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PREsIDENT’S MESSAGE
From NEO President Erv Goldberg

My apprenticeship as NEO president-elect was most ably mentored by now past president Roger Boye. I thank him for that as well as for his admirable leadership of NEO during the bulk of the challenging first year of the pandemic, which of course began during the term of his able predecessor, Michal Ginsburg. I shall do my best to continue exercising the powers of office at the same high level Roger and Michal did—while also taking advantage of what we hope will soon be less rigid restrictions on gatherings, so that NEO members can once again meet in person at luncheons and dinners, one of the privileges and pleasures of NEO membership. I will also work with our Executive Council, which had its first meeting under my
leadership on August 30 to establish an agenda for the year that will increase benefits to members as well as enhance the visibility of NEO as an important contributor to this great university. Realistically, the board will probably continue to meet on a virtual basis only through the end of this year.

Programming is an important job of the president, and so I am especially pleased to have been able to recruit two outstanding members of the NU faculty for presentations in September and October. The first was Professor Dashun Wang, Director of the Center for Science and Technology in the Kellogg School of Management, who spoke on “The Science of Science” before a large audience on September 22. Next, for October 19, we have scheduled Professor John A. Rogers of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering in the McCormick School of Engineering and the Simpson Querry Institute, who specializes in bioelectric medicine. The STEM theme will continue on December 1st with a presentation by Professor Rick Silverman of Weinberg’s Departments of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, on the topic of drug discovery. We are excited that Prof. Silverman’s presentation is being planned to take place at a luncheon in the downtown Evanston Crystal Ballroom, our first in-person event since the hiatus imposed by the Covid-19 ban on physical gatherings. We also expect to be able to present Rick’s talk virtually as well as in person—but all of this planning is subject to public health directives. Details of these events available at press time are in this issue’s Emeriti Calendar, otherwise, if not yet available, will be forwarded to the membership as they are finalized. We will schedule at least two more luncheons and one dinner meeting after the first of the year with talks based on non-STEM themes!

I must also mention that NEO’s association with Evanston Public Library to present mini-courses, arranged so capably by Jeff Garrett, our newsletter editor and president-elect, will continue. Three new courses are described elsewhere in this issue—with an opportunity to register. It is particularly noteworthy that NEO’s mini-courses were selected a 2021 winner of the HERO Innovation Award presented by the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE), bringing national recognition to the partnership with Evanston’s Library and the strengthening of ties between the University and the City this partnership has brought about. I would be remiss not to mention that the mini-course program was established by former president Michal Peled Ginsburg, seen on the page preceding presenting me with the keys to our NEO office, which I hope to be able to enter someday!

Finally, I want to encourage all NEO members who have suggestions about the organization and what it can do, both in general and specifically, to please contact me directly.

Be well.

FROM THE EDITOR

By Jeff Garrett, Editor, The Emeriti News

This newsletter would never see the light of day without the efforts of many contributors, among them (most visibly) the writers of columns, both regular and occasional; then a cadre of informants and intelligence sources scattered across the Northwestern community who share news tidbits and suggest stories; several proofreaders who keep us
on the grammatical, typographical, and stylistic straight and narrow; and then several special individuals I refer to for advice on a host of issues large and small. You can meet them on NEO’s Committee Members page. Together, they constitute the Editorial Board. They are George Harmon, emeritus from Medill, who additionally stewards our “Passings” column; Joan Linsenmeier, emerita from Psychology and the Weinberg dean’s office; and David Zarefsky, former dean of the School of Communication. Their services to NEO and its newsletter are legion and each brings their particular gifts to this assignment. Thank you!

Over the summer, we welcomed a bumper crop of new members—over 50—to NEO: congratulations to all upon this promotion! New NEO members will notice throughout this newsletter that many names are linked to a brief and informal bio which we encourage you, too, to write and send us, along with a contemporary photograph. This bio will be linked to from the NEO membership roster—and is a great way to introduce yourself to your colleagues and to find out about them. Please regard this sketch as the very opposite of a cv. Instead, feel free to talk about what brought you into academe, what you love about your field, something about your hobbies and interests—whatever you would like to share.

