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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
By Roger Boye

On a picture-perfect Friday afternoon in early August, I rode my bicycle through part of the Evanston campus. It seemed eerily like a ghost town except for some other bike riders and a few joggers. The Segal Visitors Center, normally crowded on a midsummer Friday, was dark and the doors were locked. There were no prospective students with parents touring campus and no in-person Summer Session classes. Norris Center seemed deserted and so did the library. Not a single person was within 300 yards of The Rock.

Mask in place, I ventured inside an abandoned Fisk Hall, which has offices for at least 50 Medill faculty and staff and classroom space for as many as 400 students. In my nearly one-hour visit, I saw just one person, Medill Dean Charles Whitaker, who said he was in the building for the first time in three months. We stood about 30 feet apart as we talked in the second-floor corridor.

Posters on Fisk bulletin boards promoted events from last March and next to each classroom door were signs listing that room’s class schedule—from five months ago, the week of March 16. Charles and I both felt as if we were in some type of time machine, or were archeologists entering the ancient city of Pompeii for the first time.

Still, there were hints that others had been in the building in recent days. A 2-by-3-foot sign headlined “Welcome!” was set on a table in the lobby of Fisk. It warned people that face masks are required, to
keep moving and not congregate, to stay to the right in the hallways, to take stairs if able and so forth. Next to the sign were a stack of face masks, tissues, and hand sanitizer, and from there more signs designating certain stairs as up only and others down only.

It is one thing to read about the tremendous impact COVID-19 has had on our university. It is another to see a small slice of that impact up close and personal. In announcing the appointment of Kathleen Hagerty as Northwestern University provost, President Schapiro wrote that the pandemic has created “some of the most challenging conditions the University has ever faced.”

As difficult a period as this is for Northwestern and as unprecedented the challenges for faculty, staff, and students, we, the 600 emeriti/ae faculty, can take some comfort . . . Click here to continue reading.

Welcome Back, Jason!

With great delight and considerable relief, we welcome our talented and diligent program assistant Jason Abbas back to the NEO fold. Jason was recalled from furlough just prior to the release of this issue of The Emeriti News, and so was able to participate in its final review and distribution. His return also represents an acknowledgement on the part of the University of his importance to our mission—and of the relevance of our organization to the life of Northwestern University. Welcome back, Jason!

From the Editor

By Jeff Garrett, Editor, The Emeriti News

This issue of The Emeriti News brings the usual potpourri of updates, news, reports, features, and calendar information. We have the latest from campus, reported by assistant university provost Celina Flowers, who serves as an ex officio member of the NEO board. We offer reports from two NEO Zoomed luncheon presentations—where of course lunch is currently not served—first by art historian (and new NEO member) S. Hollis Clayson; and then by emeritus engineering professor and nuclear power expert Elmer E. Lewis. We provide an early look at the next NEO-EPL mini-course, presented (via Zoom, of course) by our colleague Sandra L. Richards, on “Theatre in the Time of a Pandemic.” We continue our introductions to useful software which NU emeritae and emeriti have free access to, this time: EndNote, a bibliographic tool with a surprising number of uses for research and writing. And we feature an interview with emeritus Robert W. Bennett, former dean of Northwestern’s law school, who has become an oft-cited national resource on America’s Electoral College. Read finally our regular column “The Emeriti Bookshelf,” which this time, in addition to several works of non-fiction, includes a bonafide spy thriller penned by an emeritus; and then even more finally: “Passings,” in which we remember emeriti who have departed us in recent months—including former university president and professor emeritus Arnold Weber.
PROVOST’S CORNER

By Celina Flowers, Assistant Provost

Greetings! And welcome to a brand-new academic year. Typically, this is a period of celebration and new beginnings. Although our world has changed in very sobering ways from this time last year, I would like to offer a few reflections about things to celebrate and opportunities on the horizon for the Northwestern Emeriti Organization.

First of all, Zoom! How many of you could have anticipated that the transition to a virtual meeting platform would be so easy? I certainly would not have predicted such a seamless transition to Zoom and would like to offer my appreciation and admiration for how well you have all adapted to this new mode of engagement. I am also heartened by the continued enthusiastic participation, of both attendees and presenters, in a robust series of talks and mini-courses on timely and compelling topics. This is a lovely reminder that the richness of the intellectual community at Northwestern is a treasure to nurture and protect, even beyond individual careers and timelines of academic appointments.

