



## Emeriti Connection

### *A Letter from Our Executive Director*



It is with excitement and optimism that I begin my position as Provost Fellow/Executive Director of the Emeriti Center. Now in my tenth year at the University of Cincinnati, I look forward to contributing to the university community as the leader of this center that celebrates the service and dedication of our accomplished emeriti faculty.

Two of the many things that are impressive to me about UC's emeriti are their steadfast commitment to university life, as well as their pursuit of excellence in retirement. My home college is the College-Conservatory of Music, which prides itself on being a center of excellence. How fortunate I am in my UC career to move from one center of excellence to another, the Emeriti Center, and to become its leader following the extraordinary leadership that has preceded me.

I have always been a builder of bridges on and off campus, in the not-for-profit sector and in industry. I look forward to building even more bridges now. My position in the Office of the Provost is a half-time one, and I will remain half time in my faculty position as Professor of Electronic Media/New Media. This can only serve both parts of my job well, as I work to engage UC's emeriti faculty with communities across campus, in the city of Cincinnati and in the national space, and to increase the visibility of the important work being done by emeriti faculty.

There are many thanks to be given. I would like to thank the following people for their support: Provost Kristi Nelson, Vice Provost Matt Serra, Bruce McClung, Carl Huether, Pat Mezinskis, the Board of the Emeriti Association, and the search committee for my position. I look forward to continuing those connections and creating new ones in my dual role as Provost Fellow/Executive Director and Professor.

The 19<sup>th</sup> century author and architect John Ruskin wrote, "When we build, let us think that we build forever." I join my colleagues in the Office of the Provost in celebrating the service and dedication of our talented, retired faculty, and I look forward to increasing awareness and expanding the reach of the Emeriti Center. I hope what we build together will in some way last forever.

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# ***A Letter from Our Board President***

**Dear Fellow Emeriti:**



First of all, I would like to welcome Peter DePietro as our new Executive Director of the Emeriti Center. We feel very fortunate to have had this position approved by Provost Nelson and know that Peter will lead us to new heights! His vision, enthusiasm, and expertise will be greatly appreciated.

The first meeting of our new board was June 11<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to a productive and fun year. We are hoping to expand our opportunities for emeriti in the Community Service Corps, Mentoring, and Health and Wellness areas. These three committees could use your involvement so please contact me if you are interested in serving on one of them. As mentioned in the newsletter, we will have our Luncheon Speaker Series again on the fourth Thursdays of most months. Our list of speakers for September through December will be sent out soon. Any suggestions for speakers are also welcomed.

In this issue, you will also read about plans for the new Faculty Enrichment Center (FEC). The co-chairs for this initiative are Keisha Love, Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Special Initiatives and Arnie Miller, Senior Associate Dean in A&S (very recently retired). They both came to our June Emeriti Board meeting to discuss plans to date and elicit feedback from emeriti. Our involvement with this new center is an exciting opportunity.

I look forward to serving as your Board President this year and welcome any feedback you might have. As always, I encourage you to get involved. The best part of my involvement with the Emeriti Association is that I have met people from so many colleges that I would never have had the opportunity to meet!

Pat Mezinskis

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## Luncheon Speaker Series



Please mark your calendars for the fourth Thursday of each month for our guest speaker series. The luncheons will begin in September with a lunch (11:30-12:00pm) and speaker (12:00-1:00pm). In August an email with a speaker list will be announced.

