President’s Message

By Roger Boye

“So long sad times
Go ‘long bad times
We are rid of you at last…”

As those song lyrics also say, “happy days are here again.” Well, they are nearly here, as more and more people become vaccinated and life gets closer to “normal,” not only in our communities and on campus but within the Northwestern Emeriti Organization.

On July 1, a new NEO Executive Council will take charge, led by President Erwin Goldberg, emeritus professor of molecular biosciences. Before becoming NEO president-elect in 2020, Erv served two years on the Council, in 2016–17 and 2017–18. In addition to five returning members (Ron Braeutigam, Rick Cohn, Barbara Deal, Jane Rankin, and myself), Erv will be assisted by newly elected vice president Jeff Garrett, who becomes president in 2022. Jeff is no stranger to NEO members, having served as editor of The Emeriti News for nearly three years. The other new Council members are Secretary Ken Seeskin, Treasurer Steve Carr, and Bernie Dobroski, Mary Poole, and Sandra Richards. Assistant Provost Celina Flowers serves as an ex-officio member of the Council.
The election of Sandra Richards, who lives in North Carolina, marks a NEO milestone: It appears she is the first Council member ever from outside the greater Chicago area. (The NEO Charter was adopted in November 2001 and the first Executive Council served in 2001–02 with just two members, president Gilbert Krulee and secretary/treasurer Louis Allred. NEO has come a long way in 20 years!) With the use of Zoom, Sandra will be a full participant at Council meetings, providing some representation for the roughly 30 percent of our members who live outside zip codes beginning with “60-.”

If health conditions continue to improve, NEO should be able to host some in-person lunch and/or dinner talks in the year ahead. Since April 2020, all of our speakers have been via Zoom. With luck, the technology will allow our members—no matter where they live—to watch the in-person talks live, in real time in what may be another first for NEO.

The new year undoubtedly will see more NEO mini-courses conducted with Evanston Public Library, whether live or via Zoom—or both. Our May mini-course on “Indigenous History of the Upper Great Lakes Region” taught by Prof. Patty Loew on Zoom had an astounding (and record-shattering) registration of 400 people, a mixture of Evanston-area residents and NEO members from across the country.

And we can look forward to a return to other in-person activities, such as “Rediscover NU” and the various special interest groups. And who knows what other fun programming might lie ahead for all of us in NEO.

Yes, there’s no doubt about it:

“The skies above are clear again
So let’s sing a song of cheer again
Happy days are here again.”

Thank You

When the new NEO Executive Council takes over on July 1, six members of the old Council will take their leave, with our sincere thanks for their service to the organization. They are Michal Ginsburg, immediate past president, who concludes four years of work on the Council; Steve Fisher, secretary; Phyllis Lyons, treasurer; and council members Chuck Dowding, Larry Henschen, and Fred Lewis. Likewise, thanks are due to NEO administrative assistant, Jason Abbas, who left us in May to join the staff of the Office of the Dean in the McCormick School of Engineering.—Roger Boye, outgoing NEO President

FROM THE EDITOR

By Jeff Garrett, Editor, The Emeriti News

Our summer issue contains the usual mix of the predictable—we even have a report entitled “Death and Taxes”—and the surprising. In that category: how many of our readers know that at least one NEO member has—since becoming an emeritus—traveled by motorcycle to Alaska, not once, but multiple times? How many know that our numbers include not just one, but numerous artists and poets, one of whose work is showcased in this issue, while we seek to nudge other creatives known to us out of the shadows . . .
In other news, I want to report on an initiative we began with the help of our recently departed administrative assistant Jason Abbas to make all issues of this newsletter searchable—and in fact all content on the NEO website. It ended with what we hope will be only temporary disappointment: the software we use to create our website, called NUSites (aka WordPress), appears not to support a search box, but we have been promised that this form of institutionally sanctioned amnesia will be overcome by the end of the year. An announcement will be made.

In the meantime, you can search for any name (e.g., your own!)—or any other keywords for that matter—from the main Northwestern page. Just add the keyword “emeriti” to your search, and somewhere near the top of the retrieved records will be content from this newsletter or the NEO website. Try it! Searching “vivian maier emeriti”, for example, retrieves a report in The Emeriti News on a talk Pamela Bannos delivered to a NEO dinner audience on May 3, 2018.

And finally, a word of appreciation for the now departing NEO president Roger Boye, whose term ends on June 30th. Roger was our steady and determined wartime president who kept NEO alive and, yes, flourishing despite his entire tenure falling within the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you, Roger!

We wish you much enjoyment with this issue of The Emeriti News.

