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## In Memory of George Haggerty

### *Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus and the Graduate Division*

By John Ganim

We are saddened to report that George E. Haggerty, Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus, Distinguished Professor of the Graduate Division, and Past Vice President of UCREA passed away on June 30, 2023. In his 42 years at UCR, he shaped the hearts and minds of generations of students, and guided his colleagues across the campus on matters close to his own heart, especially regarding undergraduate education. One of the leading scholars in the world on his subjects—the literature of the



Eighteenth Century, the Gothic Novel, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies—he also won the campus Distinguished Teaching Award and was a member of the Academy of Distinguished Teaching. He chaired the Department of English twice, and served on many key Academic Senate committees.

As a scholar, Dr. Haggerty was a defining figure in the field of Eighteenth-Century English literature. *Men in Love: Masculinity and Sexuality in the Eighteenth Century* (1999), *Unnatural Affections: Transgressive Desire in Women's Novels of the Late Eighteenth-Century* (1998), and *Queer Friendship: Male Intimacy in the English Literary Tradition* (2018) all center queer bonds of affection and made this period central to LGBTQ literary study. He was also unique in his fundamental contribution to Gothic studies across period and medium: *Gothic Fiction/Gothic Form* (1989) and *Queer Gothic* (2006) both have lasting and inspiring power. Dr. Haggerty furthermore made huge contributions to the study of Horace Walpole, a figure who appears across nearly the full range of his scholarship. *Horace Walpole's Letters: Masculinity and Friendship in the Eighteenth Century* (2011), a remarkable and often moving work, analyzes Walpole's letters as forms of masculine expression which braided love for his friends and for his work. George's scholarly emphasis on friendship was a mirror of his own genius at cultivating friendship in his own life.

He will be remembered as an enormously generous scholar and beloved mentor to students and to younger members of the profession. Dr. Haggerty co-edited the first publication by the Modern Language Association committed to gay and lesbian studies, *Professions of Desire: Gay and Lesbian Studies in Literature* (1995). *A Companion to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Studies* (2007), which he also co-edited, remains one of the most important representations of the breadth and depth of scholarship in this area. At UCR, Dr. Haggerty led the effort to establish the undergraduate minor in LGBT Studies, the state's first, and for mentoring generations of queer students.

George delighted in sharing his enthusiasm for literature. Earlier in his career, he was a prolific book reviewer for the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* in the great days of newspapers. He wrote a literary blog for the *Orange County Register* on line edition, offering everyone who wishes the benefits of his wisdom on what we should read and how we should read it. In retirement, he served as a Vice-President of the UCR Emeriti Association, and led a monthly book club devoted to mystery novels. He was also appointed Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professor in 2021-2022 in recognition of his ongoing research.

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## UCR Retirees' Association

**Andy Plumley**  
**UCRRA President**

Hello UCR Retirees' Association Members!

I write this message after attending our Fall Luncheon last week. It is always great to be back on campus, see old friends, meet new people, and engage with a thoughtful presenter. If you have not been to one of our luncheons, please give the next one a try, which will be the Holiday Luncheon on December 8.

After a summer hiatus, we recently had our first meeting of the UCRRA Board with our retirement partners the UCR Emeriti Association, and I am happy to report there is much going on. I hope you explore this publication and get involved in anything that interests you ... I think there is something for everyone. And please contact me if you don't find what you're looking for.

### UCRRA Initiatives

We have recently sent out information regarding our UCRRA Scholarship, which is for UCR undergraduate students who are related to UCR retirees or staff. We were able to award four students last year and I hope we have another great pool of candidates. So, if you have any relatives who are UCR undergraduate students, have them apply!

Other UCRRA business includes attending the system-wide Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) in October, which will be held in person at UC Davis. We receive great information of what's going on at UCOP, which includes our retirement benefits. And like we do locally, CUCRA partners with the Council of UC Emeriti Associations. We will share information with the association after these meetings.

During our trip to UC Davis, we will visit their Retirement Center. We have requested physical space at UCR, and this will be a primary goal for me in 2023-24. The vision is to have a place where current and future retirees and emeriti may gather, receive assistance, and remain connected to the UCR campus.

