



UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

***UC BERKELEY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR
FALL LUNCHEON, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017***

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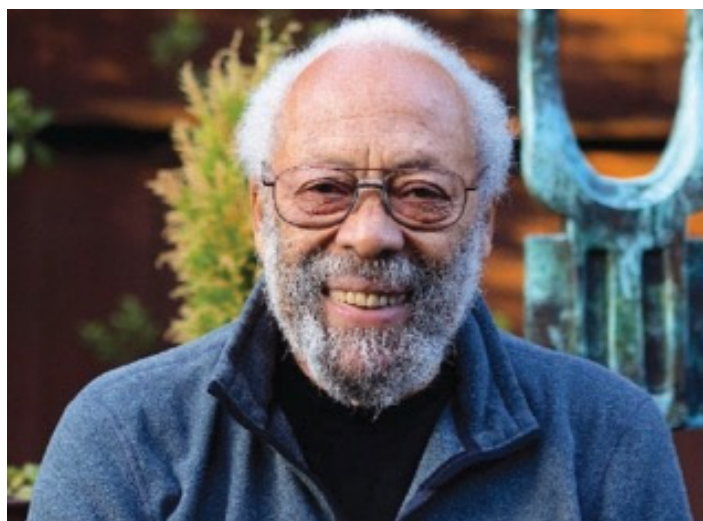
11am No-Host Bar and Social Hour 12 Noon Lunch

Retirement Then and Now

Russ Ellis

Professor Emeritus William Russell Ellis, known to everyone as “Russ,” will be the guest speaker at UCRAB’s Fall Luncheon. Russ’s affiliation with the Berkeley campus began in 1970, when he joined the faculty of the Architecture Department. Since that time, his personal warmth and dedicated service to Cal have made him one of the most beloved members of the campus community.

As a professor, Russ studied and taught about social and cultural issues as related to architecture and urban design. In 1990 he was appointed Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Affairs, where he led campus efforts to improve the quality of undergraduate education and to make the undergraduate student body more reflective of California’s diverse population. Russ has said that one of his proudest achievements as Vice Chancellor was



collaborating with Maryellen Himmel in developing the Incentive Award Program that helps give talented low-income students better access to Cal. Russ also served as Director of the Institute for the Study of Social Change, a research center dedicated to understanding the processes of social change and contributing to the transformation of conditions of inequality. He was awarded the Berkeley Citation in 1994.

Russ grew up in Southern California, went to Compton High School, and attended UCLA on an athletic scholarship. (He ran the 440-yard dash and just missed qualifying for the 1956 US Olympic Team in the 400-meter dash.) He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology at UCLA and taught at the Claremont Colleges and in the State University of New York System before coming to Cal.

At present, Russ is one of twelve seniors whose careers and current activities are on view in a photo exhibition in the gallery at the Ashby Village office in Berkeley. Russ says: “In my painting and sculpture, my goal is to contribute to this extra-verbal world that is the world of art. People who got their art degrees and are well educated are obliged to make words. But they also know about that aspect of the human consciousness and interchange that’s about images, not words. So images are what I’m working with right now.”

Registration. You may register by going online to http://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events and clicking on the link to online registration that is embedded in the article about the luncheon. You may also register by calling the Retirement Center at 510-642-5461. (If no one answers, please leave a voice mail with your name, email address, name of the event, and number of reservations.). Checks made payable to UCRAB for \$25 per person should be mailed to UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550.

Scholarship Fund

UCRAB is continuing its strong partnership with the University of California's Office of the President and the Oakland Promise/East Bay College Fund. With its recent donation UCRAB joins an extensive list of community scholarship partners. In addition, among the more than 400 mentors UCRAB is proud to be represented by Board member Patricia Hardy, Scholarship Chair and by the UCRAB Board President Lynn Bailiff. Both Lynn and Patricia are available to discuss their experiences as mentors for college freshmen. Please feel free to contact either of them and also know that you can chat with Lynn and Patricia at any of our UCRAB Luncheon events.



Note: If you would like to become a Scholarship Partner or make a tax deductible donation, please contact Diane Dodge, Executive Director, East Bay College Fund (diane@eastbaycollegefund.org) or the Oakland Promise (www.oaklandpromise.org).

Patricia Hardy
Scholarship Chair

Patricia Hardy presenting UCRAB's contribution to Brendan O'Callaghan, UCOP liaison.

University of California Retirement System Advisory Board

The UCRS Advisory Board met on June 23 at the Office of the President in Oakland. The COLA beginning July 1, 2017 was 2%, based on the average increase in the Consumer Price Index. For those who retired after July 1, 2006 please refer to the table in the May edition of "New Dimensions." The increase in your benefits was paid at the end of July. Purchasing power is kept at 75% or higher. You can follow the State budget/revisions on the UCRS Advisory Board website at ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu.

In July an item appeared on the Regents' Meeting agenda regarding a plan to change the basis of the Regents' contribution to health insurance plans, eliminating the current 70% amount, but not stipulating a new percentage. This item was subsequently postponed until the November Regents' meeting following protests from retiree associations over lack of consultation on this issue. UCRAB President Lynn Bailiff wrote UCRAB members on July 26 regarding this issue.

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UCRS Liaison

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Learning in Retirement Fall Programs

All programs run from 2 - 4 pm in Sibley Auditorium in the Bechtel Engineering Building
For registration information, visit: <http://retirement.berkeley.edu/LIR/schedule>
You may also register by phone: (510) 642-5461

The Supreme Court Today

Organized by Professor Emeritus Louise George Clubb, Departments of Italian Studies and Comparative Literature

Justice Gorsuch's First Term on the Court

Jesse Choper, Earl Warren Professor Emeritus of Public Law, UC Berkeley
Tuesday, September 12, 2017

The Supreme Court and Habeas Corpus in Wartime

Amanda Tyler, Professor of Law, UC Berkeley
Thursday, September 28, 2017

The Supreme Court in the People's Court

Jack Citrin, Professor of Political Law &
Director, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley
Monday, October 9, 2017

Creating Educational Opportunity in an Unequal World: The CAL Prep Story

Organized by Professor Emeritus Rhona S. Weinstein, Department of Psychology, and Professor Frank C. Worrell, Graduate School of Education, with Professors Emeriti Donald A. Riley, Department of Psychology, and Carol N. D'Onofrio, School of Public Health.

Unequal Educational Opportunity and the Role of the University

Professor Emeritus Rhona S. Weinstein; Professor Frank C. Worrell; Professor Genaro Padilla, Department of English; and Gail Kaufman, M.A., Director, School University Partnership Program, Center for Educational Outreach, UC Berkeley.
Tuesday, October 31, 2017

A Different Kind of High School: For Excellence and Equity

Professor Rhona S. Weinstein, a CAL Prep Teacher, and Tatiana Lim-Breitbart, CAL Prep Graduate, Chemistry teacher at Cal Prep, and Aspire Bay Area Regional Science Specialist
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

The University and the Needs of First-Generation College Students

Professor Frank C. Worrell; Marco A. Murillo, Postdoctoral Fellow, Academic Talent Development Program; Gail Kaufman; and Angelica Stacy, Professor of Chemistry and Associate Vice Provost for the Faculty, UC Berkeley
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

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The Council of University of California Retiree Associations

Check the CUCRA website at <http://cucra@ucsd.edu/> for information regarding the most recent meeting held April 25th and 26th at the Irvine Campus. The last UCRA Newsletter contained a report on this meeting. This Fall the meeting will be held at Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel and the San Francisco Campus. For the first time UCOP will be joining the meetings and will be co-hosting with UCSF. The joint CUCRA-CUCEA (Council of University of California Emeriti Associations) meeting will take place on the afternoon of October 25th. The two groups will meet separately on the morning of October 26th.

On August 2nd there was a special meeting of the campus Representatives from the Northern California Campuses at UCOP. The reps from the Southern Campuses had met the week before at UC Irvine. The purpose was to be able to spend a whole day concentrating on the following subjects: the mission, the dues structure and the structure and the cost of meetings. Both the northern campuses and the southern campuses agreed on suggestions for each of these items. These suggestions will be presented at the next joint meeting on October 25th for a vote.

Reminder: The editor of New Dimensions, the UCOP publication, continues to look for articles by retirees. If you would like to contribute, contact NewDimensions-L@ucop.edu with your article.

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