

Retiree Community Newsletter

May 2016

Make a difference, contribute your perspective

We know how important it is for USC to have strong “institutional memory,” rich interdisciplinary projects, serious ambassadors who care about the future of the university, its image and its important role locally, nationally and in the world. There is no better group affiliated with USC to do this than the retired faculty and staff.

Our USC retirees provide valuable insight and make significant contributions to USC and to the community. They are valuable ambassadors for USC, sometimes even more valuable than alumni who have only been on campus for 4 to 6 years. A large percentage of our retirees are alumni; many are parents and grandparents of USC alumni and they have served USC on average, 23 years. With this background, we encourage all retirees to consider giving their opinions on the Strategic Planning Surveys. “Strategic planning is intended to be an inclusive process where all stakeholders ... are given an opportunity to provide input. Please send your thoughts and comments to strategic@usc.edu.” To learn more, go to: <https://strategic.usc.edu/feedback/>. As part of the University’s current Strategic Planning process, the university is distributing several surveys to get feedback on key topics under discussion by the Strategic Planning Committee. The following surveys are short and allow for open comments:

Global Impact: bit.ly/StrategicGlobal

Diversity: <http://bit.ly/StrategicDiversity>

Wicked Problems: <http://bit.ly/StrategicWickedProblems>

More important, we encourage you to take our Emeriti Center survey that will be sent out in the fall. At this time, we will be collecting retiree perspectives, capturing some of the many contributions to school and community and evaluating how the retirement process has gone and more. ■

Invite to Emeriti Center helps to “Ignite” inaugural university-wide day of giving

The Emeriti Center was invited to be a key player in USC’s first university-wide day of giving on May 4 along with all USC schools and the Alumni Association. The Emeriti Center was also one of the first groups to be invited to use a special USC online program to help fund a special project.

We selected the Caldwell Neighborhood Scholarship Program as our special project: <https://ignite.usc.edu/project/2036>. “Participating in Ignite USC has enabled the Emeriti Center to secure more scholarship funds for our first generation USC students,” said **Janette C. Brown**, EC Assistant Vice Provost.

This year’s Caldwell Scholars include: **Jesus Garcia**, now a senior year in the USC Viterbi School of Engineering; **Joshua Park**, a junior in the USC Marshall School of Business; **Mark Jones**, a senior in Real Estate Development; **Gwang**

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SRA’s June meeting features Hancock tour

The Staff Retirement Association Event for June includes a tour of the Allan Hancock Memorial Museum, on Friday, June 10.

The Hancock Memorial Museum is a Historical Cultural Monument, housed in the Hancock Building on USC’s campus.

Check-in time is 10:30 a.m., at the Building; enter on Childs Way, across from Town & Gown’s patio.

There is limited seating, and the meeting and lunch are free to paid SRA members. Guests are \$12. Free parking for Gold Card members, others pay \$12. The EC’s electric cart will be available at Structure D.

Register by Wed., June 1, preferably online at <http://tinyurl.com/hjcc5yr>, or by phone at (213) 740-7122. ■

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A call for volunteers

Dear Colleagues,

Over the last year the Emeriti Center has found places where retiree volunteers are needed to support important programs. We encourage you to join us in supporting these strategic initiatives. Email me directly if you have any questions: jcbrown@usc.edu. Meet with us for a lunch discussion on June 17 about opportunities to serve (see box below).



Janette C. Brown

USC School Partnerships & Programs (wellness, educational & cultural events scheduling & event planning. Medicare D programs, mini Transitions workshops, etc.)

Legacy Awards (Lifetime Achievement Award, Research stipends, Retired Faculty & Staff Volunteer awards: Paul Hadley & J Tillman Hall, Douglas Basil Faculty Awards)

USC Living History Project Recordings (setting up video recordings, scheduling, sending letters, Follow up calls, sending DVD to interviewers)

Emeriti Center Volunteer Coordination (managing volunteers, tasks, scheduling, calls, supervising students, supporting RFA and SRA)

Emeriti Center Volunteer Coordination (scheduling enrichment courses, speakers, RSVPs, follow up calls, evaluating programs)

Student Support Programs (processing small grants for intergenerational, interdisciplinary, multicultural programs; Caldwell Scholars' support, international student support, USC student veterans support)

Communications (web content updates & postings, newsletters, e-news, collecting news and resources for posting)

Regional Programs (regional hosts for social and educational engagement, supports RSVPs and preparation for events, connects alumni with retirees)

Non-Profit Management AROHE.org (generating membership, managing conference registrations, supporting sponsors, answering calls and email)

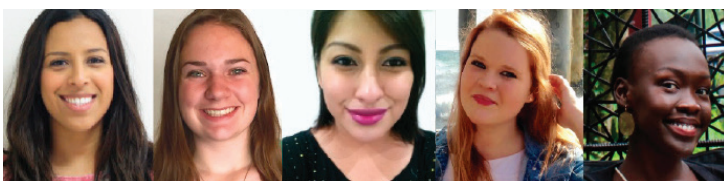
Advocacy - Benefits & Resource Committee (committee member or supervisor for minutes, meeting set up, setting up agenda, contacting campus partners to support initiatives, etc.) ■

Friday, June 17 - Lunch & Learn about EC, Campus and Community Opportunities to serve. Noon to 2 p.m., URC 108, RSVP (213) 740-8921.

