

Report of the UCLA Emeriti Association

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The UCLA Emeriti Association's primary activities are After-Lunch programs - now in a conversational format - and Dinner meeting. In addition, we have an annual Arts & Crafts Exhibit. Most programs are now co-hosted with the Retirees Association. All take place at the Faculty Club. The Emeriti Association has provided financial support to the Faculty Club over the years. Programs from the past academic year and fall 2024 are listed below.

A series of interviews with past presidents of the Emeriti Association and other emeriti faculty occur periodically and are posted on the Association's website. These interviews are conducted on Zoom and recorded. They are hosted by the Internet Archive, a free service that is currently down due to a hacking, but hopefully will be back online in a short time.

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UCLA Emeriti Assn. Programs 2023-24

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After-Lunch Programs (with Retirees Assn.)

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Thursday, September 14, 2023

Alan Castel, psychology professor and author of *Better with Age: The Psychology of Successful Aging*, discussed lessons he has learned from his research and from the personal accounts of older Americans, including John Wooden, UCLA professor Jared Diamond, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Maya Angelou, Warren Buffett, Vin Scully and Bob Newhart.

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Thursday, October 12, 2023

David Schaberg, professor of Asian languages and cultures, a former dean of the UCLA College Division of Humanities from 2011 to 2022, will discuss the role of the humanities in the training of students and the making of societies.

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Thursday, January 11, 2024

Inna Faliks, professor and head of the piano department at the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, will perform on the Faculty Club's Steinway B piano and read from her new memoir, *Weight in the Fingertips: A Musical Odyssey from Soviet*

Ukraine to the World Stage.

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Thursday, March 7, 2024

Christel Aragon, director of UCLA Alumni Travel, and Dolores Dyer, director of travel for the UCLA Retirees Association, will answer questions about the UCLA Alumni Travel and UC Retirees Travel programs.

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Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Sara Melzer, professor emeritus of French and Francophone studies, will speak about mindfulness and how it can improve people's relationships, health and lives.

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Thursday, April 11, 2024

Ming Guo, UCLA's Laurie and Steven C. Gordon Professor of Neurosciences is a professor of neurology, molecular and medical pharmacology at the David Geffen School of Medicine and director of the NIH-funded Aging Center, will discuss aging and the brain.

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Thursday, May 30, 2024

Christopher Kelty, UCLA Professor in the Institute for Society and Genetics and the departments of Information Studies and Anthropology, and director of the Livescu Initiative on Neuro, Narrative and AI, and Daniel Snelson, a UCLA assistant professor of English and design media arts and a writer, editor and archivist will discuss the implications of artificial intelligence, including how it may impact creativity, art, culture, education, jobs and more.

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Dinners

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UCLA Emeriti Winter Dinner, UCLA Faculty Club

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 4:45 pm – 8:30 pm

UCLA Conversation as Lynn Vavreck, UCLA's Marvin Hoffenberg Professor of American Politics and Public Policy,

discusses presidential elections including the 2024 election plus political campaigns and public opinion

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UCLA Emeriti Fall Dinner, UCLA Faculty Club

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 4:45 pm - 8:30 pm

UCLA Conversation on "The Art of Teaching" with Neil Garg, Distinguished Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, UCLA

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UCLA Emeriti/Retiree Arts & Crafts Exhibit

Faculty Club, Morrison Room

11 am – 4 pm

The Sylvia Winstein UCLA Emeriti/Retiree Arts & Crafts Exhibit, first joint exhibit sponsored by the two organizations, features 20+ emeriti and retiree artists. Their works include a wide range of media from photography, drawing and painting to sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, weaving and calligraphy.

Featured artists are Jill Waterman, a watercolor artist from the Emeriti Association and Michelle Shin, a landscape painter representing the Retiree Association.

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Events planned for fall 2024

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Thursday, November 7, 2024 – 1:30 pm - 3 pm, UCLA Faculty Club

Judith F. Baca, UCLA Professor Emeritus and one of America's leading visual artists will engage in a conversation led by host Rosina Becerra, UCLA Professor Emeritus, Social Work and Ethnomusicology. Professor Baca has been creating outstanding public art for four decades. Her public murals focus on revealing and reconciling diverse peoples' struggles for their rights and reflect the lives and concerns of populations that have been historically disenfranchised, including women, the working poor, youth, the elderly and immigrant communities, throughout Los Angeles, nationally and internationally.

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UCLA Emeriti Fall Dinner and Awards Presentation, UCLA Faculty Club

Thursday, November 21, 2024, 4:45 pm – 8:30 pm

“The Promise, Peril, and Implications of Artificial Intelligence”, a conversation with Jens Palsberg, UCLA Professor of Computer Science and Jacob Foster, Professor of Informatics and Cognitive Science, Indiana University.

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