### Upcoming Event

In closing, I want to encourage you to attend "A Reception Honoring Retirees and Emeriti", which will be held on Thursday, November 9th. We will be honored with a welcome from Chancellor Wilcox as we celebrate the valued impact you all have made to the campus and surrounding community. This event is for YOU, so I hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful fall!

Sincerely,

*Andy*



## Save the Date for the 2024 Benefits Open Enrollment

Benefits Open Enrollment begins on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 a.m. and ends on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. Please look out for more information later this month which will be shared via email and on the retiree and emeriti website.



## In Memoriam

We recognize and honor those who have passed this academic year.

Jerry Carlson, retired in July 1994  
 Kuan-Wen Chuang, retired in August 2013  
 David Cudney, retired in May 2003  
 George Haggerty, retired in July 2018  
 Larry Bruce Koenig, retired in March 2018

Richard Mercer, retired in June 2000  
 Madelyn Millen, retired in July 2014  
 Suellen Rugg, retired in August 1999  
 David Rush, retired in July 2018  
 Eugen Simanek, retired in July 1994



## UCR Emeriti Association

**Darleen DeMason and Raymond Russell**  
UCREA Co-Presidents



Dear UCR Emeriti Association Members,

### Remembering George Haggerty

At the beginning of the summer, we received the sad news that George Haggerty had passed away on June 30. George Haggerty served on the Executive Board of the Emeriti Association from April 2019 through June 2022. During those years, George was one of our most active and energetic Board members, organizing the Dickson Lectures, creating and leading our Mystery Book Club, and serving as Vice President in 2021 and 2022. We were all saddened when declining health forced George to give up his Board position last year. A tribute to George Haggerty written by his friend and colleague John Ganim appears on the first page of this newsletter.

### Fall Luncheon

At our annual Fall Luncheon on September 22, UCR Retirees and Emeriti heard retired Martin Luther King High School history teacher John Corona describe the program, "King High School Remembers: Archiving the Life Stories of Veterans." From humble beginnings, King High's annual interviews between high school students and war veterans have become a well-organized institution that has accrued many awards and has inspired imitators at many other high schools. At this luncheon, we were delighted to award UCR Graduate Student Adriana Rizzo with the Spring 2023 Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award and highlights of her achievement can be found later in this newsletter.

### Upcoming Events

For Fall 2023 UCR's Retirees and Emeriti Associations are planning a full schedule of jointly sponsored activities, including monthly meetings of the Mystery Book Club starting October 10 and monthly offerings of Tech Tips beginning November 14. On October 13 at 10:00 a.m. the Interpretive Walks Club will host a tour of the College of Engineering Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT) facility. On October 17 3:30-5:00 p.m. Dickson Fellow Eric Barr will give a presentation on "Thinking Like an Actor," a discussion of how techniques used by actors can help in recovery from strokes and other life-changing events. A reception with Chancellor Wilcox honoring new retirees and emeriti will take place on November 9 2:30-4:00 p.m. The Holiday Luncheon on December 8 will feature a talk about bees by two entomologists that includes an opportunity to taste honey, plus a performance by a class from the Kindergarten Academy.

### Distinguished Emerita/Emeritus Award

In closing we would like to remind emeriti that nominations for this year's Distinguished Emerita/Emeritus Award are due November 1. If you know an emerita or emeritus who has been especially active in retirement, whether through publications, presentations, or professional or community service, consider nominating them for this award. Information about how to make a nomination appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

*Darleen and Rusty*



## 2023 UCR Homecoming

Retirees and emeriti are invited to join in on the festivities during UCR's Homecoming which will take place Thursday, November 2, 2023 through Saturday, November 4, 2023.



### Alumni Concert Featuring TLC

While general admission to the concert has reached capacity, UCRRA and UCREA members may check if VIP access is still available by emailing Brock Cavett at [brock.cavett@ucr.edu](mailto:brock.cavett@ucr.edu).