**PROVOST’S CORNER**

By Celina Flowers, Assistant Provost

I am pleased to introduce our new Associate Provost for Faculty, Sumit Dhar, the Hugh Knowles Professor of Hearing Science in the School of Communication. Sumit joined Northwestern University in 2004 and has served as Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and as Associate Dean for Research in the School of Communication. He was instrumental in leading the launch of the Center for Audiology, Speech, Language, and Learning. His lab tests the function of the inner ear and methods to improve hearing healthcare delivery.

Sumit began his Associate Provost role in February 2021. It’s probably an understatement to say that his first four months have been a whirlwind of absorbing information about the myriad functions of the Provost’s Office, meeting new faculty members, and learning about the various groups working in support of faculty—including the Northwestern Emeriti Organization. In late March, Sumit had the
opportunity to meet with NEO Executive Council members and to share some of his priorities, among them those described below.

Between Winter and Spring 2021, the University launched a faculty retirement incentive program, which has resulted in a record number of new emeriti faculty who will join NEO in September 2021. You may review the names of these new colleagues in the following section of this issue of The Emeriti News, and will hopefully have the chance to meet many of them through your various programs and meetings next year.

The University is implementing a 3-year “rolling” hiring plan which will replace the year-by-year plans and allow schools and the Provost’s Office to develop longer term strategies to support faculty recruitment and hiring. This shift will also help to support the University’s ongoing commitment to diversifying the faculty ranks, as deans will have the capacity to envision areas of future strategic growth for disciplinary areas and academic units.

Sumit is also leading the Post Pandemic Faculty Planning (PPFP) workgroup, which is charged with understanding the immediate and long-term impacts of the pandemic on faculty life and formulating recommendations for the mitigation of the disruptions experienced. This group is in the midst of reviewing data and input collected from a faculty survey and multiple focus group conversations. They will be developing a report and set of recommendations for how the University can help support faculty and protect their future career trajectories as we begin to move past one of the most disruptive and difficult years in our history. This work is enormously important for the care and support of individual faculty members and their lived experiences, as well as to protect the future vibrancy of our fields and disciplines.

The challenges ahead of us are daunting, but the ways in which we support each other through words of encouragement, mentorship, and collaboration are also real. As I have observed in earlier editions of this newsletter, I continue to be impressed with NEO’s commitment to connection—always seeking out new topics of interest and ways of engaging with one another through shared learning and conversation. As we begin to put this pandemic year behind us, I look forward to seeing what NEO has in store for the year ahead.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWESTERN EMERITI ORGANIZATION!

At Northwestern University’s 163rd Annual Commencement on Monday, June 14, 2021, University President Morton Schapiro recognized 53 faculty members who this year will be awarded emeritus status by the Board of Trustees. We congratulate them as well—and welcome them to membership in NEO, the Northwestern Emeriti Organization!

Michael J. Avram, Associate Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 41 years of service

Leigh Bienen, Senior Lecturer Emerita of Law, Pritzker School of Law; 26 years of service

Caroline Bledsoe, Professor Emerita of Anthropology and Melville J. Herskovits Professor Emerita of African Studies, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 36 years of service

Stephen H. Carr, Professor Emeritus of Materials Science and Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science; 51 years of service

Robert P. H. Chang, Professor Emeritus of Materials Science and Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science; 35 years of service

P. Lindsay Chase-Lansdale, Frances Willard Professor Emerita of Human Development and Social Policy, School of Education and Social Policy; 22 years of service

Charlotte Crane, Professor Emerita of Law, Pritzker School of Law; 40 years of service

Susan Mango Curtis, Professor Emerita in Journalism, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; 12 years of service

Mary Dedinsky, Associate Professor Emerita in Journalism, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; 24 years of service

Micaela di Leonardo, Professor Emerita of Anthropology, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 30 years of service

Jack Doppelt, Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-thani Chair Emeritus in Journalism, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; 36 years of service

Dorothy Dunlop, Professor Emerita of Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine; 29 years of service

Stephen F. Eisenman, Professor Emeritus of Art History, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 23 years of service

Michael Fleming, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Feinberg School of Medicine; 11 years of service
Richard Gaber, Professor Emeritus of Molecular Biosciences, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 35 years of service

John Hagan, John D. MacArthur Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 22 years of service

Elizabeth Hahn, Associate Professor Emerita of Medical Social Sciences, Feinberg School of Medicine; 19 years of service

Walter B. Herbst, Clinical Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science; 22 years of service

Paul Hirsch, Professor Emeritus of Management and Organizations, Kellogg School of Management; 32 years of service

Joyce Hughes, Professor Emerita of Law, Pritzker School of Law; 46 years of service

Philip Iannaccone, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Feinberg School of Medicine; 41 years of service

Charles David James, Jean Malnati Miller Professor Emeritus in Brain Tumor Research and Professor Emeritus of Neurological Surgery, Feinberg School of Medicine; 6 years of service

Richard Kieckhefer, Sarah Rebecca Roland Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 46 years of service

