Good news! While the world of politics might seem like a mess, these are relatively positive times for UC Irvine. You probably read Chancellor Gillman’s messages about some of the ratings that our campus is garnering. We’ve moved up to #7 among public universities in the venerable U.S. News & World Report rankings, our highest ever. The New York Times identifies UCI as the very best university in the US for “doing the most for the American dream.” Money magazine ranks us as #3 nationally among the best colleges in terms of value for money. And we are also the #1 “Cool School” in the US for our efforts in sustainability, regarding our physical campus, research and teaching, according to Sierra magazine.

As emeriti/ae, we have a sound basis to be proud of these rankings, since many of us helped lay the foundations for these scores. Many continue to contribute actively to the missions of the university in research, teaching and service. We worked hard as UCI evolved, always being told that although the resources for all our growth and efforts were less than adequate at the moment, there would be easier times ahead when additional resources were allocated in the future. As we heard this for decade after decade, we still kept producing. And the beat goes on…

Those of you who have moved on to other things in retirement have good justification for that. I hope you are able to engage actively in a life that satisfies. There is considerable empirical evidence that greater engagement with other people and an active lifestyle are strong correlates of a healthier and longer life.

I am currently meeting again with each Dean to discuss where progress has been made in enhancing emeriti/ae engagement and where further opportunities seem to exist. I am encouraged by the interest of most Deans in these ideas and by their willingness to facilitate the visibility and involvement of those emeriti/ae who are active contributors.

In concert with the Center for Emeriti & Retirees (CER) and the UCI Retirees Association (a separate organization for non-academic senate retirees), numerous activities are offered every month. These include tours, local hikes, cooking classes, a golf tournament, lectures, and much more. We also cohost the annual Emeriti & Retirees Reception (October 16th at 1:30 p.m.!) where you can connect with colleagues and throw some provocative questions at Chancellor Gillman. If you are missing your invitation, contact CER at 949-824-7769.

We also continue to be a strong advocate of emeriti/ae benefits and interests in the UC system. We helped mobilize our members and the Academic Senate to challenge an available to provide assistance regarding all aspects of the campus system to those faculty who are retired or are thinking of retiring. The first appointee, Professor Emeritus Bill Parker, explains how he can help you in an article in the next Newsletter.

- Working with the campus, UCI Emeriti Association members now have access to a complimentary parking pilot program for general parking that has been extended for the entire 2018-2019 academic year.

- Several Deans have now implemented a yearly survey to determine emeriti/ae productivity in terms of research, teaching, and service as well as what the emeriti/ae would be willing to do to contribute to the school’s efforts, if called upon. All of the Deans are now more sensitive to shining a spotlight on emeriti/ae’s accomplishments through their publications.

- The Deans are also examining their policies regarding office space and support services for emeriti/ae who continue to contribute to the school’s activities (e.g., recall teaching, mentoring junior faculty or students, research, committee service) and to campus life. campus life.
attempt by the Regents to rescind the existing agreement regarding a floor for the amount that retirees pay for health benefits. This pressure resulted in the Regents' backing off and led to the formation of a joint Working Group, with emeriti/ae representation, that is still negotiating the details. Also, under pressure from the Legislature, the Office of the President commissioned the Huron Consulting Group to look for ways to reduce the size of OP's budget and staffing. Some of the Huron Report’s proposals seem inappropriate and could affect emeriti/ae, if indirectly, and we’ve been part of those responding to OP regarding what makes sense.

Now for the bad news. UCI has about 500 emeriti/ae. The current paid membership of the UCI Emeriti Association is 95. We are a volunteer organization that relies on dues to cover many of our operating costs. My salary is $0. The combined salaries of the 16 person UCIEA Executive Board, which meets monthly and develops policies and programs, is $0. Alexis de Tocqueville suggested that one of the defining characteristics of the American experiment in democracy is our willingness to join (and contribute effort and funds to) organizations, especially volunteer organizations.

Some of our emeriti/ae live far away. But most of you live close to campus. And all of you benefit in some ways from the work of UCIEA. Thank you (truly) to those of you who have paid your dues in support of our organization. Yet most of you are what economists call “free riders.” I ask you to consider submitting the modest amount of dues to help UCIEA function now, during our annual membership drive. We now enable you to join (or rejoin) online and to pay dues online in the same way you pay for other goods and services. Here is the website:

http://connect.uci.edu/UCIEADues

You may also print out the membership form attached and send it with a check. Please consider joining UCIEA this year.

And please keep being active with friends and, if you are so inclined, with the campus.

As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions, queries and participation.

Jim Danziger, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and President, UCI Emeriti Association

2018 UCIEA Outstanding Emeritus/a — Raul Fernandez

UCI Professor Emeritus Raul Fernandez, Department of Chicano and Latino Studies, School of Social Sciences, has been named the 2018 UC Irvine Outstanding Emeritus/a Awardee.

