

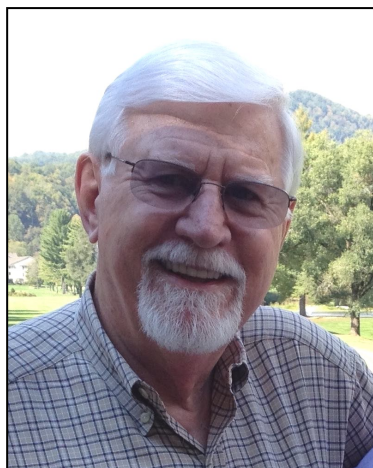
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**President's
Message:
Ron McIntyre**

By the time you read this we'll have begun a new year. Let's hope it will be a very good one for all of us personally and our families (and the best we can hope for nationally and globally).

We are looking forward to our Spring program series: on February 8th, Heidemarie Lundblad (Accounting and Information Systems emeritus) will speak on her experiences as an ombudsman for assisted living facilities in Ventura County. and on March 8th, Jim Allen and Gene Turner (Geography emeriti) will present their new research on the demographics of Los Angeles. The annual field trip, on Thursday, April 6th, will be to the Nethercutt Museum of rare automobiles and other collections in Sylmar. Check its website: <http://www.nethercuttcollection.org>. The spring luncheon honoring ARF Memorial Graduate Student Projects Award recipients will be on Saturday, May 13th at noon in the Bistro, and our annual picnic and general meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd.

Next up, of course, is our annual "Thank God the Holidays are Over" banquet at the Orange Grove Bistro on January 14th, 6:00 PM. **Needle ARF** will present a silent auction of their wonderful handmade items, with proceeds going to the ARF Memorial Graduate Student Projects Award fund. Entertainment will be songs from the American songbook by a jazz vocalist and trio, all talented seniors from the CSUN music department.

Reservations must be received by January 6th; there's a reservation form on page 7 of this newsletter. **Note: If you have reservations for the VPAC John Adams program on January 14th, please indicate that on your reservation form and the Bistro will insure that you finish dinner in time for that program.**

You should have received *two* annual ARF Membership Rosters by now. The first contained a printing error; I'm pleased to report that there was no charge to ARF for the second printing and mailing. I'm grateful to our Membership Chair Diane Schwartz and our database manager Larry Caretto for producing the Roster. If you are an ARF member who was not included in the Roster, please contact Diane (diane.schwartz@csun.edu).

CSU-ERFA (our parent statewide organization) is sponsoring a CSU "Million Shoe Campaign," whose goal is to collect a million shoes for distribution by the organization "Soles4Souls" (<https://soles4souls.org>) to shoeless people around the world. After the holidays I'll send more information about this effort and invite you to help CSUN support it. May I close the year on a personal note? I know that many ARF members dread opening an email from ARF (currently, me), because it will often report another

colleague's death. Every ARF President considers making these announcements the most difficult of all of her/his duties. Whether you knew the deceased or not, I hope you will care about the loss and console those who did.

I look forward to seeing you at the Banquet, and my best wishes to you for the coming New Year!

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NEWS FROM CSUN AND THE CSU

Report of October 22nd CSU-ERFA Meeting

Ron McIntyre, Barbara Swerkes, Don Cameron, and Nancy Owens represented **ARF** at the latest State Council meeting at Cal Poly Pomona. CSU-ERFA leaders are working hard to increase retirees' involvement with the CSU, at the system level as well as on campuses. We now have a Chancellor's Office liaison, Garrett Ashley, Vice Chancellor of University Relations and Advancement.

A major topic of discussion was the attack on current state retiree benefits. The CSU-ERFA website (csuerfa.org) has information on this issue and the **ARF** Website has links to articles in the *CSU-ERFA Reporter*.

Those of us not using Blue Shield Access Plus, Kaiser Permanente, or United HEALTHCARE Group Medicare Advantage PPO will be changing to OptumRx as the CalPERS Pharmacy Benefit Manager. Both CalPERS and OptumRx will provide help if you need it.

Christine Miller, chair of the Academic Senate, visited with the group as she has been doing with campus senates. Among the major issues for the current Senate are a proposal for a 4th-year quantitative reasoning course at the high school level for admission to the CSU, GE requirements as a possible barrier to graduation, academic freedom, intellectual property rights, and tenure density.

CSU-ERFA offers \$1000 grants to members to assist with scholarly projects, and **ARF** members have received them in the past. To make things easier, starting next year, Halloween will be the application date, and the information will be on the website on July 1st. A slight preference will be given to first time appli-

cants.

