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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
From NEO President Erv Goldberg

I will start my final message as president by acknowledging and thanking Immediate Past President Roger Boye for his amazing five years of service to NEO. Roger was elected a member of the Executive Council in 2017, vice president in 2019, becoming president in 2020, and has remained active and engaged even as immediate past president. Aside from his accomplishments in scheduling an impressive line-up of speakers during the difficult time of the Covid pandemic, he has watched over the affairs of NEO to ensure that the Charter is adhered to—or appropriately amended—during his tenure in office. Roger deserves our sincerest appreciation for his participation in and stewardship of the organization during the past half decade.

I also want to thank our president-elect—soon to take over as president—for his assistance and wise counsel during my tenure. Jeff Garrett is amazing with all the activities he juggles for NEO, including our newsletter, NEO’s association with the Evanston Public Library for the mini-course program, a successful grant submission for NEO, and having a plan in place months ahead of time for the program of speakers and topics during his tenure as president beginning July 1. I should have realized that this is how librarians work!
August 1st through 3rd, NEO will host the annual meeting of the Big Ten Retirement Association on the Evanston campus. The necessary arrangements to plan for this conference have been handled by Al Telser and David Zarefsky during the past year, with the able assistance of our administrative assistant Gina Prokopeak and support from the provost’s office provided by Assistant Provost for Faculty Celina Flowers. The program will properly showcase NEO and Northwestern University to our Big Ten colleagues.

Finally, I want to thank the five members of the Executive Council who will be completing terms in July: Ronald Braeutigam, Barbara Deal, Jane Rankin, Ken Seeskin (Secretary) and Steve Carr (Treasurer).

Lastly, during my tenure, we reached some semblance of normalcy by scheduling in-person lunches and dinners, which also had a virtual component to reach more NEO members. It is my hope that this continues to enhance the camaraderie of NEO.

It has been my honor to serve as your President over this past year.

FROM THE EDITOR
Jeff Garrett, Editor, The Emeriti News

As the continuing editor of the NEO newsletter and now also incoming NEO president Erv Goldberg as he gives up the keys to NEO’s spacious presidential suite at 1800 Sherman and eases into his deserved (semi-)retirement as immediate past president. Erv brought a new focus on the cutting-edge work being conducted in the sciences and engineering at Northwestern, with talks on the latest applications of nanotechnology in medicine (Rogers), plant science (Zerega), drug discovery (Silverman), and, yes, even the science of science (Wang). He continued the work of Roger Boye, NEO president in 2020–2021, to turn one of the great technological innovations of the pandemic era—virtual meetings on Zoom—into a vehicle for more participation and democracy in NEO, allowing members who simply can’t make it from Seattle or North Carolina (or Kenilworth) to Northwestern’s Evanston campus to fully participate in NEO activities and elections.

This issue reports on the latest NEO talks and tours, features a conversation with former NU provost (and emeritus) Dan Linzer, along with the usual panoply of “news you can use”—as well as news you probably can’t but still might find interesting. A heads-up about our fall events calendar, which inaugurates a series of six talks with the unifying theme of human memory, both individual and collective. In this vein we will be looking at how our memory functions both waking and sleeping (Paller), and then gradually ceases to function (Mesulam). At the societal level, we consider how photography constitutes an extrasomatic form of memory (Roberts) and why society’s memory, represented by monuments and written testimony, helps us grasp the enormity—which is to say: the monstrousness—
of our national legacy of slavery and racism (Harris). Other talks on aspects of human memory are in the works and will be taking place later this academic year.

Along with our other contributors and the members of our editorial board, I wish you much enjoyment with this issue of The Emeriti News!

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**PROVOST’S CORNER**

*BY CELINA FLOWERS, ASSISTANT PROVOST FOR FACULTY*

Somehow, the close of another academic year is upon us, and with it comes a time for celebration, reflection, and looking ahead to the future. I believe it is a fitting moment to celebrate the wonderful leadership of Erv Goldberg this past year. He has been a steadfast and consistent champion for the resumption of in-person activities and gatherings this year. He has pushed me to more fully appreciate the value that many NEO members derive from personal interactions with one another. And he worked tirelessly to organize a dynamic set of faculty speakers for the benefit and enlightenment of all NEO members. I am grateful for his calm, steady leadership this past year and want to thank him for all his work on behalf of NEO.

We also have much to celebrate as we look ahead to next year. On Monday, June 13, the University’s 164th Commencement celebrations took place. We honor the accomplishments of our 2022 graduates and wish them much success and happiness in their future paths. We also welcome 69 new emeriti and emeritae faculty members to NEO and celebrate their amazing careers which collectively span 2,268 years of teaching, mentoring, advising, researching, and serving their students, colleagues, and the University. Please join me in thanking them for all the ways they have contributed to new knowledge and ideas, cultivated young scholars, and supported the careers of their students and colleagues. On behalf of the Office of the Provost, we welcome you to NEO and know that you will find a vibrant, welcoming community here.