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

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PROVOST’S CORNER
By Rick Cohn, Guest Columnist

It is my privilege to serve as NEO’s representative to the Faculty Senate. Over the past several months, important changes have been proposed, debated, and—at last—adopted articulating the University’s commitment to academic freedom. It is almost an understatement to say that academic freedom has become a fraught topic in America’s culture wars, with liberals and progressives as well as Republicans and libertarians frequently calling for limitations on expression and sanctioning alleged misbehavior, especially in matters of race and gender. On the Left, this is sometimes called “cancel culture,” while on the Right, bugbears include “Critical Race Theory” and other purportedly Marxist teaching content. The fracas over NU emeritus Joseph Epstein’s opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal on Dr. Jill Biden’s use of the “Dr.” title showed that Northwestern is not immune to these issues. What then are the limits on free expression by faculty at Northwestern, if any?

On July 14th, the Faculty Senate adopted new language on academic freedom, reflecting the current debate and, hopefully, clarifying Northwestern’s stance. Clarification was also necessary since the University maintains a campus in another country with very conservative values: NU-Q in Doha, Qatar. Do different rules apply there?
The main issues concerning academic freedom addressed in the revised Faculty Handbook are: 1.) the inclusion of all faculty, not just tenured or tenure-eligible faculty, as having academic freedom; 2.) the inclusion of faculty on all campuses of NU; 3.) explicitly affirming that faculty may be critical of university policies without fear of retribution; 4.) explicitly affirming that pursuing academic freedom may, at times, entail conflicts with the laws of countries and states; 5.) clarifying that academic freedom extends not only to teaching but to publication as well.

It is illuminating to compare the newly revised Faculty Handbook with the earlier version that was in force from November 18, 2020 through August 4, 2021.

Note that the new handbook addresses other topics as well, especially changes that were necessary to bring the University into compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Specifically, these changes reflect the creation of a new Interim Policy on Title IX Sexual Harassment to comply with the Department of Education’s May 6, 2020 regulations implementing Title IX. The revised Handbook also reflects the creation of a new Policy on Institutional Equity, which represents a combination of the University’s previous Policy on Discrimination & Harassment and Policy on Sexual Misconduct. The faculty processes and rights for investigation, discipline, and appeal in matters related to non-Title IX discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct remain unchanged.

Emeritus faculty—like all faculty at Northwestern—are both subject to and protected by the University’s policies on freedom of expression.

Richard A. Cohn, MD, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, is NEO’s representative on the Faculty Senate and a member of the NEO board.

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**NEO WINS INNOVATION AWARD FOR THE MINI-COURSES PROJECT**

The Northwestern Emeriti Organization (NEO) is the recipient of a 2021 HERO Innovation Award for its mini-course program, offered since 2019 in partnership with Evanston Public Library. These awards, presented annually by AROHE, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, “recognize a retirement organization’s innovation in programs, services, or initiatives that strengthen the value of the organization to its members, institution, or local communities.” The award letter from AROHE president William A. Verdini (Arizona State University) to former NEO president Roger Boye, who submitted Northwestern’s nomination, cites the “substantive value” NEO’s mini-courses have added to strengthen ties between Northwestern and the city and residents of Evanston.
Evanston, praising it as a “well-conceived, innovative, and effective program.” We, of course, wholeheartedly agree.

NEO is indebted to its partners at Evanston Public Library for effectively promoting these mini-courses, especially to Heather Norborg, manager of Lifelong Learning & Literacy, and to Jill Schacter, EPL’s recently retired Director of Marketing Communications. We are also grateful to Northwestern’s Associate Provost for Faculty Sumit Dhar for a forceful letter of endorsement. The final words of his letter are worth repeating here: “It is innovative initiatives like this that are hallmarks of an ‘engaged university,’ where ‘town’ and ‘gown’ work together to improve life on both sides of the proverbial campus fence. Indeed, it is hard to imagine another project more worthy of the AROHE award than these NEO mini-courses.”

A description and complete chronology of this award-winning NEO initiative is available online at the NEO website.

