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**Professors Emeriti Club**

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## **Senator Luz Escamilla to Keynote January Luncheon**

On November 4, 2008, Senator Luz Escamilla was elected to the Utah State Senate to represent Senate District 10, becoming the first Latina elected to the Utah State Senate and the first immigrant elected to the Utah State Legislature. She is serving her fourth term in the Senate after being reelected in 2012, 2016, and 2020. Senator Escamilla serves in the Senate leadership team as the Senate Minority Leader.

Senator Escamilla received a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Utah. She has significant experience as a business and political consultant, focusing on strategy and government relations for businesses and nonprofits. In 2005, she was appointed by Governor Jon Huntsman as the first director for the State Office of Ethnic Affairs. In this position, she oversaw the directors of



**“Issues Facing  
Higher Education in the  
Upcoming Legislative  
Session”**

Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino and Pacific Islander Affairs. She was the vice president for Zions Bank in the Community Development Group, representing Zions Bank in community and business relationships across the state of Utah and Idaho. At Zions Bank she worked as director for the Business Resource Center, as well as the Hispanic/Latino market manager.

In 2020, Senator Escamilla was the Chief Operations Officer at MiCARE Network, a Utah-based healthcare startup focused on innovative solutions to care management. Currently, she is the co-founder and managing partner of ESCATEC Solutions, which focuses on improving customer experiences for different organizations and entities.

Luz lives on the west side of Salt Lake City with her husband, Juan Carlos, and their children.

***Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room, **Tuesday, January 9.*****

***Patrons are encouraged to arrive by 11:50 (or earlier for socializing).***

***Orders due by noon, Monday, January 1, 2024. (Ordering will close at that time.)***

# President's Message

## HERTA TEITELBAUM

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### Osher Celebrates 20 Years at the U in 2024

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Utah began in 2004 as part of a growing network of learning communities designed especially for those "age 50 and better" founded and funded by wise businessman Bernard Osher. Fred Esplin, then director of development at the U and now an instructor for Osher, had a friendship with Mary Bitterman, director of the Bernard Osher Foundation. Lucky for us, Fred agreed to bring this wonderful program to Utah. To celebrate 20 years of reaping the rewards of these three visionaries, in 2024 we will plan a whole year of festivities, courses, special events, and distinguished guest speakers.

**Winter term begins Tuesday, January 16 and runs through March 4, 2024.** Registration opens December 6: <https://continue.utah.edu/osher>

- Course offerings will include 65 classes, 42 in person, 23 on Zoom, and 14 shorter lecture sessions.
- Osher will again partner with Northwestern University with 10 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](https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher_760_osher_online_with_northwestern_university)
- Several emeriti will be teaching Winter Term – Tim Chambless, Fred Esplin, Walter Jones, Gene Fitzgerald and Bruce Landesman. Here's a closer look at what they'll be offering:

**Gene Fitzgerald** will be teaching a special 20th Anniversary course: [https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher\\_944\\_fm\\_dostoevskys\\_crime\\_and\\_punishment\\_and\\_the\\_present\\_political\\_situation](https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher_944_fm_dostoevskys_crime_and_punishment_and_the_present_political_situation)

**Bruce Landesman:** [https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher\\_974\\_what\\_is\\_fascism\\_is\\_it\\_a\\_current\\_political\\_threat](https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher_974_what_is_fascism_is_it_a_current_political_threat)

**Walter Jones:** [https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher\\_365\\_americas\\_forgotten\\_war\\_the\\_korean\\_war\\_1950\\_\\_1953](https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher_365_americas_forgotten_war_the_korean_war_1950__1953)

[https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher\\_997\\_women\\_in\\_the\\_great\\_depression](https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher_997_women_in_the_great_depression)

**Fred Esplin:** [https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher\\_704\\_the\\_settlement\\_of\\_utah\\_conflict\\_accommodation\\_and\\_the\\_struggle\\_for\\_statehood\\_1847\\_1896](https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher_704_the_settlement_of_utah_conflict_accommodation_and_the_struggle_for_statehood_1847_1896)

**Tim Chambless:** [https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher\\_630\\_current\\_issues\\_in\\_american\\_public\\_affairs\\_and\\_politics](https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher_630_current_issues_in_american_public_affairs_and_politics)

**Course proposals for Summer Term are due on March 1.** The term will run from the end of May through the end of June. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnSp-DWDMdhD-etSgfzheIT3PZsSQ8oE3ZVKAILULgg2ILCcA/viewform>

### Get Well Herta!

*Please join us in wishing Herta a speedy recovery from back surgery. She's at home and mending well. She says her most lamentable problem is missing interactions with emeriti.*

# Past President's Message

## **KEN JAMESON**

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At the December 6 luncheon, the Club's engagement with the UofU students began with the impressive performance of the University of Utah Chamber Choir and then continued with the introduction of one of the "Emeriti Completion Scholarship" recipients whose graduation will have been aided by the \$3000 received from last year's fund drive. Again, thanks for your donations and a reminder that this year's donation website is open: <https://ustarter.utah.edu/o/university-of-utah-39/i/ustarter/s/professors-emeriti-club-completion-scholarship-pkyoryyqk> At this point, donations for 2023-24 are at \$3150 of our \$10,000 goal.