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWESTERN EMERITI ORGANIZATION!**

At Northwestern University’s 164th Annual Commencement on June 13, 2022, University President Morton Schapiro recognized 69 faculty members who have been awarded emerita or emeritus status by Northwestern’s Board of Trustees. We congratulate them as well—and welcome them to membership in NEO, the Northwestern Emeriti Organization!

New emeritae and emeriti: We invite you to read this issue of The Emeriti News—and past issues—to learn more about NEO, your new organizational home, and about our many
activities and events. We also invite you to send us a brief, informal bio (ideally with a recent photo) to be linked to from the online roster of our membership. These bios introduce NEO members to each other, showing how emeritae and emeriti remain productive after their elevation to emeriti status—as well as have fun and keep their sense of humor, pandemic be damned.

David Austen-Smith, Peter G. Peterson Chair in Corporate Ethics and Professor Emeritus of Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences, Kellogg School of Management; 26 years of service

Henry C. Binford, Professor Emeritus of History, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 50 years of service

Frances K. Block, Associate Clinical Professor Emerita of Communication Sciences and Disorders, School of Communication; 48 years of service

Martin Block, Professor Emeritus of Integrated Marketing Communications, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; 37 years of service

Marcia L. Bosits, Associate Professor Emerita of Music Performance, Bienen School of Music; 41 years of service

Melissa Ann Brown, Professor Emerita of Microbiology and Immunology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 20 years of service

Cunera Buys, Librarian Emerita, University Libraries; 19 years of service

Charles Camic, Lorraine H. Morton Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 17 years of service

Richard Carroll, Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Feinberg School of Medicine; 29 years of service

Clarke Caywood, Professor Emeritus of Integrated Marketing Communications, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; 33 years of service

Steven Cohen, Associate Professor Emeritus of Music Performance, Bienen School of Music; 17 years of service
Mary Dedinsky, Associate Professor Emerita in Journalism, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; 22 years of service

Everette Dennis, Professor Emeritus in Journalism, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; 10 years of service

Andre DeWolf, Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 25 years of service

Mary G. Dietz, John Evans Professor Emerita of Political Science, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 15 years of service

John F. Disterhoft, Ernest J. And Hattie H. Magerstadt Memorial Research Professor Emeritus of Neuroscience, Feinberg School of Medicine; 49 years of service

Kornel Ehmann, Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering; 37 years of service

Betsy Erkkila, Henry S. Noyes Professor Emerita of English, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 28 years of service

James Farr, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 15 years of service

Robert Goldman, Professor Emeritus of Cell and Developmental Biology and Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine; 41 years of service

Paul A. Greenberger, Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine; 46 years of service

Wendy Griswold, Professor Emerita of Sociology, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 25 years of service

Robert Gundlach, Professor Emeritus of Linguistics, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 45 years of service

Carol Heimer, Professor Emerita of Sociology, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 39 years of service

Albert Hunter, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 46 years of service

Mark Iris, Lecturer Emeritus of Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 37 years of service

Tom Krejcie, Professor Emeritus of Anesthesiology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 39 years of service

Raymond J. Krizek, Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering; 59 years of service
Hau Kwaan, Dr. Marjorie C. Barnett Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine; 56 years of service

Robert Lamb, Professor Emeritus of Molecular Biosciences, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 39 years of service

Christopher Lane, Professor Emeritus of English, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 21 years of service

Craig Langman, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Feinberg School of Medicine; 37 years of service

Susan A. Lee, Professor Emerita of Theatre, School of Communication; 43 years of service

Dan A. Lewis, Professor Emeritus of Education and Social Policy, School of Education and Social Policy; 47 years of service

Robert Linrothe, Associate Professor Emeritus of Art History, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 13 years of service

Susan Mango Curtis, Clinical Professor Emerita in Journalism, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; 24 years of service

Marilyn Mets, Professor Emerita of Ophthalmology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 32 years of service

David M. Meyer, Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 35 years of service

Stephen Miller, Judy Guggenheim Research Professor Emeritus of Microbiology and Immunology, Feinberg School of Medicine; 41 years of service

William M. Miller, Professor Emeritus of Chemical and Biological Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering; 35 years of service

Aldon Morris, Leon Forrest Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 34 years of service

Marcus Moseley, Associate Professor Emeritus of Jewish and Israel Studies, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 17 years of service

Patricia Ellen Nichols, Associate Professor of Instruction Emerita of Spanish and Portuguese, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 39 years of service

Barbara O’Keefe, Professor Emerita of Communication Studies, School of Communication; 22 years of service
Daniel O'Keefe, Owen L. Coon Professor of Argumentation and Debate and Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies, School of Communication; 18 years of service

