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**Professors Emeriti Club**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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## **Dr. Jason Cryan, the Fourth Executive Director of the Natural History Museum of Utah, is our February 9th Speaker**



Dr. Cryan's talk is titled, **"Scientific Research in Museums: The Academic Road Less Taken."** He is an entomologist specializing in the biodiversity and evolution of plant-feeding insects in the Order Hemiptera, and specifically planthoppers, spittlebugs, and treehoppers. These insects are entomologically famous for having bizarre shapes, bright colors, and interesting behaviors; moreover, many of the insect species included in these groups are of worldwide economic and agricultural importance. Dr. Cryan's research has taken him around the globe, conducting fieldwork in more than twenty tropical countries.

**Prior to joining NHMU, Dr. Cryan was Deputy Director of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, where he was also Chief of the Research & Collections section of NCMNS.**

His academic background includes **degrees earned at the University of Vermont (B.A., Zoology) and at North Carolina State University (M.S. and Ph.D., Entomology).** He spent two years as a post-doctoral researcher at Brigham Young University. He taught a popular course on Evolution for several years at the University at Albany (SUNY), is active in public outreach and science education, and is the past-President of the Systematics, Evolution, and Biodiversity Section of the Entomological Society of America (ESA). He was selected as a Science Policy Fellow for the ESA and maintains a strong interest in science advocacy.

**Please join us via Zoom on February 9 at 12:00 noon for Dr. Cryan's talk. To access this program, please see the links, phone number, etc., listed below.**

**For security reasons, please do not share the following links or phone numbers.**

### **Zoom Information for our Tuesday, February 9, 12:00 noon Program**

- For full participation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone:
  - **Meeting link:** Join Zoom Meeting: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/93337381370>
  - For further **information about attending Zoom meetings see:** <https://bit.ly/35lIJe1> or google: "Utah Emeriti Club" and click on the Zoom Instructions link.
- For **audio only on any cell phone or landline phone:**
  - A few minutes before noon, dial this **Zoom phone number: +1 669 900 6833.** You will then need the **Meeting ID: 933 3738 1370** to continue as directed.
- **Please note that the Zoom link and meeting ID will change for each of our programs.**

# AND NOW FOR SOMETHING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

Jerilyn McIntyre



## ❖ CHECK OUT THIS CAMPUS EVENT:

***Re-Bisoning the West.*** A free Zoom talk by Kurt Repanshek. College of Law, Wallace Stegner Center Green Bag. **January 28, 2021, from 12 noon to 1 pm.** For more information and to register see <https://www.law.utah.edu/event/stegner-center-green-bag-kurt-repanshek/>

## ❖ MORE BOOKS!

- **Klancy de Nevers:** [\*The Dutch House\*](#) by Ann Patchett. The story of a brother and sister over five decades. A finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.
- **Rob Mayer:** [\*Homeland Elegies\*](#) by Ayad Akhtar A deeply personal story about an American son and his immigrant father.
- **Jack Newell:** [\*Rush: Revolution, Madness and the Visionary Doctor Who Became A Founding Father\*](#) by Stephen Fried. One of several recent volumes on Benjamin Rush, and the best of the lot. A pleasant reminder that there was at least one truly progressive social conscience among the founders, who opposed slavery, insisted on prison reform, and was already thinking about “craziness” as mental illness rather than an evil possession.
- **Michele Margetts:** [\*The King David Report\*](#) by Stefan Heym, as told by Ethan the Scribe, who is summoned by Solomon to write the official story of the reign of his father, but who soon finds a conflict between the glorious tale he is expected to produce and the reality revealed in the records. There is plenty of subtle humor here, but the book in the end is very moving.

*Keep sending me your book recommendations 😊!*

## ❖ FINAL REMINDER: A special opportunity for Emeriti Club Members from the Utah Museum of Fine Arts.

**UMFA’s virtual Zoom tour of their upcoming Black Refractions exhibit** exclusively for members of the Emeriti Club, will take place **February 17 from 1 to 2 pm.**

To sign up for the tour, RSVP here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FQcXwpX1vz-uFi6y2Dy7N3iilldMa9yr2D9D5-M\\_8aw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FQcXwpX1vz-uFi6y2Dy7N3iilldMa9yr2D9D5-M_8aw/edit?usp=sharing). If you have already downloaded the Google Docs app (or are willing to download it) you can RSVP using your smart phone, tablet or desktop computer. If you don’t have the app, use your desktop to RSVP.

