Dear Friends and Colleagues:

This is a time when we add newly retiring faculty and staff to our ranks. As you may know, our Association Board had decided to offer one year of free membership to all those retiring, in the hope of enticing more of them to join us. I am asking each of you to reach out to those you know and encourage them to become members of the San Francisco State University Retirement Association. We really do need to replenish our ranks; and it is always good to add new, younger members.

This summer we say goodbye to retiring SFSU President Leslie Wong and his wife Phyllis. We wish them good health and happiness in their new endeavors. We also welcome SFSU’s new president, Dr. Lynn Mahoney, who comes to us from her position as provost and vice president for academic affairs at CSULA. We know that Dr. Mahoney is ready to lead San Francisco State to greater accomplishments; and we offer her our Association’s very best wishes and support. A happy summer to all of you.

Your President,
Richard Giardina

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Why I Joined the SFSURA

Recently, several colleagues have contacted my daughter Jennifer, my wife Barbara, and me wondering if I am OK. This appears to have been prompted by the fact that I missed two annual events that Barbara and I usually attend and that some saw that Barbara’s name was listed on the SFSU Retirement Association members list but mine was missing. The reasons for missing events was due to travel to our 60th high school reunion in Ohio, a two week trip to Scotland, a total knee replacement, and the fact that I never had joined the Retirement Association because Barbara had and I always read all its correspondence she received. So I joined. I figure you can use an extra $200 and it might help, as I mentioned to friend Jim Kelley, show that rumors of my nonexistence are premature.

Cheers,
Jon, Still Alive, Galehouse
A Taste of Africa Two Hours from Home

By: Ann Shadwick

Whether you love far away travel or staying close to home, an overnight at Safari West safariwest.com is a real treat. Located just northeast of Santa Rosa, this is no ordinary zoo or drive through park. Safari West covers 400 acres and has over 900 animals. The birds come from around the world but the animals are all African species. No animals are actually taken from the wild and the mammals roam free.

There is one exception—a domestic cow and her calf hang out with the Watusi Cattle. She is from one of the neighbors who are still dealing with the effects of the Santa Rosa fire and they are letting her stay until things get better. During the Santa Rosa fires the fires were on all sides of the preserve but the owner Peter Lang and some helpers kept the perimeter wet all night with hoses. No animals were lost. My guide said one thing that helped is the animals keep the grass down.

You spend the night in a wonderful tent cabin overlooking the hills and, in my case, the lake. The beds are comfortable and you can cover the screened windows or leave one open as on cool nights the comforters are for snuggling.

It is best to take the first morning Safari at 9 when the animals tend to be more active. You have a chance to sit on the very top of the Safari Jeep, I declined. Just getting in and out of the Jeep was challenge enough. This is a two plus hour drive around the grounds, no pit stops, plus a walk around the cages and aviary.

Some of the animals we saw were the mother Addax with her baby born the night before, top left photo, Gemsbok, top right, Rhinos and Zebra in bottom photos.

Staying overnight you can book dinner on the grounds, it was very good, or go into Santa Rosa. You can also book lunch after the morning tour. An additional tour to go with the staff feeding animals is available at five. Open every day except Christmas, our guide said we were at the perfect time in early June, not too hot or cold, and the flowers are in bloom. I cannot imagine touring in the rain.

Interesting tidbits: there are over 150 employees from waiters, cabin cleaners, and tour guides to those feeding the animals and pooper scooping. All of the poop is collected and shipped to a zoo that processes it into Zoo Poo Compost which I gather is in demand. The three rhinos each eat 150 pounds of grass a day. Me, I am ready to go back again.
A word about Road Scholar for friends who would like a review. The arrangements have been great and the food is excellent—accommodating vegetarians, gluten-free and non-dairy. We have been staying in “rustic” cabins with comfortable beds at a rehabbed 1920s adobe motor court that is wildlife friendly. The next one is a golf course-resort-spa with its own airfield and the last a Hampton Inn. All the best West Texas has to offer, smile.