Second, very enthusiastic congratulations are in order for Provost Kathleen Hagerty. As shared in the recent announcement, Provost Hagerty is the first woman Provost for Northwestern University, and comes to this role with decades of experience as a leader and faculty member at Kellogg. I have worked closely with Provost Hagerty in the past year, and can attest to her compassion, her decisiveness, and her embrace of challenge as opportunity. What more could we seek in our leaders during times such as these? I look forward to continuing to support Provost Hagerty’s vision for the Provost’s Office, which will include the appointment of a new Associate Provost for Faculty. I will then also look forward to introducing this appointee to NEO’s dynamic community.

So, these are some wonderful things to reflect on and to energize our collective work going forward. At the same time, these are very challenging times for all of us. I encourage you to familiarize yourselves with the COVID-19 and Campus Updates website. Here you will find current information on safety precautions, testing protocols, guidelines for interactions with campus spaces and other individuals, and policies and processes designed to protect all members of our community.

NEO members should not plan to visit or return to campus this fall. If it is essential for you to be on campus, please take some time to educate yourself about the safety requirements in order to protect the health of yourself and our community. Face coverings are required, and social distancing reminders will be clearly marked on campus grounds and buildings. You should check with your academic unit or school dean’s office ahead of time to coordinate any necessary visits with other planned traffic in and out of buildings. As Roger Boye has so poignantly described in his President’s Message, the eerie absence of bustling activity on our campuses is a stark reminder of our fragility and need for abundant caution in our activities during the coming months.


With best wishes, Celina
NEO-EPL MINI-COURSES UPDATE

“THEATRE IN THE TIME OF A PANDEMIC” BY SANDRA L. RICHARDS

We are delighted to announce the fourth in our series of mini-courses offered by Northwestern emeritus faculty for the greater Evanston community—a highly successful collaboration with Evanston Public Library. Instructor for this next mini-course is Professor Emerita Sandra L. Richards. Sandra specializes in African American, African, and African Diaspora theatre and drama and is the author of Ancient Songs Set Ablaze: The Theatre of Femi Osofisan (1996) as well as co-editor, with Sandra Shannon of Howard University, of Approaches to Teaching the Plays of August Wilson (2016). She has also published numerous articles on a range of black dramatists. From 2001 to 2004, she held the Leon Forrest Professorship of African American Studies at Northwestern that supported ongoing research on issues of cultural tourism to slave sites throughout the Black Atlantic.

Point of departure for Prof. Richards’ mini-course will be the hosted screening of the play Pipeline by Dominique Morisseau, which the New York Times described in 2017, upon its premiere performance at Lincoln Center Theater in New York, as a “passionate play about a family struggling to outrun social prophecy.” It was, as the NYT opined, “potent and intensely acted.”

NEO members are of course invited to attend this mini-course virtually, regardless where in the world they might live physically. It will take place on December 1 (for a pre-class viewing of Pipeline), 2, and 9. For further information and to register, click here to be sent to the mini-course registration page at Evanston Public Library.

Watch these pages for news of our other forthcoming NEO-EPL mini-courses for 2021: Elmer E. Lewis on nuclear and renewable energy; and Patty Loew on the native nations of the Great Lakes region and their histories.—Jeff Garrett

SOFTWARE FOR EMERITI: ENDNOTE & OTHER BIBLIOGRAPHIC TOOLS

By Geoff Morse, Interim Head of Research Services, NU Library

Bibliographic management software has revolutionized both the publication process and the organization of research materials. Programs such as EndNote, Zotero, and Mendeley provide storage for bibliographic citations and documents and can format bibliographies, footnotes, and parenthetical citations in almost any publication style. The most heavily used and longest established of these is EndNote. EndNote, and its counterparts Zotero
and Mendeley, all supported by the Northwestern Libraries, provide a number of significant advantages to authors during the writing and publication process.

