Mitzi M. Montoya, Ph.D., was appointed Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost in January, 2023. She joins the University of Utah with a vigor for solving problems, breaking barriers and innovating change for the greater good.

Montoya is a thought leader in higher education. Throughout her career she has supported student and faculty success, enhanced entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystems, and led collaborative initiatives to find solutions for social, technical and political challenges.

Before joining the U, Montoya was the dean of the Anderson School of Management at the University of New Mexico. She also served as provost and executive vice president at Washington State University and as the Sara Hart Kimball dean of the College of Business at Oregon State University. At Arizona State University, she was dean of the College of Technology & Innovation, vice provost of the ASU Polytechnic campus, and the inaugural vice president and university dean of entrepreneurship and innovation. Prior to ASU, Dr. Montoya spent fifteen years at North Carolina State University where she held the Zelnak Chair in Marketing & Innovation in the Poole College of Management. She received her doctorate in marketing and statistics and a bachelor’s in applied engineering science from Michigan State University.

Montoya’s entrepreneurial approach to problem-solving is driven by her research on innovation processes and strategies and influenced by her experiences as a former American Council on Education Fellow. As Provost, Montoya seeks to inspire students, faculty and staff; lead innovation efforts; and help the U become a top 10 public university with unsurpassed societal impact.

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The UofU’s new Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Will kick off the new year at the October 4 Luncheon

Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room, Wednesday, October 4 at noon.

Payment is due Wednesday, September 27th. See the ordering link on the menu page.

There will be no Zoom coverage.

Dr. Mitzi Montoya
“Shaping the Future: The Academic Mission of the University of Utah”
President’s Message

HERTA TEITELBAUM

I would like to extend a hearty welcome to Professors Emeriti Club members and a special welcome to our new members. Barring any COVID reversals, all of our luncheons will be in-person this year, allowing us to connect or reconnect with friends and colleagues on a personal level.

I encourage all of you to take some time to check out our improved website for important information on luncheon dates, speakers, PMT preview performances, benefits, and more (https://emeriti.utah.edu). We are always trying to make our website more useful and welcome suggestions.

We have a wonderful lineup of speakers on topics ranging from environmental issues to politics in Utah to national award-winning poetry. I hope this diversity will entice you to attend every one of our luncheons. Details are provided in the Activity Calendar on our website.

Our Board has been hard at work to serve the members of the Emeriti Club in a variety of ways, and I am grateful for their time and effort. Updates on our past initiatives and descriptions of new programs are provided below. I would like to express great appreciation to our exiting Board members Don Strassberg and Sheryl Scott for their service on the Board and welcome our new Board members Barbara Brown, member-at-large, and Tim Chambless, incoming president.

New Initiatives:

Survey of Academic Activities
I have been working the past year with Ken Jameson (Past President) and Rob Mayer (emeritus, Family and Consumer Studies) on a survey exploring the continuing involvement by emeriti in the areas of teaching, mentoring, and other professional activities. After retirement, some emeriti faculty and staff choose to continue their academic activities in ways that contribute directly to the University of Utah. Documenting the ways in which emeriti add value to the mission of the UofU can, in turn, help the UofU expand the ways it supports its emeriti. For this reason, we encourage you to fill out the survey as soon as possible to achieve a high completion rate.

We have kept the survey to a manageable eight items. It is completely confidential — we are not collecting any identifiable information.

This link, https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GMWHQVT will take you directly to the survey. It shouldn’t take much time to fill out.

The deadline for completing the survey is October 14. Please keep in mind that the results of the survey will ultimately benefit the Emeriti Club.

We have been trying to reduce our communication with emeriti through the mail, but there is still a small group of emeriti to whom we mail the printed newsletter. We’ve included the paper version of the survey in this Newsletter on pages 7 and 8 and ask you to return the completed questionnaire to:

Professors Emeriti Club

c/o Mandy Skonhovd

University Human Resource Management
250 East 200 South, Suite 125
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Students Volunteer To Assist Emeriti Club
The Emeriti Club is going to be a “client” of the Absolute Communication class (COMM 3630), “a student-run advertising and public relations agency that provides public relations, social media, advertising, and strategic planning services for real-world clients.” The Fall Semester class, taught by Professor Kevin Bischoff, will analyze how we can best get the word out about our services and activities to retired and soon-to-retire faculty, and how we can enhance engagement with the Club. The students may want to survey some of our members or host a focus group. Please be receptive if you are contacted!