First, the trip doesn’t leave a lot of time for updating but the Resort and Spa we stayed at on March 20th and March 21st in Lajitas had nearly non-existent WIFI, too. And cell service was also spotty. The Hampton Inn in Alpine, however, is great.

The Big Bend area is a surprise as it tends Democratic and anti-wall. We’ve seen many Beto bumper stickers, something we sure didn’t expect. It is also a bastion of independent free thinkers, off-gridders, and creative folks. The economy has been up and down over the last century with mining booms and busts and ranching has been devastated at times because of episodic droughts. Tourism becomes desirable and yet is changing the nature of life here to the dismay of many. Some of the parks and other recreation areas benefited from ranchers who had to sell, although the national park was acquired through eminent domain. Big Bend National Park and river rafting are the main draws and possibly cowboy life. Today we are skipping a trip to Marfa that is all about high-end minimalist art. A single New York artist, Donald Judd, came in 1971 seeking relief from high society. Ironically, it has followed him here. Marfa and nearby communities are changing to keep from dying, but not enthusiastically.

Our group leader is an off-griddler who has lived in a man-made cave, munitions safe with steel door, since 1991 and bemoans the way the Ghost Town of Terlingua is growing because of Airbnb. He no longer knows everyone and new people behave badly. He explained that none of the communities out here are incorporated so the only government is county, they do roads and volunteer fire dept buildings. From what we’ve seen at the Lajitas resort—there are NO building codes. Dangerous showers and uneven decorative walkways, for example. The Airbnb are often teepees or old ratty trailers.

The park itself is huge and dramatic—there’s one smallish mountain range entirely within the park and many others surrounding it. The park has three major ecosystem areas—desert, mountains and the Rio Grande River. The river is a whole other story. The entire area was created by a wide-spread volcanic history almost 300 million years ago; the features are often post-erosion intrusions and other remnants of volcanoes. There is also a hot springs/geothermal area. This tour includes a lot of driving time simply because the area is vast and features are separated by great distances; it seems everything is 2-4 hours from everything else, but gorgeous. Wonderfully, it is blue bonnet and blooming yucca time.

It is important to address the Marfa mystery lights! LaVonne joined the expedition to see IF we could see the mysterious Marfa lights. According to Darren, he’s only seen them twice in 11 years of taking groups out there—and he leads multiple groups each year. They like to appear at dusk and dawn about 16% of the time. NO—of course we didn’t see them! Still unexplained although someone with fancy equipment learned they burn at 1200 degrees, they are clearly plasma, and the soil has anomalies. They appear over a very small area a few miles from the viewing area.
Think of this as the BBC Mystery tour: my wife Elaine and I spent three weeks travelling through England and Cornwall, visiting the places where BBC mysteries were filmed. Of course, we spent a few days in London, went to the Tate Britain, The National Galley, The Victoria and Albert Museum, and St. Martin in the Fields, St. Paul's and the Globe Theater. But then we traveled through the Cotswolds to Oxford: scene of the Morse, Inspector Lewis and Endeavor series, Stratford: Will Shakespeare’s hometown, and home to the Shakespeare and Hathaway series, Bath: one of Jane Austen’s hangouts, St. Ives: Daphne Du Maurier’s place and of course, Port Isaac: the real location of the Doc Martin series. It was a wonderful trip, and a great way to celebrate our fortieth wedding anniversary.

What we learned is that, if you can afford it, the best way to see these places is in a private car with a guide, because then you get lots and lots of inside information, and you can tailor the trip to your own preferences. The agency we used was Audley Travel, in Boston: mainly great, but with a glitch or two.

The second way to do this kind of trip well is to join a tour that has a small bus, ≈15 passengers. For the Cornwall part of the trip, we chose that option, and were well-treated and highly entertained. The bus was small enough to go through the back roads of Cornwall. The tour is called Corners of Cornwall, and you find out all about the local history and ways of the people there. We were able to stop by a crafts fair in one of the towns, and talked with the artisans; we shopped in bakeries to find gluten-free pasties. Yes, they do exist!

