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The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things:
of shoes and ships - and sealing wax -

... OF CABBAGES & KINGS

University of the Pacific Emeriti Society Newsletter — Spring 2024 edited by Roseann Hannon

University Years of Service and Faculty Retirement and Recognition Reception Events

The 2024 Faculty and Staff Years of Service Celebration was held on Knoles Lawn with a buffet luncheon. Years of service recognition were given to more than 150 faculty and staff that have served the University from one to forty-five years. Service awards were also given to exceptional faculty and staff. The Provost and Cabinet members recognized all individuals and highlighted how important faculty and staff are in the recruitment, retention and success of our students.

The Faculty Retirement and Recognition Reception was held in the University Center Ballroom following the Years of Service luncheon. Dessert and beverages were served as the Provost recognized retirees, as well as faculty awardees. Bill Topp was the Emeriti Society representative and gave a warm welcome from the Emeriti Society to all individuals. Deans introduced six retirees celebrating their achievements; Margaret (Peg) Ciccolella from the College; Lisa Itaya, Cindy Lyon, Allen Wong from the Dugoni School of Dentistry; Scott Merry from the School of Engineering and Computer Science and Eric Boyce from the School of Pharmacy. It was an uplifting and inspiring event with the retirees regaling their history and experiences [Simalee Smith-Stubblefield].



Below are brief excerpts and summaries of candidates' qualifications from their nomination letters.

College of the Pacific

Peg Ciccolella — *Thirty-nine years of service to Pacific.* Professor Ciccolella is retiring from the Department of Health and Exercise Sciences after almost four decades of service to the University of the Pacific. Both a PhD and a JD, Dr. Ciccolella has taught a wide range of courses from Exercise Physiology to Health and Exercise Law, and was recently awarded the Spanos Award for Distinguished Teaching. Peg is also a recognized scholar of exercise physiology and has published nearly 30 peer-reviewed manuscripts. Additionally, Peg has served the Pacific community in significant leadership roles, from Department Chair to Academic Council Chair, and participated in many, many faculty governance and joint administrative committees. Peg's Department Chair and colleague, Mark Van Ness put it best by saying: "*Peg always considers student needs before everything and orients her support of student learning in all aspects of her job; from creation of curricula to evaluation of faculty.*"

Dugoni School of Dentistry

Eve Cuny — *Forty years of service to Pacific.* Professor Cuny began her career at Pacific in 1984 as a Dental Auxiliary Utilization Teaching Assistant and then Director of Environmental Health and Safety. From 2001-09, she was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology and Medicine, which became the Department of Diagnostic Sciences in 2017. Eve was promoted to Associate Professor in 2017, and then to full Professor in 2021. In 2020, she became the Dugoni School's first female Executive Associate Dean. Professor Cuny is a recognized authority in infection control, environmental safety, and risk management at regional, national, and international levels. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she provided numerous online seminars to help dental professionals navigate safely back to providing care for their patients while also guiding the Dugoni School through changing local, state and national mandates. Dr. Cuny has been recognized with the Dr. Edward B. Shils Entrepreneurial Fund 2020 Award for Excellence in a Nonprofit Organization, the American College of Dentists Northern California Chapter 2021 Outstanding Faculty Award, and the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry 2000 Medallion of Distinction. In her letter of support Dr. Cindy Lyon writes, "Eve's accomplishments as an educator have advanced the field through teaching, scholarship and research, and the training of literally thousands through continuing education presentations to organizations large and small. As one of the leading infection control experts in the United States, her local, regional, national and international education achievements have enhanced the safety of thousands of patients and oral healthcare providers across the globe."

Dorothy Dechant — *Twenty-nine years of service to Pacific.* Dr. Dorothy Dechant retired from the Dugoni School of Dentistry April 7, 2023, after serving since 1994 as the Museum Curator for the Center for Dental History and Craniofacial Study. Dr. Dechant was also initially appointed as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Anatomy Department (which was later folded into the Department of Biomedical Science). In 2018, Dorothy was promoted to Associate Professor (NTT). Over the years, Dr. Dechant taught many courses to and shared the Atkinson Skull Collection with dental students, audiology students, ortho residents, undergraduate biology students, and external organizations. As Dr. Cindy Lyon mentioned in her nomination of Dr. Dechant, "Museum specimens were managed in compliance with federal regulation for portions of the collection that fall within the purview of Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)". Included in Dr. Dechant's interesting body of work was identification and repatriation of remains of 50 Native Americans from over 20 localities in California, Washington and Arizona/New Mexico. "As described in the unit evaluation report for promotion: "In her position, Dr. Dechant has developed a beautiful

balance of creating educational experiences for the students along with protecting the fragility of the specimens and collection pieces within the museum. “Finally, Dean Nader Nadershahi shares, “Dr. Dorothy Dechant is a dedicated educator and curator who role models the highest professional standards and commitment to the Dugoni School, University of the Pacific, and the greater good.”

Lisa Itaya — *Twenty-four years of service to Pacific.* Dr. Lisa Itaya was a dental student and dental resident at Dugoni and joined the faculty in 2000. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 2010. She has served as the Clinic Director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency, the curriculum coordinator for Dugoni's International Dental Studies program, the Director Emergency Services, a Group Practice Administrator/Leader, and finally as the Outcomes Assessment Liaison. Her service at Pacific and to national dental organizations has included dean search committees, the Institutional Priorities Committee, Faculty Grievance Committee, Assessment Committee, the Professional Relations Committee, and the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation as a site visitor. Dr. Paul Subar's nomination letter also mentioned Dr. Itaya's many commendations: “In 2003 she was elected to the prestigious Pierre Fauchard Academy, received the Outstanding Manuscript Award from the Journal of Dental Education in 2009, elected to the American College of Dentists in 2010, received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Dugoni School in 2019, and elected to the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society in 2020.” As Dean Nader Nadershahi summarized in his letter, “Dr. Itaya has made strong contributions to our learning community as an educator, scholar, and servant-leader. Her involvement in service-related activities is particularly consistent and notable, bringing recognition to the University and the Dugoni School.”

