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Our April 12 luncheon and Zoom meeting features Jack Schmidt, Colorado River expert, on our water crisis

John (Jack) C. Schmidt is the Janet Quinney Lawson Chair in Colorado River Studies and is the director of the Center for Colorado River Studies at Utah State University, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1991. He leads the Future of the Colorado River project and is a widely recognized expert on the past, present, and future of the Colorado River. He helped develop and implement the program of controlled floods in Grand Canyon. He won the National Park Service Director's Award for his career of work on management of the large, regulated rivers of the National Park system, and he was a member of the team who won the Partners in Conservation award from the Secretary of the Interior for his work to develop a pulsed flow release of the Colorado River into the Colorado River delta in Mexico. Between 2011 and 2014, Jack served as Chief of the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center of the US Geological Survey.

For security purposes, please do not share Zoom codes or IDs

Zoom Information for our Tuesday, April 12, 12:00 noon program

For full participation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone:

Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/98496036501> Passcode: 037881

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: 984 9603 6501** 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 hope all of you are well and keeping busy with things you like doing. At our last Zoom meeting, I thoroughly enjoyed hearing from Samira Harnish about the amazing work she and her organization, Women of the World, are doing. I'm looking forward to attending the group's fund-raising Fashion Show later this month. As the COVID numbers, both locally and nationally, continue to drop, our Board believes that we can safely return to a luncheon format for our April meeting. Registration information is available later in this newsletter. Our speaker at that luncheon will be John (Jack) C. Schmidt, the Janet Quinney Lawson Chair in Colorado River Studies and director of the Center for Colorado River Studies at Utah State University. His bio appears in this newsletter.

One more thing: If you are interested in learning to play Pickleball, e-mail me. I'd be happy to find a time and place to introduce you to this sport this spring. If you are already familiar with it and would like to start an Emeriti Club pickleball interest group, also let me know.

As always, thanks for being part of this wonderful group and I look forward to really seeing you (i.e., in-person) on our April 12th meeting. For those unable to attend in-person, we will also be Zooming the presentation.

Don Strassberg, President (donald.strassberg@psych.utah.edu)

Television Suggestions

On Amazon Prime:

Mrs. Maisel (The third season of this wonderful, although increasingly off-color, comedy about an aspiring comedienne)

On Netflix

21 Bridges (A detective on a mission races against time to catch two cop-killers)

On Hulu

Das Boot (A story of choices and survival that explores the emotional torment of life during World War II)

On Disney+

West Side Story (Wonderful remake of this wonderful musical; also on HBO Max)

On PBS/Masterpiece

Sanditon (Season 2 of this popular series))

HBO Max

The Aviator (2004; Leonardo DiCaprio as Howard Hughes)

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

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Jerilyn McIntyre

This month we feature adventure, exploration, and opportunity. Thanks to those who submitted recommendations and comments.

From Joan Coles:

The Emerald Mile by Kevin Fedarko. *The Emerald Mile* is about the fastest trip ever down the entire length of the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon—in dories, during the legendary flood of 1983—and a whole lot more.

From Cal Boardman:

Pathfinder: John Charles Fremont and the Course of American Empire, by Tom Chaffin. Research Professor of History at the University of Tennessee, Chaffin introduces us to one of the most influential explorers of the areas west of the Mississippi River during the middle part of the nineteenth century. Over the course of his three expeditions, which are richly and fairly presented, we get a sense of what it was like to explore, name, and map regions of land and lake which later became so much a part of the westward movement and settlement of thousands of people. In engaging ways, Chaffin weaves Fremont's story from his youth, being expertly trained in surveyorship, to his courtship and marriage to the daughter of a famous U.S. Senator, through the trials and tributes of three expeditions, becoming Governor of California, candidate for the U.S. Presidency, experiencing a court martial to becoming a Civil War general. Along the way, he (or others in his honor) put his imprint on maps, places, monuments, schools, rivers, islands, towns...all of which bear his name. He truly has become a part of the landscape of America and yes, Utah as well.