In Oxford, two of our favorite places were the Bodleian Library, and the White Horse Tavern. We even got upstairs in the Bodleian Library to see how the books were stored. That library started with twenty-three books in the 14th century. For security purposes the books were attached with metal chains to the bookshelves, which means the scholars could only read them in daylight hours. The White Horse Tavern is one of Inspector Morse’s favorite pubs, so we had a pint in honor of Endeavor Morse.

Near St. Ives is the colorful little village of Mevagissey, where it was fun to wander around, have a scone, and visit the Model Train Museum. To get to the town, you need to take the ferry from St. Ives, and on the way, you pass the area that Du Maurier was inspired to write about in Rebecca.

Close to Land’s End in Cornwall is the Minack Theater, Wikipedia says: The Minack Theatre—Cornish: Gwaryjy Minack, is an open-air theatre, constructed above a gully with a rocky granite outcrop jutting into the sea, minack from Cornish meynek means a stony or rocky place. The theatre is at Porthcurno, 4 miles, 6.4 km, from Land’s End in Cornwall, England. It was the lifelong project of Rowena Cade, who carved the amphitheater out of granite, built the stage and produced the first plays there. Another local wonder is St. Michael’s Mount, a mansion built on top of a rock, connected to the mainland by a causeway, only usable at low tide, like Mont St. Michel in France.

Port Isaac is the site for the exterior shots in the series, Doc Martin, so of course we had to have our selfies with the Doc’s surgery in the background, and Mrs. Tishel’s chemist shop.

Let’s not forget the magnificent cathedrals and abbeys we passed through along the way, in Wells, Bath, and Salisbury. The Salisbury Cathedral has a copy of the original Magna Carta, written in tiny script on one page of vellum! All in all, it was a wonderful trip through parts of England that were new to us, but so basic to our cultural history.
Travel Grant Committee Recommendations

The San Francisco State Retirement Association is pleased to announce the following travel grant awards to the following staff in the amount of $500 each. These submissions met our requirements for strong and interesting proposals. The Committee has recommended to the SFSURA Board that with the 2020 cycle the SFSURA Travel Grants be raised to $1000 with a maximum of five grants.

1. Beverly Colindres, College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Management.
   Attending the 2019 Academic Conference for Coordinators in Long Beach.

2. Susan Cuong, College of Health and Social Services.
   Attending 2020 American College Counseling Association Conference in Washington, D.C.

3. Amber Johnson, College of Science, Biology.
   Participation in the field course Insect Biology and Identification at the Sierra Nevada Field Camp.

   Attendance at the 50th Anniversary EOP Conference in Long Beach.

5. Renee Stephens, Educational Opportunity Program.
   Attendance at the 50th Anniversary EOP Conference in Long Beach.

   Attendance at the 2019 Academic Resources Conference in Long Beach.

Report from Ashley Wolff

This year I had the pleasure of attending the Academic Resources Conference in Long Beach, California. This was my second year attending ARC. ARC is a conference geared directly for CSU staff in Analyst and ASC positions. As an ASCII, I find that all of the breakout sessions apply to my position at SFSU directly. At ARC we are able to enjoy professional speakers, as well as campus panelists, discussions on best practices, and opportunities for networking with peers from all over the state. More specifically, the Academic Resources Conference is a great opportunity for professional development. The topics covered in breakout sessions helped me to understand the inner workings of the CSU system as a whole, including the structure and policies of the CSU system that make it a unique work place. ARC also offers a unique professional development setting with the colleagues I work with on a daily basis. For the most part, the interaction I share with my colleagues is through email or a brief interaction. Attending this conference gave me the opportunity to get to know my colleagues as well as learn more about how they complete their work on a day-to-day basis. I believe attending ARC not only helped with my personal professional development, but also played a role in team building professional development as a whole.

