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**Professors Emeriti Club**

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# **NEWSLETTER**

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## **Our February Zoom-Only Program: Samira Harnish on How *Women of the World* is Addressing the Long-Term Needs of Forcibly Displaced Women**



**Samira Harnish** is the Founder and Executive Director of **Women of the World**, a women refugee, asylum seeker, and immigrant service and capacity building nonprofit that has been in operation in Salt Lake City since 2010.

After getting her degree in Civil Engineering, she worked for 17 years as an R&D engineer at the largest domestic manufacturer of semiconductor memory.

She founded Women of the World to fulfill a lifelong dream of helping women achieve self-sufficiency and her leadership has enabled WoW to become the preeminent women's refugee service organization in Utah.

Samira has received local, national, and international recognition for her service and non-profit leadership including: The Enlightened 50 Award from the Utah Community Foundation, the 2014 Salt Lake City Human Rights Award, the 2016 Ruby Award from the Soroptomists of Utah, the 2017 Emerald Award for

Excellence in Civic Engagement, the 2019 American Red Cross Global Citizenship Hero Award, and the 2021 *Utah Business Magazine's* Business Woman of the Year. In 2018, she was awarded the America's Region Nansen Award from the United Nations High Commission on Refugees in Geneva, Switzerland, she was chosen from over 450 international nominees. Samira serves as an Advisory Director for the Tanner Center for Human Rights.

Please join us **via Zoom** on **Wednesday**, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon for an interesting and timely talk by Samira Harnish. 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 **Wednesday, 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/98168666806>
  - **Passcode:** 965661
  - 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: 981 6866 6806** to continue as directed.
- Please note that the Zoom link and meeting ID will change for each of our programs.

## President's Column

Dear Emeriti Club members:

Welcome to 2022. It's not quite the 2022 we were hoping to see, even as recently a couple of months ago. COVID continues to surprise and challenge us. While we had hoped to follow-up our in-person December luncheon with one in January, you know that was not the case and that we returned to a Zoom presentation. The very good news about that "meeting" was the wonderful presentation by Luna Banuri, Founding Board Member and Executive Director for the Utah Muslim Civic League of Utah. We are grateful for her time and expertise.

Given the high rates of new COVID infections and COVID-related hospitalizations, the Emeriti Club Board has voted to continue to Zoom our monthly Club meetings through at least February. I hope you will join us on **Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**, at noon for what is certain to be an important and informative presentation by Samira Harnish, Founder and Executive Director of "Women of the World." More on this elsewhere in this newsletter.

In case you weren't aware of this (and I wasn't), the University is providing free COVID testing ([alert.utah.edu/covid/](https://alert.utah.edu/covid/)) for all those holding a University ID card and an associated password. If a UNID card holder does not have (or does not remember) a password: Passwords are created or recovered through CIS. Please go to <https://cis.utah.edu> and use the UNID as the username with a lowercase u replacing the first zero. **If you do not already have a password**, the initial password to use will be the birthday in the format MMDDYY with no dashes, slashes, or spaces. If successful, a password expired screen will appear. Click the link and create a permanent password. The username will not change. **If an original password has been forgotten**, click on the "forgot your password" link. For any issues you may have logging in, please contact the Campus Help Desk at 801-581-4000 ext 1. They can reset the password to your DOB.

Stay well. As always, thanks for being part of this wonderful group and I look forward to "seeing you" on our February 9<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting.

**Don Strassberg, President;** [donald.strassberg@psych.utah.edu](mailto:donald.strassberg@psych.utah.edu)

### Television Suggestions

#### Amazon Prime:

*Alex Rider* (2020; teenage spy on his missions to save the world)

*The Squid and the Whale* (2005; A "piercingly honest look at divorce and it's impact")

#### Netflix

*Voir* (2021; "Visual essays celebrating the history of cinema")

*The Witcher* (2020; 2 seasons, medieval fantasy, a guilty pleasure of mine)

#### Hulu

*The art of self-defense* (2019; "grapples compellingly with modern American masculinity")

#### Disney+

*The Last Duel* (2021; Matt Damon and Adam Driver in a drama set during the Hundred Years War)

#### PBS/Masterpiece

*Paris Murders* (2021; French mystery with quirky protagonist)

#### Apple+

*The Morning Show* (2019; Jennifer Aniston, Reese Witherspoon, & Steve Carell...enough said)

