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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).

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

NEW EMERITAE/ EMERITI

We welcome 17 new Emeritae/Emeriti to our organization. These colleagues are listed below.

College of Business Administration

Michael Gurdon, Professor of Business Administration Emeritus

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Thomas Patterson, Jr., Senior Lecturer of Community Development and Applied Economics Emeritus

College of Arts and Sciences

Frank Bryan, Professor of Political Science Emeritus

Lynne Greeley Associate Professor of Theatre Emerita

College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences

Nancy Hayden, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Emerita

College of Medicine

J. Christian Abajian, Professor of Anesthesiology Emeritus

Peter Dietrich, Professor of Radiology Emeritus

Elizabeth Ezerman, Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences Emerita

John Ferguson, Associate Professor of Family Medicine Emeritus

Jerome Fiekers, Associate Professor of Neurological Sciences Emeritus

Berta Geller, Professor of Family Medicine Emerita

Robert Hamill, Professor of Neurological Sciences Emeritus

Eva Kristensen, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology Emerita

Kenneth Mann, Professor of Biochemistry Emeritus

Jeryl Shapiro, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology Emerita

David Smail, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology Emeritus

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

Mary Watzin, Professor of Natural Resources Emerita

EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIVITIES

Executive Board Member Lee Phillips continues to serve on the University Benefits Advisory Council (UBAC). Members of the Executive Board met recently with Allan Ramsay, M.D., member of the Green Mountain Care Board (charged with ensuring that changes in the health system improve quality while stabilizing costs), Barbara Johnson, UVM Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Leigh Tofferri, Vice President for Government, Public and Community Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont. We heard perspectives about the Affordable Care Act and its ramifications. There is no effect anticipated on health care benefits for UVM retirees.

Gordon Lewis has left the Executive Board after many years of service to RFAO in several capacities, including as our voting member to the Faculty Senate. We welcomed two new members to the Executive Board in August, Susan Crockenberg (Professor Emerita of Psychology) and Stephen Cutler (Professor Emeritus of Sociology). Susan agreed to replace Gordon Lewis as our representative to the Senate. At our Fall meeting in October 2012 the revised RFAO Constitution was approved unanimously. We are indebted to Louis Izzo, Alan Gotlieb, Robert Lawson and William Meyer for substantial effort in developing the more robust document. Regular Executive Board meetings have been held on the third Thursday of each month, starting in August. Guests at Board meetings, in addition to those mentioned earlier, have included President Thomas Sullivan, Provost Jane Knodell and Professor Julie Roberts, President of the Faculty Senate. We recently requested and received approval for RFAO to have a non-voting seat on the Faculty Senate Executive Council. We requested this seat in order to provide timely information and perspective for RFAO members on upcoming issues to be considered by the Faculty Senate. The Executive Board has been considering the possibility of holding Luncheon meetings, starting in Fall 2013, on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Waterman. Luncheon would be held in Waterman Manor with a guest presentation and short business meeting held in Memorial Lounge. Meal costs should be lower at Waterman and parking is readily available at Waterman on Saturdays. Louis Izzo organized a membership survey to assess interest in Saturday meetings. 88% of responses favored meetings on Saturdays. Stephen Cutler and Robert Lawson are leading an RFAO initiative to provide financial support for faculty who plan to complete research and scholarship projects after full retirement from the University. Examples of projects that might be supported include preparation of an artistic work for presentation in a juried competition, and acquisition of research materials, such as data sets for secondary analysis or support for field project research.

Helene Lang is the UVM representative to the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). She is a member of the AROHE Board, as a representative of the Northeast area, and also serves on the Membership Committee and the Site Selection Committee for the organization's biennial Conference in 2014. This Fall she represented UVM at the biennial AROHE Conference in October at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This Conference also included programs held at North Carolina Central University (Durham; the first liberal arts college founded for African-Americans) and North Carolina State University (Raleigh). Experiences and perspectives shared with other representatives of Colleges and Universities across the country have provided Helene with examples of significant initiatives that may of value for us to pursue at UVM.

Alumni House Update: Helene Lang reports that UVM Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers have exceeded their goal of \$100,000 in support of the Alumni House project to refurbish the historic Wells House (1892) at 61 Summit Street. The extraordinarily generous gift of Wolfgang Mieder, Professor of German and Russian, and Barbara Mieder have insured that UVM Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers will have a space of their own in the Alumni House.

