

UC Irvine Emeriti Association (UCIEA)

CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting Report – October 2021

The UCIEA Executive Committee continued to meet remotely by Zoom but took a summer break. UCI now boasts nearly 550 emeriti of whom about 50% are currently dues paying members of our association.

Faculty Retirement Liaison: Professor Emeritus of Physics, Bill Parker continues in this part-time position at UCI. With our Center staff working remotely, they have been busy assisting with issues arising for both new and existing retirees, dealing with communication difficulties and the July retirement “season”. Bill also continues to serve as Treasurer of CUCEA.

CUCEA Tri-Annual Survey: Professor Emerita of Statistics, Jessica Utts at UCI has assumed responsibility for this survey for 2021-22. UCIEA Executive Committee has offered its full support in completing the task. The survey will begin this October and cover the last three years of activity. All emeriti are urged to respond.

The Annual UCI Chancellor’s Reception for all UCI retirees, including emeriti was held on October 20th 2021 by Zoom and was attended by 200 participants. Chancellor Gilman presented a review of UCI’s return to full in person classes, and major growth underway, especially in the Health Sciences. UCI continues to be “Under Construction Indefinitely”.

Recent Awards: as of 10/2021

- **Professor Emeritus of History Spencer C. Olin** is our 2020-21 UCI Outstanding Emeritus. We are pleased to note that the School of Humanities recently also honored Spence with a newsletter article “Making and Capturing History”, that can be read here: https://www.humanities.uci.edu/SOH/calendar/story_details.php?recid=2736
- **Professor Emerita Ellen Olshansky** is UCI’s Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professor for 2021-2022. Dr. Olshansky will be studying the experience of a diverse range of nurses from across the US who worked in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), taking care of patients with COVID-19. The purpose of this study is to understand how nurses are coping with the aftermath of this past year and how these experiences have influenced their current and future career plans. This proposal is highly significant in light of the current evidence that many nurses have experienced “burnout,” “compassion fatigue,” and “moral distress”.

UCIEA Graduate Student Award: We now have sufficient funds to establish a Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowship that will offer one or more graduate students support to write their thesis upon research completion. Final plans for such awards are being made with the Graduate School

Later in Life Series:

Recordings of four lectures entitled *Maximizing Health Care Later in-Life: Obstacles and Opportunities* organized by Professor Emeritus of Medicine Richard Robertson are still available on our web site at the link below.. The series titles are: *Planning for health care as we age; sites and services; The All or Nothing to YOUR Advance Directive; How to Create Effective Advance Directives/Living Wills for Late-Stage Dementia; and Financial Solutions for Senior Health Care.*

View our newsletters, recent awards, link to our past lecture recordings, and other highlights at our website: <https://sites.uci.edu/emeraliti/> .

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