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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

2020 has certainly already been a tumultuous year, and we still have quite a way to go. In March, we curtailed our talks at the Harn as it became clear that the pandemic would pose a significant threat for live in-person sessions (a term itself emblematic of these times). We also realized that we would need to rely on virtual meetings through at least the Fall. As a result, our president-elect, Carmen Diana Deere, began to compile a roster of speakers who would present talks to RFUF via UF's Zoom software. Her very successful efforts are shown in the schedule of Fall speakers in this Newsletter. Our speakers range

across the many departments, colleges and disciplines at UF and Santa Fe, and the topics they address include both those that deal with current conditions and others that will help take our minds off some of our concerns.

During the summer, we were able to initiate a series of biweekly RFUF discussion sessions via Zoom, which helped us address several of the many issues we face and provided some welcome interaction while physically distanced. These also gave us the chance to reunite digitally with colleagues who have moved elsewhere, and they helped us become more accustomed to this new medium.

For those of us who have still not had a chance to use Zoom software, which is available through UF both for computers and mobile devices, we will hold a practice session on Tuesday September 8, the day before our first scheduled talk. Please see the notice on p. 3 of this newsletter for more information.

We also elected new officers and members to our Board of Directors this Spring, and they are listed on this page. In July, the Board discussed the question of RFUF dues for 2020-21, and a summary of the discussion and our dues request is included in this Newsletter.

Finally, we sadly lost many of our colleagues this year, who are listed in our Memoriam section. Carmen Diana and I look forward to seeing you in September and through the Fall at our virtual sessions.

Abe Goldman, President



## RFUF SPEAKER SCHEDULE – FALL SEMESTER 2020

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

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

- September 9 **Paul Ortiz**, History and Samuel Proctor Oral History Program  
*US History as a Story of Liberation*
- September 16 **Betty Smocovitis**, Biology and History  
*The History and Evolution of Infectious Disease: An Overview and a Warning*
- September 23 **Susan Cooksey**, Harn Museum  
*Dazzling, Enduring and Transformative: Metal Arts in Africa*
- September 30 **Barbara Oberlander**, History, Santa Fe College (retired)  
*Commemorating the Centennial: The Struggle for Woman Suffrage*
- October 7 **Dan Smith**, Political Science  
*Voting in the Time of COVID-19*
- October 14 **Jenny Rowland**, UAA Athletics  
*A Conversation with Jenny Rowland, UF Women's Gymnastics Coach*
- October 21 **Martha Kohen**, Architecture and Center for Hydro-generated Urbanism  
*Puerto Rico Re-Start. Scenarios for a Resilient Future*
- October 28 **Keith Schneider**, Food Sciences and Human Nutrition  
*COVID-19 and Food Myths*
- November 4 **Brian Gendreau**, Finance  
*The Economic Outlook and Future Recovery of Florida*
- November 18 **Diane McFarlin**, Dean, College of Journalism and Communications  
*Election Outcomes: Does Journalism Matter Anymore?*
- December 2 **Azra Bihorac**, Medicine and Precision & Intelligence in Medicine Partnership (PrismaP)  
*Augmented Decision Making in Medicine*
- December 9 **Fiona McLaughlin**, Linguistics  
*Writing across the Sahara*



## **New to Zoom?**

Carmen Diana Deere

President Elect & Program Chair

An informal training will be offered on Tuesday, September 8, at 4:00 pm. An email will be sent prior to the meeting with the Zoom link to join the session.

Topics to be covered include:

- How to navigate the Zoom screen (speaker vs. gallery view)
- How to mute and unmute
- How to use the “Raise Hand” feature
- How not to be seen
- Simple courtesies while on Zoom

Contact Carmen Diana with any questions at: [deere@ufl.edu](mailto:deere@ufl.edu)

## **RFUF Dues Request for 2020-21**

In July, the RFUF Board of Directors held an email discussion about our dues request for the 2020-21 academic year. We had previously decided that our annual dues were to be \$25 per member. Those dues help pay for our meeting and other expenses, but they don't fully cover our costs, and we rely on subsidies from the Provost's office and the Campus Credit Union to help make up the difference. Since we won't incur our usual expenses associated with weekly in person meetings, at least for the Fall semester, we addressed the question of whether we should maintain our dues at the previously decided level, reduce them, or forego them altogether. Our strong consensus was that it would be best to keep our dues at \$25 in order to restore our cash reserves and help provide a buffer for future expenses. Accordingly, we are requesting that you send your dues checks as detailed in the accompanying attachment, and we want to thank you for your continued support.

# IN MEMORIAM

**Estelle Aden**

Hofstra University  
Drama  
21 Mar 2020

**Fletcher N. Baldwin**

UF  
Levin College of Law  
18 Feb 2020

**Ronald H. Baney**

UF Engineering  
Material Sciences  
14 Feb 2020

**Rubye M. Beal-Fitzgerald**

UF & SFC  
Psychology/Counseling  
6 Jan 2020

**Herb Bevis**

UF Engineering  
Environmental Engineering  
28 Oct 2019

**Barney L. Capehart**

UF Engineering  
Industrial & Systems Engineering  
19 Jan 2020

**Rush E. Choate**

UF IFAS  
Agricultural Engineering  
23 Jul 2020

**Marc W. Heft**

UF Dentistry  
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery  
8 Feb 2020

**Patricia Hillard-Nunn**

UF CLAS  
African American Studies  
5 Aug 2020

**Marjorie A. Hoy**

UF IFAS  
Entomology  
19 Jun 2020

**Lonnie O. Ingram**

UF IFAS  
Microbiology  
25 Jun 2020

**James V. Jessup Jr**

UF Nursing  
3 Jun 2020

**Freddie Johnson**

UF IFAS  
Entomology & Nematology  
17 Dec 2019

**Robert J. Leacock**

UF CLAS  
Astronomy  
15 Mar 2020

**James E. Lloyd**

UF IFAS  
Entomology  
Jul 2020

**Ralph L. Lowenstein**

UF Journalism  
Dean  
10 Aug 2020

**Sung Yun Lu**

UF Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
3 Mar 2020

**Ruth L. Milton**

UF IFAS  
4-H & Youth Development  
16 Jan 2020

**Jerome Modell**

UF Medicine  
Anesthesiology  
14 Apr 2020

**Julia Reiskind**

UF CLAS  
Botany  
10 Jul 2020

**Grover C. Smart, Jr**

UF IFAS  
Entomology & Nematology  
7 Jan 2020

**Rex L. Smith**

UF IFAS  
Agronomy  
5 Jan 2020

**Suzanne Spanier**

UF COM  
Orthopedics and Rehabilitation  
30 Jun 2020

**Benjamin E. Victorica**

UF Medicine  
Pediatric Cardiology  
28 Mar 2020

**John A. Warren, Jr**

UF Dentistry  
4 Mar 2020

**Charles J. Wilcox**

UF IFAS  
Animal Science  
16 Dec 2019

**Peter S. Zory**

UF CLAS  
Physics  
22 Jun 2020