



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Professors Emeriti Club

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NEWSLETTER

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University of Utah President, Ruth Watkins, Will Headline Our Initial “Food for Thought” Zoom Program



In what seems a year like no other, we are pleased to welcome **President Ruth Watkins** to deliver a “State of the University” message. While guiding the University through the pandemic, a tragic student murder, related campus security issues, and protests against racial injustice, President Watkins’ leadership has significantly advanced the University’s academic reputation and student success. As one of her signature projects, the University sought and gained membership in the Association of American Universities, a prestigious, invitation-only group of the nation’s 65 leading research institutions.

President Watkins’ other prominent initiatives include increasing student success as measured by graduation rates and new avenues for access to a U education. Her administration’s steadfast support for faculty and staff has facilitated creativity, collaboration, and impact, exemplified by rising research funding—a record of \$603 million in 2020—and steady growth in the quality and quantity of scholarship focused on urgent societal concerns. As a result, several University programs are ranked among the best in the country, including its undergraduate and graduate entrepreneurship programs, full-time MBA program, and schools of computing, law, nursing, and medicine. *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* rated the U as No. 11 in the country for value in 2019. The U is ranked among the top 50 public research universities by *U.S. News & World Report* (2019). **See the box below for information about joining our Zoom meeting with President Watkins:**

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

Please join us on Zoom at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 13 for President Watkins’ talk.

- For full participation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone:
 - Meeting link: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/97622682145>
 - For further information about attending Zoom meetings see: <https://bit.ly/35lJe1> 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: 976 2268 2145 to continue as directed.
- Please note that the Zoom link, phone number and meeting ID will change for each of our programs

If you have not participated in a Zoom meeting before, you are welcome to join us for a Practice Session on Wednesday, September 30, at 10:00 am.

Follow the instructions above, except for full participation use this meeting link: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/95912844913> or for audio only use this Zoom phone number: 1 669 900 6833 and this Meeting ID: 959 1284 4913.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

Jerilyn McIntyre



Thanks to all of you who have suggested activities or web sites to keep us involved and engaged. Following is a sample of the information you have shared about interesting campus and community resources:

- ❖ The [Marriott Library Rare Books Department](#) offers a series of Virtual Lectures, Here's one of the lectures in full https://youtu.be/B2EINX_gYDE. Others can be found under Digital Humanities, Virtual Lectures, on the library's Rare Books page.
- ❖ A powerful speech on the impact of nuclear testing in the 1950s was delivered recently by **Mary Dickson**, whose family was among those ravaged by diseases that resulted from the testing. Watch her poignant presentation on Dropbox https://www.dropbox.com/s/xc55rxkdkq16r9a/Aug6_515_MaryDickson_14.22.mp4?dl=0
- ❖ Here are a few of the books you have recommended, for our **virtual book club**:

Susan Poulter:

[The Warmth of Other Suns](#) by Isabel Wilkerson, [The Splendid and the Vile](#) by Eric Larson, [The Water Dancer](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Anne Cullimore Decker:

[Tyrant: Shakespeare on Politics](#) by Stephen Greenblatt, [Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind](#) by Yuval Noah Harari, [Where the Crawdads Sing](#) by Delia Owens

Joan Coles:

[The Overstory](#) by Richard Powers

Linda Keiter:

[The Mandibles: A Family, 2029-2047](#) by Lionel Shriver, [Sing, Unburied, Sing](#) by Jesmyn Ward, and The Wolf Hall Trilogy ([Wolf Hall](#), [Bring Up the Bodies](#), [The Mirror and the Light](#)) by Hilary Mantel

A reminder: If any of you would like to participate in or host an interactive Emeriti Book Club, send me an email.

