



# HERMES

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UVM Retired Faculty and  
Administrative Officers  
(over 500 members)

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## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We are still trying to establish a comprehensive list of preferred retiree email addresses and encourage you to send those addresses to Mandy Russin (mrussin@uvm.edu) at the Faculty Senate Office (802-656-5876).

## PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

Please save the date for the President's Annual Luncheon for Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers, which will be held at the Davis Center, Monday August 27, 12-2:00 pm.

(N.B. Information on our Spring Luncheon meeting, Friday, May 11, is included in this mailing)

ORGANIZATIONAL WEBSITE (<http://www.uvm.edu/~2010rfao>) or just Google RFAO UVM

Please consult this website frequently for news of our organization and of UVM

**MEDICAL BENEFITS** Executive Board Member Lee Phillips has recently been appointed to the University Benefits Advisory Council (UBAC). No changes are being proposed for current retirees.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIVITIES**

**Membership Survey:** Lou Izzo and Robert Lawson provided leadership in development and implementation of a survey sent via email to our organizational listserv in Spring 2011. 160 completed surveys were received of 550 sent. 76% of respondents retired over the past 11 years. A substantial number of faculty respondents expressed interest in continuing their association with UVM by compensated teaching in undergraduate and graduate courses. Respondents indicated strong interest in regular updates on UVM benefit issues, as well as having workshops (on campus or online) on taxes/trusts and on exercise initiatives. While most comments provided by respondents were positive, with respect to past and current interactions with UVM there were some concerns about the University's direction (e.g. emphasis on a corporate rather than educational model; negative changes to an important University program)

**Alumni House Update:** Helene Lang continues to work extremely effectively in support of the Alumni House project to refurbish the historic Wells House (1892) at 61 Summit Street. Her work has particular significance to us because UVM Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers will have a space of their own in the Alumni House. A leadership gift from Barbara and Wolfgang Mieder, together with other gifts from members of our organization, have strongly advanced this project. By raising funds for this project, we have an opportunity to show our support for the Alumni House and the role it will play in the life of our University. Our efforts will also solidify the on-going work and importance of our own organization. We ask that you consider a gift or pledge of support to this significant project. Through our gifts, we can honor colleagues and family members who have served UVM so well. Our effort will have assistance from the UVM Foundation Office with forms, mailings and processing. Contributions at all

levels are deeply appreciated. Additional Information about the Alumni House Project can be obtained online ( [alumni.uvm.edu/alumnihouse](http://alumni.uvm.edu/alumnihouse)).

Bill Kelly has left the Board and we are very grateful for his contributions to our organization during his tenure. The Board has met on the third Tuesday of each month since August. We have been very pleased that Alan Gotlieb has been able to participate actively in monthly Board meetings by use of the internet communication system, Skype, despite his being in Arizona for a substantial portion of the year. A variety of issues have been considered at Board meetings. Discussions have involved the Alumni House initiative (see below), interactions with the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE), process for filling Board vacancies as they arise, Faculty Senate actions, potential issues associated with health care reform in Vermont, grievance procedure for retired Officers of Administration and clarification of emeriti/emeritus status. Guests at Board meetings have included Professor Julie Roberts, President of the Faculty Senate, Mr. Rich Bundy, President and Chief Executive Officer of the UVM Foundation, and Professor David Shiman, President of United Academics, the full time Faculty Union at UVM. During this year we started planning the revision of our Constitution. We are currently considering a draft revision and expect that further revision will be required before the proposed revision is sent to the membership for comments in late spring. It is our intention to send the revised Constitution to the membership prior to our fall meeting in October, with expectation for a vote at that meeting.

Mrs. Ashley Clark, former Administrative Assistant in the Faculty Senate Office is now Administrative Coordinator of the Office and Ms. Mandy Russin is now the Administrative Assistant. We are indebted to Ashley and Mandy for consistent and very effective support of the activities of our Organization.

