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**Professors Emeriti Club**

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***Katharine Coles***

**Acclaimed Poet  
To Speak at  
May 9 Luncheon**

Katharine Coles' ninth collection of poems, *Ghost Apples*, will be out in May from Red Hen Press, which also published *Wayward* (2019) and *The Earth Is Not Flat* (2013). Her prose books include *The Stranger I Become: On Walking, Looking, and Writing* (essays), *Look Both Ways* (memoir), and two novels. She served as the third Poet Laureate of Utah and Poet-in-Residence at the Natural History Museum of Utah and the Salt Lake City Public Library for the Poets House FIELD WORK program. She has received awards from the NEA, the NEH, the National Science Foundation's Antarctic Artists and Writers Program, and the Guggenheim Foundation. She is a Distinguished Professor at the University of Utah.

*Katharine Coles will read from her essay, "My Objects of Affection," an elegy for her father, Bill, who died just before lockdown. In it, she considers how physical possessions act as talismans and communicate identity, sometimes across generations. She also gives a reading of a poem by Emily Dickinson and takes a brief trip, in memory, to eat oranges in the Wind Rivers.*

***NOTE: Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room at noon***

**ZOOM INFORMATION:**

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

Join meeting at <https://utah.zoom.us/j/91461766547> Passcode: 951629. Presentation begins at 12:30.

For further information about attending Zoom meetings see: <https://bit.ly/35lIJe1> 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 number: + 669 900 6833. You will then need the Meeting ID: 914 6176 6547

# From the President

## KEN JAMESON

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One effect of the “benign neglect” of emeriti over the years was the growth of “frictions” in the relationship between emeriti and the University of Utah. Several of these have been addressed and the friction diminished: Emeriti benefits have been clearly defined and codified and are now communicated to emeriti; several benefits have been restored or added; and emeriti financial contributions to the U can now be tracked. There remain four areas of continued friction.

The first is the naming and notification process for emeriti. It has been slow, opaque, unresponsive, and too often wrong. I am pleased to note that this friction is being addressed proactively by the staff of the Offices for Faculty on main campus (Camila Reves) and upper campus (Piikea Godfrey and Kelly Akins). They are shortening the notification process by e-mailing the correct presidential letter to the emeritus, rather than mailing it (amazing) to the Department; they are including the proper description of benefits; they have documented the emeritus process; they are correcting past errors; and they are willing to field questions at [officeforfaculty@utah.edu](mailto:officeforfaculty@utah.edu). All’s well that ends well, and thanks to them.

The second is the seemingly random alteration in emeritus access to U-card based benefits, e.g. the NHMU or the libraries. Cards become inactive or disappear from the system on bases that we haven’t been able to ferret out, e.g. the 97-year-old emeritus checking references for a new edition of a book who suddenly couldn’t access the library. He thought they must have declared him dead. With the help of the Assistant Library Dean, we were able to resolve this. This seems to be tied into The Atrium System, but we have no idea how that operates. We can understand why benefits may have renewal dates, e.g. the kiosk parking benefit annual renewal that we all adjust to. However, the way that renewals operate needs to be clarified and examined.

The other two main frictions appear when a faculty member becomes emeritus or emerita while wishing to continue their research program. Based on correspondence with seven recent emeriti in this situation, there seems to be no clear way for them to be both emeriti and PI’s on continuing or future grants. Each case seems to be handled *sui generis*: One is .08 FTE on her grant; another postponed becoming emerita until her grant was over; one faced many hurdles in gaining “affiliate” status; one lost access to ePro-

posal and almost missed a grant renewal deadline; another is deemed “Emeritus with Compensation.” There must be a better way of facilitating these emeriti’s professional activity and continued contribution to the UofU. The benefits policy does state that emeriti have “Eligibility to apply for research grants and to spend research funds on behalf of the University, subject to all required approvals; and use of University office and laboratory facilities, but only to the extent such facilities can be made available by the cognizant department chairperson or dean within the limits of approved space allocations to the department or college.” This does not adequately address this friction and should be examined and updated.