- ❖ For the birders in our midst, [Tracy Aviary](#) has a variety of fascinating features on their web site. <https://tracyaviary.org/> Their virtual videos are especially interesting. <https://tracyaviary.org/virtual-aviary-videos>
For those of you who would rather visit the Aviary in person, Senior Admission is available from 9 to 10 am. Don Strassberg reports that there were very few people during that hour the day he visited, so social distancing was quite easy. Masks are required.
- ❖ **Continuing Education** posts opportunities for travel as well as outstanding virtual lectures on their "Go Learn" site. <https://continue.utah.edu/golearn/>
Courses, lectures and events for mature adults are available through the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**. <https://continue.utah.edu/osher>
- ❖ Also of interest: the radio broadcast schedule for **Utah Symphony** performances is available at <https://utahsymphony.org/schedule/radio-broadcasts/>. Broadcasts are Fridays at 9:30 am on 89.1 FM for most of the Wasatch Front.

That's all for this newsletter. Let's hear more from you about books or activities you recommend.



Masks to Order

“Just like you, we can’t wait to get back to making theatre. While we wait for our season to begin, we’re **bringing full-time, benefitted positions back**, and turning the talents of our costume shop towards mask-making, to help our community **slow the spread** and get back to normal.

“Here’s your chance to acquire some unique, professionally sewn masks, are **form-fitted in different sizes**, with **ear loops**, and a **holder** for a filter, AND support PTC at the same time.”

Visit their [Online Order Form](#) or google “pioneer theatre masks to order”

& More



“Products [such as [wine racks, toys and totes](#) (click on blue link or google ‘pioneer theatre second act’)] are made in the Pioneer Theatre Company scene shop, from stage materials. Please check back regularly as new items will be added!”

Please consider supporting our longstanding partner in this endeavor as thanks for all the free tickets they give to emeriti each season!

Emeriti Hiking Group News

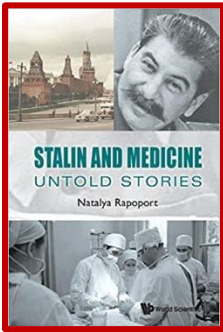
The Emeriti Hiking Group welcomes new emeriti interested in hiking and/or camping. In the olden days, pre-Covid, this loose accumulation of enthusiasts hiked year-long on Fridays. The leader chooses the spot; many members of our group have knowledge of places you never knew about. Difficulty varies from easy to moderately challenging and from 3 to 6 miles, on average. We have suspended activity for the time being but did do two camping trips this summer (City of Rocks, and group site in Grand Teton National Park.) It is a fun group and, of course, you can bring friends and family.



To sign up for the email-only hiking list, contact suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu.

The photo above was taken up American Fork Canyon looking at Mt. Timpanogos from Horse Flats and the photo to the left from Circle All Peak in Big Cottonwood Canyon. In winter we use yak trax or snowshoes to explore.

Emerita in Action



Natalya (Natasha) Rapoport, Professor-Emerita of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, reports that her book, [*Stalin and Medicine: Untold Stories*](#), was released in April by World Scientific Publishers and is available on Amazon. Based on firsthand accounts, it offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse into some extraordinary moments of 20th century Russia and demonstrates the disastrous consequences of a totalitarian regime's intervention in medicine and medical science.

Emeriti Privileges

An Emeritus identification card entitles you to: a) discounts at the Campus Store (Bookstore), b) reduced prices for season tickets to theatre and athletic events, c) faculty privileges in campus recreation programs, and d) free admission to the Museum of Natural History and Utah Museum of Fine Arts.

Beyond these opportunities, emeriti card holders are entitled to the following:

- Tuition-free enrollment in University (including Peak) and for most Osher Lifelong Learning classes (fees are required)
- Free parking in campus **visitors lots** for all registered emeriti faculty. All visitor lots are fully automated, but to park in them without charge you must register your car license plate number. Doing so requires providing campus Commuter Services with your name, University I.D. number, and license plate numbers (limit of two cars). You may do so by emailing Katina Limberakis, Administrative Manager, Commuter Services, katina.limberakis@utah.edu or by registering in person at the Commuter Services office. Thereafter, you may park in any automated visitor lot with no validations required. Parking is then a matter of entering the automated lots and leaving. For a map showing visitor parking, see <https://commuterservices.utah.edu/campus-parking/parking-map.php> (To expand the map, click on the plus sign in the top left corner.)

