

## USC Emeriti Center E-Newsletter: April 2019

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## USC Retiree Community Newsletter

*April 2019*



From left to right: Richard MacKenzie (RFA), Michael Klineman (SRA), President-elect Carol Holt, Janette Brown (Emeriti Center), Jerry Walker (RFA), and Calvin Lau (RFA).

## USC president-elect Dr. Carol Folt meets with representatives from the USC Emeriti Center, SRA and RFA

USC president-elect Dr. Carol Folt met with the Emeriti Center, Staff Retirement Association and the Retired Faculty Association in March. They discussed the valuable roles that the Emeriti Center and our retirees can play at USC. President-elect Folt has agreed to be present at our annual holiday breakfast on December 2. Dr. Folt recognized the love and loyalty of many retirees faculty and staff.

To read more about the meeting, please click [here](#) to visit the website.

## Upcoming Events

### [USC Emeriti Center Meet & Greet + Everything You Want to Know About Medicare](#)

We will be hosting a light lunch on April 24 where we will have a Q & A about Emeriti Center opportunities and an expert presentation on Medicare by Aileen Harper, Center for Health Care Rights executive director. To read more about the event, please [click here](#).

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

University Religious Center (URC), Fishbowl

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

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### ***USC Emeriti Center Wellness Event***

USC physical therapists, clinical doctorate students and dietitians will offer a series of short concurrent workshops related to Nutrition, Balance, Strength, Flexibility, Posture, and Cardiovascular Health to help keep you fit and healthy.

Monday, August 19, 2019

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

CHP Center for the Health Profession Building - Room 224  
USC Health Science Campus, 1540 Alcazar St. Los Angeles, CA  
90033



Click here to RSVP: [bit.ly/Wellness8-19-19](https://bit.ly/Wellness8-19-19)

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## In the News



*Assistant Vice Provost Janette Brown recognized with USC President's Staff Achievement Award*

Dr. Brown was named a winner of the 2019 USC President's Staff Achievement Award. She was recognized during the 2019 Staff Recognition Luncheon this past month.

[To read Dr. Brown's statement regarding the award, click here.](#)

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### *Four retired faculty honored with the Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award*

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award:

[Richard Easterlin](#), [Guilbert Hentschke](#), [Marcel Nimni](#), and [Joel Schechter](#).

The USC Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award honors up to four retired faculty each year for their eminent careers. Since its inception in 1982, the award has been bestowed upon 121 retired faculty from the arts and humanities; social sciences; science, technology, engineering and mathematics; medicine; and other professional disciplines.

[To read more about the award and the winners, click here.](#)

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### *J. Tillman Hall Award Winner goes to Donna Simmons*



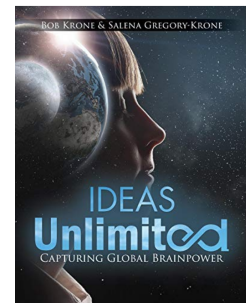
Donna Simmons has served the USC retiree community for many years. In 2013, Donna was one of the founding members of Trojans Helping Trojans, a division of Trojan ENCORE that engages retired faculty and staff to help others. Donna has served on Emeriti Center committees, contributed to the USC Retiree Community Newsletter, and continues to offer her expertise to help wherever needed.

In her role on the Staff Retirement Association Board (SRA), she serves as hospitality chair. In this role, Donna has played an integral part ensuring the success of numerous events and programs. The most recent event, the annual retiree holiday celebration/Emeriti Center 40th Anniversary luncheon in Town and Gown was a success due to Donna's leadership, management, and organizing the many details for a successful event with 350 guests.

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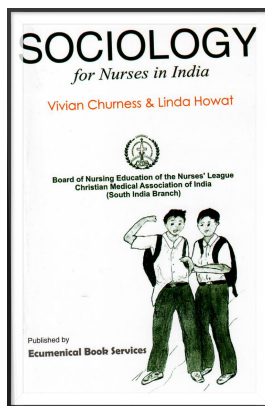
### *Retiree Bob Krone publishes 2nd Edition of "Ideas Unlimited: Capturing Global Brainpower"*

This short book tells the story of the most effective qualitative idea generating method now in existence. It has ninety years of global validation across diverse organizations and cultures. Ideas Unlimited instructs you on how to benefit your work, life, and your organization, through its use. The fundamental principle of Ideas Unlimited is that those who do the work possess the know-how and the insight to improve it.



[If you are interested in reading more or purchasing the book, click here.](#)

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*Retirees Vivian Churness & Linda Howat publish "Sociology for Nurses in India"*

Dr. Vivian Churness along with Linda Howat researched and wrote "Sociology for Nurses in India" to help nurses in India learn about sociological concepts based on Indian contexts and how to apply them to their professions. Through the knowledge of social determinants of health, it can help nurses provide care that meet patients' needs.

