



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

**Professors Emeriti Club**

**Emeriti**

**NEWSLETTER**

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## **Making Sense of the 2018 Midterm Elections An Analysis by Robert Gehrke**



Yes, *that* **Robert Gehrke**, the *Salt Lake Tribune* political columnist. He will give us an exciting and entertaining take on the election results at our **November 13 luncheon**. Tune up for Mr. Gehrke's remarks by reading the titles of some of his recent *Tribune* columns: "Come home, Ambassador Huntsman, your country needs you"; "What Brigham Young would have tweeted, you know, if we had Twitter back in 1847"; "While Interior chief Ryan Zinke keeps 'gaslighting' on climate change, our forests burn more and more intensely"; and "Why's the governor raising big money if he's not running again? And what do donors get out of it?"

To understand how he got where he is today, the *Tribune* provides this "biography": [Robert Gehrke] started his journalism career at age 8, banging out stories on his parent's manual typewriter about Little League sports and video games. It wasn't until years later that he went to work for The Associated Press and actually started getting paid for it. He has spent more than 20 years primarily covering government and politics in Utah and the West, including seven years in Washington, D.C. He joined The Salt Lake Tribune in 2004. His work on the Crandall Canyon coal mine collapse in 2007 was praised by a U.S. Senate committee investigating the disaster and he collaborated on an investigation into corruption in the Utah Attorney General's office in 2012-14 that forced the attorney general to resign...He enjoys hiking with his dogs and two children and rooting for hopeless underdogs in every sport." Of special interest to us, Robert edited the *Chrony* as an undergraduate here. Ask him about that!

### **Luncheon Menu**

**Tuesday, November 13, 12:15 p.m. Union Building, Saltair Room**

Reservations should arrive by mail or online by **November 6**

**By mail to Carol Stenger, 573 L St., Salt Lake City, UT 84103**

**See page 7 for a reservation form**

**By credit card at: <https://academic-senate.utah.edu/professors-emeriti-club>**

**[Fifty-cent charge for credit card payment; this is equal to the price of a first-class stamp]**

**Apple-Cranberry Salad on Greens**

**Glazed Ham**

**Roasted Yams, Brussels Sprouts**

**Pumpkin Pie**

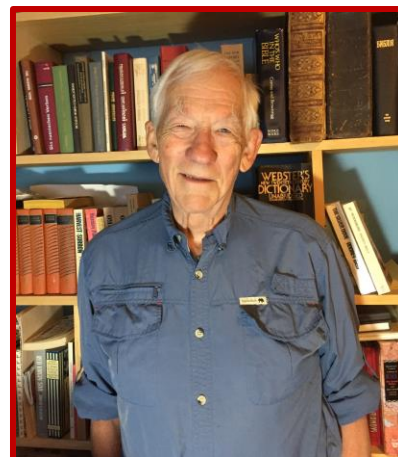
**Vegetarian Option: Meze Plate (Hummus, Ratatouille, Cucumber Salad & Pita)**

**Fruit Plate Option**

**Still Have that Itch to Teach?  
Miss Contact with Enthusiastic Students?  
Consider Osher!**

**Gene Fitzgerald, Russian History**

**Why teach an Osher class? What is the Osher program?** It is a program aimed at those who are retired or on the verge of retirement. The program provides courses for those who are interested in fields outside their work life that they have always wanted to study but hitherto never had the time. Osher offers courses ranging from current events, the arts, politics, and culture to science and technology, or you can create a new course depending on your own interests. These are courses that last six weeks (one and a half hours a week) and we, as teachers, can concentrate on doing what we have always considered important, that is, teaching and discussing the course content, with no papers to grade, no exams to design, and no judgments to render.



I have personally taught Osher classes for the last 10 years, giving courses that have covered the major Russian authors and even an investigation into the construction of the Russian consciousness. **It is difficult to exaggerate how enjoyable it is to teach students who are eager to participate and interact in the discussions, especially as they bring in their own life experiences.** For all these reasons I would encourage you to create a course that you have always wanted to teach and submit it to the Osher program.

**For More Information Please Contact:**

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[Osher Lifelong Learning Institute \(OLLI\)](http://www.oshers.org)  
john.boyack@utah.edu  
801-585-1441 – direct; 801-599-8180 – mobile

**Online Course Proposal Form:**  
<https://goo.gl/forms/v5A0FEaue3xvQsin2>  
**Spring Term** March 26 – May 2 – no classes  
Mondays/Fridays (some exceptions apply)  
**Deadline for Spring proposals is November 10**