The Emeriti Club is represented on this project by Herta Teitelbaum (President), Tim Chambless (Incoming President), Craig Denton (board member) and Linda F. Smith (emerita Law).

Finally, please contact me at herta_teitelbaum@yahoo.com, if you have questions or concerns related to the Club. Also, let me know if you learn such things as awards that emeriti receive or their special academic activities that we might want to include in our Newsletter. We also like to hear from you if you have ideas for new programs and activities to benefit the Club. Remember, however, that we need volunteers’ time and efforts to realize any new projects.
Past President’s Message

KEN JAMESON

Transition Committee:
President Herta Teitelbaum formed a committee to work on “transition to emeriti” issues. Susan Olson (Political Science) and Robert Flores (Law School) joined her and Ken Jameson to continue addressing problems emeriti encounter as they transition from regular faculty status to emeritus/a status. They met with and received the support of Senior Academic Vice President, Dr. Mitzi Montoya, and the Associate Vice President for Faculty, Dr. Sarah Projansky, to explore the issues involved. This will lead to further collaboration on solving these issues with Dr. Angie Fagerlin, AVP for Faculty in Health Science, and Dr. Jakob Jensen, AVP in the VP for Research Office.

Many of the issues revolve around access to software, hardware and networks. Using another route, we have been able to meet twice with a team from University Information Technology. They have been exceptionally helpful and have examined software licenses’ treatment of emeriti. We are hopeful that a way can be found to include emeriti in at least some of those licenses, especially in the many cases where that is needed for continued emeriti involvement in University activities.

We’ll provide you with regular updates as the work of the committee progresses.

Emeriti Financial Support Of The UofU:
The VP for Advancement has again tabulated emeriti commitments and donations to the U. Annual commitments fluctuate from year to year, but in the 2019-2023 period, commitments averaged $4,478,721 from 522 donors per year. Actual dollars received by the U are more stable and averaged $2,772,395. In total 1418 emeriti have donated $63,122,231 to the U over the years. A more detailed breakdown of the giving categories, e.g. Academic Support, Scholarships, etc. is available on the Club website: https://emeriti.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/59/2022/08/Donation-Totals_Emeriti-Club-2022.pdf

Emeriti Club Completion Scholarship:
As of August, we have reached $6250 of our $10,000 goal, from 14 donors. Starting in September, those funds will be distributed to students within twelve credits of degree completion who would otherwise not finish. At that point, additional funds donated will build until the following Fall. Let’s try to reach $10,000 next year! The donation site is:

Emeriti / Grandparents Are In:
Here’s a chance to interact in an informal manner with this intriguing new generation of students. We will once again channel Lucy Van Pelt of Peanuts in giving (Bad) Advice (but Free). We hope to do three sites every month and can certainly use more emeriti to staff our table. We’ve had enthusiastic support from Student Services, the Union, and the Residence Halls; and last year’s grandparents enjoyed the opportunity. E-mail Ken Jameson at kpjameson@gmail.com to be added to the roster.

Osher Program
• Fall term begins Monday, September 18 and runs through October 31, 2023.
• Course offerings include 81 total classes: 57 in-person and 23 on Zoom, and 40 new, never before offered courses with nine instructors new to the program.
• Several emeriti are going to teach Osher classes fall term — Tim Chambless, Fred Esplin, Walter Jones and Jeanne LeBer.
• Osher will partner with Northwestern University with 9 classes presented by instructors from some of the 125 Osher Institutes across the country in a new program called Osher Online: https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher_760_osher_online_with_northwestern_university
• Check out the website at https://continue.utah.edu/osher for special events and community events.
• Course proposals for the winter term are due on October 1. The term will run from January 16 to February 29, 2024 https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfn5p-DWDMdhD-etSgfzheIT3PZsSQ8oE3ZVKAILULgg2ILCca/viewform
Incoming President’s Message
TIM CHAMBLESS

Before becoming President-elect of the Emeriti Club, I’ve been a student, staff, and faculty member at the University of Utah since 1972. I taught classes for the Department of Political Science from 1987-2017 and in the departments of History and Communication. I was a staff member for the UofU’s Office of Student Recruitment and Hinckley Institute of Politics (1990-2017). Currently, I have been teaching for the U’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. You can reach me at timchambless@icloud.com

I’ll be working on several initiatives this year including:

Home Away From Home:
The Home Away From Home Program is an innovative 2022 UofU outreach program intended to increase campus enrollment and a greater involvement in the community. The HAFH program was initiated by central administration and the Alumni Association to help address the student housing problem. UofU retired faculty and staff are invited to open their homes (with unoccupied bedrooms/baths) to students who desire to live in homes near campus. The goal is to achieve a win-win-outcome for UofU students, faculty and staff, and the Salt Lake City community.