The final friction is access to equipment (computers), software, and software support. Many emeriti, not just those with funded research, continue professional activity and publishing. The U should support this activity, but the computer policy reclaims the hardware and requires that anything done before the emeritus award be scrubbed. No software is supported, aside from access to Box. Indeed, this policy is likely to become more rigid: “The U’s Office of Governance, Risk and Compliance has announced they will start enforcing the software licensing restriction for Emeritus faculty in the near future. This will eliminate the possibility of keeping existing software.” This is counter-productive and may end up making the research data less protected and the researcher less productive. This friction is one that should be addressed and a resolution beneficial to the emeriti and the University should be found.

I hope to meet with Provost Dr. Mitzi Montoya in the not too distant future and to apprise her of these remaining frictions. My hope is that she will task the Offices for Faculty with finding solutions to these frictions. After all, “emeritus” is a faculty rank, according to policy; and therefore, it seems to me, the Office for Faculty should take responsibility for addressing these “faculty” frictions.

### To Learn More:

If you’d like to learn more about the emeriti naming process and how emeriti are notified, or how to get listed in the University Directory, click on the Activity link on the emeriti web page ([emeriti.utah.edu](http://emeriti.utah.edu)).

## Television Suggestions

### DON STRASSBERG

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Again, this month, I offer some new, some continuing, and some vintage movie and TV suggestions. Remember, if there is a dollar sign after the title it means that you must pay for the selection even though it appears on a paid streaming service. (I try to avoid recommending these). Enjoy. Please let me know of others that you think I should include in future columns.

#### Amazon Prime

**Emergency** (2022): "Premiered at Sundance Film Festival and was hailed as a refreshing perspective on the college party night and road trip tropes, billing it as an instant classic. Three Black and Latinx college boys face the unexpected situation of finding an unconscious white woman mysteriously appearing in their house."

**Everything Everywhere All at Once** (2022 \$): Lots of Academy Awards for this impossible to describe movie that wasn't one of my favorites.

#### Netflix

**Luther: The Fallen Sun** (2023): This film continues the Luther series with Idris Elba in the role of police officer John Luther. He escapes from prison in search of a serial killer, as he is haunted by an unsolved murder in the past. We loved the actor and the story.

**Invisible City** (2021): This series based on Brazilian folklore is set in the forest. A man discovers that he can turn into a magical and dangerous being and embarks on a journey to find his daughter.

**Still Time** (2022): "Always in a rush, workaholic Dante now wants life to slow down when he finds himself skipping ahead in time, one year every day."

#### HBO Max

**In the Mood for Love** (2020): "Few films are as ravishingly beautiful as Wong Kar-wai's intoxicating film about Hong Kong in the early to mid-60s."

**Creed** (2015)(Also on Amazon Prime): Stallone's Rocky as the mentor to Adonis Johnson (Michael B. Jordan), the son of Rock's old rival-turned-friend Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers). A sequel to *Rocky* and a prequel to two other Creed movies.

## Emeriti / Osher Institute

### HERTA TEITELBAUM

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Summer term at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute begins on May 18 and runs through June 29, 2023, with 35 new classes, 12 of them held via Zoom, and many meeting four sessions or less. Emeriti Tim Chambless, Beth Whitsett, and Jay Jacobson will be among the roster of Osher instructors. Highlights include music classes taught by Luca de la Florin, oboist at the Utah Symphony; Basic Watercolor taught by Jennifer Love, past president, Utah Watercolor Society; Marcie's Movie Club hosted at the Salt Lake Film Society's Broadway Centre Cinemas; and a Field Study of the Great Salt Lake taught by Jonathan Duncan, adjunct professor at Westminster College. Special events will include hiking, geology treks, walking tours, museum visits, and even a behind-the-scenes tour of ABC 4 television studios. View the full lineup here: <https://continue.utah.edu/osher>. Registration will open in early May.

