

The Academy

# Quarterly Newsletter of the Emeritus College at Clemson University

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# **Important Notices**

# **Swapping Places**

Emeritus Day is being moved to a spring event to enable Clemson to honor retiring faculty, and for us to welcome the new emeriti to our College, before they leave campus. The offsetting change is to move the annual picnic to early October.

# **Computers, Lockers**

Mechanical hard drives in the EC faculty computers have been replaced with solid-state drives, which makes the computers run faster. *Much faster.* And, the lockers for EC faculty to store materials securely in the College work space are now ready for your use. If you need a locker for the spring term, now's the time to stake your claim.

# **Upcoming Events**

An abundance of seminars, workshops, focused-discussion brown-bag lunches, and specialinterest clusters!

#### Monday, May 1, 2018, 10:00 am Emeritus Day—Madren Center

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# Get Ready for a Busy Spring

The Spring 2018 semester is chock-full of events in the Emeritus College, so grab your calendar and start penciling in those events that appeal to you! All events will take place in the Emeritus College office complex at 511 Westinghouse Road in Pendleton (the Clemson CAT building).

#### Seminars

Each seminar is scheduled for the Emeritus College Meeting Room, and is accompanied by an optional no-host catered lunch (\$10). Reservation required for the lunch, but not the seminar. Contact Nicci Hanewald (864-656-3990 or nherman@clemson.edu) to reserve lunch.

# January 19, 1:00 pm—ClemsonForward

With all the new construction on campus, you may be wondering about the administration's plans for growth and direction of the University (and how the Emeritus College will be affected). Here's your chance to find out from an authoritative source— Senior Associate Provost Ellen Granberg.

# • February 15, 11:00 am—Cybersecurity

Maybe your identity hasn't been stolen yet, but there are nefarious people out there who would like to do just that. Find out how to protect yourself from phishing, viruses, Trojan horses, and other malware that thieves use in attempts to rob you. A CCIT security expert will give us guidance on how to keep our digital lives safe and secure.

#### • March 15, 2:00 pm—Climate Science

Why is climate science so controversial? Climate scientists are simply trying to solve incredibly complex physical and chemical problems to project trends in the Earth's climate. We all need straightforward, research-based answers about what is known to be happening, what is driving any changes, and what our children and grandchildren will be dealing with. Gerald Lehmacher, Clemson Associate Professor of Atmospheric Physics, will help us make sense of it all.

# April 11, 2:00 pm—Changing American Culture

There's no doubt about it. Somebody keeps moving our cheese. What we once thought were integral components of the social fabric are scarcely recognizable anymore. What do evolving attitudes and behaviors have to say about what's now considered normal? Melissa Vogel, Clemson Professor of Anthropology, will help us figure out how to cope with the new, sometimes disquieting, society in which we live.

# **Computer Workshops**

As emeritus faculty members, we seldom have to buy software. Clemson licenses all the software most of us will ever need, and they let us use it. Free. For many of us, this presents a problem. Clemson only licenses the latest versions. From one version to the next, new features are added and ways of doing things change. If, for example, you've been using Word 4.0 (introduced way back in the dark ages—1983) and are considering downloading Word 365 (or Word 2016 for Mac) from Clemson's software site, you're in for a shock. Everything's changed.

Well, here we have some really good news. The folks in CCIT's software training group are willing to run special workshops for emeritus faculty! This is too good a deal to pass up, so sign up early. We only have nine spaces available for each workshop. Contact Nicci Hanewald (864-656-3990 or nherman@clemson.edu) to reserve a spot.

#### • January 11, 10:30 am until noon— Windows 10

This workshop should appeal to anyone using, or planning to use, Emeritus College computers—all of which run the Windows 10 operating system. If you have recently bought a new PC, or have upgraded your Windows operating system, this workshop can be a big help.