Raul Fernandez demonstrates extensive and supportive engagement with faculty, graduate students and undergraduates as well as others beyond UCI. Letters from faculty and students in various departments across three different Schools offer abundant praise for collegiality, mentorship, and effective efforts to further the campus goal of inclusive excellence. In retirement, his commitment to help others in their professional development remains powerful. The letters of nomination, included phrases such as “...incredible passion for connecting like-minded scholars and helping advance the research and careers of junior academics...” and “...astute and generous mentorship and comradeship...”

We applaud the positive impacts of his leadership in the systemwide UC-CUBA Academic Initiative and in returning to Chair the Chicano/Latino Studies Department. The value of his teaching of graduate courses, provision of course lectures, service on dissertation committees, and active participation in workshops since retirement is immense. He has continued to publish articles and do research on Cuban music and musicians and to edit two online publications on current issues of geopolitics and political economy.

For more UCI Emeriti Accomplishments see our website: http://sites.uci.edu/emeriti/emeriti-spotlight/
Emeriti Spotlight

We would like to recognize and congratulate the following emeriti/ae on their continued work:

**Professor Emeritus Dan Stokols**

Dan Stokols, the founding dean of the UCI School of Social Ecology, was recently awarded the School's inaugural Founders Award.

The award is the highest honor bestowed by the School. It recognizes individuals and organizations for their commitment to upholding the ideals and ethos of social ecology, and for their efforts to find solutions to the world's most complex problems.

Stokols was one of the first faculty members hired to at the School, and has dedicated his career to defining and shaping social ecology, and putting it into action. Last year, Stokols published Social Ecology in the Digital Age, a book that chronicles the origins of the field of social ecology, Stokols' contributions to it and the future that lies ahead for it.

**Professor Emerita Vicki Ruiz**

UCI Distinguished Professor Emerita of history and Chicano/Latino studies, has been named a scholar-in-residence by Occidental College’s Institute for the Study of Los Angeles. “This is an exciting opportunity to work with colleagues and students in a liberal arts community where civic engagement is integral to undergraduate education. The college’s mission statement reads, in part, ‘The distinctive interdisciplinary and multicultural focus of the college’s academic program seeks to foster both the fulfillment of individual aspirations and a deeply rooted commitment to the public good.’ I am working with a dynamic group of faculty, staff and students to develop programming that highlights why history matters as a methodology, in discourse and as an applied humanities.” The institute is funded through an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant, with additional support from Howard and Roberta Ahmanson and Occidental College’s Center for Community Based Learning.

**Professor Emerita Karen Lawrence**

Karen Lawrence, UCI professor emerita of English and former dean of the School of Humanities (1998-2007), has been named president of The Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens in San Marino, effective Sept. 1. “We are thrilled that Karen has received this appointment,” said Tyrus Miller, current dean of the School of Humanities. “Her legacy at UCI speaks to her unwavering advocacy on behalf of the humanities, and we look forward to exploring partnership ideas that pair The Huntington’s rich historical resources with our faculty and student scholars.” During her tenure as dean, Lawrence established two centers: the International Center for Writing & Translation, for which she hired world-renowned writer Ngugi wa Thiong’o as founding director; and the Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies & Culture. Under her leadership, the School of Humanities also secured funding for two endowed chairs in Persian studies. Most recently, Lawrence was head of Sarah Lawrence College for 10 years.

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NEW POSITION TO ASSIST EMERITI AND “NEAR EMERITI” — Bill Parker

Acting upon the recommendation of the UCI Emeriti Association, Provost Enrique Lavernia in Spring 2018 appointed me to a part time position as the UCI Faculty Retirement Liaison. The part time position at UCI is similar to the faculty retirement liaisons at UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles and UC San Diego.

My responsibilities include assisting faculty who are considering retirement with planning, structuring and negotiating pre- and post-retirement arrangements with their department and school. Many faculty look forward to maintaining a productive interaction with students and colleagues following retirement but are apprehensive about how to ensure this productive interaction. Some faculty would also appreciate a “glide path” to retirement over a period of a year to two. Both these objectives are possible to obtain through negotiation with the department and school. Typically, the process concludes with a written agreement stating both a path to retirement and mutual commitments following retirement (e.g. office or laboratory space, recall teaching, dissertation supervision, research and travel funds). An independent person can sometimes be helpful in developing an agreement acceptable to both the individual faculty and the department/school.

In addition, I can help retiring faculty understand and navigate the University's general retirement process, available resources and benefits.

I am also available to consult with emeriti and to advocate the interests of our emeriti community with others on campus and in the UC system.

Finally, based on my experience with the University of California Task Force on Health Care, I can provide advice and guidance on post-retirement health care benefits. Personal decisions involving social security, medicare and UC health benefits can sometimes be confusing. Moving out of state following retirement generates different issues regarding UC-provided health care benefits.

I can be contacted at william.parker@uci.edu. If you are a recently retired faculty I would welcome learning about your experience with the retirement process, potentially ranging from "surprisingly easy" to "disappointingly difficult". If you are considering retirement in the near future, please contact me if you believe I can be of assistance.

ANNUAL RECEPTION Honoring UCI Emeriti and Retirees

Join us for appetizers, entertainment, time to chat, and an update from Chancellor Gillman.