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Thank you, congrats and welcome to our wonderful EC students!

THANK YOU to our fantastic student assistants who have been running the Emeriti Center this year! **Mayra Angelo, Sarah George, Stephany Martinez** and **Lauren Loadvine** (graduating, congrats!). You have been dedicated, responsible and caring supporters of our retiree community and we truly appreciate you. WELCOME **Christine Sabuni** who just began working for the EC this month! ■



Mayra

Sarah

Stephany

Lauren

Christine

AROHE is transforming retirement

"The AROHE* Conference in August will feature leadership communities that were created at the ACE conference held at USC in January," said Assistant Vice Provost Janette Brown, who will co-present at the conference at the University of Washington, Seattle. USC Dean Emeritus (School of Dramatic Arts) Bob Scales will assist with the conference management.

The theme is "Transforming Retirement Re-writing Life's Next Chapter." The conference brochure is available at www.arohe.org.

*Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education. ■

Interviews with our treasures

In the past several months, we have lost treasured USC stars who have contributed greatly to USC and to the world. Earlier this year Dean Emeritus, **James E. Birren** passed away at age 97 while recently, our beloved President Emeritus, **Steven B. Sample** left us in April at the young age of 75. Sadly former Provost **Elizabeth Garrett** and Distinguished Professor **Solomon Golomb** passed recently as well. We treasure their memories and honor their great contributions.

The USC Emeriti Center has been capturing the stories of such wonderful USC legacies since the 1980's supported by contributions from **H. Dale Hilton** and **Louise Ball**. We were not able to capture USC Living History interviews of Sample and Garrett, but there are interviews of Birren and Golomb for which we are very grateful. You can view these interviews on our website: bit.ly/USCLivingHistory.

Below are some of the most recently recorded interviews. You don't need to be retired to have a Living History interview. One of the most viewed Living History interviews is **Art Bartner** interviewed by Coach **John Robinson** in 2013. We thank the USC Employee Gateway for hosting the latest 30+ interviews.

2015 USC Living History Interviews: **Scott H. Bice** interviewed by **Robert Salzman**; **Robert Coffey** interviewed by **Janette Brown**; **Ruth Weisberg** interviewed by **Marty Levine**; **Ken Servis** interviewed by **Steven Barnhart**; **Murray Fromson** interviewed by **George Lewis**; **Janet Eddy** interviewed by **Jerry Walker**; **George Bekey** interviewed by **Jerry Walker**; **George Abdo** interviewed by **Jack Crossley**; **Ruberta Weaver** interviewed by **Thelma Orr**; **Solomon Golomb** was interviewed in 2014 by **Alexander A. Sawchuck**. ■

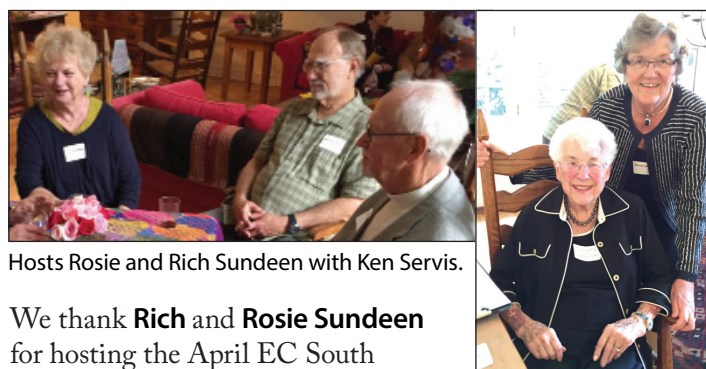


Top left, James E. Birren, and Steven B. Sample; below, Solomon Golomb and interviewer Alexander A. Sawchuck.

Investment group accepting new members

The University Park Investment Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the University Club. The Group, commonly called UPIG, meets for dinner and collegial discussion focused on investing topics and news about stocks we own. Limited to 26 USC-affiliated members elected by nomination of present members, we now have openings. The Club was founded more than 30 years ago as a collegial group of USC faculty and senior staff meeting socially after work at the former Faculty Club. Our goal is to learn about investing and pool funds to buy stocks or other investments. UPIG has had faculty, staff, undergrad and graduate student, and alumni members from many different USC divisions and both campuses through the years. Many of us are now retirees and we welcome new retiree members with any level of investment sophistication. Requirements for membership are affiliation with USC, a collegial attitude and desire to learn about investing. If you want more information, or an invitation to attend one of our meetings as a guest, contact **Donna Simmons**: dsimmons@usc.edu. ■

Manhattan Beach EC Social gathered many disciplines together



Hosts Rosie and Rich Sundeen with Ken Servis.

Ruberta Weaver (in chair) with Harriet Servis.