Benjamin I. Page, Gordon Scott Fulcher Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 34 years of service

John Paluch, Professor of Instruction Emeritus, German, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 32 years of service

Susan Pechter, Associate Professor of Instruction Emerita of Spanish and Portuguese, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 23 years of service

Jacqueline A. Pongracic, Professor Emerita of Pediatrics, Feinberg School of Medicine; 30 years of service

Janice Radway, Walter Dill Scott Professor Emerita of Communication Studies, School of Communication; 14 years of service

Artur Raviv, Alan E. Peterson Chair in Finance Professor Emeritus, Kellogg School of Management; 41 years of service

Eva E. Redei, Professor Emerita of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Neuroscience, Feinberg School of Medicine; 26 years of service

Michael Roloff, Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies, School of Communication; 44 years of service

Roberto Sarmiento, Librarian Emeritus, University Libraries; 24 years of service

Robert Schleimer, Patterson Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine; 19 years of service

David N. Seidman, Walter P. Murphy Professor Emeritus of Materials Science and Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering; 37 years of service

Babette Seligman Sanders, Professor Emerita of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences, Feinberg School of Medicine; 41 years of service

Ellen Shearer, William F. Thomas Professor Emerita in Journalism, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications; 28 years of service
Peter C. Stair, John G. Searle Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 44 years of service

Steven John Stryker, Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery, Feinberg School of Medicine; 39 years of service

Ajit Tamhane, Professor Emeritus of Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences, McCormick School of Engineering; 47 years of service

Cynthia K. Thompson, Ralph and Jean Sundin Professor Emerita in Communication Sciences and Disorders, School of Communication; 30 years of service

John B. Troy, Professor Emeritus of Biomedical Engineering, McCormick School of Engineering; 40 years of service

Linda Vincent, Associate Professor Emerita of Accounting Information and Management, Kellogg School of Management; 23 years of service

John Wasserstrom, Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine; 36 years of service

Eric Weitz, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 48 years of service

Gail Williams, Professor Emerita of Music Performance, Bienen School of Music; 33 years of service

Jane Bradley Winston, Associate Professor Emerita of French and Italian, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences; 29 years of service

Victor Yampolsky, Carol F. and Arthur L. Rice, Jr. Professor Emeritus of Music Performance, Bienen School of Music; 38 years of service

NEO-EPL MINI-COURSES UPDATE
JERRY GOLDMAN KNOCKS A CURVEBALL OUT OF THE PARK

It was any teacher’s worst nightmare.

Just 24 hours before the start of class for Prof. emer. Jerry Goldman’s Zoomed mini-course “SCOTUS: Law & Politics,” the draft majority opinion on Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health, the abortion case out of Mississippi, was leaked by Politico to a scandalized nation. Goldman had two obvious choices: either proceed with the 90-minute class as prepared and ignore the bombshell—or throw everything out and just field questions from the astonished multitude.

He chose to do neither. Or did he choose to do both? He kept to his outline, but then prepared rigorously to use the leaked opinion—which he had read cover to cover, all 90+ pages, and carefully analyzed—to illustrate precisely the points he was making in class. He then fielded questions both in real
time and, after class, in what has become a regular feature of the mini-courses: the chat log annotated with his comments. He finished the mini-course by sending an emailed course packet with (literally) up-to-the-minute reading suggestions¹, the chat log, and his entire slide pack to all 145 registered participants.

Goldman was as entertaining as he was well-versed. He not only played, for everyone to hear, the sound of one of the traditional Supreme Court spittoons actually being used by a justice for its original purpose (see his slide, right), he laced his lectures with astute references to the game of baseball, drawing parallels to individual justices. At least umpires can be compared with the justices, can they not? Doesn’t the Supreme Court just “call balls and strikes,” as one justice averred a few years ago, leaving personal opinions and animus out of its decisions? Not so fast, said Goldman—and promptly supplied a Washington Post article by a former Major League umpire titled “Sorry, Judges, We Umpires Do More Than Call Balls and Strikes: Calling a Game Requires Plenty of Interpretation.”

Prof. emer. Goldman, the founder of oyez.org, a publicly accessible archive of over 14,000 hours of SCOTUS hearings, probably made the participants of his course, for two memorable evenings, the best-informed public in the nation on the events that were rocking the judicial world. There was much appreciation expressed to NEO and to Evanston Public Library for collaborating to bring this mini-course to the Evanston community.—Jeff Garrett

¹ From the very same day, Harvard historian Jill Lepore’s furious opinion piece, “Why There are No Women in the Constitution,” The New Yorker, May 4, 2022. Another up-to-the-minute reading recommendation was a history of judicial leaking by Mark A. Graber, “Judicial Leaking Nineteenth Century Style,” in The Constitutionalist of May 3, 2022. Note that depending on where NEO members attempt to access these articles, there may be a paywell to overcome. If necessary, contact the NEO office for assistance obtaining copies of these articles.
MINI-COURSE SCHEDULE FOR 2022–23

This fall, NEO’s award-winning mini-course collaboration with Evanston Public Library enters its fourth year. Here is the line-up for the coming academic year:

Prof. emer. Emile A. Okal, “40 Years of Tsunami Research.” Tuesday, October 11 & 18, 2022, 6–7:30 p.m. Hybrid: Virtual via Zoom and in person in the Community Meeting Room, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. Register.

