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**President’s Message**

By Roger Boye

The coronavirus has prompted organizations everywhere to consider with care how they might better serve their members. NEO is no exception.

Most of NEO’s annual budget goes to subsidize the cost of luncheon and dinner speaker events, which always occur in or near Evanston. The switch last spring to virtual talks has permitted members living outside the Chicago area to be included in real time. And it provided the opportunity for Professor Emerita Sandra Richards, who lives in North Carolina, to [teach a NEO mini-course](https://emeriti.northwestern.edu/emeriti-news) in conjunction with Evanston Public Library. That three-part course in December via Zoom garnered wonderful reviews.

As a starting point in how to better meet the needs of NEO members no matter where they live, our administrative assistant, Jason Abbas, crunched some numbers. Of our 572 NEO members, the University has current mailing addresses for all but a handful. It turns out that 418 members (73 percent) live in northern Illinois (zip codes starting with “60”). The good majority of emeriti did not move far (or move at all) following retirement. A whopping 152 live in Evanston, 105 in Chicago, and 40 in Wilmette. That’s slightly more than half of the membership in those three cities alone.
Next on the local popularity list are, in order, Highland Park, Glenview, Winnetka, Skokie, Northbrook, Oak Park, and Lake Forest. From one to four members live in 28 other cities or towns in Illinois. As for those who moved out of Illinois (27 percent of the membership), and no surprise here, 34 headed to California and 21 to Florida. We have nine members living in Arizona and nine in Wisconsin, seven each in New Mexico and Washington, six in Colorado, five each in Massachusetts and New York, and four each in Michigan, Minnesota and North Carolina. There are from one to three members in 17 other states plus Washington, DC. For some reason, no NEO member decided to retire to my home state, Nebraska, or to 19 other states. But two ventured to Germany, and one each to Argentina, France, and Hong Kong. We also have one member in Puerto Rico.

All of this is not to bore you with numbers but to reach out to those of you who live beyond easy driving distance of the Northwestern campuses. What would you like NEO to be doing for you? Send me your thoughts in an email and I’ll share them with the NEO Executive Council. That should help guide our planning for NEO programming and related events that start on the other side of the coronavirus, which, with luck (and the new vaccines), will be this summer or fall.

FROM THE EDITOR

By Jeff Garrett, Editor, The Emeriti News

Unlike other NEO activities, reading The Emeriti News does not contribute to Zoom fatigue, though we make no promises regarding other reported screen- and pandemic-related disorders such as computer vision syndrome or the dreaded screen apnea. Caveat lector! All we can promise for sure is another content-rich issue.

In the “news you can use” category, we talk with NUIT manager Scott Terry about help emeritae and emeriti can expect from NU Information Technology (NUIT) for their computing needs, both work and home. We introduce NEO’s new Photography Interest Group, coordinated by past president Al Telser. Further on in these pages, you will read about the privileged political insight NEO members were granted both before and after the November election, featuring analysis by Northwestern scholars Laurel Harbridge-Yong and Daniel Galvin; and, in a separate event, by NEO past president David Zarefsky. We offer an update on our collaboration with Evanston Public Library to offer emeriti-taught “mini-courses” open to members of the community, most recently on “theatre in the pandemic,” with instructor, emerita Sandra Richards. Are you curious about the indigenous legacy of the land Northwestern now occupies? See our report on Professor Patty Loew’s December presentation to NEO on this very topic. In our continuing series of conversations with distinguished NEO members, we feature Joan Linsenmeier’s interview with emerita Fay Lomax Cook of Northwestern’s School of Education and Social Policy, who became a NEO member in 2019 following numerous leadership roles, including one as a directorate head at the National Science Foundation. Of
course we also report on new books by emeriti—including a well-received history of the Great Chicago Fire by our colleague Carl Smith, who will be speaking to NEO about this book on April 9. Then, finally and sadly, we must share with you the longest Passings column of recent years, a reminder to continue adhering carefully to public health guidelines, even though social distancing from family, friends, and emeriti colleagues is one thing NEO members by nature most abhor.

Enjoy this issue of The Emeriti News!

The way we live now: a partial view of the audience at Patty Loew’s talk on the Native American heritage of Northwestern to NEO on December 8. Photo credit David Stumpf. See our report on Prof. Loew’s presentation below.

PROVOST’S CORNER
By Celina Flowers, Assistant Provost

A very Happy New Year to each of you. What a year it was. We have so much to look forward to in the coming months—lengthening sunlight, vaccinations, reunions of friends and families, shared meals and walks, smiling faces in the halls and classrooms of our campuses. I can’t wait to see you again in person!

