



The Academy

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Important Notice

The Emeritus College faculty workspace is now ready for you!

If you need a Clemson-based desk with an Internet-connected computer loaded with software, access to laser printers, secure storage for books and papers, and an easy place to park, drop by the Emeritus College office. Nicci will get you up and running.

Upcoming Event

Monday, December 4, 2017, 6:00 pm
Holiday Party

Occasions at Wedgfield
1151 Eighteen Mile Rd
Central, SC

Emeritus College Donations

Fall is when most of us think about our annual donation to the Emeritus College. As is typical this time of year, the financial cupboard is bare. We really need your help! Donate online at clemson.edu/emericuscollege or mail a check paid to **CU Foundation with Emeritus College** in the memo line to CU Emeritus College, 511 Westinghouse Road, Pendleton, SC 29670.

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What Makes Clemson, Clemson?

James F. Barker

(This article is the text of President-Emeritus Barker's Emeritus Day address)

Let me tell you why I am so pleased to be with you today. It gives me the opportunity to say thank you to my colleagues on the faculty and staff for their encouragement, critique and inspiration for my 14 years of service as President, and for the past 4 years as a faculty member. I will always be grateful. Let me also say thank you to our President, Provost and Dwaine Eubanks for your service and for this invitation, and for the wonderful job you are doing for all of us.



Isn't it exciting to see the growth and strength of the Emeritus College? Thank you all involved in this work. I am proud to be a part of the Emeritus College. It reminds me of why most of us joined the academy in the first place. We were attracted to the faculty because we remained "students" with an unquenchable desire to learn and see the connection between ideas. As full-time faculty focused on tenure & promotion and funded research, we felt the need to be vertical thinkers, digging deeper and deeper holes in the plane of knowledge. In the Emeritus College we can be more horizontal in our thinking, and see how knowledge is connected. We have done, and are doing the vertical and horizontal thinking in a place (Clemson) that has its own unique DNA.

I've spent some time thinking about Clemson's DNA, and I tried to be guided by what I learned about who we are as a university, and a place and a community. One of the things I thought about is how Clemson deals with change and tradition. I concluded that we have done pretty well over 130 years of getting the right mix of change and tradition. In fact we managed significant change in the 1950's and 1960's as we transformed ourselves from an all male, all white military school to an integrated, coeducational institution we enjoy today. So change is a part of Clemson's DNA.

I've come to see Clemson as a sphere with a surface that is dynamic and a core that is fixed and stable. The surface symbolized change and the core symbolized tradition. Some universities have the same stuff from the surface through the core. Clemson doesn't. From time to time, some change finds its way into the core of tradition..... in fact, too often this is the case. What I discovered was that if we are not careful, we will let the core of tradition grow so large that it can reduce the dynamic surface. I joked that if we did something 2 years in a row it became an "old Clemson tradition," but it was not far wrong.

I began to see that if we wanted to have a great University we had to let go of some of our traditions as we established new ones so that the ratio of dynamic and static was reasonably balanced. If not, we could become dangerously tradition-bound and lose our strength in seeking change and its fresh new ideas. I say all of this to say that a close look at our natural tendency to "worship" tradition needs constant self inspection.

There is a phrase that has power on this campus and I want to look at it with you. It has been asked since 1889 and it is still asked today..... Is Clemson Still Clemson? Or more importantly, What Makes Clemson Clemson?

Let me lay out for you 7 qualities that make Clemson Clemson in hopes of starting a conversation with you. These are 7 qualities that should be found in the core of tradition. (I know that you can and do have your own list, but here is my list.) I start each of the 7 with the phrase, "The Clemson family..... because this idea of family must be the core of the core.

1. The Clemson Family has a remarkable "work ethic". That comes from being "the sons and daughters of the working class." Over time those sons and daughters had to have higher academic credentials to be admitted, but the issue is the remarkable work ethic that I see as part of our DNA.

2. The Clemson Family is very competitive. This comes from our drive to win at all things (academic and athletic). Create a national championship, tell us the rules and we are going to beat you. This applies equally to debate, Pershing Rifles, ethics bowl and even football.

3. In the Clemson Family, each individual matters. This is simply the way a family works. The inscribed names on the sidewalks and the remarkable relationship between students and faculty, indicate the importance of each person in this big family.

4. The Clemson Family is patriotic. This comes from our history and personality established by our decades as a military school. The physical manifestations of this patriotism is all around us in the Military Heritage Plaza, the Scroll of Honor and Memorial Stadium.

5. The Clemson Family is student focused. This comes from our beautiful college town environment where students are the focus of everyday life. (What else is there?)

