Colleges, Universities and Retirees: Building Connections

AROHE 7th Biennial Conference
August 10-12, 2014
The Commons Hotel

University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

www.arohe.org
AROHE’s Mission

AROHE, the first national and international association of retiree organizations, is committed to advocating for, educating, and serving retired faculty and staff in higher education. AROHE brings together the talent, knowledge and experience of retired faculty and staff to improve the quality of their lives and that of their communities and institutions through the creation of new models of retirement.

A Chronology of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE)

The history of AROHE began in 1984 with a survey of public and private universities conducted by the Emeriti Center at the University of Southern California (USC). Only 25 of more than 100 respondents indicated that their campuses had any formal group or center supporting retired faculty and staff. In May 1985, ten institutions attended the first Conference on Retirement at USC, and the newly named “West Coast Conference on Retirement in Colleges and Universities” continued annually through 1988. The University of Washington hosted a conference for twenty-two U.S. and Canadian institutions in 1989, but efforts to expand did not gather momentum until 1998 when several inspired retiree leaders met for a strategic planning cruise conference where pivotal ideas led to the future creation of AROHE.

At the conference at North Carolina State University in 2001 the attendees launched a multi-campus association dedicated to providing a forum for discussing all aspects of retirement in higher education. Dr. Paul Hadley from USC was its organizing president. In 2002, the inaugural conference at Indiana University officially named the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education and AROHE was formally incorporated as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. In addition to publishing a newsletter and providing on-line resources, AROHE continued hosting biennial conferences and other meetings. AROHE’s biennial conference sites have included Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (2004), Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (2006), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (2008), Wesleyan University, Middleton, CT (2010), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (2012) and University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (2013). Today AROHE’s membership has grown to more than 100 organizations.

AROHE provides membership value through the AROHE.org website allowing members to search for member contacts, manage membership payments, view best practices, and locate key AROHE resources. Major resources include the Start-up Kit to assist institutions in forming retirement organizations; data from AROHE surveys; member best practices; conference resources and handouts; special presentations and resources from members.
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**Optional Activity: Special Interest Group (SIGs) Networking Tables**

- **Emeriti Colleges SIGs Networking Table**  
  Host: John Bugge, Emory University
- **Retiree Center Directors SIGs Networking Table**  
  Hosts: Patrick Cullinane, University of California, Berkeley; Karl Scheibe, Wesleyan University
- **Retired Faculty SIGs Networking Table 1**  
  Hosts: Fanchon(Fancy) Funk, Florida State University, Pierce Mullen, Montana State University
- **Retired Faculty SIGs Networking Table 2**  
  Hosts: John Adams, University of Minnesota and Don Duszynski, University of New Mexico
- **Retired Staff SIGs Networking Table**  
  Hosts: Cathy Randolph, University of Washington; Elaine Steward, University of Southern California
- **University Administrators SIGs Networking Table**  
  Hosts: Trudy Fernandez, Florida International University; Diane Mundy, University of California, Davis
- **Small Colleges SIGs Networking Table**  
  Hosts: Susan Kress, Skidmore College; Helene Lang, University of Vermont

It is not enough to create retiree organizations. Change and continual updating must take place to sustain them. This panel will discuss different phases in the life cycle of retiree organizations. Hear about a relatively new organization that is in a period of growth; a mature organization that experienced a period of inactivity and a resurrection; a campus-funded retiree center that was created after retirees’ demonstrated a return on investment for the campus; and an AROHE mentoring program that assists organizations in their early stages of development.

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Panelist 1: Engaging a Retirement Community: The Kennesaw State University Experience  
Carol Pope, Kennesaw State University

Panelist 2: Resurrecting the Emeriti Association at the University of Cincinnati  
Carl Huether, University of Cincinnati

Panelist 3: Campus-Funded Retiree Centers: A Great Return On Investment For Academic Institutions  
Sue Barnes, University of California, Davis

Panelist 4: Building Local Consortia and AROHE Mentoring  
David Ewert, Georgia State University

11:15 AM – 12:00 NOON  
MEMBER SHOWCASE [see listing on Pages 8-10]  
Room: Meridian Foyer  
Convener: Linda Pearson, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Ideas galore! The Member Showcase is a great place to learn about programs and projects of other retiree organizations. This casual but focused time is ideal for networking as you visit the many table displays organizations and casually talk with representatives of retiree organizations; exchange ideas; and pick up brochures, newsletters and other materials. Be sure to bring your conference bag!

