



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
**Professors Emeriti Club**

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# **NEWSLETTER**

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## **Our March *Zoom-Only* Program will feature the 17<sup>th</sup> President of the University of Utah, Taylor R. Randall**



President Randall was selected to serve as president of the University of Utah on August 5, 2021. He comes to the position after serving as both dean of and an accounting professor in the David Eccles School of Business (DESB).

While serving as dean from 2009-2021, he worked to earn the business school a national reputation as a place of innovation. His efforts dramatically increased the value of a DESB education: The school now holds top 10 entrepreneurship rankings for both undergraduate and graduate programs, and seven of the school's programs are currently ranked in the top 25 in the nation.

President Randall began his career at the U as a professor of accounting from 1999-2009. He received many awards over those years for his outstanding teaching. Under his guidance as faculty director, the University Venture Fund became the largest student-run venture fund in the country. His academic research has examined the interactions between strategy, technology, products, and value chain structure, with an emphasis on how these interactions affect financial performance in organizations.

After graduating from the University of Utah in 1990 with honors in accounting, he then earned an MBA and a doctorate in operations and information management from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Please join us **via Zoom** on **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** for our introductory talk by President Randall. 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, March 8, 12:00 noon Program**

- For full participation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone:
  - **Meeting link:** Join Zoom Meeting: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/93731649104> **Passcode: 499943**
  - 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: 937 3164 9104** 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 all to another February in the COVID era. I so wish were back to luncheons again but, for the safety of all, we have decided to continue with Zoom meetings, at least through March. While it is good to see the numbers of new COVID cases falling nationally, hospitalizations and deaths have yet to show this downward trend in many places (including Utah). So, please stay safe and well. As a reminder, COVID testing is available at several locations around our campus and is free to all those with a UID ([alert.utah.edu/covid/](http://alert.utah.edu/covid/)). For more information on this, see my column in the January newsletter.

I hope you were able to join us for the presentation by Samira Harnish, Founder and Executive Director of “Women of the World” ([womenofworld.org](http://womenofworld.org)) on our February 9th Zoom meeting. I also hope you agree that we have had wonderful presenters this year. This streak continues with our next presenter, Taylor R. Randall, President of the University of Utah. Please join us on March 8<sup>th</sup>, at noon, for his Zoomed talk to our group.

The next Pioneer Theatre Company show is *Something Rotten*, a musical comedy set in the time of Shakespeare. It plays February 25 – March 12. Free tickets for Emeriti for the “dress-rehearsal” on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, may still be available (check with the PMT box office). I’ve seen the show and it is delightful!

In addition to my TV suggestions this month, I’ve included (below) a list of Muslim-themed movies, inspired by Luna Banuri’s talk last month, offered by a club member, Arthur Brothman (thanks, Art).

As always, thanks for being part of this wonderful group and I look forward to “seeing you” on our March 8th Zoom meeting.

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

### Television Suggestions

#### **Amazon Prime:**

*As we see it* (2022; Drama about roommates on the Autism spectrum)

#### **Netflix**

*The Woman in the House Across the Street From the Girl in the Window* (2022; satirical thriller)

*The Falls* (2021; Taiwanese, pandemic-base drama)

*Munich: The Edge of War* (2020; espionage thriller set in 1938 Germany)

#### **Hulu**

*The Truffle Hunters* (2022; Delightful documentary about Italian truffle hunters)

#### **Disney+**

*The Rescue* (2022; documentary about the rescue of soccer players from Thailand)

#### **PBS/Masterpiece**

*Around the World in 80 Days* (2022; A fun take on this well-known story)

#### **Apple+**

*The Tragedy of Macbeth* (2022; Adaptation of this classic with Denzel Washington and Frances McDormand)

#### **Network TV**

*The Super Bowl LVI* (2022; Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, MST)

#### **HBO Max/HBO**

*The Gilded Age* (2022; if you liked *Downton Abbey*, you’ll like this U.S. based historical drama)

#### **Showtime**

*We need to talk about Cosby* (2022; documentary about the (in)famous comedian)

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**Muslim-themed movies (suggested by Arthur Brothman)**

*Halal Love* (2016) (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5105218/>)

*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 subscribe or 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/>)

**And just plain entertaining:**

*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=FWWU1T4GQgU>)

**Please let me know of TV shows or streaming movies that you'd like to see mentioned.**

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## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

### Jerilyn McIntyre

New possibilities for your spring reading pleasure. Thanks as always to those submitting recommendations.

We begin with a **special alert** to Emeriti fans of **detective and mystery fiction**. Be on the lookout for novels in this genre by members of the University of a Utah community. This month we're pleased to feature a work by **Gerald Elias**, an adjunct violin professor at the U of U School of Music from 1989-2021, and associate concertmaster of the Utah Symphony from 1988-2011. In the past dozen years, he has written a mystery series that is set in the world of classical music, featuring Daniel Jacobus, a blind, cantankerous violinist and beloved teacher depressed at the prospect of growing old.

In ***Cloudy with a Chance of Murder***, Jacobus follows his protégée Yumi Shinagawa, to a music festival on Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake, where she will be a featured performer. A freak storm arises and batters the island, cutting off access back to the mainland. The two festival managers are found murdered and Yumi also seems to be threatened. Jacobus and Yumi must figure out who is the murderer before anyone else is killed. The book is rich with descriptions of classical music and the idiosyncrasies of professional musicians, enlivened by Jacobus' humorous and occasionally snarky assessments of music, musicians, and life in general. Utah readers will also enjoy Yumi's exploration of the setting on Antelope Island and some very familiar locations in downtown Salt Lake City. (For those interested, Jerry will be doing a book event at The King's English in April.)