Brief Report on Archival Research at New York University & the New York Public Library

By: Jennifer Arin

In line with my project proposal for the Retirement Association’s 2018-2019 Faculty Travel Grant, I spent the final week of March 2019 conducting research in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (ALBA) at New York University, and exploring the special collection of the Journal of the Gypsy Lore Society at the New York Public Library. The ALBA holdings led to invaluable and heartrending discoveries: empty bullet shells, and machine-gun gears; yellowed sheet music from songs sung on the frontlines; a battered Spanish military-identity card, and Spanish money manufactured in Burgos, Francisco Franco’s stronghold; sepia postcards with images of the rubble-filled streets of Madrid, alongside messages decrying the destruction of the Spanish capital by the fascistas; and various maps and other poignant artifacts. Perusing these materials helped narrow the gap between past and present; and including, in my book project, descriptions and the historical context of these items allows me to bring readers closer to the scenes of war. Also vital were my findings in the Journal of the Gypsy Lore Society. Each issue features book reviews, and I was glad to come across several

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1. Levi’s denim jeans, now a symbol of American culture, were invented by two immigrants. Bavarian-born Levi Strauss was a fabric supplier to Latvian-born Jacob Davis, who worked as a tailor in Reno. Davis wrote to Strauss suggesting how to make men’s workwear clothes stronger, and the two patented a process in 1873, 20 years after Strauss opened a wholesale dry goods business in San Francisco.

2. The first pants were called XX, after the name of the fabric bought from a manufacturer in New Hampshire. Levi’s would change the name to 501 which reflected the batch’s order identification number.

3. For decades, the company’s pants would widely be known as waist overalls. They were marketed to farmers and miners as outdoor work clothes.

4. Levi’s original headquarters and factory were destroyed in the 1906 SF earthquake. The factory moved to 250 Valencia St, where it remained till 2002. Levi’s sold the building in 2005, and the place is now home to the San Francisco Friends School.

5. In 1918, Levi’s began making clothes for women called the freedom alls which consisted of a belted tunic worn over matching pants for household and outdoor leisure activity.

6. In 1934 the company introduced Lady Levi’s, its first line of jeans for women. It didn’t work too differently from men’s denim.

7. Levi’s was once synonymous with gritty outdoor work. It would take a handful of Hollywood actors, including James Dean, to popularize Levi’s denim as fashionable.

8. Baby boomers would begin calling Levi’s denim ‘jeans’ instead of overalls in the 1950s. Levi’s heeded the change in consumer behavior and replaced the word overalls with jeans in all advertising and labels in 1960.

9. The company keeps a 1879 pair of Levi’s jeans in a fire-proof safe at its headquarters.

10. The walls at Levi’s headquarters in San Francisco are insulated with denim jeans.

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Wisdom

A 92-year old, petite, well poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o’clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.

His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window. I love it, he stated with the enthusiasm of a eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. Mr. Jones, you haven’t seen the room; just wait...That doesn't have anything to do with it, he replied. Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged....it’s how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It’s a decision I made every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I’ll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I’ve stored away...just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you’d put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!

Thank you for your part in filling my Memory Bank. I am still depositing. Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries
3. Live simply.
4. Give more
5. Expect less.
Recommendations When Travelling

Here are ten things that should be in everyone’s carry-on.

1. Hand Sanitizer or Wet Wipes
2. Change of Clothes
3. Water Bottle
4. Travel Pillow
5. A Pen
6. A Shawl
7. Noise-Cancelling Headphones
8. In-Flight Entertainment
9. Healthy Snacks
10. A Power Bank

Also, consider registering for the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program—STEP, a service of the US State Department. Go to: step.state.gov

Never Forget Your Friends

A newlywed young man was sitting on the porch on a humid day, sipping ice tea with his Father. As he talked about adult life, marriage, responsibilities, and obligations, the Father thoughtfully stirred the ice cubes in his glass and cast a clear, sober look on his Son.