12:00 NOON – 1:00 PM  
LUNCHEON, Room: Meridian 1-2  
Sponsor Recognition: Belmont Village  
Speaker: Margaret Scott

Belmont Village Senior Living is a national leader in independent living, assisted living and memory care. Guided by university experts in the fields of gerontology, architecture, hospitality, dining and healthcare for older adults, Belmont Village communities are known for their distinctive designs and high operating standards. Resident and family input continues to be the foundation for ongoing community and program development, including award-winning programs for memory care. Currently, Belmont Village operates 24 communities in seven states. The company continues to pursue university-affiliated development opportunities to help faculty and retirees maintain strong campus connections in their later years. www.belmontvillage.com

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent #1, Room: Meridian 3-4  
Presentation: The SUNY Retirees Network: Connecting Retirees in the Digital Age  
Convener: John Casagrande, University of Southern California  
Presenters: Julie Petti and Pierre Radimak, State University of New York System Administration

The SUNY Retirees Network (SRN) is an exciting new component of the State University of New York (SUNY) Retirees Service Corps website. The SRN will connect SUNY retirees throughout the 64-campus system via a secure online directory, promote online interaction and connect retirees with volunteer opportunities. Participants will learn how the SUNY Retirees Network was developed and how campuses or college systems might adapt elements of the SRN for their own use.

Concurrent #2, Room: Think 3  
Panel: Retirees Giving Back: Two Successful Service Programs  
Convener: Jeri Frederick, University of California, Irvine

Panelist 1: Conversations with International Students: A Popular Student Mentoring Program  
Presenter: Diane Smathers, Clemson University

The Clemson Emeritus College’s Conversations with International Students (CIS) mentoring program pairs emeritus faculty with international graduate students to help the students improve their English speaking ability and to understand American culture. Mentees are students who performed poorly on a test of English language proficiency. The presenter will discuss a variety of venues, techniques and experiences that have led to this program’s success and popularity.

Panelist 2: Developing an Endowed Fund: The Retiree Legacy Scholarship  
Presenter: Dorothy Zinsmeister, Kennesaw State University

The Kennesaw State University (KSU) Retiree Legacy Scholarship, which is available to relatives of retired faculty and staff, has been a vehicle for KSU retirees to demonstrate their loyalty and support for their institution. Participants will learn how the KSU retirement organization jump started the creation of an endowed scholarship, identified successful fund-raising strategies and created opportunities for recognizing and publicizing scholarship recipients. Once established, endowed scholarships are a very special vehicle to honor an institution’s retirees.

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM  
BREAK, Room: Meridian Foyer
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent #1, Room: Meridian 3-4
Presentation: “Graceful Exit” Videos: A Resource for Faculty Transitioning to Retirement
Convener: Patrick Cullinane, University of California, Berkeley
Presenters: Joan Merdinger and Amy Strage, San José State University

Some faculty members are easy to “reach” while others are reluctant to publicly discuss retirement plans. Supported by an ACE/Sloan Faculty Transitions Award, 16 emeritus faculty members were videotaped sharing their transition experiences from the time they were fully employed to the time of their retirement. The interviews are posted on the Internet, where currently employed faculty can confidentially view the paths to retirement taken by retired faculty. Adaptation of the model to other institutions will be discussed.

Concurrent #2, Room: Think 3
Round Table: Creating a Successful Photo Club
Convener: Don Duszynski, University of New Mexico
Discussion Leader: Victor Bloomfield, University of Minnesota

Photography, one of the favorite avocations of retirees, is eminently suitable for sharing through a photo club. Shared images may include travel, volunteer activities, and university scenes. Instruction by advanced members can include the fundamentals as well as more advanced techniques. Learn how the UMRA organized this club; lessons learned can be applied to clubs focusing on other avocations and interests.

Concurrent #3, Room: Think 4
Presentation: Reconnecting and Extending Your Talents
Convener: Ann Kohner, Winona State University
Presenter: Helene Lang, University of Vermont

Retirement is a time to reconnect and rediscover our talents. Drawing from her own experience of performing “Living Histories,” the presenter will discuss selecting our talent and the multiple ways we can grow and share our talents, connect with colleagues and enhance our intellectual and creative well-being in the community. The presenter will encourage the audience to consider their own talent and learn ways to develop their talent.

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM
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3:15 PM – 4:15 PM
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent #1, Room: Think 3
Panel: Connecting Campus & Retirement Communities
Convener: Pat Dougherty, University of Washington
Panelists: Brian Kaskie, University of Iowa; Sean Kelly, Kendal Corporation; Margaret Scott, Belmont Village

Learn about the close connections established between retirement communities and college and university campuses. Three panelists will share their perspectives including those who develop and operate such communities and a university researcher, who with support of TIAA-CREF and the University of Iowa Center on Aging, will tell about a project to establish campus-adjacent senior housing at three campuses in the state of Iowa.

Concurrent #2, Room: Meridian 3-4
Presentation: Retiree Engagement in Volunteering
Convener: Trudy Fernandez, Florida International University
Presenters: John S. Anderson, Alan Kagan and Alexander Levitan, University of Minnesota

The University Retirees Volunteer Center (URVC) at the University of Minnesota connects volunteers with projects such as ushering at events, serving as jurors for mock trials, assisting at blood donation centers, participating as research subjects, working at food pantries and mentoring international students. Learn how the URVC has created a database of volunteers’ interests, identifies projects that match volunteer skills and connects the volunteers with the opportunities.

