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Fall Luncheon

"Fortino Morales: UCR Campus Sustainability Initiatives"

By Raymond Russell

UCR retirees and emeriti gathered at the Alumni and Visitors Center on September 23 for our annual Fall Luncheon. Our featured speaker at the Fall Luncheon was UCR Sustainability Officer Fortino Morales. When Fortino was an undergraduate at UCR, he helped to create the R'Garden, where students can grow their own food. Now, as UCR's first Sustainability Officer, he coordinates a wide range of efforts at UCR to reduce carbon emissions and the use of fossil fuels and to improve the ways in which UCR uses resources.

In years past, we took pride in various individual initiatives and programs as they emerged at UCR, such as the Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT), the student-run R'Garden, the R'Pantry that fights food insecurity among UCR students, and so on. Today, all of these individual programs are part of long-term campuswide and UC-wide commitments to reduce carbon emissions and phase out the use of fossil fuels.

One sign of how UCR's sustainability efforts have expanded in recent years is that in 2022-2023, more than 40 undergraduates can earn fellowships of \$10,000 if they commit themselves to work 440 hours during the year on one of UCR's many sustainability projects. Some of these students will work in the R'Garden. Others will work in UCR's Office of Sustainability. Another group will assist the City of Riverside with its growing efforts at sustainability. A lively question and answer period followed the formal presentation.

[NOTE: In recognition of the rising costs of food and other services, we increased the fee of our luncheons from \$20 to \$25. Costs have been rising for the last several years and we had not increased luncheon fees. This was the first luncheon for which retirees and emeriti were asked to pay \$25 per person to attend, instead of the previous \$20. The Boards of both Associations have delayed increasing fees and used association revenues to subsidize the luncheons. Even with the fee increase, we will still need to subsidize events, but at a lower amount that will not jeopardize our other programmatic and scholarship goals.]

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UC Retiree Travel Program

View all 2022-2023 planned trips on the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) website at:

<http://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/>





UCR Retirees' Association

Andy Plumley
UCRRA President

Hello UCR Retirees' Association Members!

I write this message after attending our Fall Luncheon last week, in person. It is always great to be back on campus, see old friends, meet new people, and engage with a thoughtful presenter. If you have not been to one of our luncheons, please give the next one a try, which will be the Holiday Luncheon on December 9th.

After a summer hiatus, we recently had our first meeting of the UCRRA Board with our retirement partners the UCR Emeriti Association, and I am happy to report there is much going on. I hope you explore this publication and get involved in anything that interests you ... I think there is something for everyone. And please contact me if you don't find what you're looking for.

Upcoming Events

We will be sending out information soon on our UCRRA Scholarship, which is for UCR undergraduate students who are related to UCR retirees or staff. We were able to award two students last year and I hope we have another great pool of candidates. Other UCRRA business includes attending the system-wide Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) in October. We receive great information of what's going on at UCOP, which includes our retirement benefits. And like we do locally, CUCRA partners with the Council of UC Emeriti Associations. We will share information to the association after these meetings.

In closing, I want to encourage you to attend "A Reception Honoring Retirees and Emeriti", which will be held on Thursday, October 21st. We will be honored with a welcome from Chancellor Wilcox as we celebrate the valued impact you all have made to the campus and surrounding community. This event is for YOU, so I hope to see you there!

Andy



UCR Emeriti Association

Darleen DeMason and Raymond Russell
UCREA Co-Presidents

Dear UCR Emeriti Association Members,

Recent Events

After a mostly quiet summer, we resumed our normal schedule of activities in September. On September 13, our Mystery Book Club discussed Agatha Christie's Death on the Nile. At our annual Fall Luncheon on September 23, UCR Sustainability Officer Fortino Morales told us about the many projects that UCR is pursuing to improve air quality and to reduce waste, emissions, and the use of fossil fuels.



Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award

It has been an eventful year for our new UCR Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award (GSTA). After creating the award in 2021, we awarded our first fellowship in Spring 2022. Since May of this year, our fundraising efforts have been directed toward creating an endowment to support the GSTA in perpetuity. By September, the total amount received or pledged had risen to more than \$47,000. We have thus now raised an amount sufficient to establish an endowed fund and can look forward to a day when the annual income from this fund will fully support one or more GSTA's every year. If you would like to contribute to this endowment, make your check payable to the UC Riverside Foundation, noting in the memo line that it is for the Emeriti Graduate Student Travel Endowed Award Fund #610140, and mail it to the Foundation at PO Box 112, Riverside, CA 92502-9879.

