

EMERITI—RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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Emeriti—Retirees Center

From the Retirees Association President

Hi all:

Well, I must say we are nothing if not resilient. I really hope everyone is healthy and finding things to make you happy. Thankful for the rain and beautiful spring blooms. We certainly don't need to worry about a drought.

We were busy through the Winter Season with meetings and plans for moving ahead with our organization and efforts to serve our retirement community. We had some great breakfast meetings and wonderful speakers. Our 2019 Holiday luncheon at Mulligans was fun and the food was great. We had a good turnout and great entertainment. We had planned future speaker meetings and activities, that had to be cancelled. However, we will be back as soon as it is safe to do so.

As you know we were looking forward to hosting the systemwide Retirees and Emeriti Associations (CUCRA and CUCEA) for the Spring meetings in April. Due to circumstances, it was cancelled, and I believe it is scheduled to be done via a Zoom meeting.

Thank you for submitting your annual membership dues. Your membership is very important in keeping us connected. Your \$15 dues go to supporting our scholarship program and helps cover our annual dues paid to the systemwide CUCRA group.

As a last note, if you are interested in becoming more involved in the Retirees Association, feel free to contact one of the current Board Members. We would love to have more retirees involved in planning and activities.

Enjoy our beautiful community! And have a wonderful summer! Hopefully we will be getting together again soon. Please take care of yourselves, be kind and love one another. I am listening to music. Those old vinyl records are sounding great.

Love and best wishes,

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UCSB Retirees Association

Third Wednesday—General Association Meeting

UCSB Retirees Association monthly general meeting and presentations have been **canceled until further notice**. These gatherings usually take place on the third Wednesday of months of September thru May and all retirees are invited to attend.

Cody's Café, Hollister Ave & Turnpike Rd, 9:00 am

Of course, we feel it's best to ensure the health and safety of our community. As the COVID 19 situation changes, we will reevaluate our get-together plans. When things get back to normal, we plan to resume our meetings and hope to re-schedule these events:

- Alissa Mrazek - Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at [UCSB's Center for Mindfulness and Human Potential](#)
- Jill Swaim—retired educator and [Elder Hostel/Road Scholar](#) Ambassador
- Annual General Meeting and Elections of Officers with lunch at Mulligan's Café

For more information on Association membership, check out the [Retirees](#) tab of the HR website. **Please note— the UCSB HR website is currently under re-construction and may be unavailable at times.**

SAVE THE DATE!

The UCSB Retirees Association

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Please join us for the UCSB Retirees Association General Meeting as we elect officers for the coming year and enjoy socializing, coffee and lunch with friends!

Thursday, June 18, 2020

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

General Meeting, Elections, Lunch,
Raffle and Socializing with Friends!

Please consider bringing a new or gently used treasure for the raffle. Proceeds help fund our \$1000 student scholarship and our support of the Guardian Scholars program for UCSB students formerly in foster care.

There will be no July or August Breakfast Meeting.





Chancellor's Reception Celebration of Service Honoring New Retirees

which takes place annually in May will be postponed.

Chancellor Yang, the Emeriti-Retirees Center, the Emeriti Association and the Retirees Association look forward to welcoming all of our recent retirees back to campus so that we can celebrate the achievement of their retirement together.

[UCSB Emeriti Retirees Center](#)



The Spring 2020 CUCRA-CUCEA Conference will not take place at UCSB, as previously scheduled, but participants will meet via a *Zoom* meeting on Thursday, April 30 at 9:00 am

The CUCRA and CUCEA joint meeting will begin at 9 am, followed by the CUCRA and CUCEA concurrent meetings from 1 pm to 4 pm. If you are interested in joining the Zoom meetings please email the UCSB Emeriti - Retirees Center at ka-ren.rasmussen@hr.ucsb.edu to indicate which meetings you plan to attend so that the appropriate zoom links will be shared. If you need help using Zoom and accessing a Zoom meeting, a good resource to learn about Zoom meetings is at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/201146643>.

From UCNet...

Can't take your mind off coronavirus right now? You're not the only one. But obsessing over a situation that you can't control (other than by staying home) isn't doing you any favors. From UCNet here are some ideas to try instead.

