

Board Meets Two Vice Chancellors

At the November and January meetings, the AUCLARA Board met with two UCLA vice chancellors. VC Mary Osako is the first person to hold the post of Vice Chancellor for Strategic Communications, beginning in September 2019. VC Anna Spain Bradley is the second person to serve as Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. She took over in September 2020.

VC Osako is an alumna. She told the Board that she grew up in Culver City, graduating from Venice High School. A first-generation college graduate, “my whole world expanded” at UCLA, she said. Her 30 years of corporate experience included tech giants Sprint, Yahoo, Amazon and Activision Blizzard. At Amazon, she worked as head of global corporate communications with CEO Jeff Bezos. She considers her vice chancellor role to be the personal and professional capstone to her career.

VC Osako told the Board that her first year at UCLA was focused on moving strategic communications from a “command and control” model to a “culture of collaboration.” She re-organized her team to build on its strengths. Simple, memorable messaging is emphasized: UCLA #1 Public University.



*Vice Chancellor
Mary Osako*



*Vice Chancellor
Anna Spain Bradley*

Every week communications staff from all campus schools and units get a chance to meet with strategic communications.

VC Spain Bradley is no stranger to UCLA, either. Before going to the University of Colorado Boulder as a law professor, Spain Bradley worked as deputy director of the UCLA Burkle Center for International Relations and as a lecturer at the UCLA School of Law. She has also worked for the U.S.

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President's Message: Stay Connected to Each Other and UCLA



Well, we finally got to say goodbye to 2020. It certainly was, in many ways, a forgettable, yet unforgettable, year. With very little warning, the UCLA Retirees Association found itself transitioning to virtual programming, virtual Board and Committee meetings, virtual interest groups, and exploring new ways to keep members connected and engaged.

Kudos to our Program Committee for their diligence in identifying and bringing so many wonderful virtual opportunities to our members this past year. We have been transported to Morocco, Barcelona, and Paris, learned about the history of downtown Los Angeles from the L.A. Conservancy, enjoyed numerous after-lunch talks and concerts organized in conjunction with the Emeriti Association, and even managed to hold our annual holiday party (see page 3), albeit virtually.

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Many of our interest groups have also managed to continue to meet on a virtual basis. Our book groups are alive and well, our beginning bridge group continues to meet and play bridge together online, one of our Mah-Jongg groups continues to meet socially online to stay connected, and our cooking interest group has transitioned to online cooking demonstrations. Our Travel Group is also busy planning for the time when we can resume in-person travel and has several trips in the works for late 2021 and early 2022.

Behind the scenes, our Board continues to meet monthly and engage with campus administrators to form partnerships that will provide more access and benefits to our members. Our various committees also continue to meet and work on behalf of our members. For example, if you've looked at our website (retirees.ucla.edu) recently, you will notice that it is being overhauled and that there is new content out there. If you haven't looked at the website, you might want to take the opportunity to see what you're missing.

If you are on Facebook and haven't already done so, please ask to join the UCLA Retirees Association

Facebook Group. We are trying to use this social media platform to keep members informed about upcoming events and to help members connect to other members. We launched this group last year and already have over 130 members.

I am proud of our accomplishments in the face of difficult circumstances these past many months. Our goal is to continue to provide opportunities for our members to stay connected to each other and to the campus community. We look forward to providing many, many more opportunities in 2021.

I also want to thank Ayesha Dixon, Director of the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center, and her staff, Eric Wang and Maria Lubrano, for all they do for retirees. During this past year, most of which they have spent working from home, they have gone the extra mile to assist our Association and the Emeriti Association by providing meeting facilitation, additional programming opportunities, activities, and information to the UCLA retiree population. Their dedication and commitment are notable and something from which we all benefit. Thank you so much!

Sue Abeles
President

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State Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"People want to believe that equity, diversity and inclusion are possible," she told the Board, because people have a desire to come together, to be seen and be heard.

"The core need is one of promoting dignity," VC Spain Bradley said. She hopes the EDI office will communicate more vibrantly, with a refreshed website and social media presence.

During a question and answer period, she noted that the EDI office had initially focused its efforts on faculty recruitment. But students also have EDI concerns. The strains of the pandemic year have fallen on students, faculty and staff alike.