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## Welcome to New Members

Effective May 5, 2018

**Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam, PhD**

*Department of Surgery  
College of Medicine*

**Bonnie Brehm, PhD**

*College of Nursing*

**Robert Cluxton, PharmD**

*James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy*

**Mousa Gargari, PhD**

*Department of Performance Studies  
College-Conservatory of Music*

**Thomas Geraciotti, MD**

*Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience  
College of Medicine*

**Herbert Halpern, PhD**

**Robert Highsmith, PhD**

*Department of Pharmacology and Systems Physiology  
College of Medicine*

**Soon-Jai Khang, PhD**

*Department of Chemical & Environmental Engineering  
College of Engineering & Applied Sciences*

**Anant Kukreti, PhD**

*Department of Chemical & Environmental Engineering  
College of Engineering & Applied Sciences*

**Arnold Miller, PhD**

*Department of Geology  
McMicken College of Arts & Sciences*

**Rose Smith, DPT**

*Department of Rehabilitation Sciences  
College of Allied Health Sciences*

## **Second Act**

### **Second Act with Dr. Vicente Colon**

#### ***They have retired from a career, not life.***

Dr. Vicente Colon has been a man on a mission all throughout his life, helping to improve the health and wellness of the greater Cincinnati area. In his second act, he is striving to make his new community go green!

Dr. Colon has lived a humble, but very impactful life. He was born in Puerto Rico and moved to the United States after the end of World War II, where his father went on to Nebraska to pursue a college degree. Vicente, too, would graduate from the University of Nebraska, with a degree in medicine. In Nebraska, he laid his early teaching and medicine roots, work he would continue here in the Queen City, when in 1977 he became a professor at the University of Cincinnati. He fell in love with the city of Cincinnati, and has never wanted to leave.

Dr. Colon strives to help the communities he serves in. He was an active member of the Nebraska Board of Health, the Nebraska State Medical Association, the Ohio Medical Association, and the Ohio Family Physician Board. When Dr. Colon joined the UC faculty in the 1970's, the city of Cincinnati had a lead poisoning problem. Children who lived near filling stations for gasoline were falling victim to the illness. Dr. Colon and his colleagues identified the source of the crisis. By doing so, he helped raise awareness about the use of lead in gasoline and the implications that it can have on individuals.

Presently, Dr. Colon and his wife are living a quiet life in a 55+ community outside of Cincinnati. However, he has not given up on saving and changing lives in the community that he lives in. He is an active member of Citizens Concern Committee, where he spearheads initiatives to help the community become more eco-friendly. The committee's main objective is to create a better recycling plan.

Dr. Colon takes pride in his battery recycling initiative. Recycling batteries safely can be challenging. However, thanks to Dr. Colon and local environmentalists the community has several battery boxes, where residents can easily put old batteries, which are then

transported to be recycled. Since the implementation of the boxes, the committee has seen an increased awareness of recycling and the proper disposal of batteries.

His advice for other emeriti is to live in “small kindnesses” a phrase his own father told him. Even the littlest of kindness can make a person stop and smile! In turn it will turn into a never-ending cycle of good.

*Do you happen to be in the middle of your own Second (or third) Act? [Email us](#) to let us know and you may find your story in a future newsletter.*

## Emeriti Activities



### ***Native American Heritage Preserved at UC***

Two emeriti professors, Laura and Richard Kretschmer, fell in love with Native American history over 40 years ago. It all began with a trip to New Mexico and the beauty of the mountains captivated them. Together a new passion for Native American children's literature developed, and over time they would buy over 275 rare and unique books along with other materials.

Since retiring the couple decided to donate the collection to the CECH Library. A place where the special collection would be used and cherished. At the CECH Library the Kretschmer Collection of Native American Children's Literature will be curated, restored and preserved. The collection will be used to help UC students learn more about the culture.

[Read more about the Kretschmer Collection of Native American Children's Literature.](#)



### ***Recognition for Carl Huether!***

The Emeriti Association Board honored outgoing Board President, Carl 'Bert' Huether with a dinner on June 3rd. Bert served 5 years as president and did an amazing job in leading the association. His vision, persistence and "can do" attitude were unstoppable and he will leave a lasting legacy at UC. Bert will serve on the Emeriti Board this year as Past President.

