



The Academy

Quarterly Newsletter of the Emeritus College at Clemson University

Summer 2018

2018–19 Major Events

- **AROHE award celebration**– Friday, August 17, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Emeritus College
- **Fall Picnic**–Tuesday, October 2, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Palmetto’s Event Center
- **AROHE National Conference**– October 7–9 at Emory University
- **Holiday Party**–Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Occasions at Wedgefield
- **Emeritus Day**–Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Madren Center

Emeritus Day 2018

Another year, another new tradition! Emeritus Day was moved from October to May so that 2018 retiring faculty could be honored before they escape to parts unknown. A record crowd of nearly three-hundred emeriti, guests, and university administrators were on hand May 1 to wish the forty retiring faculty well, as they transition from active faculty to emeritus faculty.

Visiting with old and new friends and colleagues was well underway by the event start time of 10:00 a.m. Organizations that provide services and opportunities to emeriti were at their stations, as emeriti signed up for parking permits and Clemson IDs. They gathered information about OLLI, the Brooks Center, library services, and computer services. And they enjoyed coffee and pastries provided by the College’s friends from Pickens County United Way. Student volunteers from Delta Sigma Pi were on hand and responsive to every need.

The BellSouth auditorium was standing-room only by the time Provost Bob Jones and President Jim Clements took the stage to honor twenty-seven retiring faculty receiving the emeritus title. Jones and Clements were ably assisted by Amy Lawton-Rauh and Jan Holmevik from the Faculty Senate.

Following a luncheon in the Madren Center Ballroom, Cecil Huey was presented the Kenelly–Voss Distinguished Emeriti Award by Debra Jackson, Awards Committee Chair. Debbie cited Cecil’s exemplary record of contributions to the Emeritus College, to the university, and to the broader community. Then the EC Advisory Board’s Vice Chair, Hoke Hill, and Faculty Senate Liaison, Dan Warner, took the stage to present certificates to five retiring faculty members who have been approved as Special Members of the Emeritus College and one who was approved as an Associate Member.

The last event of the day was an entertaining and informative talk by Cheryl Dye, Director of Clemson University’s *Institute for Engaged Aging*. By the time she was done, Cheryl had convinced members of the audience that dancing was a great way to sustain one’s health and positive outlook! Sounds like a plan.



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2017–2018 New Emeriti



Back Row: Jones, Gomes, Huff, Hughes, Khalilian, Kosinski, Lickfield, Maker, Palmer, Piper, Meriwether, Clements

Middle Row: Pruitt, Pursley, Reighard, S. W. Scott, T. Scott, Spitler, Taylor, Tritt, Walton

Front Row: Holmevik, Cox, Adler, Carney, Culin, Dye, Eggert, Havice, Han, Lawton-Rauh

Not Pictured: Cunningham, Figliola, First, Hains, Larsen, Martin, Ramasubramanian, Ryan, Skewes, Woodard, Wentworth

2017–2018 New Special and Associate Members



Back Row: Ramirez, Harris, Reynolds

Front Row: Lewis; Heater, Wright

Not Pictured: Lowe, Robison



Cheryl Dye



President Clemens



Provost Jones



Jackson, Huey, Eubanks



National AROHE Innovation Award

This year, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) initiated national awards to recognize outstanding programs run by institutional members of the association.



A group of Clemson emeriti, led by Elaine Richardson, prepared a strong nomination for the Emeritus College's **Clemson English-Speaking Proficiency (CESP)** test and **Conversations with International Students (CIS)** program.

Most colleges and universities that employ graduate teaching assistants have a requirement that non-native English speakers demonstrate a level of proficiency in speaking and understanding English. Clemson is no exception. Faculty members from the English Department developed an interview-based assessment for that purpose several years ago. The problem then was that testing and evaluating students one-on-one placed a heavy burden on already overworked faculty members.

Administration of the CESP test was transferred to the Emeritus College in 2014. Since then, a dedicated group of emeriti under the leadership of Adolph Beyerlein has continued to improve and refine the CESP interview process, which is conducted entirely by emeritus faculty members. For those students whose English proficiency needed improvement before being assigned teaching responsibilities, Adolph and his colleagues developed the CIS program to work with those students over an extended period. Following their CIS experience, most students were subsequently able to earn a pass on the CESP test.

The CESP/CIS programs are provided by emeritus faculty at virtually no cost to Clemson University, and they render a valuable service to those graduate teaching assistants, their students, their home departments, and the university as a whole. The award reviewers also noted the value of those programs to enhancement of cultural diversity at Clemson.

There have been many indicators of the success of CESP/CIS. The latest is that a former participant, Huixi Li, received the Graduate School's Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award this spring. Huixi is now finishing his Ph.D. in mathematics with an expected graduation date of August, 2018.

The formal Recognition and Presentation of the AROHE Innovation Award will be made at the AROHE Biennial Conference at Emory University in October. The value of unselfish work of many emeriti over the course of several years is, at last, being appropriately recognized. We also expect other emeritus organizations to consider the CESP/CIS model as a service opportunity at their institutions.

If you would like to become part of the language skills team, contact Adolph Beyerlein at albrl@clemson.edu. He can always use more help!

