



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

**Professors Emeriti Club**

**Emeriti**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Special Summer 2020 Edition**

## **President's Message from Jerilyn McIntyre**



Welcome to the beginning of another year of activities for the University of Utah Professors Emeriti Club, with a special welcome to the new Emeriti who have joined our ranks. We hope the year ahead holds the promise of better times for all of us.

Let's admit the obvious: the weeks and months since the Emeriti Club last had lunch together have been enormously challenging. We've had to endure lockdowns and sheltering in place. We've adapted to wearing face masks and to social distancing. We've entered the world of Zoom calls and other kinds of virtual interactions. And if you're like me, you've been embarrassed to discover that, for your entire life until

recently, you've been washing your hands incorrectly. For the most part, we've adjusted as best we can to the "new normal," realizing that it may continue well into our future.

Some consequences have been sadder and harder to bear. We may have suffered from COVID 19 ourselves or watched others close to us struggle with it. We may have lost friends or loved ones to this cruel disease. There is so much about what we are going through individually and collectively that keeps us estranged from whatever used to be the "old normal"— the patterns and routines that sustained us and kept us in touch and involved with people and events around us.

Your Emeriti Board has resolved to counter all of this by offering you a full schedule of programs and other activities for the 2020-2021 academic year. The format for those activities will be a little different, however, at least in the fall semester, because of the lingering risks posed by the pandemic. We took into account responses to the survey we distributed in June, in which a majority of you indicated you would be uncomfortable attending our monthly luncheons until the threat from coronavirus is substantially reduced. Of course, we're also monitoring trends and following closely University and local COVID 19 guidelines and restrictions.

As a result, we have decided that the October, November, and December Emeriti programs will be virtual presentations, available over Zoom. The majority of you responding to the survey indicated you would be able to participate in virtual meetings. For those of you who weren't sure or said a virtual format would not be possible for you, we will provide information on how to sign up for Zoom or participate in those sessions by telephone. A useful place to start in that regard is <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806>

Our Zoom gatherings will be called "Food for Thought," to distinguish them from our usual luncheons. It is our plan that, in January, we'll be able to resume meeting for lunch in the Saltair Room. However, if the pandemic continues to make any of the spring semester gatherings risky, they will also be presented over Zoom. We'll inform you well in advance of any changes in program format.

The list of currently confirmed “Food for Thought” and luncheon presentations is posted in a separate article in this Newsletter. (The final schedule will be distributed later in the summer.) We think they present an exciting array of speakers and topics and are confident you’ll enjoy them. The Emeriti Hiking Group will also continue to meet, There is, however, uncertainty about the ticket arrangements we have had in the past for Pioneer Theatre Company Preview Nights, School of Music concerts and Utah Symphony “Finishing Touches” performances. We will let you know if those opportunities will continue. We’ll also keep you informed about noteworthy taped or live-streamed presentations and performances on campus.

On a personal note, I want to express my deep appreciation to the hardworking and dedicated members of the Emeriti Board. I’m delighted that Don Strassberg is joining us as our President-Elect, and Anne Decker will continue her contributions as she moves on to her new role as Past President. Over the past year, Anne has led the Club with remarkable grace, compassion and, in certain crucial moments, humor. We have been fortunate to have had her at the helm during these difficult times.

Special thanks go to two wonderful friends who are ending their service on the Board. Ted Packard’s wise counsel, patience and caring leadership guided us through three years, most recently as Past President. His willingness to tackle hard projects was invaluable. We will miss his energy and his attention to detail. Michele Margetts enriched the life of the Club with activities and tours for 30 years, the first 15 of which were spent assisting her mother, Winnifred Margetts, whose service to the Club in various leadership roles is remembered fondly by many of us. Over the last 15 years, Michele has carried on that tradition, creating her own distinctive legacy, initially as Newsletter Editor and then as Special Activities Coordinator. When we are once again able to gather in the Saltair Room, I will make sure we all have an opportunity to honor and pay tribute to both Ted and Michele, as well as to Anne.

I look forward to greeting all of you in person again soon.

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## **Announcing Our New Emeriti Club President-Elect**



It is a great pleasure to announce that **Don Strassberg, Professor Emeritus of Psychology**, will serve as Emeriti Club President-Elect for the 2020-2021 term. Don and his wife, Ronnie, long active in the UU Faculty Club, have been regular Emeriti Club luncheon attendees since Don was awarded emeritus status in 2018.