“Never forget your friends,” he advised, “they will become more important as you get older. Regardless of how much you love your family and the children you happen to have, you will always need friends. Remember to go out with them occasionally, if possible, but keep in contact with them somehow”. What strange advice, thought the young man. I just entered the married world, I am an adult and surely my wife and the family that we will start will be everything I need to make sense of my life. Yet, he obeyed his Father; kept in touch with his friends and annually increased their number. Over the years, he became aware that his Father knew what he was talking about. Inasmuch as time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a person, friends are the bulwarks of our life. After 70 years of life, here is what he, I and you will have learned:

Time passes.
Life goes on.
Children grow up.
Children cease to be children and become independent.
And to the parents, it breaks their heart but the children are separated of the parents because they begin their own families.
Jobs/careers come and go.
Illusions, desires, attraction, sex....weakens.
People can’t do what they did physically when they were young.
Parents die but you move on.
Colleagues forget the favors you did.
The race to achieve slows.

But, true friends are always there, no matter how long or how many miles away they are. A friend is never more distant than the reach of a need, intervening in your favor, waiting for you with open arms or in some way blessing your life. When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead. We did not know how much we would need from each other. Love your parents, take care of your children, but keep a group of good friends. Stay in touch with them but do not impose your criteria. Share this with your friends, even those you seldom see, who help make sense of your life.
Jean De Sales Bertram, Professor Emerita of Theatre Arts, passed away recently. Her MA, 1951, was from the University of Minnesota, and her PhD, 1963, was from Stanford, in speech and theatre. Her dissertation was on “Molière in New York: a comparison of productions of Le Malade Imaginaire and Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme on the New York professional stage, 1860-1961, with those by actors of the Comédie Française, 1951–1959.” Jean was appointed to the SF State faculty in 1952 and became emerita in 1988. She was author of The Oral Experience of Literature: Sense, Structure, and Sound, 1967, and several articles in academic journals.

Jean was among the founding members of Phi Beta Kappa at SF State and served as chapter secretary from the founding of the chapter in 1977 to 1989.

Rudolph Busby, Professor of Communication Studies, died on May 9. He was a FERP participant at the time of his death. Rudolph received his BA, 1974 and MA, 1980, in Speech Communication from the University of Houston. His MA thesis set out his commitment to social justice: Public School Teachers: Verbal Expression Which May Result In Employment Dismissal Until Declared Constitutionally Protected. His PhD, 1983, in Rhetoric and Communication Theory, was from the University of Texas, Austin, with a dissertation on Myth and Political Rhetoric: A Content Analysis of Keynote and Presidential Nomination Acceptance Addresses.

Rudolph joined the SF State faculty in 1983. He served the University as a member of the Academic Senate, member of many committees, and department chair, 1999–2002. He was also commencement announcer for several years. For many years, he was campus coordinator for the Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Program, a CSU program for students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages by mentoring them to apply for support to attend professional association meetings and visit PhD programs. Rudolph was co-author of Basic Speech Communication: Principles and Practices, 1978, 1987. He is remembered as a careful and caring advisor and a consummate editor/writing coach to many students.

Robert Craig, Professor Emeritus of Design and Industry, died on May 6. He served in the Navy, Army, and Coast Guard Auxiliary. His BA, 1953, from UC Santa Barbara, and MA, 1960, from SF State, were in Industrial Arts Education. His EdD, 1974, was from USC with a dissertation on California Supreme Court decisions affecting public school administration. Bob first taught at a federal prison, then in high schools. At DeAnza HS, Richmond, he helped develop The Richmond Plan, combining writing, mathematics, science, and industrial technology. He joined the SF State faculty in 1965. He was author or co-author of three books on educational psychology, consulted widely, and held visiting appointments at Mississippi State and Clemson. He received an honorary doctorate from Southern University.

Bob served as department chair, on the Academic Senate, and on numerous committees. Active in professional associations for industrial education and technological education, he was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Epsilon Pi Tau honor societies. In 1978, he participated in the first Summer Pacific Basin Studies Program in Taiwan. He became emeritus in 1994. Bob served for thirty years on the water district board for South San Francisco including six years as president.

Kathleen Fraser, Professor Emerita of Creative Writing, died on February 5. After receiving her BA, 1959, in English Literature from Occidental College, she worked as an editor and studied poetry in NYC. In 1964 she won the Frank O’Hara Poetry Prize and the American Academy’s Discovery Award. Subsequent honors included two NEA fellowships and a Guggenheim fellowship.