Among the innovations introduced during the “Zoom era” of NEO-EPL mini-courses was the annotated chat log—necessary because there were always more questions than time to answer them. NEO instructors—here Prof. Patty Loew on “An Indigenous History of the Upper Great Lakes Region”—inserted answers to questions in the chat log and the resulting document was sent out to all participants.

RE-IMAGINING RETIREMENT: THE FALL CONFERENCE OF AROHE

NEO has been a member of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) for almost 20 years. This organization supports all phases of faculty/staff retirement through a member network that links retired faculty/staff associations, retiree and emeriti centers, and campus offices that
engage retirees, among them human resources, academic affairs, alumni, and advancement/development. AROHE also publishes a newsletter featuring articles of interest for retired professionals in higher education.

I have been asked by NEO President Erv Goldberg to attend this year’s biennial conference, “Re-Imagining Retirement: Let Us Boldly Go” (October 12–14, 2021), representing Northwestern. This series of webinars promises to present ideas to offer our organization strategies to re-imagine retirement and to “re-energize our members.” I will attend this year’s conference—virtually only, of course—and report back to our membership in the winter issue of this newsletter on any issues or programming suggestions that might be interesting to consider for future NEO meetings.

I would like to invite you to join me in attending this year’s conference and to help me in my evaluation of the benefits Northwestern enjoys as a member of the organization. For those who can boldly decide now to attend, registration is open until October 10. (The deadline for early registration rates was September 10.)

For more information, visit the conference website, linked to above, or email info@arohe.org. Also feel free to contact me directly. --Bernie Dobroski

Watch a brief video promoting this year’s AROHE conference by clicking on this image of AROHE president Bill Verdini (Arizona State University).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The dates for the next Big Ten Retirees Association conference, hosted by Northwestern, will be July 25–27, 2022. A planning committee composed of past NEO presidents Al Telser and David Zarefsky is hard at work creating a stimulating program to show off our university—and NEO, of course—to representatives from all 13 Big Ten partners. As of this moment, we are fully intending for this meeting to take place physically, on our campus.

A more detailed description of events, speakers, and other activities being planned will be included in the winter issue of The Emeriti News.

Many thanks to the Office of the Provost for generously supporting Northwestern’s host role.
BRIEFLY NOTED . . .

A “SPECIAL HOMAGE” FOR NEO PRESIDENT Erwin Goldberg

Many—maybe even most—NEO members not only remain active in their fields but also enjoy special recognition from their professional organizations for contributions made over long careers. Just several weeks into his tenure as NEO’s new president, Prof. emer. Erv Goldberg (Department of Molecular Biosciences) received just such recognition from international colleagues attending the Reproductive Sciences & Fertility Virtual Summit (WebRePro), held on July 26–27, 2021, hosted by Portugal. At the closing session of this meeting, Erv was celebrated in a “special homage” for “his meritorious contributions to the field of male fertility.” In its tribute, conference organizers pointed out that his research has received continuous NIH funding for 36 years. In fact, now in his 90s, Prof. Goldberg still has an active grant. Besides his impact in the male fertility field, the honoree “continues pursuing his long-term goal to develop a nonhormonal contraceptive method for use by men.”

Congratulations to you, Erv, and may you long serve as a shining example for all of us NEO youngsters in our 70s and 80s!—Jeff Garrett

HAiku (& Other Poems)

BY Oswald Werner

Time Flies
Does time always fly?
At times it flows like honey
Or seems to stand still.

String Theory
Superstring theory
has ten dimensions plus time
six are curled up.
(in case you are wondering this is part of contemporary physics)
Cannibalism
Fried fish for dinner
Long, long ago our ancestors
came from the ocean
Ancestor eating:
cannibalism or what?
Stop consuming fish!?!?

Prof. emer. Oswald Werner (Department of Anthropology) became an emeritus in 1998.

Year-end Giving Tips
Northwestern | GIFT PLANNING

TAX-ADVANTAGED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YEAR-END
BY LAURA SOWATSKY, NU GIFT PLANNING

It’s never too early to think about year-end giving and tax planning! Here is a list of tax-advantaged giving opportunities on every charity’s wish list.