#### Another recommendation from Michele Margetts:

**The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman, and the second in what promises to be a series, **The Man Who Died Twice**. Set in a retirement community in the English countryside, these mysteries feature as investigators four septuagenarians—Roy, former trade unionist; Ibrahim, a psychiatrist; Joyce, previously a nurse; and Elizabeth, a regular violator of the Official Secrets Act. Anyone dismissive of the old folk soon learns his mistake. These books are deliciously Brit and sometimes laugh-out-loud funny.

## KEEP SENDING ME YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

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## ENGAGED EMERITI: VARIETIES OF RESEARCH/PUBLICATION

Ken Jameson

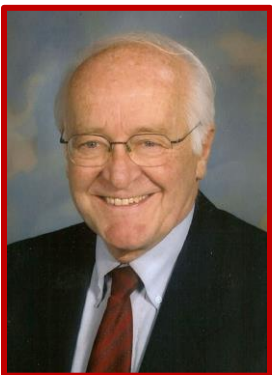
My thanks to the Emeriti who responded to my request for information on their engagements. Don't be bashful, **PLEASE send me a note on your activity!!!** [k.jameson@utah.edu](mailto:k.jameson@utah.edu). Philanthropy, Community Engagement, whatever floats your boat and contributes to our wider community!



**Amanda Barusch, Emerita, Social Work** is finishing a manuscript with Oxford University Press titled *Aging Angry: From Rage to Resistance*, a broad interdisciplinary look at anger through the lens of age. Later life can bring a whole new slate of things to be angry about and, for some, corresponding insights, and strategies for coping with anger. Historically, the direct expression of anger has been a privilege reserved for the powerful. But our times call for a worldview that treats the anger of the oppressed as legitimate, even as it is more urgent than ever that we all manage our anger in ways that are productive. Through narrative and case studies, this work aims to change the way readers think about anger. It shares experiences, permissions, and perspectives to enable readers to take their own anger seriously and to find solutions and strategies they haven't previously considered.



**Jan Brunvand, Emeritus, English** likes to exercise his folkloristic and literary chops writing about skiing or fly fishing. His latest, "Famous Thoreau Quotation is Pretty Fishy" is in *The American Fly Fisher*, Winter 2022, the journal of the American Museum of Fly Fishing. The aphorism in question usually reads "Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after." Sound familiar? Not surprising, since it appears on a myriad of artifacts and in numerous publications. Who cooked up this fishy quotation? Quite likely, it was Joseph Wood Krutch who published the earliest example Jan found (1961) and who seemed to be working towards the invented phraseology in his 1948 book on Thoreau. Even if Thoreau never wrote or said exactly this, his philosophy of nature seems to support the idea; so maybe he *should have* said it.



**Don Gale, Honorary Emeritus and Communication** continues to write something every day at a downtown office. The result is a dozen books (including a novel), a few hundred newspaper columns (unpaid), dozens of speeches, letters, and so on. He has much to write about since he worked for or with every University of Utah President since A. Ray Olpin. He was on the faculty for 10 years and in the administration for another decade. He is an active member of the National Advisory Council, where he served as Chair, opening every meeting with an original top ten list. It's a great life – a wonderful world.

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**Cathleen Zick, Barbara Brown, Ken Smith, Emeriti, Family and Consumer Studies**, have been conducting research on walkability and health since about 2007, combining the disciplines of economics (Zick), environmental psychology (Brown), and demography (Smith) with researchers from human development, sociology, and biostatistics. We are midway through a grant from NIH's National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease where we are examining whether neighborhood features such as walkability and the local food environment in four urban counties in Utah relate to diabetes risk. Our prior research showed that men in the least walkable areas of Salt Lake County weigh about 10 more pounds than those living in more walkable areas. In the current grant, we will test whether growing up in more walkable neighborhoods with healthy food options can dampen the chances that offspring of diabetic parents become diabetic.

Some of our researching members may be interested in **The Scholars Strategy Network**; <https://scholars.org/chapter/utah> whose chapters take on their own projects that build relationships between scholars and policymakers, civic leaders, and journalists. Utah SSN brings together scholars from colleges and universities across Utah, including the UofU. As the first SSN chapter in the mountain west, Utah SSN addresses issues of importance to the region, including migration, energy policy, air and water quality, the environment and public lands, and health care.



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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
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

## Hiking Group News

Suzanne Stensaas

Hoping there is new snow by the time you read this, but we continue to find diverse places to hike and walk. We are healthy, safe and vaccinated and continue our Monday outings. We had a beautiful day as we hiked to the junction of the Dog Lake and Desolation trails in Big Cottonwood Canyon.



Snowshoes are not needed now on our well packed trails but micro-spikes are a must. We also enjoyed hiking the Mormon trail from the Little Dell Reservoir toward Affleck Park in East Canyon and we took it easy walking the Jordan River parkway after seeing the Russian art exhibit at the Cultural Center.

February we will walk with spikes along the Jeremy Ranch Road toward East Canyon, Cardiff Fork and a day snowshoe trip to the foothills of the Uintas near Woodland. Suzanne is eager for canyon country and thinking of our May trip to Kodachrome Basin. Are you missing out? Contact: [suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu)



## **In Memoriam**

**Ruth Ohlsen**  
Spouse of William Ohlsen  
Physics  
December 28, 2021

The Passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on an Alumni Association webpage at: <https://bit.ly/35H63oF>

## **Emeriti Club Programs 2022**

Date/Time	Speaker	Topic	Venue
Tues. April 12, 2022	Jack Schmidt Utah State	Water Crisis	TBA
Tues. May 10, 2022	Ron Frederickson Fine Arts	TBA	TBA

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