A bibliographic management program like EndNote can serve as a database for your research materials. In addition to holding bibliographic information for articles, books, book chapters, archival material, and other types of sources, EndNote can store pdf files, sound recordings, video clips, and image files. Additionally, most library databases and NUsearch, the library’s discovery system, allow a researcher to seamlessly export bibliographic citations from the database to an EndNote library. Further, once a citation is in an EndNote library a user can add notes and other supplemental information about the source. An EndNote library is also fully searchable, making it easy to retrieve citations and notes. Finally, EndNote (and Zotero and Mendeley) work with Microsoft Word and Open Office to format documents in numerous publication styles.

Below is a scenario that demonstrates the potential value of a bibliographic management program like EndNote:

In the library catalog, NUsearch, a researcher locates a citation to a work which she intends to use and cite in her article. She can send this bibliographic citation directly to EndNote from NUsearch:

![Screenshot of EndNote citation transfer](image)

Send to EndNote

The bibliographic information is transferred to the researcher’s EndNote library where she can then add notes and other material to the citation, as shown in the screenshot below (continued on the following page) of the created reference.
Our researcher can then use EndNote to format the bibliographic citation in the correct publication style in a Word document—in this case, the *Chicago Manual of Style, 17th ed.*—which, incidentally, is also available online through Northwestern University Library:


Additionally, as mentioned above, an EndNote Library is fully searchable, so our researcher can easily retrieve notes she has made or locate specific citations within her EndNote library. For more information on EndNote please visit the Northwestern Library’s EndNote support guide. EndNote can be downloaded through NUIT free of charge for Northwestern emeriti and emeritae.

**REPORTS ON NEO TOURS**

NEO’s very popular “Rediscovering NU” program remains suspended due to the ongoing pandemic and restrictions placed on group visits to campus. We look forward to resuming these tours as soon as the public health situation allows.

**CROWN SPORTS PAVILION OPEN AGAIN FOR EMERITI USE**

After being closed for about five months, the Henry Crown Sports Pavilion on the Evanston campus reopened on August 17. Frank Young, the Pavilion’s supervisor of recreation operations, says that emeriti with active NU recreation memberships are invited to return. However, at the current time, due to the coronavirus, the Pavilion is not selling day passes to anyone regardless of affiliation with the university. —Roger Boye
Professor Hollis Clayson, Art History, began her talk with an illuminating introduction to her topic, the entanglement of art and lighting in the later 19th century, alerting us to the care we must take in examining Vincent Van Gogh's view of Arles, *Starry Night over the Rhone*, 1888 (left). In it, the stars of the Big Dipper are easily mistaken for the source of the reflections in the river, but upon more careful examination the painted yellow bars record the reflections of the city’s new gas street lights along the river bank.

Equally fascinating—but more complex—analyses followed:

First, a careful examination of John Singer Sargent’s *In the Luxembourg Gardens*, 1879 (right), with its striking "sun" in the axis of the sky, which upon study of its geographical location and carefully subtle coloring we realize can only be a summer late-evening rising moon. Clayson made two further points: a). that there are three other sources of light in that carefully-balanced painting, reflections on the middle-ground pool, the glow of a foreground man’s cigarette, and the sparkle of orange gas street lights along the Boulevard Saint-Michel through the background trees; b). that new arc lights along the adjacent Rue Soufflot, which would actually have cut through the Luxembourg treescape, have been omitted. That is to say, the depiction of light must be read carefully. Even fact-based painting is a remaking of what is before us, not a photograph. The "art" of the thing lies in just that remaking, editing, and selection.
Professor Clayson went on to explore diverse media which arose during the period, especially the proliferation of periodical-based caricature which responded to new social scenes brought about by electric lighting as well as intaglio printmaking (black-and-white) where light is a matter of nuanced surface. Here artists including Mary Cassatt and Edgar Degas worked with the problem of new visual experiences produced by these bold lighting devices.

