MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to welcome you to the Fall 2021 program of the Retired Faculty of the University of Florida (RFUF). We will once again be holding our weekly meetings via Zoom this fall. While we explored the possibility of holding hybrid meetings – combining in-person sessions at the Harn Auditorium with Zoom – it was not technically feasible to do so at this time; neither did it seem wise, given the rising number of cases of the Delta variant in the community.

President-elect Saeed Khan has prepared an exciting list of speakers for the Fall Lecture Series. In response to suggestions from the membership, the series includes more presentations by community leaders than in the past. We appreciate his hard work in putting together this year’s series. The full schedule is presented on page 3.

Our first RFUF meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, at 10:00 am. Members will receive a weekly email announcement with a Zoom link to the session. We have postponed our usual Fall Luncheon until the end of the semester – December 8th – hoping that by then we might be able to hold an in-person gathering.

At its May 2021 meeting the RFUF Board unanimously approved a set of changes to the RFUF Bylaws. Most of these changes were initially proposed by the ad hoc committee appointed in 2019 by then President David Silverman made up of Robin Poynter (chair), Terry McCoy and Jane Brockman. Their recommendations were discussed at the February 2020 and January 2021 Board meetings. Most of the proposed changes simply streamline the wording or update the Bylaws to reflect current practices. The one substantive change is to create a new category of membership, Associate Member. It is intended for non-academic community members who wish to participate in RFUF activities. The membership will have the opportunity to review and vote on the proposed changes to the Bylaws in a special election this fall.

To function effectively, RFUF needs the active participation of its membership. We are eager to fill two openings: Communications Director and Assistant Webmaster. A description of these positions is provided below. 

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READY TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN RFUF?
RFUF depends on the volunteer efforts of its membership. We need your skills and energy! The following positions are currently open:

**Communications Director** – This person is responsible for putting together the weekly notice to the membership and the biannual newsletter and serves as an ad hoc member of the RFUF Board. It requires competence in MS Word and Publisher. The position is open immediately, replacing Jerry Kidder who is continuing in this position on an acting basis.

**Assistant to the Webmaster** – This person will assist the current Webmaster, David Silverman, during AY 2021-2012 with posting material to the RFUF webpage (such as the audio from each lecture). It requires taking a short online course to get certified. The assistant will take over the Webmaster position in Summer 2022.

If interested, please contact the RFUF President, Carmen Diana Deere: deere@ufl.edu

READY TO SHARE YOUR ORAL HISTORY STORY?
The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program continues to archive materials relevant to the history of University of Florida, including the life stories of UF faculty. The interviews may be viewed or downloaded through the UF Digital Collections at Smathers Library. For a sample of these interviews, see the links below.

SPOHP’s field researcher team would love to interview you on the following questions as well as related topics: “How did you became an academic? What attracted you to your field? Why did you come to UF? What do you consider to be your main contributions to the University?”

To set up an in-person or remote interview, contact Adolpho Romero: adolfhoromero@ufl.edu

Sample of interviews:

USEFUL LINKS
Past RFUF weekly lectures: http://retiredfaculty.ufl.edu/meetings/

The organizations listed below offer programs that may be of interest to retired faculty. Check their websites for information on their activities and to get on their mailing lists to receive regular announcements:

Institute for Learning in Retirement, based at Oak Hammock: https://ilr352.org/
Senior Recreation Center of Gainesville: https://eldercare.ufhealth.org/senior-recreation-center/
Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc.: https://steve4994.wixsite.com/sistercityprogram/
Welcoming Gainesville: https://welcominggainesville.org/
RFUF SPEAKER SCHEDULE
Fall SEMESTER 2021

All lectures held via Zoom beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays

A link for connecting to the sessions will be included in the weekly email reminder

September 8  Win Phillips, Chief of Staff, Office of the UF President
UF in Year 2 of the Pandemic: Q & A Session

September 15  Lauren Poe, Mayor, City of Gainesville
Building a City Rooted in Equity

