February 2017

Retirement Association Travel Grants

Laura Moorhead, Assistant Professor, Journalism Department:

Through the Retirement Association Travel Grant, I was able to present three different peer-reviewed papers at two different conferences during the summer. More importantly, the grant allowed me to join colleagues in important discussions and initiatives regarding digital and media literacy. As an educator, researcher, and former journalist passionate about the evolving media landscape and education field, I value the opportunity to collaborate with international colleagues in ways that inspire further research, creativity, innovation, and social responsibility. In particular, the travel grant allowed me to further consider the evolving role of journalists in finding and telling the stories of a multicultural world, as well as how the field of journalism education might better prepare students for this role.

From July 26 – 27, I participated in the Children’s and Young People’s Rights in the Digital Age conference, hosted by the Media and Communications Department at the London School of Economics (http://www.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/GKO/PDF/CRDI-2016.pdf). In addition to attending professional meetings during the two days, I presented a paper to approximately fifty colleagues from around the world. The paper, “Open Access to Biomedical Information in Regard to the Public Health of Children and Young People: A Discussion of Equity and Policy” was well-received, and I am now in the process of providing follow-up information for publication through Global Kids Online. Over the subsequent five days, July 27th through the 31st, I attended the 2016 conference of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), held at the University of Leicester in Northern England and the largest media and communication conference of its kind. There, I presented two additional papers specific to my research in Media and Information Literacy. Through these papers, about 60 different people were exposed to my work. On Thursday, I joined colleagues on the panel, Engaging Youth Through Media Participation, and presented the paper, “Writing Dominant Narratives: Engaging Students in Reconsidering History and Mass Media Through the Use of Primary Sources and Multiple Perspectives” (http://iamcre2016conference.sched.org/event/7cuH/engaging-youth-through-media-education). On Friday, I was part of a panel on Digital Communities and Activism. There, I presented the paper, “From LGBT Social Studies to Ethnic Studies: A Qualitative Look at How Young People Consider Gender, Sexuality, Media and Communication in One U.S. Public School Setting” (http://iamcre2016conference.sched.org/event/7cue/digital-communities-and-activism).

Again, I credit the Retirement Association Travel Grant with allowing me an opportunity to both share and further my research, Continued on Page 2
I hope your holidays were warm and cozy; as I write this, it is an uncharacteristic 39 degrees outside! Your Board of Directors met on December 14th with its two newest members, Gary Penders and Richard Giardina. Thank you, again, for joining us.

I am pleased to report that our agenda included a significant development in the quest to create an Emeritus Staff policy – by means of another initiative. The University has a leadership training program for staff. One of the projects in this year’s group was to pursue an Emeritus Staff policy; this was suggested by Florence Tu, Executive Assistant to the Dean of the College of Creative and Liberal Arts. I would like to think awareness of our efforts led to this topic being one of those assigned to a group by the administration.

Jim Van Ness and I were contacted and I shared our experiences and recommendations in a meeting. At our Board meeting, we reviewed their proposal and voted unanimously to endorse it. Their assignment includes taking their proposal to a series of key groups or individuals; the Academic Senate has already endorsed it. The process is expected to conclude in March when they present their proposal formally. The proposed and recommended benefits include our key concerns such as retention of an existing email address and free parking, but the final policy may not include all of the desirable benefits. In our endorsement, we emphasized the importance of retroactive status for staff who are already actively volunteering at the University – our Board members, for example.

LaVonne Jacobsen, President

Retirement Association Travel Grants continued:

particularly outside the boundaries of San Francisco State University. Taken together, my work and presentations at these two international conferences map well to my ongoing efforts to stress the application of research in the promotion of civic engagement, the reduction of social inequalities, and the “opening up” or promotion, of knowledge as a public good to be shared freely and broadly.

Petra S. Dekens, Professor of Oceanography:

On August 26th, I departed San Francisco for Holland, where I attended the International Conference on Paleoceanography (ICP) at the University of Utrecht (http://icp12.uu.nl). The ICP conference is a high quality, focused conference held every three years. This year approximately 600 scientists from academia, research institutes, museums and industry professionals attended the meeting. The meeting was aimed at integrating all scientific aspects of paleoceanography. I attended all five days of the meeting, which included lectures in the morning and poster sessions in the afternoon. The work I presented during a poster session at the meeting was on a topic in which I am currently working on a manuscript. I received excellent constructive feedback, and the paper will be much improved due to this feedback. In addition, I had several very fruitful conversations about new projects starting in my lab that are related to my sabbatical work in the Spring of 2015.