Cindy Lyon — *Twenty-three years of service to Pacific.* Dr. Cindy Lyon's history of service to Pacific started when she began teaching with the dental school full-time in 2001, serving as a consultant in developing the Dental Hygiene Program on the Stockton campus. She served as the founding Director of the Dental Hygiene Program from 2002-2007 then assumed the role of Acting Chair of the Department of Dental Practice from 2007-2008, then Department Chair in 2008 on the SF campus. In 2008, she was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure. From 2017 to present, Dr. Lyon has served the Dugoni School as the Associate Dean for Oral Health Education. In addition to being a faculty leader Dr. Lyon has authored many peer-reviewed publications and been awarded over \$100,000 in external grants. Notably, while serving in her teaching and administrative roles at the School of Dentistry, Dr. Lyon has served on more than 50 committees for the dental school and the University—from strategic planning, dental faculty council, curriculum, clinic advisory, search committees, and the President's advisory council—often as chair. Additionally, as related by her colleague Executive Associate Dean Eve Cuny: “In her role as Associate Dean for Oral Health Education, Cindy must often deal with the difficult issues that can arise in higher education—and in professional school, e.g.; the student who is not progressing, the department leader who is struggling to find their footing, the faculty member who has lost their perspective on dealing with a diverse student population. Dr. Lyon deals with each of these difficult situations with compassion, fairness, and when needed, tenacity.”

Allen Wong — *Thirty-seven years of service to Pacific.* Professor Wong joined the dental school faculty immediately after graduation with his DOS in 1987. After being promoted to Associate Professor and then Full, he was also appointed Director of Dugoni's Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program in 2016. Throughout his career at Pacific, Dr. Wong has focused his teaching, service and scholarship on the care of patients with special needs. As his Dean writes, “Dr. Wong's teaching has been focused and impactful on Dugoni School students, education, and the profession. His passion for, and dedication to, providing care for patients with special needs

has been central to his teaching, scholarship, and service from the start of his professional career. While teaching diagnostic sciences, supervising student and resident hospital care for patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities and complex medical needs, and shepherding the school's AEGD program, Allen has challenged learners and colleagues to help remove barriers to care for this underserved group of people. "Professor Wong has published 25 peer-reviewed papers and given numerous presentations. He has also received many awards such as: the Distinguished Fellow Award-National Academies of Practice (2023), the prestigious Pierre Fauchard Academy Distinguished Faculty Award (2014), the Dugoni Dental Faculty Council Distinguished Faculty Award (2014), the American College of Dentists Outstanding Faculty Award (2013), and Diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry (2007). Dr. Paul Subar writes in his nomination letter, "Dr. Wong brought to the program a humanistic compassion for underserved patients, a broad knowledge of the care of patients with special needs, and an incredible work ethic." As related by Dean Nadershahi, Dr. Wong's, "...teaching, scholarship, service, and advocacy for patient care have been extraordinary throughout his tenure with Pacific."

McGeorge School of Law

John Kirlin — *Nine years of service to Pacific*. Professor Kirlin was recruited to McGeorge in 2015 as Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and the Founding Director of the McGeorge Public Policy Programs. As Inaugural Director, Professor Kirlin and his McGeorge colleagues successfully established the first Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Master of Public Policy (MPP) degrees housed in an American Bar Association-accredited School of Law -- generating over 150 McGeorge alumni since 2018. Professor Kirlin retires this semester after over 50 years of service to the law profession across three universities—University of Indiana, University of Southern California, and the University of the Pacific. As described in his letter of support, Professor of Public Policy Jeffrey Michael noted that John: "as both a scholar and practitioner ... led several, important public policy processes for the State of California that broke gridlock in controversial areas of environmental and water resources management". Former Dean, Jay Mootz, also comments: "Through his dedication to the law school, the policy program is firmly established as part of the law school community". Although Professor Kirlin joined Pacific late in his career, he has clearly served the University with distinction.

School of Engineering and Computer Science

Scott Merry — *Thirteen Years of Service to Pacific*. Professor Scott Merry retired in August 2023 after over a decade of service to the Civil Engineering Department, the School of Engineering and Computer Science and the University. As both a Registered Professional Engineer and a Registered Geotechnical Engineer, Dr. Merry taught several courses related to his expertise such as the lab course, Geotechnical Engineering (CIVL 140), and several undergraduate and graduate electives in advanced topics including Foundation Design, Slopes, and Retaining Walls. He also taught core courses such as Pacific Seminar I (PACS 001), Mechanics of Materials (ENGR 121), and Engineering Ethics (ENGR 030). As related in her nomination letter, Dean Elizabeth Orwin writes, "Dr. Merry was extremely dedicated to our students, and in particular to our American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter. He served as faculty advisor for this group for some time, and also encouraged and supported their participation in statewide competitions such as MidPac each year. This often involved traveling with students to these competitions to support them." In 2016, Dr. Merry was elected as a Fellow of ASCE. Professor Merry also participated in Faculty Governance as a member of Academic Council and served as Associate Provost for Student Academic Achievement in 2016-17.

Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy

Eric Boyce — *Eighteen Years of Service to Pacific*. Dr. Eric Boyce has served as Professor of Pharmacy Practice in the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy since 2006, and as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 2006-2021. As Associate Dean, Professor Boyce managed administrative oversight of assessment, accreditation and degree programs in the pharmacy school. He has shared his expertise and guidance at the university level supporting WASC reaccreditation, program development and student conduct practices. Dr. Boyce also has served the pharmacy profession at the national level through his presence on the Student Affairs Committees and Assessment SOG Research Task Force of AACP (American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy). Dr. Boyce has also been active as research scholar publishing articles focusing on the scholarship of teaching and learning and interprofessional education. In her letter of support, fellow Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Linda Norton notes that, “Dr. Boyce is deeply devoted to recognizing and promoting excellence in pharmacy and pharmacy training as well as the efforts that support student-pharmacists who will soon be practicing and providing patient care.” Dean Berit Gundersen also writes, “Dr. Boyce has provided exemplary service to the school, University and the profession... I wholeheartedly support his nomination for emeritus status upon his retirement. “

TO THE 2024 NEW EMERITI----WELCOME TO THE EMERITI SOCIETY!!

