

## **UC Irvine Emeriti Association (UCIEA) Report for October 2023**

**Meetings:** The UCIEA Executive Committee took a summer recess, but met in October as a hybrid using Zoom and live attendance.

An annual reception held jointly with UCI Retirees Association was very well attended and received an update from Chancellor Gilman regarding campus achievements and future goals. A key feature was the construction under way of the new campus hospital.

**Awards:** Emeritus Professor Jim Danziger is the recent recipient of our award for UCI's Outstanding Emeritus/a. Among other achievements, he has been instrumental in raising awareness of Emeriti contributions to the Deans of all UC Irvine's 15 schools. Jim also presented to the UC Regents as part of the recent successful presentation by CUCEA.

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 have received an updated report from our former Dickson Professor Emerita Ellen Olshansky of the School of Nursing on the psychological effects of the COVID pandemic on nursing professionals working in ICU.

Our Constantine Panunzio Professor Emeritus Raul Fernandez of the UCI Department of Chicano/Latino Studies in UC School of Social Sciences has been recognized by his school in several ways.

Our webpage for Emeriti/ae Awards is here: [Emeriti/ae Spotlight — UCI Emeriti Association](#)

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

**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 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/emeriti/> .

**George E. Miller, UCIEA President**