I have been so impressed with your unflagging levels of engagement during this year. You have continued to come together to participate in conversation and learning, and around such interesting topics! You have engaged leaders across the University to learn more about how they provide support for emeriti faculty computing and other information technology needs. And you have even launched a brand new
If there are any silver linings to be gleaned from this period, it is that NEO member engagement is entirely possible through virtual interactions. I know that we are all eager to once again talk and interact in person, but I also hope that we can reflect a bit on opportunities to continue some mode of virtual participation for the broader NEO population. As President Boye has indicated earlier in this newsletter, let’s commit to expanding how we engage and with whom.

Watch for an announcement very soon about our new Associate Provost for Faculty. I am so looking forward to introducing this person to the NEO community and to working with the Executive Council to plan some times for you to interact with and get to know this new University leader. Onward and upward for 2021!

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**NUIT SUPPORT FOR EMERITI COMPUTING**

Northwestern Information Technology (NUIT) is available to assist emeriti faculty with computer issues, especially faculty who are using a University-owned machine. So said Scott Terry, Manager of Endpoint Device Management in NUIT’s Department of Technology Support Services, in a December presentation to the NEO Executive Council.

Northwestern IT provides full support for University machines up to four years old and “best effort support” for machines four to six years old, as well as best effort to backup or restore data from even older machines.

Equally important, Northwestern IT can provide “best effort consulting” for personally owned computers and consulting support for new computer purchases. It can even help with setting up a new computer but it cannot commit to the same full level of support for personally owned machines that it provides for University machines. “You might not necessarily have to bring a machine to campus. We might be able to solve problems by phone,” Terry said.

His staff provides end-user computing support for a select group of smaller units around Northwestern as well as all WCAS faculty and staff. Some schools, such as Feinberg, Kellogg, McCormick, Medill, and Pritzker, have their own IT staff. Emeriti faculty who approach staff in those areas may find that their rules and procedures are different than those of Northwestern IT.

For Northwestern IT support, call 847-491-4357 (HELP) between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email consultant@northwestern.edu. Emeriti also can choose to search the Northwestern Knowledge Base for answers to common questions.

During “normal” times (that is, non-COVID times), Northwestern IT offers walk-in support in Evanston at the University Library. For more information about that location and hours visit the NUIT Support Center. — Roger Boye
The title of this latest mini-course—jointly offered to the Evanston community by NEO and Evanston Public Library—might appear to be an oxymoron. Live theatre is, after all, not taking place in this pandemic. But like so much else, theatre can and does take place online. And so African American Studies and Theatre emerita professor Sandra Richards began her course on December 1 with a recorded showing of *Pipeline*,¹ Dominique Morisseau’s intense 2016 play about race, family, and the eponymous school-to-prison pipeline—which despite the medium (and occasional technical glitches) still managed to convey the power of live performance and provide much fodder for discussion. Among the class members were theatre professionals from Evanston and Chicago, NEO members and other colleagues from NU, and, of course and in the majority, many Evanston residents.

A highlight of the mini-course was two pre-recorded interviews conducted by Richards with notable Chicago theatre practitioners, the first of these with Steppenwolf’s Oscar-nominated associate artistic director Leelai Demoz (NU ’90). Demoz talked about how this legendary theatre company is coping with the pandemic, in part by creating *Steppenwolf Now*, a streaming theater platform that seeks to replicate the live theater experience. Richards then interviewed Jocelyn Prince, another Northwestern graduate now on the NU theatre faculty, and an ensemble member at *Victory Gardens Theater* in Chicago. They talked about the inherent shortcomings of the digital form for rendering plays—in a medium where, after all, the immediacy of the experience is essential. As Prince put it: “It’s the bodies in space that energize our type of work.”

Discussion was lively, both during class and afterward, when Professor Richards took time to annotate the chat log with her own commentary and useful web links before sending it out to all class participants. This added a whole separate channel for exchange with her audience.—Jeff Garrett

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¹ Video of the full performance of *Pipeline* (87 min.) is accessible to all NEO members through Digital Theatre Plus.
NEO-EPL MINI-COURSE FOR WINTER QUARTER 2021
FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE WITH SUN, WIND, WATER, AND NUCLEAR ENERGY

Our next mini-course will discuss combating climate change by eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from their largest source, the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity. According to instructor and NEO member Elmer Lewis, this task is made more prodigious by the concomitant needs to maintain an electric supply that is reliable and affordable, while at the same time eliminating fossil fuels from transportation, heating, and industrial processes by converting them to electricity from low-carbon sources.

