

ARF NOTES

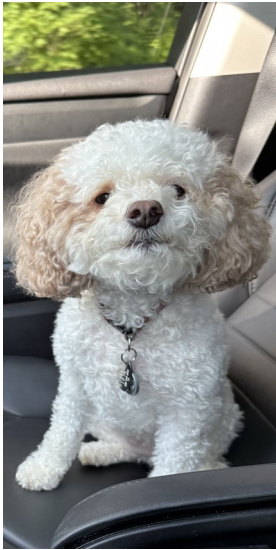
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President's Message: Cynthia Rawitch

Welcome to the new school year! I don't know if others feel the same as I do, but the start of every school year makes me feel the way I felt when I was 9 years old, with freshly sharpened pencils and a new lunch box. The possibil-

ities seem endless, bright and exciting!

I am hopeful that many of us will think of 2023/24 as the bright and exciting **ARF** Year of Increasing Membership. Dues requests and invitations to join **ARF** go out/went out this month, making the next few weeks the perfect time for you to add your voice or words of encouragement and welcome to perspective members. Emphasize what you think might be the most interesting to your friend or colleague—our support for grad student research, our bi-monthly meetings and adventures in greater Los Angeles, our interest groups, such as reading and eating. (Here's an idea—a new group combining both: Discuss the book over a good meal.)

While I am kidding—sort of—about the last, we are happy to encourage new interest groups—all you need is an idea and a willingness to be the group's "go-to" person at the start.

About those dues: the **ARF** Board was so pleased to see the overwhelming support for the \$12-a-year increase, which is reflected in the letters membership chair Tim Fox has sent/will be sending shortly. (Thanks, Tim, for all the work involved in electronic

and snailmail distribution, with a shout out to Phyllis for assistance in envelope stuffing.) This is also the time of year to think about joining ERFSA, which is again offering a half-price deal on first-time membership. The CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (www.csuerfsa.org) is the system-wide lobbying organization for faculty and staff retirees with CalPERS, the Chancellor, the CSU Trustees and the Legislature. CSUN-ARF is an ERFSA affiliate, and 15 percent of your ERFSA dues are rebated to **ARF**.

As I write this, looking out the window at our first-in-89-years tropical rainstorm, I can't help but think of the effect of rain on our campus—always flooding the major streets and roads. These days, little bridges are set up over the puddles from sidewalk to roadway, but how many of you remember wading through the mini-floods, or jumping over them, or in one exceptionally memorable memory—a campus police officer carrying a young woman across?

Hope to see all of you—live or on Zoom—at our September meeting, where our speaker will be William Watkins, the CSUN Vice-President for Student Affairs. A perfect time to socialize and learn! On the following page is our (tentative) schedule of programs for 2023-2024.

Take good care,

Cynthia

P. S. This time, the photo is my New York grand-dog—a cavapoochon named Indy, short for Indiana where my son and daughter-in-law met at the University. Indy is smaller than her name is long. But she is way prettier than I am and I figure that most of you already know what I look like.

