Mark your calendar for 2017 events!

**Associate Professor Denise Demetriou, History**
Topic: "Wandering Greeks: How Migration and Culture Contact Created the Ancient Greek World"

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 3:30 - 5 PM
Ida & Cecil Green Faculty Club

**Thomas Levy, Distinguished Professor and Norma Kershaw Chair in the Archaeology of Ancient Israel and Neighboring Lands**
Topic: "At-risk World Heritage and the Digital Humanities. The UC Office of the President Catalyst Project"*

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 3:30 - 5 PM
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*The document was entitled: Proposal for The Creation of a Retirement Resource Center. Copies went to Marsha Chandler, VCAA, and Steve Relyea, Assistant VC for Human Resources. We listed five objectives: 1) Maintain the autonomy, character, activities, and publications of each group; 2) Centralize administrative functions and expand staff support consistent with three decades of membership growth; 3) Expand the current RA office to include all of building 400, with the renovations required for optimal use; 4) Continue developing RA programs designed to maintain a link with the university community; 5) Expand current RA mentoring activities for the benefit of students and faculty.

A key part of our proposal was the last: an offer to make use of a
new facility to take on more creative projects, notably student mentoring. Mel Green, an early Biology Department appointee, had amassed a decades-long record of mentoring students, undergraduates, and graduate alike. Following retirement, he persuaded a number of us to join him in the somewhat unconventional pairing of senior professors with undergraduate freshmen. We included in the proposal a pledge to expand this budding program.

In a covering letter, we suggested that our plan be reviewed over the summer months and discussed again in the fall. Soon after our proposal was submitted, the fall housing fair, sponsored by the Village, departed for my family’s annual summer respite in the Sierra Nevada. Because mail forward to California’s high country takes time, I did not receive Chancellor Fox’s response until the early August but the postmark told the story: she had approved our plan inside of twelve days! Months later and in her presence for a dedication of a completed retirement center, I included in my welcoming remarks an offer to nominate her for an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records for fastest decision involving both governance and space in all of academic history.

But while our request for a fraternal meeting space with an endowed mentoring room, a more functional conference room, a more comfortable lounge area, and a fully functional kitchen with new cabinets, a separate laundry, and an office, was not yet assured. Even before our proposal was submitted, I had visited Boone Hellman VC for Facilities Planning and Construction, for advance guidance. Boone was quite familiar with the layout of Building 400, and he immediately realized that the way to unite the RA and the EA was to remove a partition that separated us from CAPE, then its co-tenant, and give us the entire space. Fortunately, construction of a student services building provided an ideal relocation for CAPE.

Founders of the UCSD Retirement Resource Center

The Late Mary Corrigan
Professor Emerita
Theater and Dance

Suzan Cioffi
Director, UCSD Retirement Resource Ctr.

Jack C. Fisher
Professor Emeritus
Surgery

Removal of CAPE required some extra cleaning efforts; a few partially consumed pizzas had languished there for years. Meanwhile, Suzan summoned her considerable acquisitive skills. She queried other campus offices and kept her eyes on eBay. A letter was sent to the entire RA/EA membership reminding all of us of our unique opportunity to establish a customized “gathering place.” She also asked for gift cards in as well as cash donations, and her combined efforts yielded rewards galore. From the Price Center came a timely gift of sixty moderately worn conference chairs. Several office desks and swivel chairs were secured. From Xerox came a color printer followed months later by another. Cash gifts totaling $5,000 allowed purchase of sound and projection equipment, a pull down screen, and a podium. Comfortable seating was bought for a new conversation space, soon designated as the “mentoring room.”

Meanwhile, by agreement with the Academic Senate office, Suzan assumed responsibility for managing the EA Fast records were transferred along with data for 180 members. In addition to monitoring EA finances, she would oversee recruitment of new members, schedule a monthly lecture series, and publish Chronicles.

The outcome was a refurbished facility with three offices for staff, a mentoring room, a more functional kitchen with new cabinets, and a more comfortable lounge. Best of all, there were 730 square feet of meeting space, ample room for either sixty people seated theater style or forty seated at tables. AV System installed the sound and projection equipment as well as the furniture. Human Resources generously provided computers. And while Suzan was making all this come together, members dropped in by one or in small groups to admire what several months of planning and patience had wrought. My own first exposure came after returning to La Jolla late in August of 2007. The space was thrilling enough to see but equally gratifying was the joy and excitement on Suzan’s face. A dedication and ribbon-cutting was held on Sept. 26, with members of both associations in attendance together with three special guests: Chancellor Fox, R wygl, and David Miller from Academic Affairs.

Since its official opening, the RRC has never been dormant. Given its own pulse and metabolism, the facility keeps pace with the many productive people it serves. Neither has an unexpected mishap failed to produce opportunities. A flood - yes, a flood, due to burst plumbing - overwhelmed the building in 2008, bringing operations to a sudden halt, ruinig the new carpet and water-logging the flooring.

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Anecdote

By Sandy Lakoff

How to Tell Who’s Running the Country by What They Read

1. The Wall Street Journal is read by the people who run the country and can’t get over their luck in having a president who lets them get away with it.

2. The Washington Post is read by people who used to run the country and love being reassured that it’s going to hell without them.

3. The New York Times is read by people who are certain they know how the country should be run and prides itself on solving cross-word puzzles.

4. USA Today is read by Middle Americans who think they run the country and never see the stories in the New York Times showing they’ve been conned.