Nine faculty members have recently received the honor and the title of emeritus/emera:

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Peg Ciccolella, College of the Pacific; John Kirlin, Mc George School of Law; Scott Merry, School of Engineering and Computer Science; Eric Boyce, School of Pharmacy; and five faculty members from the Dugoni School of Dentistry: Eve Cuny, Dorothy Dechant, Lisa Itaya, Cindy Lyon, and Allen Wong.

The eligibility criteria are clearly stated in the Faculty Handbook, Section 7.1.8 . The protocol states that the schools, faculty and deans create nomination letters of recommendation. The letters then are directed to the Provost and the Academic Council for approval. The approved names are sent on to President Callahan for his concurrence.

On May 1, of this year 2024, the nine newly honored faculty members were introduced at the Retirement and Recognition Reception held at the De Rosa University Center Ballroom. Bill Topp, of our Board, greeted the group as new members of the Emeriti Society. Each was presented with a document that describes the founding and history of the Emeriti Society.

WELCOME Peg, John, Scott, Eric, Eve, Dorothy, Lisa, Cindy, and Allen !!

The Board welcomes all nine of you to the Society and we hope that you will become active in our events. [Doris Meyer]

Spring Luncheon



Our annual Spring Luncheon was held on March 27 in the Alumni House. Our guest speaker was Chris Ferguson, Vice President for Enrollment Management. As he has done in the past, VP Ferguson provided us with an informative update on the University enrollment and strategies that have been implemented. By all counts the strategies are successful and enrollment and retention are trending upward. The incoming class will have the highest enrollment in the history of the University. Thirty-five attendees enjoyed a wonderful lunch, conviviality, and the presentation. John Mayberry, the Academic Council Chair provided an update on the activities of the Academic Council [Simalee Smith-Stubblefield].

President's Annual Holiday Party for Emeriti

On December 12, 2023, the President and Mrs. Callahan welcomed us into their home to celebrate the holidays, as they have done for the past two years. Their home was beautifully decorated, and the food was superb! Forty-six Emeriti, spouses and partners attended and enjoyed drink, food and conversation. President Callahan talked about the state of the University and all the exciting activities and plans he has to move the University forward. A good time was had by all! [Simalee Smith-Stubblefield]





Pacific Gives 2024 Update - Emeriti Contributions to Student Emergency Need Fund

The Pacific Gives campaign for 24 hours on April 23-24 was a **BIG** success.

Thank you to all of the Emeriti Society Members who contributed to the Pacific Fund – Student Emergency Need fund. A total of **\$10,069** was raised; **\$5,069** was contributed by 37 individuals and another **\$5,000** was matched from the members of the Emeriti Society Board. This was a big increase from 2023 to the Student Emergency Need fund when there were only 10 gifts for a total of **\$480**. The fund contributed by Emeriti Society members will go a long way to assist current students in financial crisis.

The overall Pacific Gives campaign was a record-breaking success with more than \$2 million donated. To learn more about the overall success of the campaign, click on the link below: https://www.pacific.edu/pacific-newsroom/pacific-gives-raises-record-shattering-2-million-students?utm_source=pacific_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_spring&utm_content=featured_link

TIAA to Fidelity Transfer at Pacific - Summary of Events

As you have surely heard by now, the University is changing its Retirement Saving Plan (403b) records keeper from TIAA to Fidelity, effective June 11, 2024. This records keeper change covers all participants, active and non-active. Non-active participants are emeriti, retirees, and former employees with a balance with TIAA.

Some of the TIAA Annuity and CREF accounts are not transferrable. Participants with funds in these accounts will have the funds remain with TIAA unless they take action to move their funds out of these accounts. Conversely, emeriti / retirees have the option of keeping all their funds with TIAA by transferring their funds into these type accounts. If you have questions, consult a TIAA representative.

Questions have arisen from some of our members. This email is designed to give some clarification and aid in helping you access resources that can help your understanding.

1. Our University has mailed out a Guide that describes the "TIAA to Fidelity" transfer. Members were not on the mailing list if they do not have accounts with TIAA or if they only have accounts that must remain under TIAA management.

2. Fidelity and Pacific have teamed up to create a website with transfer information. It nicely breaks up the Guide into sections, like a Table of Contents.

Select link to visit the website - [Fidelity - Pacific Transfer Website](#)

3. Members often find it easier to scan a document, like the Guide, online rather than as a booklet.

Select link to view the Guide online - [Guide - Online](#)

The FAQ ("Frequently Asked Questions") tag at the top of the website page will link to information that is regularly updated.

4. If you have questions, contact John Clark with Heffernan Financial. He is a consultant to the university for the transfer. If you wish, he can help you tailor how you want your funds to transfer. Otherwise, the transfer is automatic and no action is needed by a participant.

Phone: (415) 808-1370 Email: johnc@heffgroup.com

John offered a Townhall session describing the transfer. You can listen to the Townhall and view the slides he used.

Select the link for the Townhall session: [Clark Townhall](#) The passcode is **kCu+8e=Y**

Select the link for the Townhall slides: [Clark Townhall Slides](#)

Importantly, the black out date is June 3, 2024. If you wish to take action, please do so before this date.

Emeriti Society Reports

Expanding the Emeriti Website Memorial List

The Society website features a Memorial List remembering colleagues who have passed away. Originally, the list included only person whose year of death was from 2009 forward.



