



UCRAB Newsletter

University of California Retirees' Association at Berkeley

***UC RETIREES' ASSOCIATION AT BERKELEY (UCRAB)
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR SPRING LUNCHEON***

Thursday, March 19, 2019, featuring guest speaker

Dr. Vernard Lewis

“Insects—the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”

***Room G202 Geneva Hall, First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley
Doors open at 11:30 and buffet luncheon at 12:00 noon***



We hope you will join us for a good lunch, camaraderie, and an interesting presentation by Dr. Vernard Lewis, who has been described as the “iconic urban entomologist.” The director of the entomological museum at UC Davis says that “There’s simply no one in the state who knows as much about termites as Vernard, and he’s very good at translating science into English.”

However, Dr. Lewis’s path to this recognition was not easy. He was the eldest of ten children and had responsibility for walking them to school and cooking dinner for them when both his parents were working. After graduating from high school in Minneapolis, Dr. Lewis was told by his guidance counselor that he wasn’t smart enough to go to college. When he asked the counselor what the best university in the country was, the counselor responded “Berkeley,” leading Dr. Lewis to pack a box of clothes and buy a one-way ticket to the Bay Area, where he slept on his aunt’s couch in West Oakland for two years while attending Laney College. Dr. Lewis transferred to Cal as a junior, earning a B.S. in Agricultural Sciences, followed by a master’s and a Ph.D. in entomology in 1989.

In 1979, Dr. Lewis started his own pest management business, and in 1991 he was hired as a UC Cooperative Extension Specialist in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management. In 1993, he built villa termiti, a 400-square-foot replica of a wooden house, where he conducted experiments to evaluate the effectiveness of non-chemical methods for killing drywood termites. During his 26 years at Cal, he published some 150 papers, gave hundreds of presentations, and volunteered with the Oakland public schools, teaching instructors and students about insects, life sciences, and biodiversity. Although he retired from the University in 2017, he has continued his research and his involvement in activities that promote the recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities and women in science.

Registration. Luncheon registrations must be received no later than Friday, March 13. To register online, please complete the registration form at https://retirement.berkeley.edu/ucrab_events, OR to register by phone, please call (510) 642-5461. If no answer, please leave a voice-mail with your name, email address, the name of the event (“March UCRAB Luncheon”), and the number of reservations. Registrations will be confirmed upon receipt of payment of \$25 per person. Checks should be made payable to UCRAB and mailed to UCRAB, 101 University Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1550.

Parking. Free and convenient parking is available in the church’s underground parking garage--entrance on Channing Way between Telegraph Avenue and Dana Street. **The number of parking spaces is limited. If you need parking, please request a parking pass when you register.**

UC Berkeley Retirement Center Update

Open House March 12th!

We are so grateful for the generosity of our community and want to take a moment to thank you and encourage you to come to our Open House, 9 am - 4pm. Stop by and enjoy refreshments with staff, and share your favorite UC memory.

Big Give 2020

March 12th marks the sixth annual UC Berkeley 24-hour fundraising blitz, the Big Give. With your help we hope to raise an additional \$15,000 for the Retirement Center Annual Fund which supports our retiree associations and programs including the biennial conference, Learning in Retirement, Berkeley Home Match, UC Retiree Learning Series, and workshops on long-term care, housing, estate planning, retirement transitions, and more!

Warmest thanks and appreciation to everyone who has given their time, talent, and financial support to UCRAB and the Retirement Center.

Cary Sweeney, Director



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UCRAB board seeks new members

The UCRAB Board will have several openings effective July 1, 2020.. We are seeking nominations to serve on the board for two year terms. The general purpose of the Board is to maintain a benevolent and protective organization of and for UC retired employees and to promote their welfare.

The Board's objectives are to:

- Provide information about benefits and other issues that are useful to Retirees;
- Promote opportunities for interaction and communication among Retirees;and
- Assist retirees in continuing to be of service to the University.

We are seeking board members who can bring specific skills and experiences so that the board membership represents a cross section of areas, such as finance, event planning, communications, etc. One of the openings will be for the Vice President/President Elect. This position has responsibility for chairing the Nominations Committee, serving as back up to the President as needed, and assuming the presidency at the time the President's term ends.

Individuals can nominate themselves or they can nominate others. Nominations should include the following information:

- Name
- Year Retired
- Department/Unit at time of retirement
- Functions of prior position/s, e.g. financial, fundraising, management, etc.

Please submit nominations to Patti Owen at plowen@berkeley.edu no later than **April 15, 2020**.

Questions can be sent to the above email address.

18th Annual Day at the Races, May 8

Join your fellow UCRA B members at our 18th annual Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, May 8. Ticket price includes parking, admission, buffet lunch in the Turf Club, a racing program and a contribution toward UCRA B's annual support of Oakland Promise. Buffet opens at 11:00 a.m., Post time is 1:00 p.m. Registration https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNlvT_wOwajFT7E_7OXHpoKFbxGMlqIY9PpFqQy-d8M5frTQ/viewform



Faculty Club talk

**Jim Knowlton: Vision for Cal Athletics: Where we are and where we are going. Thursday, April 16, 2020
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

Jim Knowlton, who has established himself as a dynamic leader and accomplished administrator through service in intercollegiate athletics and the U.S. Army, is in his second year as Director of Athletics at Cal after formally moving into the role on May 21, 2018. Knowlton served as AD at Air Force for three years before to his move to Berkeley, and he previously spent seven years overseeing the athletic department at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he was named the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Athletic Director of the Year.



Throughout his career, Knowlton has focused on and successfully fostered programs that place a premium on leadership and character development among student-athletes, coaches and staff. He has demonstrated an unflinching commitment to high achievement, both in academics and athletics, has a proven track record as a fundraiser, and has shown a consistent ability to take on complex challenges and develop strategic solutions to meet them. At Cal, Knowlton is the school's 24th director of athletics and oversees an athletics program that sponsors 30 sports and supports more than 850 student-athletes.

During his first year in Berkeley in 2018-19, Knowlton embarked on a number of initiatives across many different areas, from academics and athletic performance to gender equity, budget and culture. Prominently among them was his Listening Days plan for all 30 teams and 15 administrative units. After a set period of discussion and analysis, priorities were determined for each program for implementation in an efficient and deliberate manner, all with a goal to move Cal Athletics, using his words, from good to great. Knowlton also oversaw the development of a mission, vision and strategic plan for the athletic department, a nearly year-long collaborative process announced in August of 2019.

Other areas of focus have included enhancing student-athlete development and experience (including the creation of the innovative Cameron Institute), increasing campus integration, developing a sustainable financial model, creating a plan to ensure long-term gender equity, and building a robust fundraising operation with increased engagement with alumni and supporters.

4:30 p.m. - Reception

5:00 p.m. - Presentation

6:00 p.m. - Optional Early Bird Dinner

There is no charge for attending the lecture. Reserve online by emailing events@berkeleyfacultyclub.com or calling 510-643-0834.

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Renegade Retirees Picnic

SAVE THE DATE!

The Renegade Retirees are holding their Fifth Annual Picnic. All retirees and friends are welcome to join us to meet "old" friends and to make new ones.

More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Date: July 9

Time: 11:30ish – 2:00ish

Where: Tilden Park's Island Picnic Area

Cost: \$10.00 per person

For questions contact Patti Owen, plowen@berkeley.edu