



## **Emeriti Connection**

### ***A Letter from Our Acting Executive Director***



I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season surrounded by friends and family. I wish you all the best as we begin 2018. As we start the new year, we look forward to many great things to come from the Emeriti Center and Emeriti Association Board.

As you may remember from our previous newsletter, Provost Nelson has approved a Provost Fellow position to serve for the next three years beginning in July. This is exciting news for the emeriti community! This position would be filled by an active faculty member who wishes to continue a half-time academic appointment while spending the rest of their time as Director of the Emeriti Center. We will begin advertising for the position soon. Recommendations from the emeriti community of interested and qualified individuals are welcome. We will be happy to get in contact with them.

In this issue, we highlight Mary Heider in the next installment of our Second Act series. Her passion for art greatly benefits the College of Medicine and we hope you enjoy hearing her story. Please continue to send us suggestions of emeriti doing interesting things in retirement so we might invite them to be part of our Second Act series.

This month we bring you information about the Recognition Dinner Committee. The committee works to honor new emeriti every spring. Also, look for more information on the International Committee. This new subcommittee of the Emeriti and UC Services Committee, will work with Dr. Raj Mehta on international teaching opportunities for emeriti.

Some of you may be heading to warmer climates this winter while others may prefer to stay by a cozy fire and look out at the snow-or ski! We hope you enjoy your winter, wherever it is spent!

Many thanks to Carl Huether and Wayne Hall for their assistance in proofing and editing this issue.

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***A Letter from Our President: Tenacity Brings***

# Success

## Dear Fellow Emeriti:

As the Emeriti Board approaches its five-year anniversary, we have finally cemented our place and purpose as leaders of this organization. Over these five years, the board has sought to show the value of Emeriti to the university by translating value to action and connection. We continue to find reward in professional identity, intellectual enrichment, camaraderie and community involvement.



We have grown to welcome 21 active members to the board. We boast 13 standing committees dedicated to carrying out increasing amounts of work. The work of our committees and sub-committees allows for greater involvement with and recognition by the university of our many involvements and accomplishments.

As Pat mentioned, in October, Provost Kristi Nelson and President Neville Pinto offered to fund a half-time Executive Director position for the Emeriti Center through the Provost Fellow program. Although early in their tenure in their new positions, the knowledge of and familiarity with the university the two possess is beneficial to their recognition of the contributions emeriti make to the UC community.

As we move into the new year, we hope to increase involvement of non-board members in emeriti activities. Our many standing committees and sub-committees are excellent sources for involvement in emeriti activities. More information on these opportunities are available on our website and in future and past editions of the newsletter.

We will continue our Luncheon Speaker series with events on the fourth Thursday of January, February and March. Find more information on these events below. We encourage all emeriti to take advantage of these opportunities to socialize and engage with colleagues and to gain intellectual enrichment from our excellent speakers.

Sincere best wishes for the New Year!

Carl Huether, President  
Emeriti Association  
Professor Emeritus of Biology  
University of Cincinnati

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## Upcoming Events in the Luncheon Speaker Series



**Jan. 25**

**David Meyer**

### **“Global Change on Coral Reefs: A Personal 50-Year Perspective”**

During his 50-year career as a paleobiologist, David Meyer has used SCUBA diving to conduct research on coral reefs around the globe. Through his work, Meyer has witnessed profound changes in coral reef life. These changes are a result of hurricanes, mass mortalities, coral bleaching, and invasive species. This presentation is a personal record of these changes. Using his own underwater photos and research results, Meyer will explain how many of these changes are related to global environmental change fueled by human activity.

**[Register before Jan. 18.](#)**

**Feb. 22**

**Hospice of Cincinnati**

**Barbara Rose MPH, RN (Senior Project Administrator, Community Programs:**

**Conversations of a Lifetime & PalliaCare Cincinnati)**

**Janet Montgomery BSN, MBA (Chief Marketing Officer)**

**The Hospice of today: Conversation Ready. What is advance care planning?**

Join Barbara Rose and Janet Montgomery from Hospice of Cincinnati to learn about and explore advanced care planning conversations, the importance of advanced directives and understanding how personal values influence end of life care planning decisions.

**Mar. 22**

**Marianna Bettman**

### **Choosing Judges in Ohio and Beyond**

Marianna Bettman, Professor Emerita of the College of Law, was the first woman ever elected as a judge to the Ohio First District Court of Appeals where she served for six years from 1993-1999. She began teaching at the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1999 where she continued until her retirement in February 2016. In this presentation, she will explore the process through which judges are chosen with an emphasis on Ohio. Judges are currently chosen via election, by appointment or through a hybrid of the two. Judge Bettman will explore the consequences, both negative and positive, of these processes.

