

AROHE Matters

E-newsletter of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education

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New AROHE Trial Member from Taiwan Visits USC

New AROHE trial member Professor Meng-Ching Hu is the President of Taiwan Active Aging Association and is conducting research for the Taiwanese government on retirement transition courses, harnessing the talents of retired faculty and staff, retiree volunteering and other retiree topics.

A leader for the March 2014 International Conference of Elder Education and Intergenerational Learning in Taipei where AROHE Executive Director Janette Brown was a keynote speaker, Professor Hu stated, "I and my colleagues were all impressed [with] your presentation and would like to learn more."



Photo L to R: Janette Brown, Ed.D., Executive Director of USC Emeriti Center/Emeriti College and AROHE; Meng-Ching Hu, PhD, Professor, Department of Adult and Continuing Education at National Chung Cheng University, Chia-Yi, Taiwan; David N. Tool, Ph.D. Col. U.S. Army (Ret.), USC Staff Retirement Association Board Member.

In June, Professor Hu and Professor Hui-Chuan Wei, Director of the Center of Senior Education at National Chung Cheng University visited Janette at her USC office in Los Angeles to learn more about AROHE and the programs at the USC Emeriti Center. David Tool speaks Chinese and was invited to the meeting as his volunteer work was exemplified in Janette's presentation. David is a Los Angeles Neighborhood Development Council, North District 3 Board Member and leader for: USC Trojan Global Intergenerational Friends, USC Trojan Global Friends Network, and the USC Neighborhood Network (CERT).

Minneapolis: AROHE Invasion Upcoming

Unless you have been boycotting your email (understandable at times) you are aware that the August 10-12 2014 AROHE Conference entitled "Colleges, Universities and Retirees: Building Connections" will be descending upon Minneapolis Minnesota. We will be joining over 100 colleagues representing 67 separate entities/institutions from over 36 states and two provinces in Canada. If you have been waiting to register for that "perfect moment" THIS week should be it as space is limited!

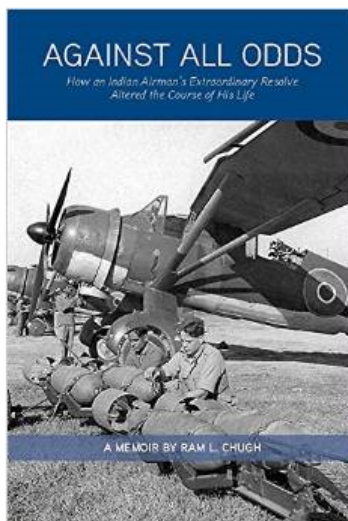
Register: http://www.arohe.org/2014_Conference

We are grateful to our conference sponsors for participating in this landmark event: Belmont Village Senior Living, Winona State University, University of Minnesota, Fidelity Retirement Services, Collette Travel, University of Southern California Emeriti Center, UC Davis Retiree Center, Road Scholar, Kendal, SUNY Retirees Service Corps.

Welcome New AROHE Member - July 2014

The UCSF Retirees Association, founded in 1986 and serving over 700 retired staff, sponsors monthly activities and excursions, as well as special interest groups and a spring and holiday luncheon. The UCSFRA funds an annual award to a retiree, who as a volunteer, has contributed to the university and/or the community. Contact: [Rod Seeger](#)

Connection: AROHE Conference and A Memoir



Ram Chugh's primary focus during his work as executive director of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps was to share the knowledge that retirees in higher education have considerable talents and experience to become a vibrant force in society through their continued voluntary contributions to their campuses and local communities. One of his other key activities in a busy retirement has been to write his life story.

Imagine the delight when these two interests connected.

At the 2012 AROHE conference at Chapel Hill, NC, Ram attended a session on memoir writing conducted by Winifred Doane, Professor Emerita of Zoology at Arizona State University. He notes, " She kindly agreed to review

my then-350-page manuscript, taking time from her busy schedule. One of her suggestions was to divide my manuscript into two books. Making such a valuable professional connection with Winifred was one of the unexpected dividends I received from my involvement with AROHE. It was because of her astute suggestion that I published the current memoir, *Against All Odds: How an Indian Airman's Extraordinary Resolve Altered the Course of his Life*, as part one of my life-story, which is now available on Amazon.com. "

Ram is now working on the second volume of his memoir (covering life since coming to America), and expects it to be completed during this summer.

