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Jennifer Mayer-Glenn

“Building Bridges: Co-creating Solutions with Community Partners”

Jennifer Mayer-Glenn is a dedicated educator and community leader with over 20 years of experience in the pre-K to 12th-grade education system. For the past five years, she has served as the **Director of University Neighborhood Partners (UNP)** and **Special Assistant to the President** for Campus-Community Partners at the University of Utah.

Jenny’s leadership is characterized by her commitment to UNP’s mission to bring together University and west side people and resources in reciprocal learning, action and benefit — in essence a community coming together. UNP builds university-community partnerships focused on resident-identified issues and opportunities. Rather than running programs led by staff, UNP acts as a convener, bringing partners together to share ideas, identify common goals, and create their own initiatives. This



“The solutions to the things that are problematic in our community are in the community. Community members know what needs to happen. Systems are intended to be solutions and, if we can just bring the community together with people in those systems to start examining the systems, solutions will emerge and we can fix things.”

approach ensures that the voices of historically unheard communities are included in decision-making processes that affect them.

Before joining UNP, Jenny was a teacher and administrator in the Salt Lake City School District. She has also served on several boards and commissions, including the Utah State Board of Education’s Advisory Committee on Equity of Educational Services for Students, the SLC Human Rights Commission, the SL County Board of Health, the Utah Coalition of La Raza and the Center for Economic Opportunity and Belonging.

Jenny holds a bachelor’s degree in Spanish from the University of Utah and a master’s degree in education from Westminster College. Her deep roots in Utah and her family’s legacy of community advocacy continue to inspire her work in building strong, equitable partnerships between the University and the community.

Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room, **Tuesday, April 8.**

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

Orders due by noon, Tuesday, April 1, 2025. (Ordering will close at that time.)

President's Message

TIM CHAMBLESS

EMERITI CLUB'S COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIP

- Five U students have received donations to help them graduate!

MEDICAL CENTER AND HEALTH SCIENCES

- U Hospital is nationally ranked in two adult specialties
- Rated high performing in 5 adult specialties, 14 procedures and conditions.
- U's LUKE Arm program has developed a prosthetic hand with flexible fingers that can extend and wrist action that can flex.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH & UOFU

- In Utah, NIH funding supports over 4,500 jobs.
- In 2023, U College of Medicine received \$291 million in NIH grants.
- Almost \$785 million in economic activity linked to NIH grants.

INDIRECT COSTS

- NIH has a new policy to limit "indirect costs" for facility and administrative costs with the goal of reducing federal spending.
- Grant recipients can ask for no more than 15% in indirect costs.
- U may lose \$50 million in medical research grants a year because of this change.

RESPONSES

- Courts temporarily have blocked NIH from imposing new grant policies.
- U President has encouraged staff to continue research while courts decide. and other research.
- At this time, no layoffs of U research staff and no freeze on new hires.

2025 LEGISLATURE

- U expects \$43.5 funding cut; exact impact is uncertain.
 - \$1.8 billion has been yearly appropriation for Utah's eight colleges and universities.
 - HB 267 signed by Gov. Cox denies professors right to unionize.
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2025 Luncheon Speakers

April 8

Jennifer Mayer-Glenn

Director of

University Neighborhood Partners

May 13

Doug Fabrizio

Host and producer of *Radio West*

Television Suggestions

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Dear Colleagues:

If you're like me, given all that is happening in the world, you're finding that watching the news these days is more difficult than it has been in a long time. So, what better time to find a movie or series on TV that not only distracts but also entertains. Below are some offerings that I believe can accomplish both goals.

Prime Video

House of David (AP) (2025): "This series follows the once-mighty King Saul as he falls victim to his own pride. At the direction of God, the prophet Samuel anoints an unlikely, outcast teenager as the new king. As Saul loses his power over his kingdom, David finds himself on a journey to discover and fulfill his destiny, navigating love, loss and violence in the court of the very man he's destined to replace. For one leader to rise, another must fall."

Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (2023): I really enjoyed this engaging movie which follows a US Army sergeant, John Kinley, and his Afghan interpreter, Ahmed. "After an ambush, Ahmed goes to Herculean lengths to save Kinley's life. When Kinley learns that Ahmed and his family were not given safe passage to America as promised, he must repay his debt by returning to the war zone to retrieve them before the Taliban hunts them down."

Netflix

Godzilla Minus One (2023): OK, you might be surprised to find a movie with this title on this list, but stick with me. In the new iteration of this "monster movie" classic, Japan (of course), already devastated by World War II, must now deal with a new crisis in the form of a giant monster. Trust me, this movie has been VERY highly rated by both reviewers and audiences, and if you enjoy this kind of movie at all, it will be worth the watch.

Always Be My Maybe (2019): Getting away as far as possible from a monster movie comes this delightful romantic comedy. "Everyone assumed that Sasha and Marcus would wind up together, except for Sasha and Marcus. Reconnecting after 15 years, the two start to wonder—maybe?

Max

Flow (2024): "This animated spectacle takes you on a wondrous journey through realms natural and mystical, following a courageous cat after his home is devastated

by a great flood. Teaming up with a capybara, a lemur, a bird, and a dog to navigate a boat in search of dry land, they must rely on trust, courage, and wits to survive the perils of a newly aquatic planet...a feast for the senses and a treasure for the heart."

- **Quote of the month:** "The time is always right to do what is right." — Martin Luther King, Jr.



Pioneer Memorial Theater

Although the "Tickets Available" date has passed, you probably can still pick up tickets for the next play, **A Case for the Existence of God**, at the PMT Ticket Office. The Preview performance is **March 27**.

Synopsis: *In the confined space of an office cubicle, Keith, a mortgage broker, and Ryan, a yogurt plant worker with aspirations tied to ancestral land, discover an unexpected shared thread weaving through their lives. Amidst discussions of loans and financial uncertainties, their conversation delves deeper, touching upon the challenges of parenthood and the angst of insecurity.*

Tickets for the last play of the year, **Waitress**, are available on **April 14** for the Preview performance on **May 1**.

Synopsis: *Based on the 2007 Sundance film, Waitress, is the story of Jenna, a pie chef and waitress at a small-town Southern diner who's stuck in a loveless marriage. When Jenna discovers she is pregnant, a local pie-baking contest with a cash prize becomes Jenna and her baby's chance for a better life. But, as is often the case, fate has a few extra ingredients that complicate Jenna's recipe for a new life.*

Hiking Group

The hiking group got out every Monday this past month. From easy to moderate we hiked 3-6 miles in sun or under overcast skies. Our walk along the Jordan River Parkway was combined with the art show of the Great Salt Lake and birds at the Multicultural Center. For a bit of history we used our micro-spikes for part of the Mormon Trail in East Canyon, returning by the closed road. Spiking in a bit of mud and snow from Morris Meadow above 18th Avenue gave great views. Finally, we scheduled a hike to Alexander Spring off East Canyon if the weather cooperates.



Little Mountain Trail

Many have already made reservations in **Torrey for the spring outing**, staying at motels, with friends or at the 1000 Lakes RV park, which has everything from tent space to cabins for those who want to be communal. From **April 28-May 3** we will explore the region with hikes in and out of the park. Ten years ago we did the same, and it is time to repeat and greet spring. Some of us will continue on to **Earthfest 2025, May 8-11 in Kanab** to take advantage of the event we enjoyed together last year. Are you missing out on all this fun? Contact Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu.



2015 Capitol Reef Spring Outing

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Special Tour of the Sutton Building



Marjorie Chan has volunteered to give a tour of the award-winning Frederick A. Sutton Building (FASEB) of the College of Mines and Earth Sciences on **April 3**. As Chair of the Department of Geology and Geophysics, she was involved in the design of the building, which opened in 2009 and is the first LEED-certified building on the lower campus. <https://cmes.utah.edu/about/sutton-building.php>.