Membership in CSU-ERFA (currently 2,328) needs to grow to give us more clout on your behalf. If you aren't already a member, you can join through the website or contact me at nancyjowens@aol.com and I'll have the membership form sent to you. Anyone who is a member of **ARF** is eligible for membership so you don't have to be faculty to support CSU-ERFA's statewide efforts. *Nancy Owens*.

CSUN Homecoming

On February 11th, 2017, CSUN will be celebrating Matadors from all years. If you began your career at CSUN in 1966 or 1967, you will be inducted into the 50-year Club at a special luncheon prior to the start of homecoming. The days' festivities will feature a BBQ, pinewood derby, academic showcases, a pep rally, basketball game and more. Recruit former faculty, friends, and students from your academic area to join you. Guests can purchase tables of 10 or more individual tickets. For questions about the programs, or to sign up to help, email homecoming@csun.edu or check the website: www.csun.edu/homecoming. Hope to see you there!

Faculty Research

The epidemiological paradox, also known as the immigrant health paradox, refers to the finding that Latina and Latino immigrants have equally good or even better health outcomes than whites; however, the more acculturated they were, the less healthy they became. Edith Wen-Chu, Asian-American Studies, and Health Sciences Professor Lawrence Chu are researching whether the same paradox also applies to Asian immigrants in California, and if they are more prone to certain diseases.

Alumna Careers

CSUN Alumna (M.S. in Geology 1997) Adriana Ocampo has worked on NASA's Juno probe mission to Jupiter since 2005. Juno, which dropped into Jupiter's orbit July 4th, will spend about two years studying the planet.

Alumna Olympia Lepoint, who enrolled at CSUN in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and the Summer Bridge Program in 1993, went from studying math at CSUN to working for Boeing as a reliability and system safety engineer for NASA space shuttle missions including Discovery, Atlantis and Endeavour.

See the CSUN Website for more news about our distinguished faculty and alumni.



AWARD AND HONORS

Daniel Blake: 2016 Ed Peckham Emeriti Merit Award

After receiving his Ph.D in economics in 1971 from the University of Oregon, Daniel Blake went south for his first teaching job as an economics professor at California State University, Northridge. And never left.

For the next 38 years, Blake made a long-lasting impact on the David Nazarian College of Business and Economics as an educator. But his legacy goes well beyond that because of what he has done outside the classroom. Today, Blake receives the Dean Ed Peckham Award for his tremendous service and enduring loyalty to CSUN.

Beyond the classroom, Blake went well above and beyond for the students and fellow faculty members. He was co-director for the Center for Economic Research and Education from 1976 to 1982. In that role, he helped develop and distribute K-12 economics teaching modules through workshops for area educators. He organized CSUN's Minority Business Program and was its director from 1984 to 1987. The program gave counseling, academic, moral support, and job-placement resources to underrepresented minority students and thus helped to diversify the business community.

From there, Blake became the director of the on-campus San Fernando Valley Economic Resource Center in 2001 and elevated the university's standing in the local business community by publishing and presenting the annual San Fernando Valley Economic Report and the CSUN Economic Forecast for the San Fernando Valley until his retirement.

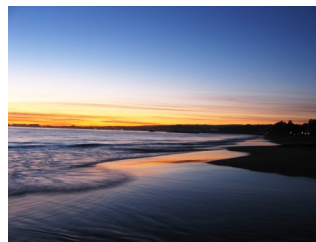
Blake retired from CSUN in 2009, but has continued to remain active. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Valley Economic Alliance and for the Chime Institute—two non-profit organizations which CSUN has championed for the purposes of creating economic and educational growth in the San Fernando Valley. He recently served on a joint taskforce formed by the SFV Council of Governments and area universities and colleges to align local training opportunities with the skills required by area health services providers and advanced manufacturing businesses, and he worked with the Los Angeles

Public Library to preserve the unique Valley photographic archives of the Valley Times newspaper.

Today, Daniel Blake continues to serve on the Valley Economic Alliance's Board of Directors and is co-chair of its Economic Development Initiative. Blake also is the current Treasurer of the CSUN's Association of Retired Faculty.

Don Cameron, who has held several Administrative positions on the CSUN campus, started a temporary assignment in October, 2007 as Executive Director of CSU/ERFA when Robert Kully was forced to suddenly resign. He was asked to fill the position on a more permanent basis the following Spring, and finally finished on June 30, 2016 after eight and two-thirds years in the position, when Harold Goldwhite was appointed Executive Director. CSU-ERFA President Bill Blische said of Don "As most of you know, Don Cameron will be retiring as executive director on June 30th. His service to our organization has been exemplary. Our membership has grown; our visibility and influence at the campuses, in the Chancellor's Office and in Sacramento have expanded significantly; our operating budget has remained healthy; and the grant awards budget has grown.