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Arturo O'Farrill

The Arts Online: Concerts and CAP UCLA

Jazz Concert

Music professor Arturo O'Farrill directs the UCLA Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra. On January 14, he brought some of his talented students to perform for retirees and emeriti via Zoom. The mixture of live and recorded performances included original student compositions: *New Blue* by Brendan Kersey-Wilson, *Head On Collision* and *At What Cost?* by Steve Murillo. Larry Alvarez led an ensemble playing Duke Ellington's *Sophisticated Lady*.

The finale was a spirited rendition of Tito Puente's *Para Los Rumberos*, with student vocalists and instrumentalists. O'Farrill left us with four words of advice: "Stay positive, test negative."

CAP UCLA

On November 12, retirees and emeriti heard from Kristy Edmunds, executive and artistic director of UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance. Edmunds talked about the pandemic's devastating effect on the performing arts. CAP UCLA created a financial lifeline for more than 300 artists by featuring their work on a newly invented online channel. Design for Sharing, CAP UCLA's longtime connection with local schools, also shifted to online models.

In the question and answer session, Edmunds talked about the transformation of the Crest Theater in Westwood into the UCLA Nimoy Theater. She shared renderings showing how many of the theater's art deco details would be preserved. Construction is set to begin in April 2021 with an anticipated open-

ing in July 2022. The event can be viewed on the [ERRC YouTube](#).

L.A. Opera

L.A. Opera's Jeremy Frank hosted a session on opera history, illustrated with duets and arias. Because Nathan Granner and Jamie Chamberlin Granner are a couple, the singers could perform together even during these times of lockdown. The November 6 event featured the alumni couple singing music from Monteverdi to Leonard Bernstein.

Highlights included the Habanera aria from *Carmen*; *Un bel dì vedremo* from *Madama Butterfly*; *The Street Where You Live* from *My Fair Lady*; and *Tonight* from *West Side Story*.

Annual Holiday Party

The Annual Holiday Party for 2020 was UCLARA's first-ever virtual celebration. There was a just-for-fun holiday quiz, and a real-time ugly sweater contest. The winners, Elizabeth Juncosa and Dolores Dyer, donated their gift card prizes to the UCLA Food Closet.

Break-out rooms gave retirees the opportunity to chat and share their holiday plans. One retiree revealed that she'd logged in from Alaska.

Hopes are high that the 2021 Holiday Party will again be a face-to-face affair, wherever it's held.



Elizabeth Juncosa, photo by Ray Juncosa

ERRC News

Vaccine News:

We've pulled together some key resources for tracking the information on the COVID-19 vaccination, including:

- COVID-19 vaccine-related links at the federal and state level
- CVS and Walgreens (commercial distributors of the vaccine)
- AARP, who has a bullet summary of what they know
- recent media articles

See Connecting during COVID on the ERRC website at:

<https://www.errc.ucla.edu/connecting-during-covid>

Fidelity Guidance Consultations

Emeriti, retirees and active employees can ask questions about their retirement accounts remaining with the UC Retirement System or review financial planning for specific situations by meeting with Fidelity Retirement Planner, Andrew Fung, CRPC®, at the ERRC. To make an appointment, call (866) 682-7787 and ask for an appointment at the Center.

2020 Tax Information

If you requested an electronic copy, 1099R tax statements for your 2020 pension are now available on UC RAYS. If you requested a paper copy, it will be mailed no later than 1/31/2021 from the UC Retirement Administration Service Center in Oakland and should arrive by the end of the second week of February. If you retired in 2020, you likely have both your retirement pension (1099R) and employment earnings, which are reported on a W2. For your W2, please use the UC Path site, and select "Former employee."

UCRAYS: retirementatyourservice.ucop.edu/

UCPATH: ucpath.ucla.edu/

ERRC YouTube:

We created a digital archive for recorded programs on YouTube. The ERRC is happy to share our growing collection of videos with the public.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc8GBmC-jXNNtDvBxu5AvjSg>



Alumna's Love for Art and the Library is Forever

In the early 1950s, Helena Keel Krout arrived in Southern California from Switzerland to visit family members in Downey. She never left. Instead, she made friends and started a career as a hairdresser and cosmetologist.