Laura Kipnis, Professor Emerita of Radio/Television/Film, School of Communication; 30 years of service

Antoun Koht, Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 26 years of service

Lewis Landsberg, Irving S. Cutter Chair of Medicine Emeritus, Feinberg School of Medicine; 30 years of service

Charles Larson, Professor Emeritus of Communication Sciences and Disorders, School of Communication; 40 years of service

Robert M. Lavker, Jack W. Graffin, MD, Research Professor Emeritus of Dermatology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 19 years of service

Jonathan Leis, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology and Immunology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 22 years of service

Harriet Lightman, Librarian Emerita, University Libraries; 24 years of service

Richard J. Miller, Alfred Newton Richards Chair Emeritus in Pharmacology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 20 years of service
Susan Mineka, Professor Emerita of Psychology, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 33 years of service

Dawn Mora¹, Senior Lecturer Emerita of Theatre, School of Communication; 38 years of service

Janet Olson, Librarian Emerita, Distinctive Collections, University Libraries; 21 years of service

Elfriede Pahl, Professor Emerita of Pediatrics, Feinberg School of Medicine; 29 years of service

Horace Pak-Hong Yuen, Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science; 41 years of service

Carl Petry, Professor Emeritus of History and Hamad Bin Khalifi Al-thani Chair Emeritus in Middle East Studies, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 47 years of service

Irving Rein, Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies, School of Communication; 52 years of service

Stuart Rich, Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine; 6 years of service

June Robinson, Professor Emerita of Dermatology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 35 years of service

Michael Rosenberg, Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 37 years of service

Joseph Schofer, Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science; 51 years of service

Mark A. Segraves, Professor Emeritus of Neurobiology, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 33 years of service

Roxanne Sellberg, Associate University Librarian Emerita, University Libraries; 25 years of service

Stanford Shulman, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Feinberg School of Medicine; 41 years of service

Maureen Smith, Associate Professor Emerita of Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine; 15 years of service

Hendrik Spruyt, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Norman Dwight Harris Chair Emeritus in International Relations, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 18 years of service

M. Christine Stock, James E. Eckenhoff Chair Emerita of Anesthesiology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 19 years of service

Robert R. Tanz, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Feinberg School of Medicine; 40 years of service

¹ Sadly, Dawn Mora passed away just as this issue of The Emeriti News was going to press. See the Passings column in this issue for a brief remembrance. —The Ed.
Changes in the NU Contract with Microsoft for Office 365

By Scott L. Terry, Manager of Endpoint Device Management & Support

Like many other software vendors, Microsoft moved its Office Suite products to a subscription-based licensing model a few years ago. At the time, the company updated Northwestern’s enterprise agreement to reflect this change but extended a grace period—which, however, is set to expire this calendar year. The subscription model allows Microsoft more control over access to the web-based and locally installed desktop applications.

Everyone who has an active Northwestern NetID is entitled to an Office 365 Education A1 license, which includes access to popular apps for the web like Outlook (Exchange), Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote. However, the A1 license doesn’t include access to the traditional desktop applications installed on one’s own computer. (For those, see the FAQ below.)

For virtually all NEO members, using Outlook (Word, PowerPoint, etc.) through the new subscription-based model should work just the same as using Outlook through the traditional desktop applications. To gain access to the subscription-based model, you will need to click on “for the web” and follow the prompts, which will include entering your netID. Once you do that, there should be no difference in the way you gain access to or use Outlook.

What does this mean for older Microsoft Office versions that are currently installed on my computer?

Older versions of Microsoft Office such as 2013, which is currently activated using the Northwestern key management server (KMS), will no longer be able to renew activation beginning July 1, 2021. This means that the Office 2013 software will have a limited time before it eventually deactivates on that device.
The Microsoft Office 2016 version, which is also activated using the KMS, will no longer be able to renew activation beginning on January 4, 2022. The latest, full-featured Microsoft Office 365 applications will continue to be available through the web-based portal.

**What can I do if I need the Microsoft Office desktop applications?**

Anyone issued an active NetID has the option to purchase a copy of Microsoft Office 2019 from the OnTheHub discount software portal for a penny less than $15.00. This version of Office has a stand-alone license with the applications installed directly on the target computer.

Please be in touch with NUI Technology Support with any questions concerning this transition—or any other questions you have regarding computing at Northwestern.

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**Death & Taxes: Estate Planning in a Changing Environment**

**Patrick Bitterman Speaks to NEO Members on April 12, 2021**

Considering our demographic, it’s no surprise that NEO members are acutely aware of estate planning issues. So this most recent lunchtime presentation by Patrick J. Bitterman attracted a large and attentive audience. Bitterman, a partner at Quarles & Brady LLC, and a Northwestern law school graduate, is also an experienced advisor in the field of wealth management.

