

Campus Connections

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Distinguished Emeritus Award



The UC Davis Emeriti Association has chosen Professor Emeritus Thomas Cahill of the Land, Air, and Water Resources Department to receive the 2014 Distinguished Emeritus Award.

Professor Emeritus Cahill has had an outstanding professional career in the area of atmospheric aerosols. He has combined his research on the impact of atmospheric aerosols with a highly visible and effective public service component. He used his knowledge to address local, national and international problems. He has continued to conduct research after his retirement and contributed greatly to our understanding of the impact of atmospheric contamination, including analyses of particulates created by the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center. His focus on the impact of atmospheric particulates has consistently focused on human health effects.

Professor Emeritus Cahill has done outstanding scholarly work and performed nationally and locally significant service since his retirement and continues to contribute to the knowledge base in his area of expertise.

UCDRA/UCDEA Winter Meeting Thursday, February 13, 2014

MIND Institute, Sacramento CA

Social Hour/Refreshments

2 to 2:30 p.m.

Cost: Free;
no pre-registration required

Program

2:30 to 4 p.m.

Register to ride the bus
from Davis to the meeting

Dr. Koen Van Rompay, D.V.M. UC Davis Primate Center

Dr. Van Rompay, will discuss some of the groundbreaking HIV/AIDS research at the UC Davis Primate Center that is now having an impact on the global HIV epidemic. In addition, he will tell how a trip to India in 1997 and this research inspired him to start the volunteer-based nonprofit organization *Sahaya International*, which now supports a growing number of programs in developing countries. The short, award-winning documentary "Sahaya: Going Beyond," narrated by Academy Award winner Jeremy Irons and with theme song by Enya, will also be shown.

Koen Van Rompay obtained his D.V.M. degree in Belgium in 1989, then came to UC Davis where he earned a Ph.D. in Comparative Pathology in 1994.

Picnic Day Honoree 2014

Ted Hillyer will be the 2014 UCDRA Picnic Day Honoree and will ride in the now traditional horse-drawn carriage in the Picnic Day parade.

Ted began his UC Davis career in April 1974 and retired in June 2005 with 31 years of service. As a senior development engineer in the Department of Applied Science, Ted supported graduate student research, working with Professors Fred Wooten, John DeGroot, Yin Yeh, and Neville Luhmann on surface science, plasma physics, lasers and microwave systems.

During Ted's career he was actively involved with UC Davis Staff Assembly as a member of the Health & Welfare Committee, serving as vice chair, and, for three years, chair of the executive



committee. He also represented the organization on several UC Davis search committees.

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UCDRA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account
Bal. forward \$18,024.33
Credits 5,210.00
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Closing bal. 12/2013 \$21,835.54

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President's Message



Immediately after the UCDRA Board meeting in September I slipped away to Pretoria, South Africa for a two and one-half month stay. My husband, Alex (UC Davis emeritus), had been invited to the University of Pretoria to work with graduate students and serve on a department review panel, and I was able to tag along.

I have been reflecting on the importance of enjoying travel opportunities when they arise even though you are committed to volunteer responsibilities. Travel allows us to meet new people, share our skills and knowledge, and bring home new ideas to the organizations that are a part of our life.

I have a passion for making quilts and wanted to meet some quilters during my stay in South Africa. I received a call from quilter Leonie inviting me to a quilt show/guild meeting with her and two other quilters. To my delight I was introduced to several guild members and attended demonstrations at the quilt show to learn techniques I knew nothing about. In return I was able to share some of my quilting techniques with my new quilting friends, providing them with samples and product so they could complete a project.

I also attended a STOP Human Trafficking planning workshop as an observer. I took notes on how to plan a workshop and was given a STOP (Stop Trafficking of People) packet that I will pass on to an appropriate affiliation in Sacramento.

We met a number of memorable people during our stay in South Africa including Ivan Rojas, the driver who met us at the Johannesburg airport and was our tour guide for most of our trips. He came to South Africa from Chile about 27 years ago and is deeply knowledgeable about the history of the country. There were many others who made our stay unforgettable.

The University of California provided me—and you—the opportunity to earn retirement benefits during our careers. Enjoy your retirement by sharing time with your family and being involved in organizations that interest you. Travel early in your retirement years. You never know when a chance acquaintance along the way will become a great friend. I also invite you to take a few hours from your monthly schedule to become an active participant in the UC Davis Retirees' Association. Your time will be enjoyably spent and invaluable to your fellow retirees.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis L. McCalla".

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EMERITI ASSOCIATION

From the President

Twice a year, I serve as the representative of our emeriti association at a meeting of the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA). The group's mission, in brief, is to look out for the interests of retired UC faculty and, when necessary, to provide a voice and maybe even some leverage on matters involving the welfare of emeriti. You can learn more about the CUCEA by taking a look at its website: <http://cucea.ucsd.edu>.



Two things particularly impress me about these meetings. The first is that CUCEA's voice is a legitimate, respected one. As you may know from your contact with retired faculty in other parts of the country, UC emeriti are treated very well when compared with our retired colleagues at other universities. I am confident that one important reason for this is the existence and the advocacy of CUCEA. The second thing that impresses me at these gatherings is hearing about some of the challenges that other emeriti organizations face. I again become aware of how strongly supported by the campus administration, and how well endorsed, our Davis association is compared with those of some of our sister campuses.

