



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
**Professors Emeriti Club**

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## Researcher on Sexual Identity to Highlight Valentine's Day Luncheon

***“Rethinking the links  
between stigma and health:***

Lisa M. Diamond is Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Gender Studies at the University of Utah, and president of the International Academy for Sex Research. She received her Ph.D. in Human Development from Cornell University in 1999, and has spent nearly 3 decades studying the development and expression of gender and sexuality across the life course. Her current work focuses



***A social safety perspective”***

on the biobehavioral mechanisms through which social stigma, social stress, and social safety shape the health and well-being of sexually-diverse and gender-diverse individuals at different stages of development. Dr. Diamond is best known for her research on sexual fluidity, which describes the capacity for individuals to experience unexpected shifts in sexual identity and expression over time.

***Dr. Lisa Diamond***  
*Distinguished Professor  
of Psychology  
and Gender Studies*

***Luncheon will be held in the Alumni House, Wednesday, February 14.***

***Patrons are encouraged to arrive by 11:30 for socializing and moving through the buffet line***

***Luncheon orders due by noon, February 2. (Ordering will close at that time.)***

# President's Message

## HERTA TEITELBAUM

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### Osher Updates:

**Winter term** begins Tuesday, January 16 and runs through March 4, 2024. Register for classes at <https://continue.utah.edu/osher>

**Course proposals for summer term** are due on March 1. The term will run from the end of May through the end of June.

Our own Ken Jameson is teaching a class on 2/27 and 2/28 entitled "**The Present as History in Latin America: Gold, Silver, Lithium, Water?**"

[https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher\\_975\\_the\\_present\\_as\\_history\\_in\\_latin\\_america\\_gold\\_silver\\_lithium\\_water](https://continue.utah.edu/osher/class/osher_975_the_present_as_history_in_latin_america_gold_silver_lithium_water)

### Survey of Academic Engagement by Emeriti After Retirement

The survey was administered last fall. The findings show that emeriti respondents are engaged in a wide range of activities spanning research, teaching and service. The most frequent post-retirement academic engagements were:

- More than half have published a journal article, and a third or more have published a book or book chapter.
- Around half presented at a professional conference or were invited as guest lecturer.
- About half said they continued mentoring PhD or Masters' degree students.
- 40% of the respondents were engaged in creative projects.
- About a half of the emeriti continued to consult or serve on advisory boards.

#### Recommendations:

The data clearly show that emeriti continue to make significant contributions to the University, and they deserve the University's encouragement and support as well as recognition of their accomplishments.

- **Technology Support:** A major impediment to faculty engagement has been *the loss of access to software* that faculty require for their scholarly work. In recent months, the Emeriti Club has worked with the UIT office to obtain access to Zoom and the cloud-based Microsoft Suite, but more is needed.

- **Recognition of Emeriti's Academic Achievements:** We were pleased to read about the awards and recognitions that emeriti received after retirement. However, the University does not systematically gather and publicize

this information. One respondent phrased the desire for recognition this way: "I co-authored 26 journal articles since retirement. These further built my reputation as one of the leaders in my field of the \_\_\_\_\_ Department, and the University as one of the top research universities in the US. This is the kind of achievement rarely recognized for emeriti."

We recommend that *a type of clearinghouse* be established at the University level (perhaps in the AVP's office). Such a repository, where emeriti can provide information on their articles, book chapters, awards, etc., could be placed on the internet and linked to the Emeriti Club's website. This would allow the University to keep a record of these academic activities in a systematic way and subsequently use this information to publicly recognize emeriti for their continued scholastic endeavors.