In addition to the main conference, which was held August 29th through September 3rd I was also able to attend two separate workshops. The first workshop, held on Sunday, August 28th, focused on new emerging research using geochemical analysis of single shells of foraminifera. This is a relatively new technique in the field and one that I first applied to a project over the last year. The presenters are the leading scientists in this work and I learned a great deal about both the lab techniques and the interpretation of the data. On Friday, September 2nd the ICP meeting ended mid-day. This allowed me to attend a second small workshop (~40 scientists) on early Pliocene climate. This is a long-standing research group, of which I am one of the people on the organizing committee. The workshop allowed us to assess where different groups were in the data assimilation and make plans for upcoming publications.

I would like to thank the Retirement Association for contributing to the cost of this very scientifically fruitful trip.
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In Memoriam

Stephen Dobbs  
Professor Emeritus of Humanities and Arts from 1972 to 2015,  
Died in San Rafael at 73

Enoch I. (Nick) Sawin  
Professor Emeritus of Interdisciplinary Studies in Education from 1960 to 1990,  
Died in Bremerton, Washington at 96

Betty Sloane  
Staff in Physics & Astronomy, Wife of John Sloane,  
Died in Grass Valley, CA at 83

Ted Jitodai  
Professor Emeritus of Sociology from 1965 to 1992,  
Died in El Cerrito at 88

Vaidyanadhan V. (Krish) Krishnan  
Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering from 1970 to 2012,  
Died in India. Krish also served as a member of the Retirement Association Board of Directors.

Helen H. (Polly) Glyer  
Professor Emerita of Recreation and Leisure Studies from 1948 to 1976, Died at 98

Henry E. (Hank) McGuckin, Jr.  
Professor Emeritus of Speech and Communication Studies from 1961 to 1992, Died at 86
Jim Kelley
My retirement gig is working for National Geographic/Lindblad Expeditions sailing around the world, giving talks, driving small boats and leading hikes with the guests on our 12 small expedition ships. I know, somebody has to do it. On our recent voyage to the Chilean fjords, we sailed up Eyre Fjord to its terminus at the stunning Pio XI glacier. Named after Pope Pius XI, who occupied the papacy from 1922 until his death in 1939. Pope Pius XI fought the rise of both Nazism in Germany and Fascism in his own country. The glacier was previously named Brüggen Glacier after a German geologist. Pio XI glacier is the largest western outflow from the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. Now about 66 km (41 mi) in length, it is the longest glacier in the southern hemisphere outside Antarctica. Unlike most glaciers worldwide, including Patagonia, it advanced significantly from 1945 to 1976. Pio XI surged 5 km (3.1 mi) across the Eyre Fjord, reaching the western shore by 1962 and cutting off a large lake from the sea. The glacier continued advancing both northward and southward in the fjord to near its present position before stabilizing. The growth covers a distance of more than 10 km (6.2 mi) north to south, adding nearly 60 square kilometers (23 sq. mi) of ice. At 66km, Pio XI is one of the world’s longest glaciers, outside of Antarctica, and displays along its terminus spectacular blue ice faces where it calves regularly into the fjord. In fact, sailing up the fjord we encountered brash ice at the surface miles before reaching the glacier. The water near the glacier face was filled with bergy bits and growlers which made navigating by zodiac interesting. Most impressive, however was the gigantic terminal moraine which runs nearly all the way along the glacial face, representing decades of accumulation of material carried by the glacial ice. The glacier is pushing so much material that our Captain, when he anchored in the same spot as last year, found that the bottom had shoaled 20 meters as a result of the glacier pushing the moraine seaward. The glacier also carries a very prominent medial moraine of dark material which contrasts beautifully with the deeply crevassed surface of the ice. We were able to take zodiac cruises along the entire glacial face and were treated to wonderful views of the ice face and of the glacial till deposits which make up the moraines. Glaciers carry rock material in a complete range of grain sizes from huge boulders to extremely fine “glacial flour” which nicely demarked the fresh water flowing out from the melt water from the ice. The weather was perfect and we were able to spend all the time we wanted investigating the glacier and at the end of our cruise we found a pair of Andean condors along the side wall of the fjord, making the entire morning complete.

You might want to look up the scientific meaning of the words in bold for a better understanding of Jim’s article. Or email him at jkelley@sfsu.edu.