So thanks to you for supporting us, and CUCEA, by being a member of the UC Davis Emeriti Association. If you know of colleagues who aren't members, ask them to join.

John Vohs
John Vohs, president, UCDEA

Twentieth Anniversary of Video Records Project

In honor of this anniversary, a new group of videos of interviews with UC Davis Emeriti has been made available to view online or obtain from Shields Library's Special Collections Department. Videos of eight interviews have been produced by the Emeriti Association's Video Records Project members during 2013, to contribute to the remembrance of campus figures and, through their recorded memories of their time at UC Davis, and contributions to a unique history of the campus.

Since the first interview, of G. Ledyard Stebbins by Melvin Green, on March 12, 1993, nearly 400 interviews have been videoed and records of the interviews have been produced. All of these interviews will ultimately be available online; committee members must finish the huge task of salvaging the recorded interviews from disintegrating tapes, converting them from VHS to DVD format and putting them on the web. For now one can check out nearly all of the interviews, including eight from the project's twentieth year, at Special Collections on the first floor of Shields. This newest group of DVD's includes interviews of:

- Winfried Schleiner interviewed by Richard Levin
- William Hagan interviewed by Arnold Bauer
- J.Neil Rutger interviewed by Calvin Qualset
- Andre Lauchi interviewed by D. William Rains
- Sandra Murphy interviewed by Jon Wagner

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Video Records

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Senate Emeriti Committee

UCDEA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account	
Bal. forward 8/2013	\$17,854.29
Credits	3,325.47
Debits	<u>2,383.07</u>
Closing bal. 12/2013	\$18,796.69

UCDEA selects Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award winners for 2013–2014

The UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) is pleased to announce the winners of the Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award. Edward A. Dickson served as a Regent of the University of California from 1913 to 1946, and endowed an annual award that supports emeriti/ae professors for their projects in teaching, research, public service. Separate endowments support these professorships at each UC campus, and each award is administered on that campus. At Davis, the UCDEA administers these awards in collaboration with the provost's office. The sum of \$25,000 was available this year, and was divided among the four winners.

The Dickson Professorship awardees

for 2014 are listed in alphabetical order with a brief description of their projects:

- William Jackson—"The study of VUV photochemistry on N₂ and CO using seeded molecular beams in He." The study will use vacuum ultraviolet lasers (VUV) to better understand the earth's atmosphere and the atmosphere of other planets.
- Bill Lasley—"Determining the role of circulating progesterone to increase negative mood." The study will determine whether an immediate rise in progesterone following an estrogen peak is required to induce transient increase in negative mood in mid-age women.
- James Murphy—"The Gentlemen's Rhetoric of Obadiah Walker

(1616-1699)." To complete a book about Obadiah Walker which documents an important shift in English rhetoric which appeals to a more democratic audience not dependent on university learning.

- Calvin Qualset—"Diversity analyses of landrace populations of wheat from Turkey and Iran and maize in Mexico." The project will observe and collect genetic material and enhance sustainability of current varieties of feed and food grain. This research is important in meeting world food needs.

The call for future Dickson Awards is being moved to earlier in the year. The call for the 2014–2015 academic year is expected to be issued in March.

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In retirement Ted has been an active member of the UCRA Board, serving as a member-at-large, vice president, and president for two terms. He regularly volunteers to help with social events such as the New Retirees Reception. He is currently serving as alternate delegate to the systemwide Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA) and is a member of the UCDEA Video Records Committee.

Ted serves on the Executive Committee of American Legion Post 77 in

Woodland and as its chaplain. He is beginning his second year as District 6 Boys State chairman for Yolo and Sacramento counties. He is a member of the Liturgy Committee at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Woodland

Ted enjoys traveling with his wife, Silvia. Having made many good friends among international visitors to campus during their UC Davis careers, they have traveled to Thailand, Botswana, South Africa, and Ireland to visit them.

When asked what had given him most satisfaction during his working career, Ted answered, "supporting graduate student research." And he and Silvia have continued to support graduate students at Davis. Most recently, they chose to make a gift through the Soderquist Matching Fund Initiative for Graduate Student Support. The Hillyers are two of more than two dozen faculty, staff, retirees and emeriti faculty who together established 27 new endowments to support graduate and professional school students through this effort during the Campaign for UC Davis' effort to fundraise \$1 billion.

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- Maartin Drost interviewed by Robert Bondurant
- Joel Dobris interviewed by Joe Martin
- Barbara Nichols interviewed by Robert Flochini

Over 50 interviews are now available online at <http://dctv.davismedia.org/content/ucd-emeriti>.

Any emeriti who have not yet recorded an interview, or want to suggest a colleague whom they would like to interview for the project, are encouraged to contact the committee through the Retiree Center.

In Memoriam

We remember these members who have died in recent months.

Retirees' Association

Daniel Edwards
Joe Pereira
Francis Johnson
John Whitaker

Emeriti Association

Samuel Armistead
Robert Bolt
Stephen Carlson
John Whitaker

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