## **ACADEMY NOTES**

President Daniel Mark Fogel announced on July, 20 2011 that, for “deeply personal reasons” he will resign as President of the University of Vermont effective July 31, 2011. There are certainly reasons to consider that UVM has moved positively in several areas during the Fogel presidency, but positive evaluations in August were overshadowed, to a significant extent, by Professor Fogel’s compensation during a 17 month period of administrative leave, as well as

his anticipated faculty salary as a Professor of English. Professor Emeritus of Animal Sciences John Bramley assumed the office of Interim President on August 1. His initial comments at that time included “It is good to be back on campus, albeit rather unexpectedly”. It has been abundantly evident, over the past eight months, that it is very good for the campus that Professor Bramley agreed to serve and provide the University with exemplary leadership during the transition period.

The University of Vermont Board of Trustees has selected E. Thomas Sullivan, J.D. as the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the University of Vermont and State Agriculture College, effective July 15, 2012. When he takes office, he will become UVM’s 26th President in the 221 years since the University was founded. Robert F. Cioffi, Chairman of the UVM Board of Trustees has stated that our new President “clearly possesses the academic credentials, the extensive leadership experience at both public and private universities, the demonstrated accomplishments in the implementation of strategic plans and major fund raising, and the personal energy and enthusiasm we need to work with the UVM community to shape our future together”. President-elect Sullivan earned the B.A. degree (Political Science) at Drake University and the J.D. at Indiana University. He has served for nearly 8 years as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Minnesota and for 7 years as Dean of the Law School there. He also has had academic leadership positions at Washington University in St. Louis and at the University of Arizona. His scholarly activities have had significant focus on antitrust law and complex litigation. He has had visiting faculty/scholar appointments at Georgetown University, Cambridge University, the University of California/Berkeley and New York University.

Professor Emerita Susan Crockenberg (Psychology) and Professor Mary Watzin , Dean of the Rubenstein School, chaired the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Committee has identified 4 finalists for the position: **Professor Antonio Cepeda-Bonito, Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost, Texas A&M University; Professor John Kiss, Chair, Department of Botany, Miami University; Professor Daniel Press, Chair, Department of Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz; Martin Schoonen, Director Sustainability Studies Program, Stony Brook University, SUNY.**

***Information about the candidates can be obtained at  
<http://www.uvm.edu/provost/casdeansearch/>***

On January 1, the University's private fundraising initiatives became the responsibility of the University of Vermont Foundation. This responsibility was transferred from the previous Office of Development and Alumni Relations to the new Foundation. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors and the Board is chaired by Eugene Kalkin (UVM'50). Further information about the Foundation can be found at <http://alumni.uvm.edu/foundation/>.

Members of United Academics, the full time faculty union, have overwhelmingly ratified a new three-year contract. Key aspects of the contract include modest salary increment (5% over the contract period), and retention of all existing health benefits and premium rates. UA's president and lead negotiator, David Shiman, Professor of Education has commented that. "This was a respectful negotiation that accomplished much but left us with major challenges. Some of the improvements in the contract will help us protect academic quality at UVM. However, we are confronted with an administration that has substantially increased undergraduate enrollment over the last few years without comparable increases in the size of the faculty."

We are very fortunate to have lifelong learning organizations in Vermont that provide a wealth of opportunities for continuing education, encompassing a rich variety of areas. Many UVM retirees have taken advantage of participation in activities of the Elder Enrichment Education (EEE) Organization (<http://www.EEEVermont.org>) and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UVM (<http://www.learn.uvm.edu/osher>). Interestingly, these organizations have instituted a reciprocal working relationship that, for example, permits members of one organization to attend presentations of the other organization free of charge.

Commencement 2012 ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 **Retired faculty are urged to participate** (in regalia, should you wish!). The Graduate College Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m. in Patrick Gymnasium. The University Commencement main ceremony will be held on the University Green on Sunday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. (inclement weather site will be in the Patrick Gymnasium Multipurpose Facility). Individual ceremonies will be held later in the day for undergraduate students to receive their diplomas

The College of Medicine Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 2:30 p.m. in Ira Allen Chapel. Among the honorary degree recipients this year are Robert DeCormier, co-founder and director of the Vermont Symphony Chorus and John W. Hennessey, Jr. UVM's first Provost.

