
USC Emeriti Center

USC Retiree Community Newsletter

December 2019

Happy Holidays!



The staff from the USC Emeriti Center had lunch to celebrate the end of the semester, thank the students for their hard work, and congratulate our intern, Shu Fang for her EC contributions and her graduation from USC. Happy

Holidays and warm wishes for health and happiness throughout the year from all of us!



From left to right: Jerry Walker (RFA president), new USC provost Charles (Chip) Zukoski, and Janette Brown (Emeriti Center assistant vice provost). This was our first meeting with the provost. He asked us to explore supporting our at risk students and evolving a more robust program to help transition faculty and staff to retirement.

Victor Marshand Webb awarded Robert P. Biller Award!

Presented by President Folt, Victor Webb was given the Robert P. Biller service award on December 2nd. The award was created in 2014 by the Retired Faculty Association and the Staff Retirement Association boards in honor of Bob Biller. Dr. Biller served the University as a faculty member and as a dean of numerous schools. After his retirement, he played a key role on the retired faculty Association board as well as a leader in the Emeriti Center. The special award is conferred upon any retired faculty or staff member at USC who has demonstrated extraordinary volunteer service in retirement.



President Folt "tweeted" about Victor after the breakfast.



Carol Folt @PresidentFolt · 4h
What an honor to present Emeritus Professor Victor Webb with the Robert Biller Service Award for 10 years of work with the first gen Caldwell Scholars. Very special to celebrate him with the family of Russell Caldwell, who founded the program.



USC College Personal Statement Bootcamp

Spearheaded by retired faculty Emerita, Karen Koblitz, the USC Emeriti Center in collaboration with the Volunteers of America Educational Talent Search program, retirees welcomed high school students from Crenshaw, Dorsey, GALA, Locke and Los Angeles High Schools to our campus on November 9th. A wide demographic of volunteers helped students understand and answer the college application prompt and told their stories. From retirees to alumni to current USC students, the event was an intergenerational success. We had nearly 50 volunteers mostly current and retired staff along with USC students, faculty, and community members helping our local students. The event was ended with a personally guided USC tour for the high school students.



Campus and Community Events

USC Fight's against the LA homelessness crisis

On December 6th and 7th, USC partnered with The Giving Spirit to build winter survival kits for our vulnerable neighbors living on the streets of LA. We filled duffel bags with necessary supplies that will help the most vulnerable on the streets survive another winter. Our efforts have personally and positively impacted the lives of our volunteers and over 55,000 homeless friends from Skid Row to Santa Monica.

Volunteers were also invited to attend curated Learning Experiences, which includes a solution-based discussion between experts in advocacy, policy, and academia as well as formerly homeless individuals to educate volunteers on the face of homelessness.

Upcoming Events

The George Washington Leadership Lecture Series

The USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and The Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon present "The George Washington Leadership Lecture Series: Leadership and the Challenges of National Security."

The lecture will be on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, with the reception at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at USC Town and Gown, which is located at 665 Childs Way, Los Angeles, CA 90089. Please make sure to RSVP online by Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Each attending guest must be registered separately. Complimentary self parking will be provided, and business attire is highly recommended.

To RSVP, please visit: <https://priceschool.usc.edu/2020-george-washington-lecture-series/>

For more information, please contact Harlisha Hamm, Director of Program and Events, at hhamm@price.usc.edu or 213.821.8189

We will be having partner events with ITS and various student organizations regarding cybersecurity. Stay tuned for more information!

Stay in the loop with more campus events!

The USC Events calendar is filled with campus events from all organizations and branches of USC. These events are open for students, alumni, and current or retired faculty and staff. There are multiple events happening on any given day, so feel free to check out the calendar and stay involved with the public events happening on campus! To view the calendar, you can Google "USC Events Calendar" or visit calendar.usc.edu. Or stay updated with the USC Emeriti Center website: emeriti.usc.edu

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In the News

International Day of Older Persons Age-Friendly University

The Emeriti Center provided performances for this special day, thanks to Executive Director, Emerita Betty Redmon. Filled with engaging debates, music, mindfulness, and amazing tap dancers (Snappy Tappers photo), the International Day of the Older Persons on October 1st successfully celebrated those who are over 50 and engaged our students in conversation and activities to dispel ageism. The USC Emeriti Center participated with the Davis School of Gerontology and worked to raise awareness of ageism and its impact throughout our lives. The day connected the university's students alumni and the school's current and retired faculty and staff in celebrating later life.