We thank **Rich** and **Rosie Sundeen** for hosting the April EC South Bay Social, and for providing a wonderful spread and lovely space. The event connected our experienced interdisciplinary colleagues for good conversation and new collaborations. USC schools and units represented at the social were: Marshall, USC Alumni, Viterbi, Keck, Price, Law, Planned Giving, Dornsife earth science & chemistry and Annenberg. ■

A response from our Paul Hadley Award honoree

I appreciate and was honored to receive the 2015-2016 Paul Hadley Award for service to USC last November. I retired from USC in 2003 and have been a volunteer at the Emeriti Center over the last 13 years, which is more than being employed (10 Years) at USC. **Betty Redmond**, the Emeriti Center Executive Director when I retired, had gone to college with my brother in Oklahoma. She did not know me, but she recognized my name and knew my brother well enough to know that I was the older brother of her friend, **John Scales**. So she personally welcomed me into the USC retiree ranks and asked me to be an Emeriti Center Associate Director representing the faculty. At that time **Mitzi Tsujimoto** was the Associate Director representing the staff.

I accepted her offer, thinking this would be a nice way to stay connected to USC, coming to a meeting on occasion and assisting Betty as needed. Little did I know or expect to be involved with USC as much as I have since retirement. My late wife and I received much more than I have given through my volunteering at the Emeriti Center and for the USC Retiree Community. Mitzi became one of our dearest friends and many other friendships and acquaintances among the USC retirees have enriched our lives greatly.

I consider myself very fortunate to have ended my professional career at USC where there are so many opportunities to serve and participate in meaningful things that I enjoy doing. Receiving the Hadley Award means a great deal to me and I consider the Award a very special honor to be recognized by USC and my USC retired colleagues. ■

Thanks!



Bob Scales

– Bob Scales

Harris receives stipend for research

Emeritus professor of Architecture, **Robert Harris**, is the recipient of a USC Emeriti College Retired Faculty Research Stipend to fund a graduate student to assist research of built examples for illustrations in his book: “Collaborative Incrementalism and The Catalytic Design Imperative.”

Originally supported by the Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation, and now funded through the USC Emeriti Center with an endowment from the Office of the Provost, annual funds are made available to support retired USC faculty with expenses related to research and publication. Up to \$4,000 is distributed annually in the form of small individual grants.

Through the years, stipends have funded such activity as the cost of travel to both U.S. and international conferences, the procurement of reproduction rights for paintings, and helped retired faculty to complete writing projects.

Previous recipients may reapply after three years. Grants also may be used to fund undergraduate research assistants.

Applications may be submitted at any time. Forms can be obtained from the web page: <http://emeriticollege.usc.edu/research-fund/>. A project description and a simple budget are requested. ■

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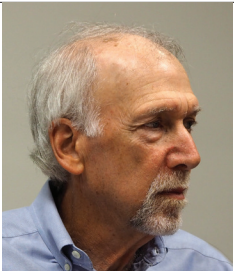
Neung Kim, a sophomore majoring in Computer Science; **Sylvia Gomez**, a sophomore majoring in Business Administration; **Mousael Rosa Louis**, a recent graduate of Dorsey High School, who will take summer classes at USC and then major in Mechanical Engineering; and **Carlos Marin**, a recent grad from Thomas Jefferson High School who is interested in Aeronautical Engineering.

Having a web presence makes it easier for many to donate using web and text methods that were not available only a short time ago. Participating and partnering with the USC schools and the Alumni Association has increased recognition of our USC retired faculty and staff as important supporters of USC. It demonstrates our value to USC beyond service, teaching and research contributions.

“The good news for the Emeriti Center is that the university recognizes every monetary contribution to USC by a retiree,” said Brown. “So whatever important USC entities you choose to support, the Emeriti Center is viewed as representing retiree donations.”

The special May 4 campaign included an April letter from the Emeriti Center sent out to all USC retirees. The letter included several ways to donate to the Emeriti Center, Caldwell Scholarships, RFA and SRA using online, phone and mail in options. This is a new experiment in consolidating the Emeriti Center with our two retiree associations and we will be watching closely to see how our retiree community reacts to this new way to fund our retiree community programs. Donations to the “Ignite” campaign may be made through the month of May.

“I am hoping that our retired faculty and staff will contact me directly with their views on this new funding opportunity,” said Brown. “Perspectives from our retired faculty and staff always guide me as I plan for future initiatives to benefit our entire Trojan Family.” ■



Michael Klineman

An abundance of events are available for retirees

As I write this newsletter, I am reminded of two events that I attended recently.

The March 17 Staff Retirement Luncheon was a huge success. The retirees in attendance represented a wide cross section of the university. Two of the retirees had worked at USC for an

astounding 51 years, which shows amazing dedication and endurance. Another retiree was a student in a program that I coordinated in 1977. He subsequently went to work at USC, and is now retiring. That, of course, made me feel old.

On April 2, I went to the musical "A little Night Music" at the Bing Theater. **Dick Martin**, SRA Board Member, coordinated the purchase of 80 tickets that were sold to SRA members. The Emeriti Center offered administrative support. I thought this performance was the equal of a Broadway play and the singers/actors were simply outstanding, particularly considering they were all undergraduates.

My point in mentioning these events is that there is so much of interest at USC for retirees and others to attend and participate in. The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books took place on the USC campus the weekend after the play. On April 13 there was a Historic Theaters Tour and Lecture in downtown Los Angeles followed by lunch at the renovated famous Clifton's Cafeteria.