4:15 PM
SESSIONS END

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
OPTIONAL MONDAY EVENING TOUR

7:00 PM
DINNER, Dine-a-Round group or on own

Tuesday, August 12

7:30 AM – 10:00 AM
REGISTRATION, Room: Meridian Foyer

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, Room: Meridian 1-2

Optional Activity: Morning Networking Tables

Some tables are designated with a topic to create opportunity to chat with others of similar interests while having breakfast. The discussion is intended to be casual and unstructured and available on a come and go basis. Undesignated tables are available for those who do not want to participate.

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AROHE Mentoring and Local Consortia Networking Table
Host: David Ewert, Georgia State University

Advocating for Retiree Benefits Networking Table
Hosts: Charles Chamberlin, University of Washington; Elaine Steward, University of Southern California

Educational, Lifelong Learning & Creative Programs Networking Table
Hosts: Patrick Cullinane, University of California, Berkeley; Linda Pearson, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Public Relations, Marketing, Newsletters Networking Table
Hosts: Jeri Frederick, University of California, Irvine; Jim Clemmer, Austin Peay State University

Technology Use and Programs Networking Table
Hosts: John Casagrande, University of Southern California; Larry Sawyer, Portland State University

Volunteer & Service Programs Networking Table
Hosts: Sue Barnes, University of California, Davis; Representative, University Retirees Volunteer Center, University of Minnesota.

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
PLENARY, KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Health Reform is a Journey, Not A Destination
Room: Meridian 3-4
Convener: John Anderson, University of Minnesota
Speaker: David Durenberger, United States Senator from Minnesota, 1978 to 1995

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM
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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent #1, Room: Meridian 3-4
Presentation: Best Practices for Faculty Retirement Transitions
Convener: Dave Ewert, Georgia State University
Presenters: Sue Barnes, University of California, Davis and AROHE; Janette Brown, University of Southern California and AROHE; Susan Kress, Skidmore College; Beverly Nagel, Carleton College; Joan Merdinger and Amy Strage, San Jose State University

Retirement is a complex decision for all academic retirees, but particularly for senior faculty. Hear how several winners of $100,000 ACE/Sloan Foundation Awards for Faculty Retirement Programs help their senior faculty to navigate the transition. Participants will learn about many innovative ideas for the three phases of retirement—pre-retirement planning, retirement and post-retirement—that can be instituted at any college or university, large or small.

Concurrent #2, Room: Think 3
Panel: Building Relations with Staff Retirees
Convener: Julia Wallace, University of Minnesota
Presenters: Jim Clemmer and Hester Crews, Austin Peay State University; Patrick Cullinane, University of California, Berkeley; Elaine Steward, University of Southern California

Retired staff members are an extremely diverse population, ranging from custodians to senior administrators. This diversity presents unique challenges for creating staff retiree organizations. This panel will offer two models to address staff needs: 1) a blended approach whereby the organization includes faculty and staff, and 2) two separate organizations, one for faculty and another for staff. Panelists will explain the models, the strategies used to attract and serve staff retirees and the successes and challenges of serving this constituency.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent #1, Room: Meridian 3-4
Presentation: Building Relationships on Campus and in the Community
Convener: Janette Brown, University of Southern California
Presenter: Michael Stover, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, California State University, Fullerton
Discussant: Sue Barnes, University of California, Davis

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) located on the campus of California State University at Fullerton is a successful model of community-based learning for older adults. The infrastructure for building this program and the underlying principles of success will be discussed including a strong connection to the university, use of adult learning principles and financial considerations. Ideas for win-win partnerships between OLLI organizations and retiree associations will be discussed.

Concurrent #2, Room: Think 3
Round Table: Paradoxes of Well-Being
Convener: Pierce Mullen, Montana State University
Discussion Leader: Karl Scheibe, Wesleyan University

The notion of well-being offers many paradoxes. It is increasingly clear that well-being is not necessarily associated with economic prosperity, yet economic indicators are often used to gauge the progress and decline of humankind. Aging brings with it a sharpened recognition of this and other paradoxes—among them, the surprising tendency of older people to report increased well-being, even though their remaining lifespan is diminished. This paradox will be the focus of the presentation and discussion.
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Sponsor Recognition: Fidelity
Speaker: George Kalantzis
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Speaker: Tony Etienne
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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent #1, Room: Meridian 3-4
Presentation: “School Forever”: The Life of the Mind in Emory University’s Emeritus College
Convenor: Susan Kress, Skidmore College
Presenters: John Bugge and Gretchen Schulz, Emory University
Emory University’s Emeritus College programs maintain the richness of intellectual community which academics often fear losing in retirement. Members participate in luncheon colloquia or semester-long seminars and mentor students and faculty. The college also supports ongoing scholarship by funding research, formally recognizing members’ distinguished achievements and celebrating “Creativity in Later Life” with an annual endowed lecture. Learn more about the emeriti college programs and ideas for forming a college at your university.

