President’s Column
Laura Robles

Dear EFA members,

My term as President has concluded and I have passed the gavel to Dr. Patricia Cherin. Tricia has already begun planning our activities for 2018-19 and I am looking forward to an exciting year with her at the lead. I will remain on the Executive Committee as Past President and I will also assume the duties of the Recording Secretary.

I am certain I will participate on other committees as do all the members of the Executive Committee. On that note, please look for announcements about how you can join our committees and help with the important work we do for the campus. You can always contact Tricia or me if you would like to volunteer to help us now. We need to start forming scholarship and faculty legacy award committees very soon and urge you to consider participating on one of the committees.

During our summer break I am looking forward to a trip to the Norwegian Fjords and to Montana to visit my son, daughter-in-law and beautiful grandson. I am sure that all of you have fantastic trips planned that will invigorate you for the coming year.

I hope to see you next academic year at our great events. Look for announcements via email and to some of you by US mail (as recording secretary I will be sending the flyers). Have fun and I will see you soon!

Laura

Faculty Legacy Fund Winners

Dr. Nancy Deng (Information Systems and Operations Management) and Dr. Alexis McCurn (Sociology, shown left and right above) were this year’s Faculty Legacy Fund Winners. EFA wants to thank all who have donated to this fund which aids professional development, particularly for nontenured, tenure-track faculty.

Dr. Deng’s research will study the digital skills and competence of our first-year students and propose digital competence-enhancing strategies to help them thrive in college and beyond. The assumption of universal digital equality may not hold on campus given students’ diverse social and economic status.

Dr. McCurn will examine how black women living in distressed urban neighborhoods negotiate sexual harassment in public spaces. The study will focus on impoverished areas of the South Bay.

Thanks to the President’s Office for printing and mailing our Newsletter
In Memoriam

Ken Bennett
Ken was a University Librarian from 1968 until his retirement in 1994. Ken and his partner, Richard, loved opera and theater and took many wonderful trips. They enjoyed collecting art works from around the world, and especially from the American Southwest.

Lyman Chaffee
Lyman was a member of the Political Science Department from 1969 to 2005. He specialized in Latin American politics and wrote “Public Art and Political Propaganda: The Popular Culture of Argentine Protest.” He traveled to more than 70 countries and ran the overseas study program in Madrid for two years. He had a passion for gardening and raising flowers. He was the mystery planter of flowers and trees along the old railroad tracks that ran through Hermosa Beach.

Last Year’s FLF Winners Talk at our March Brown Bag Lunch
We heard three fascinating talks at this year’s Brown Bag lunch. First, Dr. Andrea Johnson talked about her project about the 1910 Dominguez Air Meet. We saw a working version of her documentary that included an interview with our own, Jud Grenier. Next, we heard Dr. Bin Tang discuss his work concerning data replication for better Internet performance. The third speaker was Dr. Kathryn Thiess who has been studying the survival of plants in our increasingly dry and warm climate.

Interview with Jackson Henry
EFA Information and Data Coordinator

What have you been doing since retirement?
What ever I damn well please!!! Up to a point, that is pretty accurate. This includes spending time with my 5 year old twin granddaughters, the cutest twins in the world!!
I also take annual trips to Illinois to visit family and friends, Florida to visit my sister and her husband and at least one trip overseas to some country I have not seen before. This October it will be Central America.
I also do volunteer work for the Torrance-Lomita Meals-on-Wheels delivering meals to approximately 10 clients on Tuesday and occasionally substituting on a different day. In addition, I volunteer for the Friends of the Torrance Library helping process books the library receives as donations from the public.
Another major activity is attending various concerts at Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown L.A. I mostly hear the LA Philharmonic and organ recitals. I also get to go to several rehearsals of the LA Phil during the year. I have also taken up golf. I started about 2 years ago and am not very good, which is no surprise. But I have fun with my friends (who I met on a trip to Panama about 5 years ago) and get some exercise and fresh air!!

What do you miss most about your time at CSUDH?
The friends I primarily had from being on campus. Now that I don’t get to campus very often, I don’t see most of my campus friends much at all.

When you look back on your field of expertise, how has it changed from when you were in college to now?
I actually have not kept up with my research area in my retirement. I doubt I would be able to read some of the research papers currently being published.

*If you could start again, would you change your major? Change your career path? Why?
I would major in Computer Science if I could.

What advice would you give to young people in general?
I would suggest they get off the “smart device” and talk to the person sitting/walking next to them.
David Churchman’s Travels and Research, Part 2

Continued from the January 2018 edition

My own research quickly narrowed from my overambitious proposal to the current situation in Iraq and Syria leading to an article due the end of December in the Journal of Social Science for Policy Implications and a synopsis without all the academic methodology in the 1 October web page of the History News Network, proposing an approach to reducing the violence unfortunately about as likely as a pig with wings. Beyond that effort were constant irresistible distractions in the form of speakers, conference, daily lunches with colleagues, and 45-minute presentations to invited Norwegian academics by the three of us Fulbright Scholars of our research at the half-way point in our stay, with introductions by Olav Njolstad, Director of the Nobel Institute. We were expected to circulate our papers a week in advance. Rather than simply read something people presumably if not actually had read, I only circulated my description of the situation and several possible policy responses, then led a discussion as to which those present thought best, finally giving my own recommendation and asking for comments.