6. The Clemson Family is inclusive. This also comes from our days as a military school when all cadets, regardless of status, dressed the same and followed the same daily regimen. This idea of being inclusive was manifest in 1963 when Harvey Gantt enrolled in Clemson with the media headline, "Integration with Dignity." We still face significant challenges to ensure that we are truly inclusive. We must have no students, faculty, staff or alumni who feel they are outside and looking in at the Clemson Family.

7. Finally, the Clemson Family feels a true civic responsibility. This comes from our land-grant roots in service to the public, and it has a physical manifestation in the new park that is part of the Scroll of Honor with this phrase chiseled in stone.... "*How will you serve?*"

These are the 7 core "values" that make Clemson Clemson.

Now let me make one final point and close.

What makes Clemson Clemson, is not a factor of size, or new facilities, or architecture or research projects. It is about relations, and these 7 qualities transcend these other issues and transcend time.

If we keep an eye on the relationship between core and surface, as well change and tradition and these 7 qualities, and if we take the long view, we will ensure that Clemson is still Clemson.

Adolph Beyerlein Receives Distinguished Emeriti Award

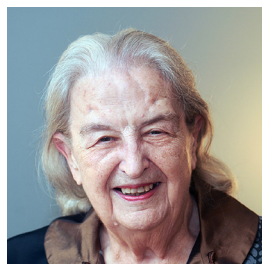


Awards Chair Debbie Jackson presents DEA to Adolph Beyerlein

Adolph was recognized for his many years of leading the Clemson English Speaking Proficiency (CESP) testing program and the Conversations with International Students (CIS) program. Academic departments use CESP results to judge whether the English language skills of their international graduate students enable them to teach effectively. For those students who need additional language development before being given teaching responsibilities, Adolph pairs them with emeritus faculty mentors, who work with the students for however long it takes. Those scheduled conversations typically produce friendships that extend long after students have demonstrated English competency. Dozens of emeritus faculty members have supported Adolph in making CESP and CIS signature programs of the Emeritus College. And, of course, Adolph always accepts CIS students to mentor.

Dixie Goswami Receives Major Award

Professor Emerita of English Dixie Goswami received a Governor's Award in the Humanities at a presentation in Columbia on October 19. She was a Senior Scholar at Clemson's Strom Thurmond Institute for Policy and Analysis and a Senior Scientist at the American Institutes for Research in Washington, DC. She is Director and co-founder of the Write to Change Foundation, which supports youth leadership, literacy, and advocacy, and director of Special



Dixie Goswami

Projects for Middlebury College's national Bread Loaf School of English Teacher Network (BLTN). As a long-time member of the Middlebury Bread Loaf faculty, she held the Robert Frost Chair of Literature and Language; as a South Carolina educator, she received the Richard Riley Award for Service to SC Public Education from the SC Council of Teachers of English. She holds honorary degrees from Presbyterian College and Middlebury College. Dr. Goswami's current work focuses on inclusive education policies and practices that provide vulnerable young people with the skills, resources, and support they need to thrive. She serves as Director of the Middlebury Bread Loaf NextGeneration Leadership Network, which is supported by a two-year grant from the Ford Foundation's Youth Opportunity and Learning initiative. BLTN NextGen will engage an exceptionally diverse cohort of youth from six states, including South Carolina, as allies and advocates in writing and acting for social and educational change.

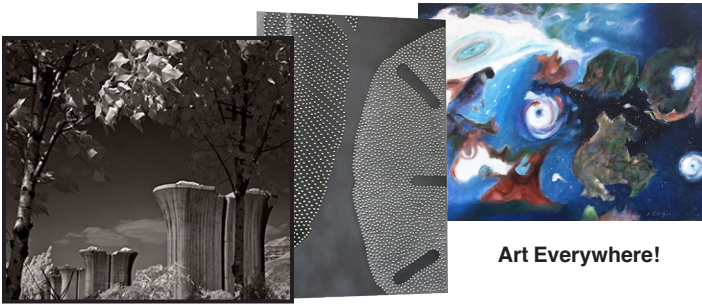
Emeritus College Faculty Art

This started out to be simple. Someone had the bright idea that donated, or loaned, hanging art produced by emeritus faculty members would really spruce up the empty wall space in the EC office complex. Then things got complicated. What about three-dimensional art, such as sculptures? What about displays of other forms of creativity, such as inventions, bound publications, or other accomplishments? The response of several emeriti was, *"Of course we can do this!"* All it takes is a little imagination, ingenuity, and something to display. Del Kimbler, Sam Wang, and John Acorn took on the task of pulling art together for the September 21 EC open house.



Art Surrounds the Faculty Workstations

The results were spectacular! Twenty-two works of seven artists are now on display, with more to



Art Everywhere!

come. Who would have ever imagined a world-class art gallery plopped down in the heart of Clemson’s CAT building in Pendleton? Drop by and check it out.