Advisory Board Appointments

Appointments to the Advisory Board are for two-year terms, and July 1 is the crossover date when some Board members retire, with our thanks for their service. New Board members then begin their terms. Retiring from Board service does not in any way imply that those emeriti are walking away from participation in Emeritus College initiatives and events. It only means that their roles in EC governance are shifting a bit.

This year, we're saying, ***"Thanks for your service!"*** to a group of important contributors to the College: Lance Bell, Chip Egan, Judd Diefendorf, Marvin Dixon, and James London. These folks were all with us during the exciting changes that have occurred in the Emeritus College during the past couple of years.

And, welcome to the incoming Board members Bonnie Holaday, Dee Stegelin, Bill Stringer, and Jerry Trapnell. You have big shoes to fill, and your emeritus colleagues have great expectations for your future service to the College.

The other Board changes include Elaine Richardson moving from Chair to Past Chair, Hoke Hill from Vice-Chair to Chair, and Don McKale joining the officer corps as Vice-Chair.

Mary Haque Named ASLA Fellow



Mary Haque

Mary Haque, Alumni Distinguished Professor Emerita of Horticulture, was recently selected to be a 2018 Fellow by The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Since the inception of its Fellows program, ASLA has elevated 31 members

to its Council of Fellows. The honor recognizes exceptional contributions to the profession and to society at large. Election to membership in Council of Fellows is among the highest honors that ASLA bestows on members and is based on professional contributions, leadership, management, knowledge, and service. Mary was cited for her contributions as a scholar, mentor, educator, and designer. Characteristic features of her hundreds of implemented designs are sustainable landscape architecture, active living, and low-impact development. Mary will be honored at the ASLA 2018 Annual meeting in Philadelphia in October, 2018.

Medal of Distinction for Ray Huff

The *Medal of Distinction* is the highest honor that the South Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects can bestow on one of its members. Earlier this spring, Associate Professor



Ray Huff

Emeritus of Architecture Ray Huff was selected to receive the award. Under his direction, Clemson's Architecture Center of Charleston has developed a program built around community service, where students learn through working with nonprofit, for-profit, and government entities.

Ray was cited for his contributions as a teacher and for his community service program emphasis

during his tenure as Director of the Clemson Architecture Center of Charleston.

Saving Stone Mountain

One of the great things about working in the Emeritus College is that, from time to time, an absolutely delightful, awesome, surprising, or sobering snippet about an emeritus



Bobby D. Barnett

faculty member is brought to our attention. One written by Ron Barnett that appeared in the January 9, 2018 issue of the Greenville News falls into the delightfully surprising category. It centers on Ron's dad, Bobby Barnett, who is Professor Emeritus of Poultry Science at Clemson.

The article is about chickens. More specifically, it's about chicken feed. Somehow the term *chicken feed* has come to refer, despairingly, with a small amount of money. But *real* chicken feed is big business. Anyone who has grown up around chickens knows that they eat little rocks, which helps grind up their food after they swallow it whole. (The poor critters have no teeth to grind their food.) Free-range chickens can find the grit they need on their own, but chickens raised in those huge chicken-house factories that dot the rural south must have grit supplied with their feed. At least that's what chicken farmers always believed.

Which brings us to Stone Mountain, Georgia. That enormous chunk of rock is called a pluton, which is an igneous intrusion that was produced from molten lava, way back when the Appalachian Mountains were being formed some 300 million years ago. Stone Mountain was privately owned until 1958, and the Stony Mo Granite Grit Company had rights to grind up Stone Mountain to produce grit for chicken feed. No kidding.

Now here's a problem to ponder: Assume that chickens consume about 100 grams of grit per week, that there are 8 billion chickens raised in chicken houses in the United States, that the mass of Stone Mountain is 10^{13} kilograms, and that Stony Mo Granite Grit Company's U, S.

market share would be about 20%. How many years would it take them to level Stone Mountain?

Meanwhile, back in Clemson, Bobby Barnett and his poultry science colleagues were running experiments on how much grit chickens really need. Amazingly, they found that the little cluckers don't really need grit at all! They just like to eat rocks. This was good news for the poultry industry. On the other hand, it was bad news for the Stony Mo Granite Grit Company, which soon went out of business. And Stone Mountain was saved, thanks at least in part to Bobby Barrett and the poultry science faculty at Clemson. That's quite a story.

Preserving Clemson's History

Many of you will have seen the newspaper report that Jim London and Dot Yandle are working on a project to preserve the history of Clemson (city and university). Among other things, Jim and Dot have near-term plans to gather archival information and perhaps record oral histories from long-time residents. The Emeritus College is prepared to assist the Clemson history project by relaying information and requests from Jim and Dot to emeritus faculty, providing space for interviews and conversations, and possibly dealing with emeritus faculty contributions. For the moment, the Emeritus College is only gathering expressions of interest in contributing to, or monitoring progress of, the project. So, if you'd like to be a part of this exciting initiative, please let Nicci know. Future correspondence and updates will be directed to those EC members who have expressed interest.