The first lecture on March 9 at 7 p.m. will survey the amounts of electricity currently produced from fossil fuel on the one hand and low-carbon sources on the other. The challenges facing the two classes of low-carbon sources will then be compared: intermittent power from renewable solar and wind energy, and dispatchable power from hydroelectric and nuclear energy. The lecture’s remainder will focus on challenges facing dispatchable sources, particularly the widespread risk aversion to nuclear energy.

The second lecture exactly one week later will first address the challenges of large-scale use of intermittent solar and wind energy, emphasizing the ancillary requirement for backup generation or large-scale electricity storage. The economics of electricity supply are then examined, centering on the effects widespread use of intermittent production and the transformation from regulated utility monopolies to competitive markets are likely to have on the reliability and affordability of our electrical power supply.

This free, non-credit mini-course will be taught by Professor emeritus Elmer Lewis, former chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Northwestern’s McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science.

NEO members are invited to register for this mini-course wherever they live in the U.S. or the world. Registered participants will receive the Zoom link along with other course materials.
NEO INTEREST GROUPS
AN ONLINE NEO PHOTOGRAPHY INTEREST GROUP

People love watching birds, especially hummingbirds when you’re lucky enough to see one or more of them. If you like taking pictures, bird pictures are fun to try. Hummers are among the most challenging. The two pictures below are my amateur efforts to get a decent picture of a hummingbird. The one on the left is my original photo and the one on the right is my effort to make the original a little better.

All it takes is knowing how to make the best use of your camera and then to do some basic editing in Photoshop or any one of a number of photo editing tools. This is easy to say, not so easy to do.

The goal of this Photo IG is to help you do these things yourself. Until we are able to meet in a room together, we will have meetings and discussions remotely, on Zoom. The frequency and meeting time are to be arranged. I’d like to have the first meeting in mid-February.

My plan is that in each meeting we will devote some time to photography basics and some time to working on photos in Photoshop. The idea will be to have lots of discussion, work on anyone’s photos, and all learn something. There are a number of accomplished photographers among us, as well as people who rely on their smart phones for all their photos. Everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in joining your NEO colleagues in this group, please send an email to: emeritus-org@northwestern.edu by February 10, 2021.—Al Telser

RECENT TALKS & EVENTS
David Zarefsky on 60 Years of Presidential Debates

“This was not an easy speaking assignment,” former NEO president David Zarefsky said at the beginning of his remarks. “You’ve asked me to talk about presidential debates just one week after one that by common consent was the worst in the history of presidential debates. But out of strong commitment to NEO, I will persevere.” It should be added that Zarefsky not only has a strong commitment to NEO: he is also a nationally recognized scholar of presidential rhetoric. We, his audience, were richly rewarded for his perseverance.
Our speaker began with the historical background. A common misconception is that the Lincoln-Douglas debates were the first presidential debates—but in fact these verbal duels which started in 1858 had nothing to do with the office of President: Lincoln and Douglas were contending for the Senate seat then held by Douglas. No, the first presidential debates were not held until 1960. Why not earlier? Well, in the earlier history of the Republic, there was broad consensus that candidates for president should not be perceived as striving for that office. Instead the office should seek out the person—comparable to today in university administrations, where it would be unseemly for anyone to campaign for a higher post: “If anybody tells you they want to be a dean, watch out!” said Zarefsky, a former dean of the School of Communication. Later, incumbents did not want to boost their challengers by sharing a stage on equal terms. Then there were formal and legal constraints, especially, deriving from §315 of the Communications Act of 1934, requiring that any appearance of a candidate for office on radio or (later) TV must be matched by equal time granted to any opposing candidate for that office. Such regulations got in the way until the FCC made rule changes to allow exceptions for “bonafide news events.” By 1960, the TV networks agreed to make time available for debates, and Congress suspended Section 315 for that year only. In the end, the Nixon and Kennedy campaigns agreed to four debates of an hour each, with questions to be asked by a panel of journalists. This structure resembled more a press conference than a traditional debate, but the terms negotiated then set the pattern for all debates since. Zarefsky then walked his audience through the presidential debates of the following years and decades. He paused to consider at least one of the vice-presidential debates as well: the famous encounter in 1988 between Texas senator Lloyd Bentsen and his Republican rival Dan Quayle, memorable for the most successful takedown of any opponent in the history of these debates, when Bentsen told Quayle “Senator, you’re no Jack Kennedy.” The phrase has entered the popular lexicon to deflate politicians who perhaps think a little too highly of themselves.