Clayson ended with a wonderful and mysterious painting by Edvard Munch, *Night in Saint-Cloud*, 1890 (left), of a man on a couch looking out a window over the river and city rooftops on a dimly-lit evening—fixedly at *something*. This was the start of her current project, spurred by the (remote) possibility that the man saw the brightly lit Eiffel Tower in the Paris landscape, finished for the *Exposition Universelle* of 1889, out his window.—David Van Zanten

*Editor’s note: Prof. Clayson’s talk was based on her recent book: Illuminated Paris: Essays on Art and Lighting in the Belle Epoque (University of Chicago Press, 2019), presented in our Fall 2019 issue, p. 11.*

ELMER LEWIS: “COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE WITH CARBON-FREE ELECTRICITY”

Professor Elmer Lewis’ August 4th Zoom presentation on renewable and nuclear energy could not have been better timed. Just a little more than two weeks prior, on July 14, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden announced an ambitious $2 trillion green energy plan to create entirely carbon-free electricity by 2035, a target that will be virtually impossible to achieve without the aid of nuclear energy. Currently, only about 35% of the world’s energy needs are met by low-carbon sources.

Many of us approached Professor Lewis’s talk having long ago accepted popular reservations about nuclear power as a major energy source due to its several well-known past malfunctions. Lewis was convincing, however, in his defense of the general safety of nuclear reactors as major suppliers of electrical power—though whether such logic can overcome the public’s distrust of nuclear power is not at all certain. Lewis argued that the problems and perils of
nuclear power are much less than those associated with other non-renewable energy sources, such as oil or coal, or even natural gas, all of which have much worse long-term environmental effects and, in the long run, are much more damaging to our health. Lewis pointed to the dire effects on air quality in Germany and Japan resulting from the closure of their nuclear plants and their increased dependence on coal- and gas-generated power following the Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear disaster, costing both countries billions of dollars. This serves as a reminder—and a warning—to all the world of the importance of non-carbon-producing technologies.

Dr. Lewis reasoned that nuclear power, when managed properly, serves as an important and reliable energy source that can meet electricity needs without emitting carbon. The intermittent and unpredictable nature of solar and wind energy, however, poses a major challenge if they are to be relied upon for a major fraction of our electricity: At present there are no economical means of storing large amounts of electricity for when the sun isn’t shining and the wind isn’t blowing. Thus utilities must maintain nuclear, hydro, and/or fossil fuel generation capable of meeting the entire electrical load. Worse yet, when the sun goes down or the wind picks up suddenly, these nonrenewable generators must ramp up and down much more rapidly than those presently in use can accomplish. Professor Lewis discussed the pros and cons of batteries, pump storage, and hydrogen generation as possible solutions to the electricity storage dilemma. He also discussed the much larger footprint of renewable vs. nuclear power and their respective economic and environmental impacts.

We are already late in our efforts to stop climate change and global warming. Moreover, expanding economies such as China and India will be hard-pressed to satisfy their energy needs without continued burning of coal and gas for the foreseeable future, even while they strive to increase their use of both nuclear and renewable energies.

Dr. Lewis’s talk was extremely informative and well organized, and we all learned a great deal about a set of technologies that are becoming more important to our future every day.—Lloyd A. Davidson
Editor’s note: If you missed Professor Lewis’s talk or wish to hear him speak on the topic of renewable energy in greater depth, you have the opportunity to enjoy an expanded version when he conducts a mini-course in March for Evanston Public Library. Registration information available soon!

EMERITUS PORTRAIT: ROBERT W. BENNETT, NATHANSON PROFESSOR OF LAW EMERITUS

Emeritus since 2016, Robert W. Bennett is a scholar in the field of constitutional law. He has been a member of the faculty of the Northwestern University School of Law since 1969 and served as the school’s dean from 1985 to 1995. In 2002 he was named the Nathaniel L. Nathanson Professor of Law at Northwestern. In the years before retiring, Bennett was a guest professor at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) in Qatar as well as in the Northwestern degree program at Seoul National University in South Korea.

Bob has been in the news in recent months following the amicus brief he filed in April to the U.S. Supreme Court (see image left) in the case of electors in the states of Colorado and Washington who asserted that they could cast their votes in the Electoral College for whomever they choose. So it was on this topic that we began our interview . . .