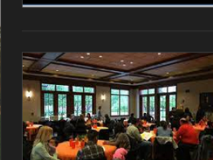
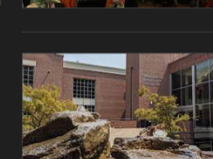
We know we are missing some colleagues. Families are asking us to include loved ones from before 2009. In a January email, we asked for your help and got five names. They have been added to the Memorial List with photo (when available) and profiles have been added to the Memorial List.

John Boelter	College of the Pacific - Sports Science	Died April 28, 2006
Arlen Hansen	College of the Pacific – English Dept	Died August 12, 1993
Sy Kahn	College of the Pacific – English & Drama	Died November 27, 2007
Bob Orpinela	College of the Pacific – Philosophy Dept	Died June 18, 1999
Richard Perry	College of the Pacific – Physics Dept	Died August 31, 2023

Your continued help is important. The easiest way to submit a person's name is to login into the Society website (URL: <https://pacific.edu/emeriti-society>) and use the form in the "Lest We Forget" section of the Memorial List site. The Board Care Team puts in a great deal of effort to maintain the Memorial List. Hopefully you will use the photos and profiles to recall friends and colleagues. [Bill Topp]

Emeriti News on Website

Our Society website has an **Emeriti News** section which contains important news items of general interest. Hopefully, you will visit the site frequently as you scan internet sites of interest. If you are not familiar with our Society website, here is a simple way to access news items. Login to the site (URL: <https://pacific.edu/emeriti-society>) and scan down to the "Explore the Emeriti Society's News and Events" section. The View Emeriti News link displays the current news items. By selecting an item, you gain access to the entire new release. [Bill Topp]

 <p>Emeriti Society Donor Promotion - Pacific Student Emergency Fund for Pacific Gives April 23-24</p> <p>Society members understand that students at times need a hand-up. The University has t...</p> <p>Bill Topp</p>	 <p>Help Expand the Memorial List - Remembering Colleagues</p> <p>Our Society website maintains a Memorial List that re...</p> <p>Steven Hahn December 6, 2022</p>  <p>YouTube Video - Fall Luncheon Remarks by Provost Gretchen Edwalds-Gilbert</p> <p>Our new provost Gretchen Edwalds-Gilbert comes to P...</p> <p>Steven Hahn December 6, 2022</p>  <p>Recent Oral History Interviews - Advancing the History of the University</p> <p>The Oral History Project gathers interviews of former f...</p> <p>Steven Hahn November 14, 2022</p>
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Oral History

THEN and NOW:

BACK TO 1995 --- A small group of our emeriti met with Don Walker, archivist, Holt Atherton Library, Stockton campus. The discussion topic was, "What, as an Emeriti Society, can we do to be of service to the division of Special Collection and Archives?" "Identify old Photographs?" NO ! "Coordinate an Oral History Project?" YES!!! At that time, there were three oral histories stored in the archives: DeMarcus Brown, interviewed by Jerry Briscoe; Bill Atchley, interviewed by Don Walker; John Crabbe, unidentified interviewer.

SPRING FORWARD TO 2024---Today, there are approximately 100 online interviews. In all, as of March 11,2024, there have been 10,107 downloads of those current interviews.

Can you believe it?? If you count by University unit, the highest number of interviews is by individuals associated with College of the Pacific, Administration, School of Education, and School of Engineering and Computer Science. If you count by number of downloads for an individual interview:

Paul Fairbrook's Autobiography – 513 hits; Len Humphreys' interview – 425;

Mike Sharp—301; Gil Schedler—270; Claude Rohwer—259; Gary Howells—246.

Please, to add your recollections to the Oral History Collection. Just contact Doris Meyer (dmeyer@pacific.edu) or any of the Emeriti Society board members. You can select your own interviewer. There is a list of suggested questions. Nicole Grady Mountjoy is our contact person at the Library. She can arrange for an interview room and a zoom connection for you. [Doris Meyer]

Treasurer's Report

As of May 1, 2024, the Emeriti treasury had a balance of \$3,428.78. We had 35 attendees at the Spring Luncheon held on March 27, 2024. Of those attendees, four were invited guests. We collected \$620.00 for registration and \$50.00 in donations. The cost of that event was approximately \$1,145.00, resulting in a loss of \$475.00. The money from the Provost's Office covered the cost of this event. The registration for our luncheon was reduced to \$20.00. Due in part to the generosity of the Jean Matuszak Endowment, the Provost's Office, and others we continue to have a positive balance in our account. [Simalee Smith-Stubblefield]

Academic Council Highlights — Spring 2024

John Mayberry, Professor of Mathematics, has chaired the Academic Council (AC) during the Fall 2023-Spring 2024 year. John has been doing a great job in communicating with faculty and leading the Academic Council through full agendas. He has shown devotion and attention to matters before the AC Executive Board and the Academic Council at monthly meetings.

Meetings have had items on the consent agenda dealing with course additions, modifications, or deletions by many programs and majors. Action items have included such proposals as: Approval of a new Master of Science in Regulatory Science through the Long School of Pharmacy; approval of revisions to the BA in English, including the department's title change to English and Writing Professions; approval of new programs in Nutritional Science in addition to the existing MS in Clinical Nutrition; and approval of several changes in wording to improve accuracy in selected sections of the *Faculty Handbook*, thanks to work by Professor Emeritus, Gene Pearson.

Academic Council had guest presenters from University Administration, such as James Walsh, Chief Financial Officer, who presented information on the financial standing of the University; Chris Ferguson, Vice President for Enrollment, on the progress in recruiting first year undergraduates, transfer students, and graduate and professional program students; and Rob Henderson, Chief Technology Officer. We also had an in-depth presentation from two faculty from the University Assessment Committee, focusing on the core competency of critical thinking and written communications.