**CSUN Association of Retired Faculty
ARF Projected Program Schedule 2023-2024**

Date	Event/Speaker	Time and Location*
SEPTEMBER Friday 9/08/2023	CSUN Vice-President for Student Affairs, Dr. William Watkins	1:00 PM Orchard Conference Center
OCTOBER Friday 10/20/2023	CSUN Provost and Vice President, Academic Af- fairs, Dr. Meera Komarraju	1:00 PM Orchard Conference Center
NOVEMBER Friday 11/17/2023	CSUN Retired Chemistry Professor Dr. Sandra Jewett : “Sort of ‘Birds of a Feather,’ but, really: ‘Feathers of a Bird!’”	1:00 PM Orchard Conference Center
DECEMBER	THE VERY BEST to everyone during the December holiday season; and we wish you all a 2024 with good health, no more rogue viruses, and with novel experiences that we can greet enthusiastically!	No programming in December
JANUARY Friday 1/19/2024	“Things” are in the works...Please stay tuned! We have projected an evening at the Soraya and continue to investigate possibilities.	One tantalizing option: https://thesoraya.org/calendar/details/diavolo-2024
FEBRUARY Friday 02/09/2024	Dr. Maria Rita D’Orsogna , CSUN Math Department Faculty Topic: Sustainability (this talk <i>could</i> take place in March, depending on the date for our Soraya event or a possible ARF banquet).	1:00 PM Orchard Conference Center
MARCH Friday Date TBD	Work in progress for both what it is to be, and the Friday when it is to be scheduled. We will announce ASAP. Please stay tuned!	Location pending.
APRIL Wednesday 4/10/2024	Field Trip For discussion: might we consider a Friday , as some FERP (or even “fully retired”!) faculty may be teaching, and might be more likely to be able to join the Field Trip on a Friday. Transportation is also being investigated.	Typically Field Trips are Wednesdays , please save the May 10 date, but keep in mind that we may move the event to a Friday . We are considering the Observatory, the Huntington Library, and the Norton Simon Museum.
MAY Saturday 5/4/2023	ARF Memorial Graduate Project Awards Brunch. We encourage our membership to attend and be part of this time-honored tradition. Participating in this event for the scholarship awardees, and learning of the extraordinary work CSUN grad students have undertaken is a truly exceptional experience for all of us.	Saturday from 10:00am-2:00pm Orchard Conference Center
JUNE 6/1/2023 Saturday	Annual Picnic/ General Meeting and Election of Officers. We are planning and evaluating possibilities. Again Please stay tuned! It is something to look forward to as as the culminating event for 2023-2024.	11:00am-2:00pm at the Arbor Grill

***All locations (OCC is the Orchard Conference Center) are scheduled to include Zoom access for members who cannot attend in person but do want to participate.**

Membership Renewals

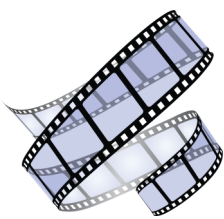
It's that time of year, **ARF** membership renewals and invitations to join are about to go out. When you receive your invitation, please review the membership data form, fill in missing information, correct anything that should be updated, and return it in the enclosed envelope. An updated membership directory will go out in late October; please note the option to exclude personal information other than name and campus department.

Hybrid meetings with zoom will continue this year, enabling members unable to attend in person to enjoy the programs. I might note that in the recent past, we've had **ARF** zoom attendance from across the country including Hawaii.

We have several interest groups providing an opportunity to socialize with colleagues from across the campus, including book groups, movie groups, and a dinner group (SCCARF). Note on the membership form if you are interested in creating a new group.

The **ARF** Board, after reviewing our operating costs (*as you know, costs for just about everything have been going up recently*) recommended dues be increased from \$36 to \$48 a year. This recommendation was approved by the membership at our annual meeting this past June.

Each year **ARF** provides several Awards to current graduate students in recognition of their outstanding scholarship, and to support required master's degree culminating experiences. These awards are given from our **ARF** Memorial Awards Fund, in recognition of deceased colleagues. When you return the membership information form, please consider contributing to this fund. *Tim Fox, Membership Chair*



The **Film Group** met on June 19, 2023, via Zoom to discuss the films *Air: A Story of Greatness* and *Juniper*.

Air recounts the story of Nike marketing executive Sonny Vaccaro's work to sign the great basketball athlete, Michael Jordan, to Nike and how it sparked a revolution in sports marketing. Sonny was extremely well played by Matt Damon. Ben Afflack, who also directed the film, did a good job in playing the CEO of Nike. Probably the finest performance of the film was offered by Viola Davis who played Michael Jordan's mother, Deloris Jordan. Davis did an exceptional job at portraying this very smart business wise mom! As soon as she spoke viewers found themselves rooting for her to have success in supporting her son. One particularly interesting point made by the film was the implication for the entire sports industry from the Jordan's family's requirement that Michael get a royalty on all products that carried his endorsement. All our club members loved this film and that included some of us who do not consider themselves to be sports fans! Our group was unanimous in

rating this film as a **9.0 /10.0**.

Juniper portrays the development of a beautiful relationship between an unruly teenager and his near end-of-life and very angry retired war correspondent grandmother. Set in New Zealand and well filmed, this small film truly grabbed our unanimous attention and delight. The screen was largely dominated by the exceptional Charlotte Rampling as the grandmother, Ruth. Her antics of yelling, insulting clergy and throwing things were just fun to watch. Rampling's role was well supported by George Ferrier who did an excellent job at rather wild grandson Sam. Many of the short scenes were very well done including the depiction of young men enacting Māori chants and the beautiful scene where Charlotte spends time in her last hours of her life on a hilltop surrounded by her true loved ones. We all found this film excellent and gave it a rating of **9.0 /10.0**.