The Emeriti News: Professor Bennett, can you explain how, several years after retiring, you became involved in the “faithless electors” case before the U.S. Supreme Court, a case that according to one news source “has the potential to completely upend the way the U.S. elects the president”? And how were your Northwestern colleagues

1 “Supreme Court Hears Colorado’s ‘Faithless Electors’ Case, by Phone.” Colorado Springs Independent, May 13, 2020. Note that our interview with Prof. Bennett was conducted in June of this year—shortly before the U.S. Supreme Court decided the “faithless electors” case on July 6. Read about the SCOTUS decision here.
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Robert W. Bennett: I had migrated from constitutional law to an interest in American democracy and in 2003 published a book called Talking It Through: Puzzles of American Democracy (Cornell UP). Then the 2000 and 2004 elections ignited an interest in the electoral college, and led in 2006 to a book on the subject, Taming the Electoral College (Stanford UP). There I discuss a variety of perils lurking in the underbrush of the electoral college, one of which was the possibility of faithless electors. That problem actually plays right into an earlier foray into constitutional interpretation, because the original idea of electors was that they were to have serious debates in their separate state meetings and then cast discretion-laden votes in those meetings. But political parties soon descended on the scene and the workings of the electoral college changed both radically and quickly. When the two decisions now before the Supreme Court came down, I was thus poised to wade in both about the substance of the decisions and about the simplistic view of constitutional interpretation advanced by the Tenth Circuit decision in particular. As for the involvement of my colleagues, I believe that the idea of an amicus brief originated with our [Bluhm] clinic people, most importantly Sam Tenenbaum and Sarah Schrup.

TEN: Justice Alito appears to have mentioned the brief favorably. When is the SCOTUS decision expected? And if the decision is handed down soon, could it still impact the coming November election?

RWB: We all expect the decision to come well before the elections, precisely because the lower court decisions, if still the “law,” open the possibility of confusion and even chaos in that election.

TEN: You are also often cited as the originator of the idea to make sure the electoral college always elects the winner of the national popular vote. Does this make you a member of—or even the progenitor of—the National Popular Vote Movement?

RWB: I believe I was the first to come up with the idea of having states assign their electors to the winner of the nationwide popular vote, but the NPV people may well have come up with it independently. In any event I think they ignore too many complications, including the fact that the qualifications to vote vary from state to state in a number of ways. I probably would support the movement anyway but would be happy enough if some of the other problems with the electoral college (discussed in my book Taming the Electoral College) received more attention.

TEN: You became an emeritus in 2016, but during your last few years on the active faculty you did most of your teaching abroad. We understand

2 As mentioned above, our interview was conducted just prior to the SCOTUS decision, hence that decision—which was largely consistent with Prof. Bennett’s amicus brief—is described here as still pending.
that you almost became the first dean of the College of Law in Qatar. How did that come about? And were you tempted to take the post?

**RWB:** That’s an interesting story. The (then) new Qatar law school (at **Hamad Bin Khalifa University**, or HBKU for short) was looking for an American law school to help it get started, and I believe they turned first to Harvard. When that didn’t work, the Northwestern possibility came up, perhaps in part because of Northwestern’s undergraduate presence among the various degree-granting programs in Qatar’s “Education City.” That led to my going over to talk to “Her Highness” [Sheikah Moza bint Nasser] about the new law school, but I was wary of spending as much time there as she made clear she had in mind. So I withdrew my name, and **Clint Francis** of our faculty became the—very successful—“Founding Dean.”

**TEN:** In the introduction to *Talking It Through* (Cornell, 2003) we read that the book was written during a one-year leave of absence spent with your family in Tuscany. Was it a better book for having been written while on leave—and far from home and campus?

**RWB:** Who knows? But it was a wonderful way to work on a book. We lived in the countryside, but I had an office at the University of Florence and went into town most days.

**TEN:** So . . . how’s your Italian now?

**RWB:** My Italian now? No comment, and certainly not in Italian.

**TEN:** What is your advice to faculty members contemplating retiring? Should they postpone retirement as long as possible—or embrace it early, to have more out of that stage of their careers and lives?

**RWB:** I wouldn’t recommend being in too much of a hurry to retire, but neither should one put it off too long, for there are some wonderful things to do. At least there will be once again, when we’re over this pandemic.

