










San Francisco State University *Gater Retiree Gazette*



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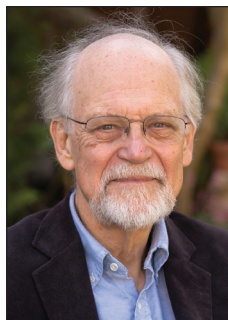
Upcoming Events

- November: Annual Luncheon
& Election of Officers
Friday, November 22, 2024,
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Basque Cultural Center — See Page 3
- Monday, December 16, 2024
Board of Directors Meeting
On Zoom, 10 AM – Noon
- TBD February 2025
Board of Directors Meeting
On Zoom Time: TBD
- Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
TBD March 2025

Playing the Name Game on SF State's Campus: a 125th Anniversary Retrospective



Walking across the SF State campus, you'll notice a lot of names: buildings and classrooms like the J. Paul Leonard Library, Mary Ward Hall, Hensill Hall and more. But who were Leonard, Ward and the rest? What are their SF State stories? In honor of the University's 125th anniversary, SF State News is sharing the story behind some of these historical Gators and their continuing campus legacies.



President's Corner

Even though I've been retired from the University for twelve years now, my brain still functions in terms of academic years as well as calendar years, so every September feels like the beginning of a new year. My granddaughters have just started new school years, the older one as a junior in high school and the younger one in 7th grade. With the September board meeting of the Retirement Association and this issue of the GRG, the Retirement Association has also entered a new academic year.

Look elsewhere in this issue for news about a board decision regarding SF State retirees who pay dues only to CSU-ERFSA and not to the Retirement Association.

Look elsewhere, too, for information about nominations for Retirement Association officers for the coming year. Please give serious consideration to supporting your association by serving on the board of directors.

End of the Year Giving: We are entering the time of year when most of us start getting requests for donations-quite apart from all the requests for donations to political candidates (which fill my email inbox every day). Our University is dealing with a major budget issue this year, and there has been a lot of belt-tightening on campus. Most of us can recall what that was like in the past. So an end-of-the-year donation to our University will be especially welcome in the next few months. You can easily donate to the University on the University's website, and you can earmark your donation for a particular department, college, or program.

Go to: <https://develop.sfsu.edu/WaysToGive>

You can also donate to the Retirement Association. As you'll recall, we give grants each year to assist faculty and staff to travel for professional advancement. You can also donate for our other activities. You can donate by check or credit card. To donate by credit card, go to:

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/ucorp?itemcode=UCORP-47284A>

If you want to donate specifically to the Travel Grant Fund, be sure to note that on your check. If you donate by credit card and want to specify the Travel Grant Fund, please indicate that in the area for Comments at the bottom of the credit card donation form.

Donations that are not specified that way will go to the operating fund, which is used for other activities of the association. You can also pay your dues the same way.

I hope to see you all at the November luncheon.

Bob Cherny,
President

Board of Directors

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SFSU Retirement Association: Annual Thanksgiving Meeting & Luncheon

Friday November 22, 2024

11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Avenue
South San Francisco
\$25.00 Per Person



Luncheon Entree Selections:

- Thanksgiving Turkey Luncheon
- Salmon
- Eggplant Parmesan — Vegetarian

RSVP by November 8th to: zeezingaro@gmail.com or call 415.602.8433

Make checks payable to SFSU-RA

Mail to: Judah Rosenwald, 37 Parkwood Drive, Daly City, CA 94015

Your Information

Names: _____

Luncheon Choices: _____

As usual, we will be holding the annual membership meeting and electing Officers and Board Members for 2025. If you might be interested in helping the Retirement Association, contact Bob Cherny, President, at robt.cherny@gmail.com



The SF State Retirement Association & CSU ERFSA

The SF State Retirement Association (the RA) was organized in 1979, at the initiative of Ann Paterson. She also promoted the idea to other colleges in our system, and the Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association was organized as an umbrella group for such organizations in 1985. ERFA became ERFSA, the Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association with a change to its constitution about ten years ago. Because the RA is the SF State affiliate of ERFSA, RA receives rebates—15%—from dues paid to ERFSA.