A Brief History of the Wells House: In her role as a volunteer guide to the Edward Wells House featured in the June 2012 Preservation Burlington's Annual Homes Tour, Helene Lang consulted the National register of Historic Places and other documents to find much to engage us in both the unique history of the house and its role in Burlington's history. In Helene's words, "This became a wonderful story of a significant property, interesting people, historical information and renewed purpose in why we want to be involved in this beautiful building."

Edward Wells (1835-1907), born in Waterbury, early began to work in stores owned by his father in Waterbury and Waterbury Center and then served the state of Vermont during the Civil War as clerk and then quartermaster and State Treasurer until 1868. These experiences served him well as he married and then, by 1869, had already become

active in the drug firm of Henry and Company which had moved from Waterbury to Burlington. By 1872, the Henry Company had three firms, two in Burlington (one, Wells Richardson dealing in wholesale drugs), and one in New York City, firms dealing in artificial butter coloring, patent medicines, and dyes. After great success with these businesses, Wells went on to become President of Burlington Savings Bank, Vice President of the Burlington Cotton Mills and the Burlington Safe Deposit Company, finally serving in the state legislature as Chairman of the Banking Committee.

We are greatly indebted to Ms. Mandy Russin and Mrs. Ashley Clark for exemplary support of Executive Board activities. Thanks are due, as well, to Louis Izzo, Board Information Officer, for continuous effort to inform our members of important information about our organization and the University.

ACADEMY NOTES

E. Thomas Sullivan was installed as the 26th President of UVM on Friday, October 5. President Sullivan's longtime friend, former Vice President Walter Mondale gave the major address, in which he commented that President Sullivan is a person able to "unite imagination and vision with practical know-how" and is "ready to make progress the old-fashioned way: through hard work and determination". President Sullivan also was praised in celebratory remarks from Professor Patricia Hampl, Regents Professor and McKnight Professor of English at the University of Minnesota. Professor Hampl commented that President Sullivan, while Provost at Minnesota, "proved himself to be an extraordinary supporter of the arts".

Commencement 2013 ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19. **Retired faculty are urged to participate** (in regalia, should you wish!). The Graduate College Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. in Patrick Gymnasium. The University Commencement main ceremony will be held on the University Green on Sunday, May 19 at 8:20 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 19, at 2:30 p.m. in Ira Allen Chapel. Among the honorary degree recipients this year are Wynton Marsalis, outstanding jazz and classical musician, Governor James Douglas, and Dr. John Tampas Professor Emeritus of Radiology.

Professor Jane Knodell resigned her position as Provost effective December 31, 2012. She will have an 18 month transition period prior to returning to her regular duties as Professor of Economics. She will continue to be paid at her Provost's salary until the end of the fiscal year and then complete her transition to the faculty during 12 months administrative leave 12 months at a professor's salary of approximately \$150,00.

Professor Emeritus of Physiology and Biophysics, Robert Low, has been appointed to serve as Interim Provost by President Thomas Sullivan. This appointment will continue through the completion of a national search for the Provost position. Professor Low has previously served UVM as Interim Provost and Provost.

Professor Domenico Grasso, Vice-President for Research and Dean of the Graduate College has been named Provost of the University of Delaware. He will remain at UVM through mid-August.

President Thomas Sullivan has inaugurated a new program this semester called Conversations with the President, a series of monthly conversations on specific topics with faculty, staff and students. Two of the meetings have taken place, both with faculty: "Fostering Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research" and "Mentoring and Encouraging Faculty Development and Promotion." A third session, "Ways to Enhance Academic and Career Advising," with students, is scheduled for Monday, April 22. President Sullivan plans to host a similar event for staff in late spring focusing on ways to enhance professional development opportunities and recognize and reward staff for their contributions to UVM.

Billings Library's Future: A beautifully illustrated article in *The University of Vermont Quarterly* (Spring, 2013), "Back to the Books: Billings Library's future rooted in its past," traces the history of Billings Library, dedicated in 1885, and designed by Henry Hobson Richardson, one of the greatest American architects, in the style that came to be known as Richardson Romanesque. Two important centers will be located in the renovated Billings, the Center for

Holocaust Studies and the Center for Research on Vermont. The same carver of Wells House, Albert H. Whittekind, stayed in Burlington to carve the magnificent interior of Billings Library.

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.

George V. Kidder Outstanding Faculty Award for 2013

Richard Foote, Professor of Mathematics

University Scholars

The University Scholar Awardees for the 2012-2013 academic year are:

Cristina Mazzoni, Professor of Romance Languages; Mercedes Rincon, Professor of Medicine; Stephanie Seguino, Professor of Economics; and Margaret Vizzard, Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology.

The Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients for 2012 are:

Professor: Dryver Huston, School of Engineering; Associate Professor: Lisa Holmes, Political Science; Assistant Professor: Jeremy Sibold, Rehabilitation and Movement Science; Lecturer: Angela Patten, English

EMERITAE/EMERITI NOTES

Paula Fives-Taylor, Professor Emerita of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics Emerita, was named “Cabot Community Celebrity in Recognition of Volunteer Work” on September 9, 2012. Vermont based Cabot Creamery cited “her exceptional community service, along with 40 other volunteers from 22 other states.” Recognized by the *Burlington Free Press* and the College of Medicine/Fletcher Allen’s article by Jennifer Nachbur describes how Fives-Taylor’s work as a volunteer since her 2008 retirement has enabled her to transform her academic passion into a new vocation as a hospice volunteer providing end of life support for patients through the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties.

John Bramley, Professor Emeritus of Animal Sciences, has been appointed by President Sullivan to assist in implementation of a governor’s advisory panel recommendations, including targeting state appropriations to fields deemed of high priority, such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Luther Martin, Professor Emeritus of Religion has been recognized by presentation of a memorial medallion by faculty of Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, for outstanding contributions to founding and development of the Department for the Study of Religions at that University.

Carlene (Cardy) Raper, Research Associate Professor Emerita of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics has been elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in recognition of her contributions to biological science.

Stephen J. Cutler, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and RFAO Board Member, spent the 2011-2012 academic year at the University of Bucharest as a Senior Fulbright Scholar. While at the University of Bucharest, he taught courses on the sociology of aging and did research on the life course implications of the very dramatic but short-lived baby boom that occurred in Romania in 1967 and 1968. He went back to Romania in November, 2012 to participate in a project on “Quality Assurance in Higher education,” a project organized by Romania’s executive Agency for Higher Education and Research funding and to present a lecture (“In the Countries of the Old: Population Aging and the Future of Social Change”) to faculty and students of the University of Bucharest’s Faculty of Sociology and Social work. He will be returning to the University of Bucharest in September, 2013 for three

months to offer courses on aging and to work with the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work to develop undergraduate and graduate programs on aging.

David Huddle, Professor Emeritus of English, holds the Roy Acuff Chair of Excellence in the Creative Arts at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee for the academic year 2012-2013. His new volume of poems, *Blacksnake at the Family Reunion*, as described in Keenan Walsh's review in the February 13, 2013 *Seven Days*, forms "a mélange of people poems, centering mostly on family, childhood and difficult intimate encounters." In Boston on March 24, 2013, Professor Huddle received the PEN New England Award for Poetry in recognition of *Blacksnake at the Family Reunion*.

Bernd Heinrich, Professor of Biology Emeritus, also received the PEN New England Award this year in the non-fiction category for his book *Life Everlasting: The Animal Way of Death*. A conversation with Professor Heinrich on "Death and the Animal Way" appeared in the *New York Times* on January 14, 2013.

Robert B. Lawson, Professor Emeritus of Psychology and RFAO Board Member, with E. Doris Anderson and Lawrence P. Rudiger, has published *Psychology and Systems at Work* (Pearson Education, Inc. 2013). Organizations matter. Most people spend a third to a half of their lives working in organizations. Given the high rates of unemployment, people also spend more time looking for work. In addition, globalization and technological innovation continue to profoundly shape organizational culture, leadership, demography, and structure. It is important to understand the nature of contemporary organizations. *Psychology and Systems at Work* provides know-how for retaining commitment to collective goals while tapping the knowledge of a diverse workforce for riding the waves of change, utilizing mistakes to perfect systems, and insuring quality production.

