

## **Report of the UCLA Emeriti Association - Spring 2026**

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The UCLA Emeriti Association continues to feature programs of "After-Lunch Conversations," with recordings of the conversations in some programs put online. These programs are now being put on with the Retirees Association. There are also quarterly dinner meetings with speakers. Finally, an Arts and Crafts show takes place each spring. Program details are below:

### **After-Lunch Conversations**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Recording Available

Location: Belmont Village Senior Living, 10475 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024

The Myths and Realities of Entitlement Programs in our Aging Nation: Fernando Torres-Gil, Director of UCLA's Center for Policy Research on Aging and UCLA Professor Emeritus of Social Welfare and Public Policy, sheds light about on-going debates regarding the financial dilemmas facing Social Security and Medicare. Conversation topics include the realities of an aging population, the future of entitlement programs for today's elders and aging baby boomers, long-term care, and the caregiving crisis facing the nation. This conversation will be led by Daniel J.B. Mitchell, Professor Emeritus, UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management and UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., University Club, Morrison Room

This annual music program featured piano recitals by two extremely gifted students in The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, who were selected by their UCLA piano professors. Performing on the University Club's Steinway B piano, was Alessio Santolini Raggi, who is studying under Inna Faliks, Professor and Head of the School's Piano Department and Hongbo Cai, a student from the studio of David Kaplan, an associate professor who holds the Inaugural Shapiro Family Chair in Piano.

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – Recording Available

Cori Close, the Michael Price Family UCLA Women's Head Basketball Coach, selected as the 2025 Naismith Coach of the Year, discusses women's basketball, her team's program, and her teaching and mentoring of young women.

Thursday, October 9, 2025 – Recording Available

Ruth Iskin, art historian and author, discusses her latest book *Mary Cassatt between Paris and New York: The Making of a Trans-Atlantic Legacy*. Rather than defining her as either an American artist or a French impressionist, Ruth Iskin argues that we can best understand Cassatt through the complexity of her multiple identifications as an American patriot, a

committed French impressionist, and a suffragist.

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### **UCLA Emeriti Awards Presentations, Dinners, and Conversations**

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, UCLA University Club

Awards Presentation – 2024-2025 Dickson awardees Marvin C. Alkin (Education) and Walter Gekelman (Physics and Astronomy) and Carol E. Goldberg awardee Robert Gurval (Classics)

Conversation with UCLA Professor Dino Di Carlo on the impact of deep federal budget cuts on research, his laboratory's major research findings and their potential health benefits led by Stuart Wolpert, EA Program Chair. Professor Di Carlo is Chair of Bioengineering and Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, and a member of both the California NanoSystems Institute and the Jonsson Cancer Center.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, UCLA University Club

Program: Conversation with Ted Mitchell, President of the American Council on Education since 2017 the major coordinating body for the nation's colleges and universities. President Mitchell and his team work closely with Congress, the executive branch, and the private sector to develop policies and innovative practices. His previous positions include among others, U.S. Under Secretary of Education (2014–2017); President and CEO of NewSchools Venture Fund (2005–2013); President, Occidental College (1999–2005); President, California State Board of Education (2008–2010); and at UCLA, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs (1997–1998), Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Budget (1996–1997), and Dean, School of Education and Information Studies (1992–1998). President Mitchell discusses current higher education issues with Stuart Wolpert, director of UCLA Conversations, followed by an audience Q&A.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 4:45 – 8:30 pm, UCLA University Club

Program: Conversation with Amy Rowat, UCLA Professor of Integrative Biology and Physiology, and Marcie H. Rothman Presidential Chair in Food Studies. She is also a member of the UCLA Bioengineering Department, Molecular Biology Institute, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Broad Stem Cell Research Center. Professor Rowat will discuss with Stuart Wolpert "Science and Food," including her research on cultured meat; her innovative courses on science, food and society; and UCLA's leadership in food studies.

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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

### **UCLA Sylvia Winstein Emeriti and Retiree Arts & Crafts Exhibit 2026**

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (in-person)

University Club, UCLA Campus

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### **Board Meetings**

The UCLA Emeriti Association board meets monthly, except over the summer, typically on the first Wednesday of the month. Various current issues are discussed. One issue is the process by which those who do not have automatic emeriti status upon retirement can apply for that status. At one time the campus Academic Senate had an Emeriti Committee which handled such applications. That Committee was abolished and its responsibilities were given to the campus Faculty Welfare Committee. However, the new process seems to have run into problems with cases stuck in administrative limbo. The board has also been concerned about problems of survivors receiving continued pension payments on the death of the UC employee. Significant delays have occurred in conversion to survivor status. This situation is a systemwide issue.