The RA and ERFSA may have had a similar origin, and the RA has always been the SF State affiliate of ERFSA, but for reasons lost in the mists of the past, there developed three different types of members at SF State. Some members paid dues only to the RA, some paid dues to both the RA and ERFSA, and some paid only to ERFSA. Those who paid dues to the RA have always received the newsletter since at least 1988, when it was called the Off-Campus Bulletin, and also invitations to social events, especially our spring and fall luncheons but also including other social and cultural gatherings.

Over the past two years, the Board has periodically discussed this situation. In our most recent meeting, we decided that, for the next two years, we would make no distinctions between RA dues-payers and ERFSA dues-payers--that everyone would receive this newsletter and all invitations to all social and cultural events. Some board members worried that this might cause a reduction in our dues income, so the decision will be reviewed in two years.

San Francisco State OLLI

By Bob Cherny

San Francisco State has an active chapter of the Osher Life-Long Learning Institute (OLLI). There are OLLI organizations at colleges and universities all across the country. Some of you may remember in 2012 when Barbro Osher was awarded an honorary degree at commencement. She and Bernard Osher created OLLI as a way to encourage people of our age to remain active—mentally, socially, and physically. Each campus OLLI is funded in part by an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation and in part by the chapter members' dues and fees. Each OLLI offers courses of study, but they are classes with no required reading, no tests or essays, and no academic credit--they are learning for the joy of learning.

I enrolled in my first OLLI class shortly after my last semester of teaching, fourteen years ago, and since then I've been taking classes. For the past four years, I've also been offering classes. (It's all the joy of sharing what you know but without blue books and term papers to grade!) The classes are of varying length. Some meet only one time for two or two and a half hours; others meet once a week for six weeks, also in a two or two-and-a-half hour time block; and there are two-week and three-week variations. Some meet in person and others are by Zoom.

OLLI also offers other learning experiences. There's an annual trip to Ashland to the Shakespeare Festival. This year, the highlight will be *Macbeth*. I'm especially looking forward to that play--a year or so ago, I read Ngaio Marsh's last mystery, *Light Thickens*, which is set around a production of *Macbeth*. Reading it sent me to my bookshelf to find my volume of Shakespeare's plays from when I was an undergraduate.

OLLI members can also take part in interest groups, for example, hiking, poetry, adventuring (local field trips), or conversation in either French or German. *Vistas and Byways* literary magazine produces an bi-annual online volume of creative work by OLLI members.

SF State emeriti are involved in the organizational structure of OLLI. Carol Langbort is currently president of the OLLI Council. Rufus Browning recently served as president. I've been on the council the past few years and am on the course development committee.

I think that you all are likely to find something of interest in OLLI, either taking a class, joining an interest group, or teaching a course. You can find out more online: <https://olli.sfsu.edu>.

Retirement Association Elections

Every November, at our Fall Membership Meeting following lunch, we hold an election for officers. All officers have two-year terms, and half of the officers' terms expire each year.

This year, the following officer's terms are expiring:

President, Bob Cherny

Secretary, Sheila McClear

Board Members, Greg Antipa, Elogeanne Grossman, Jim Kelley

The following officers will continue:

Vice-President: Russell Kilday-Hicks

Treasurer: John O'Shaughnessy

Board Members: Irene Donner, Jim Kohn, Dan McGough, Jim Van Ness, Donna Ryan, Don Zingale

We do not have term limits, so all those whose terms are expiring are eligible to be re-elected or to be elected to another office.

We also have two appointed members of the Board of Directors, the Communications Director, Kay McGough, and the Events Director, Zelinda Zingaro. The immediate past president, currently Richard Giardina, is automatically a member of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the president and secretary, we are hoping to elect at least five members of the Board of Directors, but we can elect up to seven.

Please give serious thought to serving in this way or to persuading one of your friends to do so. Thank you for doing your part to keep your organization moving ahead. If you would like to serve as an officer, or if you would like to nominate someone to serve as an officer, please contact a member of the nominations committee:

Russell Killday-Hicks, rkildayhicks@gmail.com

John O'Shaughnessy, jshaun@sfsu.edu

Jim Kohn, kohnsf2@gmail.com

Our By-Laws define the duties of these officers this way: The president shall be the chief elected officer of the Association and is subject to the control of the Board of Directors. The president presides at the meetings of the Board of Directors and the membership. The president shall recommend appointments to special committees, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

The secretary shall serve as a recording secretary for the annual business meeting and the meetings of the Board of Directors. The secretary shall perform those duties as called upon by the president.