[To read more about the International Day of Older Persons, click here.](#)

RFA Distinguished Lecture “No Blinders: An Introduction to Sports Law and Other Life Lessons” by Robert Hacker

The Retired Faculty Association supported by the EC and the SRA offers Distinguished Lectures, a rare opportunity for intergenerational discussion and it is highly attended by USC students. Last month's RFA Distinguished Lecture Series welcomed Robert A. Hacker to talk about ethical and moral issues



sports and society might consider in his presentation, “No Blinders: An Introduction to Sports Law and Other Life Lessons”.



[To read more about this event, click here.](#)

Medicare/Senior Care Panel 11/6/19

For those of you who could not attend the Medicare & USC Senior Care Panel, here is a video of the presentation given by our expert speaker, Aileen Harper, Center for Health Care Rights executive director, about changes in 2020 Medicare Part D drug coverage benefits and costs sharing, availability of Medicare Part D drug plans in LA County, and how to use the Medicare drug plan tool to select a plan.

[To view the USC Senior Care updates and future plans slide presentation, click here.](#)

[To view a video of the presentation, click here.](#)

Nov 8 RFA Distinguished Lecture: “Law, Politics, Elections, and Women’s Rights” by Susan Estrich

This month, the Emeriti Center and RFA welcomed Susan Estrich as a part of the RFA Distinguished Lecture Series to discuss “Law, Politics, Elections, and Women’s Rights.” Susan Estrich is an expert in law and politics, criminal law, and gender discrimination. She teaches Criminal Law, Gender Discrimination and Election Law. She is also the author of several books including Real Rape; Getting Away with Murder: Politics, Crime, and the Rule of Law; Dangerous Offenders (with Moore, McGillis, & Spellman); and “Sex at Work.” Her most recent book is The Case for Hillary Clinton (ReganBooks, 2005).



Half-Century Trojans Hall of Fame

On November 13, the USC Alumni Association recognized five remarkable individuals, each of whom exemplify the ideals of the Trojan Family and who have had a significant impact on the fields of the Trojan Family and who have had a significant impact on the fields of business, medicine, architecture and art, respectively. They also presented the Distinguished Service Award to a dedicated Half Century Trojans board member, Jim Childs'61. We are honored to have one of our faculty be honored.

2019 Hall of Fame Honorees

John House '64, MD '67

President of the House Research Institute and Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology at the Keck School of Medicine at USC





If you would like to see all the the honorees please visit: alumni.usc.edu/hct/

Medicare-Individual Consultations

The USC School of Pharmacy hosted individual free personalized, one-on-one sessions with PharmD students to assist retirees with choosing a Medicare Part D Plan. Medicare Part D is the drug benefit for Medicare eligible recipients. USC pharmacy faculty, residents and students personally walked retirees through the online Medicare Part D Plan Finder tool and answered questions about Medicare and medications. Every year they save the retirees cumulatively, thousands of dollars and sometimes catch dangerous drug interactions. This year we had 55 students and 3 pharmacists participate in the event over the 4 days, which is an amazing amount of student power! In addition to this, two of our student organizations, Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) helped coordinate the event. The data from the event is shown below:

Participants	59
Total number changed plans	28
Total Cost Savings	\$15,919.35
Range	\$91 - 1642.95
Average savings	\$568.55

Annual Holiday Breakfast - December 2



The Emeriti Center, Staff Retirement Association and Retired Faculty Association welcomed the holiday

season this year at the 14th Annual USC Retiree Community Holiday Breakfast! This event took place at Town and Gown, officially starting at 9 a.m. with check-in at 8:30 a.m. for our guests. We are also pleased to announce that President Carol Folt attended this event as this year's special guest and keynote speaker. A celebratory musical program by Thronton Students Choral group followed breakfast.

For those of you who could not attend, here is the [Year in Review presentation!](#)

Volunteer + Work Opportunities

Join Trojan Encore!

Trojan Encore is a special initiative of the USC Emeriti Center. Many retired Trojans want to continue to support the mission of USC by volunteering or working short-term in various USC schools, departments and divisions. [To read more about how to get involved, click here!](#)

Serve on a committee:

If you are interested in serving on an Emeriti Center or university committee, please go to emeriti.usc.edu/get-involved.

Give a talk or class:

We are looking for interesting presentations and short courses for our Emeriti College Speakers' Bureau. If you would like to be on call for 45-minute talks or mini-courses around the Los Angeles area, register for our Bureau here: bit.ly/USCspeaker.

Host a social:

Want to help us host a social in your neighborhood? We have funding for refreshments to support casual gatherings in homes or public locations. Call our office to start the process. Our students will create a flyer, set up an RSVP form, send email messages, and make name tags.

