



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

**Professors Emeriti Club**

**Emeriti**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**January 11, 2022 Meeting:  
Luna Banuri  
Utah Muslin Civic League**



Luna Banuri is a seasoned consultant with 25 years of experience in non-profit and for-profit sectors in strategy, community and organizational development. An articulate communicator, recognized for advocating and fostering social justice policies based on diversity and inclusion. Luna evolved her legal education background and expertise into a distinguished career.

In her current role as Founding Board member and Executive Director for Utah Muslim Civic League, she has established a network to amplify Muslim voices across the state at multiple forums.

She is the founder and director of TeleTaleem, a non-profit EdTech company focusing on helping leverage the power of technology, innovative approaches, and partnerships to solve the toughest global development challenges in Education in her native country of Pakistan.

She possesses domestic and international experience in Gender, Media, Education, and has established businesses and products and has been a consultant to the UNDP, UNICEF, ADB and World Bank.

She relocated to Salt Lake City from Chicago in late 2014 and has been entrenched in the local community by the virtue of her global experiences.

She was appointed to the Mayor of Salt Lake City's Human Rights Commission in 2018 and to the Governor of Utah's MLK Commission on Human Rights in 2019. She serves on Salt Lake County Mayor's Council on Diversity Affairs (CODA) and chairs the subcommittee on Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement.

She is also a board member of Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice for the State of Utah. In 2020, Luna was also appointed to Salt Lake City's Racial Equity in Policing Commission.

Her board service includes Institute of Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU), Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy, Salt Lake Arts Academy, Utah Muslim Civic League, Spy Hop, Utah Women in Film and Television, Emerald Project, Tanner Center for Human Rights, Utah Presents and UVU's Interreligious Advisory Council.

Luna is fellow of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Utah" program. She is also a graduate/fellow of American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute, USC.

She also completed training with Public Leaders for Inclusion Council by America Indivisible and Aspen Institute Inclusive America Project.

She was also on the Executive Committee for the Parliament of World Religions Conference held in SLC.

In 2021, Luna became certified in "Public Narrative: Leadership, Storytelling & Action" for community building under Professor Marshal Ganz with Harvard Kennedy Executive Education program.

Her passion remains her three rambunctious teenagers who can best be described as social justice champions, currently pursuing college degrees outside Utah.

### **Luncheon Menu**

**Tuesday, January 11, 12:00 noon Union Saltair Room**

Mailed reservations should arrive by January 3

***Online registration with credit card payment is available - see coupon***

**Mail to Cal Boardman, 3000 S. Connor St., Unit 6, Salt Lake City UT 84109**

**See last page for a reservation form**

**Broccoli Salad on Greens**

**Beef Lasagna or Vegetable Lasagna**

**or**

**Fruit Plate with Cottage Cheese**

**Rolls and Fruit Bread Slices with Butter**

**Seasonal Vegetables**

**Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing**

If you are not attending in person please join us via **Zoom** on Tuesday January 11 at 12:00 noon.

To access this program via Zoom, please see the links, phone number, and other information listed below.

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

**Zoom Information for our Tuesday January 11, 12:00 noon Program**

- For **full participation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone:**
  - **Meeting link:** Join Zoom Meeting: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/97289128006>
  - Passcode **423022**
  - 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: 972 8912 8006** to continue as directed.
- **Please note that the Zoom link and meeting ID will change for each of our programs.**

**President's Column**  
**Don Strassberg**

Dear Emeriti Club members:

I was so pleased to “see” so many of you (91 in all) at our November Zoom meeting! I hoped you enjoyed Pat Bagley’s presentation as much as I did. We are so fortunate to have such a bright and talented resource here in Utah, especially when daily newspaper political cartoonists have become an endangered species.