Secretary's Note: *Looking through the last six years of notes from our club meeting this is probably the first time that we were all in "exact" agreement in rating both films that were discussed.*

The **Film Group** met again on July 24, 2023, via Zoom. The Group discussed the films *BlackBerry* and *Delicious*.

BlackBerry tells the story of the rise in the late 1980's to its fall in 2010 of Research In Motion's BlackBerry, the world's first smart phone. Three main characters dominate the film, Mike, the creative genius, Doug, Mike's closest friend and one of his developers, and Jim who becomes the company's hard charging but unethical business leader. Initially the company is run by Mike and the organization is more like a nerdy fraternity house than an engineering company! As an example, "you cannot do work on film nights." Early in the film, Jim forces his way into the company and although he is not a "good person" he is able to steer it to become a business success. Glen Howerton played Jim and Jay Baruchel played Mike. They both gave solid performances but Matt Johnson as the red bandanna wearing eccentric and volatile, but good-hearted Doug, really captured everyone's imagination. One interesting aspect of this true story was the inability of Jim to understand the implications that Apple's keyless iPhone would have on his business. Our club liked this film and gave it an average rating of 8.9/10.0 with the scores ranging from 8.5 to 9.0.

Delicious beautifully and imaginatively tells the story of the opening of an early restaurant inn and old tavern just prior to the French Revolution in 1789. Pierre Maneron, played by Gregory Gadebois, dominates the film as a chef who, after a disastrous meal served to the guests of his master, the obnoxious Duke de Chamfort, is fired and returns to his father's disused inn. After a series of failed attempts to regain the favor of the Duke, Pierre collaborates with his apprentice Louise, well played by Isabelle Carré, to open one of the first restaurants open to all people. Gadebois gives a performance among the best that our group can remember, and the photography of the film was exceptional. Although the depiction of the triviality of the French royalty may have seemed a bit over the top, the other strengths of the film more than made up for this. We all found this film to be excellent and gave it an average rating of 9.1/10.0 with the scores

ranging from 9.0 to 9.5.

For the month of August, the group plans to discuss the movies *Little Richard: I Am Everything*, on Prime Demand (\$4.99) and *Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves* on Prime Demand (\$5.99). *David Schwartz*



BOOK GROUPS

Wednesday Book Group.

Some of you may vaguely recall the name “Lafayette”, or the “*marquis de Lafayette*”, from your high school history coverage of the American Revolution and early U.S. periods. Who was this guy? None of us ever found out. But, Mike Duncan’s new and very interesting history *Hero of Two Worlds: The Marquis de Lafayette in the Age of Revolution* answers all of your questions.

Lafayette was a central figure in both the American and French revolutions. Born in 1757 into nobility and wealth in provincial France, he moved as a teen to Paris, where he became captivated by liberal ideas. In particular, he believed government needed a strong representative body and citizens’ rights spelled out in a document so as to limit the power of royalty. All his life he fought for these ideals, as well as a broad extension of the right to vote and the abolition of slavery.

When Lafayette was still a teen and hungering for military glory and political impact, he was recruited an officer in the Continental Army and went off to America to assist in the fight against the English. He arrived full of innocence and enthusiasm and charmed everyone including Washington and Hamilton. He distinguished himself in leadership and courage in several battles. Later, he played a key role in helping persuade the French to provide monetary and military support for our Revolution.

Lafayette made several trips across the Atlantic, always wanting to be where the action was and renew his many friendships. In America, especially, and France he came to be treated as a hero. In the 1780’s in response to pending financial ruin by royal spending, the first of many meetings was called to reorganize the French government. Partly inspired by the American example, revolutionary flames that had been simmering came to a boil in 1789, when mobs broke into and freed King Louis XVI’s prisoners from the Bastille. Over the next forty years Lafayette was a key negotiator who tried to work out political arrangements for a new, freer France with various leaders, including Napoleon Bonaparte. However, Lafayette was never a complete revolutionary because he always wanted to preserve significant power for royalty.

The book is well worth reading for Americans -- for its thorough look at both revolutions. Lafayette is an amazing character who had a tremendous influence on a fascinating period of time in two worlds. For some of us, the book had too much detail, especially military details, the parade of names of then significant people and 1789-1830 France with its numerous transient committees and political factions. Nevertheless, we recommend this book highly.