There is planning going on now by the SRA for a tour of USC's Hancock Museum in June, as well as the annual SRA general membership meeting that same day. Lunch will follow and the cost of this to SRA members is nothing! You will receive or will already have received information about how to RSVP when you read this.

These are just a few examples of past events and future events that are of interest to retirees. In addition to the SRA-sponsored events, the Emeriti Center also offers events that are of interest to many as does the RFA (Retired Faculty Association).

It seems to me that USC, like many universities, is a cultural center that appeals to a broad cross section of tastes and interests. These events are also opportunities to interact with other like-minded individuals, and some of these are fellow retirees. The range of cultural, educational, and social events on campus available to you is almost endless. While the university's main mission is to offer quality education to its students and support the research of faculty, it also supports many others, including its retiree community.

I hope to see you at one of the events in the future. ■

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Staff retirees of 2015 honored at luncheon

The 31st Annual Staff Retirement Recognition Luncheon was held on March 17 at Town & Gown honoring 130 staff members who retired in 2015. Thirty retirees attended as well as their guests, and members of the Staff Retirements Association - in all 180 people.

Dan Stimmler, Associate Senior Vice President, Auxiliary Services, welcomed the group and gave some current facts about the various campus construction projects: the USC Village will offer housing for 2,500 students, office space as well as retail space for such businesses as Starbucks and Trader Joe's; the Norris Healthcare Center will be dedicated to cancer treatment and research; renovation of the Coliseum will be extensive with USC raising \$270 million dollars to cover the costs with the rent from the Rams, playing 2016 through 2018, contributing to the costs; and the Sports Arena will be razed and a soccer stadium will be built on the site.

In her introduction, **Connie Horak**, SRA Vice President, listed some areas supervised by Auxiliary services. There are 9,990 parking spaces on University Park campus, 4,625 on



Retirees who attended the luncheon included, first row, from left: Aston Malcolm, Elvira Carranza, Susan Song, Edilberto Ronquillo, Sona Apelian, Jane Watanbe, Debra Reza, Nannette Edelman, and Myra Katz; second row, from left: Jaime Lopez, Ernest Dillard, Susan Lynch, Lambert Bittinger, EC Executive Director Janette Brown, Teresa Tockstein, Liny Zurbrugg, Karola Williams, and Ginny Bowers; and third row, from left: SRA President Mike Klineman, Steve Barnhart, Robert Givens, Eddie Little, Brenda Watson, and Larry Lim.

HSC but 27,600 citations given last year; four restaurants with bars plus 45 campus venues. Student Housing offers more than 9,000 beds on campus with almost 100% capacity.

Janette Brown, Assistant Vice Provost, Emeriti Center/EC Director, presented to **Jerome B. Walker** the J. Tillman

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Back up those important documents: the rule of three

In previous columns, I have written about uploading photos to “the cloud,” sharing photos online, etc. There is a more general rule of thumb about backing up documents. It's sometimes called the “3-2-1 Rule.”

Have three copies of everything important in two different formats (e.g., external hard drive + USB flash drive), one of which is off-site.

Back up at regular intervals depending on how much new material you create/receive. Use a cloud backup storage site with which you are comfortable (e.g., Google Drive, OneDrive, Google Drive, iCloud Drive, etc.); purchase additional storage as needed. Ask a relative if you could leave a small external device with them. Visit regularly and exchange your previous back-up device with a more up-to-date one. Western Digital sells such devices with various storage capacities at reasonable prices. ■

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"Joy of Law" classes

Dagmar Halamka (retired USC professor of business law) will repeat her fall class, “Joy of Law in Life and Beyond: Law 101,” and discuss a range of legal issues, updating pertinent 2016 laws. The course includes Estate Planning and Federal Taxation with a focus on Trusts, Wills, Durable Powers of Attorney, and Advanced Health Care Directives.

The class takes place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Fridays, Sept. 2, 9, 15, 23, and 30, at the Rolling Hills Estates Library, 701 Silver Spur Road, 90274.

Registration required: call **Mary Cohen** at the Library, (310) 921-7519. ■

In the News

An honor for Noguchi

In February, Professor Emeritus **Thomas T. Noguchi** (medicine) was awarded the Pathology/Biology Section's “Milton Helpern Award” at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences' 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas.



School named for Solomon

Barbara Solomon (professor emerita, social work/dean, Graduate School) who played a major role in the development of the social work program at Walden University in Minneapolis was honored in February by Walden when it renamed its School of Social Work and Human Services after her, as well as a scholarship program.

Halamka in Boston to teach

Dagmar Halamka (business law) will be in Boston in July and August teaching summer school in the MBA program at Northeastern.

Swim on!



