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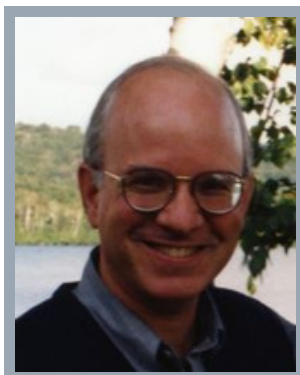
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Remembering Victor Lippit

By Raymond Russell and Doug Mitchell

In January we received the sad news that Professor Emeritus Victor Lippit passed away on January 10, 2024. Following a distinguished career as a member of UCR's Department of Economics from 1971 through 2012, Victor Lippit had worked tirelessly on behalf of the Academic Senate and the Emeriti Association, and he will be sorely missed.



For UCR's Academic Senate, Professor Lippit served as a member of the Committee on Faculty Welfare from 2014 to 2017. During this same period, he represented UCR on UC's systemwide Committee on Faculty Welfare. In 2016-17, he chaired UCR's Committee on Faculty Welfare, which also made him a member of the Executive Council of the Divisional Academic Senate. While serving on the Committee on Faculty Welfare he was instrumental in preventing a draconian cut to the UCR Childcare Center.

Beginning in 2015, Professor Lippit undertook to provide leadership in the revitalization of the UCR Emeriti Association. In 2017 Victor was elected UCREA President and undertook an aggressive process of organizational and program development. He recruited a dozen members to reconstitute the Association's Executive Board and established regular meeting dates. He shepherded the writing and adoption of a new set of bylaws.

Recognizing that UCR was far behind our sister campuses in supporting retirees and emeriti, he worked to establish a close working relationship with the UCR Retirees Association and develop a plan to engage UCR campus administration in the establishment of a Retirement Center to support both associations. He led the development of a proposal to the UCR Chancellor to secure office and programming space for the creation of a Retirement Center and to secure staffing to support the center. Thanks largely to Victor's efforts, Cristina Otegui was appointed as the first Director of UCR's Retirement Center in December 2019.

In recognition of Victor Lippit's many contributions to the Academic Senate and to the Emeriti Association in the years since he retired, he was honored with UCR's Distinguished Emeritus/a Award in 2021. Victor continued to serve as a member of the Executive Board of the Emeriti Association until the day of his death, leaving his colleagues in shock.

Professor Lippit's family have scheduled a Memorial for Saturday April 6 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. It will be a hybrid event at Villa Gardens in Pasadena (842 E. Villa Street), where he lived for the last two years. To attend in person email Victor's son Yukio Lippit at lippit@fas.harvard.edu. To register to attend by Zoom, go to: <https://forms.gle/bHQFHqC64tKVWS76>.

View the memorial online via Zoom at: <https://harvard.zoom.us/j/95972274678?pwd=ck1Vamo1cmJPRDRVcVc2eUlyNW56dz09>

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UCR Retirees' Association

Andy Plumley
UCRRA President

Hello UCR Retirees' Association Members!

Spring is finally here, and that means a lot is going on this quarter!

First and foremost, we will soon begin recruiting for **UCRRA Executive Board candidates for 2024/25**. Look for an email to come out soon asking for nominations. While we have some folks indicating they plan to run again, we will have three positions (Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President) where we will not be having an incumbent run.

Next, we will be sending another communication on proposed **Bylaw changes**. Unlike last year when we had a significant rewrite (thank you Karim Zahedi and Patricia Smith-Hunt), this year there will be four minor amendments to consider. This will be sent in advance of our Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting.

Speaking of **Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting, mark your calendars for May 17** for our last luncheon of the academic year. In addition to delicious food, wine, and wonderful program, the Spring Luncheon is also where we conduct our annual business meeting.

But wait, there's more! Also coming soon, we will be sending out a call for nominations for the "**Mary Johnson Outstanding Retiree Award**". Look for an email to be sent to you on this. Nominations will be sought out from both retirees and current staff. I enjoy learning about all the wonderful work retirees are doing, both on and off campus!

I thank the UCRRA Executive Board for all their hard work and commitment to UCRRA and retirees. And as always, I hope you explore this publication and discover all the programs and events planned for Spring. Please contact me for any questions, ideas, or just to say "hey!"

Have a wonderful spring!

