

# TOWER TALK

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## Join a Club!



UCRRA and UCREA members are welcome to join in on the club activities and details are noted below.



### Mystery Book Club

**Book Activity:** Spring Monthly Book Readings

April 12: Stephen Spotswood, *Fortune Favors the Dead*

May 10: Louise Penny's, *Still Life: Chief Inspector Gemache, Book 1*

June 14: Georges Simenon, *Pietr the Latvian* (Inspector Maigret, Book 1)

**When:** Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Club Leader:** George Haggerty

**Details:** Interested retirees and emeriti may contact George Haggerty by email with the subject line, "Mystery Book Club" at: gehaggerty@yahoo.com.



### Interpretive Walks Club

**Activity:** Tour of the UCR Trees led by Andrew Sanders, Senior Museum Scientist, UCR Herbarium

**When:** Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**Club Leader:** Darleen DeMason

**Details:** Tours will be planned quarterly and interested retirees and emeriti may contact Darleen DeMason by email with the subject line, "Interpretive Walks Club" at: demason@ucr.edu. Suggestions are welcomed. **Register for the Tour of the UCR Trees at:**

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3pD7hdjNttLaTTU](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3pD7hdjNttLaTTU)



### Cycling Club

**Club Leaders:** Brad Hyman and Larry Zahn

**Details:** Bicycle rides will be organized particularly on the Santa Ana River Trail and in external areas of Riverside. Interested retirees and emeriti may contact Brad Hyman by email with the subject line, "Cycling Club" at: bhyman@ucr.edu.

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**Office Hours:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (currently working remotely)

## R'Card Benefit

UCRRA and UCREA members interested in receiving a new R'Card may complete the R'Card Benefit Interest Form in the retirement center webpage at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3F8XtK5dEs9x45U](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3F8XtK5dEs9x45U)



- 10% discount at the UCR Bookstore
- Access to the faculty/staff dining area at The Barn (when it reopens)
- Updated R'Card design, new UCR logo, and option to upload a new photo
- Discounts at participating off-campus businesses
- Ability to validate status and obtain retiree library card
- Ability to validate status and be eligible to purchase UCR Athletics "All Sports Pass"

## UCR Retirees' Association

**Andy Plumley**  
**UCRRA Acting President**

Hello UCR Retirees' Association Members!

It's hard to believe that spring is already upon us. I thought that when I retired that time would slow down. Was I ever wrong? But in retirement, we're busy doing the things we want to do!

As always, the UCR Retirees' Association, along with the UCR Emeriti Association, is busy planning events that are outlined in this publication and it is my hope that you are able to participate in some or all.

### UCRRA Initiatives

In addition to events, the UCRRA Board is working on a few initiatives, to better serve our members. We continue to grow our UCR Student Scholarship endowment fund, to ensure we can keep providing scholarships to children and grandchildren of UCR Retirees. We are also working on updating our Bylaws to better reflect how we are currently operating, and are getting ready for another fundraising in May. Soon, we will begin planning for a space to house our Retirement Center and our Director, Cristina Otegui. Lastly, we have partnered with Staff Assembly in recognizing retirees at their quarterly general meetings. I am excited that our spring luncheon will be in person on May 20th.

Finally, I want to thank our board volunteers for their service and leadership. We will soon begin recruiting for volunteers to serve on our board for 2022/23. There is no better way to stay connected to UCR than by serving on the board.

Sincerely,

*Andy*



## UCR Emeriti Association

**Darleen DeMason**  
**Raymond Russell**  
**UCREA Co-Presidents**

Dear UCR Emeriti Association Members,

### Recent Events

In Winter 2022, UCR's Emeriti and Retirees' Associations hosted another set of unique and memorable events. The Emeriti Mystery Book Club held online meetings on January 11, February 8, and March 8. Curator Tracy Kahn gave a fascinating report on UCR's Givaudan Citrus Variety Collection on February 11 and followed this up with a delightful walking and tasting tour of the collection on February 18. The choreographic presentation by Dickson Fellow and Professor Emerita Wendy Rogers on February 15 attracted a large and diverse audience, both in person and online.

### Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award

Thanks to the many donors who made contributions to the "UCR Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award" in 2021, this new program is now up and running, and the first fellowship will be awarded later this academic year. Last year's campaign raised gifts totaling \$6,700, and these gifts will later be matched dollar for dollar by funds from UCR's "Beyond Brilliant" campaign. Given that sufficient funding for current fellowships is now on hand, fundraising efforts for Spring 2022 seek to create an endowment to provide permanent funding for this travel award. Please consider making a contribution to help our graduate students.

### Upcoming Events

Events planned for the Spring Quarter include meetings of our Mystery Book Club on April 12, May 10 and June 14. Our next Interpretive Walk will be a tour of trees in the central campus area on May 13 led by Andrew Sanders, Senior Museum Scientist in the UCR Herbarium. The next Dickson Lecture will be a talk on Horace Walpole by Distinguished Professor Emeritus George Haggerty on May 17. Our annual Spring meeting on May 20 will be our first in-person luncheon in more than two years. The Spring luncheon will feature a presentation by Professor Rachel Wu on "Increasing Cognitive Abilities and Resilience in Older Adulthood." We look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Sincerely,

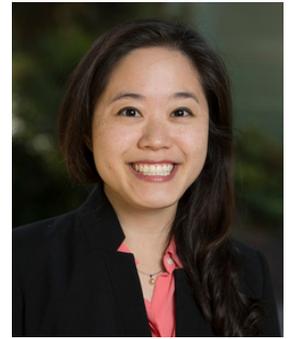
*Darleen and Rusty*



## Spring Luncheon

### "Increasing Cognitive Abilities and Resilience in Older Adulthood"

Rachel Wu, UCR Professor of the Psychology Department  
Friday, May 20, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
In person at the UCR Alumni & Visitors Center, \$20 per person



Dr. Rachel Wu is an Associate Professor of Psychology at University of California, Riverside. She completed her Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of London (2011). Dr. Wu recently received a 5-year CAREER award grant from the National Science Foundation to investigate the role of learning new skills on cognitive and functional growth in older adulthood. She was in a rock band as a violinist for 7 years (2003-2010) and also is a professional artist in painting and sculpting. Every few years, she learns to master new skills to gain a better understanding of the difficulties in being an adult learner.

**Register** online through the retiree and emeriti webpage at:  
[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3VLrzAqy9WF5iig](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3VLrzAqy9WF5iig)

## Tax-Efficient Investing

Thursday, April 21, 2022 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

Adrian Rodriguez, Fidelity Investments Financial Planner

**Register** on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:  
[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eJnh6xsg0geEdQW](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJnh6xsg0geEdQW)

## Estate Planning

Friday, April 29, 2022 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

Maureen Lyons, California Attorney and UCR Alumna

**Register** on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:  
[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3sIXeRwJIOSVsQ6](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3sIXeRwJIOSVsQ6)



## Tech-tips HEART Program

UCR Information Technology Solutions (ITS) will share their expertise with retirees and emeriti on various technology topics. Each session takes place on the second Tuesday of the selected months within the quarter from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and will have a themed topic but is formatted as an open forum for participants to ask questions.

May 10, 2022 Getting the Most Out of Your Smart T.V.  
June 14, 2022 Tips on Using Wifi Extenders

**Register** on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:  
[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bme2y82M0g8EHtO](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bme2y82M0g8EHtO)



## The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Lecture Series



### "The Imagination of Horace Walpole"

George Haggerty, UCR Professor Emeritus of the English Department  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Presentation delivered via Zoom

George Haggerty is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English at the University of California, Riverside. His books include *Gothic Fiction/Gothic Form* (1989); *Unnatural Affections: Women and Fiction in the Later Eighteenth Century* (1998); *Men In Love: Masculinity and Sexuality in the Eighteenth Century* (1999); *Queer Gothic* (2006); *Horace Walpole's Letters: Masculinity and Friendship in the Eighteenth-Century* (2011); and *Queer Friendship: Male Intimacy in the English Literary Tradition* (2018). He has also edited (with Bonnie Zimmerman) *Professions of Desire: Lesbian and Gay Studies in Literature* (1995); *Gay Histories and Cultures: An Encyclopedia* (2000), *Music and Sexuality in Britten: Selected Essays of Philip Brett* (2006), and (with Molly McGarry) *The Blackwell Companion to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies* (2007). He is currently at work on *The Many Lives of Horace Walpole*.