Swimmer Bob Calverley with former scholarship recipient Chad Hendrickson

Staff retiree **Bob Calverley** (engineering/PR) again took part in USC's annual “Swim With Mike” fundraiser in April which raised scholarship funds for physically challenged individuals. He swam his usual 5,000 yards, on two separate days. “Hey,” he joked, “I ain't as young as I used to be and I've had two shoulder surgeries!” Calverley said it was inspiring “to meet so many physically challenged men and women who are so successful. I like to talk to the recipients.” The event exceeded its goal – at press time, it had raised \$1,060,000, about \$1,400 of which came from Bob's efforts. Other retirees with swim skills should consider joining the effort next year! ■

IN MEMORIAM

We honor and mourn our university colleagues who have died. Those who were recorded by press time, and whose name were not noted in previous newsletters, are:

Robert Bills (biological sciences); Mark Kann (political science); Solomon W. Golomb (engineering); Steven B. Sample; Joseph P. Van Der Meulen (medicine); and David Wilcox (policy, planning, and development). ■

EC colleague offers data advice in Hiroshima

John Casagrande (professor emeritus, medicine) visited the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) in Hiroshima, Japan, for five days in April. He was introduced to RERF Chairman, Dr. Niwa Ohtsura by **Jon Samet** a member of the RERF Board and Chairman of Preventive Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine. Dr. Casagrande met with members of all RERF departments to review and evaluate their data management activities. He will be providing recommendations on how to make these activities more efficient. Additional suggestions will address the privacy and security of the personal information on the cohorts of 1945 A-bomb survivors and their offspring housed at RERF. Overall the data management is very well organized, said Casagrande, and has a modern and secure network infrastructure.

Casagrande was accompanied by his son, Gabriel, a graduate student in the USC Dornsife Geographic Information Science program, who visited with Dr. **Harry Cullings** to discuss a recent RERF publication that utilized GIS techniques that placed all survivors at the time of the blast with the radiation dose levels they received. Overall they both were impressed with RERF and Hiroshima and hope to visit again in the future.

They also had time to visit the Hiroshima Peace Park and felt a great sense of empathy for the survivors especially after ringing the Peace Bell, and viewing the only building left standing after the bomb blast. ■



Slavkins mentored Staff Award honoree

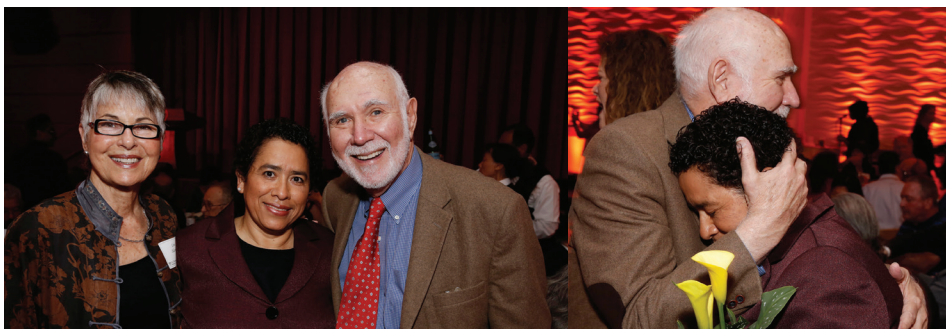


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At the annual Staff Appreciation luncheon, “Promotora” and dental assistant Carmen Molina-Diaz was given the President’s Staff Award, presented by USC President C. L. Max Nikias. Helping to honor Molina-Diaz were her mentors Harold Slavkin (dean emeritus, dentistry) and his wife Lois. Molina-Diaz spoke no English when she came from San Salvador, and first worked for the Slavkins as a cleaning lady. With encouragement from the Slavkins, especially Lois, she became a citizen, got her high school diploma, and went on to receive a dental hygienist degree, all while employed by the USC Ostrow School of Dentistry. Molina-Diaz now pays it forward by giving back to her community by helping to educate them on dental health. Mentor Harold Slavkin recently was honored himself with a Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award (see page 10). ■

SUCCESSFUL AGING

A visionary passes

James E. Birren, widely considered the father of gerontology, passed away on Jan. 15, at the age of 97. He was the founding dean of the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology and the first director of the Andrus Gerontology Center, home of the Davis School. The man was an exceptional visionary. It was his vision that led to the planning and creation of the Davis School of Gerontology, the first and largest school of gerontology in the world. During his deanship, he established the first Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in gerontology.

Birren’s accomplishments were extraordinary: publishing over 250 papers, lecturing in 40 states and 27 countries and creating an environment where careers were made. With the announcement of his death, many of those whose lives he influenced commented on his passing with poignant emails. Here are just two examples:

“The passing of a true giant and unique human being who helped build a field and inspired and taught generations of leaders about what it means to grow old with grace and dignity,” and “He shaped us and the field. His influence and passing will reverberate with us forever.”

I am eternally grateful to have been one of the lucky ones to have worked under his leadership. His open-door policy and the rich environment he created allowed many of us to flourish, helping us reach our potential and hopefully enhance the well being of older adults here and around the world. His legacy lives on. Thank you Dean Birren. ■



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employment
and the new
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Walker honored with 2016 J. Tillman Hall Staff Award

Jerry Walker was honored with the 2016 J. Tillman Hall Staff Award for Service to USC at the March Staff Retirement Association's annual luncheon.