The Transition Committee met on November 17 with AVP's Drs. Sarah Projansky and Caren Frost from the Office for Faculty and the VP for Research respectively. We informed them that we are working with Human Resources to make earlier contact with retiring faculty to facilitate their transition and to expand the information they receive beyond the usual financial counselling. They both offered to be of help with any existing or new transition issues that are under their purview. They also indicated that there may be changes to the conditions for emeriti to act as PIs on Sponsored Research. We will represent emeriti as this issue progresses.

While much of the world is concerned with Artificial Intelligence, its dangers and its possibilities, we continue the effort to move the Club into the digital universe. More specifically, we are trying to encourage members to pay their dues and luncheon fees using the credit card option on the sign-up. It is a bit complex but becomes easy once it is tried; and it greatly facilitates our record keeping, among other things. There is a possibility that checks will no longer be accepted next year. Another move to the digital age is an effort to reduce the number of *Newsletters* that we mail out, using USPS. At this point we mail out 231 *Newsletters* every month at a cost to the Club of \$5000 per year. Electronic mailing has no added cost. President-Elect Tim Chambless will be working with our mailing list to encourage this conversion, so he may be in touch with you. In the meantime, if you could switch from snail mail to electronic, please let me know: [kpjameson@gmail.com](mailto:kpjameson@gmail.com) and I will facilitate the switch.

We appreciate Clayton Norlen attending the last luncheon and talking with us about our interface with University Information Technology. He played an important role in getting emeriti access to the Microsoft Suite of software <https://o365cloud.utah.edu/> and the University Zoom account <https://utah.zoom.us/> He has offered to be our liaison to UIT on other computer issues. Also, a **HEADS UP:** In the foreseeable future access to the University computer information system will require "Two Factor Authentication," presumably using Duo (see our webpage for Duo instructions <https://emeriti.utah.edu/>). UIT estimates that 413 of our members are not enrolled in Duo.

## Television Suggestions

### DON STRASSBERG

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Happy holidays all. In my column this month, I'm trying something a little different. This time I'm suggesting movies (on Netflix and Amazon Prime Video) around a specific theme: In this case it's romantic comedies. Other themes will follow in the coming months. Enjoy!

#### Prime Video

*I Want You Back (2022)*: "With a stellar cast playing well-rounded characters, *I Want You Back* is the rare rom-com that delivers its romance as capably as its comedy. Peter and Emma are total strangers, but when they meet, one thing instantly bonds them: They were both unexpectedly dumped by their respective partners. Terrified that, in their 30s, they have lost their shot at happily ever after and horrified at the prospect of having to start over, they hatch a desperate plot to win the loves of their lives back."

*The Big Sick (2017)*: "Kumail is a Pakistani comic, who meets an American graduate student named Emily at one of his stand-up shows. As their relationship blossoms, he soon becomes worried about what his traditional Muslim parents will think of her. When Emily suddenly comes down with an illness that leaves her in a coma, Kumail finds himself developing a bond with her deeply concerned mother and father."

*Bros (2022)*: "By featuring two gay men, *Bros* reinvents the romantic comedy while lovingly embodying those films' tropes. These guys maybe, possibly, probably, stumble towards love. A smart, swoony and heartfelt comedy about finding sex, love and romance."

#### Netflix

*The Half of It (2020)*: "An uncommonly smart, tender, and funny coming-of-age story, *The Half of It* has everything. A shy, introverted student helps the school jock woo a girl whom, secretly, they both want."

*Always Be My Maybe (2019)*: "Childhood sweethearts have a falling out and don't speak for 15 years. They reconnect as adults when Sasha runs into Marcus in San Francisco. It takes familiar rom-com beats while cleverly layering in smart social commentary to find its own sweet groove."

*Ali's Wedding (2017)*: "After a reckless lie, the son of a Muslim cleric finds himself caught between his sense of duty and following his heart. He must follow through with his arranged marriage or be with the girl he truly loves."

## DIS AND DATA

Watch for news in the January newsletter about our **Valentine's Day Luncheon** on Wednesday February 14, 2024. Through the generosity of the Office of Advancement, we are having a buffet luncheon, catered by Eiffel Tower, in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, instead of the A. Ray Olpin Student Union. Registration and price will be the same. Parking will be expanded, with parking either in the regular Student Union guest lot (#28), or lot #30 north of the Alumni House. Part of the meal is generously subsidized as a thank you to the emeriti for their gifts of financial support and service. We hope you can take advantage of this special occasion and celebrate our love for the University.