Professor Zarefsky’s talk was, of course and as intended, excellent background for understanding the 2020 presidential election cycle. What made his historical review even more relevant was that many or even most members of the audience could claim personal and direct experience of all or almost all of the debates Zarefsky spoke of. Our younger faculty colleagues, who might someday aspire to NEO membership, sadly lack that same experience.—Jeff Garrett
AN ELECTION POST-MORTEM WITH LAUREL HARBRIDGE-YONG AND DANIEL GALVIN

When, last spring, NEO scheduled a panel discussion on the national election for Friday, November 6, we did not imagine that the outcome would still be in doubt by that date. The trends favored Joe Biden, but it would not be until the next day that he crossed the threshold of 270 electoral votes to become president-elect. Meanwhile, we gained valuable insight into the meaning of the election from two NU political scientists.

Associate Professor Laurel Harbridge-Yong asked, “Is Bipartisanship Dead?” She noted trends that made it more difficult: polarization of parties in Congress since the 1970s and growing focus on partisan winners and losers in recent years. These trends give the minority less incentive to cooperate and give the majority more incentive to pass “messaging” bills than to seek minority support through compromise. Whether the public is also polarized or whether it is sorted geographically and demographically (with polarization as an unintended consequence) is an open question. Suggesting a likely configuration of Democratic House and Republican Senate, she concluded that it was unclear whether a bipartisan compromise on health care is possible or, if so, what it would look like.

Associate Professor Daniel Galvin predicted that the 2020 election would be seen as a close but substantial victory for Biden, but not as a rejection of Donald Trump or “Trumpism.” He sketched four elements of “a Republican view” of the results: but for the pandemic, Trump would have won; white identity politics of resentment worked well; tailoring messages to rural voters (without totally abandoning suburbanites) makes sense; and authoritarianism didn’t cost much. He then suggested lessons for Democrats from the election results. They validated that Biden was the right choice as their nominee, yet Biden “left open a wide lane” for Trump to defend his handling of the economy. Galvin noted that Democrats were unlikely to dial back identity politics because their responsiveness to the Black community would only grow, and he predicted that a split between left and right would take place both on economics and on race. Perhaps most disturbingly, he noted that there was now a fault line between the two parties on democracy itself—whether it should be expanded or restricted.

A stimulating discussion followed the talks, with questions ranging from whether President Trump’s hegemony over the Republican Party will be broken, to how so many of the polls could be so far off. Originally the program had included a third panelist, Obama speechwriter and Visiting Professor Cody Keenan. An hour before the program, his wife went into labor, so he understandably had other priorities.––David Zarefsky
Patty Loew, Medill Professor and Director of the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research at Northwestern, spoke with NEO via Zoom on Tuesday, December 8, discussing current efforts to address the invisibility of Native American people in Northwestern’s understanding of its history. NEO president Roger Boye framed this issue in his introduction by pointing out how slight the mention of the Evanston region’s Native American past is in official university histories. Lowe is herself a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe and the prize-winning author of several books—and the producer of several equally praised documentaries.

Loew discussed her and others’ efforts to educate students, faculty, and staff on local Native American history and to improve diversity at Northwestern. In her talk she focused extensively on the development of curriculum, and especially the online “Indigenous Tour of Northwestern,” viewable at the website of the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research.

The tour is a remarkably compelling introduction to, among other things, fundamental Native American concepts and customs that preceded European settlement, the history of local tribes and of the “treaties” by which local tribes were expelled from the region, and the disastrous removal of Native children to Indian boarding schools. The tour also includes the collection of Inuit art on display in the Allen Center and a discussion of notable Native American alumni of Northwestern, including star quarterback James “Jimmy” Johnson, who in 1903, before attending Northwestern himself, led the Carlisle Indian Industrial School team that crushed NU 28–0. The tour also includes mention of the fact that the maple floor of NU’s Welsh-Ryan Basketball Arena comes from lumber sustainably sourced from the Menominee Nation Forest in northeastern Wisconsin.

Before taking questions, Loew discussed present-day activism, including the effort to implement the recommendations of the 2014 report of the Native American Outreach and Inclusion Task Force.
“THINK ABOUT RESEARCH IN TERMS OF SOCIETAL IMPLICATIONS”:
A CONVERSATION WITH FAY COOK

Fay Lomax Cook is professor in Human Development and Social Policy in the School of Education and Social Policy and faculty fellow emerita at the Institute for Policy Research (IPR). She joined the emeriti faculty in 2019. From 1996 to 2012, she served as director of IPR. She now lives in Washington, DC, where she spent four years (2014–18) as head of the NSF Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences. Though now retired from Northwestern, Fay is actively engaged as a distinguished visiting scholar at the National Academy of Social Insurance.