**In Memoriam**  
Ruth Horne Lundgren  
September 18, 2018  
Education

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# EMERITI CLUB TOUR 2019

## Portugal in Depth

April 10 - 21 2019

I am willing to wager that if you have been to Portugal you have visited two places, Lisbon & Fátima. But there is sooo much more to Portugal than that! Now is your chance to discover top to bottom, coastal & inland, the country that is on the cusp of becoming the hot new destination for the discriminating traveler! From the port wine country in the north along the Douro River to the sunny climes of the Algarve in the south, fav holiday spot for Europeans in the know, we will have the chance to explore picturesque seaside fishing villages, hilltop university towns, walled medieval cities, the onetime HQ of the Knights Templar, a Marrano Jewish community that existed in secret for 600 years, the occasional Roman ruin, & even a chapel full of bones. We will be introduced to Manueline architecture, eat distinctive Portuguese food, sample port wine & olive oil, visit a tile factory, and learn what you can do with cork besides stick it in the neck of a bottle. Here is our itinerary:



**DAY 0** Depart SLC. **DAY 1** Arrive Lisbon. D

**DAY 2 Lisbon:** Sightsee in Baixa Quarter, walk thru C16 Alfama district; see Belém Tower, Monument to the Discoveries; visit Jeronimos Monastery. *Optionals:* Queluz Palace; taverna with Fado music. B

**DAY 3** Head north along coast. Visit **Obidos & Nazaré** fishing harbor. **Alcobaça:** C12 Church of Santa Maria Cistercian monastery with tombs of King Pedro I & Inês de Castro. **Fátima:** Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary. Overnight in Tomar. BD

**DAY 4 Tomar:** visit Convent of Christ, Templar HQ. **Coimbra:** visit 700-yr-old university. **Buçaco Forest** en route to Oporto. *Optional:* cruise Douro R. + dinner. B

**DAY 5 Oporto:** panoramic drive to mouth of Douro; see cathedral; visit Church of São Francisco, Stock Exchange with Arabian Hall. Port wine tasting at Sandeman & Co. B

**DAY 6 Guimarães:** walk thru medieval center. Sample tapas at Quinta da Aveleda Winery & visit Gardens. Drive through vineyards to **Viseu:** special dinner with wine. BD

**DAY 7 Belmonte:** visit Jewish Museum; olive oil tasting. **Castelo de Vide:** medieval fortified town with white-washed Jewish Quarter & synagogue. Visit Cork Factory. BD

**DAY 8 Évora:** walk thru walled medieval center to Roman Temple, visit gothic cathedral & São Francisco church, Ossuary Chapel. On to the Algarve. *Optional:* dinner at seafood restaurant. B

**DAY 9 Algarve Coastal Excursion:** Promontory of Sagres, Cape St. Vincent; village of Lagos. B

**DAY 10** Scenic route over Serra da Arrábida with views of Tróia Peninsula, glimpses of Sesimbra Castle. **Azeitão:** tile workshop. Return Lisbon. Dinner with panoramic view. BD **DAY 11** Depart Lisbon. B

*Request a full itinerary, then come join your Emeriti colleagues for this wonderful journey of discovery ~ at an AbFab price!*

**Land:** \$1,997 ppdo (with early booking discount – *ends Nov. 27*; \$2,219 thereafter)

**Air:** *working on it* **Single supplement:** \$570 **Triple discount:** \$65 per person

**Group space released Dec. 18, 2018** **Final payment due:** Jan. 31, 2019

*Questions?* Call Michele, 801-582-2806; or Monica at Thomas Travel, 801-266-2775

REPORT ON EMERITI TOUR TO GREECE LAST APRIL



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## The Emeriti Hiking Group



We had an active summer program. On two occasions we made extended trips away from the Salt Lake area to combine hiking with cultural events.

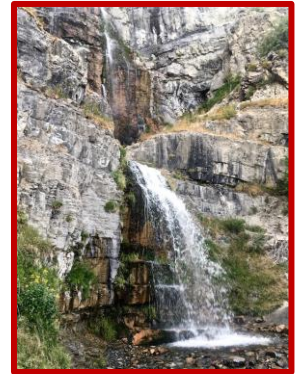
The first of these trips was to Cache Valley to enjoy a range of opportunities afforded by Logan Canyon. Many of us camped in a lovely group site close to a stream with abundant shade and cool breezes; others took advantage of accommodations in the city. Everybody came together for memorable potluck dinners at the campground. Our hikes ranged from easy strolls along the river to more strenuous forays to Mount Naomi and White Pine

Lake (left). Even those who no longer hike found plenty to do with self-guided drives over to Bear Lake and Minnetonka Cave in Idaho. Logan itself had plenty to offer with the Utah Festival Opera.



Our other longer trip, now becoming a tradition, was to Grand Teton National Park. Again, it provided for campers and "motellers," easy to strenuous hikes, and natural history activities including a float trip on the Snake River. We timed it to coincide with the Teton Music Festival and some took in a performance of "West Side Story" celebrating Leonard Bernstein.

