

# Annual Report of the University of California Davis Emeriti Association

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UCDEA started the 2023-2024 academic year on good footing, with new officers, new committee members and committee chairs. Our commitment to our organization and its community is especially demonstrated in the October 12 nearly full day retreat of the Executive Committee. The retreat rethinks the vision of UCDEA, planning for the year, the nature of membership, and future developments.

## **Fund Raising Campaign:**

Under the leadership of Suad Joseph, UCDEA in partnership with UCDRA launched their third annual fund-raising campaign in 2022-23 to support UCD Aggie Compass, a program supports students experiencing housing insecurity, in conjunction with the annual UCD Give Day which is in April of each year. The first year of the campaign, for 2020-2021 academic year, we raised just over \$12,000, starting in January of 2021. The second year of the campaign, for 2021-2022, we raised around \$24,000, doubling what we had raised the first year – overwhelmingly these funds, for both years, came for the EA/RA Executive Committees. In 2022-23, 110 emeriti donated to the drive (we have a UCDEA membership of ~400 emeriti). For the 2022-2023, the joint Fund-Raising Committee made a 5-year commitment to support Aggie Compass. We raised \$48,908, (\$17,175 – from UCDEA and RA Executive Committees and the Fund-Raising Committee, alone). We have each year, doubled the amount raised from the previous year. For 2023-24, Robert Flocchini, UCDEA Vice President will chair this committee. Link to campaign: <https://giveday.ucdavis.edu/giving-day/66969/donate?des=363973&dept=66993>

## **UCDEA Manual**

In the Summer of 2023, UCDEA, under the leadership of Jo Anne Boorkman and Suad Joseph, updated the UCDEA manual. It offers the vision; by laws; executive committee membership; committee chairs, members, and duties; relationship with UCDRA; relationship with UCD Retiree Center; relationship with CUCRA/CUCEA; relationship with non-UC organizations. We updated the duties of each of the officers of UCDEA, including making it one

of the responsibilities of the past president to regularly update the manual. The manual is posted on the UCDEA website. <https://emeritiassociation.ucdavis.edu/ucdea-manual>

### **UCDEA Video Records Committee:**

UCDEA, under the leadership of Alan Jackman, continued its extraordinary project, begun in 1993, of video-taping conversations with UCD emeriti to record the history of UCD. Over the past 30 years, the Video Records Committee has recorded 524 emeriti and posted their videos on the UCDEA webpage. Six of those videos were conducted in the summer of 2023. The committee now has 12 members. It is a stunning contribution to UC Davis and our emeriti. The links to their videos: <https://emeritiassociation.ucdavis.edu/video-records-project>

### **UCDEA Communications and Outreach Committee:**

Under the leadership of Klea Bertakis and Suad Joseph, in Winter 2023, the committee sent a survey to UCDEA members to ask them to share their activities in the past two years, to let our community know how our emeriti are spending their “retirement” years. To our delight, over 50 emeriti shared their activities and stories. Editing and formatting, in partnership with the good services of the UCD Retiree Center, led to the “Share Your Stories” section of the UCDEA webpage, a wonderful opportunity for our community to share information. Link: <https://emeritiassociation.ucdavis.edu>

### **The UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee**

Under the leadership of Judith Kjelstrom and Barbara Horwitz, in 2022-23, the committee reviewed nominations and made recommendations for the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award (Anna Maria Busse Berger; Ann Savageau; Leslie Woods), the UCDEA Distinguished Emeriti Award (Carole Joffe), and the Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award (received too late in the year to recruit nominations). The Carole Joffe celebration will take place as part of the UCDEA Brain Food Talks on November 14, 2023, with Joffe presenting a lecture. Prior to Covid, the Chancellor’s office celebrated the UCD Emeriti with an annual luncheon in January. We are hoping that this tradition will be reestablished.

### **UCDEA Welfare Committee**

Under the leadership of Tom Rost and Theodore (Ted) De Jong, the committee met with Vice Provost for Information and Education to discuss survivor’s needs to access their spouses’ IT accounts and how to facilitate that. There is a process for that. There appears to be no process for accessing the deceased emeriti’s computers. They also met with Academic Senate chair and staff to discuss the same issues and to coordinate AS Welfare committee with EA welfare

committee. A proposal is being considered to formalize the membership of the EA welfare committee chair as a member of the AS Welfare committee. Rost and De Jong also met with the Faculty Advisor to the Chancellor to address these issues and come to a resolution – in process.

### **UCDEA Membership Committee**

Under the leadership of Warren Picket and Lars Berglund, the committee worked closely with the UCD Retiree Center to develop information, welcome to new retirees, and represent the UCDEA at the Fall meeting for new retirees. In an on-going basis, the committee sends personalized welcome letters to all emeriti who join the association as well as useful information. They maintain up-to-date records of active members and those eligible for membership. They are actively exploring formation of unit/college/school based “chapters” of UCDEA, each with a liaison or representative, so that all emeriti have a designated representative to the UCDEA. The goal of creating more effective and mutually beneficial interaction between emeriti, current faculty and administration, alumni, and donors.

### **UCDEA Program Committee – Retiree Center -- UCDRA**

Under the leadership of Ralph De Vere White, working with President Suad Joseph and Retiree Center Director Juliane Crowley, and UCDRA, a number of programs are being organized for emeriti/retirees and the public. The Brain Food talks are typically at noon and have continued to be hybrid. Carole Joffe, winner of the UCDEA Distinguished Emeriti Award will present a lecture on November 14, 2023. Barbara Sellers-Young will present an in-person lecture on January 9, on zoom. Plans are being made for Brain Food Talks on October 31 and April 16. In addition, the Retiree Center organizes a number of events on social security and health benefits. The Retiree Center, in partnership with UCDEA/RA, organizes the Fall New Retiree Reception and Resource Fair in October and the Resource Fair in March. In addition, the Holiday Celebration luncheon is always well attended. The Retiree Center holds a book club event every six weeks for retirees and emeriti. The virtual book club started in August of 2020. UCDEA/RA leadership meet monthly with the UCD Retiree Center leadership to plan activities for the month and the year – including such events as the resource fairs, the holiday celebrations. This year, UCDEA and RA, along with the Retiree Center will host work the October 25-26, 2023 CUCRA/CUCEA meeting at Davis. It will be a hybrid event.

### **UCDEA Committee on Committees**

Under the leadership of Klea Bertakis and Barry Klein, the CoC spent a good part of the 2023 recruiting replacements for committees whose chairs or members had turned over, and in recruiting nominees for the May 2023 election of officers. Their outstanding work filled committee slots, recruited new members to join committees, and completed the slate for the election of officers for 2023-2025.