

UC Santa Barbara Emeriti Association  
Program Committee Annual Report  
2023-24

The membership of the Program Committee is as follows:

Bill Ashby, chair  
Scott Cooper  
Loy Lytle  
Bill Prothero  
Jon Spaventa  
Simon Williams  
Cynthia Brown, ex officio  
Muriel Zimmerman, ex officio

It has been a busy year. Among notable events were the first annual lecture co-sponsored with the UCSB Center on Aging & Longevity, and the on-going cooperation between the Association and the UCSB Library, culminating in an event featuring the current research of three of our emeriti.

The Committee developed a survey, sent to all emeriti, to determine their interests. The survey indicated that emeriti were particularly interested in outdoor events (such as our bird walks and visits to the local UC Reserves), webinars and talks focusing on faculty research; visits to museums and local sites of interest; and theatrical and musical performances. The results of the survey will guide us in future planning

Below is a full list of events and activities, in chronological order.

1. In-Person Lecture, October 20, “‘I see roads open up in front of me’: Drawing Connections among Discourses of Retirement” by Patricia Gettings, Associate Professor of Communication, University of Albany, SUNY, presented by the UCSB Emeriti Association and Center for Aging and Longevity Studies, and co-sponsored by the Department of Communication and SAGE Publications in association with the 19th Annual James Bradac Memorial Lecture. This is the First Emeriti Association/Center on Aging and Longevity Studies (CALs) Lecture on Retirement. The second is being planned for fall 2024.
2. Tour of Coal Oil Point Reserve, Isla Vista, one of the seven nature reserves managed by the University of California, Santa Barbara Natural Reserve System, led by Cristina Sandoval, Director on October 24. The survey
3. The Chancellor’s Reception for new emeriti at Mosher Alumni House, on November 2, 2023 (co-sponsored with the Retirees Association).

4. Webinar by Carolyn Ross, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Village Movement California, presented "The Village: Transforming the Experience of Aging," hosted by Emeriti Association President and Teaching Professor Emerita, Muriel Zimmerman, on November 14, 2023. 3
5. Guided Visit to the UCSB Art, Design & Architecture Museum, focused on the special exhibit "Art from Within: The Architecture of Helena Arahuete," led by Silvia Pereira, Curator of Architecture and Design, on November 28, 2023.
6. Mindfulness Session, "An Introduction of Mindfulness Meditation," led by Alice Alldredge, Professor Emeritus of Biology, at Mosher Alumni House, on December 6, 2023.
7. Docent-led Tour of the Santa Barbara County Courthouse by Emeriti Association Treasurer Mary Nisbet, Teaching Professor Emerita of Economics, on January 11
8. Webinar by Peter Alagona, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, discussed "The California Grizzly, Yesterday & Today," on January 18.
9. Event in the UCSB Library Series: "Explore Special Research Collections at the UCSB Library." The Special Research Collections curator pulled a number of special items to be viewed by guests and was available to give background information and answer questions about the archives, on January 23.
10. Webinar by Joel Feigin, Professor Emeritus of Music and Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professor presented his opera-in-progress "Outcast at the Gate," on January 27.
11. Dance Performance, a staging of "Homenaje a Limón" by Alice Condodina, Professor Emerita of Theater and Dance and 2023 Edward A. Dickson Professor, as part of the UCSB Museum of Art, Design & Architecture exhibition, "Border Crossings: Exile and American Modern Dance," to celebrate the legacy of Mexican American Choreographer, José Limón, January 28 and April 5.
12. Webinar with Nelson Lichtenstein, Professor Emeritus of History and Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professor, discussed his book in progress, "Why Unions Matter," on March 12.
13. Birding Walk at North Campus Open Space, a two-hour, 2 mile walk with Rob Lindsay of the Audubon Society, on March 23.
14. Event at the UC Santa Barbara Library, "Emeritus Excellence: A Celebration of Continued Research," in the library's Special Research Collections, presented in partnership with the UCSB Emeriti Association, that highlighted the work of three distinguished faculty emeriti and their continued research during retirement, on

March 27. The speakers were: Shirley G. Lim, Professor Emerita of English, whose interests span English, Asian American Studies, Creative Writing, and Feminist Studies, John T. Gerig, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry & Biochemistry, whose interests include the theory and application of magnetic resonance to biological systems, Patricia Cohen, Professor Emeritus of History, whose career at UC Santa Barbara has centered on the history of the 19th Century United States with emphasis on women, gender, and sexuality.

15. Inaugural lunch at The Club (formerly known as the Faculty Club), to meet with follow emeriti for an informal gathering on campus and enjoy a delicious lunch, views, and conversation, on April 2.
16. Attendance at the Ensemble Theatre Company of Santa Barbara's production of the Tony Award winning play, "The Lehman Trilogy," facilitated by Simon Williams, Emeritus Professor of Theater and Dance and Scott DeVine, Executive Director of the Ensemble Theatre Company, on April 11.
17. Luncheon to recognize this year's recipients of the UCSB Emeriti Association Promise Scholarships at The Club (formerly known as the Faculty Club), on April 16. Promise Scholars are high achieving, first-generation college students from low-income households. Current awardees are Kimberlly Baldwin (Communication), Maxwell Barrueta (Physics), Qien Feng (Biology), Heath Milton (Earth Science), and Alivia Morales (Communication).
18. Guided walking tour of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve led by Reserve Director Andrew Brooks, on April 19.
19. Bike To Breakfast, organized and led by Board members Bill Prothero and Jon Spaventa, consisting of rides of about 10 to 15 miles in total on the local bike paths of Goleta, Montecito, and Santa Barbara. Rides prioritize safe rides suitable for both beginners and experienced riders and include a stop for breakfast. Currently, rides are scheduled for May 21, and June 18, meeting at 9 a.m., and alternate between departing from Goleta Beach and the Santa Barbara harbor at Shoreline Park. Archives of webinars are available at <https://www.hr.ucsb.edu/events-archive>
20. Visit to Hermitage museum in Santa Barbara, organized by Loy Lytle, planned for June 5.