Director's Notepad

Many emeritus faculty members tell us that they really enjoy articles describing accolades for and anecdotes about emeritus colleagues that appear in every issue of **The Academy**. The Emeritus College newsletter also regularly features photographs and recaps of recent College events, schedules of upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities, contact information, and much more. These are all important pieces in maintaining the dialog among ourselves about why the College exists and where we collectively see it going and growing.

The flip side of printing and mailing the Emeritus College newsletter is the consideration of everything that's required to place a hard copy of **The Academy** in each of your hands. Trees have to be sacrificed. Printing Services has to be paid to print, staple, fold, seal, and address each newsletter. The U. S. Postal Service has to be paid. And all the news is *at least* a couple of weeks old by the time **The Academy** shows up in your mailbox.

Most of us are of the generations that grew up reading paper copies of newspapers, books, and magazines. Our younger colleagues, on the other hand, may be quite comfortable doing most of their reading on iPads and Kindles.

It is true that pushing electrons around is a lot faster, cheaper, and more environmentally responsible than crunching out paper copies of newsletters. As it stands now, every known Clemson emeritus faculty member receives a paper copy of **The Academy** four times a year. This is the default delivery option for everyone. An electronic copy (in pdf format) is always posted on <http://www.clemson.edu/emergituscollege> at the same time the newsletter is sent to Printing Services.

Some day, the faculty consensus will reach a tipping point, with the preferred default delivery option being to have a pdf version of the newsletter (or a link to it) sent by email. Perhaps that tipping point has already been reached for some of you. If you're ready to stop receiving a paper copy (sigh--), please send an email message to Nicci Hanewald (nherman@clemson.edu) and sign up for electronic delivery.

Dwaine Eubanks



Remembrances

Periodically we sadly provide names of emeritus colleagues who have recently passed away. These folks were once important parts of our professional lives at Clemson, and many were also treasured friends. Biographical information and names from earlier years are on the Emeritus College website: Clemson.edu/emmerituscollege.

Please contact Nicci Hanewald (nherman@clemson.edu) if you know of any departed emeriti who are not included in this list. Despite their best efforts, Clemson staff occasionally miss obituaries, particularly when emeriti have moved out of the area.

2017

William Barlage, *Professor Emeritus of Chemical Engineering*

Bunny Christoph, *Professor Emerita of English*

Edwin Freeman, *Professor Emeritus of Music*

Villard Griffin, *Professor Emeritus of Geology*

John Hash, *Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Education*

Donal Hook, *Professor Emeritus of Forestry*

Alta Kingman, *Professor Emerita of Horticulture*

George Koon, *Professor Emeritus of English*

John Martin, *Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

Robert Mixon, *Professor Emeritus of Languages*

Roy Ogle, *Professor Emeritus of Horticulture*

Adrian Padgett, *Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics*

Clyde Parks, *Professor Emeritus of Agronomy and Soils*

Roger Rollin, *Professor Emeritus of English*

John Spragins, *Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

Walter Walker, *Professor Emeritus of Poultry Science*

Susan Wallace, *Professor Emerita of Agronomy*

Brian Webb, *Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Engineering*

Clinton Whitehurst, *Professor Emeritus of Management and Economics*

John Williams, *Professor Emeritus of Animal and Veterinary Sciences*

2018

Muriel Bishop, *Professor Emerita of Chemistry*

Alvin Elrod, *Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering*

Doreen Geddes, *Associate Professor Emerita of Communications*

Robert Lambert, *Professor Emeritus of History*

James Matthews, *Professor Emeritus of Education*

David D. Moyle, *Professor Emeritus of Bioengineering and Physics*

Edward C. Murdock, *Professor Emeritus of Agronomy*

Thomas Oberdan, *Associate Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Religion*

Gordon Patterson, *Associate Professor Emeritus of Architecture*

George Polk, *Professor Emeritus of Architecture*

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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!

Awards

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2018–19 Emeritus College Draft Program Topics

Seminars

All dates still to be determined.

- Scotch-Irish and Cherokees in the South Carolina Upcountry
- Keeping Artificial Intelligence Safe and Beneficial
- The Divided States of America
- Our Restless Earth
- International Relations
- Keeping Identity Thieves at Bay
- Aging and Technology

Workshops

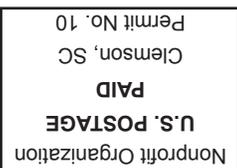
All dates still to be determined.

- Working Comfortably in the Cloud
- How Microsoft Word Has Changed
- Electronic Holiday Greetings
- American English—the Demise of Grammar
- Managing Electronic Photos
- Editing Home Video
- Identifying Native Plant Species
- How Microsoft Windows Has Changed
- Independent International Travel

Focused-Discussions

Orange-bag lunches. All dates still to be determined.

- Visioning the Emeritus College
- Replaceable Parts for Humans
- Academics and Athletics
- Who Broke America's Infrastructure?
- History as Seen by Losers
- Internationalizing Clemson
- What I'm Fascinated By
- Aftermath of the 1% Doctrine
- Arabic Cultural Customs
- What Does Gender Mean Anymore?
- CRISPR-Cas9: Hype or Medical Miracle?



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