Gifts of Cash, Stocks, or Mutual Fund Shares

If you itemize your taxes, you can benefit from the following gifts:

- **Cash.** As part of the CARES Act extension, gifts of cash are fully deductible up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for calendar year 2021. The deduction can be claimed in the year of the gift or carried over for up to five additional years.

- **Appreciated securities.** You are entitled to a charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the asset as determined on the date that the charity receives it. If you have owned the securities for more than a year, you avoid capital gains tax on the appreciated value. This double form of tax avoidance is a great way to make a significant contribution at a lower net cost.

- **Depreciated securities.** Such stocks or shares in a mutual fund may also be used to fund a charitable gift, but it may make more tax sense to sell securities that have lost value, realize a capital loss for tax purposes, and then donate the cash proceeds to charity.

Life Income Gifts
With a life income gift, you can benefit from a lifetime income stream, an immediate tax deduction, and payments that are partially tax-free. Options at Northwestern include:

- **Charitable gift annuities (CGAs):** $15,000 minimum; payments may begin at age 60.
- **Charitable remainder trusts (CRTs):** $100,000 minimum; donors may establish a new CRT or make a gift to an existing charitable remainder unitrust.

**Qualified Charitable Distribution** (previously known as an IRA Charitable Rollover)

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you may transfer up to $100,000 per year ($200,000 for married couples) to charity directly from a traditional or Roth IRA. While required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your retirement accounts are added to your adjusted gross income (AGI) and taxed at incremental tax rates, a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from an IRA is excluded from your AGI and can help satisfy your RMD. This tax-smart way of giving can help even if you don’t itemize your deductions.

*Be careful: checks written on QCD “check books” must clear the charity’s bank account by December 31 to qualify as a 2021 RMD.*

**Donor-Advised Funds**

If you would like to make a gift to Northwestern—and also support other charities—consider creating a donor-advised fund with Northwestern. You receive an immediate tax benefit even if you wish to delay making decisions about which program(s) to support. The fund minimum is $250,000, with at least half designated to Northwestern.

If you have questions about any of these gift types or their tax advantages, please contact Northwestern’s Office of Gift Planning at (800) 826-6709; email us at giftplanning@northwestern.edu; or visit our website.

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**MINI-COURSES UPDATE**

For the 2021–22 academic year, we invite you to register for the following courses offered in collaboration with Evanston Public Library:

Fall Quarter: Prof. emer. Wesley Skogan (Department of Political Science and Institute for Policy Research), will present a single-session mini-course: **Police Reform: Progress and Pitfalls.** Single session mini-course. November 2, 2021. 7:00–8:30 pm. Online only.
Apart from the pandemic, no issue has dominated the news during the last year and a half like the nature of policing. Are police abuses endemic to the system? What are the realistic prospects for reform? [Course Description & Registration Page]

Winter Quarter: Prof. emer. [Hollis Clayson](Department of Art History) will teach [Perspectives on French Impressionism](January 18 & 25, 2022). 7:00–8:30 pm. Hybrid: In person & online.

This class will focus on French Impressionism, a style of painting and printmaking, a social formation, and an ideology of modernity, that arose in Paris in the 1870s. We will consider divergent perspectives on its meaning, and its volatile critical fortune. [Course Description & Registration Page]

Spring Quarter: Prof. emer. [Jerry Goldman](Department of Political Science) will present on [SCOTUS: Law and Politics](April 26 & May 3, 2022). Hybrid: In person & online.

