

Report from the UC Davis Emeriti Association

April 2020

Things have greatly changed in the past weeks and months as our campus, as does all UC campuses and the world, deals with COVID-19 and all of its repercussions.

Typically, the UCDEA Executive Committee meets on the second Thursday of most month to deal with business, often preceded “coffee” with a campus administrative leader. These meetings are often followed by a “Brainfood Talk” by a campus scholar that is open to the whole membership of UCDEA and also the UCORA (the retirement association membership.) Because of the pandemic we cancelled our March in-person meeting as well as all meetings for the rest of this academic year — including a general membership lunch meeting in May. All meetings are now by Zoom, including our election of officers.

Some noteworthy items:

- Professor Emerita Linda Morris was awarded the 2019-2020 UC Davis Distinguished Emerita Award. Linda is an accomplished scholar and teacher who also served as Chair of our Department of English. She will be presenting a lecture on her newly completed book as soon as we can have an in-person meeting.
- Gyöngy Laky, Professor Emerita of our Art Department (and former Chair), was awarded the UC Davis Edward A. Dickson Emeriti/a Professorship Award for her continued scholarly achievements. Gyng is a highly accomplished artist who has continued to maintain her contributions in the international art world.
- Professor Emeritus John Vohs was the recipient of the Charles Hess Founders Award as Outstanding Emeritus. John has been a leader in emeriti activities on the Davis campus and systemwide. Most recently, John led the effort on the “A Virtual Eleventh Campus” report that documented the tremendous contributions of UC Emeriti to the teaching, mentoring, scholarship and service to the UC system.
- Ralph Hexter, UC Davis Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for more than a decade, is stepping down at the end of this academic year to return to the faculty. Ralph has had a great impact on UC Davis and has many accomplishments that will have a lasting impact. The search for the new EVC has three finalists who will be interviewed in the coming weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry M. Klein

UCDEA President

