



UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retiree's Association Berkeley

UCRAB's Fall Meeting

DEAN HENRY BRADY

"TRUST IN THE AGE OF TRUMP"

Thursday, September 17 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom



Please join us for an on-line presentation in place of our Fall Luncheon. Our speaker will be Dean Henry Brady of Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy and Class of 1941 Monroe Deutsch Professor of Political Science and Public Policy. His topic will be: "Trust in the Age of Trump—How the erosion and polarization of trust in basic US institutions have made American politics even more contentious and fractious."

Dean Brady received his PhD in Economics and Political Science from MIT in 1980. He has written on electoral politics and political participation, social welfare policy, political polling, and statistical methodology, and he has worked for the federal Office of Management and Budget and other organizations in Washington, D.C. He is past president of the American Political Science Association, Fellow of the Society for Political Methodology, and served as Director of the University of California's Survey Research Center from 1998 to 2009. He has authored, co-authored, and co-edited a number of books for which he has won numerous awards. His most recent book is *Unequal and Unrepresented: Political Inequality and the People's Voice in the New Gilded Age* (2018). Henry Brady has also authored numerous articles on political participation, political methodology, data science, the dynamics of public opinion, and other topics.

Registration. There is no cost for attending this virtual meeting. To register, please click on the link below to complete and submit the registration form. The Retirement Center will e-mail you a confirmation with information about logging on to Zoom for the talk. You may wish to invite guests to the talk; they will need to register separately however.

https://berkeley.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kMC75DnsTny_wx6YjGIxhQ

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new academic year. We are certainly in the midst of challenging times. I am hoping that everyone is staying safe and healthy and that we can return to some semblance of normal sometime in the near future. Clearly, UCRAB activities are on hold for the time being. However, we hope you will stay connected by joining us via Zoom for virtual talks in lieu of our luncheons.

As I take on this new role of UCRAB's presidency, I want to take the time to acknowledge our outgoing members and to thank them for their service to UCRAB. Lynn Bailiff, the outgoing President, served almost 5 years in that role. During his tenure, he led the Board conscientiously, making sure all the little details were addressed. We will certainly miss his sense of humor! Ben Tucker served as a Director-at-Large and was responsible for obtaining speakers. Thanks, Ben, for finding some interesting speakers.

I would also like to welcome three new members to the Board. Kurt Libby, Marty Takimoto, and Valerie Ventre-Hutton. Kurt spent 30 years as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Following the Navy, he spent 5 years as a consultant before coming to UC Berkeley in 1999 as Director of Material Management. He retired in 2013. Marty enjoyed a 34-year Berkeley career in student services and student affairs, serving in increasingly important roles ranging from a pre-admissions advisor to Director of Communications and Marketing, Residential and Student Service Programs. He retired in 2015. Valerie began her Berkeley career in 2002 after a career in the private sector. Her first position was in the Human Resources Office where she served as the Employee Relations Manager. For the past 6 years, she was an HR manager for Campus Shared Services and retired in June 2020.

I am looking forward to the next two years as your president and hope that the board and I can continue to stay connected through this newsletter and our UCRAB Facebook page ([click here](#)).

All the best and Go Bears.

Patti Owen



UCRAB SUPPORT OF BASIC NEEDS CENTER

The Coronavirus has made its insidious impact in countless ways. Many UC Berkeley students in the campus community are affected by basic food shortages and housing issues. Last Spring, when the UCRAB Board learned of this need, it voted unanimously to donate \$1,500 to UC Berkeley's Basic Needs Center.

The Center provides Berkeley students (and staff) free advising and assistance through individual appointments with experts in financial aid, applying for food stamps, planning nutritious and economical meals, and tenants' rights. The Center also operates a CalFresh, a food pantry which offers both students and staff nutritious staples, produce, fresh-baked bread, and milk.

UCRAB board members encourage anyone to make a donation to the Basic Needs Center: <https://basicneeds.berkeley.edu/donate>



KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

The Coronavirus has us sheltering in place, but we know you're finding creative, safe ways to be out and about.

UCRAB's Facebook page would normally be showcasing our annual Tilden Park picnic, Day at the Races and other tours and events. We miss seeing you in person!

We're working on launching some new social media sites for Berkeley retirees to upload pictures of their activities, start discussions and keep in touch. So make sure you have 'liked' the UCRAB Facebook page. From there, we'll be announcing the new group.

UCRAB's Facebook page is located here: https://www.facebook.com/UCRAB-University-of-California-Retirees-Association-at-Berkeley-622367321542620/?modal=admin_todo_tour

CUCRA SURVEY IS COMING

The Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) will be conducting a survey of all UC staff and non-Senate academics the first two weeks of October. This will be the second survey of this sort; the first was conducted three years ago. The purpose of the survey is to:

- Enable CUCRA, its member retirees' associations, and retiree centers to advocate more effectively on behalf of UC retirees.
- Help the UC President's Office and campus and laboratory administrators better understand the contributions made by retirees to UC and the broader community.
- Assist UC retirees' associations and retiree centers in creating and improving upon programs for retirees.
- Provide retirees with comprehensive information about their collective contributions and achievements.

More information will be distributed in the next few weeks. This is an important endeavor, and we hope you will take the time to complete the survey when it arrives in your email inbox.

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