As promised, we returned in-person meetings/luncheons on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The 60 of us who attended in person thoroughly enjoyed really seeing each other and so appreciated Ed Lueders live piano playing to start off our luncheon. As always, we were treated to a wonderful performance by our incredible University Chamber Choir, conducted this year by Visiting Director of Choirs, Dr. Austin Thorpe. I was also glad to see 20 other members Zooming our meeting. I hope we can see many of you in person in the months to come, but rest assured we will continue to Zoom these luncheons so that all our members can enjoy and participate. Special thanks to our Emeriti Club Board, all of whom have worked hard to continue to provide our members with wonderful programming and to make the transition back to luncheons possible.

Thanks to Ed Lueders and our Board for making possible a holiday gift of CDs of Ed’s music to all members who attended. We still have copies for those who couldn’t attend this month but will down the road.

I wanted to let you know that luncheons are now costing the club more than the \$17 we’ve been charging, but we will continue to charge the same \$17 for the immediate future. Down the road, we will be needing to increase the charge for the meals, but never for more than the Union charges us.

As always, thanks for being part of this wonderful group and I look forward to seeing you (on Zoom or, hopefully, soon in person) at our monthly meetings.

**Sincerely,**



**Don Strassberg, President**

## Television Suggestions

### On Amazon Prime Video:

*Manchester by the Sea* (drama; multi-Oscar winner)

*Alien* (1979) (believed by many, me included, to be the best Sci-Fi/Terror movie ever made)

*The Farewell* (2019) (A touching and unexpected American-Chinese comedy-drama all about saying goodbye to someone, only they don't know that they are dying)

### On Netflix

*The Harder They Fall* (a new western with a wonderful cast)

*Pray Away* (an exceptional documentary about Exodus International, an Evangelical group formed in the '70s that claims it could turn gay people straight through prayer and conversion therapy)

### On Hulu

*Rocket Man* (set to his most beloved songs, it's the epic musical story of Elton John, his breakthrough years in the 1970s and his fantastical transformation from shy piano prodigy to international superstar)

### On PBS/Masterpiece

*Broadchurch* (mystery)

### Apple +

*Ted Lasso* (I promise this is the last time I'll mention this absolutely charming series)

*Tiny World* (2020) (a wonderful docuseries about our planet's tiniest inhabitants)

### HBO Max

*Dune* (excellent SciFi remake)

*Hacks* (A dark mentorship forms between a legendary Las Vegas comic and an entitled, outcast 25-year-old comedy writer)

### Here are some suggestions from Margaret Rorke

**Favorite Comedies:** *Schitt's Creek* on Netflix (series); *Kim's Convenience* on Netflix (series); *Knives Out* on Prime Video (film; one of my favorites too)

**Favorite Mysteries:** *Foyle's War* on Acorn (series); *An Inspector Calls* on Amazon Prime Video (film)

**Please send me names of shows you enjoy watching**

## Emeriti Awards

### Congratulations to our colleagues:

Charles Hansen, Professor Emeritus, School of Computing, was elected to the IEEE Computer Society Board of Governors and was awarded the

Peter Wallenberg Jr. Guest Professor in Visual Science Communication at the Norrköping Campus of Linköping University.

David Raskin, Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychology, received the 2021 *Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions* from the Alaska Conservation Foundation for his "lifelong devotion to wildlife and their natural habitats."

**Please let me know of awards you have received since becoming an Emeritus**



## News From the Emeritus Hiking Group

We are thankful that since April we are back on the trails all vaccinated and feeling safe at a distance. The hiking group had a good November, despite the lack of snow. That meant more hikes in the foothills at warmer temperatures. We did the Salt Lake Overlook, Church Fork to Grandeur Peak to the saddle (3 hearty ones summited), a new loop on the maze of trails in Corner Canyon and most recently Mt. Van Cott above the University. December has scheduled hikes in American Fork, and East and Millcreek Canyons. Join the list for weekly announcements: [suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu) Come enjoy a day above the smog.