John W. Kinch, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, died on May 12. Born in Brooklyn, he served in the army during the Korean War, then earned his BA, MA, and PhD, 1959 at the University of Washington. He joined the SF State faculty in 1959 and became emeritus in 1994. John’s dissertation, Certain Social-Psychological Aspects of Types of Juvenile Delinquents, led to several articles in academic journals. His A Formalized Theory of the Self-Concept, American Journal of Sociology, 1963,
has been frequently cited. He also wrote or edited *Sociology in the World Today*, *Social Psychology*, *Introductory Sociology*, and *Social Problems in the World Today*.

John served as department chair for fifteen years. He is remembered as a kind and supportive mentor and colleague. John expressed his commitment to social justice and equality through his university and community activities. When he retired, his department created the John W. Kinch Humanitarian Award to recognize his and sociology students’ community contributions, given to a graduating sociology senior who has made outstanding contributions to community service and social justice. In retirement, John pursued several hobbies, especially photography, and exhibited his photographs at his favorite coffee shop. You can donate to the John Kinch Humanitarian Award at https://give.sfsu.edu/jkinch.


He took an active part in academic governance, serving two terms on the University Promotions Committee representing Behavioral and Social Sciences. Ted was passionate about equity and fairness, and about education, social justice, and opposition to war. He was also passionate about Italy. In 1997, he and Candace Crockett, his wife, bought a house in Bagnone, a mountain village in Tuscany, and spent half of each year there until 2017. They restored three houses, planted an olive orchard and vineyard, and learned the language. In 2011, Bagnone made them honorary citizens of the Tuscan-Emilian Apennine National Park.

**Lloyd Meadow**, Professor Emeritus of Counseling, passed away on January 8. After graduating from Brooklyn College, he served in the Army as a *Japanese Language Code Breaker* during WWII. Among the first Americans to enter Hiroshima following the Japanese surrender, he interviewed survivors of the atomic bombing and helped conduct psychological studies for the Army. That experience led to Lloyd's career in psychology, a love of Japanese culture and world travel, and a commitment to public efforts against nuclear war.

Lloyd's MA, 1949, was from the University of Chicago and his PhD, 1961, from Wayne State University. His dissertation, in education, was *Prediction of Success in Practical Nursing*. He joined the faculty in 1962 and became *emeritus* in 1996. In 1965 and 1966, he co-authored two conference proceedings, *Federal Employment of the Mentally Retarded* and *Vocational Rehabilitation of the Mentally Ill*. He was author of many articles in professional journals. Lloyd's collection of global folk masks was donated to SF State at the time of his retirement and went on display at the University Club of which he was a founder and active member.

**Steven Obrebski**, retired Associate Scientist and Lecturer at the Romberg Tiburon Center, *now the Estuary and Ocean Science Center*, died on December 20. Born in Poland, Obrebski immigrated to the US with his parents after WWII. His PhD, 1968, was from the University of Chicago, with a dissertation, *On the Population Ecology of Two Intertidal Invertebrates and the Paleoecological Significance of Size-Frequency Distributions of Living and Dead Shells of the Bivalve Transenella Tantilla*.

An active researcher of marine ecosystems in San Francisco and Tomales Bay, he was a researcher at Pacific Marine Station of the University of the Pacific before coming to SF State. He was first author of *California Herring: The Biology and Management of Central California Herring Stocks*, 1984, *Associations between Zooplankton and Flows in the Suisun Bay and Lower Delta*, 1990, and first author or co-author of papers in academic journals and reports. He retired from SF State in 2004. He was much appreciated by students in the graduate degree program, for whom he consulted on statistics and sample design.

**DeVere Pentony**, Professor Emeritus of International Relations, died in March. He served in the Army Air Force Communications Service during WWII, rising to the rank of sergeant. He earned his BA, 1949, MA, 1952, and PhD, 1956, from the University of Iowa. His dissertation: *The Marshall Plan: Declared Objectives and Apparent Results*. He joined the SF State faculty in 1958 and became *emeritus* in 2006. DeVere served as dean of the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences from 1966 to 1982, returned to teaching, and later served as department chair. He is remembered as a dean who cared deeply about his faculty and its curriculum, especially interdisciplinary programs.

