

# TOWER TALK

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## Join a Club!



The results are in! Based on the UCRRRA and UCREA member feedback, the Retirement Center, UCRRRA and UCREA have worked together to organize three new clubs. Interested members are welcome to join, and club details are noted below.



### Mystery Book Club

**Book Activity:** *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides

**When:** November 2021 via Zoom

**Club Leader:** George Haggerty

**Details:** Academic, cozy, and cooking mysteries complete with recipes and other books that intrigue us will be read. The first reading will be set, but book club members will be asked for suggestions. 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:** UCR Botanic Gardens Tour

**When:** Friday, November 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**Club Leader:** Darleen DeMason

**Details:** Every season provides unique displays and Fall is a lovely time to stroll around the Gardens and see the sights. Make sure to wear good walking shoes and a hat, bring water and wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Tours will be planned quarterly and could include an architecture tour of the central campus, the Citrus Valley Collection and the unique trees on campus. Suggestions are welcomed. **Register at:** [https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bfHV9KYMvWN7vpQ](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfHV9KYMvWN7vpQ)

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### 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. Activities will be planned in cooler weather this fall. Interested retirees and emeriti may contact Brad Hyman by email with the subject line, "Cycling Club" at: bhyman@ucr.edu.

## R'Card Benefit

UCRRRA and UCREA members can now request a new R'Card by completing 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
- Potential discounts at local off campus businesses
- Ability to validate status and obtain retiree library card
- Ability to validate status and be eligible to buy UCR Athletics "All Sports Pass"



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(currently working remotely)



## UCR Retirees' Association

**Mary Johnson**  
**UCRRA President**

Dear Fellow UCR Retiree Association Members,

I'm happy to announce the UCRRA Undergraduate Student Scholarship opportunity is now available. The program has been approved and we are sending out the call for applications in October. The Scholarship Committee will award \$5,000 to children, grandchildren and/or close relatives of UCR retirees and active staff members. Details regarding the Scholarship Program will be distributed soon giving the scholarship criteria and deadline to apply.

The UCRRA Board would like to put together some day trips to locations in our area. If you have some thoughts on a day trip that would be of interest, please let me know. We also want to hear from you on what type of activities you would like to see added in the future. Currently we have a Zoom bingo game once a month with Staff Assembly.

### Retiree Highlights

- **Membership:** As of July 2021, the UCRRA now has 212 lifetime and 70 annual members and growing.
- **2020 Council of UC Retirees (CUCRA) Survey:** The survey results indicated that UC retirees are making a difference by their volunteering efforts with a total of 1,233 UC retirees who have volunteered in their community and at UC campuses.
- **UC Retiree Travel Program:** There are great upcoming adventures planned for 2022 such as the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Baltic Capitals, St. Petersburg, Cuba and many more.

We hope that as the campus reopens, we will be able to volunteer and get more involved.

Sincerely,

*Mary*



## UCR Emeriti Association

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



Dear UCR Emeriti Association Members,

Campaign to Support Travel Grants for UCR Graduate Students In the 2021-2022 academic year, the UCR Emeriti Association will begin to fund a "UCR Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award" to help students travel to meetings or research sites. To secure funding for future awards, we are launching our first campaign on behalf of this fund in fall 2021. This campaign will include a special "Giving Tuesday" event on November 30. Additional information about the travel award and its funding appears on page 4. Please consider making a generous contribution to help our graduate students.

### Upcoming Events

We are excitedly looking forward to several special events that will take place in the coming months.

- **Dickson Lecture:** On Tuesday October 19 at 3:30 p.m., Panunzio Award winner and Distinguished Professor Carlos Cortés will present the Dickson Lecture for Fall 2021.
- **Interpretive Walks Club:** On Friday November 12 at 9:30 a.m., Professor Emerita Darleen DeMason will lead us in a tour of UCR's Botanic Garden.
- **Holiday Luncheon:** On Friday December 3, 2021 novelist and UCR Professor Susan Straight will be the featured speaker at our annual Holiday Luncheon.

Additional information about these events and how to register for them appears elsewhere in this newsletter or will be distributed separately.

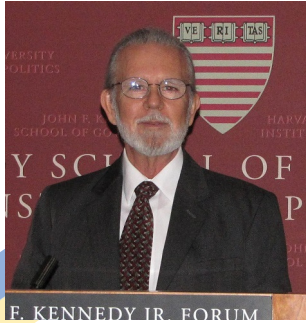
Sincerely,

*Darleen and Rusty*





## September 24 Fall Luncheon Lecture Review By Darleen DeMason



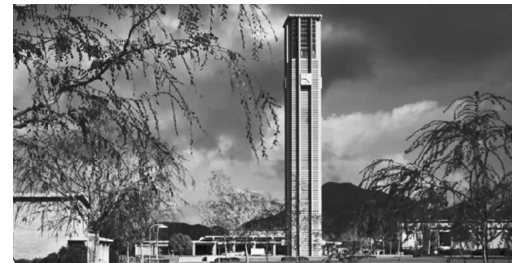
The Fall virtual luncheon lecture was given by Dr. Vince Moses on "UCR Modern: Campus Architecture 1953-1970". It was one of the most well received talks and engaged lively questions and discussions afterwards. Our current Campus Architect, Jacqueline Norman attended and participated in the discussions.