Distinguished Emerita/Emeritus Award

We are accepting nominations and please send your nomination and support letters to cristina.otegui@ucr.edu by November 1.

Upcoming Events

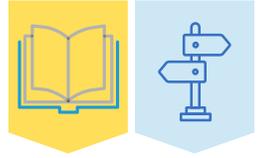
Our monthly Tech-Tips will resume on October 11 1:00-2:00 with a Zoom talk on "How to Use Cloud Storage." Our Mystery Book Club will meet by Zoom that same day 2:00-3:00 to discuss Philip Kerr's novel March Violets. On October 21 2:30-4:00 [not October 27 as initially scheduled], we will meet in the Alumni and Visitor Center with Chancellor Kim Wilcox, who will talk about the state of the campus and thank retirees and emeriti for their contributions to UCR. On November 1 3:30-5:00 [not November 15 as previously scheduled], Dickson Fellow and Distinguished Professor Emeritus Howard Friedman will give a Zoom presentation on the subject of "Flourishing, Long Life, and the Nature of Health." Our Holiday Luncheon on December 9 will feature a presentation by new CHASS Dean Daryle Williams. Details about these events and how to sign up for them appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Darleen and Rusty



Join a Club!

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



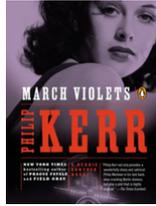
Mystery Book Club

Book Activity: Philip Kerr's, *March Violets*

When: Tuesday, October 11, 2022

from 2:00 - 3:00 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. **Register for the book club meeting at:**

https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_erplrDwvsDw30fc



Interpretive Walks Club

Activity: Tour of UCR's Student Success Center and UCR Barn

Tour Leaders: UCR Campus Architect Jacqueline Norman, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of the HUB, Brendan O'Brien and UCRRA President, Andy Plumley

When: Friday, December 2, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Club Leader: Darleen DeMason

Details: Our fourth event in this continuing club will provide Emeriti, Retirees and their guests with a tour of two of the newest buildings on campus. They are the newly constructed Student Success Center (SSC) and the renovated Barn complex. Brief descriptions of each of these buildings appear below.

The SSC is a 62,000-square-foot building, which opened in September, provides a major increase in classroom space to meet growing campus enrollment anticipated in coming years. It includes a mix of classrooms, small- to large-sized lecture halls, multipurpose rooms, student study areas, meeting rooms, and a student lounge. The total instructional seating capacity is 1,100. All entrances lead into a daylit central atrium called the Paseo, where a three-level staircase in the middle rises to a view of the sloped atrium roof. A prominent feature of the new building is its 400-seat in-the-round lecture hall that will be the first of its type on campus and within the UC system. The seats are tiered in a circle with swivel chairs that turn all the way around. A circular screen below the ceiling surrounds the room offering multiple views of video images from eight projectors.

The Barn predates the campus and was built in 1917 to house horses that worked the new University of California Citrus Experiment Station. Since the campus opened in 1954, the Barn has been a social hub for the campus, beginning as an eatery in the early years, converting to a beer/wine/event venue in the 1970's through the 1990's, and transitioning to a lunch venue until its closure in 2019. A \$30 million expansion project was approved to renovate and expand the Barn complex. The project included expanding the dining program with a new kitchen to increase the menu and added indoor and outdoor seating. Also included is the Barn Stable where faculty and staff can socialize with full bar and food service, the Barn Theatre to provide practice space for student dance and music, and an outdoor performance stage to provide entertainment. The new facility was finished just before the pandemic but has been reopened to once again become the social hub for students, faculty and staff. We will end the tour by joining "Happy Hour" for those who are interested.



We are limiting the tour to 20 participants so don't delay. **Register for the Tour of UCR's SSC and Barn at:**

https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aeN3b3zkPhWAMXc

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.

October 11, 2022 How to Use Cloud Storage
November 8, 2022 How to Use Applications within Google Accounts

Register on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:
https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_40fyz5gCGZEI5Se

Your College Savings Options

Tips on saving for college for children and grandchildren, including planning guides and available tools.