**TEN:** Professor Bennett, thank you for this conversation.

*Jeff Garrett conducted this interview for The Emeriti News. He is indebted to Brittany Adams, Rachel Bertsch, Tiffany Hanna, Eric Parker, and Peter Walters of Northwestern’s Pritzker School of Law as well as to Ariana Trop Bennett for their invaluable assistance—not to mention the interviewee himself.*

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**The Emeriti Bookshelf**

This column draws attention to recent books published by Northwestern emeriti—fiction as well as non-fiction—especially titles of interest to general audiences. We also include older works by emeritae/i featured in this newsletter, as well as interesting works by non-emeriti who have spoken at recent NEO events. Unless another source is stated, these books may be purchased directly from local independent bookstores—many of which, largely as a result of the pandemic, now have robust and efficient e-commerce sites—or from **Bookshop.org, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Indiebound**, and other online sources.
Readers are encouraged to send title information to the editor to be considered for inclusion in this column. Note: You do not need to be the author to suggest a title for mention: feel free to confidentially inform on friends and colleagues!


This book explores several poorly understood aspects of the electoral college, including two possibilities in particular that pose the most serious dangers for American democracy. These are, first, the possible determination of the president by "faithless electors" who ignore the popular vote in their states (addressed by a decision of the Supreme Court this past summer); and, second, choice of the president made in the House of Representatives, which is required if there is no electoral college majority voting in favor of a single candidate. Taming the Electoral College is also the book that originally offered a path to a popular election of the president without the need for a constitutional amendment. (For more on these issues and on other books by the author, see our interview with the author, above.)


It's 1964, and a body with a bullet hole in the forehead is found floating in the Raquette River, miles from the nearest town. Upstream, hidden in a titanium mine, a clandestine lab works on the design for a new fighter plane—a plane Moscow-based CIA assets soon discover the Soviets have intel on. Was the killing connected to the stolen data? Is there a spy in the Adirondacks? That's what Air Force officer turned undercover CIA agent Joe Boudreau is sent to investigate, alongside his girlfriend, a local teacher. Then a professional assassin appears on the scene: English, trained by the British for "special operations" during WWII—and now working for the Soviets.


Every time an airplane crashes, a gas line explodes, a bridge collapses, or a contaminant escapes, the public questions whether the benefits that technology brings are worth its risks. Written in layman’s language, How Safe Is Safe Enough? explores the realities of the risks that technology presents and the public’s perceptions of them. Lewis examines how these perceptions are reconciled with economic interests and risk assessors’ analyses in messy and often contentious political processes that determine acceptable levels of safety—levels that often depend more on the perceived
nature of the risks than on the number of deaths or injuries that they cause.


The plays of August Wilson portray Black Americans living through migration, industrialization, and war, exploring the relation between a unified Black consciousness and America’s collective identity. The volume is in two parts: “Materials” useful to students, teachers, producers, and performers of Wilson’s plays; and “Approaches,” a collection of essays on issues in Wilson’s work, including the importance of blues and jazz in his work. A volume in the popular series “Approaches to Teaching World Literature.”

### PASSINGS

**Column Editor** George Harmon

**Jan D. Achenbach**, 85, Walter P. Murphy and Distinguished McCormick School Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Engineering Sciences and Applied Mathematics, and Mechanical Engineering, passed away on August 22. During his five decades at the McCormick School of Engineering, Achenbach was renowned for his pioneering work on quantitative nondestructive evaluation. He developed methods for flaw detection and characterization by using contact transducers, imaging techniques, and laser-based ultrasonics. In 2005, he was awarded the National Medal of Science, the nation’s highest honor for innovation in technology and science honoring a lifetime of work, by President George W. Bush. Marcia, his wife of 58 years, passed away in 2019. [Obituary](#).

**Michael A. Heuer**, 88, a graduate of and then dean of the dental school, and later a professor in the division of dental surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology, passed away June 4, 2020, in Naperville. He had a passion for boats, especially wooden ones, enjoyed drafting and making boat models, avidly read history, and he loved telling humorous stories. After Navy service he opened a private practice, joined NU in 1960, switched to Loyola for five years, rejoined NU in 1974, and was dean of the dental school for five years in the 1990s. He received the university’s alumni merit award in 2001. Surviving are his wife, Barbara: two daughters, Kristan Kuepker and Katrina Berdelle; two sisters; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. [Obituary](#).
Bernard J. Matkowsky, 80, of Skokie, a world-renowned mathematician who chaired and helped found the Department of Engineering Sciences and Applied Mathematics, died June 11, 2020. He researched asymptotic and perturbation methods, bifurcation and stability, nonlinear dynamics and pattern formation, combustion, and stochastic dynamical systems, publishing more than 250 papers. Bernie earned two master’s and a Ph.D. from NYU and started his career in 1966 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute before moving to Northwestern. In 2017 he received the von Neumann lecture prize from the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. Survivors include his wife, Fraydie; three children, David, Daniel and Devorah; and six grandchildren. Obituary.

