

ERFA POSTSCRIPTS

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President's Message

Summer has come to a close and the fall semester is well underway on campus. The pandemic is still with us, but things have begun to open up and updated vaccine boosters will soon be available. And it's time for our retired faculty to enjoy a fall gathering.

Our ERFA fall luncheon meeting will take place on campus in the Zen Garden on Thursday, October 13th at 11:30 a.m. We are looking forward to hearing remarks by our new Provost, Dr. Walter Jacobs. If you have some department colleagues you haven't seen for a while, why not ask them if they would like to come share a table at the event? It could be a little departmental reunion. It will be nice to see everyone.

ERFA board membership has changed quite a bit lately. Long time board members Jack Kilgour, Carol Castagnozzi, Ned Lyke and Tom Accord have completed their service and we are so grateful for all they have contributed over the years. New members Donna Wiley and Eileen Barrett are joining of board. Please join me in welcoming them. Might you have an interest in serving on the board? We meet quarterly and produce two luncheons and two newsletters. If you have an interest, please contact me by phone or email.

We are proud to be keeping our faculty in touch with each other, strengthening their connections to the university and supporting students through scholarships for the Renaissance Scholars Program.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Jodi Servatius, President, CSUEB ERFA

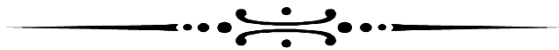


Fall Luncheon, Thursday October 13, 2022, 11:30 AM



Location: Zen Garden, Arts and Education Building

Welcome: Jodi Servatius, ERFA President
Update on Renaissance Scholars Program
Speaker: new Provost, Dr. Walter Jacobs



Academic Senator's Report

From the Senate newsletter: The Senate Officers this year are Sarah Nielsen (Chair), Christina Chin-Newman (Vice Chair), and Juleen Lam (Secretary).

On Oct. 6 Thursday from 12:15-1:15 pm will be a Senate-Provost Monthly Forum with Provost Walt Jacobs by zoom. Interested faculty may attend. I attended the first one on Sept. 1, an in person meeting in the Core Bldg. There was an exchange of views among a dozen or so people.

The Senate meeting was expeditious and uneventful. A lot happens of a technical nature that does not seem to have the drama one might wish for to report to the Emeriti.

Sherman Lewis, Academic Senator for Emeriti

OLLI: CSI Concord and More

CSI comes to Concord and OLLI has a course for you. The Concord Campus is the home of the new CSUEB Forensic Science Research Center directed by Dr. Michelle Rippey, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice. This fall Dr. Rippey will be offering a course on The Dead Do Tell Tales: Medicolegal Death Investigations. Her previous CSI course was very well received. Dr. Rippey has a bachelor's degree from East Bay and doctoral degree from USC. She has worked in law enforcement and medicolegal death investigations. Her course will tell you what forensic scientists really do and not the TV version.

Not interested in forensic investigations? OLLI has plenty of other stimulating courses still available this fall including:

- The Missing Kennedys: The Secret Bonds of Four Women
- Women Architects and the Designers Who Defined 20th Century Design
- The American Revolution and the British Empire
- The Dead Sea Scrolls
- 19th Century French Composers
- The History of the English Language
- Philosophy in Literature: Voltaire and Tolstoy

Plus many others. OLLI classes are offered online or in-person.

You can find out more about OLLI offerings by going to the website at olli.csueastbay.edu or calling 925 602-6776. OLLI is a great way to stay intellectually engaged, interact with other adult learners, and explore new topics.

-Carl Bellone

A GOOD DEAL: CSUERFSA* Membership

The *California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty State Association is offering a special first year half-price membership, available until 31 December 2022. The CSUEB ERFA Board encourages you to take advantage of the offer and join the premier statewide organization devoted to addressing the concerns and protecting the rights of CSU retired faculty.

CSUERFSA's highest priority issues are pensions – our defined benefit pensions – and health care. Its Health Benefits and Legislative liaisons monitor the actions of CALPERS and the

State Legislature in regard to these issues and attend PERS and legislative meetings as appropriate. CSUERFSA's health care focus has been noteworthy lately in its extensive coverage of the CALPERS Long Term Care Program and associated lawsuits in The Reporter, its quarterly Newsletter. CSUERFSA also maintains relationships with the CSU Chancellor's Office, the CSU Academic Senate, CFA, CSEA, and two statewide retiree groups, SCORE (California State Coalition of Retired Employees) and RPEA (Retired Public Employees Association of California). CSUERFSA, SCORE, and RPEA together support a lobbyist to monitor and advance their interests in the State Legislature.