NIH Research Subjects Wanted for Advancing Postmenopausal Preventive Therapy (APPT)

We are writing to let you know about an exciting newly funded NIH study at USC. This new trial, called Advancing Postmenopausal Preventive Therapy (APPT), is designed to study the effects of an estrogen hormone therapy that does not contain progestogen (provera, progesterone) on hardening of the arteries (atherosclerosis) and mental functioning (cognition). The medication we are studying is called Bazedoxifene/conjugated estrogen (BZA/CE). BZA/CE is an FDA-approved medication designed to deliver

estrogen without a progestogen for postmenopausal women with a uterus. If you are a woman between 45-59 years of age, are within 6 years of menopause, have not had a hysterectomy and do not have heart disease or diabetes, you could qualify for APPT.

For further details, please see the attached brochure, visit our web site at <http://aru.usc.edu/> or call us at 323-442-2257. If you do not qualify for APPT, we would be most appreciative if you would pass this information to someone who may be interested. Thank you in advance for your help and contribution to medical science.

Sincere wishes,

Howard N. Hodis, M.D.

Harry J. Bauer and Dorothy Bauer Rawlins Professor of Cardiology

Professor of Medicine and Preventive Medicine

Director, Atherosclerosis Research Unit

In Memoriam

We honor and mourn our university colleagues who have passed. Those who were recorded by press time, and whose names were not mentioned in previous newsletters:

Helen Chu
Jeanne Church
Vern Bengtson
Hudhail Al-Amir
Robert Coffey
Phil R. Manning
Albert Marston
Constance Horak
Edwena Werner
Bruce Zawacki
Ralph Fertig
Robert Wulf
Sayde Lawson
Ted Brannen

Benefactor Recognition

Through the Emeriti Center's Benefactor Recognition Program, we thank those who have recognized honored colleagues, friends, and family with a \$500 or more contribution.

We sincerely thank the SRA for contributing \$500 each to honor Robert Scales and Connie Horak. Two plates will be engraved for the Benefactor Plaque honoring them. The funds will be used for programs that honor their interests: dramatic arts and homelessness respectively.

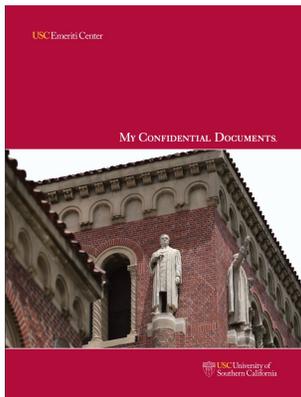
Would you consider supporting our center in your gift planning? If so, please call (213) 740-7121 or jcbrown@usc.edu.

Smart phones make it easy to donate to Caldwell Scholarships, EC, RFA and SRA. Text the word "Emeriti" to 41444 on your cell phone to make a pledge. You will receive a text that gives you a link to donate online.

Before year end, you may make tax deductible donations by calling: 213-740-7500.

Resources

Download "My Confidential Documents"



Did you know that the USC Emeriti Center offers free resources online? One of those many resources is "My Confidential Documents" which was created by USC retirees for fellow retirees! It is a document where you can collect, prepare and store all important information in one place. This information ranges from estate planning to computer/internet access.

To download the document, click [here](#). We also have hard copies in our office that you can pick up.

To check out other resources that our available, please refer to our [publications page](#) on our website.

USC Emeriti Center Partnerships

Visit <https://emeriti.usc.edu/about/partnerships/> to explore our partnerships with other schools and organizations and to find more resources and events to attend.

ABOUT THE USC EMERITI CENTER

Since its founding in 1978, the USC Emeriti Center has served the university's retirees and pre-retirees in living healthy and purposeful lives by providing essential information, resources, services, advocacy, privileges, and support. Part of the Office of the Provost, the Emeriti Center offers most of its services and programs free of charge. Certain special privileges, such as the Gold Card, are available to retirees age 55 or older with at least 10 years of benefits-eligible employment at the university.

The Center is home to the USC Emeriti College, which operates a speakers' bureau, the Noboru Inamoto Lectureship, offers enrichment classes and research seed grants, and fosters multidisciplinary and multigenerational opportunities for lifelong learning.

The Emeriti Center also provides support for USC's Retired Faculty Association (RFA) and the Staff Retirement Association (SRA), and encourages all members of the Trojan Family to participate in its many programs.

In addition, the Emeriti Center houses the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, an international nonprofit that shares resources, best practices, and research among North American universities. The Emeriti Center helped found the organization, which began through professional meetings initiated in 1985 by former Emeriti Center Executive Director Paul Hadley.

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