A few years later, she met Boyd Krout, a psychiatrist, and the two married in 1965. They happily pursued interests in world travel and art. Later in life, Helena decided to deepen her knowledge of art through formal study, and she applied to UCLA. She graduated in 1981 with a B.A. in Art History. While a student, she also developed an appreciation for the UCLA Library, which she supported regularly during her lifetime. She also kept up her involvement with art by working as a docent for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

In 1999, Helena and Boyd decided to broaden their philanthropic giving by establishing a bequest through their estate documents. Each allocated portions of their estate to family members, as well as institutions and nonprofits they cared about deeply. Helena set up an endowed fund at the UCLA Library, supporting visual resources more specifically. Helena and Boyd have now passed away, but their generous philanthropic interests and commitment live on through their generous gift.

For more information about establishing a bequest, sample bequest language, or any other flexible ways you can include a philanthropic gift in your estate plans, please contact Devon Brown, Director of Gift Planning, at devonb@support.ucla.edu or 310-794-2213.



Armchair Travel: Barcelona, Paris, Giverny

Beginning in November, UCLARA members enjoyed three European jaunts via Zoom.

Giverny

January 21 found retirees in Giverny, about 50 miles west of Paris. Many of Claude Monet's Impressionist paintings were inspired by his magnificent garden in Giverny, including the famous water lilies sequences. Clare Kunny of Art Muse Los Angeles shared historic photos, contemporary photos, and many images of Monet's paintings.

The Impressionists liked to paint "en plein air," out of doors. They also took advantage of the new flexibility of oil paints in tubes. Monet lived half his life in Giverny, creating gardens and a "water garden" by diverting a nearby river. The Giverny Foundation has restored the buildings and gardens.

Paris

On December 10, retiree Carolyn Campbell took us to the Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris. Carolyn's

recently-published book, *City of Immortals*, includes a map and extensive photos — her own and those of contributing photographer Joe Cornish.

Carolyn, who held executive communications positions at the UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture, fell in love with Père Lachaise on her first visit to Paris in 1981. Over the years she has focused on the architecture of the tombs and the artwork of the monuments, especially those of artists and writers.

Barcelona

The November 19 Barcelona Catalan Culture Tour focused on art and architecture, particularly the work of architect Antoni Gaudi. Clare Kunny took us along La Rambla, the pedestrian-only street that threads its way through the Gothic Quarter. We saw many Gaudi buildings, plus museums and restaurants as well as the Mies van der Rohe pavilion from the 1929 World's Fair. Our visit ended at the harbor, which was renovated and restored prior to the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Top of Page: Claude Monet, The Water Lilies – The Clouds, 1920–26, Musée de l'Orangerie, Paris

Recent Amendments to the UCLARA By-Laws

This issue of UCLARA *Connections* includes a special insert of the by-laws of the Retirees Association as updated on January 12. Sections with substantive changes are shaded in yellow. See pages 6 through 9.

The Membership section, Article III, has been simplified so that categories of membership and their dues are no longer spelled out in the by-laws.

Similarly, nominations and elections, Article IX, have been streamlined to reflect the actual process that has been in place. Although the by-laws previously required a general election, in practice this

amounted to a pro forma approval at a general meeting. Now the Nominating Committee continues to recommend a slate of officers and Board members, subject to Board approval.

Other changes spell out the responsibilities of the Finance Committee (Article VII) and the Board's own responsibility to conduct independent audits or financial reviews of the books of the Treasurer (Article V, Section 6).

The by-laws are always available on the website, retirees.ucla.edu, in the "About" section.

BY- LAWS: THE UCLA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Article I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA), hereafter “the Association.”