Like a good pilot, our speaker helped us navigate an extremely complex environment of legal shoals and hazards involving estate management. He also discussed opportunities for charitable giving and directed his audience to consider the excellent services offered by Northwestern’s Office of Gift Planning.

This presentation by a highly experienced estate attorney might have cost NEO members a small fortune as a private consultation, but was just one more perk of NEO membership. What’s more—though surely for a limited time—you can see the entire recorded presentation [here](#), including the Q&A with attendees at the conclusion of what most everyone in attendance felt was an extremely useful session of information and advice. Our thanks to Laura Sowatsky of the Office of Gift Planning for making arrangements for this presentation. You can contact Gift Planning by [email](#) or at (800) 826-6709.

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*Patrick J. Bitterman (NU Law 1990) speaking to NEO members via Zoom on April 12.*

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*Jeff Garrett*
NEO-EPL MINI-COURSES UPDATE

MARY POOLE RESPONDS TO PATTY LOEW’S MINI-COURSE, “AN INDIGENOUS HISTORY OF THE UPPER GREAT LAKES REGION”

Evanston Public Library, in a felicitous collaboration with NEO, the Northwestern Emeriti Organization, hosted this two-part mini-course taught by Prof. Patty Loew. Reservations for the initial meeting in May were close to the limit, with even more people attending the second presentation, which, in the theatre, is reckoned the first measure of quality. The audience here was decidedly correct.

A professor at the Medill School of Journalism and director of the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research at Northwestern, Dr. Loew is an award-winning scholar, author, maker of documentaries, and a 2019 inductee into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is an active member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, and this combination of her studies and her heritage create genuine authority and deep feeling, which informed both of her presentations.

Loew used an active, multi-media format enriched by documents, photos, film and video clips, and she is an engaging teacher, fluent and expressive. She has an extensive store of facts and context, providing the audience a focused history of the area and the Indigenous culture and movement as the European settlers arrived—and finally, the horrifying devastation enacted by the American government and people upon all the Native peoples. She traced the continuing tragedy from the 18th Century through today; I realized as she spoke that in the 1950’s, my great aunt was sending donations to an “Indian School,” ignorant of the damage in which she was collaborating. I believe many of Loew’s audiences have such startling recognitions: there was much to learn. After each session, Dr. Loew addressed questions for a full animated hour, then answered more questions through email and chat. She also shared an excellent resource list.

I study theatre and performance theory, and believe that language, especially when spoken, embodies experience and culture. Throughout Dr. Loew’s course, what was powerfully moving for me was hearing the Indigenous languages spoken, expressed by the very few and very elderly who are the last of the knowers and speakers. She explained how the languages, the basic form of human communication after only touch, had been forbidden, denied, and punished by those in power, attempting to obliterate their languages and culture. (With a small respite when the U.S. military
needed the Navajo Code Talkers to confound the enemy.) To listen to the videos and hear the sounds, the pitch, watching the body and face and mouth creating the sounds, the words, and meanings, and most profoundly affective, hearing the breath give literal life to the sacred thing that is language, now, almost lost.

Dr. Loew’s Ojibwe name translates as “torch light on water,” lovely in itself, but also emblematic of yet another story of beauty and skill combined with enforced suffering. You can hear her tell the story at the very end of the class. For her generosity and trust in sharing her stories and her language with us, and lending her great energy and buoyant spirit to these stories, we thank our colleague Patty Loew.—Mary Poole

**RECENT TALKS & EVENTS**

**“How Capacious and Complicated and Diverse a Story . . .”**

Carl Smith on Chicago’s Great Fire of 1871

Northwestern is fortunate to have in its faculty ranks—and now among its emeriti—one of the country’s best known and most prolific writers on the history of Chicago. Among his other books, Prof. emer. Carl Smith is the author of *The Plan of Chicago: Daniel Burnham and the Remaking of the American City* (University of Chicago Press, 2006), which was the Chicago Public Library’s “One Book, One Chicago selection” for Fall 2009. He has also curated two popular online exhibits for the Chicago History Museum, *The Dramas of Haymarket* (2000) and, of particular current relevance, *The Great Chicago Fire & the Web of Memory*, which first went live in 1996, in the early days of the World Wide Web, and was substantially revised in 2011.

Smith’s research on the latter topic has culminated—at least for now—in a book, *Chicago’s Great Fire: The Destruction and Resurrection of an Iconic American City* (Grove Atlantic, 2020), which, remarkably, is the first full and authoritative history of this catastrophic event. Smith spoke to a large and appreciative audience of NEO members about *Chicago’s Great Fire*, both the event and the book, on April 9—via Zoom, of course.