#### February 8, 10:30 am until noon— Cloud Storage using Box

Box is the vendor that Clemson University chose to provide faculty with cloud storage

for digital files. When you're working on a document using one of the Emeritus College computers, it's necessary that you save the document somewhere that you can retrieve it from your laptop, home computer, or another Emeritus College computer. Box is a dependable, free-toemeriti option supported by the University.

#### March 8, 10:30 am until noon— Microsoft Word

Microsoft Office includes Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and a few other applications. This workshop will focus on Word, and should be most useful to folks who have used, or are using, earlier versions and are trying to make good use of Microsoft's latest offering. If there is a demand, Excel and PowerPoint workshops will be scheduled later.

#### • April 12, 10:30 am until noon— Adobe Acrobat Pro and Reader

PDF has become the standard format for sharing files with other people, mainly because the person on the receiving end can read pdf files even if he or she doesn't have the application that created them. Adobe has now given its pdf apps data entry and editing capabilities that may people may find useful.

#### May 10, 10:30 am until noon— Adobe Photoshop

If you take pictures, you occasionally (or often) need to crop, lighten or darken, get rid of red eye, make colors warmer or cooler, or hide wrinkles or distracting elements. This workshop for beginners will help you to make Photoshop work for you.

#### June 14, 10:30 am until noon – Adobe InDesign

This workshop is a little more specialized. If you edit a newsletter, bulletin, or anything else that includes a mixture of text and tables, pictures or graphics, InDesign is the standard. You can produce great-looking printed material using only the software's basic tools. This newsletter is produced using InDesign.

# Focused-Discussion Brown-Bag Lunches

One thing that distinguishes us as academics is the general aversion to always sitting quietly (more or less) listening to someone else's thoughts. We like to talk through big ideas with other generallywell-informed people. And nothing beats the lively exchange when there are contrasting viewpoints!

Now that EC faculty members have a great, configurable space in which to meet, we're organizing twice-monthly focused-discussion brown-bag lunches. The idea is that the topic will be set and announced in advance of each discussion over lunch, giving participants the opportunity to bring materials that relate to the topic. A tentative discussion topic is set for each meeting, although those can be modified and augmented as we go. There's no enrollment, and no required preparation. Pack a lunch or grab something on the way to the EC. Don't worry about a beverage. We'll have water and coffee ready, and there's a soft-drink machine close by. Mark your calendars for 11:30 am on these Tuesdays:

- January 9: Defining Democracy
- January 23: Cryptocurrency
- February 13: Rules-Based International Order
- February 27: Consumer Applications of Technology
- March 6: Brainstorm Emeritus College Programming
- March 27: Climate Science: Fact and Fiction
- April 3: Fair Taxation
- April 24: GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) Foods
- May 8: Changing Social Norms
- May 22: Euthanasia–Pros and Cons

# **Shared Interest Clusters**

It had to happen. With the great space and staff support that the Emeritus College now enjoys, groups of emeriti who share common interests are asking about having meetings in the EC. In nearly every instance, our response is, "Of *course your group can meet here!*" The EC suite is "owned" by the emeritus faculty, and we want to see it well used.

A cluster of Photoshop aficionados, organized by Sam Wang, is already meeting on most Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 pm, and they welcome anyone interested in doing creative things with Photoshop. If you're interested, call the EC office to confirm the date for their next scheduled meeting.

Organizing a shared interest cluster is easy. Let Nicci Hanewald know what you'd like to use as the focus, and she will schedule a meeting time and invite EC faculty to participate. The folks who attend can decide how they want the cluster to operate..

# **Toshi Kishimoto Receives Award**

Just before going to press with this newsletter. we learned that the Emperor of Japan will now present a second member of the Kishimoto family with а National Medal. Last year, the medal went to Yuji. This year, Toshi was chosen to receive award, the citing "promotion of her Japanese language



Toshi Kishimoto

and culture." Details of this great honor are still developing, so watch for Clemson news releases with the details.

# Spotlight on Research—John Morse

Conventional wisdom around Clemson has long been that, until very recently, avenues for emeritus

faculty to continue Clemson-based scholarly activity were simply not available. John Morse. Professor Emeritus of Entomology, demonstrated has with that. а



that, with a little John Morse determination, a high level of scholarly activity could be maintained long after the transition to emeritus status.

