

USC Emeriti Center

USC Retiree Community Newsletter

September 2019



Carol L. Folt is inaugurated as USC's 12th president. (USC Photo/Gus Ruelas)

Staff Retirement Association (SRA) Attends Inauguration of Carol L. Folt as USC's Twelfth President

The September 20, 2019 SRA meeting coincided with the Inauguration of USC's twelfth President, Carol L. Folt. Folt had previously met with the Emeriti Center, Staff Retirement Association and the Retired Faculty Association in March, where they discussed the valuable roles that the Emeriti Center and our retirees can play at USC. The SRA had 50 reserved seats for SRA members at the ceremony. There was also open seating for a free lunch afterward, and a

special SRA social gathering following the inauguration. President Folt also posted a video following her inauguration to thank everyone, which you can view [here](#).

Upcoming Events

International Day of Older Persons - October 1, 2019



The USC Emeriti Center is participating with the Davis School of Gerontology to celebrate those who are over 50 and to engage our students in conversation and activities to dispel ageism and enlighten all about what we do and accomplish. Volunteers are also needed for this event. To read more about the event, please [click here](#).

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Time: 10:00 am - 8:30 pm (full program schedule is posted [here](#).)

Location: The University of Southern California

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STEM Day of Discovery - October 4

Volunteer with USC Civic Engagement to help introduce 800 local middle and high school students into the world of STEM! Volunteer opportunities include tours of USC labs, hands-on activities, engaging presentations from STEM experts and scientists, robotics demonstrations, and working with STEM-focused community partners. The STEM Day of Discovery will be on Friday, October 4, at the USC Health Science Campus with shifts ranging from 7 am - 5 pm.

[For more information or to sign up, click here.](#)

Emeriti Center Reception & Medicare Updates - November 6

Meet new friends and learn more about Medicare updates in URC 108. Our guest is the Executive Director of the Center for Healthcare Rights and a representative of USC Senior Care. Come for a light lunch and get your questions answered!

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/Nov6Medicare>

USC College Personal Statement Bootcamp - November 9

The Emeriti Center, Retired Faculty and Staff are collaborating with Volunteers of America to welcome 50 students from our schools in our surrounding neighborhoods, including Los Angeles High School, GALA, Locke, Dorsey, and Crenshaw. These high schools students will be paired up with volunteers for mentoring, campus tours, and assistance on their college application personal statements. We are looking for intergenerational volunteers for this event!

If you are interested in volunteering, [sign up here](#).

Save the Date: Annual Holiday Breakfast - December 2

Please save the morning of December 2nd for the Annual Holiday Breakfast planned by the Staff Retirement Association for the USC retiree community. Special guest this year will be President Carol Folt. This event is free for SRA and RFA members.

Stay in the loop with more campus events!

The USC Events calendar is filled with campus events from all organizations and branches of USC. These events are open for students, alumni, and current or retired faculty and staff. There are multiple events happening on any given day, so feel free to check out the calendar and stay involved with the public events happening on campus! To view the calendar, you can Google "USC Events Calendar" or visit calendar.usc.edu.

In the News

Lord John Eatwell presents RFA Distinguished Lecture: "The Impact of the UK Leaving the EU – on the UK, the EU and the International Economy"

On September 18, 2019, the Retired Faculty Association hosted Lord John Eatwell, President of Queens College - Cambridge, for a Distinguished lecture: "The Impact of the UK Leaving the EU – on the UK, the EU and the International Economy".



[To read about this event, click here.](#)

Congratulations to the new 2019-2020 Caldwell Scholars!

Conceived by the late Professor Russell Caldwell in the mid-1960s, the Caldwell Scholarship was meant to encourage and support students from the USC campus neighborhood while they are students at USC. It's time to ring the bell for 54 years of the Caldwell Neighborhood Scholarship Program and to cheer our eight Scholars -- Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023. A hearty welcome to newbie Scholars **Keyron Colvin** (left) and **Jada Salazar** (right) who join the ranks of USC Trojan Family undergraduates.



[To read more about the Caldwell Scholarship and its recipients, click here.](#)

Applications now open for the Douglas C. Basil Awards

The Douglas C. Basil Awards celebrate the valuable contributions of retired faculty in higher education. Two awards at \$5,000 each will be given for a special project or research. The deadline to submit nominations is December 2, 2019. Winners will be announced at the end of January 2020.

To submit an application, [click here](http://bit.ly/BasilAward2020). (<http://bit.ly/BasilAward2020>)

[For more information about this award, click here.](#)

Nominations now open for the 2020 USC Faculty Lifetime Achievement Awards

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. Active and retired faculty, administrators and staff, and friends of the university are urged to make nominations, which are due by 5pm of November 15, 2019.

[To learn more about the USC Faculty Lifetime Achievement Awards, click here.](#)

[To submit a nomination or learn more about nomination requirements, click here.](#)

Welcoming new faces at the Emeriti Center

The Emeriti Center is pleased to welcome our fall intern Shu Fang and three new student workers: Helen Nguyen, Hana Chung, and Shwetanshu Das!

Shu Fang is a current graduate student from Leonard Davis School of Gerontology at USC, and she has been interning at the Emeriti Center since August. She describes herself as optimistic, studious, and responsible, and she enjoys spending time with older adults.

[To read more about the Shu and the other new student workers at the Emeriti Center, click here.](#)



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News from the Assistant Vice Provost, Emeriti Center

by Janette Brown, Assistant Vice Provost, USC Emeriti Center

We are very excited about our new USC administration. In March, we met President Folt in a private meeting and in September had a special meeting with Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Felicia Washington. Both leaders are visionary, people-focused, and willing to listen. We've seen a positive culture shift already and hope that the USC retiree community will continue their support and connection with our beloved university.

The inauguration of President Folt included our retired faculty marching in their regalia along with our retired staff sitting up front and center in reserved seating. The processional march included staff, faculty, students, alumni, community leaders and local school children. We are heartened by the warmth and inclusiveness of this new USC era.

I invite you to join me as we create new intergenerational, interdisciplinary, and multi-cultural programs of benefit to all members of the Trojan Family, and ask that you contact me directly with your ideas and willingness to volunteer your time and talents to benefit all.

Warm regards and happy Fall,

Janette

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Volunteer + Work Opportunities

Volunteers needed for STEM Day of Discovery! - October 4

[For more information or to sign up, click here.](#)

Volunteers needed for USC Highschool Bootcamp! - November 9

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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!](#)

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:

[Robert R. Scales](#)

[Ralph Fertig](#)

A big thank you to Caldwell Donors!

We thank all those who have contributed to the Caldwell Scholarship recently and especially thank those who made a contribution of \$500 or more to support our excellent first generation scholars:

Dr. Victor M. Webb

Dr. + Dr. Ku

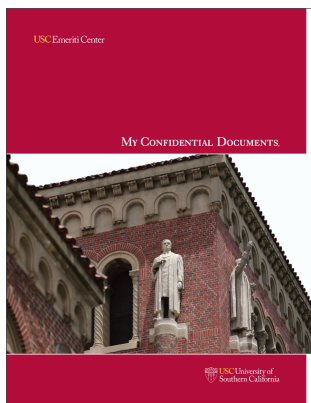
Staff Retirement Association

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

Smart phones make it easy to donate to Caldwell Scholarships, Emeriti Center, 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.

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 our 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.

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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