Also, by the same electronic and mail-in ballots, Anne Decker, Jan Harold Brunvand, Linda Keiter, Ryck Luthi, and Frank and Carol Stenger were all confirmed to continue in their board positions for another year.

### **Executive Board 2019-2020**

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# Breaking News!

## Important Information About Umail Addresses

Many of you may have received a notice lately describing the university's decision to discontinue Umail addresses for all former employees. After discussions initiated by the Emeriti Club Board, University Information Technology (UIT), has agreed to allow active Emeriti Club members to keep their Umail accounts, so long as the following steps are taken:

- 1. Every Emeriti Club member who would like to keep their Umail account will have to “opt-in” each year.** Those of you with current Umail accounts will be contacted by a representative of UIT who will ask you to indicate that you will follow the guidelines that the university has established for Umail accounts. (Agreeing not to transmit confidential or personal information on your account, for example.) **There will be a handful of statements (or terms of agreement) that you will have to reaffirm every year. If you don't opt opt-in, you will lose your account.**
- 2. All Emeriti Club members will have to start using two-factor authentication (currently the University is using Duo 2FA)\* to access their Umail starting September 2020.** All members who would like to continue with their Umail must download the app to their smartphone. You must have a smartphone to use Duo. If you don't want to have a smart phone or you don't want to use Duo, you can update your records with a personal email like Gmail, etc.
- 3. Be assured that any information UIT acquires in the above process is confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside their team.**

\* Two-factor authentication provides an extra layer of security by requiring a user to log in with a username/password combo *plus* a second method of verifying the user's identity. The second method is something the user has physical access to, like a cellphone or tablet. This ensures that even if a malicious actor manages to obtain a user's login credentials, the information is useless without access to the user's secondary device. –From <https://identity.utah.edu/services/2fa.php>

## Emeriti Club Hiking Group



With Covid 19 giving most of us cabin fever, we proceeded with our June plan to camp in Idaho at City of Rocks National Reserve and Castle Rock State Park. Most of us had never been to this geologically special place with rocks 2.5 billion years old next to some 25 million years old! The photo shows the group learning from Alan Lloyd about the unique geology of the area. The park superintendent spoke to us one afternoon about the history of the area (California Trail) and how the region came to be protected. We had no organized hikes, but each person had a map and in 2's or 4's we explored one of the many trails. We gathered some evenings at one of the campsites to share stories

and experiences. Masks and distancing did not prevent 29 of us from having a safe and enjoyable time. We have reserved a group campsite at Gros Ventre in the Grand Teton National Park, August 20-23 for another safe camping venue (inquire: [suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu)). Meanwhile, friendships made among the group over the years permit individuals to plan their own local hikes in small groups.

# AND NOW FOR SOMETHING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

Jerilyn McIntyre



Even in a pandemic, there is a stimulating array of resources at the U, available for us to enjoy, streaming, taped or online. We will feature as many of them as possible in this column.

This month, we call your attention to the list of virtual presentations featured on the University of Utah Alumni Association site, [ulink.utah.edu](http://ulink.utah.edu). Scroll down to “U Alumni Virtual Events,” or—for past presentations—under “Events Archive.” You’ll be impressed by the rich variety of fascinating subjects covered in those presentations, but one in particular was especially topical. Earlier this year, the Marriott Library presented a webinar on the Utah COVID 19 Digital Collection Project, an initiative in which the library is gathering essays, photos and other items documenting personal experiences during the pandemic of 2020. In this link: <https://youtu.be/H9evGep-IBU?t=194> you’ll learn about the project and how you can contribute to it.

We also invite comments from all of you about other activities of interest: We’ve already received a great suggestion in response to the survey we distributed in June. One of our members thought the Emeriti should have a book club. If any of you are interested in participating in an Emeriti Book Club, and especially if you’re willing to organize and host one, just send a message to me. But that might be a bit down the road. Let’s get started by sharing with each other books we are reading (or have read recently) that you think others in the Club might enjoy. David and I will get the ball rolling with a few books we recommend. From David: [Europe: A Natural History](#) by Tim Flannery; and [Everything in its Place: First Loves and Last Tales](#) by Oliver Sacks. From me: [Women & Power: A Manifesto](#) by Mary Beard; and [Braiding Sweetgrass: indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants](#) by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

We want to hear from the rest of you. What’s on your bookshelf this summer? Are there links to other activities that you think we should share? Send them to me at [jerilyn.mcintyre@mac.com](mailto:jerilyn.mcintyre@mac.com) I’ll post some of your suggestions (and reactions to books and presentations mentioned here) in future newsletters. Let’s make this column as interactive as possible.