## Mentoring Committee

### ***Bruce Ault, Chair***

I am writing to encourage interested emeriti to consider serving as mentors in the PR1ZE program. A number of you heard the presentation by Carol Tonge Mack and Marilyn Kershaw in April, and hopefully more of you read the article in the May newsletter about their presentation (see <http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/provost/docs/Emeritus/EmeritiNewsletter%20Issue%205.pdf>). While the time commitment on the part of the mentor is significant, the rewards are significant as well. Now is the time to step forward if you are interested, as Carol and Marilyn are lining up mentors for mentoring opportunities this fall. If you are interested,

you may contact Carol directly at [carol.tongemack@uc.edu](mailto:carol.tongemack@uc.edu) or you can let me know I can will relay the information.

If anyone has questions about the PR1ZE program, you are welcome to contact me at [bruce.ault@uc.edu](mailto:bruce.ault@uc.edu). Thanks.

## Faculty Enrichment Center



### *A New UC Initiative*

During the June 11th board meeting Arnie Miller and Keisha Love were in attendance to discuss planning for the Faculty Enrichment Center. The center is "a physical and virtual space for faculty members to work together and with other members of the UC community in an atmosphere that encourages professional and personal growth." As part of the university's [Next Lives Here](#) initiative, the center will "spark collaborations across colleges to foster interdisciplinary research, teaching, and service throughout faculty members' careers." The Faculty Enrichment Center will be located in Langsam Library.

## Dean Appointments

### *New Dean Appointments*

#### *Blue Ash College*

**Robin Lightner, PhD**, professor of psychology served as interim dean of Blue Ash College, as well as associate dean of academic affairs at the college and chair of the Behavioral Science Department.

#### *College-Conservatory of Music*

**Stanley E. Romanstein**, was a professor of practice/music and the arts for the past four years at Georgia State University's Creative Media Institute. He comes to UC with 22 years of leadership and management experience in education and the arts.

#### *College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning*

**Timothy Jachna, PhD** was professor and associate dean (research) of Hong Kong Polytechnic University's School of Design. In addition, he led the school's Urban Environments Lab and the Master of Design program in Urban Environments Design.

### *New Interim Dean Appointments*

#### *Carl H. Lindner College of Business*

**Nicolas Williams** has been at the University of Cincinnati since 1990, interspersed with leaves at the University of Leicester and Yale University. His research focuses on empirically investigating the determinants of wage growth.

#### *College of Medicine*

**Dr. Andrew Filak Jr.** served as senior associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Medicine and vice president for education for UC Health, and chair of Department of Medical Education. Dr. Filak will also be the interim senior vice president for health affairs effective August 2.

## In Memoriam



### **Edward Paxton Harris**

Edward Paxton Harris died on May 7, 2018 at the age of 79. Born on September 12, 1938 in Greenville, MS. After serving in the Navy, he attended Millsaps College where he earned a BA in Greek, German and History. He graduated Summa Cum Laude and was named to Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities and was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. At Tulane University, he earned his PhD in German Language and Literature. Edward moved to Cincinnati and taught German for 35 years in U.C.'s College of Arts and Sciences. During that time, he served as head of the International Association of 18th Century Studies and edited the Lessing Society yearbook. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and their two children.

### **Ernest Foulkes**

Ernest Foulkes died on June 15, 2018 at the age of 94. Born in 1924 Ernest would go on to get a degree in Australia after his family fled Germany. In 1952 Dr. Foulkes came to Cincinnati and taught at U.C.'s Medical School, where he also was a researcher and director in the U.C. Department of Environmental Health. He is survived by four children, David, Gabrielle, Brian and Hilary and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## About Campus

### **Linder College of Business**

In April of 2017 construction began on campus for the new Linder College of Business building. In April of this year 2018 they installed windows for the state of the art building.

[Please read more on the LCB building](#)



## Parking Information

Take note that when visiting campus and parking in the Eden Avenue garage, emeriti are considered visitors and can park only on floors 7 and 8.

## This Month in UC History



In 1936 the College of Music of Cincinnati begins offering classes in radio and establishes the first collegiate broadcast department. WLW staff musician Uberto Neeley serves as the program's director.

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**Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Let us know!**