Gretchen Edwalds-Gilbert, University Provost, has attended our monthly meetings and provided updates from her work with faculty. The Vice-Chair of ASUOP, Cynia Manning, provided in-depth reports on work for students on our campuses.

Elections for a new Academic Council board chair-elect will occur on May 2nd. Justin Lowe, Associate Professor in Counseling Psychology from Benerd College, will become the new AC Chair for 2024-25 after serving as Chair-Elect. The election of members for the Executive Board will also take place on May 2nd.

I have benefited from attending AC meetings, held on Zoom this academic year, with in person or Zoom option for meetings at the end of each semester. There are many new faculty, as one would expect, and so many new programs and initiatives. There is a great deal of energy and focused work. The university is a lively, thriving place. [Marilyn Draheim, Emeriti Representative]

C&K Member News....May
2024....Many Things

Maurie McCullen

Nothing to report, really. Very thankful for good books and good music. . . and for our decision to scrap tv. Enjoyin' the quiet.

Harriett Arnold

It has been a pleasure to be nominated and placed in the Black Legends Hall of Fame for Silicon Valley. The event was held on Saturday, February 17, 2023, at the famed Hammer Theater in San Jose, California. It is such an honor and I have attached both a small part of the San Jose Mercury Press release and a photograph:

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On behalf of the Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley, it's my honor and pleasure to inform you that you have been voted into the **Class of 2024**.

Dr. Harriett B. Arnold, Ed.D.

***Banks-Gage Education Award
Class of 2024***



The award acknowledges the contributions, professional excellence, and dedication to Silicon Valley's African American community. Your commitment to the community exemplifies outstanding citizenship and encouragement to serve the community. Your community service is a great honor for you and your family. We know that the family plays a part in the flow of our lives. Congratulations to your family.

Said Shakerin

I'd like to share an enjoyable encounter with coffee! In some hotel rooms, coffee is provided in individualized filter bags, which let fine particles of coffee pass through while brewing the coffee. It is with this sort of coffee that I was able to make the following images, which were captured looking down at the bottom of a porcelain cup. No alterations were made to the images, except cropping. Here is a step-by-step instruction if you're inclined to try it.

1. Enjoy your coffee but leave a small volume of coffee in the cup, about 2 cm³.
2. Swirl the coffee around.
3. Tilt the cup at about 30 degrees and hold until the coffee runs down. Some of the particles stick to the bottom, creating a random pattern.
4. Rotate the cup a little, tilt and hold. Repeat until you like the pattern.

This is fascinating as random flows turn into intriguing patterns. Feel free to email me (sshakerin@pacific.edu) for more images of “Coffee Paintings!”



Connor and Ria Sutton

Not much has changed here in Oregon. Connor and I are waiting for the Spring blossoms. The Daffodils are in full bloom as I type, and it is almost time to mow the grass. We are all getting older with various ailments. Connor suffers with lower leg neuropathy. Lucky for me, he does not complain much. He always has some kind of project going out in the shop. I am still quilting, but not as much lately. Have given away most of my stash. I walk up and down our hill, which is a pretty good hike. George Nemeth and his wife Linda are going to visit in a couple of weeks. They helped celebrate a graduation with one of their granddaughters in Arizona and are staying here with us for a couple of nights, breaking up their trip home. We had a great time at the UOP bash a few weeks ago. Saw a lot of friends from the old days; stayed with Bob Dash, and just caught up with all we could. Lots of fun!!

Ed and Carmen Pejack

We still like to do train travel, and recently did a Smarrrt trip (i.e., Sonoma Marin Area Rapid Transit, aka SMART) along with son Patrick (UOP '88). We took the train from Larkspur to Santa Rosa and back. It was quite scenic along the way, and they stopped for visits at Petaluma and Santa Rosa. The rail line has plans to extend it to Cloverdale. For seniors over 65, the cost is quite reasonable: free.

Will Price

Here is a framework/abstract for research I am conducting on the difficult topics of “Advanced Analysis and Artificial Intelligence”. Current title:

“IA (not AI): Proving Credibility of Advanced Analysis (not Analytics)”

1. Evolution of Computing:

I begin with a simple introduction to the evolution of computing hardware (HDW), networks and software (SFW). Then I add a focus on my own history with computing.

2. Responsibility across the Life Cycle of Software Development and Usage:

My approach assigns responsibility for various stages of the SFW life cycle with a strong emphasis on the obligation of functional managers to create the strategy and design of their operational model and information systems.

3. Goals for Advanced Modelling and Analysis:

The credibility of SFW is basically built upon VALID system models and analysis that produced solutions that are RATIONAL. If assumptions hold true, even with random variables, then analytical solutions should produce the desired results, unless false assumptions are made and/or randomness is ill-defined.

Will machines be VALID and RATIONAL, let alone USER FRIENDLY, ETHICAL, and MORAL?

4. Nature of Advanced Analysis

You will note I prefer the term Analysis to Analytics. Analytics is defined as the study of Analysis, like Physics, Statistics or Economics. I will stick with analysis, albeit I am conducting analytics by this research.

This is a complex topic as “intelligent thinkers”, humans and/or machines, must learn to model systems, gather required data, and chose analytical models.

5. Keeping Control of Machine Learning, Big Data and Advanced Analytics created by Intelligent Assistants (IA) or Artificial Intelligence (AI):

We need to establish the control mechanisms needed to ensure machines provide all the performance measures suggested above. I’ll suggest “autonomation”.

Please offer any advice you may have to assist along the way.

Judy Van Hoorn

After many years of traveling abroad, Derek and I have settled down to trips within 50 or so miles of home. Fortunately, our children and grandchildren live close by but also because we’re committed to limiting our travel. We’re lucky that there are many beautiful places to explore nearby.

Since 2016 I’ve been writing articles on children and climate change with colleagues in Australia and Peru. At that time, there were few stories in the media and fewer academic articles. When we began, climate change was considered something happening far away – droughts in Africa or floods in South Asia. As we all know, things have changed.