Not everything was academic. There was a public celebration of the king’s 80th birthday he and his family watched from the palace balcony while several thousand were offered entertainment and free ice cream. 17 May was Constitution Day, with many in traditional dress. As a Fulbrighter, I received a ticket to a reserved area to view the four-hour parade passing in review before the king and royal family on the palace balcony. Later, I along with several hundred others was invited to the residence of the U.S. ambassador for an Independence Day celebration on 22 June because Norway closes down for a month-long holiday in July. Another invitation was a private tour of the Norwegian Parliament guided by the chief of staff of the prime of the Norwegian Parliament including a complimentary lunch in the members’ cafeteria. There are 165 members of Parliament divided between two houses, all elected to simultaneous four-year terms, unlike our overlapping ones. The Labor, Progress, Christian Democrat, Center, Liberal, Non-partisan Coastal (sic!) and Socialist Left parties are represented. Another 14 parties are recognized but rarely win a seat. Abstentions are not allowed—members must vote yes or no on every motion or bill.

There is much to see and do in Oslo, which also is a pleasant walking city, architecturally interesting for its traditional wooden stave and modern churches, City Hall, Opera, Parliament, medieval fortress, modern royal palace, and ski jump with parallel zip line to mention a few examples of interest. Just wandering turned up something interesting every weekend. Instances? I blundered into a children’s fair, a Sikh Festival, a music festival, a Freedom Forum with chess master and Russian dissident Gary Kasparov among the speakers, an intercultural event featuring the foods of a dozen or so existing countries such as Brazil or groups desiring new ones such as Tatarstan. There are several Rotary Clubs in Oslo, one English-speaking that met Wednesday evenings a mere hundred meters from the Institute which welcomed me for the duration of my stay. There is a huge park with some 290 sculptures by one man although there is sameness to them with people taking selfies or as here imitating the statues.

Part 3 will appear in the next Newsletter
We need someone to serve as a representative to the State Council of ERFA. The Rep usually gives an oral summary to the Executive Committee after a State Council meeting has been held. The position involves travel to two meetings held each year, one in April and one in October. Over a period of two years, three meetings are held in the south and one is held in the north. There is more information at this website: http://csuerfa.org/council.html. If you are interested, please contact Tricia Cherin at pcherin@csudh.edu.

Spring Luncheon 2018

The Cain and Chi student scholarships were awarded at the Spring Luncheon.

CHI SCHOLARSHIP

Natalie Arias is a fourth-year student at Dominguez Hills majoring in biology. In the summer of 2016 she was invited to China through the National Society of Collegiate Scholars to represent Cal State Dominguez Hills in an engineering and technology delegation where she had the opportunity to work in groups and present environmental projects to companies geared to improving environmental health structures in China. This past summer she was one of 14 students selected to be part of the research initiative for scientific enhancement program which gives students academic and professional development to be competitive applicants for doctoral programs. Currently she is working with Dr. Wang conducting research to understand the mechanisms that drive and influence sensory neurons in zebrafish and how the manipulation of their gene expression affects their development.

CAIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Ramona Kraeutler is a graduate student in Clinical Psychology. She is an international, ESL student. Her volunteer experiences include working with the American Cancer Society and at LACC as a peer mentor, which had a profound influence on her desire to become a clinical psychologist. She served as an intern at an assisted living facility for adults with special needs. A direct quote from her application: “Community service means to give back whenever and whatever I can.”

Thaithao Nguyen is a senior in History. Volunteering is a consistent force in his life, and he has discovered that one volunteer experience leads to another. He mentors with Walk with Sally, a program for those whose lives have been affected by cancer. Here at CSUDH he has helped to organize the first ever Transgender Day of Remembrance. He has begun his McNair historiography project detailing the history of the local Vietnamese community of Little Saigon in Westminster.

Callie Woods is a graduate student in Occupational Therapy. She volunteers with Food Forward that redistributes food to the needy. She worked as a Therapeutic Assistant to “Therapy in Action,” where she facilitated summer camps for children with developmental disabilities. Her group won first place in their category at CSUDH Research Day in their study interviewing immigrant parents to discover what their experiences are receiving therapy for their child with a disability.
The 2018 Ethnic Dinner was held at George’s Greek restaurant in Lakewood. The food was fabulous. Let us know if you have any suggestions for next year’s dinner. Third from the left is Sheila Wood who has been our very helpful liaison at CSUDH for arranging EFA events.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 11, 2018 – Fall Colloquium with Dr. Mitch Maki

December 2018 – Holiday Party

**Beverly Palmer**, EFA member from the Psychology Department, recently published her book “Love Demystified: Strategies for a Successful Love Life.” Based on cutting edge research, the book offers many tools for dealing with the vicissitudes of love.

**DR. THOMAS PARHAM IS NEW CSUDH PRESIDENT**

Dr. Thomas Parham will join our campus in June. Before coming to CSUDH, Dr. Parham served as vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of California, Irvine. He held that post since 2011 and had been on the university’s staff for more than 30 years. Early in his career, Dr. Parham served on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a past president of the National Association of Black Psychologists. Dr. Parham is the co-author of “Psychology of Blacks: Centering Our Perspectives in the African Consciousness.”

The EFA looks forward to having our members to come on campus and meet Dr. Parham sometime next fall.
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