This is an enriching opportunity for Emeriti Club members. This autumn semester there are 25 U students living near campus in homes of current faculty and staff members. My wife, Cathy, and I have been hosting a student from China. However, at this time, no UofU hosts are retired faculty and staff. Emeriti Club members are encouraged to participate.

Senior Living Residences in SL Valley:
Currently, there are a number of retired University of Utah faculty and staff residing in senior/assisted living residences throughout Salt Lake Valley.

These residents are receptive to attending Emeriti Club monthly luncheons and seeing long-time UofU colleagues, if transportation can be provided. Staff at assisted living residences have indicated that free transportation can be arranged.

I would encourage Emeriti Club members who have friendships with other emeriti — still living in their homes, or now residing in senior living accommodations — to reach out to them and encourage them to become active members of the Emeriti Club.

Televison Suggestions
DON STRASSBERG

Hope you all had a wonderful summer. Although I’m off the Emeriti Club Board, I’ll still be offering some suggestions for things to watch on cable TV.

Hulu
Storm of the Century (1999): In this Stephen King drama, an isolated Maine island hamlet is facing a devastating winter storm and a sinister stranger. A little longer than it needed to be, but I liked it.

Only Murders in the Building (Season 3, 2023): This mystery/comedy series has become one of my all-time favorite TV shows. Steve Martin, Martin Short, and Selena Gomez are wonderful, with great chemistry.

Apple+
Hijack (2023): My wife and I both enjoyed watching this new series about a plane hijacked “during its seven-hour journey from Dubai to London in which a corporate negotiator tries to use his professional skills to save everyone on board.” How can you not appreciate a series starring Idris Elba!

Max (formerly HBO Max)
The Fault in Our Stars (2014): “Hazel, a 16-year-old cancer patient, meets and falls in love with Gus, a similarly afflicted teen from her cancer support group. When Gus scores an invitation to meet a reclusive author, he and Hazel embark on the adventure of their brief lives.”

Amazon Prime
Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret (2023, $): “Effervescent and refreshingly frank story about the travails of puberty, this long-awaited adaptation does full justice to Judy Blume’s seminal novel.” Very highly rated by both critics and audiences. My wife and I both thoroughly enjoyed it. Worth paying for.

Catastrophe (2015): “During a business trip in London, an American meets an Irish teacher with whom he shares incredible chemistry. While the two plan to have some fun with no strings attached, things go awry when Sharon learns she is pregnant.

Netflix
Extraction 2 (2023): “An over the top action thriller” with Chris Hemsworth. I really liked this movie. (So did critics and audiences).
Welcome to new emeriti members and welcome back to returnees. The hiking group is an unofficial part of the emeriti activity list. We have had an exciting summer with all the green hills and abundant flowers. We hike every Monday morning, weather permitting, all year long. We operate with volunteer leaders to assist Suzanne Stensaas and Kathy Alderson in scheduling and leading our easy-to-moderately strenuous hikes, which are usually 3-5 miles. The leader gets to choose the time and place and we have discovered some wonderful trails through the collective knowledge. Many of the hikes have an intermediate point where some can turn around. We try to time the leaves and flowers for peak performance. Conscious of air pollution, we try to carpool from a logical point for most trips.

We are not exclusive. You can always bring a friend, child or grandchild. The more people who enjoy the magnificent Wasatch Range we have in our backyard, the more willing, we hope, they will be to oppose such travesties as gondolas and limestone quarries! We usually have an annual camp/rv/motel trip, and in May, 2024 we hope to time it to coincide with Amazing Earthfest in Kanab, taking advantage of the wonderful free offerings that include hikes, lectures, native American experiences, documentary films, star gazing, birding, etc. Suzanne, Rich and Herta experienced it this year and we called it a winner. We hope to bring an enthusiastic group next year. Kanab has really made great efforts to share the abundance of resources of the area. A bonus is proximity to Zion, Bryce and the north rim of the Grand Canyon.