Friday, October 14, 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://fmr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QsnlvBXpSBannNbAUzTEVw

Retirees and Emeriti Reception

Keynote Speaker: Chancellor Kim Wilcox
Friday, October 21, 2022 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
In person at the UCR Alumni and Visitors Center

The UCR Retirement Center, Retirees' and Emeriti Associations cordially invites retirees and emeriti to a reception honoring and celebrating the valuable contributions made to the campus and surrounding community. We will be joined by our keynote speaker, Chancellor Kim Wilcox who will provide a welcome and a campus status update. The UCR Retirees' and Emeriti Association presidents will share the latest efforts on their ongoing initiatives while sharing time together to connect with one another. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided at this event.

We have a free gift for you! A UCR Emeriti and Retirees Luggage Tag will be given to the first 100 participants who register for this event. Thank you to those who have already registered!

Register on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:
https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0kTYPBgqIA8jtKC



Holiday Luncheon



"Enslaved.org: A Short (Digital) History"

Daryle Williams, UCR CHASS Dean and Professor of History
Friday, December 9, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
In person at the UCR Alumni & Visitors Center, \$25 per person

We are honored to welcome the new Dean of CHASS, Dean Daryle Williams, as our speaker. Daryle Williams (he/him/his) serves as a Professor of History at the University of California, Riverside, and Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. Prior to coming to UCR in September 2021, Williams spent most of his academic career at the University of Maryland and internationally.



Williams' teaching and scholarship focus is on modern Latin America, especially nineteenth- and twentieth-century Brazilian history. His work to build Enslaved.org, an online database documenting the experiences of enslaved people, has won widespread national media attention since its launch in December 2020.

Williams earned an undergraduate history degree and certificate in Latin American studies from Princeton University and a master's and Ph.D. in history from Stanford University.

Williams and his husband, Steven, live in historic downtown Riverside.

Register on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:
https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d4G268gPZbMQ9q6

R'Card Benefit

UCRRA and UCRA 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



The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Lecture Series

At UCR, three Dickson Fellowships are awarded each year to Emeriti who remain professionally active during their retirement. Upon the completion of their projects, UCR's Retirees and Emeriti Associations invite the Dickson Fellows to give public presentations of their work.

Our first Dickson presentation of the new academic year will be given on November 1 via Zoom by Howard Friedman, Distinguished Professor of Psychology Emeritus. Dr. Friedman will speak on the topic of "Flourishing, Long Life, and the Nature of Health," and will address the question: "Why do some people thrive well into old age while others become ill or die young?" Dr. Friedman notes that "Our studies of the lifetime pathways of 1500 Americans who were initially assessed as children in 1921 suggest a conceptual shift in how we think about health."

On January 17, 2023, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy Larry Wright will give an in-person talk on "Philosophical Understanding." Dr. Wright asks the question, "What should we expect of abstract reflection?" He offers the subtitle, "A scarred veteran's meditation on the hopes and hazards of philosophical inquiry."

In Spring 2023, at a date not yet set, the Dickson Lecture will be presented by US Poet Laureate Emeritus Juan Felipe Herrera. Dr. Herrera's project consists of writing, poetry, drawing, and performance and addresses such themes as sickness (Covid) and war (Ukraine).

Dickson Fellows who are scheduled to make presentations in 2023-2024 include Eric Barr in Fall 2023, Carolyn Murray in Winter 2024, and Conrad Rudolf in Spring 2024. We hope you will join us for many of these stimulating events.



"Flourishing, Long Life, and the Nature of Health"

Howard Friedman, Distinguished UCR Professor Emeritus of the Psychology Department

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Presentation delivered via Zoom

Why do some people thrive well into old age while others become ill or die young? Our studies of the lifetime pathways of 1500 Americans who were initially assessed as children in 1921 suggest a conceptual shift in how we think about health. As current events have made starkly clear, health is much more than the absence of diagnosed disease.

Recommended Reading: *The Longevity Project: Surprising Discoveries for Health and Long Life from the Landmark Eight-Decade Study* (available on Amazon or see <http://www.howardsfriedman.com/longevityproject/>)

Register online through the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0TURtrotHWXrxjM

Retirees and Emeriti can help **FIRST LEGO League** grow in the Inland Empire Starting this Fall

By Mitch Boretz

Volunteer Opportunity

UCR retirees and emeriti are invited to volunteer as advisors, judges, and referees as **FIRST LEGO League** (FLL) expands in our region this fall.

