

TO: Council of University of California Emeriti Assns (CUCEA)
FR: UCSC Emeriti Association, submitted by Prof. Dom Massaro, UCSC Representative
RE: Report of Activities, April 16, 2015-October 23, 2015

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Members

The paid-up membership, as of Fall 2015, was about 98 regular and associate members. We expect about another dozen or so to join this academic year. We increased our dues to \$25 per year and now charge \$25 per luncheon meeting.

Deceased Members

Robert Kraft, Mathew Sands, Joseph Bunnett, Priscilla Shaw

Meetings

The UCSC Emeriti Association meet for lunch 4 times during the academic year, typically with 40-50 participants attending, an event taking place in the on-campus Arboretum. After the meal is completed, a presentation is given, often by an active faculty member on campus. The talks for the 2014-2015 academic year were:

Beth Shapiro, Associate Professor of Ecology, featured recently in a KQED TV special for her work on extinct passenger pigeons, will speak on "The Science and Ethics of De-extinction" (Why Mammoths and Passenger Pigeons are Not in Our Future.) September 18, 2014.

Marilyn (Lyn) Walker, Professor of Computer Science, head of the Natural Language and Dialogue Systems Lab, and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in the Baskin's School of Engineering will speak on "Siri, I'm bored, tell me a story": Creating Machines to Understand Us and Tell Stories, November 20, 2014.

Melanie Mayer, Professor Emerita Psychology, "Looking for Santa Cruz's First Municipal Water System", January 15, 2015.

Chancellor Blumenthal speaks on "The State of UCSC", April 2, 2015. This event is only for regular members of the Emeriti Association.

Michael Nauenberg, Professor Emeritus of Physics, "Planck and the Birth of the Quantum Hypothesis", May 21, 2015

For the four meetings this academic 2015-2016 year, the talks are

Michael Chemers

Associate Professor of Dramatic Literature, Department of Theater Arts
Director, Digital Arts and New Media Program
Persistence of a Mexican Breakfast - On the Transmission of Ideas Through Performance,
September 17, 2015

Margarita Azmitia

Professor of Psychology
Relationships, Identities, and Belonging: First Generation Students' College Journeys,
November 19, 2015

Gary Griggs

Distinguished Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences
Director Institute of Marine Sciences
Vulnerability of Santa Cruz to Climate Change, January 21, 2016

Edward (Ted) Warburton

Professor of Dance
So You Think When You Dance? May 19, 2016

Selected Other Emeriti Events

Emeritus Professor of Biology **Lincoln Taiz**, "Agriculture, Population Growth, and the Challenge of Climate Change", Thursday, November 19, 2014

Emeritus Professor of Earth Sciences **Jim Gill**, gave the campus' 2015 spring Emeritus Faculty university lecture Volcanism as the re-creation of Earth, May 11, 2015.

On Tuesday, September 15, 2015, we had an afternoon **picnic**. Invitees were former faculty and staff (with five or more years of service) who live in Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Benito and Monterey Counties. Our goal is to bring together retired faculty and staff to celebrate their University service and the campus' 50th anniversary and to provide an incentive to reconnect with the campus. Avenues being suggested to accomplish this were: membership in the UCSC Retirees and Emeriti Associations, volunteering on campus or in campus related projects/organizations, and membership in campus support groups.

Pavel Machotka, professor emeritus of psychology at UC Santa Cruz, has won a 2015 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award that honors UC emeriti professors in the humanities and social sciences.

Pavel Machotka will give the campus' 2015 fall Emeritus Faculty university lecture and will speak on " Can Psychology Really Understand the Arts".

To serve UCSC's retired faculty and staff groups CUCEA and CUCRA, Rebecca Skinner has been selected for a 10 hr per week position. Her contact information is Rebecca Skinner, **Center Coordinator**, Retirees & Emeriti Center, UC Santa Cruz, rebecca@ucsc.edu, (831) 459-4063

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