The tour will begin with a display of fish fossils at the entry. From there, polished slabs of colorful rock from around the world, mounted as large "pictures" on long halls, present nature and our planet's evolution as a work of art. Much of the decorative details are also used for instruction, along with large classic posters used in teaching before slides and PowerPoint. Come and join this informal tour at **1:00 pm. Meet in the main lobby**. Questions? Contact Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu. Otherwise, please join us on **Friday, April 3, 2025**. No registration necessary. Cannot come? Then Dr. Chan explains it all on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cNuxdFS-Pc> or in a 32-page color brochure.

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In Memoriam

If you know of any emeriti who have passed away recently and who haven't been recognized in the newsletter, please forward those names to Ryck Luthi, ryckluthi@msn.com

Want to find a good home for those old cameras cluttering your closets?

Emerita **Catherine Staes** asked her neighbor, a high school arts teacher, what she needed for her classroom. "Cameras" was the initial response. So, Catherine surveyed her basement shelves and boxes and dug into the recesses of her closets. She found one film and three digital cameras. Now, they are in the hands of young students! Catherine's neighbor said anything related to still photography would be welcomed:

- Film cameras and film, even if it's expired
- Digital cameras and peripherals in any configuration, including mirror-less cameras
- Lenses and adapters for 50 mm, f1.8 cameras

Please bring the items to the Professors Emeriti Club luncheons on **April 8 and May 13** where Catherine will provide collection boxes. From there, school district directors of fine arts will distribute the cameras to schools with the greatest needs. If you have any questions, contact Catherine Staes at catherine.staes@hsc.utah.edu.

Osher News

Spring Term begins on March 24, and registration is in progress. Several emeriti are teaching Osher classes: **Larry Gerlach** on the "History of Holidays" and **David Derezotes** on "Climate Change". **Margaret Landesman** and **Jill Meyer** will co-teach "Masterpieces at the Met: 19th Century Movements". **Bruce Landesman** and **Patricia Hanna** will teach "Origins of Modern Political Thought". **Tim Chambliss** continues with his class "Current Issues in American Public Affairs and Politics", and **Jeanne LeBer** will teach a course in birdwatching.

Check the Osher website at <https://continue.utah.edu/osher> for updated information on the Lunch and Learn lectures and Special Events.

Completion Scholarship

Good news!

The Professors Emeriti Club Completion Scholarship has awarded \$10,400 to five students:

Contributions are ongoing. If you'd like to contribute to the Completion Scholarship, contact Chelsie Armstrong at chelsie.armstrong@admin.utah.edu



Emeritus faculty have helped shape the legacy of UofU Health. You are invited to attend **Vita e** — an evening celebrating that next generation of health science researchers. The event on **April 23, 2025** is sponsored by the Office of the Associate Vice President for Research. (Non-health sciences emeriti are also invited to the event.)

The evening will feature six researchers who will present TED-talk-style presentations, sharing their groundbreaking work on today's most pressing health issues. Discover their journeys, challenges, and triumphs.

Vita e annually highlights investigators and their pioneering research programs. The program seeds new collaborations and development strategies by humanizing research through story. Drinks before and a lovely finger food reception afterwards. See website for more information and to reserve a spot: <https://uofuhealth.utah.edu/research/vita e>

Wednesday, April 23, 5:00 – 7:30 pm
S.J. Quinney College of Law Moot Courtroom
Appetizers and Drinks provided
Free parking available in the Stadium Lot

Tuesday, April 8 Luncheon Menu

Entrée Choices:

Roast chicken breast with pan sauce

or

Stuffed acorn squash

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, April 1.

To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeriticlub/product.php?product=39>

(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.)

To pay by check:

Name _____	Roast chicken _____	Stuffed squash _____	Fruit plate _____
Spouse/Partner _____	Roast chicken _____	Stuffed squash _____	Fruit plate _____
Guest(s) _____	Roast chicken _____	Stuffed squash _____	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:

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