Throughout Earth’s history, few natural phenomena have resulted in such widespread colossal damage and loss of life as tsunamis, caused by volcanos, earthquakes, and—yes—even giant meteor strikes. Prof. Okal has studied the physics and the geology of tsunamis for most of his career—frequently on site, arriving as soon as possible after they strike.

Prof. emer. Dr. Barbara J. Deal with Dr. Stephen Devries, Director of the educational Gaples Institute for Integrative Cardiology, Deerfield, IL. “Diet, Heart Health, and Living a Full Life.” Wednesday, January 18 & 25, 2023, 6–7:30 p.m. Hybrid: Virtual via Zoom and in person at Evanston Public Library. Registration opens in September 2022.

Diet has an enormous impact on health, obesity, and our capacity to greatly lower the risk of heart disease. These lessons are relevant for every stage of life, from children to seniors. Early eating habits help set the stage for health later in life—though it is never too late for dietary changes to impact longevity and well-being. Accordingly, this program will be led by a pediatric cardiologist, Dr. Deal, and a preventive adult cardiologist, Dr. Devries.


Some places are famously known as sacred. Rome had deep religious significance even before Christianity, and Constantinople was founded as a new Rome. Canterbury and Santiago de Compostela are notable pilgrimage sites. But even cities and towns that we may not think of so readily as sacred—Prague, Bruges, Nuremberg, London, Paris, Florence, and many others—were almost always at some point in their development wrapped in a mantle of holiness.
RECENT EVENTS & TOURS I
MEGAFANA, MIDGES, AND MUTINIES

On April 12, NEO members were privileged to hear a fascinating luncheon talk by Professor Nyree Zerega, who has a joint position at the Chicago Botanic Garden and as director of Northwestern’s Plant Biology and Conservation Program. She and her colleagues have coordinated a master’s degree program since 2005, and this was expanded to include Ph.D. students in 2009. They also provide a concentration in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation for undergraduate biology majors. Dr. Zerega’s research focuses on the evolution and pollination of Moraceae (mulberry or fig family of plant life). The title of her presentation, “Megafauna, Midge, and Mutinies,” highlights these interests, pointing out projects in which students have played a key role.

First, megafauna, the large or giant animals that may have aided the dispersal of some plants. Within the mulberry family are Osage oranges, also called hedge apples. These “oranges” are grapefruit-sized fruits which are “ghosts of evolution” because their dispersers are now extinct but may have been giant sloths or mastodons. Researchers used genetic data to reconstruct evolutionary relationships, suggesting that the Osage orange was diverging at a time when now extinct megafauna existed and may have played a role in dispersal.

A second topic: midges. Also implicated: the jackfruit, another member of the mulberry family which produces the largest tree-borne fruit in the world. The edible portion of the jackfruit (as for other Moraceae) consists of thousands of male and female flowers. Dr. Zerega’s research identified tiny gall midges as the pollinators for this enormous fruit structure. Interestingly, the male flowers coexist with a fungus that serves as a brood site for the larvae. When the flowers fall to the ground, the larvae pupate and the cycle begins anew.

Finally, mutiny. When the breadfruit was encountered by Europeans on Pacific islands, it had been cultivated for thousands of years by the islanders who had developed many varieties. The Europeans thought breadfruit might provide a cheap food source for slaves in the British Caribbean where the land was dedicated to growing cash crops like sugar cane. A gold medal challenge was announced, and an early contestant for the reward was Captain (then Lieutenant) William Bligh of the HMS Bounty. His first attempt to bring breadfruit to the
Caribbean ended in the infamous mutiny of 1789—which Bligh survived. He later won the medal when he sailed the HMS Providence to the Pacific and returned to introduce breadfruit to the Caribbean via St. Vincent and Jamaica. Dr. Zerega, a student, and their St. Vincent collaborators used genomics to identify varieties that were introduced over 200 years ago. Despite the odious connection to slavery, breadfruit is now an integral part of Caribbean food culture.

After sharing such interesting stories, Dr. Zerega addressed a wide range of questions that concerned how her interests evolved, her future areas of research, as well as current conservation efforts in our local area.