Article II – PURPOSE

The purposes of this organization shall be to:

- Promote the interests and welfare of UCLA staff retirees.
- Facilitate mutually supportive relationships between retirees and UCLA.
- Help members understand the UCLA resources available to them.
- Represent the views and concerns of retirees to the University administration.
- Foster the enjoyment of new, continued and renewed friendships among members.
- Provide a connection to campus life for retirees that includes participation in educational and entertaining programs, social events and volunteer activities.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for Membership. All persons who have retired from service at any campus of the University of California are eligible for membership in this Association. Also eligible are active staff or faculty, and spouses or partners of retirees, staff or faculty. Membership will be recognized by the Membership Chair upon receipt of an application and applicable fees from prospective members. Persons who are interested in membership but may not meet criteria described on the Association website or on relevant application forms may also be eligible for membership upon recommendation by an active member with approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Membership Categories. The Board of Directors may establish various categories of membership and related annual dues, depending on their determination of the needs of the Association.

Article IV – DUES AND CHARGES

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of this Association shall be the period from July 1 through June 30.

Section 2. Annual Dues. The Board of Directors shall set the annual dues for various membership categories at a regular meeting of the Board.

Article V - ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President/President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

Section 2. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, four Members-at-Large, the chairs of Standing Committees, the Emeriti Liaison and the Alumni Affairs Liaison – all of whom shall have voting status on the Board. The Director of the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

1. **Officers and Members-at-Large.** The officers and members-at-large shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
2. **Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee is composed of the President, Vice President/President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. It is authorized to act and/or make decisions on behalf of the Board of Directors regarding day-to-day operations of the Association or issues that arise between regularly scheduled Board meetings, and it may be responsible for other activities determined by the Board. Executive Committee decisions are reported to the entire Board if made in their absence.
3. **Standing Committees.** Standing Committees have continuous responsibilities from year to year based on the nature of their activities and programs. The President shall appoint the chairs of standing committees with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. All chairs of standing committees have equal voting status as members of the Board of Directors.
4. **Special Committees.** Special Committees are considered temporary. Chairs of these committees may be appointed by the President at any time for specific activities, initiatives, or programs. They are invited to attend meetings of the Board of Directors, but are not eligible to vote in their role as representatives of their special committees.

5. **Emeriti Liaison.** The Emeriti Liaison shall be appointed by the President, following consultation with the President of the Emeriti Association, and serve as a full voting member of the Board of Directors.
6. **Alumni Affairs Liaison.** The Alumni Affairs Liaison shall be appointed by the President, and serve as a full voting member of the Board of Directors.
7. **Other Directors.** With approval by the Board, the President may appoint other Directors as needed.

Section 3. Terms of Office. The term of office for all elected officers and members-at-large of the Association shall be two consecutive fiscal years, unless otherwise specified and approved by the Board, beginning July 1 and ending June 30; and they should not serve more than two elective consecutive terms in the same office. A term of office may be extended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Other directors and committee chairs are appointed by each current President, but not to exceed the President's term of office. They may be reappointed by successive Presidents. The immediate Past President shall continue to be a voting member of the Board of Directors for the following term(s) of office of the succeeding President.

Section 4. Resignation, Termination and Absences. Resignation from the Board must be in writing and received by the Recording Secretary. A Board member may be dropped for excess absences from the Board if she/he has three unexcused absences from Board meetings in a year or for other reasons as determined by a three-fourths vote of the remaining Directors.

Section 5. Vacancies. A vacancy occurring within the Board shall be filled by appointment by the President based on a recommendation of any member of the Board, and approved by a majority vote of the Board. Such appointee shall serve until the next election for that office and shall have full privileges as an officer of the Association and/or member of the Board of Directors, including voting.

Section 6. Responsibilities. The Board shall administer the programs and business activities of the Association, and shall direct an independent audit or financial review of the books of the Treasurer as they deem necessary but no less often than at the end of the final term of the Treasurer. Unless otherwise warranted, the financial review should focus on the second year of the final term of the Treasurer.

Section 7. Council of University of California Retiree Associations. The UCLA Retirees Association is a founding member of the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA) and therefore subscribes to and fully participates in the activities, purposes, goals and objectives of CUCRA. Such participation includes, but is not limited to, payment of dues to CUCRA, and providing a Representative and Alternate appointed by the President. UCLARA representatives and/ or alternates will be members of the CUCRA Representative Assembly, attend and participate in meetings and proceedings of the Assembly and subscribe to Assembly actions.

