



## UCSC Emeriti Association

To: Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA)

Report of Activities, May 2024 - October 2024

### **Executive Committee of the UCSC Emeriti Association 2023 - 2024**

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### **Members**

Our membership is presently 188 Regular members and 26 Associate members. We have 139 Lifetime members (\$200); the remainder are Annual members (\$25). Our total number of living Emeriti is 332, of which 57% are members.

### **Deceased Members, May 2024 – October 2024**

Mary-Kay Gamel – Literature

Jacob Michaelson – Economics

Larry Polansky - Music

We have a complete obituary list for all our 188 deceased Emeriti on our website:

<https://emeriti.ucsc.edu/History/Memorials.html>. The site also provides date of birth and date of death. We extend Memorial coverage to Academic Senate members who die in office or who leave the University if, at the time of death or separation, they have 5 or more years of service and have achieved the age (50 years) and rank (Professor or Associate Professor) sufficient to retire with the Emeritus title.

### **Meetings**

The UCSC Emeriti Association meets five times per year, every other month, typically on the third Thursday starting in September. Meetings were all hybrid, both in person and online via Zoom. Videos of the Zoom meetings are available on our YouTube playlist Emeriti Luncheon Talks (<https://tinyurl.com/ucscemeriti>). All of our videos are publicly available, world-wide. Thus, all retirees anywhere can view them; they can be used by faculty for teaching and by other UC

campuses. We also have two Emeriti Lectures each year, and we have started a series of History of Science Lectures.

### **Luncheon Presentations for May 2024 – April 2024**

- 05/16/24: Pratigya Polissar, Associate Professor of Ocean Sciences, "*The History of Atmospheric CO2 since the Demise of the Dinosaurs*"
- 09/19/24: James Doucet-Battle, Associate Professor of Sociology, "*Manifesting our Metabolic Destiny: On Horticide, Technology, and the Future of the American Body*"

### **Emeriti Lectures**

Twice a year the UCSC Emeriti Association organizes a public lecture honoring UCSC Emeriti research performed during retirement.

Emeriti Lectures are open to the public and free. Videos are available at [emeriti.ucsc.edu](https://emeriti.ucsc.edu) and on our YouTube playlist: <https://tinyurl.com/ucscemeriti>

### **Awards and Honors**

Emerita **Diane Gifford-Gonzalez**, distinguished research professor of anthropology, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences

**Phil Crews**, distinguished research professor of chemistry and biochemistry, is being honored by the American Chemical Society (ACS) for outstanding work in the analysis, structural elucidation, and chemical synthesis of natural products. He will be presented with ACS's prestigious Ernest Guenther Award.

Professor Emeritus of Economics **Daniel Friedman** was among 18 esteemed economists in the inaugural class of [fellows of the Economic Science Association](#) (ESA).

Professor Emerita of Literature and Creative Writing **Karen Tei Yamashita**, and Professor Emerita of Latin American and Latino Studies **Patricia Zavella** are two of 250 new members elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences this year and join 36 other members from UC Santa Cruz.

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