Additional information on Homecoming activities and events can be found on the UCR Homecoming webpage at:

<https://alumni.ucr.edu/homecoming>

## UC Retiree Travel Program

View all 2023-2024 planned trips on the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) website at:

<http://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/>



## UCR Osher Program

UCRRA and UCREA members receive a \$20 discount on the Osher Annual Membership. Details on the Osher webpage at:

<https://palmdesert.ucr.edu/welcome-ucr-osher>

## Join a Club!

UCRRA and UCREA members are welcome to join in on the club activities and details are noted below.



### Mystery Book Club

#### Fall Book Activities

**Club Leader:** Club Members will be taking turns leading these engaging sessions.

**When:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Book Activity:** *The Body of Death* by Elizabeth George

**When:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

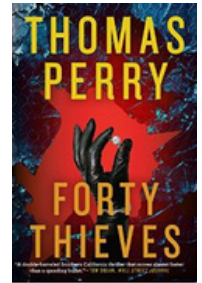
**Book Activity:** *Becoming Inspector Chen* by Quijano Xiaolong

**When:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Book Activity:** *Forty Thieves* by Thomas Perry

**Details:** Interested retirees and emeriti who wish to join the book club may contact the Retirement Center by email with the subject line, "Mystery Book Club" at: [retirees@ucr.edu](mailto:retirees@ucr.edu).



### Interpretive Walks Club

**Activity:** CE-CERT's State-of-the-Art Labs and Facilities

**Cost of Entry:** Free

**When:** Friday, October 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**Club Leader:** Darleen DeMason

**Details:** Associate Research Engineer Arun S. K. Raju will be leading this engaging tour which will cover the Atmospheric Processes Laboratory (APL), Emissions and Fuels Research (EFR), Sustainable Integrated Grid Initiative (SIGI), Transportation Systems Research (TSR) and more! Details of each portion of the tour can be found on the CE-CERT Overview handout which can be viewed at: <https://live-ucr-retirees.pantheonsite.io/document/ce-cert-overview-flyer>.

After the tour, please join us for lunch at the nearby Best Thai Cuisine Restaurant!

#### Event Registration

Space is limited. Please complete your registration no later than Wednesday, October 11, 2023 by visiting the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_clmcXLDqD5xpPFQ](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_clmcXLDqD5xpPFQ)



## UC Retirees Travel Trip Preview Webinar

Sue Barnes, UC Retirees Travel Coordinator

Friday, October 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time via Zoom

UC Retirees Travel offers a variety of worldwide group tours for UC retired staff and faculty, as well as friends and family. Join the group's volunteers for a preview of their 2024 trips, including adventures to Sicily, Morocco, Turkey, Scotland, Tuscany, Montreal and Quebec's Christmas Markets, a European river cruise, and more. One unique offering is a Memorials of WWII tour to England and France to recognize the 80th anniversary of D-Day. This webinar is hosted by the UC Berkeley Retirement Center, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Register on the UC Berkeley Retirement Center webpage at:

<https://berkeley.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrdeyqqjooGtZ60RAXoFuYDVXSXCixdNSHI#/registration>

Visit the UC Retirees Travel website at: <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/> to see trip details or subscribe to the monthly travel e-newsletter. Questions may be addressed to [UCRetireesTravel@gmail.com](mailto:UCRetireesTravel@gmail.com).



## The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Lecture Series

### "Thinking Like an Actor"

Eric Barr, UCR Professor Emeritus of the Theatre Department

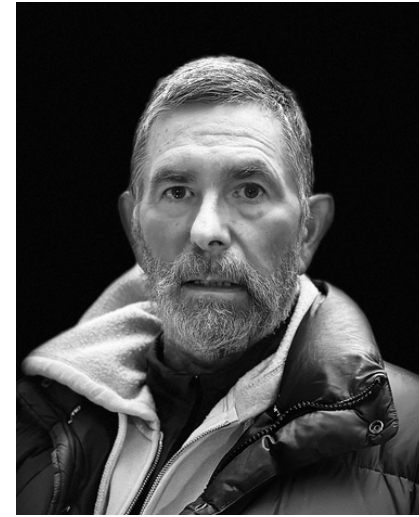
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Presentation delivered in person at the University Village 1101 and Livestreamed via Zoom

#### Description

Now Professor Emeritus, Eric Barr taught directing and acting, and served frequently as chair of the Department of Theatre at UC Riverside, from 1975 to 2013. He suffered a massive heart infection after surgery in 2013 to replace a valve and an aortic aneurysm. The infection further led to devastating strokes in both sides of his brain that left him paralyzed, unable to speak or swallow, and confused. During the recovery from his strokes, Barr discovered that learning to walk, talk, and function like a person again involved using strategies and processes similar to those that actors use to develop believable characters. Barr's Dickson Lecture examines the connections between acting and recovery from life changing events and how he was able to use actor training to help reconstruct himself after losing speech, movement, and many cognitive abilities.