**Marjorie Seashore**, Professor Emerita of Sociology, died April 9. Marjorie received her BA, 1964, MA, 1966, and PhD, 1968 from Stanford. She joined the SF State faculty in 1970 and became emerita in 2004. Marjorie’s dissertation, *The Formation of Performance Expectations for Self and Others in an Incongruent Status Situation*, dealt with the effects of early maternal separation from a child. Portions were published as a journal article and book chapter, co-authored with researchers in related disciplines. This cross-disciplinary and collaborative approach was a hallmark of Marjorie’s career. She later co-authored *Prisoner Education: Project Newgate and Other College Programs*, 1976.

Marjorie served as Department Chair, Associate Dean for Behavioral and Social Sciences, and acting director for Interdisciplinary Social Science, and helped to establish the Public Research Institute, the Public Administration program, the Child and Adolescent Development program, and the Marian Wright Edelman Institute. Students and colleagues remember her as a model mentor, offering sage advice, useful criticism, and unflinching support. After retiring, Marjorie participated in the University’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute as both student and leader, helped establish OLLI’s leadership council and curriculum committee, and served on both.

**Franklin F. Sheehan**, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, passed away on March 5. After WWII service as a Navy officer, he returned to Stanford, received his BS, 1947, and pursued graduate study. He joined the SF State faculty in 1954 and became emeritus in 1993. Frank taught at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey in 1957–1961. He served ten years as executive dean and director of campus planning and briefly as acting vice-president for administrative and business affairs. He oversaw a significant expansion of campus facilities, including Hensill and Thornton Halls, a library addition, the administration building, the Student Union, and the Health Center. He returned to teaching in 1976.

Always humorous, gracious, and generous, Frank served on the Academic Senate, including as vice-chair, numerous committees, and the board of the Frederic Burk Foundation. He helped create the first faculty club and was founding president of the University Club. In retirement, he served as treasurer of the Retirement Association and the Friends of the Library. Frank’s hobby was woodworking. He created a replica of a hornbook for the library’s Archer Collection, and he designed and built the *Old Boys’ Table* in the U Club.

You can donate to the Frank Sheehan scholarship fund by sending a check payable to San Francisco State University with *In Memory of Frank Sheehan* in the memo line. Send to: San Francisco State University, Development Office, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132. Or go to: https://give.sfsu.edu/franksheehan

**Anita Silvers**, Professor of Philosophy, died on March 13. Her BA, 1962, was from Sarah Lawrence College and her PhD, 1967, from the Johns Hopkins University. She joined the SF State faculty in 1967 and was still teaching at the time of her death.

Disabled by polio as a child, Anita was a leading advocate for equality for persons with disabilities, on campus and nationwide. Her scholarship helped establish disability rights as an important subfield of philosophy. Author of more than a hundred articles in professional journals and anthologies, Anita was also co-author or co-editor of eight books, among which *Disability, Difference, Discrimination: Perspectives on Justice in Bioethics and Public Policy*, 1998, has been widely cited in legal matters. Anita served the University in many ways including chair of the Academic Senate, 1984–86, and secretary of the statewide Academic Senate, 1979–1982, 1993–1994. While on the CSU Academic Senate, she worked to obtain state funding for architectural barrier removal and accommodation. She helped develop affirmative approaches to employment of faculty and staff with disabilities and led the SF State committee charged with those responsibilities. As department chair, she rebuilt the Philosophy Department by recruiting outstanding scholars. She served on the San Francisco General Hospital Ethics Committee, as a consultant to the New Zealand Human Rights Commission, and as secretary-treasurer of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division. Anita received many honors:

service to philosophy and philosophers by the American Philosophical Association, APA, the first time this award went to a faculty member at a non-doctoral granting institution; 2013: Lebowitz Prize for philosophical achievement and contributions by the American Philosophical Association and the Phi Beta Kappa Society; 2013: SF State Excellence in Service Award; 2016: named one of forty top ethics educators in the Pacific Rim by the Squires Foundation; 2017: CSU Wang Family Excellence Award.