He began with a portrait of Chicago at the time of the fire, paying respects along the way to William Cronon’s brilliant treatment of Chicago’s rise, *Nature’s Metropolis* (1991). In 1871, Chicago was a boom town in which 80% of the population were either born abroad or had at least one foreign-born parent,
while the 20% native-born “Yankees” controlled most of the wealth. Chicago at the time was a firetrap: cheap wood construction everywhere, elaborate wood decorations even in buildings made of brick or stone. In Chicago of that age, the sidewalks were also made of wood and easily flammable. On the 8th of October, following a bone-dry summer, disaster struck. As the fire spread rapidly, wooden structures didn’t just burn, they went—and here Smith used the correct terminus technicus—“poof!” Glass melted, iron twisted out of shape, and stone structures were reduced to powder. It was “thirty hours of hell and chaos in the streets.” 122 miles of wooden sidewalk were incinerated and about 1/3 of the city’s property value—including 18,000 buildings—went up in smoke. The casualties were remarkably low, as an estimated 300 people died in the flames.

The destruction was staggering, but so was the outpouring of aid from around the country and even abroad. The equivalent of well over $200,000,000 in today’s money flowed in to help Chicago’s suffering citizens. Just as miraculous was the rapid rebuilding of the city. By the fall of 1873, Chicago’s downtown was twice its pre-fire size. Smith also detailed that the recovery was not at all smooth: the wealthy patrician elite battled the working classes for control of the process, leading in the years that followed to labor disputes and larger social battles which resonate even today: the railroad strike of 1877, the Haymarket bombing in 1886, and the Pullman Strike of 1894.

Prof. Smith ended with a question—and an answer: “Where do Evanston and Northwestern sit in all of this?” At the time of the fire, Evanston and other suburbs were ballooning in size as street cars and commuter rail made it possible to live farther from the center of the city. Evanstonians had sent aid to the displaced inhabitants of the city camped out in open areas north of the developed portions of the city. Some of Northwestern’s early leaders—including Erastus O. Haven, David Hilton Wheeler, and Frances E. Willard—contributed something else to the effort to rebuild, namely reminding their contemporaries that a great city needs more than restored commerce to aspire to greatness: it also needs churches, schools, museums, and libraries—and education for women. —Jeff Garrett
Mary Pattillo: The “System” Part of Systemic Racism

NEO’s May lunchtime talk featured Mary Pattillo, Harold Washington Professor of Sociology at Northwestern and Chair of the Department of African American Studies. Pattillo’s talk, entitled "Beyond Incarceration: How Legal Fines and Fees Affect Housing Stability," addressed the vicious circle by which housing instability causes infractions that are punished by legal fees and fines, collectively known as LFOs: legal financial obligations. These, in turn, cause or increase housing instability. The starting point for this circle is economic fragility that leads to housing instability: frequent moves, eviction, loss of a person’s or a family’s own housing. This forces them to share living space with others, which often produces conflict and stress which, in turn, increases the chance of criminal legal entanglement. We have, then, as Pattillo puts it, "a caustic churn" which deepens the strain—further weakening housing stability.

Pattillo and her team studied housing instability in eight states. They gathered data through interviews with people with unpaid legal financial obligations and with court actors, as well as through many hours of court observation.

While recent criticism of the legal system has concentrated on the issue of incarceration, Pattillo and her team draw attention to the way in which hefty LFOs and other monetary sanctions cause loss of housing which then may lead to that incarceration. Their research also broadened the more common focus on homelessness to include the larger phenomenon of housing instability.

This research can provide the basis for developing policies geared towards housing assistance, the elimination of financial penalties, and the decriminalization of homelessness. (One of the interviews the
team conducted showed that though in the county where the interviewee lives homelessness is not illegal, laws against trespassing as well as against loitering effectively make it so. Pattillo remarked that while the system of monetary sanctions grew out of states’ need to increase revenue and the idea that the “users” of the legal system should be the ones to pay for it, the system is not cost-effective. Data on how much of the fines and fees is recouped is not readily available but in the one county in Illinois that disclosed it, 75% of the money is not paid. Since the system does not actually increase revenue, one has to assume that what sustains it are ideological reasons.—Michal Ginsburg

A LECTURE
A POEM by Elmer Lewis

I recently attended an astronomy lecture,
that nearly sent my mind into seizure.
In the spooky space of dark energy and matter,
black holes pull nearby stars to disaster.
With relativity special and general they play havoc,
to bend and breach Einstein’s space-time fabric.
At lecture’s end relieved I was to return to earth,
my boggled brain to gently nurse,
by turning to familiar preoccupations,
like Newton’s laws and their simple equations.