Refreshments will be provided.



**Register** on the retiree and emeriti webpage to receive the Zoom meeting link for the livestream on the Retirement Center webpage at: [https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_56VBMfRaglh0wm2](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_56VBMfRaglh0wm2)

## Retiree and Emeriti Reception

Keynote Speaker: Chancellor Kim Wilcox

Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

In-person at the UCR Alumni & Visitors Center

**Special Performance from UCR PhD Student and Guitarist Jorge Calaf**



**Free** UCR branded gift to the first **100** participants who register!

The UCR Retirement Center, Retirees' and Emeriti Associations cordially invites retirees and emeriti to a reception honoring and celebrating the valuable contributions made to the campus and surrounding community. We will be joined by our keynote speaker, Chancellor Kim Wilcox who will provide a welcome and a campus status update. The UCR Retirees' and Emeriti Association presidents will share the latest efforts on their ongoing initiatives while sharing time together to connect with one another. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided and we will have a special performance at this event.

**Register** on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9HXaUsXzaplOqwe](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9HXaUsXzaplOqwe)

## Tech-tips HEART Program

UCR Information Technology Solutions (ITS) will share their expertise with retirees and emeriti on various technology topics. Each session takes place on the second Tuesday of the selected months within the quarter from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and will have a themed topic but is formatted as an open forum for participants to ask questions.

November 14, 2023 How to Listen to Podcasts

December 12, 2023 How to Find Lost Items Using Tracking Devices and Apps



**Register** on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cP8tOThqWbnDpUa](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cP8tOThqWbnDpUa)

## Holiday Luncheon

**"The Baers and the Bees, Center for Integrative Bee Research"**

**Special Performance from UCR's Center for Early Childhood Education Kindergarten Academy**

UCR Entomologists Barbara Baer-Imhoof and Boris Baer

Friday, December 8, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In-person at the UCR Alumni & Visitors Center

**Register** on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ePByvxDQuzdvTPE](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ePByvxDQuzdvTPE)

**Floral Centerpiece Luncheon Raffle!**

Proceeds go to the UCRRA Scholarship.

## Spring 2023 UCREA Graduate Student Travel Awardee

The Emeriti Association's Graduate Student Travel 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 recipient of the Spring 2023 award, Adriana Rizzo, attended our annual Fall Luncheon on September 22 and spoke briefly about her research. Adriana is a graduate student in Earth and Planetary Science who studies the emergence of complex eukaryotic cells such as algae 700-800 million years ago. The Graduate Student Travel Award made it possible for Adriana to present a paper at the International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry that took place in Montpellier, France, September 10-15. To support future Graduate Student Travel Awards, members are encouraged to continue making gifts to the current use fund and/or to the endowment fund that support this award.



Information on giving to the UCREA Graduate Student Travel Award fund can be found on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

<https://emeriti-retirees.ucr.edu/make-impact>

## UCREA's Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award



### 2023-2024 Call for Nominations

The Executive Board of the UCR Emeriti Association is pleased to announce the call for nominations for its 2023-2024 Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award. This award will be bestowed upon one or more retired faculty who have set a high standard of achievement in research, teaching or service during her/his years since retirement.

#### Nomination Process

Nominations, including self nominations, along with two letters of support, should be sent to the Director of the UCR Retirement Center at [cristina.otegui@ucr.edu](mailto:cristina.otegui@ucr.edu) by November 1 for consideration by the UCREA Executive Board.

#### Selection Process

The Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award Committee will review the nominations and make a recommendation to the full UCREA Executive Board for a final vote at its December or January meeting.

