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A Celebration of Poetry with Jackie Osherow: “Inspiration Point, Bryce Canyon, Utah” and Other Poems



Jacqueline (Jackie) Osherow is a Distinguished Professor of English at the University of Utah and the author of eight collections of poetry, most recently *My Lookalike at the Krishna Temple*, 2019. She has received grants from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ingram Merrill Foundation and the Witter Bynner Prize from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, as well as several prizes from the Poetry Society of America. Her poems have appeared in many magazines, journals, and anthologies, including *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, *American Poetry Review*, *the Wadsworth Anthology of Poetry*, *The Longman Anthology of Poetry*, *Best American Poetry*, *The Norton Anthology of Jewish-American Literature*, *The Penguin Book of the Sonnet*, *Twentieth*

Century American Poetry, and *The Making of a Poem*.

About her work, Rosanna Warren, former Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets, writes, “Abundant in whimsy, philosophical speculation, and earthly affections, Jacqueline Osherow’s poems inhabit their forms with insouciance and wit.”

Please join us **via Zoom** on **May 11 at 12:00 noon** for Jackie Osherow’s poetry reading. 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, May 11, 12:00 noon Program

- For full participation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone:
 - **Meeting link:** Join Zoom Meeting: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/97888235086>
 - For further information about attending Zoom meetings see: <https://bit.ly/35IIJe1> 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: 978 8823 5086 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



❖ UPCOMING CAMPUS ACTIVITIES & MORE

- Natural History Museum of Utah's 2021 Online Lecture Series "Trailblazing Women in Science." <https://nhmu.utah.edu/lectureseries>
- Alumni Association Virtual Events. <https://bit.ly/39lmdt8>
- Virtual Travel experiences through Go Learn. <https://continue.utah.edu/golearn/virtual>
- Spring Events in Red Butte Garden. <https://redbuttegarden.org/events/e-cat/spring-events/>
- "Poetry and the Creative Mind: Celebrating 25 Years of National Poetry Month." April 29, 5:30pm MST. Featuring readings by luminaries from across the arts and culture. <http://bit.ly/397bv2U>

❖ READING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Lou Jean Flint: [*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*](#) by Kim Michele Richardson. Historical fiction. FDR established the first mobile library. [*Ruthless River*](#) by Holly Fitzgerald. Non-fiction. Love and survival by raft on the Amazon's relentless Madre de Dioe. While honeymooning, a couple's plane crashes in a Peruvian penal colony walled in by jungle and they must find their way back to civilization.
 - David Smith: Nobel laureate Kazuo Ishiguro's new [*Klara and the Sun*](#) is written from the point of view of an artificial intelligence, an "Artificial Friend" having extraordinary observational qualities that form her emotions and actions in a future environment uniquely illuminating our own. The March issue of *Scientific American* is a worthy cover-to-cover read, but especially "*The Power of Social Justice Movements.*" See also Louis Menand, "Change Your Life," *New Yorker*, March 22, 2021, which is entitled "[The Making of the New Left](#)" in the Web version.
 - Jerilyn McIntyre: [*The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from A Secret World*](#) by Peter Wohlleben. The subtitle says it all: trees in a forest are social beings. Fascinating!
 - Linda Keiter: [*Icebound: Shipwrecked at the Edge of the World*](#) by Andrea Pitzer. Join William Barents, the 16th century Dutch explorer (and namesake of the Barents Sea) on three arctic voyages, each more harrowing than the last, to find a northern passage to China. This reenactment of a true story pits man against ice, time, and polar bears. As a bonus, you will get a fascinating history of the great Age of Exploration. [*The Neapolitan Novels*](#) by Elena Ferrante. A beautifully written story, in four volumes, about the deep, but fraught, friendship between two remarkable Neapolitan girls as they age into young womanhood and then into women of a certain age. The first two of these novels form the basis for the excellent HBO series, *My Brilliant Friend*, with more to come.
- ❖ **Wrapping up the year.** The books most frequently mentioned by members of the Club were *The Warmth of Other Suns* and *Caste*, both by Isabel Wilkerson; *The Overstory* by Richard Powers; *The Splendid and the Vile* by Eric Larson; and *Circe* by Madeline Miller.

Thank you for sharing your recommendations!

Letter to President Ruth Watkins

Late last summer, when we invited President Ruth Watkins to be the opening speaker for the 2020-2021 Emeriti Club program year, we had our fingers crossed. We knew that October was an especially busy time for her, so we were delighted when she quickly accepted our invitation. Her presentation was the perfect way to begin our year. Thoughtful and engaging, candid and informative, it kept us excited about this great university's present and future.

That's just one of the reasons why so many of us were saddened when President Watkins announced in January that she was leaving the University of Utah to become President of Strada Impact.

As she approaches the date of her departure, we want her to know how much we appreciate her service and all that she has accomplished here. She has been an outstanding President, leading the institution with wisdom, vision, and grace during incredibly difficult times and circumstances. The University has prospered and excelled under her stewardship as Senior Vice President and as President. The list of achievements and recognitions is remarkable.

We wish her well, of course, in her new position, and hope that she will also continue to stay in touch, if possible, with the people and programs she encouraged and inspired at the U.

Thank you, Present Watkins!

Jerilyn McIntyre, for the Professors Emeriti Club Board and membership

Bits & Pieces from the Editor's Notebook



- **Mark your Calendars!** Since this is the last Emeriti Club Newsletter until September, we are reminding you now about **renewing your Emeritus Parking Permit**. The Emeritus permits are a yearly permit. **They expire every year on 8/31**. Just email katina.limberakis@utah.edu or call her at (801-585-1968) **in August** and she will renew it for you.
- **Both the CDC and the AARP websites have helpful information if you are considering making travel plans.** The CDC site is [Travel During Covid](http://bit.ly/3r1l8Xj) (<http://bit.ly/3r1l8Xj>) and the AARP site is [Travel Tips](http://bit.ly/2P6YejT) (<http://bit.ly/2P6YejT>).
- **The Pioneer Theatre will be open for the 2021/2022 season, but they will not decide whether to have preview nights until this summer.** You can check their website off and on at <https://pioneertheatre.org/>. Since the first performance is on September 10, we will send up-dated information by email to members who get the newsletter by email.

Emeriti Awards

University of Utah Alumni Association Founders Day 2021. “To celebrate the founding of the University of Utah in 1850, we annually recognize alumni and honorary alumni who have served their community, excelled professionally, and supported the university in its mission.” This year, three Emeriti Professors were named Distinguished Alumni: **Ronald Coleman**, and **Joan and Hal Wolf**. For more information about these esteemed recipients see: <https://bit.ly/3vYMq4I>



Lou Jean Flint, Honorary Emerita and former Academic Affairs officer in the Office of the Commissioner for Higher Education, will receive an **Honorary Doctorate degree from Weber State University** on April 29th.

In Memoriam

M. Dane Picard Geology and Geophysics March 29, 2021	Fred L Petersen Administration March 9, 2021	Keith J. Schiager Director, Radiological Health March 3, 2021
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The Passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on an Alumni Association webpage at: <https://bit.ly/3aOLS4k>

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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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