Karen Gail Whitaker, Professor Emerita of Kinesiology, died on March 4. Gail joined the SF State faculty in 1980 and became emerita in 2009. Her BS in Mathematics, 1970, was from the College of William and Mary, her MS in Physical Education, 1972, from Smith College, and her EdD, 1980, from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. From 1972 to 1980, Gail taught physical education and coached tennis at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.


Gail served as Academic Senate Chair, 1990–1992, Acting Dean of Health and Human Services, Associate Vice President for Academic Program Development, and, simultaneously, Dean of the College of Extended Learning. She was especially proud of her work in creating the Presidential Scholars program.

Leonard Wolf, Professor Emeritus of English and Creative Writing, died on March 20. Service in the Army during WWII interrupted his college studies. His earned his BA from UC Berkeley and his PhD, 1955, in English and Creative Writing from the University of Iowa. He came to SF State in 1957 and became emeritus in 1982.

Author or annotator of twenty-seven books, including his own poetry and works on teaching, Leonard was best known for *A Dream of Dracula*, 1972, and critical works on and annotated editions of classic gothic horror novels. He also taught courses on Dracula and Frankenstein. He was awarded the James Phelan Poetry Prize, an O. Henry fiction award, and the Anne Radcliffe Award for Literature twice. He translated to and from Yiddish, notably English translations of *Isaac Bashevis Singer* and a Yiddish translation of *Winnie the Pooh*.


James R. Wilson, Professor Emeritus of English, passed away in December at the age of 101. A native San Franciscan, he received his BA and MA from what was then the College of the Pacific in Stockton. After graduate study at Stanford and Chicago, he received his EdD from UC Berkeley in 1963. His dissertation, *Responses of College Freshmen to Three Novels*, was subsequently published in 1966 as Research Report No. 7 by the National Council of Teachers of English.

James joined the SF State faculty in 1957, coming from Stockton College where he had been an instructor. He was co-author with Caroline Shrodes and Clifford Josephson of *Reading for Rhetoric: Applications*, a textbook that went into four editions, the last in 1979. James served as dean of the School of Humanities, 1966–1970; he resigned under pressure from President S.I. Hayakawa. Afterwards, Professor Wilson continued teaching classes in Modern Literature, Literary Theory, and Pop and Science Fiction until he became emeritus in 1994. His daughter, Hesper Wilson, is currently a Senior Assistant Librarian at SF State.

useful references, such as Parlons Tsigane: Histoire, culture, et langue du people tsigana-Kochanowki, Editions L’Harmattan. That book details the plight of the Gypsies during the Third Reich, and stirringly links that persecution to the Gypsies’ hard fate in Spain, too, during Franco’s dictatorship, and in Vichy France, which expelled Gypsies from the Atlantic region, and placed them in concentration camps. All this information lends added dimension to the manuscript I’m currently completing, as facilitated by this travel grant. Thank you for your generous support.

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Jim and Arline Van Ness are back from a three week vacation trip that focused on Spain. We started with three days in Madrid, which included the impressive Royal Palace and the Prado Art Museum. We then took a 186 mph train to Barcelona, where we saw Gaudi’s fantastic Sagrada Familia church and two homes he built, Casa Vicens and Palau Guell. We boarded Oceania Cruise’s Nautica for visits to Alicante; Motril, the port for Granada, and Gibraltar, where we toured the top of the Rock and the Great Siege Tunnels. Next three stops were the Canary Islands of Lanzarote, Tenerife, and Gran Canaria; all are volcanic with beach resorts for European vacationers. Next stop was Tangier, Morocco, for a walk through the Medina, old town. From Cadiz we went to Jerez to see a horse show at the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art and sample sherry at the Tio Pepe bodega, huge winery. The final stop, Lisbon, Portugal, included a day in Sintra to see two royal palaces.
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