This mini-course will acquaint you with the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). The Court is both central and ill-fitted to our democracy. Once you grasp this central contradiction of the Court’s role—that it is both a legal and a political institution—you will be in a good position to evaluate its work. This Janus-faced impression is baked into the institution and has been reinforced throughout its existence. [Course Description & Registration Page]

**RECENT TALKS & EVENTS**

“**No Topic Is Off the Record**”
**Sports Journalist Christine Brennan Meets with NEO**

On June 9, we welcomed one of America’s best-known Medill graduates, sports journalist [Christine Brennan](, to a Zoomed conversation with a large and engaged audience of NEO members. Some audience members, like political scientist [Ken Janda](, Brennan recognized from her own student days—and greeted warmly. In his welcome, host and (then still) NEO president [Roger Boye]( thanked our guest for taking the time from a very busy schedule to be with us at NEO: “It’s a real privilege to have you with us today, especially at a time like this, when issues relating to collegiate sports have been so much in the news.”
For her audience of emeritae and emeriti, Christine Brennan had words of gratitude: “As an alum and a member of the Board of Trustees, I thank you, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you do for the University that I love and that we love so much, and for the students, always.”

The conversation lasted over an hour—and never even came close to running out of material, in part because, as our guest put it herself, “no topic [was] off the record.”

Numerous national and Northwestern-specific topics were broached. In our limited space, we can bring excerpts from Christine’s comments on only one of them, and we’ve chosen perhaps the second most sensitive topic she addressed (after the less-than-smooth transition to a new Northwestern athletic director, which is now water under the bridge): the decision to allow college athletes to be paid.—The Editor

On Paying College Athletes

Boye: How might the paying of college athletes, especially for endorsements, change the nature of college sports, for better or for worse, or perhaps for somewhat better and somewhat worse?

Brennan: On the topic of paying [college] athletes, we could spend our whole time together just on this topic. Books are written, have been written, and will be written. It has evolved since a conversation that we had at Medill . . . A few years ago, I was the only one pointing out the negatives of paying athletes—not that I don’t get it, but early on, you’d hear it had to do with football and basketball. And of course as we’ve now learned, to use the word “basketball” without an adjective is really sexism at its greatest (or worst).

I would say to the guys, who I love dearly, “You’re talking about men’s basketball, alright?” “Oh yes, of course!” And then I would say, “Can you imagine any conversation on earth where we’re talking about paying men and not women, and that seems okay?” But that’s the nature of sports in the male-dominated sports media that I’ve obviously been a part of for 40 years.

So, I would point that out to my buddies and pals, and they’d say, “Well, it’s going to be the revenue sports then.” Well, at UConn, women’s basketball is a revenue sport. At Maryland, I believe it is a revenue sport. I think [women’s] lacrosse might be a revenue sport at Northwestern. At least it’s been our most successful sport. And so are we going to pay the UConn

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Brennan has never shied away from controversy. On March 20, 2014, she appeared on CNN’s Crossfire with Van Jones, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, and Newt Gingrich to debate the pros and cons of paying college athletes. At that time, she was still dead set against it. Click here or on the photo to see the whole 12-minute exchange.

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women, the Maryland women, and the Tennessee women, and not pay any other women’s basketball players? How does that work with competitive balance?

I was the naysayer. I was the one to bring up just the basic, fundamental equity issues involving pay for women. My line for all these years was: if you’re going to pay the football players, you’re going to pay the hockey players. And most athletic directors at this point shuddered at the thought of that and would say: we don’t have the money to pay everyone . . .

To continue reading this article, click here.

The Editor thanks Roger Boye for additional editing.

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**EMERITA PORTRAIT**

**PENNY HIRSCH, WRITING MENTOR AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVIST**

Our emeriti directory identifies Penny Hirsch as a member of the Cook Family Writing Program in Weinberg College—but that’s just one of her Northwestern roles. Penny joined the Writing Program in 1978, served as associate director, and became Professor of Instruction Emerita in 2018. She helped shape the program, whose goal is helping students across the university develop clear thinking and clear writing skills. Penny played a key role in developing the required McCormick sequence Design Thinking and Communication (formerly Engineering Design and Communication) and was a fellow at the Segal Design Institute. She was the first teaching-track faculty member to be recognized as a Charles Deering McCormick University Distinguished Lecturer.

Outside the classroom, Penny was active in the Residential College system and faculty chair of the Women’s Residential College. An enthusiastic advocate for teaching-track faculty, she took her turn co-chairing the Organization of Women Faculty. Her research focused on engineering communication pedagogy. She recently lunched with a co-author, Joan Linsenmeier, who interviewed her for The Emeriti News.