My interactions with Don and the office have been very professional and yet personal. He stayed on an extra year beyond his scheduled retirement until we were able to find a replacement. His outstanding administrative leadership has been acknowledged frequently by members of the Executive Committee." The new Executive Director is a retired Professor of Chemistry from CSU Los Angeles who lives in Pasadena, so the central office can remain on the CSU Northridge campus.



IN MEMORIAM

Max Lupul, (Marketing) passed away on November 17th, 2016. We on the ARF board are especially saddened by his passing; Max was a dedicated and tireless worker in many positions on the Board. For over 10 years he served as treasurer, webmaster, and maintainer of the membership database. When it was decided that these tasks were too much for one person, they were divided among three different people! He also

was our photographer for **ARF** programs and events.

Max spent the first twelve years of his life in a small town in Northern Rumania, from which he was evicted by the Soviet Army in 1940. After a year in Bucharest during which he suffered through a couple of pogroms his parents took him to Jerusalem where he spent the next decade. In 1951 he enrolled at UC Berkeley, where he eventually earned his PhD in Economics. He joined the faculty at CSUN in 1965.

The following is a tribute from his department. "Max highly valued the teaching part of being a professor. He valued being a professor at CSUN because of the impact he could have on students. He started the Small Business Institute at CSUN, over 30 years ago, integrating experiential learning into the marketing curriculum long before it was fashionable or mandated by AACSB. Max mentored faculty as well as students. Sometimes, this was a trial by fire approach and other times it was with generous advice and guidance. But his focus was on giving students the best education we could – because that's what they all deserved. The Marketing Educators Association acknowledged Dr. Lupul's commitment with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Max will be greatly missed by all of us and we ask that you join us in keeping Max and his family in your thoughts during this difficult time." Condolences may be sent to his wife Ruth at 9222 Corbin Ave #333, Northridge CA 91324. Services were held at Temple Ahavat Shalom in Porter Ranch on November 20th.

Claire O'Connell, widow of **Richard O'Connell (Psychology)**, passed away July 24, 2016 after a short illness. She was a member of **ARF**, a long-time member and past president of the Arts Council, and a teacher at Santa Monica College.

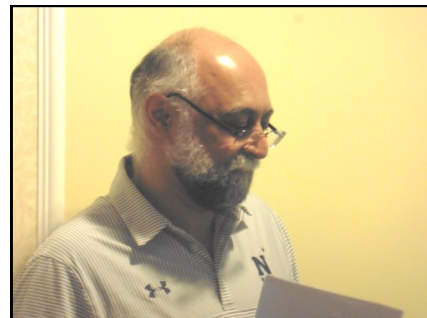
Dr. Edmund T. Peckham died peacefully after a brief illness. Ed will be greatly missed by his wife Dorothy, as well as family, colleagues, and former students who remember him with fondness and admiration. Ed was born in 1924 in Worcester, Massachusetts, and he and his sister were raised in a faculty apartment at Worcester Academy, where his father was a teacher of Latin and Greek. After graduating from Worcester Academy in 1941, Ed attended Brown University, and was drafted in 1942 to serve in the US Army, where he spent over three years. Shortly after Ed's return to New England, he met a music teacher from Oregon, Dorothy Belle Miller. They were married in June 1946 and enjoyed 70 happy years together. Ed then resumed his studies at Brown and graduated in 1948 with a degree in Modern and Medieval European History. He went on to earn his M.A. (1949) and Ph.D. (1954) degrees in American History and Foreign Rela-

remained in close contact with Cal State Northridge for many years. He and his wife enjoyed many years of travel and adventure, visiting all 50 states as well as Europe, Asia, New Zealand, and Australia. Eight years ago, they moved to Tempe, Arizona to spend more time with family.

Ruth Schrier (Art) and an **ARF** member, passed away early in November. A memorial service is being planned; information will be forwarded when available.

Lee Velardi has passed away. She was 95 and living in Laguna Niguel. Her husband, **Ernest**, was a professor in the **Art Department** and a member of **ARF**. Lee was a long time member of the CSUN University Women's Club. The funeral was held on December 19th, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Northridge.

Report from Previous Program

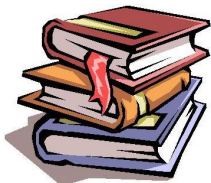


Dr. Amir Hussain:
Muslims in the Making of America, November 9, 2016.