The history of Mount Van Cott is interesting. According to the 1926 yearbook, Lucy Van Cott was a beloved Dean of Women for 25 years. She thought that the goal of the college girl should be to attain the



highest position of woman, that of homemaker, wife and mother. The welfare of the race depended upon her wisdom in choosing the correct preparation of foods, making clothes and caring for children.

Our camping/motel trip will be to Kodachrome

Basin State Park and motel in Cannonville May 9-13 2022. Campground reservations can be made 4 months in advance which would be Jan 9, 2022 and the only motel in town is filling fast as camping seems to be the new passion for many wanting to stay closer to home.

**We send you HOLIDAY GREETINGS and hope to see you in the New Year.**



If you feel left out, contact [Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu).



## EMERITUS: BENEFITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Being named to Emeritus status recognizes the contribution the person has made to the University community and it carries certain benefits beyond those available to all University retirees. The Board has found that there is some ambiguity about what those added benefits actually are. They are listed in three places.

Policy 5-112 in the Policy Manual would seem to be the official source; however, a quick perusal shows it is outdated, e.g. “Section a” lists “(5) golfing privileges on the University golf course on a reduced fee or limited complimentary basis.” That green space is long gone. We have discovered that the University no longer considers 5-112 the reigning policy.

The Benefits Office is guided by a benefit list on their web site, [https://www.hr.utah.edu/forms/lib/Retiree%20Benefits\\_Emeritus.pdf](https://www.hr.utah.edu/forms/lib/Retiree%20Benefits_Emeritus.pdf) It lists basic retiree benefits with an added section for Emeritus benefits. Golfing privileges are not listed, but it is not clear that it is completely correct either, e.g. it does not list free entry to UMFA nor NHMU, though both institutions admit Emeriti free of charge.

The Emeritus Club website, <https://emeriti.utah.edu/> also lists “Emeriti Privileges.” It is more accurate but errs by omission of benefits listed by HR, e.g. listing in University Directory, eligibility for Faculty Research grants.

So, the Board is attempting to resolve these ambiguities and will inform the membership.

There is another side to the coin. Emeritus status generally doesn’t sever a person’s relation with the University, and it is clear that many emeriti continue to contribute to the University community. For example, many continue to teach, many continue to research and publish, and many contribute financially to the University community.

The University of California Retirement Association documents their retirees’ contributions every three years (see <http://cucra.ucsd.edu/survey/2020/CUCRA-2020-Survey-Report.pdf>) They are so extensive that they call their retirees “the Eleventh Campus” of the University of California System. This has not been done here at the U, but this continued relationship should not be overlooked.

## Emeriti Club Programs 2021-2022

Date/Time	Speaker	Topic	Venue
Tues., January 11, 2022	<b>Luna Banuri</b> <b>Utah Muslim</b> <b>Civic League</b>	TBA	TBA
Wed. February 9 2022	<b>Samira Harnish</b> <b>Women of the World</b>	TBA	TBA
Tues. March 8, 2022	<b>Taylor R. Randall</b> <b>University President</b>	TBA	TBA
Tues. April 12, 2022	<b>Jack Schmidt</b> <b>Water Crisis</b>	TBA	TBA
Tues. May 10, 2022	<b>Ron Frederickson</b> <b>Fine Arts</b>	TBA	TBA

### In Memoriam

James P. Gander  
Economics  
October 12, 2021

Samuel S. Stewart  
Business - Finance  
November 23, 2021

James F. Alexander  
Psychology

Rana K. Buchanan  
Spouse - Education  
November 23, 2021

The Passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on an Alumni Association webpage at:  
<https://bit.ly/38kWQRE>





**Emeriti Club Members** are entitled to a pair of **FREE** preview performance tickets. You may collect them in person from the **PMT** box office with your emeritus UCard.