*The Emeriti News*: In addition to teaching writing and design, you focused in your teaching on encouraging students to think about equity, diversity, and social justice. How did that start?

**Penny Hirsch**: Through my daughter Jenny, an NU undergraduate who, after earning her PhD, returned to work here. Concerned about women in the US penal system, Jenny connected with the extraordinary director of Grace House, a transitional home for formerly incarcerated women now in re-entry, who invited her to bring her “group” from NU to teach writing. Figuring I could be her group, Jenny convinced me to join her. We fell in love with the women from the start, admiring their charm and determination to reshape their lives.
We were also dismayed that as well-educated women, there was so much we didn’t know about re-entry challenges facing these women who had so much to offer if they could get the help they needed. I wanted to bring that awareness to my students, who generally shared my prior lack of knowledge. Through a broad consideration of marginalization in society, as in my Weinberg First-Year Seminar, Reading and Writing Stories from the Margin, I was able to help them see that women in prison are mothers, daughters, and grandmothers whose exploding numbers, unjust treatment, and life-time felony labels take a terrible toll on future generations. My students met women from Grace House, read their writing, and also explored social justice issues in Evanston through field trips to Curt’s Café.

**TEN:** You’ve retired from Northwestern teaching but still volunteer with formerly incarcerated women. Tell me about that.

**PH:** This wasn’t something I planned, but at the Segal Design Institute, I met a woman starting a non-profit, Women Initiating New Directions, or WIND. Its mission is to guide women in re-entry or at risk of incarceration to “design a thriving life journey” using new “tools and strategies for success.” I joined their board, which keeps me very busy. I design and teach the WIND curriculum at Grace House and Cook County Jail, recruit and supervise student volunteers and interns, and put together webinars featuring women from WIND, including for One Book, One Northwestern. Just like the stories in Bryan Stevenson’s *Just Mercy* (the 2020–21 One Book), their stories are incredibly moving. These women were typically exploited as children and never given opportunities to heal and succeed. Yet they are resilient and talented—and eager to help others avoid their mistakes.

Through a new Racial Equity and Community Partnership, NU faculty will work with WIND to design a “bridge” program to further help women in re-entry. As they acquire leadership skills through the program, they can help us facilitate workshops, establishing an employment record. I’m excited to see how this develops!

**TEN:** And what else do you spend time on?
**PH:*** My children and my grandsons, too rapidly growing up! Book groups and activities with Moe, my life partner, such as hiking, x-country skiing, and downhill skiing in Colorado, which we’ve both done since the 1960s. We stayed close to home during Covid, but just bought Copper Mountain season passes for this coming winter, so we have our fingers crossed.

**TEN:** I hope you can do it! Let’s chat again soon.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**CAR RENTAL BENEFITS FOR NORTHWESTERN EMERITI**

As a rule, emeriti no longer have access to that pot of gold known as the chartstring, but they do have access to many discounts available to Northwestern faculty, staff, and students. We’ve often mentioned discounted software for personal use, for example. But another little known benefit emeriti may take advantage of is **discounted car rentals for personal (i.e., non-business) use**. Emeriti and emeritae have been grandfathered and grandmothered in to Northwestern’s approved vendor arrangements with Enterprise and National Car Rental. And the discount is substantial: a typical weekly rental of a compact SUV from Enterprise in Evanston, which normally costs over $600 (incl. taxes), costs only around $325 (incl. taxes) when booked through the Northwestern car rental booking page. And bookings can be made for anywhere in the world where Enterprise and National are represented—sometimes through contact partners. The only fly in the ointment—or on the windshield—is that the NU rates do not include physical damage or 3rd party liability, but NEO members will often have this coverage through their credit cards or existing insurance policies. (Check in advance with your bank or insurance carrier.)

[Click here or on the image above to be taken to the Enterprise/National rental page for Northwestern.](#)
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 emerite/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!