The following is from an interview conducted for The Emeriti News by NEO member Joan Linsenmeier, who—small world!—studied with Fay’s husband Tom Cook (NEO since 2016) in the 1970s. We join their conversation here midstream . . .

The Emeriti News: Fay Cook, you were director of IPR for sixteen years—a long time! The “R” in IPR stands for “research” and dissemination of research findings is part of IPR’s mission. So how do you increase the likelihood that policy-relevant research will get the attention of policy makers?

Fay Lomax Cook: At IPR we encouraged faculty fellows to think about research in terms of societal implications. If you want people outside academia to hear what you have to say, however, you can’t just hope it will happen. You have to work to make it happen, even if that takes some time away from traditional academic work.

TEN: Most faculty members are not trained to do this . . .

FLC: Then work with communication experts who are trained. IPR fellows collaborate with IPR’s Communication Director and with Global Marketing and Communications at Northwestern to craft non-technical news stories intended to let the media and policymakers know about their work. The name change during my tenure as director to Institute for Policy Research (from Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research) reflected our evolving focus—and also gave us a catchier name for media releases! Another innovation was our Policy Research Briefings, held both locally and in Washington, DC. Writing newspaper op-eds and getting involved on social media can yield a big boost, too.
**TEN:** How does the dual focus on research and on policy implications relate to the work you’ve done in Washington?

**FLC:** My experience at IPR was terrific preparation for my position at NSF, where grant applicants have to discuss the possible broader impacts of their findings for individuals, societies, and/or nations. And it’s an essential aspect of what happens at the National Academy for Social Insurance, too, where activities include preparing reports, talking with journalists, and organizing conferences and webinars on social insurance and related programs and issues.

**TEN:** Your focus at the National Academy for Social Insurance, as in much of your earlier work, is support programs for older Americans. Can you talk a bit about the impact of COVID-19 on this population?

**FLC:** The pandemic has brought increased focus on problems with our current systems of social insurance programs, such as Social Security and Medicare, as well as the tremendous inequality in our country. Many older workers have lost jobs, and those still employed are often at increased risk. We see the current situation as a unique opportunity for, we hope, effectively working toward long-term changes.

**TEN:** What’s it like living in Washington, DC?

**FLC:** We enjoyed life in Evanston, but it’s exciting to be living right in the middle of a big city with so much to offer. Some of that is less accessible right now, but we’re looking forward to exploring the city more freely when this pandemic ends. Oh, and travel! We had to cancel a trip to Berlin and Istanbul this past summer, but summer before last we went on a great trip to the Galapagos Islands and a wonderful safari to Botswana and South Africa with our son David and his wife Amy.

**TEN:** We miss traveling, too. It’s been great catching up with you, and I hope Rob and I can visit with you and Tom in person sometime soon!

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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!

Peter Dallos, I Was Here! Life, Science and Art in Turbulent Times.

This memoir begins with a description of a childhood under Hungary’s fascist regime, deprivations during the German occupation near the end of World War II, life under communist rule, the revolution of 1956—and then the author’s escape to America where he completed his education at Northwestern, staying on then at NU, now as the John Evans Professor of Neuroscience Emeritus. Dallos conducted groundbreaking research on the biology of the auditory system. As an emeritus, he has begun a new career, making welded steel and machined aluminum sculptures—such as the one shown here on the right. (Note the tiny human figure at the top of the ladder!)


Since 1952, the social bases of the Democratic and Republican parties have undergone a radical reshuffling. At the start of this period southern Blacks favored Lincoln’s Republican Party over the racist Democrats. Women favored Republicans more than Democrats. By 2020, these facts have been completely reversed. Prof. Janda’s new book traces this transformation. The author is Payson S. Wild Professor Emeritus at Northwestern.


Dominic Missimi is the founder and former director of Northwestern’s Music Theatre Program. He is also the
former director of Northwestern’s famed Waa-Mu show, having staged seventeen of these original student revues. This book is a collection of essays and autobiographical sketches about the life of an Italian-American boy—himself—growing up in 1950s small-town America, in New Lexington, Ohio. Missimi describes his colorful Sicilian and Southern Italian family and neighbors, his Catholic upbringing and education, and early childhood escapades.