From Klancy de Nevers:

There's Nothing For You Here: Finding opportunity in the 21st Century by Fiona Hill. Of particular interest because of the current crisis in Europe. Hill is former Senior Director for Europe and Russia at the United States National Security Council and Deputy Assistant to the President. In this memoir, she describes her journey from a decaying mining district in Northern England to the White House. Her analysis of three countries she knows well, the US, Great Britain, and Putin's Russia, as they face crises in providing opportunity for their populations, is gripping reading.

KEEP SENDING ME YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Jerilyn McIntyre: jerilyn.mcintyre@mac.com

THE EMERITUS HIKING GROUP

February brought a variety of memorable activities.

Most successful was combining a visit to the Art Exhibit Cogs and Screws: Exploring Soviet Idealism at the Cultural Celebration Center. Thanks to Ken Luker, we were honored to have the collector of the art there to lead us through the content and tell how he came to collect much of the art. Dodge Billingsley, a fellow at the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies at BYU, is also the director of Combat Films and Research and a senior faculty member at the Naval Post-Graduate School's Center for Civil Military Relations. We appreciate his time and willingness to meet with us. This was followed by a walk along the adjacent Jordan River Parkway, where Steve Van Winkle reported seeing 18 species of birds.



L->R Pavla, Ben, Rose, Sherilyn, Marilyn, Marcia, Barbara,
Nancy, MaryJo, Dan, Herta, Dave, Erich
Little Mountain - February 14, 2022

Another highlight was hiking up Little Mountain from the Emigration/Parley's Pass led by Erich and Nancy Petersen. Taking it easy, the group conquered the summit on Valentine's Day dressed in red and with chocolate in their backpacks. A gorgeous day made it special. Welcomed snow necessitated the cancelling of the President Day walk on snow-packed Little Emigration Road, but we rejoice in the moisture.

In two months, we will have our group campout in Kodachrome Basin State Park. We have a diverse group of motellers (Cannonville), trailers, vans and tents enjoying our group site for four nights, May

9-13. We anticipate exploring areas of the Escalante-Grand Staircase and Bryce in addition to the park. Contact Suzanne Stensaas, suzanne.stensaas.hsc.utah.edu



ENGAGED EMERITI: VARIETIES OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Ken Jameson

Thanks to those Emeriti who agreed to share their community involvement with us. I'd like to highlight Emeriti financial contributions to the UofU in the next issue, along with a professional and creative contribution I have received. Please send me information on how you have financially supported the U.

Irene Fisher, Emerita, Special Assistant to the President has supported multiple community organizations since she retired from the U. in 2006. She volunteered to visit with terminally ill patients at Intermountain Healthcare. She served on the Board of Utah Humanities and on the Intermountain Healthcare Board of Trustees. She read to first-grade children at Crestview Elementary School weekly for two years. She was a member of the Utah Citizens Counsel. She volunteered to monitor the Nature Conservancy's Great Salt Lake Shoreland Preserve and to monitor nests for the Raptor Inventory Nest Survey in Echo Canyon. She has been a member of the League of Women Voters and has held multiple offices. She keeps a supply of simple meals and baked goods in the freezer to give to friends in need.



Robert P. Huefner, Emeritus, Political Science. My major new community service effort since retirement has been as a member of the Utah Citizens' Counsel (UCC). There my attention goes especially to health policy, which expanded my efforts to coordinate with other public service organizations. Presently I particularly focus upon helping the poor improve health and build financial independence. This involves specific attention to studying and suggesting changes in (a) public and private health programs, (b) health expenditures, and (c) tax and financial policies. My efforts are rooted in the Enlightenment and nourished by such recent philosophic contributors as Rawls, Piketty and B. Scott (Harvard Business School). It concerns the moral basis of society, the power of health programs, and the influence of law and taxes upon agencies, businesses, and the public. In this, I partner with others, in and beyond Utah. Now, however, in my 86th year, my opportunities face the limits of life's time.



Dixie Snow Huefner, Emerita, Special Education. Over the past decade, Bob and I have been part of the Utah Citizens' Counsel (UCC), a small group of seniors with public policy interests, who share reports and policy positions/briefs with interested advocates and legislators. We've been rewarded, as we've learned a lot about the political process and enjoyed new friendships. UCC's efforts have sometimes seen incremental progress but also some backsliding from state government in areas like health, education, environment, and governance. But progress takes persistence. We have joined great coalitions for several of our efforts. If you're interested in learning more about our goals, history, and policy preferences, our website is www.utahcitizenscounsel.org. We'd be happy to have you subscribe to our 2022 policy briefs.

