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PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS — Fall 2018

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Greetings once again! I know many of you have probably stopped by the CSU Parking and Management Office and renewed your **free parking permit** for the 2018-2019 academic year. The Senior Scholars Executive Committee argued strenuously in favor of the University's continuing this benefit.

I would also like to remind you about **another benefit** that has been extended to retired faculty and AP staff. You can **ride free on MAX** or other buses in the Fort Collins transit system with an up-dated CSU ID card. If you are not sure the ID card you currently have is properly encoded for this perk, stop by the RamCard Office in the Lory Student Center and have it checked. You can get a new card made if needed.

Please check out the talks scheduled this Fall as part of our **Speaker's Program** that we co-sponsor along with the Osher program. Bob Meroney, a member of our Executive Committee, continues to do a fantastic job of arranging these interesting and entertaining talks.

The **Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, AROHE**, is holding its biennial conference in Atlanta early in October. CSU is a member of AROHE and will be sending a representative from the Executive Committee to the conference to learn what other college and university retirement groups are currently doing to assist and engage their members.

As always, if you have ideas or issues that you would like our retirement association to undertake, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Senior Scholars – Osher Fall Talks

Sept 10

Dr. Bill Runyan - *The World is Made of Numbers — and so is much of western music*

Oct 15

Dr. Brent Reeves - *From Wolf to Woof — Evolution of the Dog*

Nov 12

Dr. Chet Moore - *History of Vector-borne Disease Prevention and Control Along the Colorado Front Range*

Dec 10

Dr. Bill Rowley - *Qualities and Skills of a Helping Personality: Learning to be a lifetime helper to colleagues, friends, and neighbors.*

These will all be held from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, in Shepardson Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Collins, CO. Free parking available west of the church. **COME JOIN US!**

William Runyan spent thirty years as a CSU university teacher. He holds MA and PhD in Musicology degrees from the Eastman School of Music. A music historian and conductor of opera, ballet, and wind ensembles, he has spent many years as symphonic bass trombonist and performer in traditional jazz.

Brent Reeves, Biology Professor Emeritus at CSU. Major areas of research: mycology (fungi) and taxonomy (naming and evolutionary relationships of organisms). Major current interests: dog evolution, Salvador Dali's art and science, and mushrooms of Colorado.

Chet Moore, BS, MS, PhD from Univ. California, Davis (major in entomology & parasitology); 30 years research on vector-borne diseases (US Army, Centers

for Disease Control & Prevention); academics (Univ. Puerto Rico, Colorado State Univ.); 90+ refereed papers & book chapters; serve on City of Fort Collins West Nile Technical Advisory Committee.

William J. Rowley is an emeritus professor of counselor education at Seattle Pacific University. Prior to retirement, he served in the counseling field for over 30 years. He was formerly a high school counselor, a Guidance Coordinator for the San Diego County Department of Education, a family therapist in private practice, and a counselor educator and university dean. He is the author of several books and multiple articles in peer-reviewed counseling journals. He earned his Ed.D. in counseling psychology at the University of Northern Colorado.

Studying China Up and Out

The Senior Scholars newsletter offers short essays that illustrate the connections between research and public policy issues. The first essay, by Howard Nornes, CSU Professor Emeritus of Neuroscience, highlighted the relationship between research on the brain and early childhood education. It appeared in the Spring 2018 newsletter.

The following essay looks at the linkages between a CSU emeritus faculty member, a young CSU scholar, a scholar based on the East Coast and another in northeast China. It illustrates the active role that “retired” faculty members may play in informing us about important policy issues generated by scholarly research.



For many years, Bob Lawrence, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, focused his research on U.S. foreign/national security policy, emphasizing the importance of nuclear weapons in preventing World War III (students referred to one of his classes as “bombs and rockets 101”). An expert on nuclear power, military weapons, and international strategic relations in

Asia, Lawrence has followed closely the growing military and economic power of China and the consequent tensions with

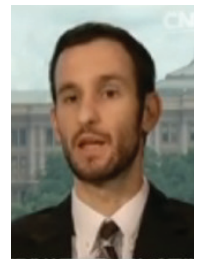
the United States. In retirement, he has chosen to focus his energy on linking research and public policy on China. His goal has been to create a community of those knowledgeable about China, establishing contacts between scholars in “fly-over country” (that’s us in Colorado) with scholars and policy-makers on the Eastern seaboard and also in China.



Seven years ago, just before retiring, Lawrence invited a Chinese scholar to speak to his foreign policy class. The scholar, Yanlin Tang, Vice Dean of the School of International Studies at Liaoning University in northeast China, was visiting the University of Denver. The two began planning a sabbatical year for Tang at CSU, which—after much paper work and final approval from the Chinese authorities—took place in 2016-2017. Part of the sabbatical project between Lawrence and Tang was to focus on a recent book, *Meeting China Halfway*, by Lyle Goldstein, a professor at the US Naval War College.



Lawrence arranged for Goldstein and two associates from the Naval War College to visit several sites, including Liaoning University, in northeast China. Last spring, Goldstein visited CSU to give two lectures, and to build a relationship with Peter Harris, a young professor of Political Science with expertise in international security and a particular interest in US—China relations.



There is much more to this story, including additional contacts both locally, in Washington, DC, and in Asia, including a planned conference at CSU on US-China relations that will include Tang, Lawrence, Harris, and Goldstein, as well as several graduate students. So what does all of this emailing, planning, traveling, and talks add up to? Bob Lawrence argues that retired CSU faculty, living 5000 miles east

of China, and 1500 west of the intellectual and policy-making North Atlantic corridor, can nonetheless help build bridges between the US and our major competitor/adversary—all the while working with much younger scholars.

Shifting Gears After Retirement

No doubt about it—one of the favorite activities of retirees is committing time and energy to things they care about—public and private organizations, including churches, hospitals, museums, and educational institutions (such as Osher). Previous Senior Scholars newsletters include numerous examples of how

we share our energy after retirement. Bob Lawrence’s “China Project”, summarized on page 2, is one such example. Martha Denney’s work with the Global Village Museum is a different example.



Living Aloha

Before she retired, Martha Denney began working with two well-known Fort Collins citizens, Jeanne Nash and John Roberts, to create a museum committed to publicizing the international connections and cultural diversity that had come to characterize northern Colorado. Their efforts resulted in the establishment of

the Global Village Museum over seven years ago. Located at the corner of Mountain and Mason streets, the Museum has featured exhibits that highlight specific countries or geographic regions. All of these exhibits, as well as keeping the doors to the museum open, require lots of volunteer labor.

Like Bob Lawrence, Martha Denney’s volunteer efforts are an outgrowth of her career at CSU, where she worked for many years in International Programs. Denney has curated three exhibits in recent years, from “Beads and Baskets” to “Mexico” and “Faces of Fort Collins” (with photographer Betsy Meredith, a CSU graduate). She is currently

working on the Global Village exhibit scheduled to open on October 5th, called “Living Aloha: Hawai’i’s Enduring Legacy”. In her words, the exhibit “allows me to learn more about my adopted winter home where my husband Lloyd Walker and I spend five months annually immersing ourselves in Hawaiian culture.” She emphasizes that despite the many mainlanders who visit, not enough is understood about the complicated history of the Islands vis-à-vis the rest of the United States. Hawai’i has a complex, ethnically diverse population, as well as “the most diverse ecosystem known to man.”

Like most dedicated volunteers, Denney asks herself — especially when knee-deep in a project — why she committed herself to so much time and effort. In the end she claims it’s about making connections, opening children’s eyes to learning about the world’s differences, and challenging the adults who visit the museum.



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