Article VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, shall appoint committee chairs as needed, and may serve as ex officio member of all committees. The President has the authority to sign all checks and disbursements, shall represent the Association at various functions and activities, and shall perform such other duties as may be required.

Section 2. The Vice President/President-Elect. The Vice President/President-Elect shall, in the absence of the President or at the President's request, preside over meetings and otherwise act for the President, including the signing of checks or disbursements and other duties as may be requested by the President and/or the Board of Directors. The Vice President/President-Elect shall automatically assume the office of President at the expiration of the President's term of office. In the event the current President is unable to complete his/her term, the Vice President/President-Elect shall complete the President's term and then serve as President for the succeeding two-year term.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall record and distribute the minutes of the meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings, shall keep the Book of Minutes, shall maintain an up-to-date copy of the Bylaws, and shall be responsible for records of decisions and actions of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send welcome emails or letters to new members to the Association, follow up with members who may have become inactive, send letters of gratitude, get well, or condolences to members as appropriate; and facilitate communications between the Board of Directors and Association committees and members as needed.

Section 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep the Books of Account, collect dues and charges, maintain custody of the Association funds, pay all approved bills and sign checks. The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation and filing of annual Federal and State of California tax returns, and will chair the Finance Committee.

Section 6. The Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President shall chair the Nominations Committee.

Article VII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Nominations. The Nominations Committee is responsible for recommending a slate of officers for election by the Board of Directors. The committee's membership should include four members, at least three of whom should be current members of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President or, if not available, the current Vice President/President Elect shall serve in this capacity.

Section 2. Finance. The Finance Committee is composed of the President, Vice President/President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Treasurer and two other members of the Board selected by the Treasurer, acting as Chair of the Committee. This committee is expected to consider matters meant to enhance financial accountability and transparency, availability of financial resources, and the impact of potential and existing fiscal obligations of the Association; develop and propose an annual budget to the Board of Directors; evaluate use and replenishment of UCLARA's reserve fund; and make formal recommendations to the Board of Directors on financial matters for the benefit of the membership.

Section 3. Membership Records. The Membership Records Committee shall be responsible for maintaining current membership records, analyzing membership, and providing reports to the Board. Matters of questionable eligibility for membership in the Association shall be referred to the Board of Directors for final decision. The chair shall maintain an accurate roster of members and appoint other members to the committee as needed.

Section 4. Membership Marketing. The Membership Marketing Committee shall be responsible for recommending and implementing membership development and engagement initiatives, and collaborate with other Board committees, the Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center (ERRC) and other University departments as appropriate to ensure visibility of membership opportunities. The chair shall appoint other members to the committee as needed.

Section 5. Program. This committee shall plan and submit to the Board of Directors for approval an annual program of activities for the Association. The chair shall appoint other members to the committee as needed.

Section 6. Campus and Community Relations. This committee is responsible for identifying, developing, or recommending programs or initiatives that will enhance the connectivity and advocacy of the Association with the University, community or civic groups throughout the region. Implementation of such initiatives may require coordination or interaction with other standing or special committees of the Association. The chair shall appoint other members to the committee as needed.

Section 7. Interest Groups. The Association promotes and facilitates the organization of numerous and diverse interest groups that provide an opportunity for social or cultural interaction, community engagement, or education for members and guests. The chair of this committee is responsible for coordination of interest group activities and venues and for identifying and developing new groups based on membership interest. The chair shall appoint other members to the committee or coordinators of specific interest groups as needed.

Section 8. Travel Group. This committee is responsible for planning, organizing and promoting tours and cruises, coordination with tour companies or travel agencies, and arranging for group activities relevant to these events for members. The chair shall appoint other members to the committee as needed.

Section 9. Information Technology (IT) Committee. This committee is responsible for the management of the Association's membership management database and related software, the Association's website, and the development of a platform or platforms for social media. The committee will also monitor the information technology landscape to ensure that the Association remains current in its information technology practices. The chair shall appoint other members to the committee as needed and coordinate recommendations and implementation of initiatives with the ERRC Director.