Concurrent #2, Room: Think 3
Presentation: Professional Grants for Retirees: Still Driven to Discover
Convenor: Helene Lang, University of Vermont
Presenters: Jan Hogan, J. Kim Munholland and Judd Sheridan, University of Minnesota
In recognition that funding is often unavailable for university retirees who wish to continue their professional work, the University of Minnesota Retirees Association (UMRA) and the Office of Research support a small grants program. Grants up to $5,000 are awarded annually for retirees to pursue projects related to their research, teaching or outreach that contribute to the University’s mission. The application, review and selection process will be explained and the successes and challenges of the program will be outlined.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent #1, Room: Meridian 3-4
Presentation: Going Dynamic and Data-Based: Upgrading Your Website
Convenor: Cathy Trang, University of Southern California
Presenters: John Casagrande, University of Southern California and David Naumann, University of Minnesota
Simple websites have become fairly easy to build using a CMS, a “Content Management System,” that allows anyone to update and add content without a great deal of technical knowledge. Connecting a database to the website allows members to maintain their records, renew, donate and make reservations and payments. Building such a dynamic website can be a challenge, but the presenters will discuss the process they followed, along with some of the roadblocks and sidesteps encountered.

Concurrent #2, Room: Think 3
Workshop: Make “Plan A” Work: Managing Projects
Convenor: Earl Nolting, University of Minnesota
Presenter: David Ewert, Georgia State University
Multi-faceted projects can be daunting, especially for all-volunteer organizations. Successful projects meet their objectives for scope, time and budget. They have stated goals that allow for the work to be broken into tasks assigned to individuals. The presenter will detail a method for effectively managing projects, along with examples that the participants can apply to their organization’s projects. Participants should have a project in mind that involves several individuals.

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AROHE Town Hall; A Snapshot of Today and a Look to the Future
Room: Meridian 3-4
Learn more about AROHE’s strategic plan initiatives and share your ideas for AROHE’s future development. This official AROHE business meeting will also include an overview of the 2016 conference by the University of Washington (conference host campus), elections for the 2015-2017 AROHE board and a vote on several amendments to the AROHE bylaws.

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CONFERENCE CONCLUDES
The University of Minnesota Retirees Association (UMRA) is proud to host the AROHE conference this year. Welcome! UMRA's membership is inclusive of all university retirees whether they served the university as faculty, staff or administrators. UMRA promotes continued involvement of retirees in the university community. Major activities include monthly luncheon meetings which feature speakers of general interest, workshops on topics which pertain to retirees, special interest groups, small research grants for retirees, and this year serving as host to both the Big Ten Retirees Associations and AROHE conferences. UMRA members enjoy the benefits of venue and parking discounts. A small grants program supports retirees' research and scholarly activities. Newsletters, an email listserv and a website comprise UMRA's communications.

http://umn.edu/umra

The Winona State University Retiree Center’s mission is to keep WSU retirees connected and involved in the university through education, volunteerism and social events. The Center supports the mission of Winona State University and retirees serve as advocates for and supporters of the University. They will showcase newsletters, brochures, and various publications about the WSU Retiree Center and its programs.

http://winona.edu/retiree/

The USC Emeriti Center, established in 1978, supports faculty and staff retirees and pre-retirees in living healthy and purposeful lives by providing opportunities for continued teaching, service, research and learning. The center supports multidisciplinary, multigenerational, and multicultural programs and activities for the entire campus and greater community. The center’s motto is “Colleagues for Life.” They will showcase brochures, newsletters, video, examples of giveaways, wellness events flyers, web resources and transitions web links.

http://emeriti.usc.edu

Nine of the 10 UC campuses have active retiree and emeriti associations (UC Merced is a new campus and does not have many retirees yet). Seven of the ten campuses support campus-funded retiree centers. Learn more about UC retiree organizations; view their brochures, newsletters and other resources and find out about their system-wide associations, the Council of UC Retirement Organizations (CUCRA) and the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA), that meet twice per year with the UC Office of the President to advocate for retiree benefits.

http://www.gocollette.com/
American Council on Education (ACE)
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ACE is the nation’s most influential higher education association. It is at the forefront of the major issues affecting postsecondary education and addresses rapidly changing needs by providing research and identifying innovative practices. In partnership with the Sloan Foundation, ACE focuses on the changing needs of the faculty workforce throughout their careers and on transitions to an active engaged retirement. Our book, “Faculty Retirement: Navigating the Transition,” features best practices for helping faculty with the transition.

Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE)
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With the motto “To Learn, To Lead, To Serve,” AROHE offers support and education to retiree organizations in higher education. Learn more about leadership opportunities, volunteer to serve on a committee such as membership or communications, subscribe to the online discussion forum or blog and view some of the resources available to AROHE members.

Austin Peay State University Retirees Association
Jim Clemmer, Publicity Director
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The Austin Peay State University Retirees Association provides services to retired and retiring faculty and staff, with emphasis on helping new retirees make the transition. Their association will showcase their newsletters, brochures, and posters.

Boston College Association of Retired Faculty
Jean O’Neil, President
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The Boston College Association of Retired Faculty (BCARF) will display a brochure, newsletters and photos of members and activities from the annual banquet.