- **Support for Emeriti Club:** We recognize and appreciate the financial support provided to the Emeriti Club by the Office of the Academic Vice President. These funds are only sufficient, however, to cover the costs of publishing the Club's newsletters and partially underwriting its monthly luncheons. At many universities, emeriti organizations report to and are supported by the Office of the President or Vice President for Academic Affairs. Our Club does not have such a reporting relationship. As a result, there is little or no communication between the Club and these offices. This, in turn, makes it difficult for the Club to communicate to Central Administration the extent to which emeriti continue their scholarly activities to the benefit of the University. We recommend that the AVP Office appoint someone to serve as liaison to the Emeriti Club. This would not only facilitate solving many problems faculty experience as they transition to emeritus/a status but would demonstrate to emeriti that they are still a valued part of the University for both their financial support to the institution and their continued scholarly accomplishments.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of these efforts, please contact [herta\\_teitelbaum@yahoo.com](mailto:herta_teitelbaum@yahoo.com).

**A copy of the full report is available at the Emeriti Club website under "Announcements":**

<https://emeriti.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/59/2023/12/Final-Report-of-Acad-Engagement-Survey.pdf>

## Past President's Message

### KEN JAMESON

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Our thanks to Sen. Escamilla for previewing the upcoming legislative session at our January luncheon.

My previous "messages" have dealt mainly with engaged emeriti, emeriti benefits, and emeriti contributions to the UofU. Her talk and the Governor's recent press conference (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpX6Z-Kxl2NY> from 28:21 to 40:54) force consideration of DEI at the U.

Understanding the Governor's position is a challenge, especially those items that contrast with his claim to believe in and support diversity. First, despite his "disagree better" initiative, he declares some imagined forced diversity statements as "bordering on evil." Second, he disputes the resources devoted to DEI and claims that there is no evidence to support their effectiveness. Finally, he says some DEI activities will disappear by the end of the legislature.

My guess is that legislation is a done deal. He and the legislature will be called on inaccuracies, e.g. no one can find these "forced diversity statements," and the institution has become far more diverse over recent years, despite his claim to the contrary. Nonetheless, bills will pass that will restrict DEI efforts at the U.

What does that mean for us? If we faculty are part of shared governance at the U, we will need to stand up for continued diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

We emeriti, in the course of our academic careers, have seen one major change in DEI: the inclusion of women in the academic enterprise. No one can deny the tremendous benefit this has brought to higher education. Sen. Escamilla has had a series of "firsts," and think of the "firsts for academic women" that we have all seen. At our luncheons this year we have had women who were University Presidents, Vice-presidents, Deans, Directors, Department Chairs. Quite the contrast from when I started my academic career. Susan Madsen pointed out last year that we still have a ways to go, but we should celebrate what has been accomplished, while pushing ahead in other DEI areas.

My fear is that the legislative session could chill the atmosphere and hamper the effort to expand DEI among underserved populations. The actual programs the U has implemented in this regard do bear scrutiny; but I think the governor is simply wrong that we have not made progress in diversifying our faculty and student body.

As a first step, we should herald the inclusion of women and show our support for continued DEI efforts. Next month I'll have "a modest proposal."

## Television Suggestions

### DON STRASSBERG

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Happy New Year. Continuing the theme-approach to this column, this month I'm suggesting movies (on Hulu, Apple+, and Amazon Prime Video) around the theme of drama.

### Prime Video

*Reacher: Season 2 (2023)*: Season 2 of the Reacher series will follow the investigator two years after the events of Season 1. Jack Reacher is contacted by one of his former colleagues from the military police when one of them is mysteriously murdered. To solve the case, Reacher has to team up with his old friends in a quest to find the killer and get revenge. This action-drama is probably my favorite series this year. Notice: As in Season 1, there is graphic violence and some sex.

*The Devil's Hour (2022)*: A British drama thriller series in which a social worker dealing with family and relationship woes wakes every night at exactly 3:33 AM. Her eight-year-old son is withdrawn and emotionless, her mother speaks to empty chairs, she is inexplicably connected to a string of brutal murders in the area, and she is drawn into the hunt for a serial killer.

### Hulu

*A Small Light (2023)*: A biographical drama miniseries telling the inspiring story of Miep Gies, who played a critical role in hiding Anne Frank and her family during the Nazi occupation in Amsterdam and in saving Anne's diary from the Nazis.