Section 10. Newsletter. The chair of this committee is the Executive Editor of the Association's quarterly Newsletter (*Connections*). In this capacity the editor is responsible for soliciting and editing articles and photographs for publication, writing articles as needed, and overseeing the technical aspects and other operations needed to publish and distribute the Newsletter on a timely basis. As the committee chair, the Executive Editor may appoint an Assistant Editor and other members to the committee as needed.

Section 11. Historian. The Historian shall ensure that accurate archival records of the Association are maintained, attend association programs and special events, and arrange for photographs to document and maintain an historical record of association activities, and research relevant topics as needed.

Section 12. Regional Chapters. Regional chapters may be established by the Board. The Regional Chapters Chair represents all Regional Chapters. It is the responsibility of the Regional Chapters Chair to inform the Regional Coordinators of any UCLARA Board decisions that may apply to the Regional Chapters and to coordinate information between the Regional Coordinators and the Board. The Regional Chapters Chair may appoint other members of the committee as needed.

Article VIII – LIAISONS

a. The **Emeriti Liaison** is the primary liaison with the UCLA Emeriti Association and is expected to attend all meetings of the Board of the Emeriti Association, providing an essential inter-association communication and consultation role with both associations.

b. The **Alumni Affairs Liaison** is the primary liaison with Alumni Affairs, providing an essential inter-association communication and consultation role with both associations.

Article IX – ELECTIONS

Section 1. Eligibility for Nomination. Any member in good standing shall be eligible for designation and election to any office of the Association. Candidates for President must have prior experience as a member of the Board of Directors. Prior Board experience is preferred for the office of Vice President/President Elect.

Section 2. Nominations. The Nominations Committee shall identify open offices to be filled in the coming year and prepare a slate of candidates which they will present to the Board for review and approval at a regular Board meeting. The Nominations Committee will also make recommendations to the President for chairs of standing committees, which they will also present to the Board for review and approval. The Nominations Committee shall attempt to strike a balance between the number of continuing members and the number of new members of the Board of Directors each year. All candidates for office or chairs of standing committees must agree to serve in their positions for their respective terms of office.

Section 3. Election Process and Results. The Board of Directors shall elect officers and members-at-large at least three months prior to the close of the current fiscal year, ending June 30, as terms for continuing and new Board members begin on July 1. At the same time, the Board shall approve those chairs of standing or special committees who have been appointed to serve concurrently with the upcoming President's term. Notification of the new and continuing members of the Board shall be announced in the Summer issue of the Association Newsletter, *Connections*.

Article X – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the President. A quorum shall consist of at least nine members of the Board.

Section 2. The President and/or the Board of Directors shall call meetings of the general membership periodically at their discretion.

Article XI – LIMITATIONS

Section 1. This Association is a 501(c) 7 non-profit corporation.

Section 2. No debt shall be incurred in excess of the funds of the Treasury of the Association.

Section 3. No assessment may be levied against Association member[s] for any purpose.

Article XII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority governing this Association.

Article XIII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-Laws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, provided a copy of the proposed amendment and prior notice have been given to each member of the Board. Any member of the Association may propose amendments to the By-Laws for consideration and/or adoption by the Board. The general membership shall be notified of any amendment made by the Board by posting the updated By-Laws in *Connections*, the Association's Newsletter, and on the Association's website.

Amended and Approved by Board of Directors January 12, 2021
[Sections with substantive changes have been shaded in yellow]



Toshi Ashikaga

Dec. 19, 1917 — Oct. 20, 2020

You might not recognize her name. But if you ever used the Faculty Center library, you benefited from her presence. Beginning in 2009, Toshi Ashikaga chaired the group that kept the collection organized, adding new books and culling unused ones.

She created beautiful flower arrangements for the Emeriti Association Art Show. She was a frequent attendee at after-lunch lectures and cultural events.

Toshi came to UCLA in 1947 with her husband, Professor Ensho Ashikaga. After her husband's passing in 1984, Toshi stayed involved with the university.

As her friend Noël Carterette noted in the November 2020 issue of the *Faculty Center News*, Toshi was a loyal member of the Retiree Strength & Balance class even as a centenarian. "Toshi Ashikaga was truly a life force. She tended her satsuma tree, she tended her family, she tended her friends. She was a loving, humane person. We are better for knowing Toshi," Noël wrote.