Three new University Distinguished Professors have been named during this year. They are Jerrold F. Lucey, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Brooke T. Mossman, Professor Emerita of Pathology and Susan S. Wallace, Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. The University Distinguished Professors Program was established in 2009 to honor Professors who have been long recognized internationally as outstanding in scholarship, teaching and service to the University.

Professor Emeritus Lucey has also recently received the Gustav O. Lienhard Award from the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences. This award is in recognition of Professor Lucey's development and application of technologies and procedures that have contributed greatly to the care of premature infants, his long term service as Editor-in-Chief of the influential journal, Pediatrics, and his role in establishing the Vermont Oxford Network, an international forum that fosters advances in treatments for premature infants.

The American Sociological Association (ASA) has recognized the outstanding work of James Loewen, Professor Emeritus of Sociology with the Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award. This is one of the highest Awards given by the ASA. The ASA, in explaining Loewen's selection, wrote, "Each year the award recognizes outstanding achievement in research, teaching, and service to community, with a particular focus on scholars who work in the areas of human rights and social justice. It is reserved for those whose social activism, community efforts, and contributions to the building and development of institutions and programs are exceptionally noteworthy, and special consideration is given to those whose work emphasizes African American or similarly disadvantaged racial/ethnic populations that have experienced historical racial discrimination."

Roy and Lorraine Korson have established the Roy and Lorraine Korson Green and Gold Professorship in Pathology. Roy is Professor Emeritus of Pathology. Roy's distinguished service to the College of Medicine spans a period of 60 years.

David Huddle, Professor Emeritus of English, has written a new novel "*Nothing Can Make Me Do This*" recently published by the Tupelo Press. A review in *Publisher's Weekly* states that "Huddle's novel is ravishing, charged with both desire and emotional turmoil; his insights, though sometimes unsettling, skillfully mirror reality." David Huddle is presently Visiting Professor of English in creative writing at Hollins College in Virginia.

Hubert ("Hub") Vogelmann, Professor Emeritus of Botany, has a collection of essays, "*On Schillhammer Road*" recently published by The Tamarac Press. State Naturalist Charles Johnson writes in his Foreword that "in its unadorned, direct way, it imparts selected but important bits of information while conveying Hub's awe and reverence for the natural world, the wellspring of his life and work."

New Professor Emerita of Biochemistry, Anne Mason, and her postdoctoral colleague, Ashley Steere co-authored a recent study in *Nature* that sheds light on the role of iron binding proteins in bacterial iron transport. This work has promise in directing future research and development initiatives for novel antibacterial vaccines and drugs.

Michael Strauss, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, and Professor Tony Magistrale of the English Department have published *Letting Go: Poems and Paintings* which they recently presented in a joint reading and exhibit at the Emile Gruppe Gallery in Jericho.

Tony Bradley, Professor Emeritus of English, has had his book on Yeats and Irish Nationalism, *Imagining Ireland in the Poems and Plays of W.B. Yeats*, published by Palgrave Macmillan and he has been awarded a Fulbright grant for next year (2013) at Queen's University, Belfast.

Robert Johnson, Professor Emeritus of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation has co-authored a recent report in the *American Journal of Sports Medicine* that reported higher injury rates in snowboarders than in skiers. Injuries to the wrist were most common for snowboarders while knee injuries (anterior cruciate ligament strains) were most common in skiers.

With regard to snow sports, we are pleased to offer congratulations to the UVM ski team for a superb performance in the recent NCAA Championships in Montana. The Catamounts are National Champions for the first time since 1994.

(Jack McCormack cannot resist telling that my distinguished co-editor received a championship jacket from one of her most outstanding students who was Captain of the 1994 team).