Clemson University, Emeritus College
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Clemson University Emeritus College celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2013. The college will highlight the 10th anniversary book written by a committee of emeriti. Also available will be copies of the quarterly newsletter and a display of publications, invitations and event favors.

Emory University Emeritus College
John Bugge, Chair, Executive Committee
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The Emory Emeritus College is a faculty retirement organization devoted to the promotion of its members’ ongoing intellectual engagement with the schools and colleges of the University – by supporting their continuing research and scholarship, by facilitating opportunities for their continued teaching and mentoring and by sponsoring the kind of academic service often best rendered to the institution by faculty with a wealth of academic experience.

Georgetown University, Retired Faculty Association
Sara Hager, Vice President
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hagers@georgetown.edu

Georgetown University provides services to its retired faculty and to the Georgetown community. The GU Retired Faculty Association will share information on programs it sponsors and outreach to retired faculty to promote connection with the University.

Georgia State University, Emeriti Association and GA-HERO
David Ewert, Past Chair
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The Georgia State Emeriti Association will display its newsletter, Emerities, brochures and website plus GA-HERO (Georgia Association of Higher Education Retiree Organizations) as an example of a local consortium of retiree organizations. The organization has a step-by-step Tool Kit for starting a consortium.

Kennesaw State University Retirees Association
Carol Pope, Staff Co-Chair
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The Kennesaw State University Retirees Association, formed in 2009, provides retired employees with opportunities to stay connected with colleagues and keep up with university news and events. The volunteer-based association offers quarterly social, educational, and service projects for retirees. In addition, the members have raised funds to award 14 scholarships to relatives of retirees. The showcase includes newsletters, brochures, and a display of events, activities and the organization’s website.
Oregon State University Retirement Association
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The Oregon State University Retirement Association promotes ties among all OSU retirees (faculty & staff) and between retirees and the university community by providing opportunities for ongoing intellectual growth, social interaction, mutual support and service to the university. OSURA also gives scholarships to undergraduate students who are majoring in a subject leading to a career that promotes healthy aging. Scholarship forms, etc. will be shared with those interested.

Portland State University,
Retirement of Association Portland State (RAPS)
Larry Sawyer, Regional Retirement Assoc. Chair
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RAPS accepts faculty and staff retirees from Portland State University. RAPS receives support from the Provost Office, publishes 10 newsletters per year and hosts monthly retiree meetings. The organization actively promotes the history of the university and provides a small scholarship to one student per year who has an interest in gerontology. RAPS will display its website when the booth is staffed and will have brochures, pictures and newsletters available.

The State University of New York (SUNY),
SUNY Retirees Service Corps
Pierre Radimak, Coordinator, SUNY Retirees Service Corps
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The SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC) serves retirees throughout the 64-campus State University of New York (SUNY) system. It seeks to promote a strong retiree-campus-community connection by linking retirees and campus retiree organizations to information, resources and service opportunities that enhance the retirement experience. The RSC will showcase its system-wide newsletter, brochures, the third biennial SUNY Retirees

University of New Mexico Retiree Association
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Established in 2003, the objectives of the University of New Mexico Retiree Association are to enhance the quality of life of its members and protect the benefits of UNM retirees. Their initial emphasis social, but recent events have forced them to become more political. New Mexico’s state legislature reduced pension cost of living adjustments and the university has drastically increased retiree insurance costs. NMRA continues to fight for benefits.

University of Tennessee Retirees’ Association
Ramsey Valentine, UTRA President
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University of Tennessee Retirees’ Association was created in 1979 and is currently reviewing its support for retirees. With a membership of 660 and a set of active event participants of around 100, it facilitates education and social events, publishes a newsletter, maintains a web site and manages a new retiree recruitment process. UTRA will share the following materials: a newsletter, an organizational handbook and a snapshot status report.

University of Washington Retirement Association (UWRA)
Pat Dougherty, Executive Director
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UWRA will showcase Seattle and UWRA as host for the 2016 AROHE Conference. Sample brochures will include Seattle, UWRA and their emerging UW Encore Initiative. Handouts and display materials will feature new UWRA program shifts in format and content to appeal to more retirees and wider interests.
Conference Speakers

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Phyllis Moen, the McKnight Presidential Chair in Sociology of University of Minnesota will deliver the Paul Hadley keynote address, titled “End of One Way: Beyond Career and Retirement Mystiques,” to open the conference. Dr. Moen is a highly-respected professor and researcher in the field of careers, gender, families and wellbeing over a person’s lifetime. She has authored several books including The Career Mystique: Cracks in the American Dream (2005, with Pat Roehling) and It’s About Time: Couples and Careers (2003).

Former United States Senator David Durenberger will deliver a plenary talk on the second day of the conference titled “Health Reform is a Journey, not a Destination.” A national leader in healthcare reform, Durenberger served as the senior U.S. Senator from Minnesota from 1978 to 1995. During his time in the Senate, he served as chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence and as chairman of the Health Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee.