*A Murder at the End of the World (2023)*: A mystery series with a new kind of detective at the helm -- a Gen Z amateur sleuth and tech-savvy hacker named Darby Hart. This modern-day Hercule Poirot and eight other guests are invited by a reclusive billionaire to participate in a retreat at a remote and dazzling location. When one of the other guests is found dead, Darby must put to use all of her combined skills to prove it was in fact murder,

### Apple+

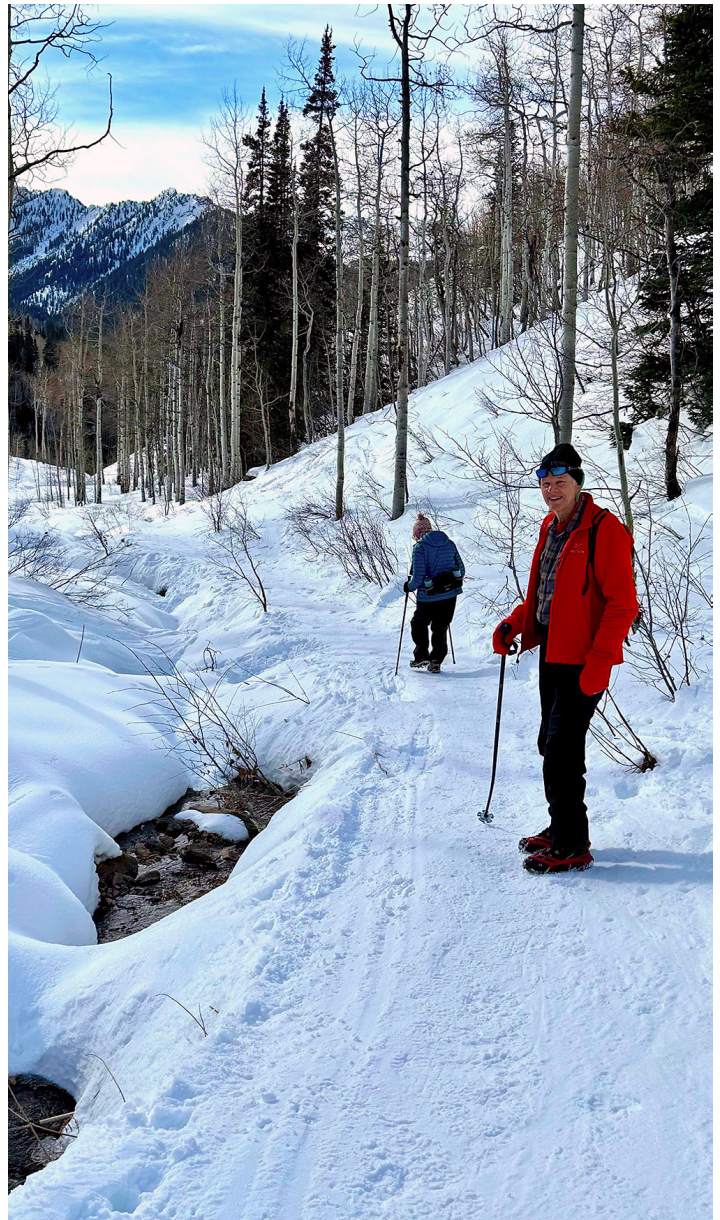
*Drops of God (2023)*: A woman's late father leaves her an extraordinary wine collection, but to claim her inheritance she must compete with a brilliant young winemaker. I just started watching this series and I'm hooked.

*Slow Horses (Season 3)*: This delightful, spy-thriller series continues to entertain with Gary Oldman as the sharp but slovenly leader of a barely functional group of MI5 agents. For me, each season seems better than the one before.

