



UCSC Emeriti Association

To: Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA)

Report of Activities, **November 2025 – April 2026**

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Members

Our membership is presently 192 Active members and 34 Associate members. We have 136 Lifetime members (\$200); the remainder are Annual members (\$25). Our total number of living Emeriti is 339, of which 57% are members.

Deceased Members, November 2025 – April 2026

David Hoy – Philosophy

Todd Newberry – Biology

Joel Primack – Physics

Norvid Jenkins Roos - Theater Arts

We have a complete obituary list for all our deceased Emeriti on our website:

<https://emeriti.ucsc.edu/History/Memorials.html>

The site also provides date of birth and date of death. We extend Memorial coverage to Academic Senate members who die in office or who leave the University if, at the time of death or separation, they have 5 or more years of service and have achieved the age (50 years) and rank (Professor or Associate Professor) sufficient to retire with the Emeritus title.

Meetings

The UCSC Emeriti Association meets five times per year, every other month, typically on the third Thursday starting in September. Meetings were all hybrid, both in person and online via Zoom. Videos of the Zoom meetings are available on our YouTube playlist Emeriti Luncheon Talks (<https://tinyurl.com/ucscemeriti>). All of our videos are publicly available, world-wide. Thus, all retirees anywhere can view them; they can be used by faculty for teaching and by other UC campuses. We also have two Emeriti Lectures each year, and we have started a series of History of Science Lectures and a series focusing on excellence in Research and Teaching.

Luncheon Presentations for May 2025 – October 2025

11/13/25: **Matt Sparke**, Distinguished Professor of Politics, "*Farmworker health protections: Crisis and resilience*"

01/15/26: **Dustin Chacon**, Assistant Professor of Linguistics, "*Parts of a whole – how the brain processes words and phrases in reading*"

Emeriti Lectures

Twice a year the UCSC Emeriti Association organizes a public lecture honoring UCSC Emeriti research performed during retirement.

11/11/25: **Diane Gifford-Gonzalez**, Distinguished Research Professor Emerita, Anthropology, "*Kicking the Prow: Reflections on a Life in Conversation with Past and Present People and Other Creatures*"

04/14/26: **Kathy Foley**, Professor Emerita of Theater Arts, "*Puppets, Performance, Percussion: Asia-Pacific Interculturalism, Avant Gardism and Center for World Music*"

Emeriti Lectures are open to the public and free. Videos are available at emeriti.ucsc.edu and on our Youtube playlist: <https://tinyurl.com/ucscemeriti>

Nauenberg History of Science Lecture

04/07/26: **Jennifer Derr**, Associate Professor of History, UCSC, "*World Wounds: The Damming of the Nile River and the Transformation of Medicine.*"

Landesman Excellence in Research and Teaching Lecture

04/28/26: **Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz**, Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics, UCSC, and **Jasmine Schlafke**, Slam Poet, Santa Cruz, “*Ancestral Matter, Shared Humanity, Beyond Borders and Labels*”

Awards and Honors

David Deamer and David Hausler: Elected Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors.