



# HERMES

A Newsletter by and for the  
UVM Retired Faculty & 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 Ms. Jennifer Diaz ([Jennifer.Diaz@uvm.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Diaz@uvm.edu)) at the Office of the Provost (802-656-8513).

## **PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON**

Please save the date for the President's Annual Luncheon for Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers (RFAO) which will be held from 12:00-2:00 PM at the Davis Center on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. (N.B. Information on our Spring Luncheon meeting, Monday, May 15, 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.

## **NEW EMERITAE/EMERITI**

We welcome 23 new Emeritae/Emeriti to our organization. These colleagues are listed below.

### College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

George L. Cook, Extension Professor Emeritus

Jonathan G. Leonard, Senior Lecturer of Community Development & Applied Economics Emeritus

### College of Arts & Sciences

Catherine Connor-Swietlicki, Professor of Spanish Emerita

C. William Kilpatrick, Professor of Biology Emeritus

Willem R. Leenstra, Associate Professor of Chemistry Emeritus

Dennis Mahoney, Professor of German Emeritus

Robert H. Rodgers, Professor of Classics Emeritus

Kevoork Spartalian, Associate Professor of Physics Emeritus

Denise Youngblood, Professor of History Emerita

### College of Engineering & Mathematical Sciences

Ruth Mickey, Professor of Statistics Emerita

### College of Education & Social Services

Malai Holland, Research Associate of Metabolic Nutrition Emerita

Stanley L. Witkin, Professor of Social Work Emeritus

### College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Jean E. Beatson, Clinical Professor of Nursing Emerita

Jeanine Carr, Associate Professor of Nursing Emerita

Christina S. Melvin, Clinical Associate Professor of Nursing Emerita

Betty Ann Rambur, Professor of Nursing Emerita

Dinah K. Smith, Clinical Associate Professor of Communication Emerita

Burton W. Wilcke, Jr., Associate Professor of Medical Laboratory & Radiation Sciences Emeritus

### College of Medicine

Ann P. Guillot, Professor of Pediatrics Emerita

Jonathan B. Hayden, Associate Professor of Medicine Emeritus

David N. Little, Professor of Family Medicine Emeritus

Gregory H. Sharp, Associate Professor of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emeritus

### Rubenstein School of Environment & Natural Resources

Deane Wang, Associate Professor of Natural Resources

## **2016-2017 RFAO EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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**Thanks are due to Louis Izzo, Board Information Officer, for continuous effort to inform our members of important information about our organization and the University.**

**We are grateful to Ms. Barbara Caron, Ms. Catherine Symans, Ms. Jennifer Diaz and Ms. Tiera Porter for consistently outstanding support of Executive Board and general RFAO activities from the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Senate Office. As noted previously, our organizational home has moved from the Faculty Senate Office to the Office of the Provost. The transition occurred in January, 2016 with satisfactory resolution of staffing, service and budget issues. Ms. Jennifer Diaz, from the Office of the Provost, has taken over responsibility from Ms. Barbara Caron for support of RFAO activities. “The Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers Organization provides a variety of services that enrich the lives of its members and benefit the University and the greater community.” Jim Vigoreaux, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs has been very effective in providing assistance to RFAO in interactions with the Office of the Provost.**

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIVITIES**

We have welcomed Fred Curran (Institutional Studies) and Jim Burgmeier (Mathematics) to the Executive Board recently. Regular Executive Board meetings have been held on the third Tuesday of each month from August to May. Executive Board Member Michael Gurdon continues to serve on the University Benefits Advisory Council (UBAC). Members of the Executive Board met in the Fall 2016 term with Dr. Wanda Heading- Grant (Vice President for Human Resources, Diversity & Multicultural Affairs) and with President Thomas Sullivan. We also met early in the Spring 2017 term with Harold Pierce, UVM Executive Director, Compensation and Benefits. The meetings with Dr. Heading-Grant and Mr. Pierce were held to continue initiatives for effective cooperation between Human Resource Services and RFAO. A meeting with Provost David Rosowsky is scheduled for mid-April 2017. We sponsored a well attended and well received meeting in April 2016 with representatives of TIAA-CREF dealing with financial issues in retirement.

Helene Lang continues as 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. Experiences and perspectives shared with other representatives of Colleges and Universities across the country continue to provide Helene with examples of significant initiatives that may be of value for us to pursue at UVM.

The Executive Board has continued to utilize several Task Forces to focus on issues of interest to our membership and UVM. Each Task Force is charged to bring to the Executive Board a report containing recommendations for action as a result of a survey of appropriate literature, other sources of data, and best practices at other universities. Representative Task Forces are as follows:

1) Retired Scholar Award Program; 2) Building and Enjoying Community; 3) UVM Foundation, Alumni Association and the RFAO; 4) Benefit Programs and the RFAO.

The opening of the UVM Alumni House in September 2016 celebrated the spectacular renovation of the old Delta Psi Fraternity House into a warm and welcoming venue for the UVM Community. Alumni House is located at 61 Summit Street. A feature of Alumni House is the Wolfgang and Barbara Mieder Emeritae/Emeriti Faculty Lounge. This Lounge is available for small meetings and a place to read, write and relax on campus. Thanks are due to Helene Lang who represented RFAO on the UVM Alumni House Committee. Our Lounge contains a collection of books written by current as well as retired faculty and books are still being sought for inclusion in this collection. Information about Alumni House and donating copies of your books for the Library can be obtained from Patrick Maguire ([patrick.o.maguire@uvm.edu](mailto:patrick.o.maguire@uvm.edu) or 802-656-3612).

## ACADEMY NOTES

The College of Medicine last Fall was renamed the Robert Larner M.D. College of Medicine to honor the extraordinary aggregate contribution of Robert Larner (UVM'39, UVM M.D. '42) and Helen Larner in direct giving and estate commitments totaling \$100 million.

Rich Bundy, UVM Foundation President and CEO resigned from his position, effective January 1, 2017, to become Vice-President for development and alumni relations at Pennsylvania State University. Mr. Bundy earned BA and MA degrees at Penn State and has had connections to that University over a very long period of time. President Sullivan has commented that "I am deeply grateful to the UVM Foundation under Rich's leadership for nurturing unprecedented support from alumni, family, friends and supporters of UVM."

Professor Scott Thomas was appointed Dean of the College of Education & Social Services, effective July 1, 2016. He comes to UVM from Claremont Graduate University where he was Dean of the College of Educational Studies. Dean Thomas has an extremely strong record of educational leadership and scholarly accomplishment and is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Higher Education*.

Mark Levine, MD, Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean for graduate medical education at the Larner College of Medicine has been appointed Commissioner of Health by Governor Phil Scott.

Commencement 2017 ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. **Retired faculty are urged to participate (in regalia, should you wish!).** The Graduate College Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 12:30 PM in Patrick Gymnasium. The University Commencement's main ceremony will be held on the University Green on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:20 AM (severe weather site will be in the Patrick Gymnasium Multipurpose Facility). The distinguished author and long time national correspondent for *The Atlantic*, James Fallows, will receive an Honorary Degree and be the Commencement Speaker. Also to be honored with honorary degrees are Diane Greene (UVM '76), Martha Patee Heath (UVM '69), David R. Nalin MD, Alexander Nemerov (UVM '85) and Patrick Wong, PhD (UVM '75). Individual College ceremonies will be held later in the day for undergraduate students to receive their diplomas. The Robert Larner, MD College of Medicine Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 21, at 3:00 PM in Ira Allen Chapel.

David Daigle (UVM '89) is the current Chair of the UVM Board of Trustees. Six new members have joined the Board. John Bartholomew, Johannah Leddy Donovan, and Shapleigh (Shap) Smith, Jr. (UVM '87) are legislative trustees with six year terms. Phil Scott (UVM '80) is an ex *officio* member of the Board as Governor of the state. Caitlin McHugh, the new student trustee with a two year term, is a student in the College of Arts & Sciences (class of 2020).

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. Often, members of our retired faculty give talks and offer courses.

**The University Scholar Awards for the 2016-2017 academic year are the following:**

- Robert Bartlett, Professor of Political Science, College of Arts & Sciences
- Jason Bates, Professor of Medicine and Molecular Physiology & Biophysics, Larner College of Medicine
- Ira Bernstein, Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Medicine, Larner College of Medicine
- Robert Pepperman Taylor, Professor of Political Sciences, College of Arts & Sciences

**The University Scholar Awards for the 2017-2018 academic year are the following:**

- Jane Kolodinsky, Professor of Community Development & Applied Economics, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
- Kelly Rohan, Professor of Psychology, College of Arts & Sciences
- Jianke Yang, Professor of Mathematics & Statistics, College of Engineering & Mathematical Sciences

**The Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients for 2016 are the following:**

- Kelley Helmstutler Di Dio, Professor of Art & Art History, College of Arts & Sciences
- Stephen Dempsey, Associate Professor, Grossman School of Business
- Kathleen Scollins, Assistant Professor of German & Russian, Collage of Arts & Sciences
- Sarah Turner, Lecturer, English, College of Arts & Sciences

**The George V. Kidder Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient for 2016 is** Bob Pepperman Taylor, Professor of Political Science and founding Dean of the UVM Honors College.

## **EMERITAE/EMERITI NOTES**

Six colleagues have been selected to receive the University of Vermont Retired Scholars Award by the UVM Association of Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers (RFAO). Under the direction of the UVM Association of Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers, the program provides support for faculty to complete a research or creative project after full retirement from the University. With support from President Tom Sullivan, the program provides awards to cover expenses for travel to give a refereed presentation at a national or international conference; for completion and publication of a scholarly manuscript under contract with a publisher; for preparation of an artistic work in a juried exhibition; for preparation of a performance in music, dance, or theatre; for completion and publication of a literary composition under contract with a publisher; for acquisition of research materials such as data sets for secondary analysis or support for field project research or other well-defined expenses associated with a creative or research project. The recipients of the award for academic year 2015-2016 are the following:

Alfred Andrea (Professor of History Emeritus): To support invited participation in the First Annual Conference of Byzantine and Medieval Studies in Cyprus with sponsorship by the Byzantinist Society of Cyprus. He will present a paper on “The Clash of Two Worldviews on the Eve of the Fourth Crusade” in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Phillipe Carrard (Professor of French Emeritus): To support completion and publication of translations into French of writings of Hayden White, an American historian and theorist of history. The project is expected to be completed in May 2017 and publication will be in *Les Publications del la Sorbonne*. Funds requested are to permit discussions over several days in Paris with editors about manuscript organization, aspects of terminology, background information that might be needed for readers in French.

Carolyn Elliott (Professor of Political Science Emerita): To support a field research project in Hyderabad, India on the relation of problems with collection and payment of local taxes by rural villages to the delivery of services to the villages. The work will be conducted in collaboration with the National Institute of Rural Development, based in Hyderabad.

David Huddle (Professor of English Emeritus): To support participation in the Southern Festival of Books in Nashville TN. At this conference he will present his essay “Verbal Binary Presence in Early Childhood Development, that Infamously Difficult Poetic Form the Villanelle and the Spiritual Quotidian” as part of the panel that celebrates the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the literary journal *Zone 3*.

Daniel Lusk (Senior Lecturer Emeritus of English): To support completion of a new collection of poems, *The Shower Scene from Hamlet*, under contract with Salmon Poetry (Ireland). Funds also will be used for expenses incurred in travel for a public presentation of his new work at the Irish Writers Center in Dublin.

Thomas Read (Professor of Music Emeritus): To support a studio recording of his *Concert Champetre*, a duo for guitar and cello. This recording will be included in a collection of Professor Read's previously recorded chamber music of sufficient length to enable commercial promotion and distribution.

### **Distinguished Service and Leadership Award**

Nicholas (Nick) Heintz (Pathology & Laboratory Medicine) has recently been honored with the UVM President's Distinguished Service and Leadership Award. This Award is given to UVM faculty and recognizes "exceptional service by an individual who is recognized as a true university citizen for contributions to institutional building at the university".

Michael Strauss (Chemistry) continues exhibiting his paintings, most recently at the T. W. Wood Gallery in Montpelier where he and UVM poet Tony Magistrale explored the role of visual thinking in the process of creating a drawing, a painting, or a poem. Part of the Wood exhibit featured work from his book *Selected Sketches and Portraits: 1985-2016*. On April 20, 5:30-7:00 PM at Continuing and Distance Education, 322 South Prospect Street, OLLI at UVM features Michael and Tony in their presentation "Making Thought Visible". In May, Michael teaches six classes at the Wood Gallery based on his book *The Mind at Hand—What Drawing Reveals*.

Mary Jane Dickerson (English) was inducted into the Vermont Academy of Arts & Sciences at their September 2016 Fellows Luncheon for her "long and fruitful teaching career at UVM" that included developing African-American literature courses and receiving the Kidder Award for her impact on students. In retirement she has published two volumes of poetry, helped extend the work of the non-profit Sundog Poetry Center that fosters poetry throughout Vermont, and has continued to teach a poetry workshop in the Jericho Town Library for 15 years.

Lou Izzo (Radiological Science) published an article "Catholic Priests in the Izzo Family Line" in the Fall 2016 issue of LINKS Journal of the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society. The article provides information and historical perspective on three priests, Rev. Norbert Proulx, Rev. Joseph Quevillon and Rev. Pierre Boivin.

Bill Metcalfe (History with leadership roles as well in Canadian Studies and Music) will conduct the Oriana Singers at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM. The program includes Handel's Vespers Psalm *Dixit Dominus*, Bach's Cantata #214 *Tonet, ihr Pauken! Erschallet, Trompeten!*, and Handel's Coronation Anthem III, *The King Shall Rejoice*. Other UVM emeriti participating in this concert are Laurel Broughton, Bill Lipke, Bob Low, Elizabeth Metcalfe, and Vince Pelletier.

Phil Ambrose (Classics), Peter Brown (Music) and Tom Read (Music) performed as a new Trio ("The Good Times") at the inaugural event, on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, of the Grace Coolidge Music Series at the UVM Alumni House. Music played included Beethoven's Piano Trio in G, Opus 1, No. 2 and Saint-Saens' Piano Trio No. 2 in E-minor, Opus 92. This event was hosted by Alan Day who had supervised the restoration of a vintage 1926 Mason and Hamlin Piano found in the former fraternity house.

Stephen J. Cutler (Sociology) is spending the spring semester of 2016-2017 in Romania at the University of Bucharest's Institute for Research. He is a Visiting Professor there, teaching a workshop on how to do research on aging. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, the University of Bucharest will also award Professor Cutler a Doctor Honoris Causa degree. Along with a PhD student (Corina Br̄garu) from the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work at the University of Bucharest, he has recently published an article, "Do Worries About Cognitive Functioning and Concerns About Developing Alzheimer's Disease Affect Psychological Well-Being?" in the journal *Ageing and Health*.

Roger Cooke (Mathematics) has recently published his book, *It's About Time: Elementary Mathematical Aspects of Relativity* (American Mathematical Society). The book explores topics from the early period of the theory of relativity, provides the mathematical background for understanding these topics, and reflects on the historical development of the subject.



## **Contribution from Bob Arns as Artist**

After a full and satisfying academic career as Professor of Physics, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Engineering & Mathematics, and management consultant, I am spending most of my working hours on the activity that was my secret passion for more than 60 years--painting. I started painting as a graduate student, and never stopped. But in my first appointment as an Assistant Professor of Physics, I was advised that I if I continued to paint I would never be taken seriously as a scientist. The painting went underground. I adopted the nom d'artiste Mutin, and continued to paint at home and on vacations. Only family knew. In 2015, Artists' Mediums, which had for some time been framing my work, offered me a one-man show. It was a real pleasure to show my paintings to friends and colleagues. That success led me to rent a studio in Burlington where I can paint, show, and sell. For the past two years, most of my work has been inspired by images from the Hubble Space Telescope. For me, the intersection of science and art is deeply satisfying. My daughter Sue is also a painter, and last fall we had a joint show together, "Deep Space", at the Brickwork Art Studios. If you'd like to see more, come by Brickwork during the First Friday Gallery Walk on the first Friday of any month, usually from 5:00 until 8:00, or call me and set another time.