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*EC student worker Kay Morrison travels to New York for National High School Model United Nation Conference (NHSMUN)*

Kay is one of our students workers here at the Emeriti Center, and she had a great opportunity to go to New York as staff for the National High School Model United Nation Conference.

NHSMUN is the worlds largest high school Model UN Conference in the world, and each year the conference welcomes hundreds of schools and thousands of students from all across the globe to participate in an amazing learning experience. At the conference, students are put into committees to debate about a multitude of pressing international issues, working together to find solutions for topics ranging from refugee and climate change from natural disasters to the feasibility of nuclear energy in developing countries.



[Click here to read more about Kay's trip and what she learned from the experience.](#)

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## [News from the RFA](#)



by Calvin Lau, RFA President

As readers of this newly established monthly from the Emeriti Center, have you thought about how you spend your hours of daily living now that you are retired and no longer on the USC payroll?

Let's start with the alphabet and use each letter to represent word(s) related to the business of retirement.

[To read the rest of Dr. Lau's message, click here.](#)

## [News from the SRA](#)



On March 15, the Staff Retirement luncheon was held at Town & Gown. This annual event was sponsored by the Senior Vice President's office, the Staff Retirement Association (SRA) and the USC Emeriti Center. Of the 220 guests, 43 were newly retired honorees, the largest group to attend the event. Dan Stimmler, Vice President for Auxiliary Services and Chief Operating Officer of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and Sports Arena was the keynote speaker who covered a wide range of topics including the Coliseum renovation. Mike Klineman, SRA President, introduced honorees indicating their many years of service. Janette Brown, Assistant Vice Provost, Emeriti Center, presented the J. Tillman Hall Staff Award to Donna Simmons. Donna Simmons has served the USC retiree community for many years. Playing many volunteer roles, Donna was a founding member of Trojan Encore, serves on the USC Emeriti Center Executive Leadership Board, and has been a SRA board member and committee chair. To read more about Donna, click [here](#).

# Campus and Community Events

## *USC Visions & Voices Event*

### [Moving History/Dancing Cultures: Spring BFA Dance Performance](#)

Thursday, April 24 & 25

Bing Auditorium

Marking the much-anticipated graduation of USC Kaufman's inaugural class, all four USC Kaufman classes will perform together in the Spring BFA Dance Performance for the first time. [Click here to get tickets to this performance.](#)



To find more events like this, visit [visionsandvoices.usc.edu/events/](https://visionsandvoices.usc.edu/events/).

## *Community Events*

### [The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#)

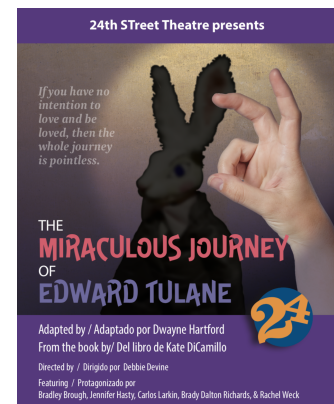
April 6 - May 19, 2019

24th Street Theatre

1117 W 24th St.

Los Angeles, CA 90007

"24th Street Theatre, renowned for presenting sophisticated, emotionally rich and provocative theater that can be enjoyed by both adults and kids, separately or together, presents Dwayne Hartford's stage adaptation of the novel by Kate DiCamillo. In this powerful and highly stylized story, Edward Tulane is a porcelain rabbit who must learn the meaning of love: what it is to love, what it is to lose that love and how to find the courage to love again."



[To read more about the production, please click here.](#)

## Volunteer + Work Opportunities

## *Join Trojan Encore!*

Trojan Encore is a special initiative of the USC Emeriti Center. Many retired Trojans want to continue to support the mission of USC by volunteering or working short-term in various USC schools, departments and divisions. [To read more about how to get involved, click here!](#)

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## **In Memoriam**

We honor and mourn our university colleagues who have passed. Those who were recorded by press time, and whose names were not mentioned in previous newsletters:

[Ralph Fertig](#) (Social Work) and [Madeleine “June” Griffin](#) - (University Advancement/Office of the Senior VP.

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## **Benefactor Recognition**

Through the Emeriti Center’s Benefactor Recognition Program, we thank those who have recognized honored colleagues, friends, and family with a \$500 or more contribution.

Would you consider naming our center in your gift planning? If so, please call (213) 740-7121 or [jcbrown@usc.edu](mailto:jcbrown@usc.edu).

