

UCSF Emeriti Faculty Association

Report of activities, April 2021 – October 2021

Membership and Support

As of October 26, 2021, UCSF reports a total of 1,215 eligible emeriti faculty members. This includes 790 Emeritus Faculty and 426 Retired Faculty who are included on our EFA contact list.

As of April 26, 2021, there are 190 paid members. Complimentary membership stands at approximately 17. Thirty-two (32) members paid an additional amount above the \$25 membership fee.

In addition to membership fees, UCSF EFA receives financial support from the UCSF Provost's office. \$5000 will be provided annually. The EFA decided to forgo support for the 2022 fiscal year due to lack of expense due to COVID-19 restrictions of in person events.

Logistic support and publication services are provided by the Alumni University Development and Alumni Relations Office. The venue for all EFA events is the UCSF and Retired Faculty Award of Excellence Alumni and Faculty House.

New - UCSF Emeriti and Retired Faculty Award of Excellence

The award will be provided annually to recognize Emeriti and Retired Faculty who have provided extraordinary service to community and the mission of the university since retirement. We were honored to announce the first awardee of the UCSF Emeriti and Retired Faculty Award of Excellence, George Gregory, MD.

Dr. Gregory had a distinguished career as a full-time faculty member at UCSF from 1968 to 2001. During the 19 years between his retirement and February 2020, he conducted twice-weekly clinical teaching of anesthesia residents in the operating rooms at UCSF.

In 1990, he started volunteering with Interplast (now ReSurge International) and traveling to developing countries to provide anesthesia for infants and children undergoing surgical repair of cleft lip and palate and other congenital and acquired problems needing surgery.

To date, he has made nearly 100 trips to Ecuador, India, Nepal, Nicaragua, Vietnam, and other countries. On each trip, he provided anesthesia for approximately 50 surgical procedures and presented teaching conferences to physicians.

EMERITIDINGS

EFA's newsletter EMERITIDINGS is issued online 3-4 times per year. The newsletter features announcements of upcoming programs sponsored by the EFA, campus and system-wide developments of interest to retired faculty, proceedings of system-wide Council meetings, and information about competitive research grants and awards available to emeriti.

Luncheon meetings and speakers

The UCSF EFA sponsors 3-4 free speaker/luncheons annually. All lectures have transitioned to a virtual format. Since April 2021, the following speakers were scheduled:

Nobel Laureate, Elizabeth Blackburn, PhD, May 12, 2021

From Looking Down the Microscope to Looking Out the Window.

Her lifetime's research journey, beginning with curiosity-driven basic science, has led to broader implications. These implications include understanding disease processes in humans and optimizing human health.

Our curiosity-driven, basic science research was first aimed at understanding, at a molecular level, how cells protect their chromosomal ends (telomeres). Dr. Blackburn will briefly explain the fundamental science discoveries, then discuss the growing evidence of how lifelong factors - starting from earliest life including nutrition and conditions of pregnancy - affect the telomeres and may reverberate throughout the life course to affect health.

Blackburn earned her B.Sc. (1970) and M.Sc. (1972) degrees from the University of Melbourne in Australia, and her PhD (1975) from the University of Cambridge in England. She did her postdoctoral work in Molecular and Cellular Biology from 1975 to 1977 at Yale. In 1978, Blackburn joined the faculty at UC Berkeley in the Department of Molecular Biology. In 1990, she joined the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at UCSF, where she served as Department Chair from 1993 to 1999. Blackburn is currently a faculty member in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at UCSF. She is also a Non-Resident Fellow of the Salk Institute.

In 2009, she was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine and the Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darmstaedter Prize.

Bob Wachter, MD, Chair of the UCSF Department of Medicine, the Holly Smith Distinguished Professor in Science and Medicine, and the Lynne and Marc Benioff Professor in Hospital Medicine.

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Dr. Wachter is author of more than 250 articles and six books and is a frequent contributor to the New York Times and Wall Street Journal. He coined the term “hospitalist” in 1996 and is often referred to as the father of the hospitalist field. In 2016, he chaired a blue-ribbon commission advising England’s National Health Service on its digital strategy.

He is past president of the Society of Hospital Medicine and past chair of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He has written two books on safety and quality, including the world’s top selling safety primer, "Understanding Patient Safety." His 2015 book, "The Digital Doctor: Hope, Hype and Harm at the Dawn of Medicine’s Computer Age," was a New York Times bestseller.

He has also received several honors for his work. In 2004, he received the John M. Eisenberg Award, the nation’s top honor in patient safety. Thirteen times, Modern Healthcare magazine has ranked him as one of the 50 most influential physician-executives in the U.S., honoring him as #1 on the list in 2015. He has been recognized as a Master of the American College of Physicians and is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.

From 2020-21, his tweets (@Bob_Wachter) on COVID-19 have been viewed more than 200 million times by 170,000 followers and have served as a trusted source of information on the clinical, public health, and policy issues surrounding the pandemic. He has also served as the interim host of the COVID-19 podcast “In the Bubble,” which is downloaded about one million times each month.

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