"Jerry has consistently gone above and beyond his position as director of the USC Emeriti College after his retirement, where he served for seven years," said **Janette Brown**, Assistant Vice Provost, Emeriti Center."

Walker then worked behind the scenes to keep retired faculty and staff connected to USC. After eight years on the RFA board, he volunteered to serve as vice president of the RFA to advocate for university support, and continues to serve on the EC's Executive Advisory Group.

His countless volunteer hours provided the Emeriti Center and College with new opportunities, strategic guidance, and thoughtful writing to support EC initiatives. He initiated partnerships with The Huntington Library, the Skirball Cultural Center, and public libraries to bring enrichment programs to USC retirees, and now works to strengthen the partnership with the PLATO Society.

Walker created the intergenerational Forum on Global Change on foreign affairs, he taught an intergenerational class on Guided Autobiography with his wife Lora, and together they organized the monthly USC Book Club.

He contributed to the legacy of USC's retirees by organizing Living History video interviews. Founder of the Academic Honors Convocation during USC's Centennial Celebration, he has long supported the Faculty Lifetime Achievement Awards, and he also helped to organize the Paul Hadley Faculty Award and the J. Tillman Hall Staff Award during their inception in 2009.

Walker has been a volunteer on the University Convocations Committee for 35 years. In 2010, he served on the Inauguration Advisory Committee for President **C.S. Max Nikias**. He also volunteers as Flag Marshal at Commencement, and he has served as Marshal for Baccalaureate Ceremonies and Freshman Convocations.

Finally, Walker volunteered to serve for four years as Vice President of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education from 2008-2012. He represented USC at the bi-annual conference at USC, and participated in their conferences in Connecticut and North Carolina, and in 2016, he hosted participants from the American Council on Education conference for dinner, and took part in a dialogue on "Sharing the Knowledge: Navigating Retirement Transitions."

Jerry Walker has contributed to the collegial spirit of the Trojan Family, and has embodied the spirit of "Colleagues for Life" for the RFA, the SRA, the Emeriti College and the staff of the USC Emeriti Center. ■



Janette Brown with Jerry Walker.

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Hall Staff Award for outstanding Service to USC. His post-retirement activities included serving as Director of the USC Emeriti College, organizing the Living History videos and serving on the University Convocations Committee.

Mike Klineman, President of the SRA, concluded the luncheon by giving advice to the retirees through details of his own retirement, introducing each 2015 retiree in attendance and thanking those who worked on the luncheon.

Linda Forman remarked, "the table decorations were exquisite, the company was delightful and the presentations informative." **David Donovan** wrote in an e-mail that "the event was fantastic, food was wonderful and it was interesting hearing the goings on in Auxiliary Service. Many kudos to everyone involved."

The annual event was sponsored by the Office of the Senior Vice President and was supported by the SRA and the Emeriti Center. ■

Looking for senior volunteers

The Keck School of Medicine is training students to provide competent primary care for seniors. The Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) at USC has several opportunities for senior volunteers to learn more about staying healthy while helping students learn how to provide medical care to seniors. To find out more information about the various programs, please contact the project coordinator, **Christine Weber**, at christine.weber@med.usc.edu or call (626) 457-4272. ■

Benefactor Recognition

The USC Emeriti Center is grateful to **Nancy Warner** for her generous contribution of \$5,000 in support of the Center, and to **David Tool** for his gift of \$1,000 to honor **Robert R. Scales**.

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.

| Donor | Honoree |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Kay Kevorkian | Kay's late husband, Kirk Kevorkian |
| Bob Filep | George and Judith Olah |
| Dr. Verna B. Dauterive | Steven B. Sample Beth Garrett |

Douglas C. Basil Awards help to fund retired faculty projects

We are very grateful for another \$10,000 donation made to the USC Emeriti Center by Professor Emeritus, **Douglas C. Basil** (business), and thank him for his generosity in support of the USC retiree community. Similar to *encore.org's* purpose prize, each \$5,000 prize is intended to fund a retired faculty's current or future purposeful project.

"It has been my greatest pleasure to establish a research/teaching award of \$100,000 for the Business School with a \$25,000 award to junior faculty, and a \$10,000 prize or award for the Emeriti Center.

"My philosophy is that it was a university education that allowed me to be professor and that I must give back to university education. After receiving my PhD from Northwestern, I was on the faculty of Northwestern, Marquette, and University of Minnesota; and was fortunate to become a professor at USC.

As an elected USC Academic Senate member, I presented a Senatorial plan for faculty retirement. This cleared the way to acquire new faculty. Although it was difficult to give up my graduate students and interaction with my fellow faculty, I retired at age 66.

I have great admiration for my fellow Emeriti, and wish to provide some assistance to sponsor their research and contributions.

I wish to thank USC faculty, students, and administration for a wonderful life and the opportunity to contribute to my students and to USC." – Douglas C. Basil

To apply for the award and learn more, go to: <http://bit.ly/BasilAward2016>

NOTE: If you applied for this award in 2014, your application is still active. You may request us to add your previous application to the 2016 submissions. Submission criteria: fill out the application form; upload your CV, Resume, or Bio; provide a short essay indicating the purpose, description, value and outcomes of the project and how the funds will be used. Deadline to Submit Applications: Oct. 31, 2016. ■

Paring Down

At 75 (and 1/2, although I once had a physician who told me once you passed the age of 10 you didn't get to claim "half" any more), I'm seriously into "paring down" mode.