Ram L. Chugh, Ph.D., is former executive director of the SUNY Retirees Service Corps. and a Distinguished Service Professor of Economics (Emeritus), The State University of New York.

Election Time!

By Lucy Rollin

One of the highlights of AROHE's August Conference will be the election of new Board members. Every two years, AROHE seeks members interested in guiding

AROHE key decisions and discerning which efforts will best serve the entire membership - in short, shaping AROHE's next two years. Board members meet via monthly phone conferences to hear reports from standing committees and assess new challenges and initiatives.



This year's election will fill the positions of President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as nine Board members. The Nominating Committee (Ram Chugh, Eddie Murphy, Larry Sawyer, and Acting Chair Lucy Rollin) sought candidates through nominations, networking and personal contact among our membership, with the generous support of current Board members. Those elected will take office in January 2015, and Patrick Cullinane, last term's President-Elect, assumes the Presidency at that time.

The election will be held on Tuesday, August 12, at the Town Hall meeting during the conference. Absentee ballots will be sent to members who have not registered for the conference. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in AROHE's governance and carry us forward into the next two years.

Idea Corner: Emory Emeritus College Interdisciplinary Seminars

In the spring of 2014 Emory's Emeritus College mounted two seminars that offered its members an opportunity to engage in a sustained and wide-ranging discussion of serious intellectual issues arising from a focus on a single, mutually agreed-upon topic.

One of these seminars chose to center on ["The Nature of Evidence:"](#) it explored both similarities and differences in how various academic disciplines orient themselves toward the search for truth. As John Bugge, the seminar convener, noted, "What constitutes evidence in the law or sociology is necessarily quite different from what it is in physics or nursing, literary criticism or history, philosophy or chemistry. Our kaleidoscope of disciplinary perspectives turned out to be illuminating for all."

This fall another seminar is scheduled, with the tentative title of ["Higher Education in Crisis."](#) Its focus will be on national trends posing fundamental challenges to the institution that so many retired faculty helped to nurture and promote during their active tenure. It is hoped the seminar will generate a number of well-considered policy suggestions for the University Senate, President, and Board of Trustees.

Empowering Women for Lifelong Vitality

On September 27, 2014, Keiro Senior HealthCare is proud to present its third [Women's Wellness Conference](#), a one-day gathering for women highlighting the eight areas of wellness for today's woman over 50. Helen Dennis, AROHE member, Principal and Specialist in Aging, Employment & The New Retirement, and co-author of Project Renewment



Helen M. Dennis

™: the First Retirement Model for Career Women, will be the first session speaker on the topic of Resilience in Later Life...Or How to Have a Good "Old Age".

A nationally recognized leader on issues of aging, employment, and retirement, Helen has received numerous awards for her university teaching at USC's Davis School at the Andrus Gerontology Center and for her contributions to the field of aging, the community and literary arts.

About AROHE

AROHE is a nonprofit association that develops, enhances and advances campus-based retiree organizations and programs. By sharing research, innovative ideas and successful practices, AROHE emphasizes service to retired faculty and staff as they continue to make valuable contributions to their academic institutions.

Paid organizational memberships allow member benefits for up to eight people per organization and start at just \$120 per year for retiree organizations with annual budgets under \$50,000. [Click here to learn more about membership.](#)

Learn more at <http://arohe.org> or contact AROHE at info@arohe.org or 213-740-5037.

[AROHE board members](#) are volunteers who are leaders from associations of retired faculty and staff, administrators of campus-based retiree centers or emeriti colleges or other campus department administrators who oversee programs for academic retirees. Board meetings are held via conference call on the first Friday of each month, 10:30 a.m. Pacific time. Any AROHE member may join a board meeting by contacting the AROHE office for call-in information prior to the meeting.

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