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**Professors Emeriti Club**

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## Manish Parashar:

*“Democratizing Responsible AI:  
Introducing the U’s Responsible AI Initiative”*



**Manish Parashar** is Director of the Scientific Computing and Imaging (SCI) Institute, Chair in Computational Science and Engineering, and Presidential Professor, Kalhert School of Computing at the University of Utah. He recently completed an IPA appointment at the National Science Foundation as Office Director of the NSF Office of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure where he oversaw investments in national cyberinfrastructure. He also served as co-chair of the National Science and Technology Council’s Subcommittee on the Future Advanced Computing Ecosystem and the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource Task Force.

Manish’s expertise is in high performance parallel and distributed computing and cyberinfrastructure, and he has made pioneering contributions towards enabling new insights through large-scale computations and data in a range of science and engineering domains.

Manish has received several awards for his research and leadership, including most recently the 2023 IEEE Computer Society Sidney Fernbach Award and the 2024 CRA Distinguished Service Award.

Manish is the founding chair of the IEEE Technical Consortium on High Performance Computing (TCHPC), and is Fellow of AAAS, ACM, and IEEE/IEEE Computer Society. For more information, please visit <http://manishparashar.org>

***Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room, **Tuesday, November 12.*****

***You are encouraged to arrive by 11:30 if you wish to socialize.***

***Lunch will be served at noon.***

***Orders due by noon, Tuesday, November 5. (Ordering will close at that time.)***

## President's Message

### TIM CHAMBLESS

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Welcome everyone! October has arrived. The University of Utah is growing! Current figures:

#### **Fall Semester 2024 enrollment numbers —**

- Total enrollment: 34,424
- Genders: 52%-48% (female-male)
- Undergraduate students:  
26,024 (76%)
- Graduate students: 8,400 (24%)

#### **Freshman 2024 enrollment —**

- 5,361 students (largest ever)
- Retention rate: 85%
- Average GPA: 3.64
- Students of Color: 29%
- Most popular majors: Pre-Business, Psychology, Communication

#### **Graduate/Professional programs —**

- Graduate degrees offered: 240
- College of Law: 291
- College of Medicine: 535
- Student Faculty Ratio: 18 to 1
- Ethnicity Groups: 65% White, 25% Persons of Color

#### **Degrees awarded in 2024 —**

- Bachelors: 5,678
- Masters: 3,370
- Doctorate: 366

#### **Growth —**

- Endowment: \$1.4 billion
- Research expenditures: \$472 million
- So. Korea/Asia Campus: 87 new students from five nations

#### **Fort Douglas land swap —**

U Medical Center will expand 50 acres in 2026 (after 14 years of negotiation). State pays U.S. military \$117 million

#### **City Centre Building purchase —**

\$38 million, 1.85 acres, 238,000 sq. ft., NE corner of 400 So. & State St. across from Salt Lake City Hall

Enjoy every day. GO UTES!

## Television Suggestions

### DON STRASSBERG

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#### **Hi All:**

In the few years that I've been writing this column, I've suggested a number of series on **PBS/Masterpiece**. All of these have been mysteries I follow and really enjoy. As a reminder, they are: *Grantchester*, *Astrid*, *Endeavor*, *Van der Valk*, *D.I. Ray*, *Broadchurch*, *Annika*, *Ridley*, and *Baptiste*. You can see individual episodes of almost all of these mysteries (as well as other great shows like *All Things Great and Small*, *Nova*, and *Nature*) on our **PBSUtah** station at no cost, but any episode you'll find will be from anywhere in that series' current season. To watch a series from the beginning or to view prior seasons of any these shows, things get a little more complicated. You will need **Passport**, a member-only streaming service from PBS Utah. It requires a minimum donation of \$60 to our PBS station (something we should all be doing anyway). Check out this website ([PBSUtah.org/passport](https://PBSUtah.org/passport)) for instructions on getting a PBS Utah Passport and access to all these shows and more.

