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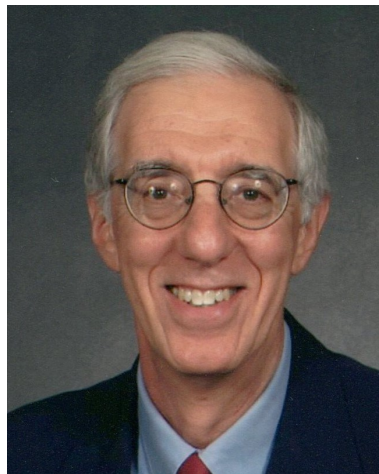
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Happy New Year and welcome to our Spring Semester program of the Retired Faculty of the University of Florida (RFUF). Our president-elect Abe Goldman has organized an excellent series of speakers on a wide variety of topic – the schedule appears below in this Newsletter. Our weekly Wednesday meetings begin January 8 at the Harn Museum with a social gathering at 9:30 am and presentations starting at 10:00. We have had excellent attendance past semesters, and we encourage you to join us. Members of

the public interested the topics of our presentations are certainly welcome to attend, especially retired members of the academic community not already members of RFUF who might want to join.

Our Spring Luncheon will be Wednesday, April 8 at The Village starting at 11:30, and we hope you and a guest will be able to attend. Besides our speaker, there will be a short business meeting in which we will elect next year's officers and directors. We will also at that time formally acknowledge and thank current volunteers listed on the left of this page for their work and dedication to the retired faculty as leaders of RFUF. They each have contributed importantly to the efficient and timely activities of this organization. We are currently looking for RFUF members to volunteer for some of these roles for the 2020-21 academic year. Please contact past president David Sammons if you are available to contribute.

The RFUF website (retiredfaculty.ufl.edu) is updated regularly. This site contains the schedule and details of our meetings as well as current officers, contact information, and other items. Please refer those who might be interested in our meetings, as well as potential members, to our website.

I certainly look forward to seeing you at our events for an enjoyable and informative semester with RFUF.

David Silverman, President



RFUF PROGRAMS – SPRING SEMESTER 2020

All programs at the Harn Museum of Art
Coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Talks begin at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker Schedule Spring Semester 2020

- January 8 **Steven Munger**, Pharmacology, Center for Smell and Taste
Do You Smell What I Smell? Chemosensory Science at UF
- January 15 **Katie Sieving**, Wildlife Ecology
The Real Twitter Feed: Titmice and Chickadees as “Bird Language” Tutors
- January 22 **Jill Ciment**, English
The Body in Question (Jill will read from and discuss her new novel)
- January 29 **Robert Walker**, Geography
Avoiding Amazonian Catastrophes
- February 5 **Michael Harris**, Chemistry
Brave New RNA World: RNA as an Emerging Drug Target
- February 12 **Willis Bodine**, School of Music (retired)
“Go Ring-a Dem Bells!” Up Close and Personal with the UF Century Tower and Its 61-Bell Carillon
- February 19 **Greg Kiker**, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Sustainable African Savannas in the Future: Challenges and Opportunities
- February 26 **Paul Gibbs**, Veterinary Science (retired)
Ken Berns, Molecular Genetics & Microbiology (retired)
One Health and the Global Eradication of Disease; What’s Next? Lesions from the history of smallpox and rinderpest for polio, measles, and peste-des-petits ruminants
- March 11 **Joann Mossa**, Geography
Big Problems in Big Rivers in the Southeastern US
- March 18 **Susan Cooksey**, Harn Museum
Dazzling, Enduring and Transformative: Metal Arts in Africa
- March 25 **Karyn Esser**, Physiology & Functional Genomics
Circadian Rhythms and Clocks: Why do Muscles Care about Keeping Time?
- April 1 **Bryon Moraski**, Political Science
Ukraine’s 2014 Revolution and Russian Disinformation
- April 8 (Spring Luncheon)
Paul Ortiz, History and Samuel Proctor Oral History Center

IN MEMORIAM

David Colburn

UF CLAS

History

18 Sept 2019

William D. Hedges

UF COE

Elementary Education

29 Aug 2019

James R. Hodges

UF CLAS

English

10 Oct 2019

C. S. "Buzz" Holling

UF CLAS

Zoology

16 Aug 2019

Bertram Y. Kinzey, Jr.

UF Architecture

Environmental Technologies

09 Sep 2019

James E. Maruniak

UF IFAS

Entomology

14 Oct 2019

James F. Morrison

UF CLAS

Political Science

12 Sep 2019

Bernard J. Paris

UF CLAS

English Literature

07 Nov 2019

Emmanuel Partheniades

UF

Hydraulic and Coastal Engineering

13 Oct 2019

Claire L. Schelske

UF IFAS

Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

20 Aug 2019

Harold D. Wallace

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Animal Science

13 Aug 2019

S. David Webb

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Paleontology

12 Sep 2019

Orjan F Wetterqvist

UF Architecture

Urban & Regional Planning

25 Sep 2019