Annual report to CUCEA of the UCLA Emeriti Association

October 10, 2026

Daniel J.B. Mitchell, CUCEA representative from UCLA and member of the EA Board.

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The UCLA Emeriti Association continued during 2025-26 - and will continue in 2026-27 - its longstanding programs of Quarterly Dinner meetings at the University Club (formerly Faculty Club), After-Lunch conversation series, and annual Arts and Crafts exhibit. Many speaker programs are recorded and available for those who could not attend in person. A list of programs from 2025-26 is below along with excerpts from the current 2026-27 schedule. EA programs are often joint with the UCLA Retirees Association.

In addition, I have continued with periodic Zoom interviews with UCLA emeriti which are available on the EA website and the Internet Archive. These interviews discuss their academic careers and backgrounds.

https://emeriti.errc.ucla.edu/about/featured-emeriti/interviews

The EA Board meets monthly during the academic year, typically on the first Wednesday of each month.

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List of Events, 2025-26 and upcoming 2026-27

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UCLA Conversations with…, an After-Lunch Program series*

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

***sponsored by the UCLA Emeriti Association and the UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA)**

Stuart Wolpert, EA Program Committee Chair

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Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Note location: Belmont Village Senior Living, 10475 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024

The Myths and Realities of Entitlement Programs in our Aging Nation: Fernando Torres-Gil, Director of UCLA's Center for Policy Research on Aging and UCLA Professor Emeritus of Social Welfare and Public Policy, shed light about on-going debates regarding the financial dilemmas facing Social Security and Medicare. Conversation topics included the realities

of an aging population, the future of entitlement programs for today's elders and aging baby boomers, long- term care, and the caregiving crisis facing the nation. This conversation was led by Daniel J.B. Mitchell, Professor Emeritus, UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management and UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs.

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Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026

This annual music program featured piano recitals by two extremely gifted students in The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, who were selected by their UCLA piano professors. Performing on the University Club's Steinway B piano, were Alessio Santolini Raggi, who is studying under Inna Faliks, Professor and Head of the School's Piano Department and Hongbo Cai, a student from the studio of David Kaplan, an associate professor who holds the Inaugural Shapiro Family Chair in Piano.

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Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Cori Close, the Michael Price Family UCLA Women's Head Basketball Coach, selected as the 2025 Naismith Coach of the Year, discussed women's basketball, her team's program, and her teaching and mentoring of young women.

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Thursday, October 9, 2025

Ruth Iskin, art historian and author, discussed her latest book Mary Cassatt between Paris and New York: The Making of a Trans-Atlantic Legacy. Rather than defining her as either an American artist or a French impressionist, Ruth Iskin argued that we can best understand Cassatt through the complexity of her multiple identifications as an American patriot, a committed French impressionist, and a suffragist.

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Quarterly Dinners

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UCLA Emeriti Spring Dinner and Conversation

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 4:45 – 8:30 pm, UCLA University Club

Program: Conversation with Amy Rowat, UCLA Professor of Integrative Biology and Physiology, and Marcie H. Rothman Presidential Chair in Food Studies. She is also a member of the UCLA Bioengineering Department, Molecular Biology Institute, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Broad Stem Cell Research Center. Professor Rowat discussed with

Stuart Wolpert "Science and Food," including her research on cultured meat; her innovative courses on science, food and society; and UCLA's leadership in food studies.

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Tuesday, January 27, 2026, UCLA University Club

Program: Conversation with Ted Mitchell, President of the American Council on Education since 2017 the major coordinating body for the nation's colleges and universities. President Mitchell and his team work closely with Congress, the executive branch, and the private sector to develop policies and innovative practices. His previous positions include among others, U.S. Under Secretary of Education (2014–2017); President and CEO of NewSchools Venture Fund (2005–2013); President, Occidental College (1999–2005); President, California State Board of Education (2008–2010); and at UCLA, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs (1997–1998), Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Budget (1996–1997), and Dean, School of Education and Information Studies (1992–1998). President Mitchell discussed current higher education issues with Stuart Wolpert, director of UCLA Conversations, followed by an audience Q&A.

UCLA Emeriti Awards Presentation, Fall Dinner, and Conversation

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Tuesday, October 21, 2025, UCLA University Club

Awards Presentation – 2024-2025 Dickson awardees Marvin C. Alkin (Education) and Walter Gekelman (Physics and Astronomy) and Carol E. Goldberg awardee Robert Gurval (Classics); details – Featured Emeriti & Interviews

Program: Conversation with UCLA Professor Dino Di Carlo on the impact of deep federal budget cuts on research, his laboratory's major research findings and their potential health benefits led by Stuart Wolpert, EA Program Chair. Professor Di Carlo is Chair of Bioengineering and Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, and a member of both the California NanoSystems Institute and the Jonsson Cancer Center.

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UCLA Sylvia Winstein Emeriti and Retiree Arts & Crafts Exhibit 2026

May 19, 2026: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm (in-person)

University Club, UCLA Campus

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Forthcoming in 2026-27 (excerpts)

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Thursday, November 12, 2026 Register

Law Professor Emeritus Paul Bergman will discuss how popular movies depict the law and courtroom trials. He is the author of books on courtroom movies, including Reel Justice: The Courtroom Goes to the Movies. Program Chair Stuart Wolpert will lead this UCLA Conversation.

Quarterly Dinners

UCLA Emeriti Awards Presentation, Fall Dinner, and Program

Wednesday, October 28, 2026: 4:45 – 8:30 pm, UCLA University Club

4:45 pm – Reception

5:00 pm – Awards Presentation for 2025-2026 Dickson awardees– Arthur P. Arnold (Integrative Biology and Physiology); Sander Greenland (Epidemiology and Statistics); and David A. Talan (Emergency Medicine) and Carol E. Goldberg awardee– Thomas S. Klitzner (Pediatrics); details– Featured Emeriti & Interviews

6:00 pm – Buffet Dinner

7:00 pm – Program about the upcoming November elections with Richard L. Hasen,Professor of Political Science and Director of the Safeguarding Democracy Project at UCLA School of Law. He is an internationally recognized expert in election law and co-author of leading casebooks in election law and remedies. Professor Hasen and Stuart Wolpert, EA Program Chair, will discuss the high-stakes midterm elections, how disinformation is poisoning politics, and what can be done to safeguard democracy.

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Tuesday, May 18, 2027

UCLA Sylvia Winstein Emeriti and Retiree Arts & Crafts Exhibit 2027

11:00 am - 4:00 pm (in-person)

University Club, UCLA Campus

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