Dr. Moses introduced the topic by reviewing the raise of Modernism in Southern California. The most influential architects include Irving Gill, Rudolf Schindler and Frank Lloyd Wright. He reviewed the architectural styles and their characteristic features, including Romantic Ranch, Modern Ranch and Tract Ranch, International Style, Miesian Modern, Brutalist Modern, New Formalism and Googie Style.

In the body of the talk, Dr. Moses listed the buildings on campus built from 1953-1970, described their style, named the architectural firms who designed the buildings, and described the significant features of each of them. He also described the unifying themes that define the Modern Style that characterizes the UCR campus as a whole. Among the buildings mentioned were the Rivera Library with its Brutalist arches and geometrically repeating shapes, Webber Hall with its International Style designed by Chambers and Hibbard, Hinderaker Hall designed by Albert Frey, the Bell Tower with its New Formalism designed by A. Quincy Jones, to name just a few. Finally, he mentioned some of the newer buildings with Post Modern styles and how "bridging" designs make them compatible with the earlier buildings. The newer buildings included the New Entomology Building and the Multidiscipline Research Building.

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

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



## UCREA's Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award Call for Nominations

The Executive Board of the UCR Emeriti Association is excited to announce the call for nominations of its 2021-2022 Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award. Each year, this award is bestowed upon those retired faculty who have set a high standard of achievement in research; teaching or service during her/his years since retirement.

### Selection 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](mailto:cristina.otegui@ucr.edu) by **November 19, 2021** for consideration by the UCREA Executive Board.
- Before or at the November Executive Board meeting, a subcommittee will be appointed to review the nominations and make a recommendation to the full Executive Board for a final vote at its December meeting (or January meeting, if there is a problem with scheduling in December in a given year).

### Recipient/s of the Award

- **Award announcement:** The Award Recipient(s) will be announced at the joint 2022 UCREA and UCRRA February Luncheon and will be awarded a plaque.
- **Invitation to speak:** Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award Recipient(s) will be invited to speak at a later date at one of the joint UCREA-UCRRA Luncheons or as part of the UCR Osher Program.

## UC Retiree Travel Program

View all 2022 planned trips on the 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>

## 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. UCR non-Senate staff members and retirees are highly encouraged to share this opportunity with their close relatives who are undergraduate students of UCR.

### Selection Criteria

1. Preference will be given to the children and grandchildren and/or close relative of UCR non-Senate staff members and retirees. If necessary, 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, November 19, 2021** using the emeriti and retiree webpage at: [https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7P8ouaPQSU6xCjc](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7P8ouaPQSU6xCjc)

The UCRRA Scholarship Committee will select the award recipient(s) in late fall followed by an announcement at the UCRRA and UCREA Holiday Luncheon in December 2021.

For questions, please email the Retirement Center Director at: [cristina.otegui@ucr.edu](mailto:cristina.otegui@ucr.edu)



## UCREA Establishes Graduate Student Travel Award

By Darleen DeMason

The Awards and Scholarship Subcommittee consisting of Darleen DeMason, George Haggerty, Dallas Rabenstein and chaired by Carol Lovatt has been meeting with Shaun Bowler, Graduate Dean, Emma Wilson, Associate Dean, Cheryl Gerry, Assistant Dean and Kate Beach, Director of Development, Student Success to establish a new award entitled the "**UCR Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award**". This award will be a \$1,000 contribution to a graduate student for travel to research sites or to a scholarly meeting to represent research results. The award language will require that the recipient present a report on how the travel funds were used at one of our luncheons. The first award will be given out in the 2021-2022 academic year through an existing competition run by the Graduate Division.

In addition, the Emeriti Association has approved the establishment of an Endowment Fund for this award with the goal to have it fully endowed within five years by meeting the \$25,000 minimum requirement. The UCR Foundation will manage the endowment and provide annual reports on the financial status and investments earnings of our fund.

We have already begun fund raising by announcing the creation of the UCR Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award on the Retirement Center website and via this link (<https://retirees.ucr.edu/make-impact>) to accept donations. In addition, we plan to have two on-line fund-raising events each year. The first one will be in conjunction with the campus' "Giving Tuesday" event planned for November 30, 2021, and a second event in collaboration with the Retirees Association called "Giving Day" in the spring. We are working with the UCR Development Office to set up the procedures. Information about how to participate in these two donation events will be distributed in advance of each event.

In this way, we can help UCR graduate students advance their studies toward their degrees. Please donate generously to help us reach our endowment fund goals. Thank you.