# Welcome to New Members

Effective May 1, 2017 through Jan. 8, 2018

**Nira Ben-Jonathan**

**Beverly Connelly**

**Margaret Hager**

**Awatef Hamed**

**Michael Magazine**

**Ardythe Morrow**

**Kurt Neuwirth**

**David Rogers**

**J. Timothy Sale**

**Dale Schaefer**

**Victor Warner**

## Recognition and Appreciation Dinner



### About the Annual Recognition and Appreciation Dinner for New Emeriti:

Beginning in the spring of 2014, the Provost's office, the UC Foundation, and the Emeriti Board have hosted four yearly dinners for new emeriti. These events allow members from the university to express formal appreciation and recognition of these individuals.

New emeriti are invited to join fellow retired faculty members, their spouses and UC

administration to mingle and enjoy a lovely dinner. The reception and catered dinner includes brief comments from the Vice President of the UC Foundation, the Director of OLLI, the President of the Emeriti Association and others. These individuals are present to express their appreciation to the new Emeriti and encourage their continued active involvement with the university through the Emeriti Association.

We look forward to the continued tradition of hosting these dinners each spring and look forward to welcoming new members and we encourage all new Emeriti to be active with the association and consider joining the Emeriti Board.

In the past, these dinners have been well-received and attended. With a total of more than 1,350 emeriti, we look forward to a sizeable attendance this year.

Visit [our website](#) to read about last year's event and [see photos](#) as well.

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## ***Second Act with Mary Heider***

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

Thanks to Mary Heider, Assistant Dean Emerita of Medical Education, the College of Medicine is receiving quite the artful upgrade.



Mary Heider poses in front of one of the pieces of art she has placed in the College of Medicine's Medical Sciences Building.

Mary Heider's mission began in the latter half of 2009. As retirement loomed, Mary chose to forgo the more traditional retirement dinner as a celebration of her service. Rather, she chose to request an art piece be purchased and installed in her honor in one of the student study rooms in the College of Medicine. This piece would become the first of many art installations made in the College of Medicine under Mary's guidance.

At the same time, Mary was also curating a Darwin-inspired exhibit at the Philip M. Meyers, Jr. Memorial Gallery on the university's west campus. The exhibit celebrated Darwin's life and work as interpreted through the work of eight artists. In 2014, one of these works joined the more than 100 pieces Mary had already installed in the College of Medicine.

For Mary, bridging the gap between medicine and art has been a career-long passion. From 2002 to 2005, in addition to being the Assistant Dean of Medical Education, she directed a four-week art and medicine elective. This course showed students how artists pool medicine

and science into their work and even how some artists use their illnesses to inspire their creative works. Students were also taught how art impacts patient experiences in the medical setting.

Although her career did not begin in the medical field, Mary quickly found herself working closely with those of a more scientific mindset when she began teaching in the former biomedical communication discipline in the College of Medicine. Her tenure at UC began in the College of Arts and Sciences' Communication Arts program. For several years prior to her retirement, Mary had sought to place art throughout the College of Medicine, but such a program lacked funding. She also lacked an adequate amount of time to dedicate to such a task.

Retirement gave Mary more time to dedicate to the project and with this time, she found the resources to carry out her mission. Two years after the original Shaw piece was installed in her honor, Mary had placed more than 75 pieces throughout the college's facilities. Many of these pieces were pulled from the UC fine arts collection. Others were gifted works from the artists themselves. Funding continues to be an issue but by making use of university resources and her connections in the art community, Mary is able to continue amassing pieces. Others from throughout the college and university, who are aware of Mary's work, have also donated pieces from their personal collections. To date, Mary has installed more than 150 pieces in the College of Medicine. Notable artists in the collection include Fran Watson, Jack Meanwell, Stuart Fink and Thom Shaw.



Like others, Mary is an advocate for staying active and connected to the university in retirement. Outside of her work with the College of Medicine, Mary has curated shows for area museums and local galleries. Her shows are well received by the community and often glean substantial praise in the art community in Cincinnati. For Mary, these art installations and exhibits are a continuation of her contribution to the university and the community. Supporting and encouraging local artists is a natural extension from teaching in her first act. In her second act, Mary highlights contribution as the key to remaining active well into retirement.



A six-piece art installation in a board room in the College of Medicine's Medical Sciences Building.

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.

## Upcoming Events

## University



Friday, Jan. 26, 2:30 p.m.

- The Joseph and Frances Jones Poetker Thinking About Music Lecture Series: "Songs in Unexpected Places: Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Music and Mobility" by Kate van Orden. [More information.](#)

Friday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m.

- Lecture: "Godsong: A Tour of the Bhagavad Gita" by Amit Majmudar [More information.](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m.

- Meeting of the UC Board of Trustees. [More Information.](#)

## Emeriti Association



Thursday, Jan. 25

- Luncheon Speaker Series with David Meyer. [Registration](#) now available.

