

## Report of UC Riverside Emeriti Association to CUCEA - April 24, 2023

The UCR Emeriti Association currently has 122 dues paying members (75 life and 47 annual). UCREA Board meetings continue to be conducted monthly via Zoom. We also meet quarterly with the UCRRA Board and we work together with the Retirement Center Director and the UCR Retirees' Association on various projects including luncheons, newsletters, and programs.

One of the most important functions that the UCR Emeriti Association performs every year is to recognize UCR emeriti for continued research productivity and other professional activity in the years since their retirement. For 2022-2023, two UCR emeriti were selected to receive this year's Distinguished Emerita/Emeritus Award. Professor Emerita of Management Kathleen Montgomery was recognized for her research and service in the fields of healthcare and human rights, where she is widely acknowledged as a leading scholar and activist. Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry Richard Luben received the award in recognition of his many years of teaching and administrative service following his retirement in 2006.

Other regular functions of the UCR Emeriti include hosting presentations by Dickson Fellows and organizing joint quarterly luncheons with the Retirees. Two recently created joint clubs continue to thrive: the Mystery Book Club and Interpretive Walks and Tours. Walking tours this year have included visits to UCR's new Student Success Center and remodeled Barn in December and a guided tour of Riverside's new Cheech Center in March.

Events since the Fall 2022 CUCEA Meeting include:

- **Dickson Lecture Series:**
  - **Virtual Program (November 1 2022)** – In partnership with UCR's Osher Institute, UCR Professor Emeritus Howard Friedman of the Psychology Department presents "Flourishing, Long Life, and the Nature of Health." (40 attendees est.)
  - **In-Person Program (April 4 2023)** - In partnership with Osher, UCR Professor Emeritus Larry Wright of the Philosophy Department presents "Philosophical Understanding." (18 attendees)
- **Virtual Program: Tech-Tips HEART Program:**
  - Fall 2022: How to Use Applications within Google Accounts (13 attendees)
  - Winter 2023: Best Practices when Backing Up Your Computer (17 attendees), How to Change Settings on Devices for Easy Reading (10 attendees)
- **In-Person Program: UCR Emeriti and Retirees' Association Holiday Luncheon (December 9 2022)** – The Director, UCREA and UCRRA organized a luncheon featuring UCR CHASS Dean Daryle Williams presenting on "Enslaved.org: A Short (Digital) History." (40 attendees est.)
- **In-Person Program: UCR Emeriti and Retirees' Association Winter Luncheon (February 2023)** – the director, UCREA and UCRRA organized a luncheon featuring Dr. Laila Lalami, Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing presenting on her novel *The Other Americans*. (50 attendees est.)
- **Virtual Program: Fidelity Investment Webinars (February 2023)** – The director partnered in organizing webinars for Fidelity Investments representatives presenting on Tax Efficient Investing (February 2023).

- **In Person Program: Interpretive Walks Club led by UCR Professor Emerita, Darleen DeMason:**
  - Fall 2022: Tour of the UCR Student Success Center and UCR Barn (December 2 2022) - (10 attendees).
  - Winter 2023: Tour of the Cheech Center (March 3 2023) - (15 attendees).
- **Virtual Program: Mystery Book Club:**
  - Fall 2022: *The Dante Club* by Matthew Pearl (November 8 2022) – (12 attendees).
  - Winter 2023:
    - *In a Dry Season* by Peter Robinson (January 10 2023) – (12 attendees)
    - *In the Woods* by Tana French (February 14 2023) – (12 attendees)
    - *Black Corridors* by Constance and Gwenyth Little (March 14 2023) – (12 attendees)
  - Winter 2023:
    - *Don't Cry, Tai Lake* by Qiu Xiaolong (April 11 2023) – (12 attendees)

Our most important accomplishments this year relates to a newly established award - the UCR Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award. This award helps graduate students meet the costs of travel to scholarly meetings or to research sites by providing \$1500 in funding for domestic travel or \$2,000 for travel outside the United States. The Emeriti Association has established two funds to support this fellowship program: a “current use” fund to support current awards, and an endowment fund that will provide long-term funding. By the end of 2022, we had accumulated a total of \$6,750.75 in the current use fund, and more than \$47,000 in the endowment fund. Encouraged by these successes in fundraising, the Emeriti Board voted at its November meeting to begin awarding two Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Awards every year. The two awards that we are giving in 2022-23 will leave the current use fund severely depleted, leading us to designate it as the primary target for gifts during this year’s UCR Give Day on April 6. This campaign raised over \$10,000 from more than 25 donors.

Two major events are planned for May 2023. On Friday May 12 at 4PM, U.S. Poet Laureate Emeritus, UCR Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing Emeritus, and current Dickson Fellow Juan Felipe Herrera will lead a multi-media production of his poems at UCR’s Student Success Center. On Friday May 19, UCR’s Emeriti and Retirees will co-host our annual Spring Luncheon. The featured speaker at the Spring Luncheon will be the Emeriti Association’s 2022 Distinguished Professor Emeritus Wilfred Elders, who will tell us about his research on geothermal energy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darleen DeMason and Raymond Russell,  
Co-Presidents, UCREA