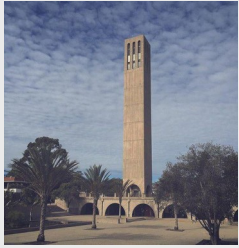


# EMERITI—RETIREE NEWSLETTER

## UC SANTA BARBARA

Emeriti—Retiree Center



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**From the Emeriti Association President**

Dear friends and colleagues,

While our lives and those of our family and friends are still threatened by the pandemic, there does seem to be light at the end of the tunnel, even if it is a long and narrow one. I got my first Covid-19 vaccine this week. If you haven't already got yours, I hope that it us on the near horizon. Let's hope we can again meet on-campus and in-person in the fall.

Thanks to those who participated in our recent survey of emeriti. Your suggestions will help guide us in future planning. As you know, some of the questions pertained to recent retirement experience. Those of us who retired a while ago will recall that UCSB used to have two retirement advisors on staff. Those positions were eliminated, and almost all retirement counseling and processing is now done remotely, via the Retirement Administrative Service Center (RASC) in Oakland. Our survey revealed that only 61% of respondents had a positive experience with RASC. Some were profoundly dissatisfied, offering details of an experience that can only be qualified as scandalous. These problems are not limited to UCSB retirees. The Office of the President is aware of them, as is the Senate. At the October 28 joint meeting of the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA), Interim Vice President Cheryl Lloyd made clear that a major overhaul of RASC will be taking place. UC has engaged an outside consultant to help design a more efficient and "customer centric" operation. Let's hope it works. RASC has also formed a Survivor Collaborative Work Group, which includes representatives from CUCEA and CUCRA, with the goal of improving the experience of survivors, some of whom have had to wait months to receive continued pension payments.

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**From the Retirees Association President**

Dear Retirees:

Happy New Year to all from your Retirees Association Board Members. I hope you and your families and friends are all well and are having a healthy New Year. As usual, we have had some beautiful, warm weather and good rain. Unfortunately we had to cancel our Holiday luncheon in December, but we do hope that your holidays were lovely.

Welcome to our new members and welcome back to our continuing members. Also, deep appreciation to Karen Rasmussen of the Retirees/Emeriti Office for her guidance, support and friendship during this challenging year. I know we have kept you busy.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID virus, it has been a challenging year for all of us, but we are doing the best we can. The Retiree Board Members continue to meet via "zoom." We are working on possible future events and activities and will get things

going again as soon as we can. Please stay in contact should you think of special activities for the future.

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## Update on UCSB's COVID-19 Vaccination efforts

Click here - [Covid-19 Vaccination Update](#)  
to read 02-03-2021 Memo from Chancellor Yang

## Your 2019 Tax Forms

### Where to Go



All 1099Rs are available for viewing and downloading from your  
**UC Retirement At Your Service** [UCRAYS](#) account.

- Go to “Benefit Payments & Taxes” and click “Tax Statements.” For security reasons, you will be sent an email when you view your statement.
- Those who elected mail will get a copy mailed to them. Printed 1099-R forms are mailed by Jan. 31 to the address you have on file. UC sends you a printed form unless you request an electronic version.
- Recently retired employees have access to view or download their W-2 statements (up to three years after their separation date). To access their UCPATH W-2, visit [UCPATH](#) and click on “University of California; Former Employees.” Once logged in, click on Employee Actions > Income and Taxes > View Online W-2.
- **Important Security Reminder:** UC does not send W-2 statements by email or text. If you receive an email or text with a link or an attachment for viewing a W-2, it is a phishing scam designed to gain your private information. Do not open attachments or click email links that claim to provide access to your W-2.

For more information please refer to the UCNNet post [2020 Tax Statements Available Now](#)

## The UCSB Human Resources website has an entirely new look

The address of the new site is the same (<https://www.hr.ucsb.edu>), but you will find many improvements in the site design and organization—making it easier for you to find answers and the resources you need. Check out the [Emeriti—Retirees resources](#) tab. The last HR website redesign was in 2013. We are excited for the improvements that this new website offers.





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We have continued to provide financial support for the Santa Barbara Foundation to be used for scholarships for local high school seniors who plan to attend college. We have also continued support for the Guardian Scholars program at UCSB.

I hope you were able to join in the Benefits informational meetings during open enrollment and have received your Insurance Cards. You should also pick up a Retirees Membership card and, if you have not already, picked up the Retirees Parking Pass at Transportation and Parking Services. Campus parking is really valuable when you are needing a quiet beach walk or stroll around our beautiful campus. This is something we can still enjoy!

We look forward to the day when we can continue our monthly meetings the third Wednesday of each month with special guest speakers and have those special get-togethers during the year. We would also like to plan some activities with our Emeriti Association.

We are looking for current and future retirees to think about joining our UCSB Retirees Association Board. We currently have open positions so if you are interested in taking a more active role in our group, please contact me at [mamascamp@msn.com](mailto:mamascamp@msn.com). Also please consider joining the Association. The dues are only \$15 a year for membership and provide ongoing contact with the UCSB community.

Looking forward to hugs, smiles, meals and other activities with fellow Retirees.

Warmly and with best wishes,

Sandy Camp, President, UCSB Retirees Association  
[mamascamp@msn.com](mailto:mamascamp@msn.com)

**Congratulations to Tonia Shimin,  
Professor Emerita Theater and Dance**

whose book *The Art of Symeon Shimin* has received the 2020 Distinguished Favorite Award in Fine Arts from The Independent Book Awards and Winner 2020 NYC Big Book Award in Arts and Entertainment.