Note: Commuter Services has moved from its building in the annex and is now located at Fort Douglas, 311 South Fort Douglas Blvd.

- Half-price University parking permits through Commuter Services.
 - Free admission for two to Preview Night performances of main stage productions at the Pioneer Theatre (The Theatre is closed through January 2021; performances begin February 2021.)
 - Discounts arranged by the Emeriti Club
- ✓ **Receive your Newsletter by email? You will save the Club money!** Contact Ryck Luthi at 801- 532-6464 or ryckluthi@msn.com. He will make the change.
- ✓ **UCard** – If you are a Club member but do not yet have a UCard, you may apply for one by sending an email with your mug shot photo attached to the UCard email address, ucard@utah.edu, and they can upload it for you. Please include your university ID number and when you'd like to pick the card up as well. There are two UCard Offices, one in the Student Union on the ground floor near the billiard tables, and another in the Hospital. For more information about those locations and their office hours (currently limited because of COVID 19), visit: [UofU UCard Offices](#). You may also ask that the card be available for you to pick up at the Front Desk in the Student Union.

In Memoriam

Jarmila Janatova
Biomedical Engineering
July 13, 2020

Anna B. Williams
Special Education
March 14, 2020

The Passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on an Alumni Association webpage at: <https://bit.ly/32BQR76>

Emeriti Club Dues

All who are named emeritus/a by the Trustees of the University of Utah automatically become members of the Professors Emeriti Club. Membership comes with no additional requirements. However, the Club does provide many benefits and, accordingly, solicits dues from members who wish to support our programs. **Annual Dues are \$12.00 for an individual, \$24 for a couple, and can be paid when submitting the form found immediately below announcements of our monthly programs.**

Member dues are one of two resources that support Club activities. The other is a nominal annual stipend provided by the Academic Vice President's Office. The Emeriti Club Executive Board supports a variety of ongoing activities, including monthly luncheons or other special presentations by notable speakers; weekly hikes and additional multi-day outdoor activities; and other special activities when possible. Where applicable, special ticket prices include a small subsidy to make events affordable to all. The Club also produces a monthly newsletter throughout the academic year (eight issues) to keep members informed of all sponsored activities and events. And the Board continually advocates for emeriti faculty benefits and privileges. Your dues help support these activities and benefits.

Please cut here ✂*****

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)

To pay by credit card, go to: <https://academic-senate.utah.edu/professors-emeriti-club/>

Name _____

Dues \$ _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Dues \$ _____

Total Dues \$ _____

**Make check payable to PROFESSORS EMERITI CLUB.
Send payment to: Carol Stenger, 573 L St., Salt Lake City UT 84103**

Please see page 6 for the 2020/2021 Program Schedule

Emeriti Club Programs 2020/2021 (As of 9/2020)

Date/Time	Speaker	Topic	Venue
Tues., Oct. 13, 2020 12:00 noon	Ruth Watkins , President, U of U	State of the University	Zoom
Tues., Nov. 10, 2020 12:00 noon	Thomas Burr , Washington Correspondent for the Salt Lake Tribune	2020 Election Analysis	Zoom
Tues., Dec. 8, 2020 12:00 noon	U of U Chamber Music Chorale Rabbi Sam Spector , Congregation Kol Ami	Video Performance TBA	Zoom
Tues., Jan. 12, 2021 12:00 noon	Thomas L. Miller, MD. Chief Medical Officer, U of U Health	Covid 19 Utah	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., Feb. 9, 2021 12:00 noon	Jason Cryan , Executive Director, Natural History Museum of Utah	Scientific Research in Museums: The Academic Road Less Taken	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., March 9, 2021 12:00 noon	Sandra Hollins , Utah State Representative, District 23	Black Lives Matter Movement/Ending Systemic Racism	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., April 13, 2021 12:00 noon	Geralyn Dreyfous , Oscar- winning film producer	Film as a Strategy for Social Change	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., May 11, 2021 12:00 noon	TBA	A Special Celebration	Zoom or Luncheon

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