#### **Other Shows for Your Consideration:**

##### **Amazon Prime**

**Ghostlight** (2024)(\$4.99). When a melancholic construction worker finds himself drifting from his wife and daughter, he discovers community and purpose in a local theater's production of *Romeo and Juliet*. As the drama onstage starts to mirror his own life, he and his family are forced to confront a personal loss.

##### **Netflix**

**His Three Daughters** (2024)(Free): A bittersweet and often funny story of an elderly patriarch and the three grown daughters who come to be with him in his final days.

**Rez Ball** (2024)(Free): In the heart of Chuska, New Mexico, the Chuska Warriors, a high school basketball team rich in Native American heritage, face their greatest challenge. After the loss of their star player, the team must unite like never before to keep their dreams of a state championship alive.

#### **My quote of the month:**

"We must believe in free will – we have no other choice."  
Isaac Bashevis Singer

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## In Memoriam

Barbara Hebertson  
D. March 30, 2024  
Spouse of Richard Hebertson

Richard Hebertson  
D. March 27, 2024  
Medicine/Obstetrics

Zell A. McGee  
1936 – September 20, 2024  
Medicine/Internal Medicine



## HIKING GROUP

It has been a beautiful fall for colors despite the lack of rain. The hiking group explored the new Bonanza Flat Loop Trail on the east side of Guardsman's Pass. We followed up on a *Tribune* article about a new trail in the area Utah Open Lands saved from development. The aspens were just beginning to change color and we all enjoyed the trail, which was much less crowded than the one to Blood Lake. We also visited Alta and Albion Basin again. The group

split, some going only to Cecret Lake and others on to the top of Germania and Sugarloaf lifts for wider vistas. As this goes to press, plans to view the red hills of Midway and Wasatch Mountain State Park from the Provo River trail should round out the month. Are you missing out on our 3-5 mile, easy-moderate hikes? Get on the weekly email list and join us. [Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu)



## Pioneer Memorial Theater

### PLAY

*Prayer for the French Republic*

*Souvenir*

*Dial M for Murder*

*Beautiful*

*A Case for the Existence of God*

*Waitress*

### TICKETS AVAILABLE

October 7, 2024

November 18, 2024

December 16, 2024

January 27, 2025

March 10, 2025

April 14, 2025

### PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

October 24, 2024

December 5, 2024

January 9, 2025

February 13, 2025

March 27, 2025

May 1, 2025

# DIS and DATA

## Tour the Craig H. Neilsen Rehab Hospital

Working with the hospital's Advancement representative, Josh Tessier, the Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital has extended an invitation to visit its state-of-the-art research and patient care facility. We are fortunate that Dr. Jeffrey Rosenbluth, Medical Director of Spinal Cord Injury Acute Rehabilitation, will join us for the tour. Below is an overview of what we will see. To sign up, go to the website, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZ8MSBR>, select your date, and fill in your information. About a week before the event, details on driving directions and parking will be sent to you. If you need to cancel, notify Suzanne Stensaas directly so your slot can be offered to another, [Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu).

- **Friday, November 1, 2-4 p.m.** – Max14 visitors
- **Thursday, November 7, 10-12 a.m.** Max14 visitors

### **The tour will include:**

- **Mobility Garage and Fabrication Lab:**

An innovation hub where engineers and clinicians collaborate to design adaptive technologies, such as the TetraSki, for individuals with complex disabilities.

- **NeuroRobotics and Assistive Rehabilitation Technology (ART) Lab:**

This lab combines real-time patient rehabilitation with cutting-edge research to develop advanced technologies like the LUKE Arm, integrating clinical insights with engineering innovations.