Dr. Hussain (Loyola-

Marymount University) addressed a full house of **ARF** members and guests in the Northridge Room at the Orange Grove Bistro. Amir's Power Point presentation included fascinating information and stimulating dialogue in response to audience questions. His subject was the terrain of his latest book, *Muslims in the Making of America* (Baylor University Press). The day after the Presidential election this was a most timely subject! With references to the presence of Muslims in Canada and the United States since before the time of the Pilgrims and a masterful survey of Muslims' contributions to literature, music, architecture and sports in America, as well as the impressive range of Muslims in medicine and the other professions, Amir drew a compelling picture of a group of immigrants who have

been remarkably successful in this country of immigrants. Hussain taught at CSUN before transferring to Loyola-Marymount. For several years he was the editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, the leading scholarly periodical on religions in the English speaking world. An accomplished scholar, he has now broken into the public with this popular volume, which is considered a major contribution to intercultural understanding in a troublesome time. *Pat Nicholson*.



BOOK GROUP REPORTS

The **Tuesday Book Group's** October reading was *Doctor Thorne*, one of nineteenth-century English author Anthony Trollope's many novels. Set in small-town England in the 1850s, the book is rich in complex characters and plot, all in the context of tensions as love, friendships, and financial difficulties cut more and more across class boundaries. The landed nobility's traditional status and grand style of living, based on family lineage and wealth from renting out portions of their large rural land holdings, was becoming impossible for many families to maintain. Lady Arabella, the matriarch of the upper-class Gresham family, sees that the only way for the family to survive is if her eldest son Frank marries money. Meanwhile, Frank has fallen in love with Mary Thorne, who has no money or title. One of the nouveau riche, Roger Scatcherd, a frequently drunk but talented railway bridge builder recently knighted by the Queen, holds the Gresham family debts. The many Greshams, especially those of marriageable age, the Scatcherds, and various lawyers and doctors (like the very moral Doctor Thorne, Mary's uncle) all try to navigate these changing times.

If this sounds like the popular TV drama, *Downton Abbey*, it is. In fact, Julian Fellowes, its creator and writer, is a big fan of Anthony Trollope and wrote the TV production of *Doctor Thorne*, which came out on PBS last March. Our book, *Doctor Thorne*, is the third volume in a series of six novels, making it like one of the seasons of *Downton Abbey*. Trollope immerses us in a world where the landed gentry is often destructively snobbish and the newly rich can be despicable in their pursuit of respectability and power. And yet, unlike Charles Dickens, he leaves us with some sympathy for these characters. He also delights in mocking names -- Dr. Fillgrave, a lawyer named Gumption, the scheming

Miss Gushing, the Duke of Omnium, etc.

We liked this book a lot. We wondered why Dickens' novels are today much better known, at least among Americans, than those of Trollope, but we found no good answer to that question.

In November our group read and discussed *A Perfect Spy* by John le Carré. The story begins as Magnus Pym, a midlevel British spy, disappears from MI6, British foreign intelligence headquartered in London, which sets off a hunt by several intelligence agencies.

The narrative alternates between the hunt for Magnus, particularly following Jack Brotherhood, Magnus's handler and spiritual father in MI6, and Magnus's own account of his life from a book he is writing for his son. Brotherhood is intimately involved in Jack's life, clever, loyal and bullying. On the other hand, Magnus's story starts with his neglected childhood in the retinue of his father Rick, a confidence man based on le Carré's own father. In fact, Magnus is shaped and haunted by Rick's influence so that Magnus also becomes a charming and deceptive romantic earning his way by hard work, misrepresentation and betrayal. In his early years Magnus goes abroad where he acquires several foreign languages and questionable friends.

This was not an easy read. It focuses more on character development than plot. There were jumps in time, characters with dual names, hard-to-understand public school slang, and suggestive but not always noticed or understood representations of motives and plot. It is a mystery! It presents a rich twisted path of how human beings deceive one another both in the business of spying and in the affairs of life. Most of the group thought that reading this wonderful dense novel of human behavior and logic in the guise of a spy novel was an addicting experience that we recommend to anyone with a taste for complexity and character. *Jim Allen and Joel Zeitlin*

Science Book Group

The Science Book Group met on December 14th at Phyllis Russell's home. On behalf of the group I want to thank Phyllis very much for hosting the meeting. In attendance were Linda Jones, Phyllis Russell, Sandy Jewett, Virve Leps, Bill Hosek, Adam Gifford, Elzbieta Trybus, and Heidemarie Lundblad.