We now receive numerous requests to write, and have garnered more than 2400 citations. In past issues of Cabbages and Kings, I mentioned several co-authored publications, including our book *Children and Climate Change* (Cambridge Elements in Child Development). Most recently, we contributed a chapter “Parenting in the Climate Crisis” to the book, *Climate Change and Youth Mental Health* (in press, Cambridge University Press). I’d be pleased to send you a copy of any of our publications.

The past few years have been medically difficult for me. I’m looking forward to joining you in person for a meeting this fall.

Bob Dash

The Dashes are moving to O'Connor Woods independent living in Valley Oak 141 on July 1st after living in the same house 59 years. We are off to Maine for six weeks first, and will sell the house when we get back and make the big move. Son Eric will come to Maine our last week there and help finish getting the house ready for the Summer people. A new and exciting phase of our lives together.... We will celebrate 60 years of marriage in May.... Still in love... life is good.

In Memoriam

Note: Each person is posted on the Memorial List available on our Society website <http://www.pacific.edu/emeriti-society>

Alan Budenz

School of Dentistry



Alan Budenz, professor emeritus at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, died recently after a short illness. He was 73. Budenz died three weeks after he was diagnosed with stage IV metastatic melanoma.

He retired from the dental school in 2023, leaving behind a remarkable legacy and impacting thousands of lives as a teacher, mentor and friend.

Budenz graduated from the UCSF School of Dentistry in 1982 and earned a Master of Business Administration from University of the Pacific in 2000. He also earned a Master of Science in anatomy at UCLA in 1977 and a bachelor's degree in Zoology at Oregon State University in 1972.

Budenz was honored with many prestigious awards, including twice receiving the Lucien Szymd Memorial Award (a high honor chosen by students), the Dugoni School's Distinguished Faculty Award, and University of the Pacific's Distinguished Faculty Award, the highest faculty honor across the entire university.

A 1982 graduate of the University of California, San Francisco, Budenz began teaching one day a week at the Dugoni School in 1984. He maintained a private practice in the Marina District of San Francisco until 1992.

Budenz also gave to the school in many other ways, including leading more than 10 international student service trips to Jamaica and the Philippines to promote global experiences and sponsoring boat trips and swimming events for students to help them manage stress. He is the only individual to have served as president of both the Dugoni School of Dentistry Alumni Association and the UCSF School of Dentistry Alumni Association.

He also gave his talent and time to organized dentistry, holding several leadership positions during his career. Budenz served on the American Dental Education Association Task Force on Competencies and Foundation Knowledge advisory board, the Northern California Section of the American College of Dentists board and the California Dental Association Presents board of managers.

In addition, he lectured nationally and internationally on local anesthesia, human anatomy, cariology and oral medicine/oral pathology topics. From 2005 to 2023, he was recognized each year by *Dentistry Today* as a leader in dental continuing education.

“Alan touched the lives of thousands of members of the Dugoni School family including students, residents, staff, faculty, patients and graduates,” said Dean and Vice Provost Nader A. Nadershahi ’94. “He lived life to the fullest and lived a life of distinction. I will sorely miss him and his unwavering dedication to our school and profession.”

Barbara Flaherty

College of the Pacific Art Department



The Department of Art, Media, Performance and Design, the Reynolds Gallery and University of the Pacific are saddened by the unexpected recent loss of Professor emerita Barbara Flaherty.

Her children Rue and Frank shared: "First and foremost, Barbara was an artist. Regardless of the medium—paintings, drawings, textiles, prints—she was devoted to engaging with the inexpressible mysteries of life.

Whether inspired by a classical motif or a tree branch, interacting with art was a kind of call-and-response dance that challenged and delighted her.

Through her art she worked to balance her spiritual nature with everything else in her life; and did it beautifully." It was an honor for her colleagues and students to learn from her and pursue the message at the core of her favorite quote from painter Francis Bacon, "The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery."

Reflection on Barbara the Artist at Pacific

The job of the artist is to deepen the mystery” — Francis Bacon

Barbara Flaherty taught drawing, painting, design, and printmaking at University of the Pacific in Stockton, California from 1985 - 2005.

She grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, earned a B.A. in Art from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, and a Masters in Painting from U.C. Davis where she studied under Wayne Thiebaud and William T. Wiley.

“I found my way to University of the Pacific by water. A year or so after grad school I met a guy who made great gardens, and boats too. He found us a spot on the Calaveras River that has provided the anchor that has kept me from falling off the planet. *The Riverbank of Dreams*, our landlord called it, and so it has proven. It is a very real place as well as a magical oasis. We were a part of it for 30 years or so. We lived lightly there, breathing with the winds, rocked by the movement of the water.

We were family members with the birds and beasts both tame and wild, our time marked by weather and season. We raised children there, buried pets, created art and gardens, swam, rowed, and sailed. We weathered angry agencies, lifestyle critics and potential buyers. We laughed, cried, and said “hello” and “good-bye” a million times. The scent and texture of the place has fleshed out our sense of wholeness and of belonging to the earth.”

Several study grants facilitated travel in Greece and Ireland, two locations that have influenced her work. She also led summer workshops and classes in Greece for artists and university students.

Influences on Barbara’s painting concepts and methods include her longtime friend and fellow painter, Ellen Van Fleet, and her graduate professor, William T. Wiley. Wiley, in one of his personas, Swami Beyondananda, says: “If you’re looking for the key to the Universe, I have some bad news and some good news. The bad news is there is no key to the Universe. The good news is it has been left unlocked.”

Barbara has always viewed art making as an educational gambit for learning about oneself and the world – exploring, engaging, an on-going inquiry through both subjective and objective filters – rather than adding to the mammoth repository of *object d’art*. For her, art making is visual poetry in the way Northrop Frye describes:

“Poetic thinking, being mythical, does not distinguish or create antithesis: it goes on and on, linking analogy to analogy, identity to identity, and containing, without trying to refute, all oppositions and objections. This means, not that it is merely facile or liquid thinking without form, but that it is the dialectic of love: it treats whatever it encounters as another form of itself.”