John will soon have been "retired" for ten years, yet he is still publishing, receiving awards, mentoring students, volunteering to teach Creative Inquiry and other courses, leading expeditions to exotic



Caddisfly

places to teach and collect specimens of caddisflies. *Caddisflies?* 

Well, for those of you who are not up-to-date on caddisflies, there are more than sixteen thousand different species of these aquatic insects that are related to moths and butterflies. Among other things. caddisflies are favorite models for the tied flies of trout anglers and are

useful indicators of the extent to which a body of water has become polluted. Needless to say, John continues to be one of the world's leading caddisfly researchers. Check out the stock caddisfly photo. John has contributed much to Clemson (where he and Suzanne have endowed a chair), to the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics (where he is the school's longest serving mentor), and other worthy endeavors. We may focus on those in a separate column later. But for now, the point of this column is that Clemson administration has cleared the way for emeritus faculty to stay active, doing the things they love, for as long as they wish. And John capitalizes on that opportunity to the fullest.

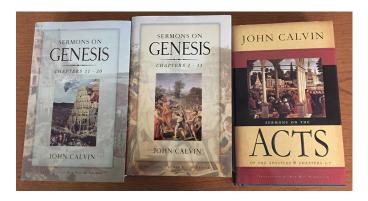
# Rob Roy MacGregor—Calvin's Sermons

You may already know the story of folk the Scottish hero Rob Roy McGregor, who was a major figure in the Jacobite (Catholic) rebellion in the early eighteenth century, Well. this piece isn't about him. The Emeritus College's



Rob Roy McGregor

own Rob Roy McGregor is Professor Emeritus of Languages (French and Latin) as well as being a minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. After he retired in 1994, Rob Roy started working on translating important religious works that were not available in English. Rob Roy's



major tomes are translations of sermons of John Calvin, the French theologian and reformer. Calvin's teachings became foundations for several protestant denominations, including Presbyterians (against whom the eighteenthcentury Rob Roy McGregor was fighting). He's probably turning over in his grave.

# Ed Arnold-Blues and Trouble

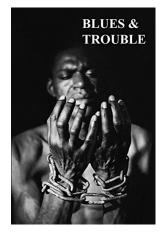
Ed Arnold is Professor Emeritus of Languages (German) at Clemson. After joining the Clemson faculty, Ed led many study-abroad trips for Clemson students to Germany. On one of those trips, he met and became friends with Dr. Theo Lehmann, a German evangelist who, as a boy, had lived through the Allied bombing of Dresden, his home town.

Growing up under Communist rule in East Germany, Dr. Lehmann's doctoral dissertation, "Negro History Spirituals: and Theology" foreshadowed his life work of using blues and jazz as an evangelical tools reach young to Germans. In 1966, Dr. Lehmann wrote Blues and Trouble



Ed Arnold

(with a foreword by Martin Luther King). The book chronicled the persecution and hardships experienced by African Americans, and the music those experiences inspired.



Dr. Lehmann visited the upstate in 2009, where he lectured in German at Southern Wesleyan University, with Ed doing the translation. There, he also introduced Ed's English translation of his autobiography.

Ed recently translated Lehmann's 1966 book.

*Blues and Trouble*, into English. The translation, available in ebook, hardcover, and paperback formats, was released last July.

# College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities Hall of Fame

It's now been almost a year since AAH launched its Hall of Fame to honor alumni, faculty, and friends who have made positive contributions to that college. Not surprisingly, the inaugral class of seventeen included five emeritus faculty members. The AAH 2018 Hall-of-Fame class will be announced soon, and is sure to include more emeritus faculty members. Stay tuned!

Ben Skardon, Professor Emeritus of English, is seated second from left on the front row. Pat Wannamaker, Professor Emeritus of Languages, is seated next to Ben. Ron Moran, Professor Emeritus of English, is seated on the right end of the front row. Donald Collins, Professor Emeritus of Architecture, standing in the center of the back row. President Emeritus Jim Barker is standing at the right end of the back row.