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### Network TV

*The Equalizer* (2021; a single mom (Queen Latifah) works to defend those who can't defend themselves)

### HBO Max

*The Little Things* (2021; murder mystery movie with Danzel Washington and Rami Malek)

### Others

Following Luna Baruni's wonderful presentation on Tuesday, Emeriti Club member, Art Brothman, sent me the following suggestions, related to Luna's talk, that you may find of interest:

Halal Love (2016) (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2614722/>)

The Settlers (2017) (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5278914/>)

The Dissident (2020) (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11382384/>)

The Judge (2017) (<https://www.thejudgefilm.com/>) – should still be available on Passport if you contribute to PBS

Midnight Traveler (<https://www.pbs.org/pov/watch/midnighttraveler/>) – also should still be available on Passport

Crescendo 2020 (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7426078/>)

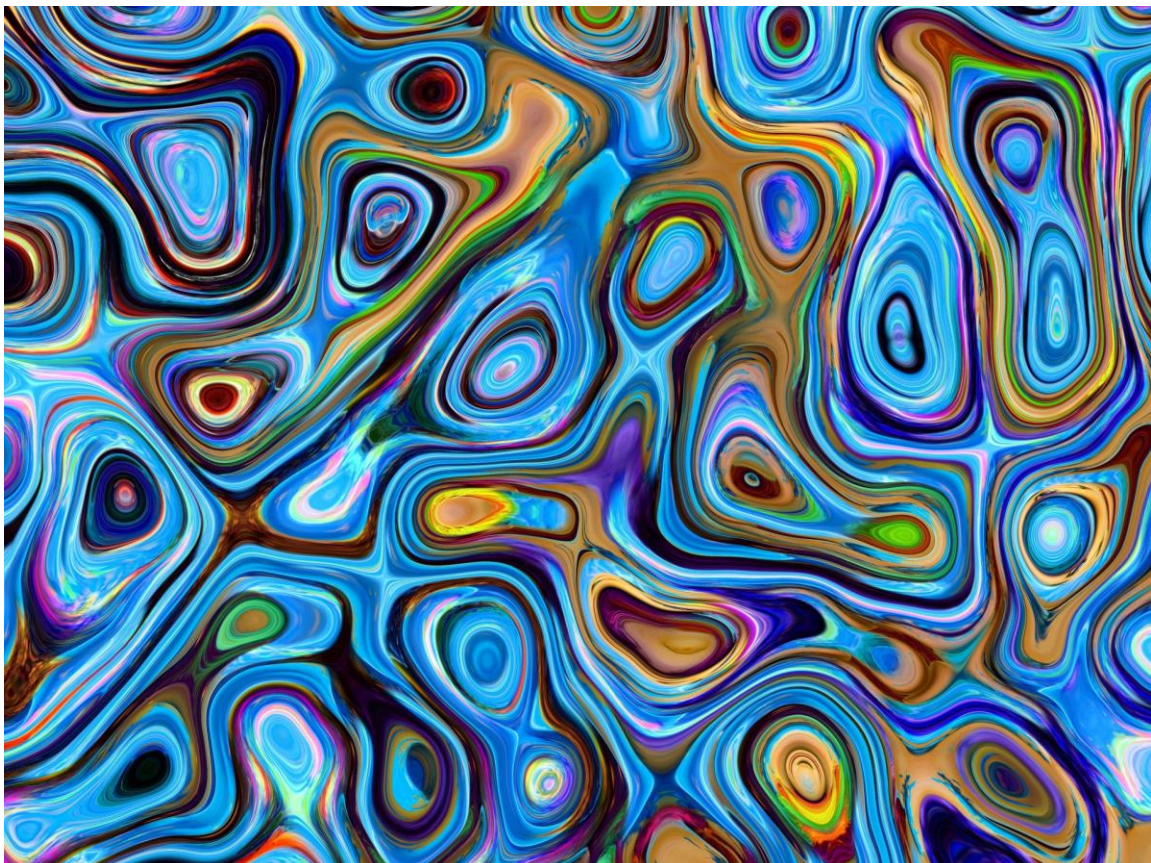
The Big Sick (<https://www.netflix.com/title/80170989>) – currently on Netflix

Blinded By The Light (2019) (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8266310/>)

Umrika (2015) (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2614722/>)

West Bank Story – fun short: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWWU1T4GQqU>)

**Please let me know of TV programs (series or streaming movies) that you would like to have mentioned.**  
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## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

### Jerilyn McIntyre

More suggestions for your winter reading pleasure. Thanks as always to those submitting their recommendations.