William E. Mitchell, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, has a new edition of his book, *The Bamboo Fire: Field Work with the New Guinea Wape*, published by Transaction Publishers in 2012 with a new afterword by Mitchell. In an email, Mitchell wrote that, when he returned to the Wape last November, he found a cell tower and, in a village still without a road, electricity or running water, there were three men with cell phones. Later, back in his old farmhouse in Elmore, Vermont he was able to talk to the son of Ai'if who had been their neighbor in 1970-72 even as the village, except for the cell phone, had the same infrastructure as their great grandparents. The spring 2013 issue of *The University of Vermont Quarterly* features an article about Mitchell's continued enthusiasm for and ongoing research in cultural anthropology: "Mitchell's spirit for research, writing, and exploration remain strong. He's at work on a new writing project on the Lujere people."

T. Alan Broughton, Professor Emeritus of English, was made, at the annual meeting on September 22, 2012, a Fellow of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Academy seeks to enhance contact between Vermonters in the arts, humanities, science, and teaching fields through meetings, lectures, panel discussions and other activities throughout the state. Fellows are selected from among individuals who have made significant contributions to the cultural life of Vermont. In welcoming him to the organization, Fellow Harry Orth, Professor Emeritus of English, noted Alan's long career as a novelist, poet, and short story writer, saying that "in everything he writes he displays a humanity that understands, accepts, and, when necessary, forgives the beliefs and behaviors that define our actions." Other UVM emeriti Fellows of the Academy include Jane Ambrose (Music), our Spring Luncheon speaker, Connell Gallagher (Library), the late H. Lawrence McCrorey (Medicine), William and Elizabeth Metcalf (History and Music), and Hubert W. Vogelmann (Botany).

Mary Jane Dickerson, Associate Professor Emerita of English, has a volume of poems, *Tapping the Center of Things*, published in April 2012 by the Tamarac Press of Warren, Vermont. Also, in April 2012, she conducted the ninth annual reading and writing poetry workshop to celebrate April as National Poetry Month, sponsored by the Jericho Town Library. The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library always sponsors a public reading of participant's poems and poems from the communities of Jericho and Underhill as the concluding event. The Mt. Mansfield Television Company recorded 2012's event to show on Local Access during spring of 2012. A Tenth Annual Poetry Workshop took place during April 2013.

Mark Stoler, Professor Emeritus of History, had the recent distinction of presenting his new publication, *Vol. 6: The Papers of George Catlett Marshall: The Whole World Hangs in the Balance* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013) to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at the Marshall Library in Lexington, Virginia. Jon Reidel, in a UVM publication, said that, “Being asked to work on the definitive text chronicling the papers of George C. Marshall, U. S. secretary of state from 1947-49, was a true honor for Mark Stoler. Ever modest, the UVM professor emeritus of history admits his first thought was that more highly qualified people must be available. But the highly distinguished military and diplomatic historian—and author of the acclaimed biography *George C. Marshall: Soldier-Statesman of the American Century*—was a clear fit for the job.”

Carleton Haines, Associate Professor Emeritus of Surgery, was the 2012 recipient of the A. Bradley Soule Award, honoring a graduate of the College of Medicine for outstanding loyalty and dedication to the College. He continues to serve on the Medical Alumni Association’s Executive Council.

Arthur Kunin, Professor Emeritus of Medicine, has been honored with the College of Medicine’s Distinguished Academic Achievement Award.

Michael Strauss, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, is featured in a recent issue of the Vermont Art Zine, which notes that he will give presentations about his new book, “The Mind at Hand: What Drawing Reveals-Stories of Exploration, Discovery and Design” at the Essex Art League on Thursday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m.; presentations are also planned at Burlington High School later in the Summer and at UVM in the Fall.



Samuel B. Hand (1931–2012)

APPRECIATION OF PROFESSOR SAMUEL HAND

Historian of the New Deal and Vermont

Samuel B. Hand, professor emeritus and former chair of the History Department at the University of Vermont (UVM), died unexpectedly in Burlington, Vermont, on June 29, 2012, at the age of 80.

Born on August 20, 1931, in New York City and raised in Bayside and Woodstock, New York, Hand received his BA from New York University in 1952, served in the U.S. Army in Korea, and then entered the doctoral program in history at Syracuse University. He received his PhD in 1960, and then taught briefly at Slippery Rock State College in Pennsylvania. From 1961 to 1994 he taught at the University of Vermont, where he achieved legendary status as a scholar, teacher, and colleague.

Hand originally focused on U.S. political history, publishing a biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt adviser and speechwriter Samuel I. Rosenman (*Counsel and Advise: A Political Biography of Samuel I. Rosenman*, 1979) as well as a series of articles on Rosenman and other New Deal figures.