AAH Hall of Fame 2017

# **Director's Notepad**

An interesting report from Kaiser Health News crossed my desk a few weeks ago. The substance of the article is that there is a growing un-retirement trend spreading across the land. This may not be surprising to academics, many of whom repeatedly fail retirement. However, it is interesting that so many previously highperforming people, who have no need for the extra income, choose to un-retire in one way or another. Here's the statistic that blew me away: A 2017 Rand Corporation study discovered that 39% of Americans 65 and older who are currently employed had previously retired. Chris Farrell, in his book with the mind-numbing title, "Unretirement: How Baby Boomers Are Changing the Way We Think About Work," asserts that older people return to work mainly because they miss the collegiality, the challenges, and the accomplishments.

This got me to thinking about how good we have it as Clemson emeriti. Being able to incrementally "un-retire" when interesting and worthwhile limited-time opportunities present themselves is the best of all worlds. That's why we are so excited about the "Emeritus Scholars" initiative, which will enable emeriti to collaborate with active faculty who are breaking new ground in research and instruction. In discussing the Emeritus Scholars program with active faculty, I have been delighted to learn that so many are eager to welcome emeriti as collaborators. One surprising aspect is that many active faculty will particularly welcome emeriti *whose areas of expertise are from disciplines other than their own*. The idea is that the scholarly work of a faculty member and his or her students will benefit from broadened perspectives. That certainly makes sense.

So, let's consider how to make these limiteddose un-retirement matches between active and emeritus faculty members. Emeriti need to know what interesting things active faculty members are doing. Active faculty members need to know about the expertise and interests of individual emeritus faculty members. And how do we get the right people talking to each other?

One observation that was made by an active faculty member is that this challenge is similar to that of trying to find a partner through online dating. Now that's way beyond my range of experience, but I can see that we will need to gather interest and expertise profiles of both emeritus and active faculty members, and then develop a mechanism for making the match. And, how are we going to do that?

It's been suggested that we could set this all up like a job fair. Active faculty who would welcome emeritus faculty to their groups could set up posters or displays in the EC meeting room for emeritus faculty to browse. Emeritus faculty could visit as many, or as few, displays as they wished. If a natural match is found, the two could take the discussion from there on their own. For emeritus faculty who fail to find a suitable match, the day wouldn't have been a total loss. Those individuals would have learned a lot about the creative things going on at Clemson.

It's clear that this initiative is still baking. Please let me have your suggestions. Out-of-the-box ideas are particularly welcome.

Stay tuned. The next several months could be really interesting!

# **Reaching At-Risk Undergraduates**

Some undergraduate courses are notorious for weeding out students who are struggling at Clemson. One side of the argument is that students who can't (or don't) hack highstakes courses should be untethered and sent home. Another side of the argument is that the population of at-risk students contains a greaterthan-average percentage of students whom the university is targeting with diversity initiatives. Yet another consideration is that retention rates and on-time graduation rates are often used in evaluations of institutional health. As emeritus faculty, we'd prefer to look at the issue in still another way. Giving under-prepared students a fighting chance is simply the right thing to do.

Significant numbers of emeritus faculty members have long made it clear that they're willing to help out with mentoring and tutoring. But how?

The latest idea that's been floated is to offer tutoring/help sessions in the Emeritus College meeting room on a regular basis for a few targeted courses. Collaborating with the course instructors would help guarantee that the students received valuable help and guidance. Individual emeritus faculty members would only need to take a few turns each semester. Give this some thought, and let Dwaine or Nicci know what you think would (or might) work.

# Meeting Room Upgrade

We have good news for those of you who use, or plan to use, the EC meeting room with computerprojected visuals. The installation of a ceilingmounted projector and wall-mounted screen is now complete! Finally!



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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 committes. More detail is provided on the EC website: https://clemson.edu/emerituscollege. 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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