—Kathy Rundell

**RECENT EVENTS & TOURS II**

**A Somber Visit to the Block for “A Site of Struggle”**

NEO members were welcomed to the Block Museum of Art on May 10 by Janet Dees, the Steven and Lisa Munster Tananbaum Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art. Dees invited us to experience “A Site of Struggle: American Art Against Anti-Black Violence.” This exhibit took five years to develop as a collaboration of scholars, museum professionals, and community members. It features 65 objects of art that protest violence against African Americans, violence that has deep roots in our history and a continuing legacy of harm. As Dees pointed out, artists engage with history in a way that is resonant and accessible, and visual art has an impact that stimulates emotional and psychological processing in ways that text often does not.

Many NEO members have toured exhibits of works by famous artists in major museums, but the focus of “A Site of Struggle” is on artists and images that have often been overlooked because their depictions of anti-Black violence make people uncomfortable. NEO members circulated among powerful images and artifacts such as Ida B. Wells’ A Red Record (published 1895), believed to be the first publication to use photographs of lynchings in the service of activism; Elizabeth Catlett’s 1949 linocut of a skeletal Ku Klux Klan figure stalking a young black boy with a lynching rope (reproduced below); and Howardena Pindell’s (2020) huge painting, wreath, and artifact tribute to the four black girls killed in the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

“How has art been used to protest, process, mourn, and memorialize anti-Black violence within the United States?”

--from the exhibit website
For NEO attendees, one of the potential takeaways from the exhibit was a deeper understanding of the historical roots of racial violence. Another was appreciation of the importance of art in the struggle for justice. As curator Dees noted: “There have been people in the fight against anti-black violence from the beginning and many of these people have been artists.” That should provide reason for hope.

The exhibition will run through July 10—you can check the Block Museum of Art website for hours—then it will travel in the fall to the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in Montgomery, Alabama. —Jane Rankin

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**RECENT EVENTS & TOURS III**

**WRITING AS A WAY TO “SUSPEND THE CONSEQUENCES OF UTTERANCE”**

**BOB GUNDLACH SPEAKS AT NEO’S SPRING DINNER**

One of Northwestern’s most versatile faculty members—and a member of this year’s class of NU emeriti—is Robert Gundlach, who in the course of 45 years at Northwestern has been: the founding director of the Cook Family Writing Program; a professor in the Department of Linguistics, and—wait for it—a two-term interim director of Athletics and Recreation for the entire university. Gundlach has served on and chaired literally dozens of campus committees, search committees, even committees on committees. He deserves a Purple Heart in addition to every known service award Northwestern has to offer.

It was therefore a privilege to hear him reflect on his three principal roles at the NEO dinner on June 7, 2022: “Teaching Writing, Professing Linguistics, and Directing Athletics: Three Perspectives on Students and Their Learning at Northwestern.” As his chosen title suggests, students and student learning have always come first for him, even in his role as NU athletics director, and so it was no surprise that he focused first and foremost on the role of writing—specifically composition and revision—in what was the meatiest segment of his remarks. The naïve in the audience (like myself) always thought of the “writing program” as something for English majors. But for engineering students, too? Business majors? Oh yes. The craft of writing is not discipline-specific.
What was most impressive in Gundlach’s remarks were the theoretical underpinnings to the very practical, hands-on work Northwestern’s writing faculty do to help students write better. He talked about the “four dimensions of composition”: as a way of speaking; as a way of listening and reading; as a way of thinking; but also (and for this listener most interestingly) as a way to “exploit the suspension of the consequences of utterance.” Which means that when we speak, we are tied to whatever words come out of our mouth. When we write, however, we can craft our utterance and revise it until it is what we actually want to say.

Gundlach emphasized how important revision is to the pedagogy of writing: how vital it is to overcome the reluctance to revisit a finished draft, because almost always we recognize in the morning that the draft of the previous evening needs more work.

Our speaker also dwelt on child language acquisition—and, of course, his insights from serving as athletic director at a major Division I university, where his goal was, always, to “keep the priorities in balance, both for the students and for the university.”

The food, camaraderie, the generous open bar with an excellent selection of beer and wine, all augmented by Bob Gundlach’s stimulating presentation, these made the 50 or so guests present feel that the Great Pandemic is gradually visible mainly in the rearview mirror. Whether that is in fact true, of course, only the future will tell.—Jeff Garrett

**IN BRIEF . . .**

“A Lifelong Luminary . . .” Outgoing NEO President Erv Goldberg was interviewed this past April during a meeting of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) in Boston by a member of the Male Contraceptive Initiative (MCI). He was introduced as “a leading voice and lifelong luminary in the field of male contraception research and development.” For those unfamiliar with Erv’s research and teaching, hear this: Goldberg “pioneered research in sperm metabolism and has been a guiding force and tireless champion and mentor in the field since the 1970s.” Click on the image (r.) to watch the interview.