FLL is an international non-profit organization affiliated with the toy company. Teams of children ages 8-12 build robots from Legos and program them to perform a variety of missions. Additionally, the teams undertake an "innovation project," in which they identify a problem or need based on the year's theme and propose a solution to address it. This year, the theme is energy production, delivery, and consumption.

This year, the Riverside tournament will have at least five first-year teams. As the teams formulate their innovation projects, they must reach out to experts and practitioners in the community to share their ideas, obtain feedback, and refine the ideas. Therefore, any of our retirees and emeriti with knowledge of engineering, physical sciences, social sciences, public policy, or practical aspects of energy are invited to advise local teams.



This photo is from the November 2021 Riverside tournament: two UCR student referees recording a team's score on robot performance.



Volunteer Opportunity Continued

The first local tournament will be on November 12 at UCR. For the first time, Riverside has been selected to host one of four Southern California regional tournaments (December 3 at California Baptist University) and the Southern California championship (December 12 at UCR) as well. All of these events will need volunteer judges, referees, and scorekeepers. No knowledge of robotics is required. An hour or two of training before the event is provided online. Each event will run approximately 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and volunteers should plan on staying the entire time.

UCR has been associated with FLL for at least 15 years. It is an excellent program for teaching young people about programming and public issues as well as teamwork, inclusion, and innovation. Thanks to donations and a coordinated outreach effort involving UCR, Cal Baptist, the city's parks department, the Riverside Unified School District, and the Naval Surface Warfare Center, FLL has grown considerably this year. In 2023, the local leadership expects to expand to younger and older age levels.

Interest retirees and emeriti who wish to volunteer may contact Mitch Boretz at (909) 200-8583 or mitchboretz@gmail.com.

UCRRA's Undergraduate Student Scholarship

Now Accepting Applications

The UCR Retirees' Association leadership is excited to invite UCR students to apply for their UCRRA Undergraduate Student Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. Last year, the UCRRA awarded two UCR undergraduate students each with a \$5,000 and they are looking forward to offering this great scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year. UCR non-Senate staff members and retirees are highly encouraged to share this opportunity with their close relatives who are undergraduate students of UCR.

Scholarship Criteria

1. Preference will be given to the children and grandchildren and/or close relative of UCR non-Senate staff members and retirees. Criteria 2 through 4 will also be used to select the recipient(s).
2. The recipient(s) is a continuing, undergraduate student, who has a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher.
3. The recipient(s) is an under-represented student, first generation college student, transfer student, student veteran, foster youth, and/or an immigrant student.
4. At the discretion of the UCRRA, the Financial Aid Office will determine the recipient(s) based on the above criteria and in coordination with the Office of Human Resources.

Application and Deadline

Interested students may submit their online application by Friday, October 28, 2022 using the emeriti and retiree webpage at: https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_c037LMKqNvLeigK

The UCRRA Scholarship Committee will select the award recipient(s) in late fall followed by an announcement at the UCRRA and UCREA Holiday Luncheon on December 9, 2022.



For questions, please email the Retirement Center Director at: cristina.otegui@ucr.edu

UCREA's Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award Call for Nominations

The Executive Board of the UCR Emeriti Association is pleased to announce the call for nominations for its 2022-2023 Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award. This award will be bestowed upon one or more retired faculty who have set a high standard of achievement in research, teaching or service during her/his years since retirement.

Nomination Process

Nominations, including self nominations, along with two letters of support, should be sent to the Director of the UCR Retirement Center at cristina.otegui@ucr.edu by November 1 for consideration by the UCREA Executive Board.

Selection Process

The Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award Committee will review the nominations and make a recommendation to the full UCREA Executive Board for a final vote at its December or January meeting.

Recipient/s of the Award

The Award Recipient/s will be announced at the joint UCREA and UCRRA February Luncheon and will be awarded a plaque. Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award Recipient/s will be invited to speak at one of the joint UCREA-UCRRA Luncheons or as part of the UCR Osher Program. An announcement of the Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award recipient/s will appear in Tower Talk, with a photo and write up summarizing the recipient's achievements.