**The Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients for 2011 are:**

- **Gagan Mirchandani**, (Professor, School of Engineering)
- **Chy-Li Kathleen Liang**, (Associate Professor, Community Development and Applied Economics)
- **Sayamwong Hammack**, (Assistant Professor, Psychology)
- **Cuong Mai**, (Lecturer, Religion)

A group of scientists and technicians from state laboratories in Waterbury, displaced by the devastation caused by tropical storm Irene have relocated temporarily to UVM laboratories. The laboratories in Terrill Hall have been used by scientists from the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and laboratories in Jeffords Hall have been used by scientists from the Department of Environmental Conservation. David Mears, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation has stated that "UVM's willingness to share laboratory space with the department's scientist has lifted our spirits," and allowed resumption of critical environmental monitoring activities.

The Special Collections Department at Bailey/Howe Library celebrated 50 years of teaching, scholarship and service on February 28. John Buechler led the Department from 1962-1989, and subsequent leadership was provided by Connell Gallagher (1989-2006). Jeffrey Marshall has directed the Department since 2006. The collections and associated service activities have grown extensively and are utilized internationally as well as regionally and nationally.

The Chronicle of Higher Education recently reported on renovations of the Aiken Center in an article entitled "Once Drab and Outdated U. of Vermont Building Is Now A Sustainability Showcase". The renovation cost \$13 million, but this was much less expensive than replacing the Aiken Center with a new building. The Chronicle article noted that Aiken "may be one of the greenest buildings on any college campus, making it a fitting home for the University's Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources."



### In Memoriam: UVM Retiree Deaths April 2011 through April 2012

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Deceased</b>
Janet Bossange	Education	April 13, 2011
Clarence Bunker	Surgery	February 15, 2012
Marilyn Chase	Physical Education	June 4, 2011
Arthur Cheney	Education	September 7, 2011
Charles Christensen, Jr.	Physical Education	September 26, 2011
John Davis	Surgery	January 19, 2012
Gino Dente	Surgery/Anesthesiology	August 14, 2011
Leslie Leggett	Physical Education	October 14, 2011
Harry McEntee	Education	December 25, 2011
Jean Milligan	Nursing	July 6, 2011
Richard Narkewicz	Pediatrics	January 21, 2012
Wesley Nyborg	Physics	September 24, 2011
Phyllis Perelman	Education	June 16, 2011
Milton Potash	Biology	April 17, 2011
Carl Reidel	Environmental Program/ Natural Resources	November 3, 2011
Heath Riggs	Mathematics	April 20, 2011
Albert Smith	Animal Sciences	June 5, 2011
Michael Stanton	English	December 15, 2011
William White	Chemistry	February 16, 2012
Washington Winn, Jr.	Pathology	July 3, 2011

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## **NEW EMERITAE/EMERITI**

### College of Arts and Sciences

Daniel Lusk, Senior Lecturer of English Emeritus

### College of Medicine

Edwin Bovill, Professor of Pathology Emeritus

Peter Cherouny, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology Emeritus

Gerald Davis, Professor of Medicine, Emeritus

Jonathan Fairbank, Professor of Radiology Emeritus

Brian Flynn Professor of Research Professor of Family Medicine Emeritus

Barbara Grant, Associate Professor of Medicine Emerita

James Howe, Professor of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Emeritus

Robert Karp, Associate Professor of Medicine Emeritus

Edward Krawitt, Professor of Medicine Emeritus

Theodore Marcy, Professor of Medicine Emeritus

Anne Mason, Professor of Biochemistry Emerita

Paul Newhouse, Professor of Psychiatry Emeritus

Allan Ramsay, Professor of Family Medicine Emeritus

Bela Ratkovits, Professor of Radiology Emeritus

Daniel Riddick, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology Emeritus

Jean Szilva, Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology Emerita

Scott Waterman, Professor of Psychiatry Emeritus

### University Extension

Richard LeVitre, Extension Associate Professor Emeritus

Chester Parsons, Extension Associate Professor Emeritus

Karen Schneider, Extension Associate Professor Emerita

### Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

John Shane, Lecturer in Natural Resources Emeritus

John Todd, Research Professor of Natural Resources Emeritus