This is the full and authoritative story of one of the most iconic disasters in American history, told through the vivid memories of those who experienced it. “Simply put, the best book ever written about the fire, a work of deep scholarship by Carl Smith that reads with the forceful narrative of a fine novel. It puts the fire and its aftermath in historical, political, and social context. It’s a revelatory pleasure to read.”—Rick Kogan, Chicago Tribune. See also a Zoomed conversation between the author and Northwestern colleague Daniel Immerwahr that took place at Bookends & Beginnings bookstore on October 29. Program note: Carl Smith will be speaking about his book at a NEO event this coming April 9.

PASSINGS

Column Editor George Harmon

Note: We list Passings in alphabetical order, and we publish them each quarter as we learn of the news. Please keep us informed of such events, readers, and don’t be shy about adding your own observations about our beloved emeriti.

Edward S. Baum, 83, a pediatric oncologist at the medical school and at the former Children’s Memorial Hospital, as well as a founder of the first Ronald McDonald House in Chicago, passed away on Oct. 3, 2020, in North Carolina. His creativity toward aiding the whole family of every young patient mobilized volunteers to create the robust system of family-centered care that exists today in Ronald McDonald Houses worldwide. Dr. Baum also spearheaded the creation of Camp One Step at a Time in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and founded one more Ronald McDonald House in North Carolina. After earning a medical degree from the University of Missouri, he joined the Army Medical Corps, retiring from the reserves as a lieutenant colonel. Dr. Baum is survived by his wife, Ann, five children, and 16 grandchildren. Obituary.

Malcolm McLaren Dow, 74, an anthropology professor praised for his teaching and his research on statistical modeling, died June 18, 2020, in Chicago. A native of Glasgow, he earned his Ph.D. in mathematical social science from the University of California/Irvine. He said he gained early
mathematical skills as a runner for his father at the dog tracks in Scotland. He consulted for the private sector on questions of salary equality. Malcolm loved animals, especially his poodles, the game of snooker (an enjoyment of his "misspent youth"), and working the land during the past 10 years at the home he shared in the Wisconsin north woods with his wife of 33 years, Gwen Stern Dow. Obituary.

Leonard Evens of the Department of Mathematics passed away at 87 years of age on November 12, 2020, at his home in Evanston. He died from complications of Parkinson’s. He was renowned as a world expert in group cohomology, a set of mathematical tools used to study groups of algebraic functions. His research papers and book are widely cited. Len was an enthusiastic runner and bicyclist, a skilled photographer, loved classical music and opera, played the recorder with friends, and enjoyed helping acquaintances and colleagues set up their personal computers. He grew up mostly in New York City, went to Cornell and earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from Harvard in 1960. Surviving are his wife Martha, children Sarah (Stephen Spear) of Skokie, Samuel (Rachel Rubin) of Chicago, and Anne (Mark Dunn) of Chicago, as well as five grandchildren. Obituary.

Juliann Bluitt Foster, the first woman to lead the American College of Dentists, served the dental school first as director of the dental hygiene department, then as assistant dean, associate dean of admissions and associate dean of student affairs. She died at 80 of heart disease on April 17, 2019, in Hilton Head Island, S.C. She had become a dentist at a time when women made up as little as 2 percent of the graduates, and African-American women were a tiny percentage of that number. Dr. Bluitt Foster worked several years with the federal Head Start early-education program and at school-based dental clinics, and served as a director of Health Care Service Corp., a customer-owned health insurer based in Chicago, and on advisory councils to the National Institutes of Health. She grew up in Washington, D.C., earned degrees at Howard and taught dentistry there. Her second husband, orthodontist Roscoe Foster, died in 2014. There are no immediate survivors. Obituary.

Margaret “Mickey” Gerber, an ophthalmologist and surgeon who was among the nation’s first women to adopt that specialty, passed away September 23, 2020, two months before her 104th birthday. Born in Morton, Ill., she earned an undergraduate degree at Northwestern and then enrolled in the medical school in a class with just four women. Mickey received a four-year full tuition grant from the Kellogg Foundation, graduated at the top of her class, then interned and was a resident at Cook
County Hospital. While in private practice in Evanston, she was on Evanston Hospital’s surgical staff and was the ophthalmologist for Northwestern’s student health services and for The Mather. When there was resistance to renting space to women doctors, she joined colleagues to create a new medical building at 2500 Ridge Avenue, which became known as the COS Building. Mickey and her sister established a chair in at Kellogg in honor of their brother Jay, who was a vice president at NU. Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. Obituary.