We discussed *The Wasp That Brainwashed the*

Caterpillar: Evolution's Most Unbelievable Solutions to Life's Biggest Problems by Matt Simon. We agreed that the book is well written, although not necessarily everyone's cup of tea. The primary emphasis is on a rather exhausting review of the amazing diversity of methods insects have developed to ensure survival and continuation of their particular species.

At our next meeting, on January 18th, 2017, we will discuss the following book: *The Invention of Nature: The Adventures of Alexander Von Humboldt, the Lost Hero of Science*, by Andrea Wulf, available in hardcover, paperback, e-book; audio, etc.

Following are the meeting dates for the coming academic year, all of which are scheduled to take place in the Oviatt Library conference room (3rd floor):

January	1/18	February:	2/15
March:	3/1	April:	4/19
May:	5/1	June:	6/21
July:	7/1	August:	8/16

The following books are being considered for future discussion:

The Social Conquest of Earth. (2013), by Edward O. Wilson. Available in hardcover, paperback, kindle, audio, etc.

The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from a Secret World (2016) by Peter Wohlleben. Available in Hardcover, kindle, nook and audible.

The Pentagon's Brain: An Uncensored History of DARPA, America's Top-Secret Military Research Agency (2016), by Annie Jacobsen.

Grunt (2016) by Mary Roach, available in hardcover, kindle, audible, etc.

How Not to Be Wrong: The Power of Mathematical Thinking (2015) by Jordan Ellenberg.

To Explain the World: The Discovery of Modern Science (2011) by Steven Weinberg. Hardcover, Other Formats: Available in Hardcover, Paperback and Kindle and Audiobook.

Mistakes Were Made (but Not by Me): Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts (2015), 2nd ed, by Carol Tavris and Elliot Aronson.

Available in hardcover and paperback.

The Drunkard's Walk: How Randomness Rules Our Lives. (2008), by Leonard Mlodinow. Available in hardcover, paperback, kindle, audio, etc.

The Geography of Genius: A Search for the World's Most Creative Places from Ancient Athens to Silicon Valley. (2016), by Eric Weiner.

Proof: The Science of Booze by Adam Rogers: Available in Hardcover, paperback, kindle and audio.

Rats, Lice and History by Hans Zinsser. (1935/2007 frequently reissued).

Reported by Heidemarie Lundblad.



FILM GROUP

The Tuesday Film Group liked the film *Sully*, giving it a 9+ rating. Although the airline disaster was well publicized, we were drawn into the excitement by the acting of Tom Hanks and the dovetailing of recreated scenes and original footage.

Less well known information about the heroism of the passengers, technical information describing engine problems, and the investigation of the pilots' decisions were informative. *Helen Giedt.*



Merry Ovnick, Bonnie Faherty, and Ed Feldman

In lieu of a SCCARF Report, I am including a picture of ARF members enjoying a SCCARF outing at the Great Greek in Sherman Oaks. Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words!

Thank God the Holidays Are Over Banquet

All **ARF** members are invited to our annual banquet on **Saturday, January 14, 2017** at the Orange Grove Bistro (University Club/Faculty Club). **Reservations are a must.** We plan to begin at 6:00 p.m. with a no-host bar, appropriate nibbles, stimulating conversation, and a silent auction featuring creations by Needle ARF members and other artists (bring your checkbook or cash). Proceeds will support ARF scholarships. Dinner will be at 7 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of jazz! vocalist kayla somerville and the adam hersh trio will be our featured entertainment: adam on piano, jonathan kirsh on bass and kirk portuquez on drums. the talented members of the trio and vocalist are senior students in the csun music department's Jazz option. they will be playing songs from the american songbook. i.e. cole porter, gershwin, rogers and hammerstein. come and enjoy the great music and support our csun students at the same time.

We need to know how many people to expect **no later than January 6, 2017.**

Please complete the form below and mail it to arrive by January 6, 2017, to the ARF address: **Association of Retired Faculty P.O. Box 280578 Northridge, CA 91328-0578**

I/We will attend the Jan. 14, 2017 dinner at the University Club and would like the following meal choice (Each entrée comes with a mixed greens salad with candied pecans, goat cheese and balsamic vinaigrette; bread, a beverage (coffee, tea, or soft drinks) and a dessert). **Service, tip and tax are included in the prices listed below.**

Prime rib (\$43) Salmon (\$39) Vegetable stack (\$30)

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Cheesecake with berries Chocolate volcano cake

Name for name tag: _____

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I am enclosing a check **payable to A.R.F.** for the total sum of the dinners I've ordered \$_____

Phone # in case we have a question about your selection(s): _____

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