We have a big email list, the only way we communicate. Many on our list are voyeurs who remember when… and just like to see where we are going and hike vicariously. Others are busy getting new joints but plan to return. One of our most enthusiastic hikers has had 22 surgeries related to her rheumatoid arthritis. We accommodate, celebrate and revel in the wild for our sense of place and grace. We hope you will join us, and if you are new, send to suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu your name, address, email, cell and land line telephone numbers as well as your former department affiliation. If you have been on the list and not taken us on one of your favorite trails, we invite you to volunteer to lead. We can give you a co-leader.

We are looking forward to another year of good programs and good trails. Will you join us?

Suzanne Stensaas and Kathy Alderson

Big Cottonwood Canyon (Top)
Alta hike (L)
Jim King leads hike at age 94 (R).
Albion Basin (Below)
Emeriti and spouses are entitled to free tickets to Pioneer Memorial Theater preview performances. When tickets become available, members gather at the theater. All you need to do is show your Emeritus Card. Each card holder is entitled to two tickets. Because there can be a rush, and to minimize wait time, card holders organize themselves. As soon as the box office opens, waiting card holders queue up according to when they arrived and receive tickets.
No. Nothing has changed. Parking still is an aggravation. About the only advice we could offer that would be helpful is: Arrive early and consider it an opportunity to practice patience.

A map of campus parking lots is posted below. Lots in purple are open to emeriti, essentially the Union and Marriott Library parking lots. Your car needs to be registered with Commuter Services. By the way, your 2022-23 emeriti parking permit expired at the end of August. If you haven’t already done so, renew your emeriti parking permit with Katina Limberakis at katina.limberakis@utah.edu
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Professors Emeriti Club, c/o Mandy Skonhovd, University Human Resource Management, 250 East 200 South, Suite 125 Salt Lake City, UT 84111

1. During which period did you retire? Please circle your answer.
   a. 2020-2023
   b. 2015-2019
   c. 2010-2014
   d. 2005-2009
   e. Before 2005

2. Have you taught classes at the University of Utah within the past five years or since your retirement? Please circle yes or no for each category.
   a. Undergraduate Course
   b. Graduate Course
   c. Course or lecture at the Osher Institute
   d. Course in Lifelong Learning (Continuing Education)

3. Have you served as mentor or committee member for someone at the University of Utah within the past five years or since your retirement? Please circle yes or no for each category.
   a. PhD/Masters students
   b. Undergraduate students
   c. Mentor for junior faculty

4. Have you authored or co-authored articles, books, book chapters, etc. related to your academic discipline within the past five years or since your retirement? Please circle yes or no for each category.
   a. Journal article
   b. Book or book chapter
   c. Other publications

5. Have you participated in any of the following activities drawing on your professional expertise within the past five years or since your retirement? Please circle yes or no for each category.
   a. Presentation at conferences
   b. Invitation to give a guest lecture
   c. Engagement in creative/artistic projects
   d. Participation in University committees
   e. Consulting
   f. Advisory Board
6. If your professional work required a license, did you maintain your professional license within the past five years or since your retirement?  
   Please circle your answer below.  
   a. YES  
   b. NO  
   c. N/A

7. If you answered “Yes” to question #6, did you continue to work in the area of your expertise within the past five years or since your retirement?  
   (Please skip if you answered “No” or “N/A”)  
   a. YES  
   b. NO 

8. Have you received any professional recognitions or honors within the past five years or since your retirement?  
   Please circle your answer below.  
   a. YES  
   b. NO

9. If you answered “Yes” to question #8, please elaborate on your professional recognitions or honors during the past five years or since your retirement

10. Please use this space to provide additional details or add comments.
**Wednesday, October 4 Luncheon Menu**

### ENTREES
- Herb roasted salmon with creamy dijon sauce
- Mezze plate (hummus, ratatouille, pita)
- Fruit plate with cottage cheese

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

### Cucumber salad

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**LUNCHEON RESERVATION and DUES PAYMENT FORM**

**Voluntary Dues for 2023-24:** $12/Single, $24/Couple

Luncheon payment due September 27. **Attendees should be in seats by 12:00.**

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

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

Make out the check to **Professors Emeriti Club** and send to:

Barbara Brown
1332 Dover Road
Salt Lake City, UT 84108