#### Tuition Reduction Deadline Enforcement

Applications for Tuition Reduction for regular classes **must be submitted before the first day of each semester**. In the past, HR has accepted late applications; however, effective with the Spring 2024 semester, applications will not be accepted once the semester begins. Applications for continuing education classes may be submitted prior to the first day of the class.

Applicants must meet eligibility rules **before the first day of the semester** and must continue to be eligible on the first day of the semester.

Apply for tuition reduction benefits through UBenefits ([ubenefits.app.utah.edu](https://ubenefits.app.utah.edu) or see the link on the emeritus webpage: <https://emeriti.utah.edu/emeriti-benefits/> To learn more visit: <https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/changes-to-tuition-reduction-deadline-enforcement/>

#### New Luncheon Ordering Policy

Online luncheon orders will shut down promptly at noon on the deadline date. Orders placed via surface mail must reach Barbara Brown by the deadline, too. Because we have experienced difficulties and extra costs with orders that are placed after the deadline, we now have to enforce deadlines. This will prevent late-paying individuals from arriving at the luncheon to find no lunch available. Thank you for your understanding regarding this new policy.

#### Link to November Luncheon Program

In case you missed Prof. Ben Abbott's presentation at the November luncheon, you can access it at: [https://mediaspace.utah.edu/media/t/1\\_0lsdm834](https://mediaspace.utah.edu/media/t/1_0lsdm834)



## HIKING GROUP

Some of us are having a hard time transitioning to colder weather and warmer gear. Some of us are looking for the mate to our glove, toe warmers, missing Yaktrax, electric socks, and goggles. Others can't wait for the white stuff and have already ventured out.

November was a month of transition with a wonderful hike to the Salt Lake Overlook between Millcreek and Parleys Canyon. This was followed by a new variation on our Dimple Dell Park hikes which brought out 24 people on a gorgeous fall day with clouds to remember! Maybe we knew

it would not last. We were all grateful that such a lovely canyon was set aside in Sandy before it was all developed.

After canceling our Corner Canyon hike due to rain and snow, we now have no choice but to go up the canyons and acclimate! Gathering our enthusiasm, we started easy going to Spruces Campground not knowing how deep the snow would be. There we found out what we had forgotten and had a great time. Do you feel you are missing out? Join our email list by contacting: [suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu)

## Meldrum Theatre Tour

We thank Michelle Margetts for arranging an Emeriti Club tour of the new Meldrum Theatre at the Einar Nielson Fieldhouse. The inaugural production will be *The Lehman Trilogy*, starting March 29, 2024. But now, the construction site is for people in hard-hats only. The team from Layton Construction provided a tour for emeriti who fondly recalled the running track and racquetball courts from decades ago. The new building is almost a building-within-a building, be-



cause the outside look will not change much. This adaptive re-use of the building will unveil some old features, such as exposing the original pine roof decking on the inside. The tour allowed us access to the catwalks that run above the newly designed stage. Many future theater-goers will be happy to learn that the new restrooms are designed with "potty parity" in mind, with more facilities for women, which should shorten the waiting lines.

## In Memoriam

Barry Cole, March 3, 1940 – October 28, 2023  
Internal Medicine

If you learn of the death of an emeriti member or emeriti spouse, please contact [ryckluthi@msn.com](mailto:ryckluthi@msn.com) so that we can honor their passing. The date of death and college department would be helpful. The passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on the Alumni Association web page at <https://bit.ly/35H63oF>



## Pioneer Memorial Theater

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PLAY	TICKETS AVAILABLE	PREVIEW PERFORMANCE
<i>Native Gardens</i>	December 18, 2023	January 11, 2024
<i>Bonnie &amp; Clyde</i>	February 5, 2024	February 22, 2024
<i>The Lehman Trilogy</i>	March 11, 2024	March 28, 2024
<i>Natasha, Pierre &amp; The Great Comet of 1812</i>	April 22, 2024	May 9, 2024

# Tuesday, January 9 Luncheon Menu

## ***Entrée Choices:***

*Beef lasagna*

*or*

*Vegetable lasagna*

*or*

*Fruit plate with cottage cheese*

## ***Luncheon Reservation and Dues Payment Form***

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

**Attendees are encouraged to arrive by 11:50.**

**Online and print ordering deadline is noon, January 1.**

**To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeriticlub/product.php?product=27>**

(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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### **To pay by check:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef lasagna \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable lasagna \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Beef lasagna \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable lasagna \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Beef lasagna \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable lasagna \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**