Speakers and Contributors

John S. Adams is professor emeritus, geography, planning and public affairs at the University of Minnesota. His professional work focused on the American city, regional economic development, migration, housing markets, urban transportation and urban development in the United States and the former Soviet Union. Following retirement from teaching in 2007 he was interim associate dean at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. He was president of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association, 2013-14.

John Anderson is a professor emeritus of biochemistry, molecular biology and biophysics at the University of Minnesota. After obtaining his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln he was a postdoctoral fellow at Washington University, the University of Wisconsin and the Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, England. Since 2006, he has volunteered with the University Retirees Volunteer Center and has been an active participant in the University of Minnesota Retirees Association.

Sue Barnes is the director of the Retiree Center at the University of California, Davis, where she oversees an extensive array of programs and services to keep 8,000+ retirees connected to the campus. With more than 20 years of experience in management positions at UC Davis, she has developed and overseen a variety of service and volunteer programs for all age groups. She holds a B.S. degree in visual communication from Western Washington University.

Victor Bloomfield is a professor emeritus of biochemistry, molecular biology and biophysics at the University of Minnesota, where he was also dean of the graduate school and associate vice president for public engagement. In retirement he devotes much of his energy to photography, specializing in travel photography and environmental portraits of artists in their studios. These projects have led to many self-published books and several exhibitions. He directs the UM Retirees Photo Club.

Janette Brown, Ed.D. is the executive director of both the USC Emeriti Center/Emeriti College and AROHE. She also serves as adjunct faculty at the USC Davis School of Gerontology at the University of Southern California. She has surveyed retiree programs at colleges and universities, co-authored a chapter about senior scholars and scientists for the European Research Institute and authored and co-authored two chapters for the American Council of Education’s “Faculty Retirement: Best Practices for Navigating the Transition.”

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John Bugge is a professor emeritus of English and the chair of the executive committee of the Emory University Emeritus College. He helped found the emeritus college in 2001 and served briefly in 2012 as its interim director. He retired in 2011 from the Department of English at Emory, having been its principal specialist in medieval English literature for four decades. For fifteen years he served as the president of the Emory Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

John T. Casagrande, Ph.D., spent 43 years at USC in a variety of IT-related positions. From 1970-74 he participated in the design, implementation and support of a cancer registry. The next eight years he provided data management and analytic support for human and animal cancer studies. From 1982 until 2001 he was responsible for clinical and business computing systems for the Norris Cancer Hospital. The last 12 years were spent supporting clinical trials and bioinformatics activities for the Norris Cancer Center.

Charles Chamberlin is the University of Washington Retirement Association president. He served as Senior Associate Dean of University Libraries from 1987 until his retirement in 2012, initially coming to UW in 1981. Prior to joining the UW staff, he served as assistant undergraduate services librarian, circulation services librarian, and personnel and budget officer in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries. Charles holds an M.A.L.S degree from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has a great sense of humor.

Jim Clemmer is the publicity director for the Austin Peay State University (APSU) Retirees Association in Clarksville, Tennessee. He studied at the University of Tennessee and Duke University, and was a professor of English at APSU from 1966 until 2004. His main concentration was in technical communication, which evolved into the designing and implementing of digital and audio-visual systems across the campus, for which he received the University’s highest award for distinguished achievement in 2004.

Hester Crews is a charter member of the Austin Peay State University (APSU) Retirees Association in Clarksville, Tennessee. She served a three-year term as secretary and currently is vice president. Hester has a B.S. degree from University of Southern Mississippi and an M.S. degree in Psychology from APSU. At APSU she was in the administrative offices of student affairs. She later transferred to academic affairs where she developed and directed APSU’s first academic advisement center prior to her retirement.

Patrick Cullinane is the retired director of the University of California at Berkeley Retirement Center and the president-elect of AROHE. Prior to working at UC Berkley, he was the director of special projects for the American Society on Aging. He also serves on the Board of Trustees, Strawberry Creek Lodge and Senior Advisory Committee, Kaiser Hospital. Patrick has an M.S. degree in community development from Southern Illinois University and a B.S. degree in psychology from St. Louis University.

Pat Dougherty has served as executive director of the University of Washington Retirement Association and Director of UW Retiree Relations since 2000. During her tenure the UWRA has grown to a membership of over 2,000. Current programs include retirement transitions workshops and a UW retiree resource fair to learn about privileges, discounts and campus connections. In 2014 the UWRA and the university began the UW Encore Initiative to strengthen retirees’ meaningful campus and community engagement through service that makes a difference.

Don Duszynski is a member of the University of New Mexico Retiree Association and has served on the Board of Directors and as president. He is emeritus professor of biology, University of New Mexico and prior to retirement served as chair of biology; director, Museum of Southwestern Biology and in several administrative positions. He is founder and past-president of the Biological Society of New Mexico and received several awards from the American Society of Parasitologists.
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Trudy Fernandez serves as the director of human resources relations at Florida International University. She provides vision and leadership in planning programs, events and new initiatives designed to enhance the human resource function. She is a Positive Living Awards committee member for the Alliance for Aging, Inc., in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties in Florida. She earned an M.S. degree in human resource management at the FIU Chapman Graduate School of Business.

