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**RFUF** Newsletter

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### 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 8<sup>th</sup> – 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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We have added a new feature to the Newsletter (see below) providing the contact information for local organizations whose activities may be of interest to RFUF members. RFUF policy is to not distribute announcements of the activities of other organizations. We encourage you join their mailing lists directly if you wish to stay informed about a broad range of activities in the community.

Finally, we encourage you to share this newsletter with colleagues who have now retired and may be interested in joining RFUF. We thank you in advance for renewing your membership.

Carmen Diana Deere  
President

### 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](mailto: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 become 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 Adolfo Romero: [adolforomero@ufl.edu](mailto:adolforomero@ufl.edu)

Sample of interviews:

Michael Gannon (1991) transcript: <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00006108/00001>

Madelyn Lockhart (2003) transcript: <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00090860/00001>

David Chalmers (2014) audio interview:

[https://ufdcimages.uflib.ufl.edu/AA/00/03/82/70/00001/RFUF\\_016\\_David\\_Chalmers\\_3-27-2014.mp3](https://ufdcimages.uflib.ufl.edu/AA/00/03/82/70/00001/RFUF_016_David_Chalmers_3-27-2014.mp3)

### 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/>

United Nations Organization-USA, Gainesville chapter: <https://www.una-usagainesvillefl.org/index.php>

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*

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| September 8  | <p><b>Win Phillips</b>, Chief of Staff, Office of the UF President<br/><i>UF in Year 2 of the Pandemic: Q &amp; A Session</i></p>   |
| September 15 | <p><b>Lauren Poe</b>, Mayor, City of Gainesville<br/><i>Building a City Rooted in Equity</i></p>  |
| September 22 | <p><b>Jeff Huffman</b>, WUFT, UF College of Journalism<br/><i>Hurricanes are Complicated</i></p>  |
| September 29 | <p><b>Maya Stanfield-Mazzi</b>, Art History, UF College of Arts<br/><i>Indigenous Textiles for the Catholic Church in Colonial Latin America: Tradition and Innovation</i></p>        |
| October 6    | <p><b>Cathy Aull</b>, Edward Jones Financial Advisor<br/><i>Affordable Housing in Alachua County</i></p>  |
| October 13   | <p><b>Jennifer Hunt</b>, Pathology, Immunology &amp; Laboratory Medicine, UF College of Medicine<br/><i>How Perfectionism is Stifling Progress in Medicine</i></p>                    |
| October 20   | <p><b>Jacob Gordon</b>, United Nations Association-USA/Gainesville<br/><i>Reimagining the United Nations: Challenges and Prospects</i></p>  |
| October 27   | <p><b>David P. Norton</b>, Vice President for Research, University of Florida<br/><i>Research at the University of Florida: Discoveries to Change Our World</i></p>                   |
| November 3   | <p><b>Michelle S. Jacobs</b>, Racial Justice Term Professor, UF Levin College of Law<br/><i>Socrates and Critical Race Theory: Philosophy is Still Dangerous</i></p>                  |
| November 10  | <p><b>Kevin Jones</b>, Material Science and Engineering, UF College of Engineering<br/><i>Materials for Mitigating Climate Change</i></p>   |
| November 17  | <p><b>Nancy Hardt</b>, Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology, UF College of Medicine<br/><i>SWAG (South West Advocacy Group) 10 years later: Lessons Learned and Next Steps</i></p> |
| December 1   | <p><b>Carol McCusker</b>, Curator of Photography, Harn Museum<br/><i>On the Exhibition "Shadow to Substance"</i></p>  |
| December 8   | <p><b>Jim Lawrence</b>, Director, Gainesville for All<br/><i>Why We Need Systemic Change in Our Community</i></p>   |

# 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 PPHP  
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 PPHP  
Speech, Language & Hearing  
26 Dec 2020

**David M. Young**

UF Fine Arts  
Theater and Dance  
17 Dec 2020