In this presentation, George Haggerty will discuss the life and letters of Horace Walpole, the son of England's first Prime Minister, and the author of England's first Gothic novel: *The Castle of Otranto*.

**Register** online through the UCR Osher program webpage at:  
[https://commerce.cashnet.com/ucr\\_osher](https://commerce.cashnet.com/ucr_osher)

## Winter Luncheon Lecture Review

By Darleen DeMason



### "Dr. Tracy Kahn: Givaudan Citrus Variety Collection at UCR"

The winter virtual luncheon lecture was given by Dr. Tracy Kahn and entitled "Celebrating Partnerships that Create, Capture and Catapult Citrus Diversity at UCR". Retirement Center Director, Cristina Otegui opened the luncheon with an audience discussion of peoples' favorite citrus and there was a lively discussion indicating a great interest in various citrus varieties.

Dr. Kahn started the talk by recounting the origin and early history of citrus production in Southern California and the origin and early history of the Citrus Experiment Station and Citrus Collection. She described the location, size and value of the collection on the UCR campus. Dr. Kahn described the five original citrus species: pummelo, kumquat, mandarin, citron and papeda. She reviewed the hybrid nature of the more common citrus varieties we use today: pummelo X mandarin has produced sweet and sour oranges; citron X papeda has produced Mexican lime; sweet orange X pummelo has produced grapefruit; and, sour orange X citron has produced lemons. Dr. Kahn reviewed many of the citrus varieties that have been bred on the UCR campus, including Oro Gold and Valentine grapefruit and various new mandarin varieties including Tango and Gold Nugget.

During the remainder of the lecture, Dr. Kahn described interests of industry in this diverse citrus variety collection. The most important interaction that started in 2006 has been with a Swiss company, Givaudan, that produces flavors and fragrances. Company representatives have participated in various campus activities and the company has donated large amounts of money to insure the future of the collection. The most recent gift was \$3.5 million to fund a screened structure to house trees as protection against citrus greening disease, or Huanglongbing, the most serious threat to citrus.

For those who missed the talk, or those who want to see it again, a recording is available at:

<https://retirees.ucr.edu/resources-past-events>

## Winter Dickson Lecture Review

By George Haggerty

### "Professor Emerita Wendy Rogers: See What Happens"

At her Dickson Lecture on February 15, 2022, Wendy Rogers, Emerita Professor of Dance offered reflections on her own choreographic techniques. "See What Happens" was a dynamic lecture/performance exploring movement artifacts from her body of work (1968-present) that incorporated archival video and generated movement to evidence multiple histories at play in her dancemaking. Her talk was a highpoint of the Dickson Lecture series this year.



## Recent Events

### Interpretive Walks Club: Givaudan Citrus Variety Collection Tour

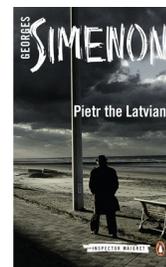
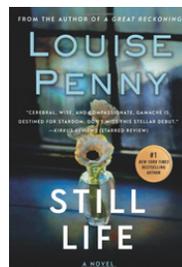
On Friday, February 18, 2022, Dr. Kahn provided a tour of the Givaudan Citrus Variety collection. We met at Agricultural Operations where Dr. Kahn had a display of a large number of citrus fruits on a picnic table. She showed us original species as well as various hybrids and relatives. She cut open fruit so we could see, smell and taste the centers. Then we walked among the trees. All the trees were laden with fruit and many also had new flowers and flower buds. Again she cut open fruits so we could see, smell and taste them. Among those varieties she demonstrated were many new varieties of tangerines and oranges.