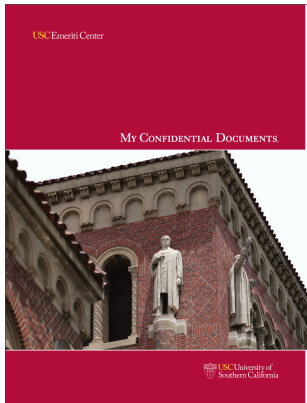
**Smart phones make it easy to donate to Caldwell Scholarships, EC, RFA and SRA. Text the word “Emeriti” to 41444 on your cell phone to make a pledge.** You will receive a text that gives you a link to donate online.

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## Resources

### *Download "My Confidential Documents"*



Did you know that the USC Emeriti Center offers free resources online? One of those many resources is "My Confidential Documents" which was created by USC retirees for fellow retirees! It is a document where you can collect, prepare and store all important information in one place. This information ranges from estate planning to computer/internet access.

To download the document, click [here](#).

To check out other resources that are available, please refer to our [publications page](#) on our website.

## USC Emeriti Center Partnerships

Visit <https://emeriti.usc.edu/about/partnerships/> to explore our partnerships with other schools and organizations and to find more resources and events to attend.

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### ABOUT THE USC EMERITI CENTER

Since its founding in 1978, the USC Emeriti Center has served the university's retirees and pre-retirees in living healthy and purposeful lives by providing essential information, resources, services, advocacy, privileges, and support. Part of the Office of the Provost, the Emeriti Center offers most of its services and programs free of charge. Certain special privileges, such as the Gold Card, are available to retirees age 55 or older with at least 10 years of benefits-eligible employment at the university.

The Center is home to the USC Emeriti College, which operates a speakers' bureau, the Noboru Inamoto Lectureship, offers enrichment classes and research seed grants, and fosters multidisciplinary and multigenerational opportunities for lifelong learning.

The Emeriti Center also provides support for USC's Retired Faculty Association (RFA) and the Staff Retirement Association (SRA), and encourages all members of the Trojan Family to participate in its many programs.

In addition, the Emeriti Center houses the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, an international nonprofit that shares resources, best practices, and research among North American universities. The Emeriti Center helped found the organization, which began through professional meetings initiated in 1985 by former Emeriti Center Executive Director Paul Hadley.

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## **Assistant Vice Provost Janette Brown recognized with USC President's Staff Achievement Award**

Assistant Vice Provost Janette Brown was named a winner of the 2019 USC President's Staff Achievement Award. She was recognized during the 2019 Staff Recognition Luncheon this past month. Employee Gateway produced a video about Dr. Brown, which you can view here or above.

Read Dr. Brown's statement regarding the award below.

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to so many of you who wrote letters for me and surprised me with the recent President's Award. I am humbled, honored, and touched by your support. Co-Presidential awardee, Aaron Drake and I were lucky to be seated with President Wanda Austin and her husband, the "first man" Wade Austin Jr at the April 4th Staff Recognition Luncheon. For those interested in the day, and the beautiful video at the very end provided by USC Employee Gateway, please see this link: <https://employees.usc.edu/janette-brown/>

The amended speech given that day:

"I am humbled and honored to receive this award especially because so many of you could be standing up here instead of me. Countless times, I have witnessed the caring, dedication, and great service by the staff here at USC. I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks for those who wrote nomination letters and who supported me for many years. Katie and Debbie a special thank you!

Like many of you, my children and I have degrees from USC. My professors, classmates, and work supervisors were so supportive during the 8 years it took to complete my doctorate while working full time. For me and for our whole family, the education and opportunities provided by USC were invaluable.

I love working at USC. While my first 10 years at the Career Center were spent helping students find their purpose and passion, the last 14 years at the Emeriti Center have been spent in awe of experienced retirees who are living their purpose and passion. USC is a remarkable place. The Trojan Family IS alive and it is the people who make USC so special.

This award is a result of supportive people who have been great examples, advisors, and work colleagues. They opened doors for me. If not for them, I would not have participated in

- the USC Coaching Certification Program,
- engaged with the USC Age Friendly University Network,

- or attended the Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration managed by WIM, USC's Women in Management organization.

These are just a few of many experiences that provided new learning, valuable working relationships, and school partnerships.

This award surprised me because it seems few know about the Emeriti Center. The Center is not just for retired staff and faculty;

our intergenerational resources and events are for all ages and stages. We connect with USC schools and departments for special events open to all students, staff, faculty, alumni and the community. We have small grants for students who host intergenerational, interdisciplinary, and multicultural events. We support first generation USC scholars and help local high school students in the neighborhood with personal essays.

