

UCI Center for Emeriti and Retirees

CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting October 2016

UCI CER is very pleased to announce the addition of a full time staff person to our lean, “Zot!” team. Emil Nguyen, UCI Alumnus and ten year UCI employee, will join director, Jeri I. Frederick, and our 6 office volunteers at the Newkirk Alumni Center. Emil has a strong background in *all-things-Anteater*, as well as experience interacting with multiple departments on campus, website and eCommerce management and extensive marketing skills.

The Center’s transition under Alumni Relations (reporting directly to Chancellor’s Office) has been exceptionally smooth resulting in a shared, vibrant office community. Our retiree volunteers and board members now have great interaction with Alumni Association student volunteers and board members. We are able to cooperate on events that make sense and thereby kick-up our events to a new level of energy and attendance while still maintaining our own database and the confidentiality of our non-emerita/us retiree data.

Keeping in Touch with Campus and UCIrvine Health:

Director Frederick is on several campus committees: UCI Council for Faculty Welfare, Alumni Engagement Roundtable, Anti-Cancer Challenge (Medical Center), Worklife & Wellness and is included on UCI HR Benefits emails.

Programs:

CER collaborates with both the UCI EA and UCI RA Boards and key community groups for programs to include:

- Monthly Walks, Hikes and Bike Rides.
- Tours of the California Science Center (April '16), The Modjeska Historic House (May '16), and ChocXO Chocolate Factory (Nov.'16).
- Our Annual Golf Tournament in Memory of Anne Paden (June)
- Quarterly Cooking Classes at the UCI Anteater Recreation Center (ARC)
- Quarterly Emeriti Lectures open to the entire community (May and Oct. '16).
- Co-Sponsoring UCI Town and Gown (which raises funds for non-traditional student scholarships to UCI) lectures and events.
- Special showings at the New Swan Theater of “As You Like It” (Aug.'16)

Upcoming are:

- November 10th Annual All Emeriti and Retirees Gala Reception with Provost Enrique Lavernia
- November 10th Annual UCI Retirees and Emeriti Art Show
- November 16th Open Enrollment Information and Health Fair featuring a Free Flu Shot Clinic

Collaborations:

Working with key volunteers, committee members and our campus partners, director Frederick has negotiated or re-negotiated relationships with:

- A local Continuing Care Retirement Community directly adjacent to UC Irvine, for a 50% discount on the entrance fee for UCI emeriti/retirees and their family members as well as for family members of active faculty and staff.
- The Barclay Theatre for discounts on all performances for retirees and greater percentage group discounts for specific performances.
- The Hill Bookstore on campus with special coupon offers to be featured quarterly.
- Access to our [Guidance Resources Services](#), previously only available to current employees.

Of special note, we benefit from regular “Retirement Center” Director’s conference calls between UCB, UCD, UCLA, UCSC and UCSB (including our colleague from USC, as well!). These calls have given us the ability to share best practices and discuss challenges to our mutual benefit!