Jeri I. Frederick is the founding director of the University of California, Irvine Center for Emeriti and Retirees. After managing the 60% growth of another department on campus, Jeri was asked to create a Center foraging continuing connections between dedicated emeriti and retirees and their University. The adventure began with no office space, no database, no budget, no communications and no programming. Within three years, all of these items were developed, functioning and flourishing. Ms. Frederick is pursuing an M.S. degree in gerontology.

Fanchon (Fancy) Funk is professor emerita of educational leadership and policy studies, College of Education, The Florida State University and is a past president of the FSU Association of Retired Faculty. She has presented professional programs for organizations around the world. President George H.W. Bush recognized Fancy as a “Point of Light” for her volunteer work with Tennis With a Different Swing, Inc. Fancy currently serves as chair of the Tallahassee Symphony Society’s Tour of Homes.

Jan Hogan, Ph.D., chairs the grants committee and works with the University of Minnesota Office of the Vice President to publicize, review and award grants. She headed a committee to raise funds from retirees for grants to support university funding. She served on the board of directors and is a professor emerita from the Family Social Science Department, College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota.

Carl A. Huether, Ph.D., is the president of the University of Cincinnati Emeriti Association and professor emeritus of biology. Prior to his retirement seven years ago, he was founding director of UC Genetic Counseling Program with which he remains active. He is a board member of the UC Faculty Club and a master gardener volunteering one half day a week at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden.

Alan Kagan founded the University of Minnesota School of Music ethnomusicology program in 1968. He conducted research as a Fulbright Scholar in Hong Kong while earning his Ph.D. degree at Indiana University. He served as chair of the East Asian Studies. His publications focus on Chinese music. Trained in violin, he performed with the Indianapolis and Atlanta symphonies while he taught at Spelman College. Following retirement in 1997 Alan joined the University of Minnesota Retirees Volunteer Center (URVC) and manages its office.

Brian Kaskie, associate professor, Department of Health Management and Policy, University of Iowa, is an expert in wellness programs, retirement readiness services, workplace exit pathways, and livable communities for older adults. He has worked with several communities and individual organizations in creating strategic and operational plans that promote successful aging and produce long-term solutions to the challenges presented by the booming older adult population. Brian completed his Ph.D. degree in Gerontology at the University of Southern California.

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Ann Marie Kohner is the 2014 AROHE Conference Chairperson and retired director of the Winona State University (WSU) Retiree Center. She was with WSU for more than 13 years. She previously was an assistant for the vice president at Winona State. Ann appreciates the contributions the retirees make to the university and the community. She earned a B.S. degree in Political Science and Business from Winona State University.

Susan Kress retired in 2012 from her position as vice president for academic affairs and professor of English at Skidmore College (NY) after serving 37 years. She led the team that prepared the application for an ACE/Sloan award in recognition of Skidmore’s retiree transition programs. With Terry Diggory, she co-authored a chapter in the book: “Faculty Retirement: Best Practices for Navigating the Transition” published in 2014 in association with ACE. She is also an active member of Skidmore’s Retiree Planning Group.

Helene Lang is a professor emerita from the University of Vermont in the area of literature and literacy. The teacher-turned-actress now leads book discussions and presents living histories of Beatrix Potter, Dorothy Canfield Fisher and Agatha Christie. She has been a literary guide for tours on Emily Dickinson, Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Helene leads the University of Vermont Emeriti Association board, and lectures in the Osher Program. She earned a B.S. degree from Worcester State; Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Boston University.

Alexander (Al ) A. Levitan is a retired medical oncologist and past clinical associate professor at the University of Minnesota. He is past chairman and a current member of the University Retirees Volunteer Center. He serves on the advisory board of The Selim (Senior) Center (University of St. Thomas). He is also a member of the National Councils of Cornell University and the University of Rochester School of Medicine, where he was awarded the Dean’s Medal.

Joan Merdinger is former associate vice president for faculty affairs and professor emerita of social work at San José State University. During her career at SJSU, she oversaw faculty appointment, retention, tenure, promotion and early retirement planning. She is currently president of the SJSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association. Together with Amy Strage, she has created and implemented a variety of programs supported by an American Council on Education/Sloan Foundation “Faculty Transition to Retirement” award.

Pierce Mullen specialized in the history of science at Montana State University, retiring in 1996. He continues research in the history of biomedical science and encourages other retired faculty to continue their research and keep their ideas alive. He holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Diane Mundy retired after serving 35-plus years at the University of California, Davis in the Accounting and Financial Services Department. She held the title of accountant and later became a division manager. Diane has served for the last three years as treasurer for the UC Davis Retirees’ Association (UCDRA) and is currently AROHE’s Treasurer. She has a B.S. degree in accountancy from Sacramento State University.

