenary session on *Human Memory, Aging and the Brain or Where Did I Put Those Keys?* In addition to the keynote, there will be sessions on legal and financial planning, lifelong learning and the experience of aging. Watch your mail for a registration packet arriving soon. Space is limited, so timely registrations are encouraged.

### **Second Annual Summer Picnic - July 26, 2012**

After a successful launch last summer with over 100 attendees, the Center will again host a summer picnic for retirees, partners and friends in Tilden Park. Good food, raffles and prizes, music and games will highlight the afternoon get together. The tentative date is Thursday, July 26. Mark your calendar now. More information will be in the Center’s summer newsletter, which will arrive on your doorstep in early June.

### **15th Anniversary Celebration - October 11, 2012**

On October 11 of this year, the Center will celebrate its 15th year of service to retirees with a reception, dinner and an address on the latest advances in aging research and the implications for daily living by Stanley Pruisner, MD, Professor of Neurology at UCSF and Nobel Laureate. President Yudof and Chancellor Birgeneau have added their names to the Honorary Committee for the event. More information will be forthcoming this summer.