The author gave The Emeriti News this exclusive background to her new book: “Bone Regulators and Osteoporosis Therapy is volume 262 of the series Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology, which has been ongoing for more than 100 years. I accepted an invitation to assemble a volume on bone and osteoporosis. The process of preparing a book outline, contacting potential authors, reading submissions, and working with the authors and publisher to resolve a few problems was an interesting experience, and it was satisfying to see the completed book. Further description and a table of contents are available at the publisher website.

This book is instantly accessible via Northwestern University Library. Paula Stern of the Department of Pharmacology at Feinberg has been an emerita since 2017.

PASSINGS

Column Editor George Harmon

Note: We list Passings 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.
Raymond C. Nelson, 92, retired professor and associate dean at Medill, died May 30, 2021, in Seattle. Born in Chicago, he served in the Army in Korea, earned a journalism degree from the University of Missouri and a Medill master’s, worked in Chicago for WMAQ and then joined Northwestern, where he helped create Medill’s Urban Journalism Center and the program that now is Journalism Residency. “I think the singular, most important thing to know about my dad was his curiosity about anything,” said his son, David. “He always wanted the details about something with constant questions, always probing to try and get to the heart of understanding the topic in question.” Also surviving are Ray’s wife, Carol, and a daughter, Leslie Nelson Kellogg.

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.

Tuesday–Thursday, October 12–14  AROHE Virtual Conference “Re-Imagine Retirement: Let Us Boldly Go . . .” NEO represented by Bernie Dobroski. See our article on this conference in this issue.

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

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

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. Register here.

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

Wednesday, December 1, 1:00–2:30 p.m.  Lunchtime Presentation: Speaker Richard B. Silverman, Departments of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, “Drug Discovery.” Venue & Registration: TBA.

Monday, December 20, 1:00–2:30 p.m.  Executive Council Meeting

**NEO Officers and Executive Council Members, 2021–22**

- **President**: Erv Goldberg (Molecular Biosciences, 2021–22)
- **VP/President-elect**: Jeff Garrett (Libraries/German, 2021–22)
- **Secretary**: Ken Seeskin (Philosophy, 2021–22)
- **Treasurer**: Steve Carr (Materials Science & Engineering, 2021–22)
- **Immediate Past President**: Roger Boye (Medill, 2021–22)


- **Faculty Senate Representative**: Rick Cohn (Pediatrics, continuing)
- **Provost’s Office Representative**: Celina Flowers (Assistant Provost for Faculty, ex-officio)
- **Newsletter Editor**: Jeff Garrett (Libraries/German, continuing)

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“For me the turning point was last fall. I don’t know if any of you read my column—it’s out there—when I went after the Big Ten for changing its mind and playing football in the middle of a pandemic. Instead we had become the Southeastern Conference. I didn’t mean that in terms of success . . . [T]he reality was not about the SEC being successful, it was about: we’ve become the SEC in terms of values. And that to me is horrifying as a Big Ten person and a proud Northwestern alum and all the things that I’m involved with.

So, I wrote that column and I said: We’ve got a whole different set of standards here. Even Northwestern does. A whole different set of standards for our football players than for our students at large . . .

And to me it was just a sign that basically we were riding on the backs of 18-to-22-year-old football players for the financial rewards and gains of the Big 10 Network or other TV deals—the financial gains of our university and our conference, the Big 10. And that did it for me. Paying athletes in some way, shape, or form. The gig was up. The ruse was up. It was clear that we were using them differently than we would use a Medill student or a music student or what have you. And that was it for me...

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[M]y one big concern is the money flowing all over the place, who’s going to govern this, how is this going to be watched. We know that our friends at some other schools over the years, boosters and whatever, have wreaked havoc on any kind of system of equality or fairness or any sense of propriety about following the rules. So now, if everyone can just kind of throw money at everyone, there’s certainly a chance that there could be scandal. I’m guessing we’ll see a lot of conversations, a lot of headlines over the next few years about that...

So we talk about paying the football players—name, image, and likeness for football or men’s basketball. I actually think that this could help the volleyball players, the women’s basketball team, or the softball players. I think there might be more equality there because if you’re a car dealer in Chicago you’d like to have the whole volleyball team and sponsor them in some way. So I think there’s that, too, and it’s going to be fascinating to look at moving forward . . . “

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