Nearer to home we explored favorite hikes in the Wasatch Mountains with their displays of wildflowers and waterfalls (Stewart Falls). As the weather cools we include hikes along the foothills, such as the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Weekly notices advise our email list of the next Friday hike, meeting place, distance and degree of difficulty. Group size is typically 8-15. Contact Suzanne Stensaas, [suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu) or Bill Gray, [cyberflora@xmission.com](mailto:cyberflora@xmission.com) to be added to the list.



### Consider This: Saturday Service Projects

Each year the **Bennion Center** sponsors five drop-in Saturday Service Projects. These events usually take place from 9 am-12 pm unless otherwise noted. They are designed to engage volunteers to address a variety of community needs. Projects vary each month.

November 17, 2018: Hunger and Homelessness

January 19, 2019: MLK Day of Service

February 23, 2019: Healthcare

April 13, 2019: Environmental Sustainability

For more information, please contact Bryce Williams, [Bryce.williams@utah.edu](mailto:Bryce.williams@utah.edu) or Eric Nhem, [eric.nhem@utah.edu](mailto:eric.nhem@utah.edu)

### Emeriti in Action

Our Emeriti Club Secretary **Jan Harold Brunvand**, English, was selected by the International Society for Contemporary Legend Research to receive their annual **Lifetime Achievement Award for Legend Scholarship**. The award was officially announced on June 9, 2018, at the ISCLR annual meeting held in Brussels. Dr. Brunvand was heralded as "the author of a series of books [starting with *The Vanishing Hitchhiker* (1981)] that defined legends for the American public."



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Box Office: 801-581-6961

<http://www.pioneertheatre.org/2017-2018-season/>

**Emeriti Club Members** are entitled to a pair of **FREE** preview tickets. You may collect them in person from the PMT box office with your emeritus UCard



**Ticket Pickup and Preview Dates**

Please Note: PTC Preview performances are on Thursdays at **7:30 p.m.**

**Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**  
T/P: Oct. 1, 2018  
P: Oct. 25, 2018

**Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley**  
T/P: Nov. 12, 2018  
P: Nov. 29, 2018

**The Lion in Winter**  
T/P: Dec. 17, 2018  
P: Jan 3, 2019

**Once**  
T/P: Jan. 21, 2018  
P: Feb. 14, 2019

**Sweat**  
T/P: March 4, 2019  
P: March 28, 2019


**Grease**  
T/P: April 15, 2019  
P: May 9, 2019




# Just a Reminder

The **Mirror/Mask** UMFA group tour is coming up on **November 8**. It features New York artist Marisa Moran Jahn's exciting and unique work. There is no charge for the tour, but we are encouraging lunch at UMFA's café which supports the museum. We need to provide UMFA with a count for both the tour and the café lunch. **Please complete the form on page 7 and submit it by November 1.**

## Select Campus Events

 Hinkley Institute—Pizza and Politics  
**Higher Education and the American Dream**  
*October 17 at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Gardner Commons [replaced Orson Spencer Hall]— Hinckley Caucus Room, 260 South Central Campus Drive. **Free Admission.***

“American Dream Dialogue Series: In our final forum of a three-part dialogue series, panelists will discuss the role of higher education in the American dream. Panelists examine the relationship between higher education and the pursuit of the American Dream, the specific responsibilities of public colleges and universities in helping to secure the American dream for future generations, and how colleges and universities should fulfill these responsibilities today.”

 Theatre Department  
**Julius Caesar**  
*October 26-November 4 at 7:30 p.m., also at 2:00 p.m. on Nov. 3 and 4 at Studio 115 [In the Performing Arts Building located west of the U Bookstore]. **To request free tickets for the preview night, October 25, see <http://theatre.utah.edu/productions/juliuscaesar/>. To Purchase tickets for other performances, see <https://tickets.utah.edu/events/julius-caesar/>***

“Underneath William Shakespeare’s rich, provoking verse is a heart-stopping story of betrayal, justice, and political idealism.”

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### Mirror/Mask group tour at UMFA Thursday, November 8, 1:00 pm ~ see page 6

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number who will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I (we) are planning on eating lunch at the Museum Café prior to the tour:

No  Yes  Number eating at the café \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to arrive by **Nov. 1** to: Mrs. Carol Stenger, 573 L Street, Salt Lake City UT 84103*

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### Luncheon Reservation Form Tuesday, November 13, 12:15 pm, Union Saltair Room ~ see page 1

[To pay by credit card, go to: <https://academic-senate.utah.edu/professors-emeriti-club/>]

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Plate \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Plate \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Plate \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending @ \$17.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary dues for 2016/17 - \$12.00 Single, \$24.00 Couple\* Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if this is your first luncheon as a new member

**\*PLEASE NOTE: You may use either the paper form or the online credit card reservation site at any time to pay your dues, even if you are unable to attend the luncheon.**

**Make check payable to PROFESSORS EMERITI CLUB. Payment should arrive by November 6**  
**Send payment to: Carol Stenger, 573 L St., Salt Lake City UT 84103**