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Pacific Ballroom, Student Center
Parking: Student Center Parking Structure
RSVP: emeriti@uci.edu
The UCI Libraries collections support the academic and research needs of over 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students and 3000 faculty in over 192 degree programs. The collection comprises over 3.7 million volumes and more than 1.3 million electronic books. The journal subscriptions number more than 150,736 journals and serials, and 112,797 audio-visual materials, multimedia, maps, photographs, and other graphic materials. Please refer to UCI Libraries Facts and Figures, https://www.lib.uci.edu/facts-and-figures.

**OC Collection**

The Langson Library houses collections in the Arts, Humanities, Education, Social Sciences, Social Ecology, and Business & Management, as well as over 100,000 federal, state and Orange County government documents and Special Collection materials with 640 archival collections that include over 1 million original documents and photographs. The third floor of the Langson Library was recently renovated to create a Collaboration Zone, https://www.lib.uci.edu/langson-library-collaboration-zone. The Science Library houses materials for Biological Sciences, Engineering, Information and Computer Science, Physical Sciences, and Medicine. A third library, the Grunigen Medical Library, is located at the UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange CA and houses current materials in clinical medicine and related health care disciplines.

The UCI Libraries are home to the Orange County and Southeast Asian Archive (OC&SEAA), https://ocsea.lib.uci.edu. Full time curators support each of those collecting areas and both areas are a model of community-centered archives in the country. The UCI Libraries recently received a nearly $500,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to partner with UCI ethnic studies programs and Orange County stakeholders to enhance the educational experiences of UCI ethnic studies students and enrich UCI Libraries community archives practices.
A Survey of UC Emeriti is coming and there are very compelling reasons to complete it.

Every three years, the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) conducts a survey of all UC emeriti/ae. The survey is relatively brief. It focuses on identifying the activities of our emeriti community in serving the missions of the university in research, teaching and community service. Soon, you will receive the newest version. I strongly encourage you to complete it! **Why?**

The last survey in 2015 was completed by more than 1600 of our colleagues, systemwide. Exceptionally interesting findings resulted regarding the extent to which many of us are still very active. We used the data to create a report that led to the term "a virtual eleventh campus of UC" to describe emeriti/ae activities. The report highlighted the fact that a significant number of our emeriti are still teaching and mentoring graduate students, undergraduates and colleagues. We are generating a substantial quantity of quality research and publications, and are being awarded grants and receiving honors and citations for this research. Emeriti/ae are providing beneficial service on campus and in our communities.

CUCEA has used the data and findings from the 2015 survey to great effect. The published report, "A Virtual Eleventh Campus" received very positive attention from the UC President as well as from UCOP leaders, campus chancellors and other campus leaders. The idea of an “Eleventh Campus” results from the fact that cumulatively, the contributions of all UC emeriti are estimated to be equivalent to those of the active faculty on any one of our ten actual UC campuses. (I personally did not like the term “virtual” as it could be confused with a campus in cyber-space rather than describe the actions of real people on our real campuses). The report is accessible at [http://cucea.ucsd.edu/biblio/documents/A Virtual Eleventh Campus.pdf](http://cucea.ucsd.edu/biblio/documents/A Virtual Eleventh Campus.pdf).

I was among those quoted in an excellent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in which the UC Irvine data was effectively used to leverage people on this campus to engage UCI emeriti with schools, departments and the campus in general in order to promote the UCI Emeriti Association’s key goal of enhancing emeriti involvement.

Although the last survey might have featured some questions that were too broad to measure emeriti/ae activity entirely accurately, it proved a very important tool. However, the response rate averaged only about 30%. This weakened our ability to capitalize on positive findings, given that we could not generalize to the entire emeriti community nor project the impact of emeriti as well as we could have with a higher response rate. For this reason, I urge you to complete the survey when you receive it. It will come as an email from our UC Irvine Emeriti Association because each campus is responsible for administering the survey before the results are combined. For those emeriti/ae who do not have an active email address in our system, the survey will be mailed.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. And PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY WHEN YOU RECEIVE IT! Do it right away – do not let it drift away in your “I’ll do this at some point…” email pile. P.S. If you would prefer to take this survey online, you can do so now:

Go to: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/emeritisurvey2018](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/emeritisurvey2018)
UPCOMING EVENT

UCIEA Annual Meeting—Nov. 14

2018 Outstanding Emeritus/a Award recipient announced + food and drink

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2018 @ 10:00am
Location: Newkirk Alumni Center, 450 Alumni Ct.
Parking: Lot 14
RSVP: emeriti@uci.edu
More Info: http://sites.uci.edu/emeriti

In Memoriam: FULL list at our In Memoriam webpage: http://sites.uci.edu/emeriti/in-memoriam

Linton C. Freeman Sociology – August 17, 2018
William H. Batchelder Cognitive Science – August 12, 2018
Louis Recher Pathology – August 2, 2018
Daniel B. Menzel Community & Environmental Medicine – June 3, 2018
Michael A. Green Russian – May 20, 2018
Gale “Morrie” Granger Molecular Biology & Biochemistry – April 9, 2018

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