Don E. Schultz, 86, longtime professor at Medill who won a reputation as the father of the discipline of integrated marketing communications, passed away June 4, 2020. Holding visiting professorships and lecturing in Europe, South America, Asia, the Middle East, and Australia, he had worldwide influence on how businesses approach marketing, and he wrote or co-wrote about 30 books and 150 academic and professional articles. Born in Wewoka, Oklahoma, Don spent a decade in advertising before obtaining a Ph.D. from Michigan State and joining Medill’s faculty in 1977. He helped lead the consolidation of the school’s advertising, direct marketing, and public relations curricula in the late 1980s and then was instrumental in starting the first graduate-level integrated marketing communications program in the U.S. He also was president of Agora Inc., a marketing consultancy. Surviving are his wife, Heidi, sons Steven, Bradley, and Jeff, and seven grandchildren. Obituary.

William V. Porter, 87, a musicologist who specialized in late 16th- and 17th-century Italian music and was an aficionado of all opera and classical music, died August 18, 2020, in Chicago. He earned a bachelor's degree in music from Davidson, a master's in music history from Oberlin, and a Ph.D. in music history from Yale. He came to Northwestern in 1961 and retired in 1999, having served as acting chair of music history and literature. Author of numerous articles and papers, he served as acting chairman of the Department of Music History and coordinator of the program of musicology. Surviving are two cousins in North Carolina. Obituary.

Charles W. N. Thompson, 95, of Glencoe, who retired four years ago as a faculty member and for 47 years taught in industrial engineering and management sciences at McCormick Engineering. Prof. Thompson passed away on June 13, 2020. Charlie believed in field research methods, the process of improving organizations and systems by observing them rather than running experiments. His students developed several systems used by Northwestern, including the Wildcard and NUtopia, precursor of online advising in engineering. Earlier in life he served in World War II, flying combat
missions with the 301st Bomb Group in Europe, and then in the Korean War. He became a criminal attorney after Harvard Law, received an MBA from Ohio State, and even served as a spy. In 1969 he received a Ph.D. in industrial engineering and management sciences from McCormick and joined the faculty. Sons Charles Jr., Richard, and Joseph, a sister, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive him. **Obituary.**

President Emeritus **Arnold R. Weber**, 90, whose transformative decade of service until 1995 strengthened NU financially and academically and spurred it to greater prominence as a research powerhouse, died August 20, 2020, at his Northbrook home after being hospitalized with congestive lung failure. An exceptionally friendly man endowed with razor-sharp humor and known to all as Arnie, he had earlier successes as president of the University of Colorado, provost at Carnegie Mellon, and as a teacher of economics at the University of Chicago. Among his Northwestern achievements were attracting top faculty, performing deferred maintenance, developing initiatives including more focus on teaching undergraduates, and beautifying the campus. He was an avid fan of Wildcat sports. When he retired as president, given a standing ovation by graduating students, private gifts were near $100 million a year, and student applications were hitting new heights. “My parents were happiest at Northwestern,” said son David. "My mom (Edna) grew up on a farm in Illinois, and my dad came from big city New York, so life in Evanston, with Chicago just up the road, was the perfect combination for them." Arnie grew up in the Bronx, attended the University of Illinois and earned a doctorate at MIT, where his advisor was George Shultz, later a cabinet member under three presidents. The two later worked closely at OMB, the Office of Management and Budget, in the Nixon White House and remained friends for all of Weber’s life. Howard Trienens, chair of the board during Weber’s tenure, said of him, “He was a bearcat on budget, an extremely strong budget disciplinarian, which was a critical need at Northwestern when he arrived. Arnold was a great partner and a pleasure to work with in leading the university, with his vision and keen wit, melding the classics and pop culture.” Weber himself once said: “I don’t want to go down in history as the university’s greatest accountant. All of that is fine, and there should be due regard to it. But money is not an end in itself; it is an instrument that permits you to go about the main chore of the university with a sense of choice and comfort.” Surviving are his three sons, Paul, David and Bob, and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna. **Obituary.**

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**President’s Message (cont. from page 2)**

... in the work we have done throughout our careers—enhancing research, creating courses and programs, nurturing students (many of whom are now leaders in their fields), developing administrative systems, building the endowment, and the list goes on and on. It is precisely that work that will help Northwestern pull through this crisis and emerge on the other side stronger than ever.