Update on Rental Car Discounts for NU Emeriti. In our Fall 2021 issue, we provided information on discounted rates from Enterprise for personal-use car rentals, i.e. paying on one’s own, without a chartstring. We know from several testimonials that substantial savings were enjoyed as a result. But we also know that the link we provided no longer works.

Well, we have good news. There is a new page that does work and allows NEO members to enjoy these discounts once again. Click on the image (next page), scroll to the bottom of the linked page, select “Non-Business Use,” and make your reservation! As of this writing, doing this for a one-week rental in July of a mid-size car from the Naples, FL airport reduces the rate from $604.34 to only $283.45.
Note, however, that this rate does not include coverage for physical damage or 3rd party liability—but you may already have this coverage through other insurance you have, including your credit card contract. Happy Trails to You!

Look Yourself Up! Did you know that every issue of the *Daily Northwestern* back to 1910 has been digitized and is full-text searchable? That digitized predecessor publications (the *Northwestern, Tripod, Vidette*) are searchable back to 1871? Here, for example, is a quote attributed to NEO president *Erv Goldberg* from the *Daily* of April 12, 1995, where he makes an interesting prediction. We found it after a two-minute search. Find out what you once said (and maybe wish you hadn’t)! To do a search, go to the [NewsBank Historical Newspapers](https://library.northwestern.edu/databases/historicalnewspapers) site at NU Library, click the tab for “Browse Publications,” limit your search to “Evanston,” and enter your name within quotation marks—so that it searches for it as a phrase rather than as individual keywords. And did you know that the digitization of Northwestern newspapers was a gift to the University by NewsBank founder and president Dan Jones, a 1961 NU graduate? Dan is now a life trustee of the university.

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**EMERITUS PORTRAIT**

**“A GOLDEN AGE FOR RESEARCH AND TEACHING”: A CONVERSATION WITH DAN LINZER**

Earlier this spring, our colleague Holly Clayson, professor emerita of art history and Bergen Evans professor emerita in the humanities, interviewed Daniel Linzer, former Weinberg dean (2002–2007) and provost of the University (2007–17)—as well as a professor emeritus of molecular biosciences. An award in his honor, the [Daniel I. Linzer Award for Faculty Excellence in Diversity and Equity](https://library.northwestern.edu/databases/historicalnewspapers), is bestowed annually.

Linzer became President and CEO of [Research Corporation for Science Advancement (RCSA)](https://library.northwestern.edu/databases/historicalnewspapers), based in Tucson, AZ, in October 2017. RCSA is a foundation which has provided catalytic funding for innovative scientific research and the development of academic scientists since 1912.
Holly was especially pleased to talk with Dan in light of their long and close working relationship, first when she chaired the Art History Department (reporting to Dean Linzer) and then as inaugural director of the Kaplan Humanities Institute (reporting to Provost Linzer).

The interview took place in person in Evanston in early May, a circumstance made possible by the fact that Dan and his spouse, Jennifer Linzer, are beginning a new phase in their lives, spending henceforth five months a year in Evanston, directing RCSA remotely with monthly visits to Tucson, and seven months in Tucson—one assumes not winters in Evanston nor summers in Tucson!

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Holly Clayson for The Emeriti News: So you’ve been at RCSA now for almost five years. What has been most exciting for you heading up this organization?

Dan Linzer: Most exciting have been the many opportunities the foundation provides to support the research and teaching of early-career faculty in the sciences. To be specific, RCSA supports—as Cottrell Scholars—assistant professors in Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy from colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada. We are able to make about 24 awards annually with funding that covers what is typically the second half of the pre-tenure period (years 4–6). We also organize conferences called Scialogs (short for “Science Dialogs”) that emphasize multi-disciplinary discussions among early-career science faculty that lead to proposals for innovative, collaborative projects. RCSA partners with several other foundations and federal agencies to fund six to ten proposals from each conference. In 2022, we are running Scialogs on six different themes. In addition to the early-career faculty (known as Scialog Fellows), we include a group of senior scientists at each meeting to facilitate discussions and to help us evaluate proposals.

HC: How does this compare with your work to promote junior faculty at NU?

DL: Both at Northwestern and at RCSA, I have had the wonderful opportunity to allocate funds to support exciting work of faculty, but my interactions with the faculty have changed considerably. At Northwestern, I was more closely involved. An analogy could be that I moved from being a parent with everyday responsibilities for the faculty to being a grandparent who gets to hand out goodies but without any of the responsibilities that fall to the leadership of their home institutions.

HC: When you reflect back on your years in very senior roles (Dean and Provost) in the administration at Northwestern, what was most memorable? What were your successes? What do you remember with pride?