Del and his group are looking for help in two broad areas: 1) finding suitable ways to manage and display contributions, and 2) identifying emeriti who have contributions that should be showcased. Contact Del at (864) 650-3822 or kimbler@clemson.edu. If you’ve been in the Emeritus College faculty space lately, you’ve almost certainly been blown away by quality of art on display and the effect on the aesthetics of your workspace.

Don McKale’s Seminar

Great insight is often required to understand the connections among historical periods. In his *The Era of the World Wars and Today* seminar on August 8, Don McKale helped emeritus faculty understand important parallels between current democracy-threatening issues in Europe and the United States and democracy-threatening issues from first half of the nineteenth century. The last time around, the result was two world wars. Don’s thesis was that present threats to the multilateral diplomatic system could also have seriously negative global consequences. Any emeritus faculty member is welcome to drop by the EC office and view video of this seminar.



Don McKale



Careful Attention to Important Insights

Bill Stringer’s Seminar

The week of October 17 was South Carolina Native Plant Week, and Bill Stringer shared a great deal of useful information on attractive and beneficial native plants. His seminar, *Native Plants: Good Habitat for People and Animals*, provided many examples of alternatives to introduced species. Bill emphasized the stark contrast between introduced plants (which do not provide suitable food and habitat), and native plants (which do). A consequence is that birds and wildlife are less abundant in an environment of introduced plants because they have a harder time finding anything to eat. Interesting—



Bill Stringer

Elaine Richardson and Pledge the Pink



Elaine Richardson

Pledge the Pink, is a uniquely South Carolina charity started in 2011, raises money to fight cancer and to get women off the couch and into shape. It has expanded far beyond its low country roots. Now, the group is not-so-small, with women participating from throughout the United States. Remarkably, 100% of the money raised still goes to the fight against cancer. Every September they hold a three-day walk across three of South Carolina’s beautiful coastal islands.

Elaine Richardson (Professor & Academic Success Center Director Emerita) is a two-time breast cancer survivor. Earlier this year, she assembled a team to participate in the 2017 Pledge the Pink event, raising money for screening, treatment, and breast cancer research. Her 9-member team, the *Tumornators*, completed the 30-mile course, raising more than \$4000.

The *Tumornators* joined almost 1300 other women from 48 states walking on Daufuskie, Callawassie and Hilton Head Islands.

As part of her training during the months leading up to the big event, Elaine participated in 3 virtual walks: 9.1 miles to celebrate the Queen of England’s birthday (Royally Pink), a half marathon (13.1 miles) in honor of National Pink Flamingo

Day, and 5 miles a day for the 14 days leading up to the Solar Eclipse (Love You to the Moon). She has already set up the team for the 2018 walk and currently has 10 members registered. Wow!

Faculty Directory Coming Soon to the College Website

Thanks to great help from the good people in Human Resources, we're now *all* in the Clemson University phone book. Retirement is the great leveler, and every member of the College is listed as "Emeritus Faculty," regardless of previous academic rank or administrative title. The phone book also lists your Clemson email address and the Emeritus College phone number. When the EC receives a call for you, Nicci offers to take a message, which she then passes along to you. Your home phone number is never given out.

For those of you who are embedded in your former home departments, the Clemson phone book may also show your home department, faculty rank (with Emeritus appended), and a Clemson phone number.

So, why bother having a complete faculty listing on the Emeritus College website? The problem with the phone book is that emeritus faculty are mixed in with all those folks who are still working for a living, so there's no way to find emeriti all in one place, along their academic ranks and former home departments.

The Emeritus College faculty listing does have places for preferred email address and phone number. If you want people to be able to find your contact information in the Emeritus College faculty listing, please let Nicci know. Also, please check for errors in your entry in the faculty listing.

Noteworthy Emeritus Activity

Almost every day we get anecdotal reports of another emeritus faculty member doing something noteworthy. An award. A new book. An Op-Ed piece. A research grant. A professional publication. An invited lecture. An exhibition. A performance. Teaching a course. Consulting. Advising a student organization. Mentoring. Community service. Volunteer service. This list has no end...

The Emeritus College needs to know about all the great things you're doing for a couple of really good reasons. First, we want your emeritus colleagues and the greater Clemson community to know that contributions of emeritus faculty continue to improve the University, the community, and beyond. You don't have to toot your own horn. The Emeritus College staff want to do it for you.

The second good reason is that we want the administration to know that emeritus faculty are making good use of the facilities and resources made available to the College. The Director's annual report to the Provost should be loaded with information about accomplishments of emeriti.

To get you started thinking about your own report, consider the examples that have appeared in recent newsletters: Adolph Beyerlein's leadership of CESP and CIS. Dixie Goswami's Governor's Award. Elaine Richardson's fundraising for breast cancer. Yuri Kishimoto's Medal from the Emperor of Japan. Dan Warner's Faculty Senate Award.