Andy



UCR Emeriti Association

Darleen DeMason and Raymond Russell
UCREA Co-Presidents



Dear UCR Emeriti Association Members,

Winter 2024 Events

During this past Winter Quarter, UCR emeriti and retirees participated in several unusual and memorable events. At the annual Winter Luncheon on February 9, UCRRA President and former Associate Vice Chancellor of Auxiliary Services Andy Plumley treated us to a highly entertaining history of UCR. On February 16, a small group of emeriti and retirees enjoyed a stimulating morning tour of the California Citrus State Historic Park. The Mystery Book Club continued to meet monthly throughout the quarter, and our series of Tech Tips had informative sessions on such subjects as connecting to Bluetooth and monitoring health through apps and devices.

Emeriti Association Graduate Student Travel Award

Thanks to the generous support of members and friends of the UCR Emeriti Association, the Emeriti Graduate Student Travel Award has expanded from a single award in 2021-2022 to two in 2022-2023 to one award per quarter beginning in 2023-2024. In Winter 2024, UCR's Graduate Division is partnering with the UCREA to fund two Emeriti Graduate Student Travel Awards. The Winter 2024 awards are going to Pedro Garcia Lopez de la Osa, a graduate student in Music who will use the award to travel to Spain to finish collecting information for his dissertation, and Patricia Holt-Torres, a PhD candidate in Microbiology who has been invited to speak at the World Biomaterials Congress in South Korea in May. To support future Graduate Student Travel Awards, emeriti and friends are encouraged to make gifts to the current use fund that supports this award on UCR Give Day April 3 and 4 or whenever they can.

Plans for Spring 2024

The Mystery Book Club and "Tech Tips" series will continue in Spring. On April 30, up to 40 retirees and emeriti are invited to tour the newest facilities at UCR's School of Medicine. On May 7, Dickson Fellow and Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Entomology Brian Federici will describe an instance in which "Wasp Evolution Tricks Scientists." At the annual Spring Luncheon in May 17, Associate Professor of Psychology Ilana Bennett, Co-Director of the UCR Aging Initiative, will speak about "Advancing Aging Research" at UCR. Registration information for these events is provided elsewhere in this newsletter or will be emailed later.

Darleen and Rusty



In Memoriam

We recognize and honor those who have passed this 2023 - 2024 academic year.

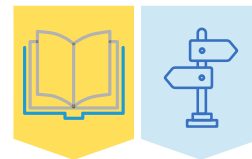
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 David Burke, retired in November 1992
 Jerry Carlson, retired in July 1994
 Kuan-Wen Chuang, retired in August 2013
 David Cudney, retired in May 2003
 James Deal, retired in July 2017
 Richard Goeden, retired in September 2002
 Curtis Grassman, retired in April 2003
 Sharene Greene, retired in November 1993

George Haggerty, retired in July 2018
 Lawrence Harper, retired in July 2006
 Donna Henderson, retired in July 2007
 Kenneth Holtzclaw, retired in April 1991
 William Howe, retired in November 1988
 John Johnson, retired in July 2023
 Larry Bruce Koenig, retired in March 2018
 Victor Lippit, retired in July 2012
 William Megenney, retired in July 2009
 Richard Mercer, retired in June 2000
 Madelyn Millen, retired in July 2014

Suellen Rugg, retired in August 1999
 David Rush, retired in July 2018
 R. Robert Russell, retired in July 2010
 Eugen Simanek, retired in July 1994
 Susan Spranger, retired in July 2000
 Raymond Valencia, retired in July 2005
 William W. Thomson, retired in July 1999
 Irwin Wall, retired in July 2001
 Sandra Willits, retired in September 2013
 Janice Zlendich, retired in June 2002

Join a Club!

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



Mystery Book Club

Winter Book Activities

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



When: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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

Book Activity: *Devil's Peak* by Deon Meyer

When: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

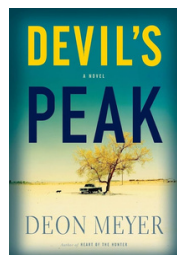
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Book Activity: *The Third Girl* by Jeff Goddin

When: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

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

Book Activity: *The Broken Shore* by Peter Temple



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.



Walks, Talks & Tours

Activity: UCR School of Medicine Education II Building Tour

Cost of Entry: Free

When: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Club Leader: Darleen DeMason



Details: The UCR School of Medicine welcomed its first class of students in fall of 2013, but the dream of teaching physicians at the University of California, Riverside dates back to 1971, when then - UCR Chancellor Iven Hinderaker presented the idea of building a medical education program in Inland Southern California.

The facilities to support the School of Medicine include the School of Medicine Research Building, which opened in March 2011 and features faculty offices and lab space; the School of Medicine Education Building, which opened in Spring 2013, in the newly renovated Stat/Comp Building; and The School of Medicine Education Building II, which opened in Fall 2023. Please join us to tour the last School of Medicine Education Building. Space is limited to 40, and you must be signed up by April 29 at Noon. Parking is available in lots 11, 10 or 13.