#### Lunch and Learn with Emeriti

Osher offers an impressive offering of full, short and lunch programs. We'd like to select a few of those programs next year where emeriti could attend as a group. Emeriti still would have to register with Osher but would be able to exercise tuition benefits. Look for those opportunities in the September *Newsletter*.

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#### DIS AND DATA...

##### *Durham presentation*

In case you missed last month's luncheon presentation by the Hon. Christine Durham, you can access it at:

[https://mediaspace.utah.edu/media/t/1\\_teviz5zz](https://mediaspace.utah.edu/media/t/1_teviz5zz)

If you would like to learn more about how judges are evaluated for retention, visit:

[judges.utah.gov](https://judges.utah.gov)

##### *Grandparenting*

The "Grandparents are In" initiative continues to successfully serve students and has received media recognition. In case you missed KUER's story on Ryck and his crew, check out:

<https://www.kuer.org/education/2023-03-23/college-life-got-ya-down-these-campus-grandparents-are-here-to-help>

##### *Renewing emeriti parking permits*

Emeriti parking permits need to be renewed in August. Contact **Katina Limberakis** at [katina.limberakis@utah.edu](mailto:katina.limberakis@utah.edu)

# Stories of Philanthropy

Last year, individual acts of giving totaled \$8.1 million. The reasons emeriti give the UofU are as numerous as there are emeriti. Usually, emeriti give to the University because of individual connections they made.

## ***Paul and Maureen Brinkman***

Paul worked in administration for 20 years. During that time, Paul said, "The University made an impression on my heart," so he looked for a giving opportunity. It came during Plaza Fest.

Paul and his wife Maureen were sitting on a bench on the Student Services Building plaza. Maureen noticed a young man who seemed to be "stumbling around". She approached him to see if she could help and found out that he was blind. So, Maureen proceeded to personally escort him to the various booths at Plaza Fest and helped him understand the opportunities that were being promoted.

Paul and Maureen continued to be involved in Keaton Walker's life for the next 2-3 years. Originally from Alaska, Keaton was "a smart young man" but challenged by his blindness. As misfortune would have it, Keaton died of cancer in his early twenties. Paul and Maureen were so touched by his life that they decided to set up a scholarship in his name for disabled students.

## ***Sheryl Scott and Richard Koehn***

Sheryl Scott and Richard Koehn had been giving to the University since they arrived on campus. But they were on the lookout "for something big". When Health Sciences announced that the UofU Medical School was slated for a new building, Sherry and Dick saw an opportunity. They looked into how they could become a part of that initiative.

Sherry had been a member of the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, and had taught first year medical students for 25 years. Dick had been Vice President for Research under two presidents. They wanted to give *now* so they could see the result of their good works, rather than bequeathing assets upon their deaths.

They talked to people in Development/Advancement about how they could make a contribution. At the time Development was in the process of soliciting "naming opportunities" for the new building. Sherry and Dick decided on funding the anatomy lab, providing all the anatomy tables in the new building. Development worked with Sherry and Dick to spread their targeted contribution over three years.

Sadly, Dick passed before he saw the completion of the new medical school building. But when it's finished,

Sherry will see their names over the door to the new anatomy lab.

## ***Diana Pounder and Dennis Greenlee***

Diana Pounder and Dennis Greenlee took different paths at the UofU. Diana began as an assistant professor and worked her way up the ranks in the traditional way: Assistant, Associate, Professor as well as administrative stints as Associate Dean of the College of Education, and Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy (ELP).

Dennis started out in engineering but "didn't have enough maturity to finish that degree." Instead, he earned a degree in Biology. When they came to Utah with Diana's job offer, Dennis decided to go back to his first love, engineering. He made a mid-career change and got a degree in mechanical engineering at age 40.