A Good Wheel Tour of the Far North
A Conversation with Classics Professor Emeritus Dan Garrison

“A Harley? Seriously? Harleys don’t even deserve the name ‘motorcycle.’ They’re way too low. On tight turns they scrape . . .” Hang out with NEO member Dan Garrison for any length of time, and you will end up talking less about his specialties as a classicist—the Roman poet Horace, Greek vase art, or Vesalius’s De humani corporis fabrica of 1543 and 1555, which he translated from turgid Renaissance medical Latin into English—and you’ll start hearing more about: bear and moose . . . crazy biking experiences, like that washed-out road near Jasper . . . the

Dan Garrison, looking for all the world like Augustus of Prima Porta in Rome, standing where the Alaska Highway crosses from Canada into Alaska. Photo credit Peter Akraboff.

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trip with three biking buddies to Denali in Alaska in 2012 . . . and then all the exotic places along the way, like Jade City near the Yukon border in northwestern British Columbia . . . or repeat visits to Sally’s Café in Alix, Alberta. (“Where were you guys last year?”)

Dan, who retired from Northwestern’s teaching faculty in 2010, purchased his first BMW bike as a 60th birthday present to himself way back in 1997. By the time of his last long motorcycle journey in 2015—a visit to the Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana and the Mandan villages in North Dakota first described by Lewis & Clark—he was riding bike #4. His travel accounts are peppered with motorcycle lore—it’s like listening to Herman Melville about ship’s rigging. Here’s a ferinstance: “Motorcycle tires,” says Dan, “are made of softer rubber, so they have to be replaced more frequently. But they have to be soft because they need to cling to the pavement on sharp turns. Fewer twisties out West, but in the East, places like West Virginia, they have a lot of them.” On his journeys, Dan has rarely traveled completely alone. For his 2009 trip to Alaska, for example, he joined up with three old NU friends whose identities we obscure here for their own protection. They (and their nicknames) are Peter (“Social Director”), John C. (“Curmudgeon”), and John P. (“Along for the Ride)—Dan’s moniker is, of course, “Professor.” On that 2012 trip to Denali, they joined up somewhere in Washington State before heading north-by-northwest through the Olympic Peninsula, by ferry to Vancouver Island, hundreds of miles north to Port Hardy at the island’s northern tip, by ferry again to Prince Rupert . . . and then on up through the Yukon to Alaska, bypassing Fairbanks this time around, making it all the way to the Seward Peninsula along the Bering Strait.

Dan has held on to his logbook where he kept track of mileage and fuel consumption—since after all, you don’t want to be riding on empty with gas stations 200 miles apart. On a good day, he could make 600 or even 700 miles. Tourism or, less frequently, needed repairs or illness could get in the way, of course. He ended up once in Fairbanks with pneumonia—and had to fly home and have his bike shipped back. Or there was the time he doused himself with gas at a faulty gas pump somewhere in Canada, which was also a game-over moment. But generally, it was a great ride over the past twenty-odd years.

In 2017, his last BMW was shipped to Florida where it’s now being enjoyed all year long by Dan’s son-in-law.

Many Evanston NEO members will remember Dan as a campus fixture, (pedal-)biking with his dog on a leash—whereby it was not always clear who was taking whom out for exercise. Others will remember, in 2010, Dan’s retirement party at the John Evans Center, almost Roman
in its splendor, highlighted by Francesca Tataranni’s laugh-out-loud funny PowerPoint of Remembrance, along with a host of reverential farewells—among them from Dan’s colleague in the Classics Department, Martin Mueller, who memorably said of his decades-long colleague: “Dan looks like Zeus and teaches like Zeus would have taught.”—Jeff Garrett

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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, as well as other online sources.

Readers are encouraged to send title information to the editor to be considered for inclusion in this column. Please note that you do not need to be the author to suggest a title for mention! Feel free to confidentially inform on your friends and colleagues!


Befitting the author of the standard work on effective public speaking, this ambitious work offers a granular study of one of the most consequential presidential speeches of the 1960s. Not content to represent it as the result solely of rhetorical invention—since no speech exists in a vacuum—Zarefsky devotes much of his attention to describing, analyzing, and correcting the historical context leading up to North Vietnam’s Tet offensive. Most significant, however, is his analysis of the speech’s final 30 seconds, in which Johnson announced, to the astonishment of the nation, that he would neither seek nor accept his party’s nomination for a second term.

“I vividly recall watching that speech as a college senior,” Zarefsky revealed to The Emeriti News, “and have been fascinated ever since by its ambiguities—despite its seeming definiteness. In teaching the speech over the years, I’ve noticed that it is hard to understand what is going on when the Cold War context is no longer there. I saw the book as an opportunity to put it all back together and show how the speech and the policy-making proceeded in tandem.”