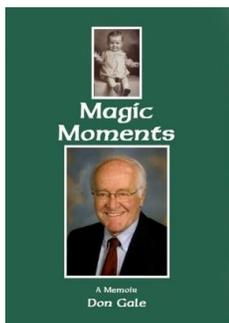
Those who respond by [January 22, 2021](#) will be sent the Zoom link for the February 17 event. For Club members who can’t join us on that date, **the Zoom tour will be recorded, and the link will be available afterwards.**

Here’s more detail on the exhibit: <https://umfa.utah.edu/black-refractions>.

## Please Note: Program Venues for Winter/Spring 2021

For health and safety considerations, we will continue to present our programs via Zoom through April. We will evaluate the progress made with Covid vaccinations early in April and let you know in the April newsletter if it is feasible to return to an in-person meeting in the Saltair Room in May.

## Emeriti in Action



Don Gale's 2018 book, [\*Magic Moments: A Memoir\*](#), is a wonderful read, especially for anyone of a certain age who has been associated with the U. It covers his growing up in Salt Lake City through a varied and rich career in journalism, including academia and world-wide travel to interview news makers such as President Jimmy Carter and PLO Chair Yassar Arafat. His "after retirement" activities include starting a business and writing 11 books. During his career, he taught classes in journalism at the U and provided leadership on the Alumni Association Board and the National Advisory Council. He was welcomed as an honorary member of the Emeriti Club in 2019.



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# Spring 2021 Season Cancelled!

**This space was to be used to inform you about the Spring 2021 PMT season and last-minute information about preview nights, but in the words of the Theatre Directors, "It is likely of no surprise that we are unable to go forward with our planned reopening this spring." The Directors also stated that "we will have a new season schedule to announce in the next few months" We will let you know about the 2021-2022 Season and preview nights as information is available.**

## Emeriti Hiking Group News



Fortunately, through friendships made on the trails during past weekly Friday hikes and occasional camping trips, many of us continued to hike in twos and threes. If Phase 2 of the Covid 19 vaccinations occurs as projected, we are hoping to greet spring with weekly Friday morning hikes. This gives us all something to look forward to along with the first flowers. Undoubtedly, some of our first trips will be out to Antelope or Stansbury Islands, the first to bloom.

With Bill Gray’s increasing interest in old trees, more than in old hikers, we need people to step forward to recommend hikes—suggestions as well as leadership. It really is not difficult, and you get to pick hikes you know or explore new hikes. Suzanne cannot do it alone. We are most grateful for Bill Gray’s daily, and then weekly, botanical e-notices and natural history pointers gleaned from years of photography and travel. He deserves our thanks and a break, and we hope he will continue to lead us where the flowers bloom throughout the spring and summer.

We have selected the Ruby Mountains near Elko Nevada for our camping trip July 12-16, 2021. The group site has been reserved for those with vans and tents. Trailers and larger RVs will need to reserve at the Thomas Canyon Campground down the road as the group site is really a small converted picnic area. At 9,000 feet in a glaciated canyon the Ruby Mountains are one or the many isolated ecological islands in the Basin and Range continuum of mountains. If you are interested in leading a hike, learning more about the campout, or being on the mailing list please contact [Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu).

## Emeriti Club Programs 2021

Date/Time	Speaker	Topic	Venue
Tues., March 9, 2021 12:00 noon	<b>Sandra Hollins</b> , Utah State Representative, District 23	Black Lives Matter Movement/Ending Systemic Racism	Zoom
Tues., April 13, 2021 12:00 noon	<b>Geralyn Dreyfous</b> , Oscar-winning film producer	Film as a Strategy for Social Change	Zoom
Tues., May 11, 2021 12:00 noon	TBA	A Special Celebration	Zoom or Luncheon

## In Memoriam

**Edward (Ned) Spurgeon**

Law  
January 2, 2021

**Ronald J. Pugmire**  
Chemical Engineering  
December 15, 2020

**Reed McArthur Gardner**  
Medical Informatics  
November 27, 2020

**David Van Strien**  
Civil Engineering  
November 22, 2020

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## DUES PAYMENT FORM

**Voluntary dues for 2020/21- \$12.00 Single, \$24.00 Couple**

**\$12.50 Single, \$25.00 Couple with credit card payment** (includes \$.50 per person surcharge)

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