Gary Penders
Welcome to Gary who has recently joined your Board of Directors. Here is what he’s been up to.
I started at SFSC in 1968 as the college storekeeper, dispensing carbon paper and typewriter ribbons. From there to the mail room, admissions, student services and Continuing Education, where I worked with Lloyd O’Conner, Peter Dewees, and Shep Insel to manage their summer program. I left for UCLA in 1981 to manage their summer program, where I stayed until coming home to the Bay Area in 1993 to run the summer program at UC Berkeley. I retired from there, and from PERS, in 2005.

My retirement was precipitated by diabetes, which led to losing a leg and kidney failure. After almost nine years on dialysis, I received a kidney transplant in 2013 and I am thriving. I have become active in several non-profits related to kidney disease, worked to foster organ donations, and serve on a Kaiser patient advisory board, among other things. I
dote on my daughter and three grandchildren, have season tickets to the Giants and enjoy lunch with Laura Ware and Judah Rosenwald on a regular basis. I live the good life in Windsor, in the wine country.

**Larry Foster**
Dean of Graduate Division/Professor of Geography and Human Environmental Studies. Retired full-time in 1998 and then did FERP until 2003.

After leading and lecturing groups of adults on my vacation time for over thirty years, I now continue to travel a lot with not too many bucket holes yet to fill in my world travels. One big hole was filled a few months ago on a trip to Argentina, Uruguay, Falkland Islands, Patagonia, Antarctica, and the fjords of Southern Chile. By the time this OCB reaches you we will have filled another hole with a trip to the Arab Emirates (Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Oman), India (Mumbai, Mangalore, Cochin and Goa), Sri Lanka, Phuket, Malaysia (Penang and Kuala Lumpur) and Singapore.

In my “spare time” I have been at Stanford University for some nine years as a docent at the Hoover Institution, giving orientation sessions for foreign business executives at the Schwab Business Center, and helping out in Guest Services in the Athletic Department. In sum, my retirement years have been busy, fun-filled, educational, and very satisfying.

**Jim Edwards**
Professor Emeritus, Design and Industry, 2009

Since retirement I have been travelling. The countries I have visited are: Japan, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, New Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Turkey, Italy, Sicily, Spain, Columbia, Panama, Guatemala, Mexico, Costa Rica, France and Greece.

I did not travel for the last six months of 2015, instead received two months of radiation and 194 hours of in-hospital chemotherapy treatment for an inoperable cancerous tumor. Almost a year now and still cancer free. My plan for this next year is to return to Italy and Germany. I live now in Jomtien, Thailand which is a beach resort, a two hour drive south of Bangkok on the Gulf of Thailand.

**Arthur Berger**
Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts

I’ve been doing a lot of travelling lately. In November I went to Ecuador where the university in Guayaquil has translated two of my books into Spanish and I offered workshops on teaching with games.

I now have three books in press: one on *Marketing and American Consumer Culture*; one on *Applied Discourse Analysis*; and one on *Semiotics and American Culture*.

In between my wife and I have taken cruises from Barcelona to the Canary Islands, from Southampton around the British Isles, in the Caribbean for a week on the Allure of the Seas (a sociological experiment) and from San Francisco to Mexico. I am having fun while I still can.


See my blog “Arthur Asa Berger and the Literary Life” on Facebook.
Spring 2017 Events

Your Family Tree

Tuesday, March 21, 2017
10:30 AM
Presented by Karina Robinson, The Sutro Library

Reservations Required
Limited to 10 Members

If you want to participate send an email to: zeezingaro@gmail.com
More details to come.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
ALL ARE WELCOME!
BRING A GUEST!

Wednesday, March 15, 2017
11:30 AM No Host Reception
12Noon Luncheon
Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Avenue,
South San Francisco CA 94080

$35 Per person by March 10th
Select your luncheon item:
Corned Beef Cabbage
Prawns
Cobb Salad

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Mail to: Zelinda Zingaro,
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Best Ever Senior Citizen Joke

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh, "Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

Just to Think About

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

Read on…

- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- They were too close for the door to close.
- The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

Let's face it. English is a crazy language. There is no “egg” in eggplant, No “ham” in hamburger. There's more…but space is limited.

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What Are We Up To

Now it’s your opportunity to share some news of your travels and plans with our members. Please complete the form and send to Kay McGough, 3742 Brunswick Court, South San Francisco, CA 94080 or email her at krmcgough@comcast.net. You can also FAX her at 650.878.4728. We eagerly look forward to your participation. It will appear in the next OCB. See pages 4 and 5 of this bulletin for examples.

• Name: 

• Department retired from and when: 

• Brief description of your adventures: 

• A photo as a jpeg.

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