

**UC Davis Emeriti Association
Fall Report 2022
MRC Greenwood, President**

Summer 2022 saw transitions when UCDEA said farewell and thanks to UCD Retiree Center Director Kyle Urban who resigned to follow a new career opportunity in Arizona. The Retiree Center was well served by Associate Director Julieane Crowley and newly hired staff member Larry Thao. They fielded many time-consuming questions from campus retirees who related their frustrations about their inability to reach RASC. The most Juliane and Larry could do was lend a sympathetic ear and forward some email queries to individual RASC staff. CUCEA is grateful for their dedicated service as they transitioned over the summer. UCDEA was pleased to congratulate Julieane as she assumed the position of Retiree Center Director in early October. Recruitment for an Assistant Director position is underway.

Most UCDEA activities began in October 2022 when the Retiree Center hosted a successful New Retiree Reception on October 4 in the patio at the Buehler Alumni Center. President MRC Greenwood welcomed Emeriti along with other new campus retirees at this festive event. Campus Transportation and Parking Service (TAPS) representatives were there to assist with retiree parking permit registration, as was the campus Fidelity Representative.

UCDEA continues to have a stable membership of over 400 members, with most opting to join as lifetime members. UCDEA programs will be held as hybrid events this year to accommodate those members that cannot easily get to campus.

The first meeting of the UCDEA Executive Committee (EC) was held October 20, where updated EA Manual pages were shared with new committee chairs. Meetings will continue to be hybrid to allow flexibility for members schedules. The first BrainFood Talk of the season was held as a hybrid meeting at 12:30pm on October 20th. Prof. Holly Cooper, UCD Co-Director of the Immigration Law Clinic, spoke on *The UC Davis Lawsuit that Won Procedural Protections for Detained Immigrant Children*. One of the 13 law school students participating in this program was a co-presenter. On October 25th, the Joint UCDEA/UCDRA meeting will be held virtually with UCD Health Care Facilitator Gurerren Solbach giving his annual update on Open Enrollment. Over 500 have registered for this meeting.

The Video Records Project was on hold during the COVID pandemic when campus activities were virtual. The committee adapted and purchased equipment to facilitate remote interviews and was able to conduct some interviews in Emeriti 's homes or gardens. Most Emeriti preferred to wait until the UCDEA studio in Mrak Hall was available. In person interviews resumed in the summer. In 2022, eight Emeriti – Allison M. Barry, Ian Kennedy, Graham Fogg, Robert Blake, Joy Mench, Judy Kjelstrom, Robert Page, and Ger La Mar – shared their career stories. All Video Record Project interviews are available on the UCD Academic UTube channel. UCDEA continues to work collaboratively with a Joint UCDEA/UCDRA Fund Raising Committee. Their efforts raised \$27,000 through June 2022 in support of UCD student food and housing

needs through the Aggie Compass organization on campus. The UCDRA program committee in coordination with the UCD Retiree Center plans and presents monthly BrainFood talks. UCDEA and UCDRA are beginning to discuss plans for the October 25-26, 2023, CUCEA/CUCRA meetings.

Upcoming activities include Fall BrainFood Talk by Peter Moyle, Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Wildlife Fish, and Conservation Biology on November 12. He will be speaking on *Understanding California's Delta and its Fishes*. A Holiday Luncheon celebrating the season is scheduled for December 12.