## In Memoriam

**Fredrick C. Anderson**  
Internal Medicine  
June 8, 2020

**Arthur D. Broom**  
Medicinal  
Chemistry

**James L. Overall**  
Pediatrics  
May 1, 2020

## Welcome to These New Emeriti

**Daniel Adams**, Mechanical Engineering  
**John Bartley**, Geology & Geophysics  
**Richard Barton**, Surgery  
**David Bjorkman**, Internal Medicine  
**Felipe Calizaya**, Mining Engineering  
**Grant Cannon**, Internal Medicine  
**William E. Cosgrove**, Pediatrics  
**John "Jack" L. Dolcourt**, Pediatrics  
**Fred Esplin**, Institutional Advancement  
**John Funk**, Urban Institute for Teaching Education Program (UITE)  
**Michael Gardner**, Educational Psychology  
**David Goldgar**, Dermatology  
**Charles Hansen**, School of Computing  
**Leanne Hawken**, Special Education  
**Christopher Jones**, Neurology  
**David Kiefer**, Economics  
**Jerald D. King**, Pediatrics  
**Karin T. Kirchoff**, College of Nursing  
**Jenny Lind**, College of Architecture + Planning  
**Stephen Morris**, Surgery  
**Catherine Nelson**, Special Education  
**Carolan Ownby**, LEAP Program  
**Scott S. Parker**, Operations & Information Systems

**Kristen Paul**, Special Education  
**Judith Pechmann**, Atmospheric Sciences  
**Phyllis Kathleen Pope**, School of Music  
**Diana Pounder**, Educational Leadership & Policy  
**Steven Roens**, School of Music  
**Brenda Scheer**, School of Architecture and City and Metropolitan Planning  
**Gary Schoenwolf**, Neurobiology & Anatomy  
**Peregrine Schwartz-Shea**, Political Science  
**Brent Snow**, Surgery  
**Randall Stewart**, World Languages & Cultures  
**John Sperry**, School of Biological Sciences  
**Russell Stewart**, Biomedical Engineering  
**David Stillman**, Pathology  
**Kenneth W. Spitzer**, Internal Medicine  
**Paul H. Swensen**, Pediatrics  
**Melanie Rae Thon**, English  
**Carl Wittwer**, Pathology  
**Cheryl Winston**, Special Education  
**Joanne Wright**, Occupational and Recreational Therapies  
**Dan Woltz**, Educational Psychology  
**Hassan Yaish**, Pediatrics  
**Joseph Zachary**, School of Computing

## 2019-2020 Preliminary Emeriti Club Luncheon Dates and Programs

Date	Speaker	Topic	Venue
Tues., Oct. 13, 2020	<b>Ruth Watkins</b> , President, University of Utah	State of the University	Zoom
Tues., Nov. 10, 2020	<b>Thomas Burr</b> , Washington Correspondent for the Salt Lake Tribune	2020 Election Analysis	Zoom
Tues., Dec. 8, 2020	<b>U of U Chamber Music Chorale</b> <b>Rabbi Sam Spector</b> , Congregation Kol Ami	Video Performance TBA	Zoom
Tues., Jan. 12, 2021	<b>Angela Dunn</b> , Utah State Epidemiologist or TBA	Covid 19 Utah	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., Feb. 9, 2021	<b>Jason Cryan</b> , Executive Director, Natural History Museum of Utah	Scientific Research in Museums: The Academic Road Less Taken	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., March 9, 2021	<b>Sandra Hollins</b> , Utah State Representative, District 23	Black Lives Matter Movement/Ending Systemic Racism	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., April 13, 2021	<b>Geralyn Dreyfous</b> , Oscar-winning film producer	Film as a Strategy for Social Change	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., May 11, 2021	TBA		Zoom or Luncheon