

UC Irvine Emeriti Association (UCIEA) Report for April 2023

Meetings: The UCIEA Executive Committee has met monthly, recently as a hybrid using Zoom and live attendance. In April 2023, we met (for the first time) jointly with the Board of the UCI Retirees Association to discuss items of mutual interest to all retirees.

Awards: We continue to work with our Center for Emeriti & Retirees (CER) and the UCI Administration on various awards. Our selections for Edward A. Dickson Professorships for 2022-2023 were Professor Emerita Margaret Miles, and Professor Emerita Sally Stein, both from the Art History Department of the UCI School of Humanities. The awards will support travel and other expenses in their completion of research publications.

We recently received notification that Professor Emeritus Raul Fernandez of the UCI Department of Chicano/Latino Studies in UC School of Social Sciences has been selected for a Constantine Panunzio Award for 2022-2023. For details see [Fernandez earns distinguished UC-wide emeriti award | School of Social Sciences | UCI Social Sciences](#). Our webpage for Emeriti-ae Awards is here: [Emeriti/ae Spotlight — UCI Emeriti Association](#)

Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowships: We have awarded the first two UCIEA Graduate Student Fellowships which offers support for thesis completion.

UCI Strategic Plan for Emeriti: The UCI Strategic Plan of 2015 recommended a key role for emeriti faculty to assist the campus in all its various activities. To assist in implementation, our Association developed a set of recommendations and talking points and began meeting with all Deans to suggest ways for enhancing the role of emeriti in each school. A task group of present and former Presidents of UCIEA have begun to repeat these meetings with all UCI School Deans (15 in all) most of whom are recent appointments. In the meetings conducted so far this year, the deans have been extremely receptive to the ideas and to future suggestions for enhancing the roles of emeriti at UCI.

Faculty Retirement Liaison: Bill Parker, Professor Emeritus of Physics, continues in this part-time position at UCI, serving an increasingly important role in assisting future retirees in communicating with their departments and with the RASC.

Programs for Emeriti: Our sister UCI Retirees Association, in coordination with our CER, continues to organize in-person events such as walks, hikes, bicycle rides. All events are open to emeriti-ae. CER continues to publicize all helpful lectures and recordings available via Zoom.

Parking on Campus: Our parking service continues to offer free parking to emeriti (and retiree) association dues-paying members who are not on any paid- recall status.

Health Insurance and Retirement: Concern continues regarding many technical issues with the UC retirement system operations, and especially with survivor benefits.

View our newsletters, recent awards, link to our past lecture recordings, and other highlights at our website: <https://sites.uci.edu/emeraliti> .

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