A year or so ago, at a meeting of retirees, we discussed what would happen with all our "stuff" once we were gone. Views differed: go through possessions and purge what's not important, keep what is; label things so those with children could express who should get what; and some said they would go through nothing at all and let their relatives deal with it, because they'd be in the great beyond.

I hover in the middle group – I can't imagine making my daughter wrestle with it all by herself. So one of my jobs is to sort thorough this and that, decide what's important to keep, and let Goodwill or the Discovery Store profit from the rest. Each week I fill the blue barrel with unneeded papergoods, the black barrel with actual trash, and then I'll get some exercise when I fill the green one with yard waste.

I'm working on a folder with photos of various items, with short text noting where they came from, such as the Blue Willow gravy bowl that is circa "made in occupied Japan," the oil paintings by a late NY artist friend, and tools from my carpenter father. I'm also making a portfolio of ads and stationery my late husband designed, and of my op-eds and poems.

So I'll sort through things in my leisure time, make decisions rather than putting them off ... and then I'll let go and enjoy all the rest of the days to come. ■

– Christine Sinrud Shade

Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award Honorees

USC honors eminent retired faculty each year. Four Faculty Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented at the 2016 Academic Honors Convocation, hosted by President **C. L. Max Nikias** in April. Here are summaries of their careers; view longer descriptions at emeriti.usc.edu/ under Programs, click Awards.

Arnold C. G. Platzker

*Professor Emeritus of Clinical Pediatrics,
Keck School of Medicine of USC*

Arnold C. G. Platzker has played key roles at the best pediatric facilities in the world. He joined the Keck School of Medicine of USC and Children's Hospital Los Angeles in 1974, and developed the neonatal respiratory disease division, guiding its neonatal intensive care unit became a highly respected center for the critical care of premature babies on the West Coast. He was a pioneer in the use of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, a support technique for infants with respiratory failure, and in the treatment of chronic lung disease in infants and children.

Regarded as one of the progenitors of pediatric pulmonary medicine, Platzker has left an indelible mark on USC.

Platzker has held leadership positions in the American Thoracic Society, the American Lung Association, and in several National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute-funded studies of childhood lung disease, and he has authored/co-authored more than 85 peer-reviewed publications. ■



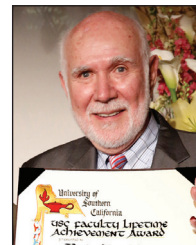
Harold Charles Slavkin

*Professor Emeritus of Dentistry, Dean Emeritus
Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC*

Early in his career as a biomedical scientist, **Harold Charles Slavkin** identified RNA transport between cells as an important part of an organism's development, a discovery that is a keystone of genomic research.

Slavkin's foresight in his field led to his creating the Center for Craniofacial Biology, bringing together researchers in cell and molecular biology to study the structures of the craniofacial region. As chair of the department of biochemistry and nutrition in USC's School of Dentistry, he expanded the Center for Molecular Biology's budget tenfold, doubling research space.

From 1995 to 2000, Slavkin directed the National Institute of Dental Research. He facilitated the first Surgeon General's report on oral health, and broadened the institute's research portfolio. The author of more than 400 peer-reviewed scientific papers and nine books, he was elected to the National Institute of Medicine in 1996, and has served as president of the American Association for Dental Research. ■



Bert M. Steece

*Professor Emeritus of Information and
Operations Management
USC Marshall School of Business*

Bert M. Steece has played an integral role in shaping the USC Marshall School of Business. As founding chair of the department of information and operations management, he helped transform the Marshall School's doctoral program, which he directed for 13 years. As dean of faculty, Steece ensured that the undergraduate business program met high standards and recruited top research faculty.

Steece, an interdisciplinary researcher, is a leader in the field of statistics and decision sciences. He and a colleague developed a family of innovative parametric software cost, schedule, and quality estimation models, and co-authored a book and key papers on this work. Steece was a committee member for more than a dozen Ph.D. students in the USC Viterbi School's departments of computer science and industrial and systems engineering.

The recipient of bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees from USC, after early work at the Rand Corporation, JPL, and the University of Oregon, Steece returned to USC in 1981. ■



J. Ann Tickner

*Professor Emerita of International Relations
USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and
Sciences*

J. Ann Tickner is known for elucidating the relationship between feminist theory and international relations theory, as well as cross-cultural approaches to international relations. Her groundbreaking work presaged an academic shift of focus to interdisciplinary thinking, and positioned her at the vanguard of her field. Tickner challenged academic traditions and modified others, while remaining broad-minded about competing theories.

She was key in building the USC School of International Relations' program in Culture, Gender, and Global Society. This critical turn in international relations theory attracted a host of doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars. As director of the Center for International Studies, she oversaw seminars and conference offerings.