The University provided Diana and Dennis the place, resources and encouragement for them to follow their career paths. So, they wanted to give something back to the U. Diana gifted the College of Education monies for auxiliary expenses for Educational Leadership doctoral students and to the Utah Education Policy Center, a need she saw as ELP Department Chair. Dennis designated his endowment to the Department of Mechanical Engineering for scholarships for non-traditional students like himself. He took advantage of a program in the Department that would match the amounts given on an annual basis.

Diana and Dennis spent 20 great years at the UofU. Eventually, they left to take care of ailing parents. Diana and Dennis have given more money as they've aged by rerouting some of their required minimum distributions. Their trust also will bequeath money to the University upon their passing.

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## **MORE DIS AND DATA...**

### ***Met Life Legal Plan***

Open enrollment for the Met Life Legal Plan for emeriti is May 1-31. The cost is \$255/year billed quarterly. You can enroll at <http://retirees.legalplans.com/4940030> You can find more information about the plan on the Benefits link on our web site ([emeriti.utah.edu](http://emeriti.utah.edu)).

### ***Luncheon speakers for 2023-2024***

The Emeriti Board will meet in June to select speakers for next year. If you have any suggestions, contact: [herta\\_teitelbaum@yahoo.com](mailto:herta_teitelbaum@yahoo.com)

## In Memoriam

Jan A. Smith, November 30, 1950 – January 3, 2023,  
Spouse of Bruce Smith, Communication Sciences and Disorders

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## Pioneer Memorial Theater

### PLAY

*The Prom*

### TICKETS AVAILABLE

April 24, 2023

### PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

May 11, 2023

## Hiking Group

What a month it has been for the hiking group. We finally completed our thrice scheduled snowshoe from Brighton to Solitude and back as well as a hike on Antelope Island. Never has the snow been deeper or the weather more unpredictable. It is currently snowing again as we prepare to head to Snow Canyon State Park near St. George. Forecast is for the usual good and bad but half of us are in motels and the rest in the lovely group camp area. We will be hiking in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, finding petroglyphs above the Santa Clara River and watching the massive snowmelt fall over the red rock as it exits Gunlock Reservoir.

**Kathy Alderson, Steve Van Winkle and Marilyn Hoffman on Brighton to Solitude snowshoe hike.**



A special Seder meal for Passover will be conducted in an abbreviated form by Richard Kanner who will explain some of the symbolism in the Haggadah, and we will partake of the usual matzoh ball soup, charoset, chicken, dry fruit and nuts at our potluck dinner.

While emeriti luncheons are ending for the year, our calendar continues, and we invite you to participate in our weekly Monday hikes. April 10, 2023 will feature an urban walk beginning at the Cultural Celebration Center and their gallery presentation, "Global Joy: Festivals and Celebrations Around the World", followed by a walk along the Jordan River Parkway. To join our weekly mailing list contact [Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu)

**View from Dooly Knob on Antelope Island hike**



# Tuesday, May 9 Luncheon Menu

## ENTREES

Roast salmon with lemon cream sauce  
or  
Cauliflower steak with lemon cream sauce  
or  
Fruit plate with cottage cheese  
  
Berry green salad

## ACCOMPANIMENTS

Garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables  
Rolls and fruit bread slices  
Black and white cake  
Ice water with lemon  
Coffee and tea service

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## LUNCHEON RESERVATION and DUES PAYMENT FORM

**Voluntary Dues for 2022-23: \$12/Single, \$24/Couple**

**Luncheon payment due May 2. Attendees should be in seats by 12:00.**

**To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeriticlub/product.php?product=1>**

(Please use the dropdown menu to select your meal choice. If you plan on bringing a spouse/guest, be sure to update the quantity box to "2", and fill out the info for your guest's lunch selection.)

### To pay by check:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Cauliflower steak \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Cauliflower steak \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Cauliflower steak \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending @ \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary Dues for 2022/23: \$12 Single, \$24 Couple Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here \_\_\_\_\_ if this is your first luncheon as a new member. (Hey! It's a free lunch!)

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Murray, UT 84107

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