Alan Kistler, 90, an emeritus professor of mechanical engineering and an expert in aerodynamics and turbulence, passed away April 1, 2019. A native of Laramie, Wyo., he earned three degrees from Johns Hopkins, served as a private in the Army, and worked in industry before joining NU. He was particularly known for developing the Corrsin-Kistler equation, which relates stresses between turbulent and non-turbulent regimes, and for research on the effect of lake breezes on pollutant dispersion. His studies of solar and wind energy led to installation of a wind turbine at the Evanston Ecology Center. He also served as director of the department’s gas dynamics laboratory. Surviving are his wife Ingeborg, two daughters, and six grandchildren. Obituary.

Ken Kraft, 85, a wrestling star, head coach, and athletics executive at NU, passed away Oct. 27, 2020, from complications of Alzheimer’s. A member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, he founded the Midlands Championships, the premier tournament for amateur wrestling, and gained a national reputation as a wrestling innovator and ambassador. Ken, who grew up near Sterling, Ill., had a 38-7-2 record and a Big Ten championship in the 1950s at Northwestern. Upon his graduation he coached for 22 years, training 14 All-Americans and two national champions, including his brother Art. He then became associate athletic director, serving twice as interim athletic director, until his retirement in 2004 after 51 years at Northwestern. During the Olympics Ken was a commentator for television networks. Surviving are his wife Marjo, a daughter, Sherry, and a sister. Obituary.

Claude Lucchesi, 89, was a pioneer in lab management who established what now is the Integrated Molecular Structure Education and Research Center Analytical Services Laboratory, combining education with centralized laboratory services. He died in Glenview October 25, 2018, a day after he and Ruth celebrated their 64th anniversary. After a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at Northwestern, he was a research chemist at three large companies before joining NU in 1968 as director of the Analytical Services Laboratory in the chemistry department, a position he held until retirement. He co-founded the University Laboratory Managers Organization in 1980, and also created a new program in the School of Continuing Studies, a masters in regulatory compliance. Also surviving
are sons Nello William and K. Gregory and two grandchildren. **Obituary.**

**Edward A. Millar**, 99, an orthopedic surgeon who was a key figure in building a new Shriners Hospital for Children in Chicago, passed away January 3, 2020. He practiced at Evanston Hospital when it was part of Northwestern. After graduating from NU’s medical school he was a doctor in the Navy in the Pacific in the 1940s. Dr. Millar became chief surgeon at Shriners in 1965. There he helped develop a new surgical intervention for children with brittle-bone disease, as well as helping offer free orthopedic treatment for cleft lip and palate, spinal injury rehab for children, and other innovations for young patients. He and his wife, Dorothy, married 74 years, lived on a 50-acre farm in Libertyville, where they kept horses, bees, and dogs. They had ten children, 27 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. **Obituary.**

**Larry Nobles**, 90, a longtime administrator at Northwestern and a professor of geological sciences from 1952 to 1990, died April 1, 2018, at his home in Port Ludlow, Washington. Born in Spokane, he was a Navy aviation cadet in 1945–1946. His professional education was at the California Institute of Technology (BS and MS in geophysics, 1949) and at Harvard (Ph.D. in geology, 1952). Larry’s research focused on geomorphology and the effects of active glaciers in Greenland and Alaska on landforms. In 1966 he became associate dean of arts and sciences, and then dean of arts and sciences, dean of administration, and vice president for administration and financial planning, roles he retained until 1986. In Chicago he served on the boards of Adler Planetarium and Chicago Academy of Sciences. Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Barbara, two children, and a granddaughter. **Obituary.**

**Rudy E. Sabbagha**, 89, medical director of Feinberg’s obstetrics and gynecologic ultrasound center, died on November 15, 2020, in Chicago. During his residency in Pittsburgh, Rudy grew intrigued by a Scottish researcher’s use of diagnostic ultrasound imaging in obstetrics and gynecology. He did a postgraduate fellowship with that professor in Scotland, and they became ultrasound pioneers. Such work evolved into his passion; he wrote many books, abstracts, and publications, and he lectured both nationally and internationally. In 1989 Rudy received the public recognition award of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Asma; a son, Dr. Elias (Hope) Sabbagha; a daughter, Dr. Randa Sabbagha; grandchildren Austin and Sydney; sisters Sylvia (Adel) Akl and Elsie Nylund; brother George E. (Claire) Sabbagha, and many nieces and nephews. **Obituary.**