Charles D. Kelso

1928 - 2024

McGeorge School of Law



Professor Charles D. Kelso, who taught at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law for 40 years, died recently at the age of 95. He passed away of natural causes due to a series of health complications.

Affectionately known as "Papa Kelso" to students, he joined the faculty in 1978 and profoundly impacted the McGeorge community through decades of dedicated service before his retirement in 2017.

Kelso taught courses on constitutional law, the First Amendment and contracts.

Born in 1928 in Indiana, Kelso earned undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Chicago. After graduating from law school, he served as a law clerk to Justice Sherman Minton of the Supreme Court of the United States. It was at Indiana that he met his wife Jane who graduated at the top of her class at the law school in 1953.

By the age of 22, he began teaching at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Indianapolis, earning recognition as the youngest law professor in the nation at that time.

Kelso also earned Master of Laws and Doctor of Juridical Science degrees from Columbia University and a Doctor of Laws degree from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School.

Kelso's commitment to legal education became a family tradition with his wife, Jane Kelso, serving as dean of students at McGeorge School of Law from 1982 to 2001. Two of their children followed in Charles' footsteps and became law professors. Clark Kelso has been a law professor at McGeorge for the past 38 years and Randall Kelso serves on the faculty at South Texas School of Law Houston.

According to Clark Kelso, the family legal dynasty has lasted for more than seven generations—dating back to the 1800s.

"My father was an inspiration to law professors around the country and, of course, at McGeorge," Clark Kelso said. "He was an innovator in legal education, years ahead of his time."

Charles Kelso's contributions include a 1972 study on part-time law schools co-authored by his wife. The study advocated for objective measures of law schools and the effectiveness of part-time education. Clark Kelso noted that "the study put part time education on solid footing against critics who might have pushed toward abolishing it".

Also in the 1970s, he engaged with PLATO, the first computer-based learning system developed at the University of Illinois, showcasing his forward-thinking approach.

Kelso wrote four books, eight monographs and more than 70 law review articles with many on constitutional law and legal education.

He stated that he believed "the legal profession, in any of its branches, is a great place in which to devote one's career. I hope that my students enjoy it as much as I have, and that they experience careers which meet all their expectations."

McGeorge Dean Michael Hunter Schwartz expressed sadness at his passing and admiration for his work.

"Professor Kelso was so beloved. Since I shared the news of his passing, I have received dozens of emails from alumni telling stories of his kindness, his brilliance, his care for students and his excellence as a teacher."

Mike Sharp

February 10, 1941 – January 4, 2024

College of the Pacific - German



A Scholar and A Gentleman.

Mike Sharp died January 4, 2024, in Stockton. He peacefully transitioned attended by his beloved family, Nancy his wife, daughter Lea and grandchildren Nicholas and Tiffany and Sylvia.

Mike, Nancy and Lea moved to Stockton in 1979 when Herr Sharp became the German professor at University of the Pacific.

He was known for making the difficult language, especially for beginners, fascinating. His humor and congeniality in the classroom endeared him to students. His enthusiasm for the language and German culture enabled his students to begin to appreciate a world view. Mike was passionate about the value he saw in exposing young people to a broad liberal arts education as the basis for inspiring intellectual curiosity. By teaching college German Mike believed he could nurture his students to develop what he called “an inner life”, which would give them satisfaction and meaning, no matter what their major. Mike believed this was the goal of liberal arts education which was his calling.

Mike had a happy and typical childhood, growing up in the small town of St. Joseph, Missouri. Probably a 1950s version of Huckleberry Finn. He spent 3 hours a day delivering newspapers from the age of 13. His success and work ethic earned him a scholarship contest from the paper’s Parade magazine at 15. The prize was a 14-day trip to Spain and Portugal in the company of 60 news carriers from around the country. He later wrote this experience was one of the most determining factors in his life. It revealed entirely new and unthought of horizons for the boy from St. Jo!

Later, Mike recognized his hometown was isolated from both coasts by tremendous land masses, mid-Western ideas and ideals and usually conservative to such a degree as to be unbelievable to people having closer contact with foreign cultures. Often, as with many members of my family, this means an early closure of the mind to new ideas and experiences.

After graduating from high school, Mike enrolled at the University of Missouri in 1959. Chemistry seemed to lead to job prospects in the age of Sputnik! Mike began diligently studying the basics of higher math, chemistry and physics. However, during his second year in college, he found himself particularly enjoying his liberal arts courses more than the science. German was required of all Chemistry majors at that time. Mike has said, that “it is significant that my first encounter with German literature and philosophy were the works of Friederick Schiller, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Immanuel Kant. These writers opened “new spheres of thought that made deep impressions in my mind. It seems that their highly idealistic conceptions of the perfectibility of human ethics and morals came into my education at just the right point.” At the same time, he determined he would never find a chemistry book that was interesting to read! Mike followed his heart and graduated in 1964 with a major in German.

Upon completing college, Mike received his ROTC commission as 2nd Lt., and was very pleased to be stationed in Baumholder, Germany for two years. Military duties came first, but, as he lived with a local German family, and continued studying German and touring Europe, Mike felt he didn't waste a second of his time there. Mike and Nancy's romance began at the Officers Club on base in Baumholder, where officers and the military schoolteachers socialized.

Upon returning to the States in 1967, Mike and Nancy married and settled in Berkeley, CA. Mike earned his Ph.D at UC Berkeley in German in 1971. Mike taught German at Princeton before beginning his long tenure at Pacific. He enjoyed giving numerous summer workshops in Vienna, Austria.

Mike was greatly admired and respected for his perfected German accent and command of the language, sounding like a native speaker.