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Just as COVID-19 has affected virtually every aspect of campus life and every part of the University’s operation, so too has it impacted the Northwestern Emeriti Organization. There is no group or organization at Northwestern that has a greater percentage of members in the high-risk category for the coronavirus than NEO, inasmuch as by definition all of us are 55 or older. Accordingly, our in-person activities (such as Rediscovering NU and attending concerts and plays as part of NEO interest groups) are on hold for the foreseeable future, perhaps well into 2021.

But if there is a silver lining, conducting programs via Zoom has allowed us to expand the audiences and the pool of people available to teach classes and make presentations. As reported elsewhere in this NEO Newsletter, Prof. Emerita Sandra Richards, who lives in North Carolina, will teach a NEO mini-course on December 1, 2 and 9, in conjunction with the Evanston Public Library on “Theatre in the Time of a Pandemic.” The course will be open to NEO members as well as to Evanston residents. It will be followed by mini-courses in early March taught by Prof. Emeritus Elmer Lewis of Mechanical Engineering (who spoke to NEO in early August) and in mid-May taught by Prof. Patty Loew, director of the University’s Center for Native American and Indigenous Research.

Likewise, we can look forward to NEO talks on October 6 by Professor Emeritus David Zarefsky of Communication Studies on “Sixty Years of Presidential Debates”; on November 6 by two or three political science faculty (Laurel Harbridge-Yong, Daniel Galvin and possibly Cody Keenan) on “The Election: What It All Means”; on December 8 by Prof. Patty Loew on “An Indigenous History of Northwestern”; and on January 7 by NU VP Marilyn McCoy with “An Arnold Weber Retrospective.” For details on all of these coming events, visit The Emeriti Calendar at the end of this issue.

Finally, a shout out to NEO colleagues David Zarefsky and Alvin Telser, both past NEO presidents, for agreeing to serve as co-chairs of the Big Ten Retirees Association annual conference, which will be held at Northwestern in August 2022. They will get a head start on the planning and coordination of this important meeting, which, assuming health conditions allow, will bring to campus people from almost all the Big Ten universities. More details to come in the next issue of The Emeriti News.

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THE EMERITI CALENDAR

Note: All events will be virtual over Zoom until current precautions have been lifted.

Monday, September 21, 1:00–2:30 p.m.        Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 1:00–2:00 p.m.          Lunchtime Lecture: Speaker David Zarefsky, School of Communication. “Sixty Years of Presidential Debates.”
Monday, October 26, 1:00–2:30 p.m.          Executive Council Meeting
Friday, November 6, 1:00–2:00 p.m.          Lunchtime Lecture: Daniel Galvin, Laurel Harbridge-Yong and possibly former Obama speechwriter Cody Keenan, Political Science. “The Election: What It All Means.”
Monday, November 16, 1:00–2:30 p.m.        Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 7:00–8:30 p.m.        NEO-EPL Mini-course: “Theatre in the Time of a Pandemic.”
Wednesday, December 2, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
NEO-EPL Mini-course “Theatre in the Time of a Pandemic.”

Tuesday, December 8, 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Lunchtime Lecture: Speaker Patty Loew, director of Northwestern’s Center for Native American and Indigenous Research. “Imagining the Natives: An Indigenous History of Northwestern.”

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
NEO-EPL Mini-course “Theatre in the Time of a Pandemic.”
Part 2: Sandra Richards, Department of African American Studies.

Monday, December 14, 1–2:30 p.m.
Executive Council Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 1–2:30 p.m.
Lunchtime Lecture: Speaker Marilyn McCoy, NU Vice President for Administration and Planning. “An Arnold Weber Retrospective.”

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