Thursday, Feb. 22

- Hospice of Cincinnati presentation on advanced care planning. More information available soon.

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## New! International Activities Committee



On November 30, emeriti welcomed Dr. Raj Mehta, Vice Provost for UC International, as he

spoke to members regarding visiting scholar opportunities. Dr. Mehta has developed contacts with a number of universities throughout the world. In his presentation, Dr. Mehta mentioned universities in several regions including the University of Bordeaux in France, Chiba University in Japan, Chongqing University in China, Beijing Jiao Tong University in China, Universidad de Concepción in Chile, Future University in Egypt), and Botswana International University of Science & Technology in Botswana. He recognizes the unique ability of emeriti to assist in teaching opportunities in these institutions for a month, a semester, or more. Full-time faculty do not have the opportunity to spend extended time away from their teaching responsibilities at UC.

Together, with Dr. Mehta, we spoke of the need for a formalized process for faculty to submit their interest and be matched with appropriate institutions. This conversation led to the formation of a committee. The International Activities Committee will be chaired by Margaret Voelker-Ferrier and composed of Kathy Burlew, Connie Cooper, Dan Durbin, Saad Ghosn and Jerry Paul. The committee will work closely with the UC Office of International Affairs to establish opportunities specific to emeriti. The committee hopes to provide emeriti with opportunities to serve as formal visitors and ambassadors of UC at various international institutions. The committee will report to the Emeriti Board with updates on their progress. Look for more information in future newsletters.

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## **Become a Mentor with the Emeriti Association Undergraduate Mentoring Award**



The mission of the Undergraduate Mentorship Award is to foster research, performance, and other scholarly and creative skills in UC's undergraduates while helping Emeriti faculty stay active in their fields and engaged with the university.

### **What is the Undergraduate Mentorship Award?**

The Undergraduate Mentorship Award offers competitive funding for rising juniors and seniors to collaborate with emeriti faculty in developing and implementing independent projects relevant to their shared interests. This innovative new program is sponsored by the Emeriti Association, with funding and support from the Office of the Provost. Emeriti from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Two awards will be made for an academic year in the amount of \$2000 to each qualified undergraduate student, starting in the fall term, 2018-19 (\$1000 per semester). Continuation of funding in the spring term will be contingent upon

satisfactory progress during the fall term, as determined by the emeritus mentor. A \$1,000 stipend will also be awarded for the academic year to the emeritus mentor for each student scholarship winner. Final projects must be communicated to the Emeriti Awards Committee in a scholarly manner appropriate to the field(s) of the researchers.

### **How do I get involved?**

A paragraph stating the interest of the emeritus mentor for mentoring a student should be sent to Professor Emeritus Peter Suranyi ( peter.suranyi@uc.edu ), along with any questions. The paragraph should include a brief description of the project you have in mind, and whether you already know of a student who may be interested, or you will need help in finding a student. If so, your paragraph will be circulated through numerous resources available. Final proposals of not more than two pages should be submitted from both the mentor and mentee working together. Two letters of recommendation specific to the undergraduate must also be submitted.

Only students with at least a 3.0 GPA will be considered. Emeritus mentors will be limited to those living in the Greater Cincinnati area so they may meet with the student.

### **What is expected of students?**

(1) Once awarded, the student is expected to register for an undergraduate research course offered by his/her department; (2) A progress report should be submitted to the Emeritus mentor at the end of Fall term, and also to the Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarly Endeavors, & Creative Practice at the end of the Spring term; and (3) at the end of the Spring term, students will develop oral talks or posters to be presented at the annual undergraduate research conference.

### **Deadlines**

Paragraphs indicating interest should be submitted as soon as feasible. Formal Proposals should be submitted by **March 17, 2018** for the academic year 2018-19. Award recipients will be notified by April 15.

## **In Memoriam**



### **Judy Baughin**

Judy Baughin died Nov. 14, 2017 at the age of 79. Judy grew up in New Richmond, Ohio before attending the University of Cincinnati where she obtained a bachelor's and two master's degrees. After briefly teaching in the Forest Hills school district, Judy began her career at UC Blue Ash teaching French. After serving in this role for several years, she became chair of the Foreign Language Department, a position she

held for an astounding 32 years. Alongside her husband, Judy enjoyed traveling to and within Europe and showing continued support for the university.

## About Campus



Progress Hall, a new classroom building, was completed in June 2017 on the UC Blue Ash campus. The building is now occupied and encompasses approximately 16,600 square feet. The project began in March 2016 and will provide the campus with much needed office and classroom space as Muntz Hall undergoes the renovation process.



## This Month in UC History

In January 1927, the UC College of Law published Volume 1, Issue 1 of the University of Cincinnati Law Review. Ninety-one years later and the publication continues to produce four quarterly issues throughout the year. Read more about the University of Cincinnati Law Review [here](#).



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

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