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Earl Nolting retired from the University of Minnesota in 2000 after serving as student services and advising director at the College of Continuing Education. He served as University of Minnesota Retirees Association (UMRA) board member (2007-08), treasurer (2008-10), UMRA Cares committee co-chair (2013-date), UMRA discount coordinator (2010-date), Communications and Technology Committee co-chair (2012-date). He is a planning committee member for the 2014 Big 10 Retirees Association meeting and AROHE conference. He is the 2013-14 award recipient for Service to UMRA.

Kathleen O’Brien retired two years ago as University Services vice president (the director of non-academic operations for the University of Minnesota across the state). She is a historian by training and an administrator by practice, with a 40-year career in public service at the Minnesota Historical Society, City of Minneapolis and University of Minnesota. She serves on the UMRA Board and its program committee, Humphrey School of Public Affairs Advisory Council and Friends of University Library Board.

Linda Pearson, Ph.D., served two terms on the AROHE board and is the 2014 conference program chair, a role she has filled for three prior conferences. At Indiana University she helped to organize AROHE’s inaugural conference and to establish the Emeriti House for retired faculty. Professional interests include lifelong learning, program development and evaluation and work-life integration. Her Ph.D. degree is in developmental psychology (adult development and aging); she is an adjunct faculty at Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana.

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Carol Pope is co-chair of the Retirees Association at Kennesaw State University. She retired in 2013 after serving in various capacities at the University for 30 years including serving as director of student development. She holds a B.A. degree from the University of Georgia and an M.A.P.W. degree from Kennesaw State. Her focus with the retirees association is to increase membership and involvement through greater outreach and programming targeted to reach the retiree population at KSU.
Pierre Radimak is coordinator for the State University of New York Retirees Service Corps (SUNY RSC), a unit of the University-wide Human Resources Office at SUNY System Administration in Albany, NY. Pierre is also editor of the SUNY Retirees Newsletter, which is distributed electronically twice yearly to retirees of the 64-campus SUNY system. He previously served as staff assistant to Dr. Ram Chugh, RSC executive director, from 2008-2012. Pierre is a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh.

Cathy Randolph is associate director of the University of Washington Retirement Association and of the UW Retiree Relations office. She is an organizational whiz, administering UWRRA operations and overseeing program implementation for both the UWRRA and Retiree Relations. Among her many roles is oversight of the process for awarding over $500,000 in scholarships and fellowships from the UWRRA’s student award endowments. She just completed work on the launch of the new UWRRA web site.

Lawrence J. (Larry) Sawyer served as president of the Retirement Association of Portland State, (RAPS), organizing their association’s local meetings, and continues to play a leadership role on the RAPS board. He served in staff services for 31 years at Portland State University, AV Services as an AV Technician. Sawyer retired as a management service Supervising AV Technician in 1997 from Retirement Association of Portland State. Larry is also a long serving past member of the AROHE board.

Karl Scheibe is director of the Wasch Center for Retired Faculty at Wesleyan University. He is a professor emeritus of psychology at Wesleyan, where he taught from 1963 until 2005. He is a social psychologist and licensed clinician and author of six books and scores of journal articles. His recent scholarly work concerns the connections between psychology and theater. He received his undergraduate degree at Trinity College and his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of California.

Gretchen Schultz, professor emerita of English at Oxford College of Emory University, presents and publishes on Shakespeare. She is also involved in the Scholarship of Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning (SOITL), sitting on the board of the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies and co-editing its peer-reviewed journal, *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*. Since her retirement, she has served as coordinator of one of the primary programs of Emory’s Emeritus College, the twice-monthly Luncheon Colloquium.

Margaret Scott joined Belmont Village Senior Living as chief investment officer in 2007. Previously, she was seniors housing director at Freddie Mac, where she designed and grew a lending program that became one of the foremost providers of capital to the industry. Ms. Scott serves as vice chair, operator advisory board, for the National Investment Center for Seniors Housing. She earned her M.B.A. degree from Southern Methodist University and a Bachelor of Science from Tulane University.

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Diane G. Smathers, Ed.D., has been associate vice provost and director of the Emeritus College at Clemson University since 2005. Prior to that time, she was assistant director of the Cooperative Extension Service and chair of the Department of Family and Youth Development. She holds degrees, including a graduate certificate in gerontology, from the University of Kentucky and the University of Georgia. Her dissertation was on the impact of mandatory retirement age legislation on faculties.

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Elaine Steward worked at USC in financial administration (1978 to 1995) and became a lifetime member of the USC Staff Retirement Association (SRA) shortly after retirement. As USC Emeriti Center research advisor and Retired Faculty/Staff Benefits and Resource Committee member, Elaine assembled health stipend research, presented two personal financial management seminars, assisted with a computer help squad and publishes “clippings from the Internet” capturing valuable resources for the USC retiree community. Elaine also serves as a Transitions to Retirement panelist.

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Julia Wallace retired from the University of Minnesota Libraries in 2006. From 1989 to 2006 she headed the University of Minnesota Government Publications Library, and also served as regional librarian for the Federal Depository Library program. She was recognized as “one of the nation’s top 50 librarians” by Library Journal in 2003, and received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Carleton College Alumni Association in 2010. She has served on the board of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association.

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