From **Ken Jameson: *The Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce**, a light read about an odd community, centered on a vinyl record store in London where people can find exactly the right piece of music for where they are in their life. Economic forces overwhelm the community, but its citizens ultimately prevail.

From **Michele Margetts: *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell**. This is, as the subtitle says, “the untold story of the American spy who helped win World War II.” Baltimore socialite Virginia Hall organized the chaotic French Resistance from her base in Lyon, escaped (with her wooden leg!) over the Pyrenees in the dead of winter, returned to France to serve in the usually short-lived post of radio operator, and provided the intel that helped make D-Day possible. But I bet you’ve never heard of her.

**More intrigue: Michele Margetts’** recent list of recommended mysteries was very well received by members of our Club. Apparently, many Emeriti are fans of the genre. Here are two more authors whose works are worth considering.

- **Josephine Tey**. In five of her mystery novels, the hero is Scotland Yard Inspector Alan Grant. The most famous is *The Daughter of Time*, in which Grant, confined to a hospital bed, has friends research reference books and contemporary documents so that he can solve the mystery of whether or not King Richard III of England murdered his nephews. Grant concludes that the king was innocent.
- **Magdalen Nabb’s** detective novels are known for their detail and sense of place. In *Death of an Englishman*, Marshal Salvatore Guarnaccia, a Sicilian uncomfortable with his assignment to the Italian Carabinieri in Florence, is looking forward to spending Christmas with his family in the south, but his trip is delayed by a bout with the flu. While he recovers, a respected, but reclusive, English resident of the city is murdered. The police must find out who shot Mr. Langley-Smythe and what was the motive for the killing before the marshal can return to his home in Sicily for the holidays. (By the way, Nabb was also the author of a series of children’s books.)

**KEEP SENDING ME YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS**  
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# ENGAGED EMERITI

**Ken Jameson**

There is a sense that becoming Emeritus signifies disappearing and becoming one with the household La-Z-Boy. We know personally and from our colleagues how misleading this view is. The University of California Retirement Association's survey of retiree activities (<http://cucra.ucsd.edu/survey/2020/CUCRA-2020-Survey-Report.pdf>) shows how wrong that perspective is. We have no current plans to carry out a similar survey at the U of U. However, I would like to highlight in the Newsletter examples of our Emeriti's activities. I'd appreciate your stepping up and providing me with information on your research, teaching, publication, community involvement, financial and personal contributions to the U and to the surrounding community. We should show that we are vital members of these communities. In this first effort, I'd like to highlight **Emeriti who are teaching in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**. I counted five just in this coming semester. Thanks to those who agreed to provide information on their teaching (Margaret Landesman is also teaching an Art History course).

## **Bill Carlisle, Emeritus, Department of Economics**

I have taught an Osher class, "Current Economic Issues" for ten years or so, roughly once a year. The class has had 35 to 40 student participants each time. The class started as an attempt to explain and understand the "Great Recession" and has evolved from there. I kept going because it challenged me to keep up with economic events and to keep up with the students, some of them repeat students, who were always from a wide variety of occupations and backgrounds. The student participants were interested, engaged, and brought a lot of personal experience to the class. I learned as much as they did. The fact that there were no exams or papers made the classes thoroughly enjoyable. I look forward to the future when we can meet in person once again.

## **Bruce Landesman, Emeritus, Department of Philosophy**

Several years after I retired in 2012, I started teaching courses for Osher. At first, I taught classes in my area of expertise, Political Philosophy, a fairly abstract enterprise. Political philosophers tend to leave 'current events' to others. As time went on, however, I began to worry about American Democracy and began teaching a series of courses which start with the phrase "Democracy in Peril," trying to understand how democracy works and the way it is under threat both here and in other countries. I have learned a lot and have enjoyed the chance to interact with the very thoughtful people who take Osher courses. I've also taken regular University courses, mainly in History. I have learned a lot from this, too. Retirement has been an opportunity to continue an education that never stopped. It's also been a chance to play more tennis!