Dr. Green is a hematologist with 45 years of clinical and research experience. He has been an emeritus at Northwestern since 2008. In this, his latest book, he describes heparin, now one of the world’s most widely used drugs. As he told *The Emeriti News*: “Heparins are very effective anticoagulants, but using them safely requires knowledge of their pharmacological properties and familiarity with their side effects. I wrote the book to update readers on the use of heparin in the treatment of thrombotic disorders and to improve their recognition and management of its adverse reactions.”

Green is the author of over two dozen papers on various aspects of heparins as well as two recent books on hemophilia and its relation to various other diseases—including AIDS—which were introduced in the Fall 2019 issue of *The Emeriti News* (p. 11-12).


From our exclusive interview with author John Bushnell: “I became interested in bride theft many years ago when I began doing research on Russian peasants’ marital and demographic behavior. I stumbled across accounts of peasant bride theft in 19th-century newspapers, which published many amateur “would you believe” accounts. Over the years I accumulated more such accounts. I had known nothing at all about this practice, nor—as I learned—was there much scholarship on the issue, even in Russia. When I began looking into the Russian Church schism while writing my last book, I discovered that almost everything the newspaper accounts related about bride theft was wrong. Those accounts generally associated bride theft with Orthodox Russians. It became clear over the years that it was in fact Old Believers who were the bride thieves. If there had been a serious body of scholarship on the subject, there wouldn’t have been any reason to write the book.”

This new collection of 20 original essays provides an updated portrait of the French police system in the 21st century. The editors’ goal was to promote a broader understanding of the police system, police practices, and relations between police and the public in France. The book’s chapters are originally written essays on key topics that draw heavily on recent social science research. The volume is organized in four sections: historical background, organizational features and reforms, changing institutional and political contexts, and police problems and strategies.

Professor Skogan talked with **The Emeriti News** about the origins of this work: “[Policing in France] was conceived when Jacques de Maillard was a visiting scholar at Northwestern’s Institute for Policy Research. A political scientist like me, his own research involved comparisons of British and French policing. We identified and commissioned 20 leading French policing scholars to write new essays on their research interests for an international (or at least English-language) audience. Written and reviewed in French, they were then translated and edited for this volume. The companion French-language edition of these papers will appear during 2021 from Presses Sciences Po.”

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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO ACADEMIC FREEDOM LANGUAGE IN THE FACULTY HANDBOOK**

**A REQUEST FOR COMMENT FROM RICK COHN, NEO REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY SENATE**

In recent months, the Faculty Senate has been at work revising the sections of the Faculty Handbook on academic freedom. Among the revisions are: the inclusion of both tenure-eligible and non-tenure-eligible faculty in the same freedoms enjoyed by tenured faculty; the protection of faculty on all NU campuses; updates to the process of a faculty member appealing a ruling that constrains his/her academic freedom; the extension of academic freedom to publication both in print and in electronic versions.

**NEO members with an interest in academic freedom issues are urged to contact Rick Cohn (at r-cohn@northwestern.edu) immediately,** since comments to the Senate on behalf of NEO are due June 28. Rick will send you the existing language; the current version of the proposed new language; and a document comparing the two versions. The Senate meets on July 14 to (hopefully) finalize the changes. We hope to report on the new language in our September 2021 issue.
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.

Leon M. Keer, 86, an expert on engineering mechanics and tribology, passed away January 12, 2021. A dedicated teacher, prolific researcher, and beloved faculty member at McCormick, he was “one of the giants in the field of elasticity and mechanics,” said dean Julio Ottino. During a five-decade career at Northwestern, Leon published nearly 400 articles on topics such as elasticity, fracture mechanics, and contact stress in structural materials. He also served as associate dean for research and graduate studies from 1985 to 1992 and was chair of the department of civil engineering from 1992 to 1997. The Los Angeles native earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at California Institute of Technology and a PhD in aeronautics and engineering mechanics from the University of Minnesota. In 1964 he joined the McCormick civil engineering faculty. Obituary.

David Messick, 83, who taught ethics and decision management at Kellogg, died April 26, 2021, at his home in Santa Barbara, California. A psychologist with a passion for social justice, Dave won frequent awards for teaching and was a sought-after speaker on corporate responsibility. He became the Kellogg School’s oft-quoted expert on Enron, Worldcom, and other corporate scandals. After earning a doctorate at the University of North Carolina, he joined UC Santa Barbara, where he became chairman of the psychology department and head of the academic senate, retiring after 27 years to join Kellogg. He also served as editor of the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology. After retirement in 2007, Dave moved back to California. He was a passionate Tar Heels supporter, an accomplished birder, and loved walking the trails. Obituary.