In 2001 an unusual book, *Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting By In America*, was published. Its author, Barbara Ehrenreich, was an experienced investigator and writer

about life in the U.S., often from a leftist perspective. For this book she developed a gutsy and original research method: she resolved to go under cover, look for and take some low-wage job, and find housing and food in three cities (Key West, Minneapolis, and Portland, Maine) to see what kind of life this would allow. She did this for over a year, producing a fascinating, unsettling, and surprising story of her experiences.

There are obstacles to getting these jobs. She took the first available work she could find and rented a cheap room, which hopefully included some way to prepare food. Just searching for housing and applying for jobs, taking the drug test, and waiting for results meant several days without pay. Ehrenreich ended up working as a waitress, a hotel housekeeper, a helper at a nursing home, a retail clerk at Wal-Mart, and one of a team of ladies cleaning houses. Although her White identity and her native English speech were evident to all, no one guessed her background as a writer with advanced degrees.

Ehrenreich found difficulties in all the work situations. Although most workers supported each other, no one had any hope that working conditions would improve. There was widespread frustration with management’s condescending attitude toward workers and unreasonably specific requirements for doing each job. A couple of times Ehrenreich cautiously suggested the possibility of organizing a union, but hardly anyone seemed receptive. And similarly, when Ehrenreich ran out of food money, petty bureaucratic restrictions lengthened her struggle to get free food, which she finally found but with few choices.

Nickel and Dime is an important and easy-to-read book that demonstrates how difficult and exasperating it is to do low-wage work. At the book’s end there is a valuable concluding chapter in which Ehrenreich notes how critical housing is in the life of the poor, apropos of our current homelessness crisis. In an afterword to the second edition (2011) Ehrenreich comments about the varied reactions to her book. Everyone in our group liked this book and admired Ehrenreich’s spirit to envision and complete this book. *Jim Allen and Joel Zeitlin*

On June 21st, 2023 the Science Book Group met to discuss *How the World Really Works* by Vaclav Smil (2022).

Smil discusses a number of important issues in a very readable manner. A major focus of the book is the amount of energy required to produce some of the most essential items required for (modern) human survival: Concrete; steel; food; water. A good understanding of what is required to produce these items is essential before the issue/problem of climate change can be addressed in an intelligent manner. When Smil discusses the risks we face and will face as well as the issues related to the human survival in the future, he speaks calmly. He debunks some of the more hysterical topics related to these issues and provides realistic, achievable methods to address future risks and survival. We liked that he does not only suggest major methods (wind/solar for example) but provides examples of easily achievable methods to wean us from fossil fuels. For example, he addresses food waste and excessive, wasteful use of nitrogen fertilizer. An example of that can be observed currently on the California shore where hundreds of

ocean mammals are swept up, poisoned by toxic algae – a direct result of fertilizers washed from agricultural fields.

At the July 19th, 2023 meeting the group discussed *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us*, by Ed Yong. In over 350 pages, Yong compiled an encyclopedia of the many different ways in which animals sense their environment. While the facts were individually fascinating, many of us felt somewhat overwhelmed by the enormous number of animals and their various sensing abilities which developed to enable the animal's survival in its specific "Umwelt" – German for environment. We did not all finish the book.

On August 16th, we met to discuss *Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America*, by Leila Philip. 2022. We all agreed that *Beaverland* is well written, easy to read and very informative. Some of us felt that we did not want to read so much about trapping and killing of beavers, however the historical information about the influence the trade in beaver fur had on the development of the US was very interesting. At least as interesting, but probably of greater importance today, is the effect beavers' endeavors have on the environment through their dam building. These dams can slow the flow of streams and rivers, thus spreading out the water over a larger area and reducing erosion. The author discusses the movement to reintroduce beavers into many areas where they had been exterminated, because of the realization that beaver dams have significant positive effects on the environment. We also appreciated the humorous and interesting portraits of the people the author interviews in the writing of this book, particularly a lady who interacted with and "adopted" as many as 14 beavers over the course of her life. *Heidemarie Lundblad*

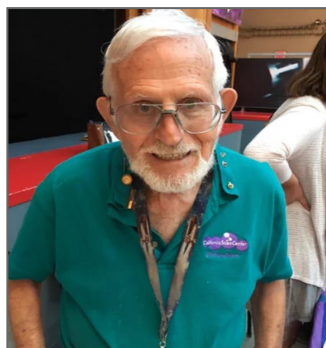
For the September 20th meeting we will discuss *Tales from Both Sides of the Brain: A Life in Neuroscience*, by Michael Gazzaniga. 2015. At this time all meetings will be on Zoom, Wednesdays 1:30 pm to 3pm. **Meeting dates for academic year 23/24:** 9/20; 10/18; 11/15; 12/20; 1/17; 2/21; 3/20; 4/17; 5/15; 6/19; 7/17; 8/21.