In 2006 Tickner was elected president of the International Studies Association. Active in retirement, she is a distinguished scholar in residence at American University, and a professor at Monash University in Australia. ■



Tour of historic movie theatres was a success

The Staff Retirement Association's long-awaited tour of L.A.'s historic movie theatres took place in April. About 60 people were there, some on their first SRA outing. Many came in a group from the campus, led by our public transportation guru, **Dick Martin**.

"We gathered on the sidewalk outside the Los Angeles Theatre," said tour organizer **Bill Givens** (retired, law school), "and our group saw one of the most spectacular movie theatres ever built." The group saw the lavish auditorium and went downstairs to see the elegant ballroom, including a photo of Charlie Chaplin and Albert Einstein arriving on opening night.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the field trip including lunch at Clifton's," said retiree **Betty Jung**. "Having grown up going to Clifton's and to the downtown theaters as a kid and through high school, it brought back a lot of memories along with an appreciation of these historic theaters and their preservation."

The group then went across the street to see the Palace Theatre, which was originally built for stage presentations. It was an example of a theatre with restored murals, new seating, and a fully operative stage. A stroll down the street led to the Globe Theatre, for an example of "adaptive re-use," where a historic theatre has been converted to an upscale nightclub and event center.

The event closed with a communal luncheon in a reserved room at the legendary newly renovated Clifton's Cafeteria.



Every other month, the Los Angeles Historic Theatre Association offers in-depth tours of a single theatre (dressing rooms, projection rooms, and more, with historical presentations). For more info, visit the Los Angeles Historic Theatre Foundation's website at LAHTF.org. ■

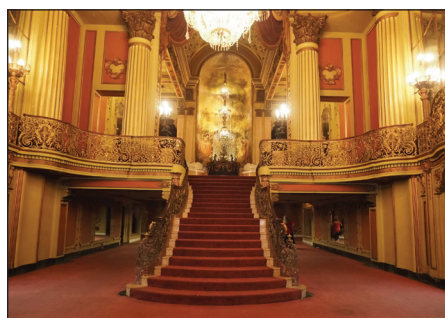


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Raise your voice in harmony with the chorus

In a continuing partnership with the USC Thornton School of Music, we've received a message from **Gib Hentschke** (retired USC Stoops Dean and Cooper Chair Emeritus), who has enjoyed singing in the University Chorus.

"This group literally unites campus and community, students and faculty/staff, and "SC employees and retirees in harmonious endeavors," said Hentschke. "I've been in it for two years and it is so rewarding on so many fronts!"

The chorus is a mix of undergraduate students, graduate students, staff and faculty (retired too!). It is a great intergenerational experience. Some of you may have attended the April 23 concert at St. John's Cathedral that we sent out information on. If you would like to check it out in order to join as a participant, call (213) 821-5756, or for more information, send a message to: uschoral@usc.edu. ■

BOOK NOOK

The Witches: Salem, 1692

by Stacy Schiff (2015)

Our Puritan past still haunts us. More than three centuries ago, 19 men and women were hanged for witchcraft in Salem over the span of a year. Perhaps the first "true-crime" episode in our history, it began in a bitingly cold Massachusetts winter (ink in pens froze) when hysteria and mayhem reigned after "a minister's daughter began to scream and convulse." The actions of other hysterical young women followed and reason was ignored as panic took over – neighbor accused neighbor, family members turned against each other – and even those who were educated bought into the perceived terrors of the times. After all, ministers had preached that the devil was always watching, so the colony was on guard, and acted when it felt there were "possessed" citizens in their midst. ■

– Christine Sinrud Shade

Is USC Senior Care for you?

USC Senior Care is a university-sponsored program for former staff, faculty and their dependents (spouses, mutual financial dependents or registered domestic partners) which supplements "Original Medicare." USC Senior Care is an affordable option to bridge the gaps in Original Medicare coverage by helping to cover the 20% that you are responsible for after Medicare pays. There are no out-of-pocket physician services expenses when you see a doctor at USC. USC Senior Care also includes dental and vision coverage, however prescription drug coverage is NOT included. You must enroll in a Medicare Part D plan for drug coverage. If you would like more information regarding USC Senior Care or you would like to enroll, contact USC Health Plans at (213) 740-0035. Note: You must have both Medicare Parts A and B before enrolling in Senior Care. ■

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- MAY:** **Friday, May 15**
USC's 133rd Annual Commencement
- JUNE:** **Friday, June 10** 10 :30 a.m. check-in
SRA General Meeting (see page 1)
- Friday, June 17** Noon (light lunch) to 2 p.m. (see pg. 2)
L.A. Works + other volunteer opportunities
Emeriti Center / URC 108, RSVP (213) 740-8921
- AUGUST:** **Friday, August 19** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Physical Therapy Workshops, HSC
Soto Street Building (213) 740-8921
- Monday, August 24**
Fall classes begin
- SEPTEMBER:** **Fridays, September 2, 9, 15, 23, and 30**
Joy of Law, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., must register
Rolling Hills Estates Library, call (310) 921-7519
- Thursday, September 15**
PLATO Colloquium, Skirball Auditorium,
12:45 to 3 p.m., Cyber Warfare (310) 443-7633

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COMING SOON:

We are planning an exciting tour
of the new USC Kauffman School
of Dance - stay tuned for date and
time!