**HUBBLE FANTASY (PAINTING BY ROBERT ARNS)**

## **THE UVM RETIRED SCHOLARS AWARD PROGRAM**

The University of Vermont (UVM), under the direction of the UVM Association of Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers (RFAO), announces the UVM Retired Scholars Award Program for the academic year 2017-2018 to provide support for faculty to complete a research or scholarship project after full retirement from the University.

With support from the UVM Office of the President, the Program has available \$17,500 per academic year to provide awards up to a maximum of \$2,500 to cover expenses for:

- A. Travel, lodging, and per diem for participation at a national or international conference at which the applicant is giving a refereed presentation;
- B. Completion and publication of a scholarly manuscript under contract with a publisher;
- C. Preparation of an artistic work for presentation in a juried exhibition;
- D. Preparation of a performing art product such as music, dance, or theatrical composition;
- E. Completion and publication of a literary composition under contract with a publisher or distributor;
- F. Acquisition of research materials such as data sets for secondary analysis or support for field project research;
- G. Other well defined and necessary expenses associated with a research or scholarship project.

**The Executive Board of RFAO is very grateful to President Thomas Sullivan for increasing the award amount from \$12,500 to \$17,500 based on comments from the RFAO review panel that favorably reviewed applications could not be funded under the initially requested funding limit.**

### **APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURE**

- A letter of application describing the project, projected expenses (salary will not be supported), anticipated completion date of the project, specific outcomes of the project, and a brief (1 page) updated Curriculum Vitae must be submitted no later than October 13, 2017, with funding results reported no later than November 17, 2017. The letter of application and supporting material(s) should be submitted electronically to Jack McCormack, President of the UVM Association of Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers (RFAO), at [john.mccormack@med.uvm.edu](mailto:john.mccormack@med.uvm.edu)
- The RFAO Executive Board will appoint a 3 member subcommittee of its members to review applications and the Provost will appoint a non-retired UVM faculty member to the review committee. (If necessary a UVM faculty member with knowledge on the topic of the proposed project may be invited to provide a review of an application and submit a brief written report to the subcommittee.) The subcommittee will then make the final decisions for funding which will be forwarded to the RFAO Board for formal notification to the applicant.
- Other aspects of the proposals being equal, preference in subsequent years will be given to applicants who have not received previous funding. Resubmission of an unfunded application for consideration in the next academic year is an option.
- The Executive Board will work with applicants to align as much as possible the timing of an award to meet the schedule of expenses for a project.
- Members of the RFAO Executive Board cannot submit an application to the UVM Retired Scholars Award Program until their term of office has been completed.
- A report detailing the state of the project, accomplishments, and expenditures must be submitted electronically to the President of the UVM Association of Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers (RFAO), [John.McCormack@med.uvm.edu](mailto:John.McCormack@med.uvm.edu), by no later than September 1, 2018.

Direct any questions about this funding program to Professor Jack McCormack at [john.mccormack@med.uvm.edu](mailto:john.mccormack@med.uvm.edu)

## IN MEMORIAM: UVM RETIREE DEATHS

March 16, 2016 through March 28, 2017

Name	Department	Deceased
Francis Bliss	Classics	March 16, 2016
John Mazuzan	Anesthesiology	March 23, 2016
Marion Thorpe	Home Economics/Consumer Sciences	June 4, 2016
Fred Webster	Agricultural/Resource Economics	July 16, 2016
Clark Hermance	Mechanical/Civil Engineering	September 16, 2016
Henry Tufo	Medicine	October 19, 2016
John Kunkel	Animal Science	November 21, 2016
Thomas Geno	French	November 27, 2016
Tom Spinner	History	December 2, 2016
Malcolm Whatley	Physics	December 13, 2016
Robert Hall	Philosophy	January 6, 2017
John Craighead	Pathology	January 10, 2017
Robert Fuller	Wildlife/Fisheries Biology	January 20, 2017

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