**Richard Trueheart**, 95, of Evanston, a World War II veteran who was for many years a clinical professor in pathology at the medical school, passed away April 2, 2020. He loved training the next generation of pathologists. In retirement Richard worked part-time with pathologists and medical students at
Northwestern Memorial Hospital, resigning in 1994 to care for his wife, Sara, until her death a year later. He joined the Army in 1944, assisted surgeons in treating wounded soldiers, then earned his M.D. from the University of Kansas, completing his internship and residency at Presbyterian–St. Luke's Hospital where Sara was a nurse. They married in 1956 and moved three years later to Evanston, where he began as a surgical pathologist at Evanston Hospital. A true joy for him was continuing medical education, and in retirement this lifelong learner studied opera and Italian and took history courses at Oakton Community College. Survivors include his twin brother, Robert; three daughters, Joan (Robert Bacon), Jane (Steve Huels), and Martha Trueheart; seven grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. Obituary.

Rudolph H. Weingartner, 93, a transformative dean of arts and sciences for 13 years spanning the 1970s and 1980s, died in his sleep November 16, 2020, in Mexico City. Rudy cared deeply about NU’s undergraduate curriculum, requiring students to take foundational courses in six areas of concentration. He especially nurtured classics and philosophy. In 1987 he became provost of the University of Pittsburgh and remained there as a philosophy professor until retirement. With his parents he fled Germany at 12 for New York. In 1945 he enlisted in the Navy and served in the Pacific after Japan surrendered. Rudy then earned three degrees at Columbia and chaired philosophy departments at San Francisco State and Vassar before arriving at Northwestern. He wrote and edited several books and was a frequent contributor to the opinion section of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. A lifelong woodworker, he took to wood sculpting during retirement. And he occasionally sang in the Pittsburgh Symphony chorus. With his wife Fannia, who died in 1994, he donated a collection of prints by sculptors to the Block Museum. Rudy was married to Regitze Hamburger from 1997 until they separated amicably in 2012. He is survived by children Mark H. Weingartner and Eleanor Weingartner Salazar, and by two grandchildren. Obituary.

THE EMERITI CALENDAR

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

Monday, January 25, 1:00–2:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 1:00–2:00 p.m. Lunchtime Presentation: Speaker Roger Boye, Medill. “Medill’s 100 Years in 100 Pictures”

Monday, February 22, 1:00–2:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 1:00–2:00 p.m. Lunchtime Presentation: Speaker Kathleen Hagerty, NU Provost. “State of the University”
Tuesday, March 9, 7:00–8:30 p.m. NEO-EPL Mini-course: “Fighting Climate Change with Sun, Wind, Water, and Nuclear Energy.” Instructor Elmer Lewis, McCormick School of Engineering. Part 1, registration required.

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00–8:30 p.m. NEO-EPL Mini-course: “Fighting Climate Change with Sun, Wind, Water, and Nuclear Energy.” Instructor Elmer Lewis, McCormick School of Engineering. Part 2, registration required.

Monday, March 29, 1:00–2:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting

Friday, April 9, 1:00–2:00 p.m. Lunchtime Presentation: Speaker Carl Smith, Department of English. “Chicago’s Great Fire: The Destruction and Resurrection of an Iconic American City”

Monday, April 26, 1:00–2:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 1:00–2:00 p.m. Lunchtime Presentation: Speaker Mary Pattillo, Department of African American Studies and Sociology. Presenting on her research.

Monday, May 24, 1:00–2:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting

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RETIREMENT HOBBY
A POEM BY ELMER LEWIS

In retirement years some time I can spare, and I wonder what hobby might be out there. Though equations remain my preoccupation, different diversion I crave on occasion.

Golf is a game that the seniors can play. And I’d be outdoors for much of the day. But my youth as a caddie cured all desire to acquire the skill that golf would require.

A musical instrument I could learn to play. Practicing scales and chords could fill my day. But screeching sounds and harmonic discord soon by my wife would be greatly abhorred.

Or take up cooking I could. Then take to the kitchen I would, but putrid smells and nasty messes would often prolog digestive distresses.

Paintings or pottery I could create, though they no doubt would be third rate. Pretentious pictures would deface our walls, or clunky pots despoil our shelves.

But poems no problem would they create. No space they take, nor mess they make. They’re easy for Facebook friends to ignore, and only take space in a bottom drawer.

RESERVING SPACE AT NEO

Due to the continuing restrictions on the use of rooms on the Evanston campus, NEO’s meeting rooms at 1800 Sherman Avenue are currently unavailable for use.

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