Event Registration

Space is limited. Please complete your registration no later than Monday, April 29, 2024 by visiting the retiree and emeriti webpage at: https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cNrHCqwemNuCg10

The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Lecture Series

"Wasp Evolution Tricks Scientists"

Brian A. Federici, UC Riverside Distinguished Professor of the Graduate Division

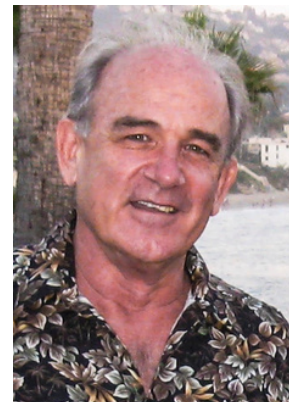
Department of Entomology and Institute for Integrative Genome Biology

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. with Reception to follow

Presentation delivered in-person at University Extension Building Room 1101 and Livestreamed via Zoom

Description

Professor Federici studies viruses, bacteria, and fungi that attack insects, with research funded during his career by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF). Federici's focus has been the biology of natural pathogens, or those genetically engineered, as replacements for chemical insecticides. During the 1970's, Federici became interested in particles female parasitic wasps inject with eggs into caterpillars that help wasp larvae avoid innate immunity and kill their hosts during development. For five decades the particles were considered virions, the infectious agents for viruses known as polydnaviruses (PDVs). In papers published in 1991, 2003, and 2010, he argued the particles were not virions, but rather immunosuppressive organelles that evolved from virions. These papers were ignored until 2023 when prominent virologists at NIH also concluded PDV virions were not virions, thus PDVs are not viruses. Federici's Dickson Lecture will focus on this case of scientific tribalism, showing how science can err when research leaders knowingly misinterpret data that contradict their long-held ideas



Refreshments will be provided.

Register

Priority registration is given to UCRRA and UCREA members who must register by April 5, 2024. Registration will open to the public on April 6, 2024. Register on the retiree and emeriti webpage to receive in-person or Zoom instructions at:

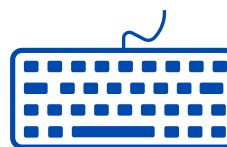
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Tech-tips HEART Program

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.

May 14, 2024 Leveraging Keyboard Shortcuts

June 11, 2024 General Security Services Refresher



Register on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5bYoKAWCrgnfazc

Spring Luncheon

"Advancing Aging Research at UCR"



Dr. Ilana Bennett

UCR Associate Professor of Psychology and Co-Director of the UCR Aging Initiative

Friday, May 17, 2024 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_3y3Y1mjlkvTOYVE

Floral Centerpiece Luncheon Raffle!

Proceeds go to the UCRRA Scholarship.

Contribute to the UCR Basic Needs Donation Drive at the luncheon!

High need items:

Tide Pods, Powdered Laundry Detergents and Dryer Sheets



Assorted wines will be provided



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>

My UCR Story: Jarel Ervin

UCR Retiree and Former Staff Research Associate in the Soil Department, Jarel Ervin has been invited to share his story and experiences during his time at UCR until his retirement in 1991. We welcome retirees and emeriti to join us at the Barn Stable during happy hour to hear engaging stories of UCR's history and connect with one another sharing memories of past times. Food and beverages are available at the Barn.

Friday, April 26, 2024 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. at the UCR Barn Stable

Jarel Ervin, Former Staff Research Associate in the Soil Department



Register on the retiree and emeriti webpage at:

https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bBJGTg1gD6bNVyu

Minimum Required Distributions



Learn about the minimum required distributions (MRD) that are required once a person turns 73 and are no longer working at the UC.

Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

Adrian Rodriguez, Fidelity Investments Financial Planner



Register on the Fidelity Investments Zoom webpage at:

https://fmr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qxinBao3TEWUby1N7y5XQ

Lawn Bowling at Fairmount Park



UCR retirees and emeriti are invited to join us in this outdoor activity at the Riverside Fairmount Park to learn how to play lawn bowling and to play a game. Members from the Riverside Lawn Bowling Club will lead our group and all skill levels are welcome to participate!

