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“My Years as a Public Radio Interviewer: What Have I Learned?”

Doug Fabrizio has been a reporter for KUER — the University of Utah’s campus National Public Radio station — since 1987. In 1993, he became News Director and host of *Radio West*, KUER’s weekly broadcast program.

What started as an hour-long conversation/call-in show turned into Utah’s must-hear radio.

Over the years, he has interviewed the Dalai Lama, Madeleine Albright, Isabel Allende, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and many other authors, journalists, politicians and governmental figures.

Doug prepares for his interviews by



Doug Fabrizio

Utah’s Preeminent
Interviewer and Documentarian
Concludes the 2024-2025
Luncheon Lecture Series

reading perceptively and drafting penetrating questions.

During those interviews, Doug is an active listener. He respects those he interviews, while still asking the important, sometimes provocative questions.

RadioWest has won numerous awards from such organizations as the Society of Professional Journalists, the Utah Broadcasters Association and the Public Radio News Directors Association.

Doug was born in Bountiful, Utah and is a proud graduate of the University of Utah.

Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room, Tuesday, May 13.

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

Orders due by noon, Tuesday, May 6. (Ordering will close at that time.)

President's Message

TIM CHAMBLESS

President Randall tells Board of Trustees he wants to change U campus

1. New multi-level parking garage plus a new TRAX line to/from Research Park.
2. Creating a new "athletics district", including relocating the Jon M. Huntsman Center.
3. 5,000 student campus dorm units by 2027, also to be used by Olympic athletes in 2034.
4. Expanding more plazas and open spaces — patios, artwork, plants, benches.

2025 Legislature

U will have a 10% budget cut from the 2025 Legislature across campus — with up to a 25% reduction in student services. Cuts will be imposed beginning July 1st.

SB 244 "Western Civilization" and "The Rise of Christianity" may become required courses taught in Utah's 8 public colleges & universities. (USU will be a pilot program).

HB 265 — \$60 M withheld in "reinvestment" plans to create "high-demand" courses.

HB 269 — Transgender student must live in a dorm matching one's sex identified at birth.

HB 77 — Outlaws "Pride" flags displayed at public schools and all government buildings.

Potential litigation

U's business school flagged by Trump administration for 'race-exclusionary practices.' U one of 40 universities identified for general criticism for having diversity in faculty and student policies. Litigation pending.

Future Hospital

Planned U hospital in West Valley City has received \$75M from Eccles Foundation targeting completion. It will be the U's first, off-campus hospital and largest clinic offering multiple services — will open in 2029.

Football Tickets

April 15th is the deadline for U of U football season ticket holders to renew season tickets.

U will have six home games: Colorado, Cincinnati, Arizona State, Kansas State, Texas Tech and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Utah will play UCLA Aug. 30th in the Rose Bowl.

Television Suggestions

DON STRASSBERG

Welcome to spring. The academic year is winding down, flowers are pushing up, and the weather changes on a daily basis. We're still looking for interesting TV offerings on which to spend our decreasing indoor time. Here are some suggestions:

Prime Video

Deadloch (2023): I've had the good fortune to have visited Tasmania, Australia on several occasions; it's a beautiful place. In this series, "The beguilingly sleepy settlement of Deadloch, on Tasmania's coastline is shaken when the body of a local man turns up dead on the beach." Two very different female detectives reluctantly team-up to take charge of the investigation.

Netflix

The Half of It (2020): In this film, a smart but cash-strapped teen agrees to write a love letter for a jock, but she doesn't expect to become his friend or to fall for his crush.

The Fall of the House of Usher (2023): In this series, siblings Roderick and Madeline Usher have built a pharmaceutical empire of wealth, privilege and power. Of course, as it always seems to happen in such stories, secrets come to light when the heirs to this dynasty start dying.

Max

Sing Sing (2023): In this movie drama, a group of men serving time in prison find something to look forward to (and maybe even improve themselves) through a theatre arts program. While this story line might seem at least somewhat familiar, as one reviewer put it, "It doesn't move or feel like any other prison movie or movie about theater students."

PBS Masterpiece

Wolf Hall (2009 -): "Set in the period from 1500 to 1535, Wolf Hall is a sympathetic, fictionalised biography documenting the rapid rise to power of Thomas Cromwell in the court of Henry VIII through the death of Sir Thomas More."