5. The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn’t mind running the country, if they didn’t have to devote all their waking hours to figuring out when to drive the 5, 10, 110, 405, 610, 710, and 101.

6. The Boston Globe is read by people whose great-great grandparents used to run the country but now think patriots are a football team.

7. The New York Daily News is read by people who aren’t too sure who’s running the country and are more interested in getting a seat on the subway.

8. The New York Post is read by people who don’t care who is running the country as long as they do something really scandalous, preferably while intoxicated.

9. The Chicago Tribune is read by people who used to run the country and are now in prison, and whose constituents are currently free on bail.

10. The Miami Herald is read by people who are more interested in who’s running some other country, like Cuba, Israel, or Venezuela, but need the ball scores.

11. The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people opposed to all those who run the country unless they are gay, handicapped, minority, transgender, atheist, illegal alien, and not Republicans.

12. The National Enquirer is read by people trapped in line at the supermarket who think the country is being run by little green men who came from a UFO that landed in Roswell, New Mexico.

13. The Seattle Times is read by people who have recently caught a salmon at the Pike Place market and need something to wrap it in, but get their news from Google Voice, Siri, and Alexa.

14. The San Diego Union-Tribune is read by people who wish those who run the country would chill out, drink more craft beer, and stop bothering the illegals who do all the hard work for them.

15. Facebook is read by young people who think they could run the country better than the parents they still live with but can’t be bothered to vote and believe everything that gets a “like” from others their age, who also don’t read new spapers.

(Thanks – and ouch – to Harry Goldenberg."

A man’s home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu -- the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating -- always use condiments.
Climate Change and Population

By Joseph J. Bookstein
Professor Emeritus of Radiology

"Facing Up to Climate Change," the article by Kemmel and Lakoff in the December issue of Chronicles, is seriously deficient in ignoring the critical role of population growth in promoting global warming.

This omission is nothing new. It also marred the 1992 "Earth Summit" when, because of objections by the Vatican, the final conference draft deleted discussion of the need for "family planning and contraception." Instead, it called vaguely for "responsible planning of family size...taking into account moral and cultural considerations." But in 2005, Pope Francis famously remarked that Catholics need not "breed like rabbits" and went on to issue an encyclical (Laudato Sì) calling for efforts to reduce greenhouse emissions in the name of environmental stewardship.

I have written to the pope to commend him and to urge that he recognize the linkage between population and climate change. I pointed out that meeting the needs and wants of a burgeoning global population could well negate all other strategies to mitigate climate change. I also pointed out that population restraint should not be regarded as anti-natal. On the contrary, if the habitability of our planet can be sustained for the long term, vastly greater numbers of people than have ever lived before will be offered life. Technology, environmentalism, and other forces can play a role. But first, radical measures of humane family planning are indispensable to allow for the cutbacks in emissions needed to prevent environmental catastrophe.

The movement to arrest global warming will not succeed unless this linkage is recognized and addressed.

Bookstein is a member of Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War, awarded the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. He chaired the 1982 San Diego Symposium "Medical consequences of nuclear war."

While Suzan watched as the old flooring was removed, she saw how vast was the crawl space beneath, and realized its potential for convenient onsite storage.

What this has meant for both associations is self-sufficiency. Light-weight folding tables, six "belly bars," a half dozen tents, plus all the required paraphernalia of catering allow for the conduct of in-house events without commissioning trucks filled with costly rental equipment. Owning a complete dinner service with utensils means not having to discard countless paper plates, cups, and plastic ware, making the RRC one of the greener operations on a now famously green campus. When the RA produces another of its successful biannual Art & Music Soirees with as many as 200 in attendance, the cost will be closer to $750 than the $4,000 a professional caterer might charge.

While the Human Resources Department keeps the two associations on a lean budget, it has responded generously to special one-time funding requests:

Remembering Lucy Killea

By Sanford Lakoff
Professor Emeritus of Political Science

Dr. Lucy Killea, who died recently aged 94, earned more than her doctorate in Latin American history from UCSD; she also earned our everlasting gratitude. As a member of the City Council and then the state Assembly and Senate, she was a steadfast champion of many good causes -- including support for our campus.

I recall one striking example in particular. The Regents had approved our request for permission to open a graduate school in international relations and Pacific studies. It was then up to the state legislature to endorse the proposal by including it in the budget. Our counterparts (frenemies?) at Berkeley got wind of the idea and tried to steal it, arguing that their campus would be a better location for such a school. A news report came out saying that Willie Brown, the all-powerful Speaker of the Assembly, was going to intercede on Berkeley's behalf. In a small group at a social event in the Faculty Club, Chancellor Richard Atkinson wondered aloud whether this political ploy would succeed. Lucy was told of his concern. The next morning I got a phone call from her. "Tell Dick not to worry," Lucy said. "I know how to play this game." She was as good as her word. Our proposal was approved and IRPS -- now the School of Global Policy and Strategy -- was established at UCSD.

Emeriti Association Book Club

Launched in 2014, the UCSD Emeriti Association's Book Club now has a loyal following, however new members are always welcome. The Book Club meets from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Ida & Cecil Green Faculty Club.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 27. The book to be discussed will be: "The Lightness of Being" by Frank Wilczek.

The following meeting will be held on Monday, March 27. The book to be discussed will be "Being a Dog, Following the Dog into the World of Smell" by Alexandra Horowitz.

Please RSVP on the EA RSVP website: https://hrweb.ucsd.edu/ea/ or call (858) 534-4724. If you have no online access.

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