[10 Productive Distractions you Can try Right Now](#)



Getting Started With Medicare

If you're nearing 65, chances are you will be eligible for Medicare – the federal program to provide those over age 65 and the disabled with secure access to medical care. To keep your UC-sponsored retiree medical coverage, you and your enrolled family members need to enroll in Medicare at the appropriate time.



When to apply for Medicare

If you are retired, turning 65 and NOT yet receiving a Social Security pension, apply for Medicare about 3 months prior to your 65th birthday.

If you are retired, turning 65 and receiving a Social Security pension, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. Social Security will mail you a Medicare card a few months before you turn 65 or become eligible for Medicare due to a disability or health condition.

How to apply for Medicare

Apply for Medicare Parts A and B at the Social Security office or online at <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare>. Or, you can meet with an advisor at the Social Security office at 122 W. Figueroa St in Santa Barbara, or in the community where you live. Call **1-866-695-6285** to make an appointment in Santa Barbara. (Nationwide **1-800-772-1213**). **UC will enroll you in the UC Medicare Part D (drug) plan** that is bundled with your UC medical plan. You do not need to enroll in an "individual" Part D (drug) plan (unless you elect UC Medicare PPO w/o Rx.)

UC Medicare Information Packet

The Retirement Administration Service Center ([RASC](#)) will mail you a Medicare information packet that includes instructions and UC forms **three months before your 65th birthday**. Your enrolled family members will also get a mailing before their 65th birthday. Medicare starts the first day of your birth month (unless your birthday falls on the 1st of the month, Medicare starts the month prior). It is necessary that retirees apply for **Medicare Part A (hospital) and B (medical)** – even if you have not paid into Social Security. You may be eligible for Medicare through the work history of a spouse. If you find you are not eligible for Medicare Part A with no monthly premium, UC does not require that you enroll in Medicare.

How to enroll in your UC-sponsored Medicare Plan

There is a Medicare version of each UC medical plan. The UC Medicare plan is a supplement or advantage plan that helps pay expenses not paid by Medicare. There will be an enrollment form for your partner Medicare plan in the information packet you receive from the [RASC](#). Complete the enrollment form and return it by the deadline to ensure that your coverage continues without interruption. Your family members who are not yet eligible for Medicare will stay on the non-Medicare version of your UC medical plan.

More information about UC Medicare plans

UCnet website: <http://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu> Search for "Medicare" for a list of help sheets, resources and forms.

Questions about your retiree medical benefits? Call [RASC](#) at 1-800-888-8267



Beware of COVID-19-Related Phishing Emails

By Sam Horowitz, UCSB Chief Information Security Officer

04/10/2020 <https://www.it.ucsb.edu/news-and-events>

Criminals never let a calamitous event go to waste. COVID-19 is no exception. The instances of phishing and malware related to COVID-19 are rising worldwide. Many of the email-based attacks revolve around fake news, false government warnings, and bogus charitable solicitations.

Any time you see an email related to COVID-19, take extra precautions. Look carefully at the source. Is it a real address or something designed to mislead you into thinking it's real? The same is true for links within the email. Don't click until you look carefully. Remember, you can test questionable links at <https://virustotal.com>.

Criminals also embed malware, including ransomware in attachments, especially Microsoft Word and Excel documents. If you open a Word or Excel document and it asks to enable macros, don't do it unless you know the source. Microsoft Office macros are a common way to deliver malware infections. If you get an unexpected attachment from a questionable source, you can test it at <https://virustotal.com>. It's also important to keep your systems updated.

Be on the lookout for social engineering attacks too. Many take the form of bogus charities using COVID-19 as a reason to solicit donations. Do your research, and don't be fooled by messages designed to pull at your heartstrings that originate from criminals. They are good at what they do. Your vigilance needs to be better. Remember, you can go directly to a charity's website to donate. You don't need to click the link in an email.

As we all do our part to limit the spread of the virus, please do your part to protect yourself, your family, and the campus community from criminal enterprises that seek to separate you from your money. Stay well, and let's look forward to seeing each other on campus.