In Memoriam

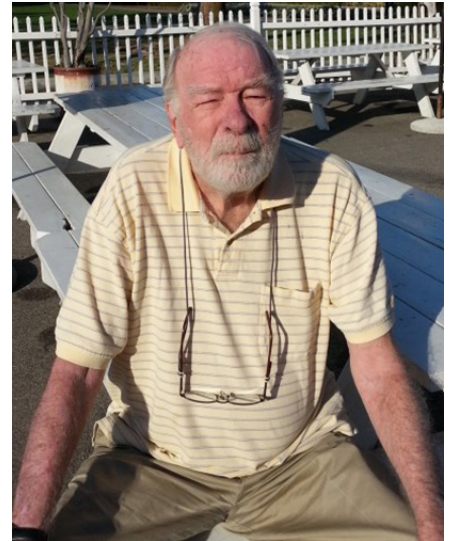
L. Craig Cunningham

March 13, 1933 — Dec. 7, 2020

Craig Cunningham earned his Ph.D. in history from UCLA in 1976, and spent most of his professional career in the office of the UCLA Dean of Students. In retirement he became active in the UCLA Retirees Association, joining the Board as treasurer. On July 1, 2005 he became UCLARA president, serving until the end of June 2008. He served an additional year as Past President.

Pat Lotker remembers Craig as "an extremely nice person and always very pleasant. He opened his home for some of our Board meetings." Barbara Wold agrees, saying "I remember him as a genial host when welcoming us to his home." Harvey Feingold also remembers meeting at Craig's. "The house was very pleasant—bright and airy—in some ways a little like Craig himself!"

Eddie Murphy, former ERRC director, told this story: "I met Craig Cunningham when he became involved with UCLARA. A friendship blossomed from that affiliation. From time to time, we would meet for coffee at the Faculty Center. At one of these meetings, he hastily and excitedly launched into telling me that he had rekindled a friendship with a lady from his childhood. He never stopped smiling as he shared their childhood connection and a huge hint that this new relationship was going somewhere ... and indeed it did! Once married, Craig had a reception and invited



a small group of us to his home to meet Deirdre. It was apparent: Craig's happiness had been cinched."

In the Spring 2008 issue of the UCLARA newsletter, Craig reflected on his years as president: "The presidential experience has been instructive, personally satisfying and, I flatter myself, the Association is in better shape than when I took over ..."

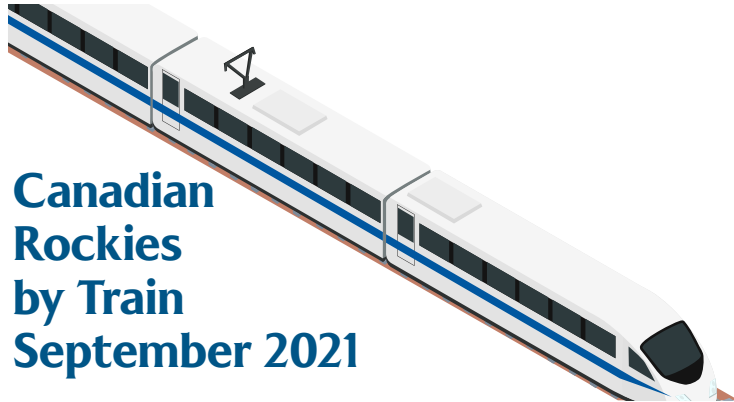
The UC Office of the President has reported the deaths of the following UCLA annuitants. We are grateful for their service and extend condolences to their families.

- Adrienne Davis
- John Doing
- Luisito Fullante
- Alice Hacela
- Delna Jacobs
- Edward Jazwa
- Crawford Lydle
- John Parker
- Richard Rector
- Richard Sessions
- Teresa Sevilla
- Eladio Sy
- Lillian Uan
- Catherine Walsh

UCLARA Travel with Dolores

Time to think about travel! Vaccinations are happening and it's time to think about where to go.