Friday, May 31, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

In-person at Fairmount Park located at 4020 Bowling Green Dr., Riverside, CA 92501



Register on the retiree and emeriti webpage at: https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Fj8rfpGJNKpvrE

Tour of the California Citrus Historic Park

By Darleen DeMason

On February 16, 2024, a group of UCR Emeriti and Retirees were given a tour of the California Citrus State Historic Park on the corner of Dufferin and Van Buren by Park Ranger, Jose Cabello. Jose related the histories of the Gage Canal, the citrus industry in Southern California and of the Citrus Park. While walking through the park grounds, we saw many different common and unique varieties of citrus, as well as native plants species used as landscaping. Jose also described many cultivation methods including the history of smudge pots and how wind machines work to warm groves during low temperature nights instead. We heard about many citrus pest problems, including the current quarantines for Oriental Fruit Flies. It was a beautiful, cool sunny day, perfect weather for a stroll through a rural landscape.



R'Card Benefit

- 10% discount at the UCR Bookstore
- Updated R'Card design, new UCR logo, and option to upload a new photo
- Discounts at participating off-campus businesses
- Validate status and obtain retiree library card
- Eligibility to purchase UCR Athletics "All Sports Pass"



UCRRA and UCREA members may complete the R'Card Benefit Interest Form at:

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2024 Winter Luncheon

By Darleen DeMason and Raymond Russell



UCR retirees and emeriti gathered at the Alumni and Visitors Center for our annual Winter Luncheon on February 9, 2024. UCRRA President Andy Plumley welcomed all attendees. After announcing upcoming activities of the Association, Andy introduced the most recent recipients of the UCRRA Undergraduate Scholarship and presented them with certificates. Yalise Yanes is a senior majoring in Psychology. Colin Donovan is a sophomore majoring in Public Policy and Economics. Lauren Dingle, a senior majoring in Media and Cultural Studies, was unable to attend the Winter Luncheon and will join us instead at the Spring Luncheon on May 17, 2024.

Emeriti Association Co-President Rusty Russell followed with news of the UCREA. The Fall 2023 recipient of the Emeriti Graduate Student Travel Award is Liz Wilson, a Ph.D.

candidate in Psychology. Liz could not attend the Winter Luncheon, because she was using the award to participate in a professional meeting that met at the same time. We will meet Liz instead at our Spring Luncheon on May 17. After the UCREA announcements, Rusty called on Awards Committee Chair Dallas Rabenstein to present plaques to the two winners of this year's Distinguished Emeritus/a Award. Ernest Ma, Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy, was recognized for his numerous publications and other professional activities in the field of theoretical physics since his retirement in 2014. Professor Emeritus of Economics Prasanta Patanaik, who retired in 2007, received the award in recognition of his ceaseless publications and professional service in the areas of welfare economics and development economics.

Following these UCRRA and UCREA announcements, Rusty introduced UCRRA President and Former Associate Vice Chancellor of Auxiliary Services Andy Plumley, who spoke about the history of UC Riverside. Andy provided an informative and often humorous account of the early decades of UCR's history, from humble beginnings as the University of California Citrus Experiment Station through the opening of the campus and graduation of its first senior class to the Chancellorships of Gordon Watkins and Ivan Hinderaker. Highlights included the first painting of the letter "C" on the side of Box Springs Mountain; UCR having a football team; and Andy Plumley entering UCR as an undergraduate in 1977 and never leaving. Unfortunately, it was only a few years after Andy's arrival at UCR that our speaker ran out of time. We will need to invite Andy back sometime soon to give us his take on what has happened at UCR over the past four and a half decades.



Join Us in Supporting UCR Students on UCR's Give Day

UCREA Graduate Student Travel Award
UCRRA Undergraduate Scholarship



The UCREA and UCRRA continue their efforts in raising funds to support UCR students and invite all retirees, emeriti, family and friends to join them on April 3, 2024 and April 4, 2024 for UCR's Give Day. Communications will be sent out to members via email sharing their initiatives, reports on past student recipients and fundraising goal. The UCREA has grown from giving one Graduate Student Travel Award per year in 2021-2022 to three in 2023-2024. The UCRRA has continued to increase their number of scholarships awarded to undergraduate students each year. These achievements could not have been made without the support of our retiree and emeriti community. Please look out for communications from the UCR Retirement Center Director to learn how to give at this year's UCR Give Day. Thank you for joining us in this worthy cause!

Retiree Digital Parking Permit Reminder



UCRRA and UCREA Annual and Lifetime active dues-paying members must call Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) at (951) 827-8277 to ensure that their parking permit is active annually. A TAPS representative will assist active dues-paying members over the phone with their digital parking permits and link vehicle license plate numbers to their permit. Email reminders to renew digital permits will be sent by TAPS at the end of the academic year in June.