

**UCLA** *Office of the Vice Chancellor for  
Academic Personnel*

**Dear Provosts, Deans, and Emeriti Association Presidents:**

**UC Berkeley and UC Los Angeles Professors Honored with  
2018-2019 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award**

The 2018-2019 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award honoring Emeriti Professors in the University of California system has been awarded to Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Comparative Literature Robert Alter (UC Berkeley) and Professor Emerita of History Lynn Hunt (UC Los Angeles).

UC Emeriti Professors Alter and Hunt are the forty-second and forty-third recipients of the Constantine Panunzio Award. Both awardees have especially long and notable records of research, teaching, and service to the University of California, their disciplines, and their communities. The late Dr. Panunzio, a Professor of Sociology at UCLA for many years, has been described as the architect of the UC Retirement System and was particularly active in improving pensions and stipends for his fellow Emeriti. The award bearing his name was established in 1983 and includes a \$5,000 prize.

**Robert Alter, UC Berkeley**, Emeritus Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature, retired in 2011. His scholarly contributions since retirement are nothing short of monumental. Emeritus Professor Alter's primary field of research has been in modern European and Hebrew literature, and he is considered a preeminent translator as well as a literary and historical critic of Bible literature who revolutionized the fields of Biblical narrative and Biblical poetry. Most notable is his recent and highly acclaimed book publication, *The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary* (2018), a three-volume

work and first single-author translation of the entire Hebrew Bible. His extraordinary achievement also incorporates his other books since retirement, *Ancient Israel: The Former Prophets* (2013) and *Strong as Death is Love: The Song of Songs, Ruth, Esther, Jonah, Daniel* (2015). During the time since his retirement, Emeritus Professor Alter has been the recipient of the Charles Homer Haskins Prize from the American Council of Learned Societies (2013), and has received honorary doctorates from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Haifa University, and Northwestern University. Since 2013, he has served as the Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at UC Berkeley. In addition, he is a highly-regarded colleague who remains active in each of his departments, continues to teach graduate courses each year and mentors Ph.D. students.

**Lynn Hunt, UC Los Angeles**, Emerita and Distinguished Research Professor of History, retired in 2013. Before coming to UCLA, she taught at UC Berkeley and the University of Pennsylvania. She is an internationally renowned historian and leading scholar in her field. Her work on the French Revolution is classic and she has made influential contributions helping to shape a range of intellectual inquiry from historical methodology, new historical research approaches, debates between historical truth and narrative, human rights, and assumptions about time. Since retirement, Professor Emerita Hunt has published three books, the substantially revised *Writing History in the Global Era* (2014), which has been translated into Japanese, Chinese, and Turkish, *The French Revolution and Napoleon: Crucible of the Modern World* (with Jack R. Censer, 2017), and *History: Why It Matters* (2018). Additionally, she was elected as a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy (2014), was the Humanitas Visiting Professor at Trinity College, Oxford University (2014), and has been named by the American Council of Learned Societies as the 2019 Charles Homer Haskins Prize Lecturer. Professor Hunt displays a luminous scholarly acumen and is a greatly admired and respected colleague. In addition, her dedication to teaching is widely recognized and she is considered a generous undergraduate teacher and graduate mentor.

Please join all of us on the Committee in congratulating Emeriti Professors Robert Alter and Lynn Hunt on receiving the 2018 - 2019 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award.

Sincerely,

***Michael S. Levine***

Chair, Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award Selection Committee  
Vice Chancellor, Academic Personnel

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# CONSTANTINE PANUNZIO DISTINGUISHED EMERITI AWARD RECIPIENTS

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**2018-2019**

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**ABOUT THE AWARD:**

CONSTANTINE PANUNZIO (1884 - 1964) was a professor of sociology at UCLA from 1931 until his retirement in 1952. It is largely due to Professor Panunzio that the UC emeriti owe the present pension system, established by The Board of Regents after they received a six-page memorandum from Professor Panunzio. Edward A. Dickson, who was Chairman of The Board of Regents at the time (1954), described Professor Panunzio as the architect of the UC Retirement System. Thus, during the last dozen years of his life, Professor Panunzio was instrumental in bringing about a substantial increase in the stipends of colleagues already retired at the UC, in improving the retirement system at UC, and in discovering what the situation was for other retirees at institutions throughout the United States by launching a nationwide emeriti census

1983/84	UCB	Jean Brody	Art History
1985-94	Dormant		
1994/95	UCLA	Gary Nash	History
1995/96	UCSD	Avrum Stroll	Philosophy
1996/97	UCSB	Garrett Hardin	Biological Sci. & E
1997/98	UCI	Renee R. Hubert	English & Compa
1998/99	UCLA	Norman Thrower	Geography
	UCLA	Eugen Weber	History
1999/00	UCD	Emmy Werner	Human & Commu
	UCB	S. Leonard Syme	Epidemiology
2000/01	UCSC	Hayden White	History of Conscie
	UCI	Ruth Kluger	German
2001/02	UCLA	Ralph H. Turner	Sociology
2002/03	UCD	Sarah Hrdy	Anthropology
	UCB	Gene Hammel	Demography
2003/04	UCLA	Robert Stevenson	Musicology
2004/05	UCSF	Virginia Olesen	Social & Behavior
2005/06	UCI	David Easton	Political Science
	UCSB	Roberto O. Collins	History
2006/07	UCSC	G. William Domhoff	Sociology
	UCSB	Wallace Chafe	Linguistics
2007/08	UCI	Robert Hine	History
	UCLA	Daniel Walker Howe	History
2008/09	UCSC	Thomas F. Pettigrew	Psychology
	UCSC	Harry Berger Jr.	Literature
2009/10	UCSD	Arend Lijphart	Political Science
	UCSC	Elliot Aronson	Psychology
2010/11	UCI	Hillis Miller	English & Compar
	UCSB	Thomas Scheff	Sociology
2011/12	UCI	R. Duncan Luce	Cognitive Science
	UCLA	Frederick Burwick	English
2012/13	UCSC	Michael Nauenberg	Physics
	UCSD	Norman Anderson	Psychology
2013/14	UCI	Rein Taagepera	Political Science
	UCB	Elizabeth Colson	Anthropology
2014/15	UCSC	Pavel Machotka	Psychology
	UCD	Isao Fujimoto	Community & Re
2015/16	UCSC	Peter Kenez	History
	UCB	Neil Smelser	Sociology
2016/17	UCI	Margot Norris	English & Compar
	UCLA	Henry Ansgar Kelly	English
2017/18	UCSD	Sandy Lakoff	Political Science
	UCB	Robert Alter	Hebrew & Compa