- **Lynn Woodbury Digital Innovation Lab:**

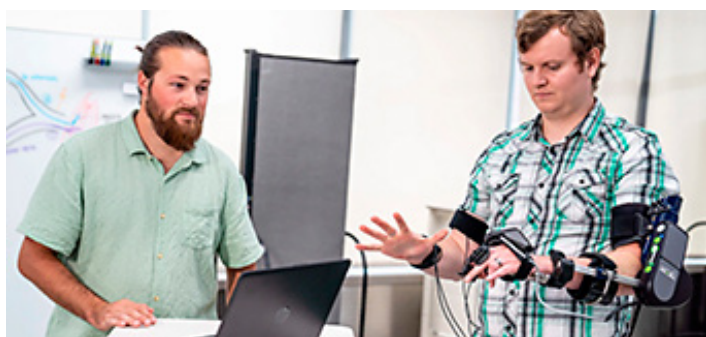
A collaborative space for developing software and digital tools that enhance patient independence and accessibility. In partnership with the College of Computer Science, the lab ensures patients have access to advanced technologies for their recovery.

- **Therapy Gyms:**

Equipped with the latest technology, including Zero-G tracks, to assist patients in regaining mobility and relearning to walk.

- **Smart Technology Patient Room:**

These groundbreaking rooms are designed to anticipate and respond to each patient's unique needs, using AI to create a fully adaptive environment for recovery.



## Updates on Luncheon Orders

A few important reminders and updates regarding RSVPing for monthly luncheons:

- As always, ordering and paying online by the deadline (1 week prior) is highly recommended. At noon on that day, the online system is turned off. For example, for the November 12 luncheon, register before November 5, 12:00 pm.
- For those unable to register online, we will continue to accept orders through the mail with a check to the address below, **postmarked at least 10 days before the luncheon**. This deadline allows us to coordinate and submit lunch orders in a timely fashion.
- **An important change regarding late orders will go into effect starting with the November luncheon.** While the cost remains \$20 pp for all on-time RSVPs, **late orders will be charged \$30**; which is what the Emeriti Club is charged for any late order. Late orders will be accepted until 2:00 pm the Friday before the luncheon by emailing Kari and Glade Ellingson at [Kellingson@sa.utah.edu](mailto:Kellingson@sa.utah.edu). The late lunch fee of \$30 can then be paid by check either at the luncheon or mailed to: Kari & Glade Ellingson, 2618 E. Creighton Way, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121.
- The Board has approved a recommendation that any Emeritus who has reached the venerable age of 100 dines free! First-time attendees are also free. **First-time attendees and aged 100+ members shouldn't register online.** The system won't allow you to register without paying. Instead, either send an email to [Kellingson@sa.utah.edu](mailto:Kellingson@sa.utah.edu) with your information and whether a guest will be joining you, or complete and mail the registration form found in the newsletter by the deadline to the address above.
- For those planning to come for the speaker only and not lunch, a table will be available in the back.

## Osher News

### *Osher Winter Term 2025*

Winter term will run from January 21- February 28, 2025. Registration will begin December 2, 2024, and the annual Osher Member Luncheon at Little America will be December 4, 2024.

## Adobe Creative Cloud

More details on the process for emeritus access to the Adobe Creative Cloud will be forthcoming in the November Newsletter.

# Tuesday, November 12 Luncheon Menu

## ***Entrée Choices:***

*Chicken marsala*

*or*

*Stuffed portobello mushroom*

*or*

*Fruit plate with yogurt and granola*

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

**Voluntary Dues for 2024 - 2025: \$12/Single, \$24/Couple**

**Attendees are encouraged to arrive by 11:30 if you wish to socialize.**

**Online and print ordering deadline is noon, November 5.**

**To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeriticlub/product.php?product=34>**

(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.

**Make sure you get an email with "Payment Confirmation" in the subject line after online ordering.)**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Portobello \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Portobello \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Portobello \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit plate \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Please check here \_\_\_\_\_ if this is your first luncheon as a new member or you are 100+ years.

*(Hey! It's a free lunch!)*

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

**Kari Ellingson**

**2618 E. Creighton Way**

**Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121**