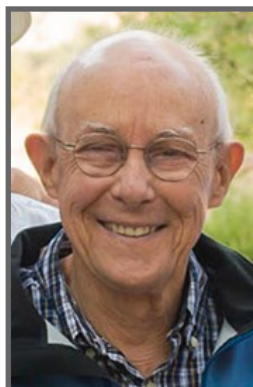
IN MEMORIAM

Henry Abrash (Chemistry) passed away peacefully at the age of 88 on Monday, July 31, 2023 "surrounded by family and several drop-dead gorgeous nurses," quoting his daughter. He grew up in New Jersey sailing, fishing, camping, and developing an everlasting love of the outdoors, alongside his brother Ross and sister Eleanor. He was the beloved husband to Barbara Abrash, father to Ingrid Abrash, uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews. He earned a

BA in Chemistry at Harvard University (1952-1956) graduating Magna Cum Laude and a PhD at Caltech (1956-1961) with biochemist and mentor Professor Carl Niemann. His PhD thesis was on enzyme catalyzed reactions with a long tongue-twisting title!



Henry was a postdoc at the University of Wisconsin, and in 1961 joined the faculty when CSUN was then called San Fernando Valley State College. He joined the American Chemical Society (ACS) while a graduate student and remained an active member for more than 50 years, contributing to all aspects of chemistry education in southern California. Henry was recognized by the ACS with the Agnes Ann Green Distinguished Service Award in 2000 and the Outreach Volunteer of the Year Award in 2014. Henry published 18 research articles during his career, the first as a student volunteer in 1956 at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and the last in 2001. In 1968 and 1974, he conducted research at Carlsberg Laboratories in Copenhagen, developing a deep love for all things Danish. To the great embarrassment of his daughter, Henry routinely accosted any Danish speaker he came across to practice the language. Henry, along with Ken Hardcastle, published a well-received general chemistry textbook, titled *Chemistry with a study guide*. He served as CSUN Faculty President from 1988 to 1990 and Chair of the Department from 1995 to 1998. As Chair after the January 17, 1994, 6.8 M Northridge earthquake, Henry worked hard that spring to get the chemistry lectures and labs up and running on campus and at remote sites with lab space. After retirement he volunteered with the California Science Center, delighting the young and old explaining and demonstrating exhibits to these museumgoers. His greatest joy (besides his daughter, Carlsberg beer and speaking Danish) was to see his students realize that science is fun, demonstrating to them "a fervent childlike wonderment," said his daughter. He was a beloved mentor to many students and faculty and will be sorely missed. Donations can be made to engage.csun.edu. *Sandra Jewett*



John Broesamle (History), accomplished scholar of American political history and noted champion of the wilderness, died in his home in Ojai, California, age 82, on June 17, 2023. John taught at CSUN from 1968 to 1998. He earned his B.A. from The University of the Pacific (1964) and M.A. (1965) and Ph.D. (1970) from Columbia University.

John wrote ten books and numerous articles on US political history during his long career. Most notable are *William Gibbs McAdoo* (1973) and *Reform and Reaction in Twentieth Century American Politics* (1990), for which he was awarded the CSUN Scholarly Publication Award. His in-depth history of CSUN, based on hundreds of hours of oral interviews, appeared in 1993: *Suddenly a Giant*. John's massive collection of sources for the book is now housed in the CSUN Urban Archives and available to researchers.

After his retirement, John published, among other books *Clashes of Will: Great Confrontations that Have Shaped Modern America* (2005), one of two books he co-wrote with Professor Anthony Arthur of the CSUN English Department. Drawing on his years of academic experience, John also published a mystery novel in 2005 under the pen name Jack Donovan: *Exile to Murder*. Set in an academic setting very much like CSUN, the book's fictional characters somewhat mirror John's perspective on the often absurd but always fascinating world of higher education.