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The Health Benefits Advisory Committee, appointed by former President Napolitano, has recently issued its final report. CUCEA and CUCRA had representatives on this committee. In its response to the report, the Office of the President has already agreed to maintain a "broad variety of plan models and price points". In addition, the OP has committed to "increasing Health Care Facilitator resources in FY21-22," to "pursue out-of-state coverage for employee family members enrolled in HMOs," and to "pursue advanced tools to assist employees [and retirees] making health plan choices." Additional recommendations are under study. This is very good news. (Click [here](#) to read the HBAC final report)

As you know, the UCSB Emeriti Association is a voluntary association supported by your dues and donations, guided by your Board of Directors, who are among your fellow emeriti. We depend on your dues not only for our local activities, but also to actively participate in the work of CUCEA. Thanks for joining or renewing your membership, and special thanks to those who have contributed to our undergraduate fund.

Happy New Year!

Bill

Bill Ashby, President, UCSB Emeriti Association  
[ashby@ucsb.edu](mailto:ashby@ucsb.edu)

**Message from former Emeriti Association president, David Sprecher...**

*It is not clear from day to day what tomorrow's news will be, but there is always hope. Anyway, I wish us collectively a good 2021, with nothing but internal and external sunshine.*

Wish all best regards,  
David Sprecher

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## UC Retirees Travel 2022 Tour Webinar

[UC Retirees Travel](#) is looking forward to exploring the world again when it is safe to do so. Learn more about their first two exciting 2022 trips to the [Baltic capitals/St. Petersburg](#) and [Chile/Argentina](#) at a webinar on Tuesday, February 9 at 11 a.m. Pacific Time. 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](#)

## Media Technology and Politics Under Pressure



In February 2021, the Carsey-Wolf Center presents a series of three virtual roundtables with leading media scholars. Explore the past, present, and future of media in the wake of the anxieties and possibilities of our current moment. The events are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required, and participants must register for each roundtable separately. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

**Saturday, February 6 | 11 am**  
[recreation.ucsb.edu/palentes](https://recreation.ucsb.edu/palentes)



Grab a pal, roommate, family member, or partner and learn how to decorate sugar cookies!

Join the Department of Recreation and the Isla Vista Recreation & Parks District (IVRPD) for this fun and delicious cookie decorating workshop. Learn from cookie decorator and Gaucho alum, Marissa Garcia, as she teaches us how to decorate beautiful Valentine's Day cookies. Tune in, get inspired, and create! This free interactive Zoom class is open to UCSB Staff, Faculty, and Community members of all baking and decorating levels!

For more details and to register go to [recreation.ucsb.edu/palentes](https://recreation.ucsb.edu/palentes)

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UCSB's official news site—updated daily with breaking news, events, and research news





## IN MEMORIAM

Norman Boyan  
Education  
1990

George Matthaei  
Electrical & Computer Engineering  
1991

Chi-Yun Chen  
History  
1994

Thomas P. Mitchell  
Mechanical Engineering  
1994

Carol DeCanio  
Chemical Engineering  
2003

Barbara Prezelin  
Ecological Biology  
2012

Richard W. Jensen  
Office of Budget & Planning  
1990

Reginald Velasquez  
Bookstore  
1992

Losing a loved one is never easy, and it can be difficult to settle your loved one's estate while you are still grieving. Detailed information on the steps you need to take can be found at [Your Guide to Survivor and Beneficiary Benefits](#) booklet. UC staff will work with you to explain any benefits available to you and to other survivors or beneficiaries. The [Retirement Administration Service Center](#) will be your primary point of contact. RASC representatives can answer questions and guide you through the process of claiming both UCRP benefits and UC-sponsored health and welfare benefits, if you're eligible. Report a death via [Retirement At Your Service \(UCRAYS\)](#) or contact the RASC at **1-800-888-8267** (or 1-510-987-0200 from outside the U.S.), 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

### Have you moved recently?

If you have moved, please remember to contact the following with your new address:



- ⇒ [UC Retirement Administration Service Center \(RASC\)](#) 800-888-8267 will forward your updated address to your insurance carriers. You can update your contact information via [Retirement At Your Service Online](#) (UCRAYS)
- ⇒ To send to RASC via USPS, the change of address form for retirees is found here –[UBEN131](#). Once completed, the form should be sent to RASC (address on UBEN 131 form)
- ⇒ [Social Security](#) if you are on Medicare
- ⇒ UCSB Emeriti/Retiree Center – send email to [karen.rasmussen@hr.ucsb.edu](mailto:karen.rasmussen@hr.ucsb.edu)



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**UCSB Retiree Association  
2019-2020**

**Officers**

- Sandy Camp**, President
- OPEN**, Co-President
- Barbara Bartolome**, Secretary
- Ginny Turner-Scholl**, Treasurer
- Laurie Theobald**, Membership
- Donna Craig**, Programs
- Claudia Alphin**, Programs
- Barbara Anderson**, Ex Officio
- Robert Mann**, CUCRA Rep

**Members-at-Large**

- Marilyn Benson
- Shirley Dunbar
- Elizabeth Koch
- Tippi Lawrence
- Irene Pearce
- Nancy Tanner

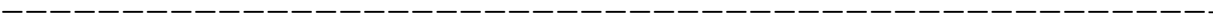
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2020-2021**

**Officers**

- William Ashby**, President
- Loy Lytle**, Vice-President
- Ellen Broidy**, Secretary
- William Prothero**, Treasurer
- Open**, CUCEA Rep

**Members at Large**

- Denise Bielby
- Cynthia Brown
- R. Dan Little
- W. Douglas Morgan
- Louise Moser
- Tonia Shimin
- Robert Warner
- John Wiemann
- Simon Williams



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