*Please Note:* PTC Preview performances are on Thursdays at **7:30 p.m.**

Production	Run	Preview	Ticket Pick Up Starts
The Messenger	Jan. 14 - 29	Jan. 13	Dec. 20
Something Rotten!	Feb. 25 - Mar. 12	Feb. 24	Jan. 31
Fireflies	Apr. 1 - 16	Mar. 31	Mar. 14
Hello Dolly!	May 13 - 28	May 12	Apr. 18

Did you enjoy our December 1 choir presentation? Would you like to enjoy it again?

Here's a link to the Zoom archive:

[https://utah.zoom.us/rec/share/ljMohsnmIcFS7F2aPS2f6D-04O27zacUc49dedwtBrqZ8euq-z8JVhe8Gj8hWvKi.QRIaMZG\\_\\_hLGwksZ](https://utah.zoom.us/rec/share/ljMohsnmIcFS7F2aPS2f6D-04O27zacUc49dedwtBrqZ8euq-z8JVhe8Gj8hWvKi.QRIaMZG__hLGwksZ)

Passcode: mseT.2H=

## Book Recommendations

This month's selections are a wonderful assortment with a rich sense of place. Thanks to everyone who submitted suggestions.

### I. From Michele Margetts

For mystery readers, I have three series to recommend, each with a most humane and engaging investigator:

By Louise Penny, the Chief Inspector Gamache series set in and around the village of Three Pines in Quebec, full of profound questions, occasional poetry, distinctive often eccentric characters, and laced with subtle unexpected humor. The first book is *Still Life*.

By Donna Leon, the Commissario Guido Brunetti series set in Venice. Brunetti comes with a college professor wife Paola devoted to Henry James, a conte for a father-in-law, a Sicilian superior with whom he discreetly duels, and Signorina Elettra, the secretary who quietly runs everything and can hack anything online. First in the series: *Death at La Fenice*.

By Martin Walker, the Bruno Chief of Police series set in a small market town in the Périgord region of the Dordogne. A veteran of the Yugoslav wars of the '90s, Benoit Courrege has found his niche as a policeman who looks first and foremost after the interests of his townspeople, native and expat, while juggling relationships with two women, one French, one Scots, looking after his beloved basset hound, and cooking meals that make you want to pull up a chair. First in the series: *Bruno, Chief of Police*.

### II. From Gary Lindstrom:

Here's a light reading book I thoroughly enjoyed. For those who love travel and historical biography: *The Hotel on Place Vendome: Life, Death, and Betrayal at the Hotel Ritz in Paris*, by Tilar J Mazzeo

### III. From Frances Friedrich

*Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee*, by Casey Cep. Nonfiction. Seventeen years after publishing *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee returned to Alabama to research and report on a series of murders and subsequent trial, which she also worked to turn into a book. Cep provides a fascinating and multi-layered account of the trial, the lawyer who defended the murderer, and Harper Lee's life and work in this period.

**KEEP SENDING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO JERI**

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## LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

**Tuesday, January 11, 12:00 noon, Union Saltair Room ~ see page 1**

***Online registration with credit card payment is again available via***

***<https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeriticlub/product.php?product=1>***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Lasagna \_\_\_\_ Veggie Lasagna \_\_\_\_ Fruit Plate \_\_\_\_  
Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Lasagna \_\_\_\_ Veggie Lasagna \_\_\_\_ Fruit Plate \_\_\_\_  
Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Lasagna \_\_\_\_ Veggie Lasagna \_\_\_\_ Fruit Plate \_\_\_\_  
Number attending @ \$17.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Voluntary dues for 2021/22 - \$12.00 Single, \$24.00 Couple\* \_\_\_\_\_ Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ *Is this your first luncheon as a new member? Then it's free!* Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**\*PLEASE NOTE: You may use either the paper form or the online credit card reservation site at any time to PAY YOUR DUES, even if you are unable to attend the luncheon**

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Send payment to: Cal Boardman, 3000 S. Connor St., Unit 6, Salt Lake City UT 84109**

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