Quote of the month: "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little". **Edmund Burke**

In Memoriam

Gail Kass
October 24, 1935 – February 22, 2025
Spouse of Tom Kass
Architecture + Planning

Peter Lee Goss
March 7, 1943 – March 7, 2025
Architecture + Planning

Donna Gelfand
May 15, 1937 - April 6, 2025
Psychology

Ashby Snow Decker
May 13, 1933 – March 7, 2025
Spouse of Anne Cullimore Decker
Theatre

Ranae Madsen Olafsson
July 15, 1952 – March 11, 2025
Spouse of Harald E Olafsson
Medicine

Hiking Group

Spring is in the air, but it doesn't always feel like it when we are planning. Following the largest city snowfall of the season, we decided for one last hurrah and snowshoed from Brighton to Solitude and back before storing the shoes until next winter. It was a glorious day and we took it slow with lots of photos and lunch at Solitude. Other activities included a hike to Alexander Spring by Parley's Canyon and a stroll on the north bench from the top of Terrace Hills Drive. These were both while Suzanne was out of town, but fortunately, Judy Pechman and Geoff Silcox stepped up to lead those. When the weather is iffy Dimple Dell is always a good choice, this time starting at the east end and dropping down in the canyon to avoid the wind and looping around. As this goes to press, Genevieve Atwood will lead us up and over the various Lake Bonneville shorelines and around Sentry Peak on Antelope Island before the biting flies come out. Yes, we go every Monday and would like to have you join us, especially newer retirees who have more energy and know of other trails.

Excitement increases about our annual "camping" trip to the Capitol Reef area. We have a diverse group of inactive- to-active hikers and others who look for birds, do photography, explore scenic drives or sketch the views. April 28 - May 3 are our dates and, of course, there's more info if you contact Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu Thousand Lake RV Park with its cabins, tenting and RV spaces is our headquarters. Others stay in their own homes, with friends or in Torrey and Teasdale, as well as in local motels. We last did our campout in Torrey 10 years ago. Don't wait another 10 years to join us.



Brighton to Solitude

Dimple Dell



DIS and DATA

New Board Nominees

The Nominating Committee of the Professors Emeriti Club has selected six candidates to fill positions for the 2025-2026 year. (The Activities and Volunteer Opportunities Coordinator position is a new one.)

President Elect: **Linda Smith**, Law
Newsletter Editor: **Ann Darling**,
Communication

Treasurer: **David Stillman**, Pathology
Luncheon Coordinator:

Judy and Jim Pechmann,
Atmospheric Sciences
*Activities and Volunteer
Opportunities Coordinator:*

Becky Menlove,
Natural History Museum of Utah

The Emeriti Club membership will vote on the nominees at the Business Meeting portion of the May luncheon.



Pioneer Memorial Theater

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.

Speaker Suggestions for 2025-2026

The Emeriti Club Board will be meeting in summer to select speakers for 2025-2026. If you have recommendations, please let a board member know or send an email to emeriti@utah.edu

AROHE NEWS

AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education) in which the UofU has membership, often sponsors webinars of interest to EC members. One that the Board is suggesting for members is "Healthy Cognition: The Science of Memory and Forgetting" with Dr. Charan Ranganath PhD. You can access the recorded webinar at:

<https://www.arohe.org/Reimagining-Retirement-Recordings>

Time to Declutter

The U will host the annual declutter event at the Tailgate Lot (595 Guardsman Way) from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 18th. You can have documents shredded, dispose of electronic waste and expired medications, donate clothing, books and toys and so much more. Click here for a list of accepted items:

<https://sustainability.utah.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D181574566>

Not Too Late

To Donate Cameras

In case you missed the chance to donate used cameras in April, you can still drop them off at the May luncheon. **Catherine Staes** is looking for:

- 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, f/1.8 cameras

There will be collection boxes at the May luncheon. If you have any questions, contact Catherine Staes at catherine.staes@hsc.utah.edu.

Osher News

Osher summer term will start on May 19. Registration opens May 9.

Emeriti teaching include Dr. **Jay Jacobsen**, Literature of Medicine; **Walter Jones**, Americans in the Vietnam War: Civilian Workers and Military Nurses; **Tim Chambless**, Current Issues in American Public Affairs and Politics.

Other highlights include: Scott Bassett from the Topaz Museum, presenting Topaz: Lesson Learned OR Unlearned; Candice Cravins, Utah Museum Spotlight: The John Wesley Powell River History Museum; and Asya Pereltsvaig, Russia in the Early 20th Century: Belle Epoque or Revolutionary Crossroads?

Tuesday, May 13 Luncheon Menu

Entrée Choices:

Roast salmon with lemon cream sauce

or

Cauliflower steak with lemon cream sauce

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, May 6.

To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://uofu.nbsstore.net/emeriti-club>

(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 salmon _____	Cauliflower steak _____	Fruit plate _____
Spouse/Partner _____	Roast salmon _____	Cauliflower steak _____	Fruit plate _____
Guest(s) _____	Roast salmon _____	Cauliflower steak _____	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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