Next, sign on to the Emeritus College home page (www.clemson.edu/emmerituscollege) and click the **Here's What I'm Doing** button. That will take you to a form that you can fill out and submit online. Don't be shy. We want everyone to know how many good things are done by emeritus faculty!

Embedding Emeritus Faculty in Departments as *Emeritus Scholars*

What a wonderful, thinking-out-of-the-box, really-smart idea! For those faculty members who want to continue to do scholarly work, interact with students and colleagues, and do all this on their own terms, this pilot program is sure to have tremendous appeal. The idea is built around building a whole bunch of collaboration links, each between an emeritus faculty member and one or more active faculty members. Some may be closely allied in research and teaching interests, others may be collaborations where inclusion of the emeritus faculty member enables a productive interdisciplinary thrust.

The Emeritus College role in helping nurture these connections is that of facilitator/broker. If you're interested, the EC staff will help grease the skids

and work around any problems that arise. Send a message to the EC Director, Dwaine Eubanks (DwaineE@clemson.edu). We'll work together to make it happen.

A Really Nice Discovery!

Sometimes the Emeritus College almost loses its collective memory, and this is one of those times. It turns out that John Kenelly, among his other gifts to support scholarships and to honor distinguished emeriti, established an endowment fund for the Emeritus College. The terms of the fund are that, once the endowment reaches twenty-five thousand dollars, interest generated by the fund is available to the Emeritus College for unrestricted use. At the time of his death, John had deposited more than seventeen-thousand dollars in the fund. So, it needs another eight thousand dollars to be fully funded. When that time comes, the Emeritus College will have its very first substantial, unrestricted endowment! Here's the pitch: ***If each of us were to bump up our normal annual donation by 10%, the endowment could be fully funded—while still keeping scholarships, awards, and networking events going. What do you say? Shall we link arms and make that happen?***

Director's Notepad—Dwaine Eubanks

I invite you to join me in considering this sometimes asked question, "*Why even bother to have an Emeritus College?*" Many academic institutions either have no organization for emeritus faculty, or they have a loose association with little organization and minimal institutional support. Why should an institution's administration provide opportunities for a bunch of aging academics to get together and share exaggerated shaggy-dog stories over a few drinks about what things were like in the old days? (The slightly truncated definition of shaggy-dog story, by the way, is a "*long, rambling story that is amusing only because it is absurdly inconsequential or pointless.*")

If the only purpose of an emeritus faculty organization is to host social events for the emeritus faculty, the university's best interests are seldom served by using institutional funds to support the organization. If, on the other hand, the emeritus faculty members of that organization

are dedicated to sharing their collective wisdom, knowledge, and experience for the benefit of students, active faculty, and the administration, institutional support is not only justified, it's a good investment. A ***really good*** investment.

Clemson University differs from many institutions of higher education in that it is located smack in the middle of one of the country's major retirement destinations. The result is that an extraordinarily large percentage of us, Clemson's emeritus faculty, elect to still live nearby after we retire. And, most of our colleagues share several characteristics. We're still intellectually alive, love Clemson, and eschew spending all our waking hours whacking at a tiny dimpled ball. Life is good! ***Now, let's get to work and move some mountains!***

Remembering Our Recently Departed Colleagues and Friends

William B. Barlage, Chem Engineering 1932–2017

Frank L. Day, English 1932–2017

Edwin A. Freeman, Music 1928–2017

Ricardo A. Garcia, Biological Sciences –2016

Gordon W. Gray, Education 1934–2016

Villard S. Griffin, Jr., Geology –2017

Mica Grujicic, Mechanical Engineering 1952–2016

James W. Harrison, Jr., E&C Engineering –2016

R. Lynn Harwell, Ag Economics 1929–2016

Donal D. Hook, Forestry 1933–2017

John W. Kenelly, Jr., Mathematics 1935–2016

George W. Koon, English 1942–2017

Robert F. Mixon, Languages 1931–2017

W. LeRoy Ogle, Horticulture 1923–2017

John C. Richardson, Education 1935–2016

Taze L. Senn, Plant & Env. Sciences 1917–2016

John D. Spragins, E&C Engineering 1934–2017

John L. Stevenson, PRTM 1928–2016

Susan U. Wallace, Agronomy 1952–2017

Clinton H. Whitehurst, Jr., Mgmt & Econ 1927–2017

John N. Williams II, Animal Science 1925–2017

Samuel M. Willis, Industrial Mgmt 1928–2016

Thomas V. Wilson, Ag Engineering 1922–2016

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Committees

Much of the work of the College is done through committees, and we are in constant need of volunteers to chair or serve as members of active college committees. More detail is provided on the EC website: <https://clemson.edu/emergituscollege>. Right now, we have a particular need for a chair and members for ***Undergraduate Support***. Please step forward. You ***are*** needed!

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