#### Recipient/s of the Award

The Award Recipient/s will be announced at the joint UCREA and UCRRA February Luncheon and will be awarded a plaque. Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award Recipient/s will be invited to speak at one of the joint UCREA-UCRRA Luncheons or as part of the UCR Osher Program. An announcement of the Distinguished Emerita-Emeritus Award recipient/s will appear in Tower Talk, with a photo and write up summarizing the recipient's achievements.

## Join UCRRA Committees

By Andy Plumley

Last May, we sent out a call for UCRRA members to volunteer for one of our committees. We still have a need for volunteers and hope you'll consider joining one of our committees. Time commitment is minimal and most work is done via zoom. Our standing committees are:

- Nominating Committee. This committee prepares a slate of recommendations for Executive Board Officers. Work begins in March.
- Membership and Outreach Committee. Led by our Communications & Outreach Director, this committee helps with outreaching to future members and increase UCRRA visibility of to the campus and community.
- Events and Programs Committee. Led by our Events & Programs Director, this committee assists with our quarterly luncheons and other activities.
- Scholarship Committee. Led by our Vice President, this committee is responsible for selecting one or more recipients for our UCR Undergraduate Scholarship.

Interested members may sign up on the Retirement Center webpage at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2aYI5D5RztNPGey](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2aYI5D5RztNPGey)



## Volunteer for the Coming FIRST LEGO League Season

By Mitch Boretz



Thanks in part to support from UCR, the Southern California region of FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is now the largest in the world – which means we need more volunteers than ever for the tournaments coming this fall.

FLL is a competition for children ages 9-12 in which they build a robot to perform a series of tasks, make a presentation about the design decisions they made in building the robot, and carry out a related Innovation Project. This year's theme is Masterpiece, the intersection between technology and art, and Innovation Projects will focus on how to use modern technology to communicate.

More than 400 teams will compete in Southern California Qualifying Tournaments during the first two weekends of November, at venues including Riverside (the Hub at UCR), Diamond Bar, and Perris. About half will advance to regional tournaments (including one in Riverside on December 3), and 50 will advance to a championship in January.

Volunteers serve as referees, judges, monitors, and facilitators. No knowledge of robotics is necessary. All volunteers receive training online ahead of time, and they work in teams.

The first step in becoming a volunteer is to register at [my.firstinspires.org](https://my.firstinspires.org). This entails accepting FLL's privacy and child protection policies, and authorizing a background check. Once you are confirmed as a volunteer, you will be able to choose one or more events where you would like to volunteer, and you can state any preference for the role you would like.

If you have questions, please contact Mitch Boretz, (909) 200-8583 or [mitchboretz@gmail.com](mailto:mitchboretz@gmail.com).



## UCRRA's Undergraduate Student Scholarship

### 2023-2024 Call for Student Applications



The UCR Retirees' Association (UCRRA) is excited to invite UCR students to apply for their UCRRA Undergraduate Student Scholarship in the amount of up to \$5,000. Thanks to the countless contributions from retired staff of UCR, the UCRRA and its members feel honored to offer this scholarship for undergraduate students to support their education goals and success at UCR. Below you will find the scholarship criteria and deadline to apply. We ask that you kindly share this scholarship opportunity with interested students.

#### Scholarship Criteria

1. Preference will be given to the children and grandchildren and/or close relative of UCR non-Senate staff members and retirees.
2. The recipient(s) is a current undergraduate student, who has a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher. First year students or transfer students without a UCR GPA should have a cumulative high school or transfer GPA of 3.3 or higher.
3. As part of the application process, the UCRRA Scholarship Selection committee is interested in understanding any financial need. Applicants agree to have the UCR Financial Aid Office release their financial aid information to the UCRRA Scholarship Selection Committee.
4. At the discretion of the UCRRA, the Financial Aid Office will determine the recipient(s) based on the above criteria and in coordination with the Office of Human Resources.

#### Deadline

Eligible UCR students may submit their online application using the link below by Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

#### Application

Interested UCR students, please go to the online application at:

[https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_298uFpK1hgt4hvg](https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_298uFpK1hgt4hvg)

This application includes a 500 word essay explaining their financial need and how this award will help them realize their educational goals.