Spring 2020 News, Virtual Events and Exhibitions at UCSB Library



Spring greetings from UCSB Library! Though the building is closed, [the virtual Library remains open 24/7 with remote access to resources and services](#). We're also pleased to share with you here some exciting news about new online resources, including virtual events and exhibitions.

Register Now: 4 p.m. April 22 | Free Online Community Talk with the UCSB Reads Author

Join [UCSB Reads 2020](#) author, Elizabeth Rush, for a free online community talk on Earth Day about her book *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore and the impact of sea level rise on the United States*. Event moderated by [David Pellow](#), Dehlsen Chair and Professor of Environmental Studies ****To sign up for this free talk, please fill out [this short registration form](#).**

Watch Now: An Education for Social Transformation with Ethan Chang

As part of its [Pacific Views: Library Speaker Series](#), UCSB Library presents a talk by Ethan Chang, a Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow in Asian American Studies and Black Studies. The lecture examines the people, pedagogy, and practices of the Highlander Research and Education Center and considers how education might foster community leadership and multi-issue struggles for justice. [Watch "An Education for Social Transformation" Now](#)

The Creative Edge of Collecting: The "Nothing" of William Davies King

In 2008, UCSB Theater professor William Davies King confronted his lifelong practice of collecting things of little or no value, in his book *Collections of Nothing* (U. of Chicago Press). Since then, he has transformed the idle collecting of ephemera into something enduring and creative—a story, a teaching, a work of art. He offers [this exhibit](#) to the creative imagination of its viewers, with a nod to those who are intrigued by the quirky things that professors do. [Click here for a virtual walk-through of the exhibition with William Davies King](#).

UCSB Library Online Exhibitions

The UCSB Library has a number of current and past exhibitions available for viewing online. [Look through the collection here](#).

Exciting News: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant

The Library received a prestigious grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to make thousands of historic sound recordings held by UCSB Library freely accessible online. [Read more about the project](#).

Improved Website Coming Soon!

UC Santa Barbara Human Resources website is currently under re-construction and may be unavailable at times. Improvements are planned on the Retirees & Emeriti tab to improve the flow and ease of use.



Emeriti—Retirees Center Frequently Asked Questions

- ◇ How do I get a Retiree or Emeriti ID card?
Send an email with your full name, retirement year, mailing address and email address to karen.rasmussen@hr.ucsb.edu. [Retiree privileges](#)
- ◇ Looking for tax forms? [Click here](#)
- ◇ How is my medical plan supporting members during this time?
[COVID-19 Response from UC HealthCare plans\(4/9/20\)](#)
- ◇ What impact will COVID-19 have on my UCRP?
[The long-term stability of your UCRP](#)
- ◇ What effect will the CARES Act have on my UCRP?
[CARES Act impact on Retirement Savings Program, MRD's, withdrawals and loans](#)
[New CARES Act Impact on MRD's](#)
- ◇ I'm locked out of UCRAYS and am frustrated with the RASC, can someone on campus help me?
Unfortunately, UCSB staff do not have the ability to reset your UCRAYS password. Only the [RASC](#) has the ability to reset your UCRAYS password. The RASC reviews the hotline (1-916-703-6999) messages, giving priority to issues concerning payments and denial of medical services. For other issues, emeriti and retirees are encouraged to send a secure email message via [UCRAYS](#), and **not** call the hotline. Click to read [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about UCRAYS.

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Irma Cavat
Art Department
1991

Jack W. Harris
University Extension
1982

David E. Pierce
Earth Science
2005

Barbara Uehling Charlton
Former Chancellor
1994

Edna M. Hollingsworth
Learning Resources
1989

Diane Pires
Bookstore
2001

James M. Delabar
Natural Reserve System
2016

Michael C. Ingham
Music Department
2009

Paul Prince
Art Museum
2005

Duncan Blair
Physical Activities
2004

Charles H. Long
Religious Studies
1996

John Ridland
English Department
2004

Augustine Gray
Electrical & Computer Engi-
neering
1980

Bradley Mascolo
Mail Services
2019

Wilton "Will" Wood
University Center
2018

Joseph Harkins
Environmental Health & Safety
2019

Dorothy McLaren
Instructional Development
2010

Harold Votey
Economics Dept
1993

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