Do you know about the Emeriti Center's Gold Card or that you can join and enjoy Staff Retirement Association events at any age?

We are the intergenerational bridge across the employee lifespan. There are great people to work with at the Emeriti Center. We have an inclusive culture that appreciates diverse perspectives and values each person's contribution. We know that we can be part of the Trojan family – for LIFE... and there IS life after retirement. Ask any of our Emeriti Center community – they will be happy to tell you.

Many retirees do not consider themselves retired; they continue to give back in many ways, unselfishly sharing their wisdom, knowledge and experience. USC retirees are such a valuable resource for the university.

Two years ago, I moved within walking distance of USC. I thoroughly enjoy different generations living together and supporting one another. My neighbors – mostly USC Faculty, Staff, students, and their families – are a wonderfully diverse mix of cultures and disciplines. It proves even more that USC is an amazing place, and the Trojan Family spirit makes it that way.

I am so grateful for this award, for your support, and to be a part of USC. I know that we will truly be – colleagues for life. Thank You!

— Janette Brown

Assistant Vice Provost, Emeriti Center

## News from the RFA | April 2019

### Monthly message from USC Retired Faculty Association

Calvin Lau, President, USC RFA

#### Some ABC's of Retirement

As readers of this newly established monthly from the Emeriti Center, have you thought about how you spend your hours of daily living now that you are retired and no longer on the USC payroll?

Let's start with the alphabet and use each letter to represent word(s) related to the business of retirement.

**A** – are you paying **A**ttention and being **A**ware of what is now going on **A**round you? Last month's column was about "Times, they are a-changing." Indeed, we can **A**djust to new circumstances and see them with a fresh point of view that is unfettered by "work" surroundings.

**B** – can you identify your **B**asics in today's environment? What is needed for you to go **B**eyond surviving and enter the realm of thriving? Are your health and access to resources (your wealth) satisfactory? What inward or outward reaching-out is needed to stay level or improve? Is life good, **B**etter, or **B**est?

**C** – what skills to do have to **C**ommunicate and **C**ollaborate with your **C**ontemporaries in your sphere of influence? This could be a **C**hallenge that can bring great satisfaction and enjoyment for your **C**ircumstances.

If I were to continue only three alphabet letters per month, I would be long past my current role as RFA president. Hmm, some food for thought. To be continued...

## **EC student worker Kay Morrison travels to New York for National High School Model United Nation Conference (NHSMUN) | April 2019 Newsletter**

Hello! My name is Kay Morrison and I am a student worker at the USC Emeriti Center. About a month ago, from March 2-9, 2019 I traveled to New York City, New York to serve on staff for the National High School Model United Nation Conference (NHSMUN). NHSMUN is the world's largest high school Model UN Conference in the world, and each year the conference welcomes hundreds of schools and thousands of students from all across the globe to participate in an amazing learning experience. At the conference, the students are put into committees to debate about a multitude of pressing international issues, working together to find solutions for topics ranging from refugee and climate change from natural disasters to the feasibility of nuclear energy in developing countries.



NHSMUN was a particularly rewarding experience for me personally because I was able to help lead these discussions, as I served as the Assistant Director of the committee called Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). In our committee, about 100 high school students (who become 'delegates' during the conference) discussed the topic of water scarcity and its effects on women. Delegates discussed all aspects of the topic including sanitation, child labor, cultural stigmas, and more, and it was amazing to hear the solutions that each of the delegates presented for their country they were representing. At the end of the last committee session, our committee was able to draft and pass two resolutions full of different ideas as to how water scarcity and its effects on women can be tackled in the real world.

As the Assistant Director for CSW, I was expected to put hours of research into my committee's topics leading up to the conference, reading articles and writing and grading research papers. I knew I had a very thorough knowledge about the issue and the multiple subtopics that underlie it before coming into the committee; however, seeing delegates become passionate about the intersectionality of water scarcity and women's rights further reminded me of the real importance of this topic, which was something I may not have learned through any amount of research myself. International Women's Day fell on March 8, which was the last day of the committee at the conference, and it was truly inspiring to see students coming from different countries, backgrounds, and lifestyles come together to have real conversations about creating a better world for women.



After three long days of debate, the conference came to an end with the closing ceremonies, which took place in the United Nations General Assembly hall. This was probably the coolest part of the whole conference since delegates, faculty advisors, and the staff members involved in the conference were all able to sit in the seats where real UN representatives sit and discuss world issues in. As a global study major at USC, being able to be a part of this experience challenged me to understand the power of education in younger generations, showed me the limitless possibilities for youth involvement in global issues, and reminded me of the importance of being an activist about the injustices that take place in our world.