Paul Mogren, Emeritus-Marriott Library, serves as member and President of the Board of Trustees of the Let Me Shine Preschool. He also continues in retirement as Parliamentarian of the U's Academic Senate and as such is also on the Senate's leadership team. He has acted as a consultant for the Utah Library Association. He offers time and resources to the Crossroads Urban Center and to Volunteers of America in Salt Lake.



Nalini Nadkarni, Emerita, School of Biological Sciences brings Science to the Incarcerated. Many scientists aspire to engage their research with public groups without access to it through traditional educational venues such as museums or zoos. But few scientists have appropriate contacts to communicate with societal sectors outside of academia. In 2013, I created the "Initiative to bring Science Programs to the Incarcerated," to bring science programming to people who are incarcerated in Utah and around the country. Based in the School of Biological Sciences, we collaborate with the Utah State Prison, the Salt Lake County Jail, and five juvenile detention centers. Faculty and graduate students provide monthly research lectures inside the institutions; involve inmates in conservation projects as partners; and provide nature imagery to inmates in solitary confinement. We are supported by the Utah State Board of Education. Our published results report that inmates gain science knowledge and shift their self-image toward being science learners. Our researchers report improved communication skills, novel insights about their audiences, and a deeper sense of purpose for their own research. Website: <https://nalininadkarni.com/science-in-prisons/>



Susan Olson, Emerita, Political Science since 2011, served until 2017 as the Executive Officer of the Law and Society Association, a global membership association for social science and law scholars that holds a large annual meeting and publishes the *Law & Society Review*. Now fully retired, she is a member of the Utah Citizens' Counsel, which advocates for better state-level public policies, where she focuses on affordable housing and attends meetings of the nonprofit Utah Housing Coalition and the state's Commission on Housing Affordability. She also volunteers with the "No One Dies Alone" program at University Hospital and, pre-Covid, volunteered at Bennion Elementary School in the Salt Lake district. For many years she has served on the Board of Trustees of Friendship Manor, the mixed-income, nonprofit residence for seniors and people with disabilities sponsored by four religious congregations.



**PIONEER
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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
Fireflies	Apr. 1 - 16	Mar. 31	Mar. 14
Hello Dolly!	May 13 - 28	May 12	Apr. 18

In Memoriam

Carolyn Denis Doebling

Spouse of Stuart Turkanis
Pharmacology and Toxicology
February 21, 2022

David W. Hoeppner

Mechanical Engineering
February 18, 2022

Howard Jorgensen

Spouse of Lou Ann Jorgensen
Social Work
January 22, 2022

Dalmas Nelson

Political Science
February 4, 2022

John Nelson

English
January 11, 2022

Frances R. Wilcox

Spouse of Calvin Wilcox
Mathematics
February 2022

John Artwell Wolfer

Nursing
February 5, 2022

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	Venues
Tues. April 12	Jack Schmidt Utah State	Water Crisis	U. Union & Zoom
Tues. May 10	Ron Frederickson Fine Arts	TBA	TBA

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MENU FOR APRIL LUNCHEON

Garden Green Salad
— Individual Chicken Pot Pie
— Stuffed Acorn Squash
— Fruit Plate with Cottage Cheese
Roasted Asparagus, Vegetable Medley Rolls and Fruit Bread Slices
Mascarpone Mousse with Berries

Masks recommended but not required for luncheon.

Please cut here ✂*****

LUNCHEON RESERVATION & DUES PAYMENT FORM

Voluntary dues for 2021/22: \$12 Single, \$24 Couple

To pay by credit card: <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeritclub/product.php?product=6>

Name _____ Chicken _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Spouse/Partner _____ Chicken _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Guest(s) _____ Chicken _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Number attending @ \$17 each _____ Luncheon \$ _____

Voluntary Dues for 2021/22: \$12 Single, \$24 Couple Dues \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please check here _____ if this is your first luncheon as a new member.

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