CSUERFSA membership confers additional benefits as well, e.g., concurrent membership in CSUEB ERFA at no cost and access to CSUERFSA's Small Grant Awards program. Dues vary, depending on the amount of your PERS retirement check, but average around \$10 a month. A significant portion of this is rebated to our local chapter and helps us to support the Renaissance Scholars. Visit the CSUERFSA website for membership information and other member services. JOIN NOW!

-Judith Stanley



In My Opinion

As a long time professor of Political Science and a lifelong environmentalist, I have continued in my retirement to fight for sustainability, particularly in the Hayward area. It is important to me that the university make changes to meet future sustainability challenges. My suggestions to the university's Future Directions project were not accepted. When the report came out I found some ideas to be meaningful, but many to be vague or even incomprehensible.

In my community work I have often faced institutional opposition. The Hayward Area Planning Association got into it with the City of Hayward. I had the same experience on the BART Board. Culture and social networking seem sometimes to prevail over analysis. Should I hide my light under a bushel? I put the ideas out there and hope some support is generated. Acting alone, I'm just an eccentric; with one follower I become a leader. I wrote Forward Directions, a white paper now grown to 18 pages, with 33 specific ideas. Here is a small sampling of my 33 ideas. The full blast is available upon request.

Vice President for Advanced Sustainability

Develop the duties of the position of Director of Sustainability and add assignments and resources for higher level challenges, not the little in-house activities of the previous Director. At some point, the position should be split, with a Vice President of Advanced Sustainability managing advanced sustainability, and the Director of Sustainability managing the lower level duties currently associated with that position.

Campus Committee on Sustainability

Expand the work of the Campus Committee on Sustainability to include advanced sustainability. Stop excluding administrators, faculty, students, and emeriti who want to serve. Give oversight assignments to subcommittees, which would do most of the work. Work on all aspects of advanced sustainability, not just campus operations and curriculum.

Endowed Professorship in Advanced Sustainability

A Committee of three faculty would research the salary and amount of funds needed to support it. For example: Raise \$2.5 million for a \$100,000 annual starting salary. This idea is linked to what the professor would do, as explained below.

Committee to Support the Professorship

The Committee would define work of the professor (described in terms of the economic modeling research described below). The Committee would recruit—not just advertise—for top ABDs and mid-career academics with research track records. The committee would confer with senior UC Berkeley and Stanford faculty about candidates and how to write the job description in a way that will attract top talent, to get candidates to realize the importance of the work. Administrators and faculty should think bigger.

Get realistic about finding a Sustainability Director

The responsibilities and qualifications are far too lengthy to be realistic: 18 required skills is overboard. The Energy & Utilities Manager should do the Energy and Utility Programs. A faculty committee should confer with sustainability directors at nearby universities. Many of the specific tasks should be carried out by other parts of the university. We should talk to people who know of upcoming talent and can help us actively recruit.

-Sherman Lewis

Treasurer's Report

Account balance	7/21/22	2635.93
Deposit ERFSA Q2 Rebate	8/29/22	\$303.75
Anonymous donation		\$75.00
Expenses: Donation Renaissance Scholars	8/30/22	\$1,000.00
Current balance	9/1/22	\$2,014.68

John Giles, Treasurer



Passings

With many changes at the university, and particularly in the office of the Provost, we have had difficulty learning about faculty members' deaths. The Provost's website honoring deceased faculty seems quite out of date

[:https://www.csueastbay.edu/oaa/memorials/index.html](https://www.csueastbay.edu/oaa/memorials/index.html)

The ERFA board has reached out to the Provost's office to alert them of this communications issue and has agreed to help update the website.

Professor Bruce Trumbo, Professor Emeritus of Statistics and Biostatistics and Mathematics, died July 8, 2022. The Department of Statistics and Biostatistics has an obituary.

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