DL: First of all, I loved being dean because I was at the ground level, interacting with students, faculty, and staff. As provost, I had to keep more of a distance and let the deans run their schools. Here is a possible analogy: as a dean, you’re the lawyer (on the ground learning the cases inside and out), but as the provost, you’re the judge (rather removed from the details and the day-to-day). When I was dean, I enjoyed learning about what everyone on the faculty in the College was doing; I was familiar with the research and other interests of faculty across all three divisions of the Weinberg College of Arts and
Sciences. I was also able to work with a number of the glorious cultural institutions in the Chicago area to create collaborative programs. Maybe my proudest accomplishment was the establishment of the Plant Science Program in collaboration with the Chicago Botanic Garden.

HC: I understand entirely! If NEO members reading this interview have not seen the Plant Science Building at the Garden, they are missing something truly great, a very large feather in the caps of both Northwestern and the Garden.

DL: We also established links between the Art Institute of Chicago (thanks to then Director Jim Cuno) and the art departments at both Northwestern and the University of Chicago. A further collaboration to note was the one we built with the Adler Planetarium.

Closer to home, I also oversaw the founding of the Brady Program in Ethics and Civic Life, and I was pleased to oversee the transition from the Kaplan Humanities Center to the Kaplan Humanities Institute. Not only was its home changed—from a house on Sheridan Road to an elegant newly-designed suite of rooms in Kresge Hall—but faculty were added to the organization.

HC: Are there ways in which you have missed having students and teaching as part of your professional life when you moved from Northwestern to RCSA?

DL: Not really, because I had already made that transition at Northwestern. As Provost, I no longer had a research group. I did co-teach a freshman seminar for a few years early on as Provost, and enjoyed that tremendously, but then I felt I could not give enough time to develop another course.

HC: Overall, what are your feelings looking back on your Northwestern years?

DL: I look back on my time at Northwestern and feel extremely fortunate being at the university in what seemed to me a golden age for research and teaching.
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!


The Emeriti News asked co-authors Janda and Goldman for some background on their internationally successful standard textbook, now in its 15th edition. Both responded generously . . .

First, here’s Ken Janda: “Around 1984, Jerry asked me to join him and Jeffrey Berry at Tufts to write a textbook that they had under contract with Houghton Mifflin—with two other authors who weren’t producing. Our first edition appeared after Christmas in 1986 with a 1987 copyright. Over the following 20 years, we did a total of nine editions with Houghton Mifflin, with translations into Hungarian, Czech, Georgian, Korean, and Russian. Cengage Learning bought Houghton Mifflin’s college division in 2008 and continued publishing the textbook. According to our publishers’ annual royalty statements, as of the end of December 2021, they had sold 1,079,792 copies of the hardback and brief paperback editions. (We have no count of foreign
sales.) Jeff Berry opted out as a contributing author about four years ago, and Jerry did as well a couple of years later. Their names are still on the book, with two new authors: Deborah Schildkraut at Tufts and Paul Manna at William and Mary. Paul is a Northwestern B.A. who took courses from both Jerry and me.”

Jerry Goldman: “Textbook writing is often treated with derision in academic circles because it is not ‘research’ or the creation of new knowledge. But there is also an envy factor as textbook writing, if successful, makes authors rich. In our case, we trained millions of students with our ideas and that remains a remarkable achievement for which some credit is due. I’d wager that our readership numbers far exceed those of any academic journal. Besides, we continued with our research pursuits and contributed to our collective enterprise.”

Authors Janda, Berry, and Goldman celebrating the 10th edition of their textbook at Wrigley Field in Chicago in 2009.

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.

Dr. Alfred L. Baker, 82, who helped create the Midwest’s first liver transplant program, died March 1, 2022. A longtime Hyde Park resident and a North Carolina native, he received undergraduate and medical degrees at Wake Forest and in 1973 joined the University of Chicago. Under Baker’s leadership, the U of C was first to perform a pediatric living donor transplant in patients with acute liver failure and first to perform multi-organ transplants, such as liver and heart. In 2000 he joined Feinberg in a similar role, developing new therapies for treating liver disease and suppressing immune reactions after transplants. He retired in 2005. Dr. Helen Te, who oversees the U of Chicago’s adult liver transplant program, described him as “beloved as a father figure by his professional family” and as a “compassionate physician, always attuned to the needs of his patients beyond their physical ailments.” Obituary.
John G. Raffensperger, 93, surgeon, author, and sailor, died May 9, 2022, in Ft. Myers, Fla. As a professor at Feinberg and chief of pediatric surgery at Children’s Memorial Hospital (now Lurie), he trained 26 pediatric surgeons and wrote more than 200 scientific papers as well as textbooks and novels, including a history of Cook County Hospital and, most recently, Insights into Medicine and Surgery, presented in our last issue, p. 17. Raffensperger grew up in Henry, Ill., earned degrees from the University of Illinois, served as a medical officer on the carrier USS Hancock, doing his first appendectomy while at sea, then was a surgical resident at Cook County Hospital. He did volunteer surgery in Bolivia, Ecuador, Haiti, San Lucia, and Cuba. In retirement he sailed his own boat across the Atlantic and back. At the age of 90 he built his last sailboat. He continued his childhood pastimes of hunting and fishing up to the end. He built a sundial accurate to the minute and could navigate by the stars. See also our “Emeritus Portrait” of Dr. Raffensperger in the Spring 2022 Emeriti News, p. 13–15. Obituary.