His interests soon shifted to Vermont history, a field in which he made great contributions and became the acknowledged dean. He authored, coauthored, and edited numerous important articles and essays on Vermont's history, many of which challenged conventional wisdom, as well as five books. *The Star that Set: The Vermont Republican Party, 1865–1974* (2003) analyzed the rise and fall of the party in what had been the most Republican state in the country (and one of only two not to vote for Franklin Roosevelt in 1936). With Stephen C. Terry and Anthony Marro he wrote *Philip Hoff: How Red Turned Blue in the Green Mountains* (2011), a study of Vermont's first popularly elected Democratic governor (1963–69) since before the Civil War. With H. N. Muller III he edited *In a State of Nature* (1982), a reader designed to introduce students to Vermont history. With Kevin Graffagnino and

Gene Sessions he edited *Vermont Voices, 1609 through 1990: A Documentary History of the Green Mountain State* (1999). And with John J. Duffy and Ralph H. Orth he published *The Vermont Encyclopedia* (2003).

Hand also helped found and lead the Center for Research on Vermont, serving as its first director. And in his UVM courses he trained a generation of Vermont historians. He directed approximately 20 master's theses (the terminal degree in the UVM history department), more than anyone else in the department. As a teacher and mentor he was beloved by his numerous graduate students and honored by UVM with the Graduate Faculty Teaching Award in 1994, as well as the University Scholar Award in 1989. Recognition extended far beyond the university. He was vice president and then president of the Vermont Historical Society from 1983 to 1989; the New England Association of Oral History from 1983 to 1985; and the national Oral History Society from 1984 to 1987. He also received the Oral History Society's Harvey A. Kantor Memorial Award for Significant Work in Oral History in 1986. He served in numerous administrative posts and on numerous committees for these as well as other state and national organizations, including two that advised the Vermont Supreme Court on legal admissions, competence and education and the Vermont Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission—which he chaired for eight years.

Hand was beloved by his colleagues as well as his students. He possessed an exceptional and unique wit, a gift for storytelling, and a way of thinking that one had to experience to truly appreciate. Only Sam could begin a course on the United States from 1945 to 1979, for example, with a lecture on Humpty Dumpty, Alice in Wonderland, and the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. And only Sam could quip to the press, when asked how a contemporary event would look 10 years hence, that historians did not predict the future—only the past. We in the UVM history department have lost a dear and beloved friend as well as a deeply respected and productive colleague. He enriched the lives of all who had the privilege to know and work with him.

Hand is survived by his wife of 55 years, Harriet Hand, and his three daughters, Sally Hand of Burlington, Vermont; Ilana Hand of Alexandria, Virginia; and Marci Raab, her husband David Raab, and their children Nathan and Elizabeth of Rye, N.Y. Donations in his memory may be made to the Vermont Historical Society, Special Collections of the University of Vermont, or Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington.

Mark A. Stoler, University of Vermont

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In Memoriam: UVM Retiree Deaths April 7, 2012 through April 3, 2013

Name	Department	Deceased
James Bates	Administration/Medicine	April 13, 2012
Phyllis Bronstein	Psychology	December 29, 2012
Virginia Clark	English	March 31, 2012
John Davison	Biology	April 26, 2012
Arnold Golodetz	Medicine	October 12, 2012
Samuel Hand	History	June 29, 2012
Alan Irwin	Ophthalmology	April 7, 2012
Silas Jewett	Extension Service	December 31, 2012
Rene Lachapelle	Medical Laboratory Sciences	June 20, 2012
Gilbert Marshall	Engineering	June 1, 2012
George MacCollom	Plant & Soil Sciences	March 30, 2013
R. James McKay, Jr.	Pediatrics	January 21, 2012
Stephen Pastner	Anthropology	December 29, 2012
David Pilcher	Surgery	September 4, 2012
Karen Schneider	Extension Service	October 8, 2012
Peter Seybolt	History	August 6, 2012
Doris Steele	Extension Service	January 8, 2013
Dean Stevens	Biology	November 4, 2012

David Tormey	Medicine	February 26, 2013
Winston Way	Extension Service	January 26, 2013
Eugene Weltin	Chemistry	March 5, 2013
Robert Wetherbee	Regulatory Services	August 22, 2012
Glen Wood	Plant & Soil Science	May 1, 2012

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