Mike loved Nancy and their family. And also, comparative literature, opera and symphony and flowers. He was a quiet wit, wrote poetry and his book, "Poet's Madness: Reading of Georg Trakl" and played racquetball. He shamelessly excelled at being non-competitive and humble!

Always a pleasure to be with, Mike will be missed by his extended family and his many friends.

In addition to the immediate family, Mike is survived by his brother, Roger and sister, Margaret Ann Dick, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to Hospice of San Joaquin, 388 Pacific Ave, 95204 or the Haggin Museum.

Larry Walker

October 22, 1935 – December 25, 2023

College of the Pacific - Art Department



Larry Walker, a gifted artist and curator who worked diligently to support diversity during his two decades on the faculty at University of the Pacific, died Christmas Day 2023 at the age of 88.

Walker was a professor and chair of the Department of Art, where he worked from 1964 to 1983 before moving to Georgia.

Walker helped organize Pacific's Black Caucus and was supportive of the Black Student Union.

"What strikes me about his work as a young artist and one of the first Black professors at Pacific is the continuity of his preoccupation with humanity," said Lisa Cooperman, university curator. "The paintings he made in the early 1960s to his contemporary work continue to encompass themes of struggle even in peaceful settings."

Walker donated some of his work to Pacific's permanent art collection. One painting was part of a show called "Probe" on the Sacramento Campus.

"Pacific is honored to hold works of art by Larry Walker in its collection. Some are gifts of the artist and others were donated by community members who took his summer workshops," Cooperman added.

Walker earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in art from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan before joining Pacific. He later taught at Georgia State University until his retirement in 2000.

Walker is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gwen and their three children: Dana, Larry Jr. and Kara, herself an internationally known painter.

What follows is a Wikipedia recounting of Larry Walker's life.

Larry Walker (born October 22, 1935) is an American visual artist and professor emeritus of art. He often uses mixed media collages that represent "urban surfaces" on the subjects of existentialism and social injustice. Walker taught at University of the Pacific and Georgia State University.

Early life

Walker was born in Franklin, Georgia, on October 22, 1935. In 1941, several years after his father's passing, Walker's family moved to Harlem where he was inspired by the urban life around him. Walker mentions people-watching from his apartment building's sixth story fire escape, experiences taking the train as a southerner in a large city, and his 145th street community as some of the major inspirations behind his work.

Career

Walker graduated from the High School of Music & Art (now Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School), and relocated to Detroit to attend Wayne State University, where he received both his B.S. in Art Education and M.A. in Drawing and Painting. In 1964, Walker began teaching at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California where he was a professor and later made chair of the Art Department. In 1983 he and his family moved to Atlanta, Georgia and he took a position as a professor and director of the art program at Georgia State University, where he taught until his retirement in 2000. Thereupon, he represented by Mason Fine Art in Atlanta, Georgia.

Artwork

In 2016, for his 80th birthday, his daughter Kara collaborated with Sikkema Jenkins, her representing gallery, for a solo exhibition for her father displaying works from over 50 years. "There's a daughterly intention to understand connections that I lived around and reacted against," she told the New York Times. The exhibition featured 38 works from Larry Walker's career, depicting the duress endured by human bodies and landscapes over time. His works are a part of the collections of the High Museum of Art, the Studio Museum in Harlem, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Walker also has works that are in the Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia's permanent collection where he held a two-part retrospective exhibition in 2018. Walker's work is also included in the 2020 State of the Art exhibition with Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art as well as a solo exhibition with the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art in September 2020.

Personal life

Walker was married to his wife, Gwen, since 1958. They have three children; Dana, Larry Jr., and Kara. Until his death, he lived and worked from his home studio in Stonecrest, Georgia.

Roy Whiteker

Died February 14, 2024

College of the Pacific – Dean Chemistry Department



Roy Whiteker was as comfortable in conference rooms as he was in chemistry labs, which colleagues say made him an ideal dean and professor—both roles he filled with caring expertise during his almost 40 years at Pacific. Whiteker died Feb. 14 at the age of 96.

Whiteker served as dean of College of the Pacific from 1976, when he joined the university, to 1989. He then moved into the classroom and taught until his retirement in 2014.

Prior to joining Pacific, he worked for the Fulbright Program as director of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C.

“I remember that Roy’s background and influence with Fulbright was very helpful in Pacific receiving Fulbright scholarships,” said Bob Benedetti, who was Whiteker’s successor as COP dean. “Roy was extremely helpful

to faculty in the school and throughout the university. He was supportive when I moved into the COP dean’s office.”

Gene Pearson, professor emeritus of geology, worked for several years in the late 1970s as an assistant dean under Whiteker, whom he described as “candid and straight-forward.” He added Whiteker was a very good mentor. “He took a chance on a junior faculty member when I didn’t truly have the needed experience,” Pearson said. “There always was a layer of kindness in the way he did things.” Pearson noted Whiteker was a poet, adding, “He took time to write a poem about my time as assistant dean when I was transitioning out of that role.”

Bill Topp, professor emeritus of mathematics, recalls Whiteker as “a great person” who would take time to collaborate with faculty on issues. He also was very instrumental in chronicling the history of Pacific’s Emeriti Society. “Roy was very fastidious about grammar,” Topp said with a laugh. “You could send him a note and it often would come back with approval for the question at hand, but also filled with grammatical corrections.” Whiteker was an avid supporter of Pacific athletics as well as music, drama and other arts programs.

Roy Whiteker with grandchildren Samantha and Joshua, courtesy of Scott Whiteker. “Dad loved all of the programs and was always very supportive of Pacific students,” his son Scott Whiteker said. “When I was growing up, he would take me along to events. I would also go to work with him on weekends. I always thought I was raised by a mom, a dad and a university.”

Whiteker received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from UCLA and his master’s and PhD in chemistry from Caltech.

Whiteker is survived by wife Jean, of 63 years; son Scott and grandchildren Samantha, 16; and Joshua, 13.