J. Gordon Millichap, 102, an internationally recognized expert in epilepsy, attention deficit disorder, learning disabilities, and other neurological disorders of children and adolescents, passed away peacefully May 7, 2021, at his home in Chicago. Dr. Millichap established pediatric neurology training at the Mayo Clinic, Children’s Memorial Hospital (now Lurie Children’s), and the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He was professor of neurology and pediatrics at Feinberg and pediatric neurology at Lurie. Born in
the United Kingdom, he trained in internal medicine and pediatrics at Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Medical Center, University of London, and completed fellowships in child neurology and epilepsy at Boston Children’s Hospital and neurology and neuropathology at Massachusetts General Hospital. A son, John, is associate professor of pediatrics (neurology and epilepsy) at Feinberg. **Obituary.**

**Dawn Mora**, a professional actress who co-directed many Northwestern dramas and operas, including the recent world premiere of the musical *The Boy Who Could Not Fly*, died June 9, 2021. Since her retirement she had lived in Palm Springs, Calif., where she grew up. With bachelor’s and master’s degrees from San Diego State, she began her career at The Second City in New York, worked at San Diego’s Shakespeare Festival, and for Universal Pictures in *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. She married attorney Ron Mora in 1971, moved to Chicago and began teaching acting at Northwestern in 1983. Nationally known as a movement expert, Dawn researched, wrote and produced a training video, *Movement for the Actor*, and was a specialist for Chicago’s Lyric Opera, DuPage County Opera, as well as for Northlight and Lookingglass theaters. Just weeks before, Dawn had been honored by the University as an emerita. **Obituary.**

**Humberto Robles**, 82, a specialist of Ecuadorian letters and a popular teacher of Latin American literature for more than 30 years at Northwestern, passed away May 20, 2021, in Miami. The nucleus of his interests were the avant-garde, the regional novel, drama of the 19th and 20th centuries, the representation of women in the novel, colonial voyage literature, images and ideas of cities, literary theory, and the relationship between literature and culture. He received his PhD at Northwestern, taught at the University of Chicago until 1970, returning then to NU. Humberto chaired the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and led NU’s Program at Seville. He was named to the prestigious Academia Ecuatoriana de la Lengua (Ecuadorian Academy of Language), one of the most important cultural institutions in Latin America. **Obituary.**

**Howard J. Sweeney**, 94, a pioneer in orthopedic arthroscopy and education, died March 27, 2021. He attended Northwestern as an undergraduate and medical student, served in the Army in Japan near the end of World War II, and was an orthopedic surgeon at Evanston Hospital from 1957 until 2002, also teaching at Northwestern Medical School during that time. Throughout his career he explored new technologies, including most recently virtual reality, to improve arthroscopic surgery. Howard was inducted into the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame after acting as team doctor beginning in 1964 and head team physician from 1984 to 2002. He started the Global Arthroscopy Foundation to connect doctors in 16 developing countries with
arthroscopic surgery training, mentorship, and supplies; in 2019 One World Surgery took on the mission. He and Kathleen had seven children, 21 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Obituary.

Priscilla Wilder André, 90, who worked at Northwestern University Libraries for 26 years, died at North Shore Place in Northbrook March 6, 2021. Born in Waltham, Mass., she enrolled at Pembroke College in Brown University in 1948. After graduating, she worked at Kearfott Co. in New Jersey, where she met Lou, her husband of 55 years. They married in 1956 and moved to Wilmette in 1966. She completed a master’s of library science at Rosary College and began her career. After retirement, she traveled and spent time at a cottage in Wisconsin until Lou’s death in 2011. Surviving are a sister, two sons, and three granddaughters. Obituary.

THE EMERITI CALENDAR

Note: All events will be virtual over Zoom until current public health precautions have been lifted—which we hope will be this fall. Once physical meetings resume, NEO events may become “hybrid,” taking place in both real and virtual space as this will allow us to accommodate NEO participation from anywhere. Some events will continue on Zoom only—the new normal!

Zoom links and passwords (if required) will be communicated to all NEO members in advance.

Monday, June 21, 1:00–2:00 p.m. General Meeting of the NEO Membership. Zoom link: https://northwestern.zoom.us/j/91899741438. Pwd: mollydog.

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

Wednesday, September 22, 1:00–2:00 p.m. Lunchtime Presentation: Speaker Dashun Wang, Founding Director, Center for the Science of Science and Innovation, “Initial Progress in the Science of Science.” On Zoom.

Monday, September 27, 1:00–2:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 1:00–2:00 p.m. Lunchtime Presentation: Speaker John A. Rogers, Director, Querrey Simpson Institute for Bioelectronics, “Soft Electronics for the Human Body.” On Zoom.

Tuesday, November 2, 7:00–8:30 p.m. Fall Qtr EPL-NEO Mini-course on Police Reform. Instructor: Prof. emer. Wesley Skogan (Political Science/Institute for Policy Research). “Police Reform: Progress and Pitfalls.” Offered by NEO in collaboration with Evanston Public Library. On Zoom.
**NEO Officers and Executive Council Members, 2021–22**

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