**CITRUS VARIETY**  
COLLECTION

## The Mystery Book Club: "Fortune Favors the Dead, by Stephen Spotswood"

The Emeriti Online Mystery Book Club continues: on April 12 at 2:00 p.m., we will discuss Stephen Spotswood's novel, *Fortune Favors the Dead*. On May 10 at 2:00 p.m., our novel will be Louise Penny's *Still Life: Chief Inspector Gamache, Book 1*. On June 14 at 2:00 p.m., we will discuss Georges Simenon, *Pietr the Latvian* (Inspector Maigret, Book 1). All are welcome. Feel free to email George Haggerty at [gehaggerty@yahoo.com](mailto:gehaggerty@yahoo.com) or [george.haggerty@ucr.edu](mailto:george.haggerty@ucr.edu) to be added to the club. This online group may also have an in-person meeting in the Spring.



## Join the UCRRA and UCREA in May Giving Month

The UCRRA and UCREA are thankful to have participated in UCR's Giving Tuesday last fall 2021. Supporting UCR students continues to be our top priority. As we put the pandemic behind us, and help students to navigate its' impact on the college and classroom experience, a renewed focus on support is needed. Thus we are dedicating the month of May to raising awareness for the UCR Retirees' Association Undergraduate Scholarship and the UCR Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award.



We kindly ask members to please look out for May Giving Month communications that will share more details about how you can make an impact through gifts. Any gift, small or large, is welcome and we thank those who have already made incredible contributions.

## Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award Takes Flight

By Raymond (Rusty) Russell

For many years, UCR's Retirees' Association has awarded a \$5,000 scholarship annually to a UCR undergraduate whose parents or grandparents are UCR employees, retirees, or emeriti. In 2021, the Board of UCR's Emeriti Association voted to complement this program for undergraduates with an annual fellowship to aid graduate students. The Emeriti Association Graduate Student Award will help graduate students pay expenses of travel needed either to complete their research or to present their findings at conferences.

Fundraising for the Graduate Student Travel Award began in Fall 2021, when it was included in UCR's Giving Tuesday campaign on November 30, 2021. That effort yielded a total of \$6,700 in donations. Sometime in the coming year, these gifts will be matched dollar for dollar by funds provided through UCR's "Beyond Brilliant" campaign, raising the total available for awards to over \$13,000.

With this funding in hand or firmly committed, the Emeriti Board contacted Graduate Division in Winter 2022 to arrange for the first Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel grant to be awarded as soon as possible. In keeping with current Graduate Division policies, the amount of the award was set at \$1,500 for domestic travel, or \$2,000 for international trips. A graduate student will be selected to become the first recipient of the Emeriti Graduate Student Travel Award sometime in Spring 2022.

Now that funding for the first few years of awards has been secured, our next goal is to create an endowment that will provide permanent funding for this award. The minimum amount required to create an endowment at UCR is \$25,000. The Board of the Emeriti Association hopes that we will be able to raise most or all of this amount by the end of this year.

UCR's Development Office has designated May 2022 as May Giving Month for all UCR employees. The Boards of our Retirees' Association and Emeriti Association have asked that UCR retirees and emeriti also be included in this campaign. The focus of Emeriti Association efforts in May 2022 will be to raise funds to support the Graduate Student Travel Award with a permanent endowment.

To stimulate gifts to endow the Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award, several donors have offered challenge grants that will match the funds that are donated in various ways. Depending on the size and number of gifts that are made, matches of 1 to 1 or even 2 to 1 will be available for many gifts. Additional information about these matching fund opportunities will be made available later this Spring. When solicitations for May Giving gifts are circulated, please make a gift of your own to endow the Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award and ask your friends to do the same.