Devoted to his students, John was awarded the University's Outstanding Teacher Award in 1973. His "salons" and Brown Bag Sessions with students and other faculty have been described as "scintillating," "profoundly compelling," and "wonderfully sardonic if not absolutely funny." It's no surprise that John was beloved by his students, many of whom became close friends.

John also excelled in his University service on numerous committees and as the Associate Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (1973-1976). He considered his role in nourishing and supporting the United Professors of California faculty union, handicapped awareness, academic freedom and free speech, and the departments of Pan African Studies and Women's Studies as among his proudest contributions to the life of the University.

And then there was John's incredible activism in protecting his beloved Ojai Valley and its natural environment. He served as president of Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (1998-2000) and founder, president, and ongoing board member of the Ojai Valley Defense Fund (2009-2018). John's brilliant study of the Yosemite National Park is now scheduled for publication: *Transforming Paradise. How Franklin D. Roosevelt and Thousands of Unemployed Americans Created Today's Yosemite National Park*.

On a personal level, John loved flyfishing and hiking in the High Sierras with Kathy and their children and grandchildren. It should be noted that John accomplished all that he did while struggling with health issues (near blindness and cancer) that would have vanquished lesser men. As someone once said about Teddy Roosevelt (the progressive and environmentalist President whom John admired), when death came for John Broesamle, it had a fight on its hands. *Ronald L. F. Davis*



Charles Crittenden (Philosophy) died on May 21, 2023, at the age of 89 in Santa Cruz. Charles – also known affectionately as “Kit” – taught at CSUN from 1970 until his retirement in 2002, focusing on social and political philosophy, ethics, philosophy of language, and American philosophy. He was an active scholar, with a wide range of interests: his publications include two books, *Language, Reality, and Mind*, and *Unreality: The Metaphysics of Fictional Objects*, and journal articles on

topics from Wittgenstein to Indian philosophy to paganism. He was actively pursuing philosophy during his retirement and at his death was working on a third book isolating the conditions necessary for a democracy.

Charles was born on November 11, 1933 in Raleigh, N.C., completed his B.A. and M.A. at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and earned his Ph.D. at Cornell in 1964. He taught at Florida and Florida State before coming to CSUN. Although he said little about it, he was in fact from a family of prominent North Carolina academics. His great grandfather was a college president (my dorm at Wake Forest was named for him), his grandmother was a college librarian, and his father was an esteemed historian. In North Carolina, Charles may be most famous for his chess exploits. He was a five-time state champion, becoming the youngest state champion in history at the age of 14, and he was the state's first National Master.

Charles was known for his passionate devotion to non-violence, anti-war, social justice, civil rights, and the environment, and was an active member of the Green Party. He will be remembered as a good, kind, gentle, and generous man. *Ron McIntyre*



William Hosek (Economics).

The family of William R. Hosek is saddened to announce his death on June 10th, 2023. He had fought to overcome Multiple Myeloma since August 2022., but the disease won out!

Bill graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School, followed by three years in the U.S. Air Force. Then with assistance from the G.I. Bill, he attended City College of New York and the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he was awarded its first PhD in Economics. Bill began his teaching career at the Univ. of New Hampshire, followed by a chairmanship at the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

Traveling further westward, he became Dean of the Nazarian College of Business and Economics at California State University, Northridge, and served as Dean from 1988 to 2002. During his career, Bill authored five books on economics and impacted hundreds of students.

Bill retired in 2002 and in retirement served as **ARF** President from 2006 to 2007 and donated annually to the **ARF** memorial awards. There is an endowed scholarship at CSUN in his name. He was active in the **ARF** science book group and will be missed. *Catherine Jeppson and the Hosek family*

Vincent John Jeffries (Sociology) passed away in 2023 at the age of 87.

Vince was truly dedicated to both CSUN and the San Fernando Valley. Born in Ashford, England, he and his family moved in 1939 to the San Fernando Valley, which Vince once described as the “Center of the Earth.” He lived all his life in the family home on Chandler Street where he kept a menagerie, including dogs, turtles, a tortoise, ducks, lizards, a gila monster, chickens, exotic birds and his infamous rooster that woke up his neighbors! As my neighbor, Vince

invited me and my young daughters to visit and to talk to his animals. In his young adult years he enjoyed bow hunting and boxing. Experiencing the psychological benefits, as well as the physical fitness, of boxing, Vince participated in a community organization that taught boxing skills to disadvantaged boys.



