

Report of the UCLA Emeriti Association for the Fall CUCEA meetings

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The UCLA Faculty Association is continuing with its series of "after lunch conversations" and dinner meetings. The schedule for this academic year is provided below. Our campus Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center also has activities to which emeriti can attend.

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UCLA Conversations: An After-Lunch Program series

Thursdays, 1:30 pm - 3 pm, UCLA Faculty Club

Stuart Wolpert, Host and EA Program Committee Chair

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, December 7, 2023

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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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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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 and is a professor of neurology, molecular and medical pharmacology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and director of the NIH-funded Aging Center at UCLA, will discuss aging and the brain.

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Thursday, May 30, 2024

Jacob Foster, a professor of sociology, computational social scientist and co-director of the Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute and external professor of the Santa Fe Institute, and Daniel Snelson, an assistant professor of English and design 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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Quarterly Dinners

UCLA Emeriti Fall Dinner, UCLA Faculty Club

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Reception, dinner speaker

4:45 PM - 9 PM

Speaker: Neil Garg, Distinguished Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, UCLA

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UCLA Emeriti Winter Dinner, UCLA Faculty Club

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

Speaker: Lynn Vavreck, UCLA's Marvin Hoffenberg Professor of American Politics and Public Policy

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UCLA Emeriti Spring Dinner, UCLA Faculty Club

Wednesday, May 15, 4:45 pm – 8 pm

Speaker: Amy Rowat, UCLA's Marcie H. Rothman Professor of Food Studies

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Some of these programs above are recorded - depending on the willingness of the speaker - and made available to members who cannot attend.

We are also continuing our interviews via Zoom with selected emeriti. These interviews are first recorded and then posted for the membership.

Discussions are continuing with the administration concerning activities that the Emeriti Association might undertake with regard to undergraduate students along the lines of the Berkeley Emeriti Academy.

Planning is also underway for the annual Sylvia Winstein Emeriti Arts and Crafts Exhibit.

Finally, there was a drop in our membership at the time of the pandemic, in part because only email solicitations of membership renewals were made. We have returned to a combination of email and postal solicitations and membership has returned to pre-pandemic levels.

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Beyond activities of the UCLA Emeriti Association, the UCLA Academic Senate in the past had a separate Emeriti Committee (the name varied over time). For reasons of economy, that committee was folded into the UCLA Faculty Welfare Committee. However, it remains unclear how certain functions of the old committee - particularly conferrals of emeriti status to those without ladder appointments and obituary statements - will be handled. We would be curious to know if other campuses have had relevant experiences. Are there separate emeriti senate committees in operation? Who handles conferrals and preparation and approval of obituary statements?

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