### UC Retiree Travel Program

View all 2022 planned trips on the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) website at:  
<http://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/>

### UCR Osher Program

UCRRA and UCREA members receive a \$20 discount on the Osher Annual Membership. Details on the Osher webpage at:  
<https://palmdesert.ucr.edu/welcome-ucr-osher>

# Retirees and Emeriti Can Help First Lego League Grow in Riverside

By Mitch Boretz, UCR Retiree and UCRRA Member

## Volunteer Opportunity

UCR has a longstanding relationship with the international non-profit FIRST LEGO League (FLL) program, which teaches children about robotics and solving societal needs. FLL is expanding in Riverside this year, and UCR's retirees and emeriti have several opportunities to help. The Inland Empire has about half as many FLL teams as other parts of California and FLL is aiming to grow to about 25 teams within the next two years, from 14 in 2021.

A team consists of two to ten children, ages 9 to 13. Every summer, FLL publishes a theme and a set of "missions" for a robot to accomplish. The teams must devise strategies for accomplishing the missions, which vary in degrees of difficulty, and carry out a related Innovation Project, in which they look at a societal need, develop a solution, and share that solution with the community. Teams come from schools, home-schools, churches, other community organizations, and even families.

For almost 15 years, UCR has been the host for FLL's regional qualifying tournament. Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE) students and faculty volunteer as referees and judges. Last year, because of the pandemic, we moved the tournament to the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center, a city-owned facility. Now the city, FLL, and others including California Baptist University and La Sierra University are working to expand FLL's footprint in Riverside.

## How Retirees and Emeriti Can Help

- **Spread the word:** Share this opportunity within your community organizations and networks and welcome those who are interested in starting an FLL team.
- **Create a team:** Form a team yourself which consists of one or two adult coaches.
  - Programming experience is not required, but is helpful.
  - Work within your community to recruit students ages 9-13.
- **Coaches are needed:** Volunteer to be a coach even if you cannot assemble a team as the City Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor at least one new team.
- **Donate:** The city parks department has some programming money to support new teams, and at least two donors have contributed to a fund that will assure that no team is denied entry because of cost. Contributions are welcome as a new team can expect to spend about \$400 on a LEGO Spike robotics kit and \$400 for the annual tournament.

Watching the interaction between college students and enthusiastic children is genuinely inspiring. It's a great program, and I am proud to be a part of its expansion. Interested retirees and emeriti may contact Mitch Boretz by phone at (909) 200-8583 or by email at [mitchboretz@gmail.com](mailto:mitchboretz@gmail.com).



## UCR Triennial Survey of Emeriti Activity

By Doug Mitchell

A UCR edition of the tenth triennial survey of University of California emeriti faculty has just been released. Data from the surveyed sample of 114 UCR emeriti show that during their retirement years UCR faculty members continue to make substantial contributions to the scholarly and cultural life of the campus and the community.

Emeriti continue to be active and make significant scholarly and sizable financial contributions to UCR. Academically, emeriti faculty are among the leading scholars and talented artists in their fields of knowledge, attracting attention and confirming the excellent reputation of UCR. Emeriti contract and grants awards have resulted in millions of dollars each year in indirect cost recovery funds that are available to the campus. It is also estimated that emeriti teaching activities account for more than a dozen faculty FTE, potentially saving the campus about a million dollars per year in instructional costs.

Over the three-year period these formally retired faculty taught 91 undergraduate and graduate courses, guided the work of 62 doctoral students. They published 419 journal articles and book chapters, wrote 71 books, made 202 professional conference presentations and gave 153 non-conference talks. Artists among this emeriti group, during the same 3-year period, made 39 dance and musical performances, published 40 literary works and produced 84 theatrical performances, art exhibits and other works.

Over the four calendar years 2018 to 2021, fifty UCR emeriti faculty raised \$76,257,952 in extramural contract and grant research funds. Over the same four-year period, emeriti supported the UCR campus with \$6,968,983 in charitable contributions.

A PDF document of the full text of the UCR triennial survey report is available at:

<https://retirees.ucr.edu/document/ucr-emeriti-survey-report-2018-2021>