Vince completed both a BA (1960) and a MA (1962) in Sociology at CSUN and earned his Ph.D. in Sociology at UCLA in 1968. Soon, he joined the CSUN Sociology Department where he remained for 48 years. He was the most prolific scholar in our Department, pursuing many diverse topics. His early research focused on racial attitudes during the Watts Riots. This political interest resulted in a frequently cited article, "Political Generations and Acceptance of Nuclear Warfare." Next, he turned to religiosity, love and long-lasting marriages. His last scholarly endeavors related to Altruism. He founded a research section for the American Sociological Association on Altruism which resulted in his editing one of his last publications: *The Palgrave Handbook of Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity* (2014).

Perceiving the primary objective of a university as engaging in scholarly research, Vince promoted and encouraged his colleagues to persist with our research. With colleague David Boyne he organized a monthly theory reading group that included CSUN faculty and hosted regional and national scholars. He also maintained high expectations in the classroom. He was rated highly by students who appreciated his intellectual rigor and his insistence upon including original sources in assignments. We miss Vince, who was a special and unique colleague. He is survived by his beloved wife Ceci, nephew Crispin Jeffries and niece Xanthe Jeffries. *Jane Prather*

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Dr. Tung-Po Lin (Mathematics) passed away peacefully on March 4, 2023 at the age of 95. As a professor, he touched countless students' and colleagues' lives during his career. He is remembered by this reviewer for providing parts of my first paper at CSUN. Most recently in his 90's he was helping a group of students from a local high school to form a math club. He was a scholar of Chinese literature, history and philosophy and wrote poems and made puzzles.

Tung-Po was born on December 31, 1927 in Beijing, China. In 1945, after WWII, his family moved to Taiwan while Tung-Po and his 2 older siblings stayed in Nanjing. In 1949, during the Communist revolution, he rejoined his family in Taiwan. In the early 1950s, he was accepted to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Boston) where he

earned his PhD in Physical Chemistry. His first job was at DuPont as a chemical engineer. He married Emily Sheng on August 25, 1956 and they had 4 children. In 1961, he became an educator in the field of his first true academic love, mathematics, and moved his family to Northridge, California to become a professor of mathematics at California State University, Northridge.

His career at CSUN spanned nearly 40 years where he served as chairman of the mathematics department. He was a founding member of the China Institute at CSUN, dedicated to strengthening ties between the US and China. He was instrumental in starting several libraries in rural areas of China. He was also a founding member of the San Fernando Valley Chinese Cultural Association (SFVCCA). He was a member of the Chinese American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California (CESASC) and served as their president in 1973. *Joel Zeitlin*



Ronald Stone (Accounting) passed away peacefully on his 74th birthday on July 2, 2023. With a Ph.D. from UCLA and expertise in accounting and auditing, he was an esteemed professor at California State University, Northridge. He mentored countless students and

went above and beyond the call of duty as they moved through their education and into their careers. Anyone who had the privilege of benefitting from his contribution considered him to be a legend. A popular instructor, Ron chaired the Department Scholarship committee for many years and was awarded the "Accounting Professor of the Year" by the accounting students. Ron also built a reputation of integrity and professionalism in his CPA practice, where he specialized in condominium homeowner associations. Ron also developed a specialty in forensic fraud investigation and was an expert witness.

Born in Stamford, CT, Ron received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and studied at Rutgers University where he earned a master's degree in business with a specialty in accounting. He received his PHD from the University of California - Los Angeles.

He was known as Mr. Rolodex and was a master connector. He enjoyed traveling with his family. He regularly watched the Nightly News and Jeopardy, and loved matzo ball soup and his Aunt Gertrude's lemon meringue pie.

Ron was a devoted son, husband, father, brother and grandfather. He is survived by wife Arlene, children Karen and Daniel (Alanna), grandson Micah and sister Jean S. Cohen. A Celebration of Life was held by the family on August 20th in Northridge. Donations in his honor can be made to the Dr. Ronald Stone Endowed Scholarship Fund at CSUN, where the scholarship money will be granted to students studying accounting. *Cathy Jeppson and the Stone Family*

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