## **Tim Chambliss, Emeritus, Political Science**

Briefly, I am a life-long learner. I have taught for the U of U's Osher Institute each year since January 2007. I am beginning my 15th year. My class ("Current Issues in American Public Affairs and Politics") is always timely and relevant. My Osher students are critical thinkers. I act as a leader among equals. I believe ignorance is not bliss — ignorance is ignorance, knowledge is power, education is freedom. I discuss — I never lecture. I believe there is no such thing as a bad question — only bad answers. If my Osher students hear a "bad" answer from me, then I am happy to dialogue with them.

## **Walter Jones, Emeritus, Marriott Library**

I've been teaching since 2012 and have produced a number of American history courses. One that I feel highly competent to teach is the Korean War because I spent a lot of time in Korea in the 1960s through the  
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1980s. My two favorite courses are the Northern Great Plains Indian Wars and The Roaring Twenties/Great Depression. Now I have a course on the American Civil War which took nearly a year to produce.

### Gene Fitzgerald, Emeritus, Russian

I have been teaching in Osher for a number of years; I think I started in 2008 or 9. I have taught a variety of novels all Russian, and a couple of times Russian history and politics in a course that was sub-labeled: “How does Putin think and why does he think that way.” That was a course in how present-day Russian thinking is deeply embedded in past historical events, both actual and fictional, and it makes no difference whether the events are fictional or not as long as the Present Russian people and leadership believe that they are true. I have taught pretty much all the basic Russian novels and many short stories, and this year my course will be limited to Russian Short fiction by major authors— one you have not heard of-Nikolai Karamzin-but the others Pushkin, Gogol, Tolstoy, Chekhov, I expect that you have. I have avoided *War and Peace* because 6 weeks is just not long enough to get through that novel.

Finally, let me mention a few items that might be of interest to Emeriti.

- Two of the Osher classes in January: **Discovering Your Third Act: How to Fire Up Your Passion for an Encore Career after Age 55+** and **Don't Just Retire -- Refire! An In-Depth Discovery of Your Third Act of Life.**
- Also, the Lunch and Learn talk on February 16 will be on “**Wills and Trusts 101: What You Need to Know,**” by **Alan Ormsby, State AARP Director.** You can register for it at: <https://utah.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpcO6sqj4rG9aONahMDqLF36hux87CIUy1>
- There is also a “**Community Forum**” on January 26 at 6:30 pm where the U Planners should give more detail on the development plans for Research Park and whether it will have a multi-generational dimension. You are invited to register by e-mailing Shawn Wood at [shawn.wood@utah.edu](mailto:shawn.wood@utah.edu)

**So please send me information on your contributions to this community for inclusion in the next Newsletter! We need to recognize our Emeritus colleagues' continuing contributions.**

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**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**

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

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Emeritus Hiking Group**



Did you miss out on our fun December adventures? We summited Mt. Van Cott, discovered the many and varied trails of Dimple Dell along with winter birds, walked to Alexander Spring using micro-spikes as well as getting a spectacular view of the city from the Rattlesnake Gulch trail. Our hikes have ranged from 3.5-5.0 miles and are not too steep. We are excited to have abundant snow now, so look

forward to getting to Granite Flats up American Fork Canyon as well as snowshoeing from Brighton to Solitude this month and the lake at Willow Heights. Everyone got a campsite in Kodachrome Basin, or a motel, for our May campout.



Salt Lake Overlook from The Rattlesnake Gulch Trail

We listen to the medical professionals, so we are all vaccinated and boosted. We wear masks in cars or drive alone. We feel safe outside and to our knowledge no one on a hike has come down with Covid-19. We consider exercise and the beauty of our natural world to be protective and healing! New participants always bring new trails to our attention as well as new leadership. Join us above the pollution, if you are not on our mailing list, [Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu)

## In Memoriam

**Shirley Hollstein**  
Spouse of Milton Hollstein  
Communication  
January 12, 2022

**Gary Lindstrom**  
School of Computing  
January 10, 2022

**Carl Hodson Durney**  
Electrical & Computing  
Engineering  
November 29, 2021

**Rick (Richard) Reese**  
Director, Community Relations  
January 9, 2022

The Passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on an Alumni Association webpage at: <https://bit.ly/33Is0mu>

## Emeriti Club Programs 2022

Date/Time	Speaker	Topic	Venue
Tues. March 8, 2022	<b>Taylor R. Randall</b> University President	TBA	TBA
Tues. April 12, 2022	<b>Jack Schmidt</b> Water Crisis	TBA	TBA
Tues. May 10, 2022	<b>Ron Frederickson</b> Fine Arts	TBA	TBA

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