Don L. Roberts, 83, Northwestern’s music librarian between 1969 and 2002, died on March 30, 2022, while convalescing from a fall while on vacation in Mexico. He secured the John Cage Papers for Northwestern, including Cage’s notations collection: “It started with a phone call one day. I hear this voice speaking softly: ‘Mr. Roberts? I’d like to explore the possibility of my collection of original music notations coming to Northwestern.’ This was an astonishing proposition. He had written all these composers and asked them to send manuscripts. They did, including six Beatles manuscripts . . . This all came to us. Over time I bugged John about his materials, his manuscripts, his correspondence, and he agreed that his correspondence and anything relating to the performing arts would come to Northwestern. And it did.” See also Bernie Dobroski’s interview with Don Roberts in the Spring 2021 Emeriti News, p. 11–13, from which this excerpt is taken. Obituary.

Tilde Sankovitch, 1935–2022
A Remembrance by Robert E. Lerner

Tilde Sankovitch was such a life force that no one who knew her will forget her. The two of us taught a humanities course on twelfth-century French literature and history, billing ourselves as Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. I can still hear her reading from the Song of Roland in her gravelly voice and explaining that it was written “paratactically, not syntactically.” A special highlight was listening to her recite troubadour poetry—first in Occitan and then in translation. Altogether she taught without gimmicks—just the basic information
and insightful criticism, presented with the classiest continental grace and heaps of charm. The students were captivated. Her evaluations were off the charts. Tilde was also a favorite with students in other regards. She was committed to the newly-founded residential college system, assuming the direction of Willard. Since she preferred to have students address her as “Madame Sankovitch” and since Willard had a certain reputation, she smilingly accepted the designation as the “Madame of Willard.” (Frances Willard might not have been pleased.) As one of Northwestern’s first women faculty members, she assumed leadership, with Arlene Daniels and Janet Abu-Lughod, of a women’s lobbying group. One of her favorite authors was Simone de Beauvoir; she lectured on de Beauvoir to audiences inside and outside the university. Nor was she limited to feminism. She struck up a correspondence with Nelson Algren and read a bit of Proust every night before bed: The Madame and the Madeleine . . .

Photo on the preceding page: Robert Lerner with Tilde Sankovitch at her retirement party in Guild Lounge, Scott Hall, June 3, 1999. Photo courtesy William D. Paden. See also Bill Paden’s remembrance on the homepage of the Department of French & Italian.

THE EMERITI CALENDAR

Note: NEO events are either virtual over Zoom, in person at locations on campus or in the community, or hybrid, i.e. taking place in both real and virtual space as this will allow us to accommodate NEO participation from anywhere.

Please visit the NEO website’s Program of Events for updates between newsletters and your email inbox for invitations to upcoming events. If you need assistance, please contact the NEO office by email or by phone at (847) 467-0432.

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

Monday, June 27, 2022, 1:00p.m.–2:00p.m. Executive Council Meeting (hybrid)

Monday, July 25, 2022, 1:00p.m.–2:00p.m. Executive Council Meeting (hybrid)

Monday–Wednesday, August 1–3, 2022 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference, hosted by NEO, Evanston Campus.

Monday, August 22, 1:00p.m.–2:00p.m. Executive Council Meeting (hybrid)

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30p.m.–8:00p.m. CDT NEO Memory Series I. Jim Roberts Photographs. Speaker: Jim Roberts, retired Vice Provost for Finance and Administration, Duke University, former Daily Northwestern photographer, presents his archive recording the tumultuous events on the NU campus 1968–1972. Zoom only.
Monday, September 19, 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. Executive Council Meeting (hybrid)

Tuesdays, October 11 & 18, 6:00p.m.–7:30p.m. CST
Fall Qtr: EPL-NEO Mini-Course. Instructor: Prof. emer. Emile Okal, Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences, “40 Years of Tsunami Research.” In person and Zoom. Register here.

Thursday, October 20, 11:30a.m.–1:30p.m. CST
NEO Memory Series II. Speaker: Prof. Ken Paller, Director, Northwestern’s Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory, on “Memory and Sleep”. In person and Zoom.

Monday, October 24, 1:00p.m.–2:00p.m. Executive Council Meeting (hybrid)

Thursday, December 1, details TBA
NEO Memory Series III. Prof. Leslie M. Harris, Department of History, on How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith. One Book, One Northwestern selection for 2022–23.

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