## UCR Retirement Center: The Vision

By George Haggerty



The UC Riverside Retirement Center serves as the official link between retired employees and the campus, serving over 2,444 active retirees and emeriti from the UC Riverside campus. The Center's primary mission is to serve the needs of all retirees and emeriti as they embark on this new phase of their professional lives. Its mission is encapsulated in the Mission Statements of the two retirement organizations, the UCRRA and the UCREA:

- To promote the general welfare of retired faculty and staff, their spouses or domestic partners, and their surviving spouses or domestic partners.
- To offer opportunities for social, cultural and other continuing relationships among the members of UCRRA/UCREA and the University community.
- To assist emeriti in making the transition from active faculty career to emeritus/a status, which may continue to involve teaching; scholarly research; and/or service to the campus, the UCR Division of or the Statewide Academic Senate or in other venues.
- To foster continuing involvement in campus activities, volunteer work, or part-time employment for UCRRA members.
- To communicate the activities and needs of retirees and emeriti faculty to the UCR Division of the Academic Senate and to UCR administrators.
- To help provide retirement resources and services for all emeriti and retirees, as well as extending and enhancing the services and opportunities available to all retirees. To inform and assist members in utilizing benefits available to them, enhance campus benefit programs and to develop special or one-time opportunities for retirees.
- To sponsor and offer educational and social events focusing on intergenerational, multi-cultural and inter-disciplinary programs for the benefit of the membership and the UCR community.
- To provide administrative support for the UCRRA and UCREA membership and coordinate work towards our objectives with that of the Emeriti and Retirees Associations on the other UC campuses. Also, to coordinate with CUCRA and CUCEA.

The Emeriti and Retirees' Associations have begun discussions with the UCR Administration about what form such a Center will take. Many in both groups continue their service to the university, and the university benefits profoundly from their collective knowledge and experience. Across UCR, retired faculty and staff can be found volunteering, serving on committees, supporting graduate students, conducting research, teaching classes, mentoring students, and assisting with projects in their departments at zero cost to the campus.

Additionally, we have made fundraising central to the mission of the Retirement Center, and we facilitate continuing relationships that can enhance the university's development efforts.

Now that we have permanent staff support, the importance of the Retirement Center's role has been amplified. These offices would provide adequate space for the Center's staff people and begin to enable its implementation of the programs and activities envisioned. The Retirement Center will become a hub of activity for retirees and emeriti and those in both groups preparing for retirement, providing them with opportunities to socialize and network, access resources and request referrals for services, continue their lifelong learning, and contribute to the university's mission.

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## UC Emeriti Survey

**Coming this Fall**



The Council of the UC Emeriti Association (CUCEA) is preparing its tenth triannual emeriti survey to be sent to all UC emeriti in mid to late October. The purpose of this survey is to develop an inventory of the teaching, research and creative work, as well as the community service that UC emeriti have done during the academic years 2018–2021. UCR emeriti are encouraged to complete this survey to highlight the valued contributions made to the UC and the surrounding communities.

The 2015-2018 triannual CUCEA Survey can be viewed at: <http://cucea.ucsd.edu/biblio/documents/CUCEA2015-18.pdf>

## 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 each month from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. and will have a themed topic but is formatted as an open forum for participants to ask questions.

October 12, 2021 Cleaning Your Computer  
 November 9, 2021 Implementing Your Smart T.V. Devices  
 December 14, 2021 What to Look for When Buying a New Computer



**Register** on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2rCwn3udeAJWYQe](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2rCwn3udeAJWYQe)



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

### "Speech vs. Diversity, Diversity vs. Speech"

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Remote Delivered Lecture via Zoom

For the past fifty years, inclusive diversity and free speech have been on a collision course. The collision occurred in the 2010's. Every day brings a new angle, sometimes involving free speech, sometimes academic freedom. This presentation will address the often-confounding trajectory of the curious, embattled diversity-speech intersection.

**Recommended reading:** Carlos E. Cortés monthly columns on diversity and speech in the ezine, *American Diversity Report*.

**Register** online through the UCR Osher Palm Desert Center webpage at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tv4lakcab&oeidk=a07eilk7dcn8ab7e45c>

## Retirees and Emeriti Reception

You are cordially invited to participate in this virtual celebration dedicated to honoring the incredible contributions and commitment that UCR retirees and emeriti continue to make to UC Riverside. Provost Elizabeth Watkins will be joining us as our keynote speaker providing an update of our campus.

Friday, November 5, 2021 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**Register** on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8D1osoN4Go96WSW](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8D1osoN4Go96WSW)



## Fidelity Investments

### Strategies for Drawing Income in Retirement

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
 Remote Delivered Lecture via Zoom

This online session will provide retirees and emeriti with information on how to build a retirement income plan, including strategies for drawing income in retirement from different sources

**Register** online through the Fidelity Investments webpage at:

[https://fmr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vOU1HBuRT8izzXPaGokKnw](https://fmr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vOU1HBuRT8izzXPaGokKnw)



## Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 3, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker is UCR Professor Susan Straight of the Creative Writing department.

**Register** online through the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b7UKTkW6znZ9jXo](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b7UKTkW6znZ9jXo)