# Hiking Group

This winter is not like the last, with an abundance of snow. Instead, we have inversions that encourage us to get up and out. We snowshoed to Donut Falls and discovered a great shelter on the way. It looked like it was built by the CCC and we returned to celebrate the new year with family and friends. Another grand trip was to Dog Lake via Big Cottonwood Canyon. Some of us went to the fork for Desolation Lake and others went all the way. The day was glorious, conditions perfect and the fresh air divine. Even on Christmas Day a few got out to greet the holiday on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and Dry Fork Canyon while others checked their stockings for presents, not toe warmers!

The new year finds us wanting to trim our waists after indulgence and a resolve to stay better fit. Were you with us? If not, why not? Don't miss out on camaraderie and fresh air while meeting new and interesting people. We are excited about the Valentine Luncheon which sounds much better than a fistful of gorp! If you want to join us and are not getting our weekly Monday hike writeups, contact [Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu)



*Big Cottonwood Canyon:  
Descending from Dog Lake*

## DIS AND DATA

**Recordings of our luncheons** are now available on the Emeriti Club website: <https://emeriti.utah.edu/newsletter-recordings/>

**Red Butte Garden** is calling for entries in its first “**Blooming with Pride**” event. All artists, florists and horticulturalists are invited to submit creative display pieces that embody the spirit of pride and showcase the natural beauty of plants.

The **submission deadline is January 31.**

Governor Cox expressed concern with low rates of college completion in his press conference. The recent Pew Report on College Completion suggests the biggest culprit is inability to afford studying. Please consider contributing to our Emeriti Completion Scholarship: (<https://ustarter.utah.edu/o/university-of-utah-39/i/ustarter/s/professors-emeriti-club-completion-scholarship-pkyoryyqk>), **which now stands at \$8400.** Also, you can hear from one of our first recipients, who attended and spoke at the December luncheon, at <https://emeriti.utah.edu/newsletter-recordings/about-minute-38>.

If you'd like to contribute, consider making a **Qualified Charitable Donation** from your IRA. Consult your tax advisor about the process and benefits.

## In Memoriam

Neil Kraybill Kochenour  
April 30, 1941 – November 2, 2023  
Medicine/Obstetrics and Gynecology

Frank Anthony Smith  
August 4, 1939 – November 23, 2023  
Fine Arts

Roger "Sam" Wilson  
D. November 27, 2023  
Fine Arts

Gail Blattenberger  
1947 – December 4, 2023  
Economics

David Pierpont Gardner  
1933 - January 2, 2024  
Education Administration

*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>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

# Special February 14 Buffet Luncheon

The University appreciates its emeriti faculty and the Office of Advancement has graciously arranged for the rental and financial assistance for a **catered lunch in the lovely Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House on Valentine's Day** <https://ecclesalumnihouse.utah.edu/>. This event is in partial recognition of the continuing generosity of our emeritus faculty in supporting a variety of programs and scholarships on campus. We are grateful for this two-way

exchange. The luncheon will be self-served from a buffet that allows individuals to choose from salmon and vegan options. **We will convene at 11:30**, with the program starting at 12:15, allowing time to visit as well as for the hungry to start through the line early and sit down. We will not have boxes to take food home. A dozen seats at the back are for individuals who want to hear the speaker but skip the lunch.

## Menu

*Roast Salmon with Mango Chutney (GF)*

*Moroccan Vegetable Tagine with Saffron Basmati Rice  
(Vegan & GF)*

*Spinach Salad with Grapefruit, Fennel and Orange*

*Vinaigrette (Vegan & Gluten Free)*

*Fruit Salad*

*Tollhouse Chocolate Chip Cookies*

*Coffee and Decaf Service & Ice Water*

## Online and print ordering deadline is noon, February 2, 2024

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

**Parking is free in lot 30** north of the Alumni House for those who need a very short walking distance. It is wheelchair accessible and close to our usual Student Union Lot, where we ask the more able-bodied to park, thereby

assuring there will be space for all. For a **diagram of the parking area**, go to the Alumni House website: <https://ecclesalumnihouse.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/68/2022/07/Alumni-House-Parking-2021.pdf>

## Payment

**The cost of the buffet is the same as our usual luncheons: \$20**

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

### To pay by check:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**