September 22  Jeff Huffman, WUFT, UF College of Journalism
Hurricanes are Complicated

September 29  Maya Stanfield-Mazzi, Art History, UF College of Arts
Indigenous Textiles for the Catholic Church in Colonial Latin America:
   Tradition and Innovation

October 6  Cathy Aull, Edward Jones Financial Advisor
Affordable Housing in Alachua County

October 13  Jennifer Hunt, Pathology, Immunology & Laboratory Medicine, UF College of Medicine
How Perfectionism is Stifling Progress in Medicine

October 20  Jacob Gordon, United Nations Association-USA/Gainesville
Reimagining the United Nations: Challenges and Prospects

October 27  David P. Norton, Vice President for Research, University of Florida
Research at the University of Florida: Discoveries to Change Our World

November 3  Michelle S. Jacobs, Racial Justice Term Professor, UF Levin College of Law
Socrates and Critical Race Theory: Philosophy is Still Dangerous

November 10  Kevin Jones, Material Science and Engineering, UF College of Engineering
Materials for Mitigating Climate Change

November 17  Nancy Hardt, Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology, UF College of Medicine
SWAG (South West Advocacy Group) 10 years later: Lessons Learned and Next Steps

December 1  Carol McCusker, Curator of Photography, Harn Museum
On the Exhibition “Shadow to Substance”

December 8  Jim Lawrence, Director, Gainesville for All
Why We Need Systemic Change in Our Community
IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Alexander
UF HHP
Exercise and Sports Science
20 Apr 2021

Alvin V. Alsobrook
UF Administration
Government Relations
19 Mar 2021

Fred Bennett
UF IFAS
Entomology & Nematology
7 May 2021

William L. Brown, Jr
UF IFAS
Extension Service
17 Apr 2021

Frank Carrera, III
UF COM
Psychiatry
31 Mar 2021

Charles J. Cunningham
UF Dentistry
Endodontics
3 May 2021

Edward T. Dugan
UF Engineering
Nuclear Engineering
24 Jan 2021

John F. Gamble
UF IFAS
Soils
10 Apr 2021

Antonio C. M. Gil
UF CLAS
Spanish & Italian
22 Jun 2021

Irvin N. Gleim
UF Business
Accounting
14 Jul 2021

John D. Harwick
UF Medicine
Otolaryngology
1 Mar 2021

H. Herbert Head
UF IFAS
Dairy Science
18 Jun 2021

Ruby M. Henderson
UF Fine Arts
Music
28 Nov 2020

Satya Kalra
UF Medicine
Neuroscience
23 Jul 2021

Joseph Kemker
UF PHHP
Communicative Disorders
12 Jun 2021

Charles J. Kibert
UF DCP
Construction Management
25 Jan 2021

Linda Lamme
UF COE
Literacy & Children’s Literature
1 May 2021

Rodney R. Million
UF Medicine
Radiation Oncology
29 Jan 2021

Hugh A. Moye
UF IFAS
Food Science & Human Nutrition
16 Dec 2020

Eginhard Muth
UF Engineering
Industrial & Systems Engineering
22 Dec 2020

Michael Y. Nummery
UF Education
Educational Administration
13 Jul 2021

Donald E. Short
UF IFAS
Entomology & Nematology
8 May 2021

Robert C. Skelley
UF Fine Arts
Graphic Design
26 Dec 2020

Natalie Small
UF Shands
Patient & Family Resources
10 Feb 2021

Harold F. Snider
UF Engineering
Mechanical & Aerospace
24 Dec 2020

William R Summerhill
UF IFAS
Agricultural Education
14 Jan 2021

Gene Thursby
UF CLAS
Religion
15 Jan 2021

Phillip P. Toskes
UF Medicine
Gastroenterology
19 May 2021

Betsy P. Vinson
UF PHHP
Speech, Language & Hearing
26 Dec 2020

David M. Young
UF Fine Arts
Theater and Dance
17 Dec 2020