Contact Dolores Dyer 805-758-0053 or ddyer44@verizon.net



Canadian Rockies by Train September 2021

Interested in learning more about this train trip? Jay from Collette Travel will host a Zoom meeting. We'll also talk about the 2022 possibilities — maybe Switzerland, Scotland and Ireland, or American Music Cities. Join us!

TUESDAY, FEB. 9, 1 P.M.

Meeting ID: 985 3028 3050

Passcode: travel

[Click Here to Register](#)

Coastal Cruises July or November 2021



I have jumped into the cruising pool and booked two cruises with Princess. Both have these great perks: WiFi unlimited, premier beverage package, prepaid gratuities, refundable deposit. I have an idea for cabin signs and I've already found some great cruise totes!

July 10-17 R115N

Seven day coastal roundtrip: L.A., San Francisco, Catalina, San Diego, Ensenada, L.A.

Nov. 1-5 TCV

Four day coastal sampler: L.A., San Diego, Ensenada, L.A.

2022 Tour Webinar

UC Retirees Travel is looking forward to exploring the world again. Learn more about their two exciting 2022 trips to the Baltic capitals/St. Petersburg and Chile/Argentina at a webinar on **Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m.**

Overseas Adventure Travel's regional travel manager will provide an overview of these two tours, discuss the trip itineraries, share photos of the destinations, and answer your questions.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

Welcome to UCLARA!

UCLARA welcomes the following new members:

- Ishara Bailis
- Robert Bjorg
- Caroline Close
- Gail Conteh
- Ramona Cortes Garza
- Susan Davis
- Reiko Joyce Enomoto
- Arturo Esparza
- Angie Fong
- Cheryl Herron
- Aileen Leibowitz
- Angelia Leung
- Ralph Levinson
- Angela Ke-Huey Liu
- Sonia Maasik
- Joy Martinez
- Raquel Martinez
- Joan Muench
- Martha Padilla
- Laura Priess
- Isabell Purdy
- Anthony Ragan
- Emma Ramey
- Stephen Salyards
- Carol Schwartz
- Sylvia Sherno
- Rena Sonshone
- Rosalind Vernon
- Valerie Walker

Upcoming Programs



Architect David Hertz

Thursday, Feb. 11

1:30 to 3 p.m.

David Hertz has been working at the edge of sustainability and the forefront of regenerative architecture for over 35 years. Throughout his career, David has connected the art of building with responsible stewardship of the Earth. Register at retirees.ucla.edu.

Encore Program: Monet and Giverny

Thursday, Feb. 25

4 to 5:30 p.m.

Our January program was so popular, we're giving our members another chance to learn about Impressionist artist Claude Monet and his garden at Giverny. With ArtMuse Los Angeles. Register at retirees.ucla.edu.

UCLARA on Facebook



Joining is easy, but the group is private so you do need to request membership. Use the search box at the top of your Facebook screen and type "UCLA Retirees Association Group" (no quotes). The search will take you to the UCLARA Facebook page. Click the bar that says, "Join Group." That sends your request to the Group Administrator. Once approved, you will be notified when you log on to Facebook.

Interest Groups

While many interest groups are on hiatus during the pandemic, some are meeting on Zoom and other online platforms. One of the book groups and the playreading group are accepting new members.

See the Interest Group web page:

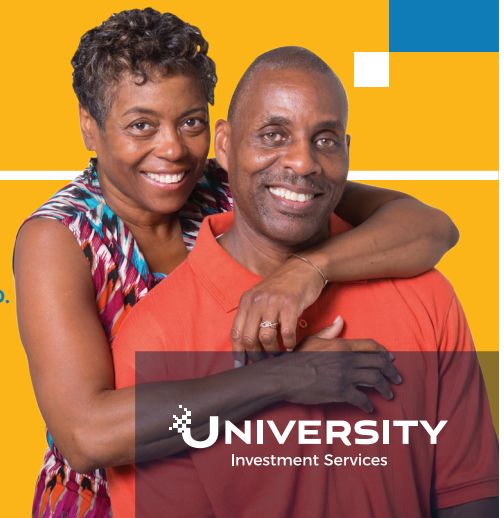
<https://retirees.ucla.edu/Interest-Groups>

There's also information about how to start a new interest group of your own.

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