The Board of Directors shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Association, its committees and publications; shall determine the policies and procedures; shall actively carry out its purposes; shall supervise the disbursements of its funds; shall recommend bylaws amendments to the membership; shall be responsible for the interpretation of these bylaws; and shall approve the budget.

The board meets four times a year, by zoom, so you don't have to leave home to attend a board meeting.

Special Delivery

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James T. Smith
Professor Emeritus of Mathematics

Downsizing at a certain age after retirement, one considers leftovers from youthful pursuits. I was a stamp collector. I didn't want to relive that activity, so my wife inspected masses of stuff and donated most of it to charity. She found an odd item: a letter from Dexter Franklin to Corliss Archer in an envelope with a special-delivery stamp postmarked 2 April 1954 but never



opened, with a notice of arrival. She asked, was that a special stamp? No, but it certainly reflected a special event in that year. I had been drafted into the cast of my ninth-grade class play, *Meet Corliss Archer*, at Hayward Junior High School in Springfield, Ohio. The previous

semester, my English teacher, Mrs. Berger, had taught me to orate by dressing me as Abraham Lincoln—she thought that artificially bearded I'd resemble him—and having me re-enact his Gettysburg Address for a school assembly. Corliss should teach me even more tricks that I'd need later in life. The play was based on a book and popular radio/TV serials about teenagers. Mrs. Berger cast me as Corliss's father Harry, like Lincoln a lawyer.

A notice of arrival of registered mail form. The form is from the U.S. Post Office, Form 3549, Rev. 5-53. It is for registered mail number 35405. The addressee is Corliss Archer. The form is dated 4/2/54. The form is signed by Harry Archer. The form is postmarked 1954 APR 2 10 11 AM. The form is received by the addressee.

In the play, Corliss's boyfriend Dexter invites her to their school prom by sending her a special-delivery letter. We needed a prop, an authentic letter. My father provided it. He was the dead-letter clerk at the post office, who processed all undeliverable mail. He put a blank sheet in an envelope with an address like that in the play, and sent it registered to Corliss with a special delivery stamp. That address did not exist in Springfield, so of course the letter eventually came back to him at the post office! He provided it for the play.



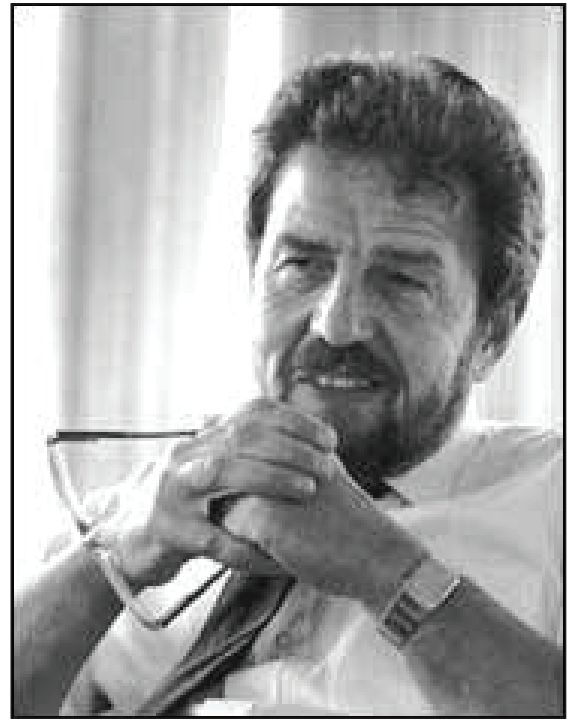
Acting in junior-high school certainly taught me delivery techniques that I used throughout my career as a professor, and something else very special: how to handle acute public embarrassment. Not just as Lincoln, but as Harry Archer. At the end of the play, I had to kiss Mrs. Archer, with a flamboyant swooping gesture, front and center. A special delivery for Mrs. Archer, too!

Robert Corrigan

Robert Corrigan 1935 – 2024

In 1988, Robert Corrigan became the twelfth president of San Francisco State. He served in that position for the next twenty-four years, until 2012. For most of us in the Retirement Association, he was president for more than half our time at SF State. He died on July 5 of this year.

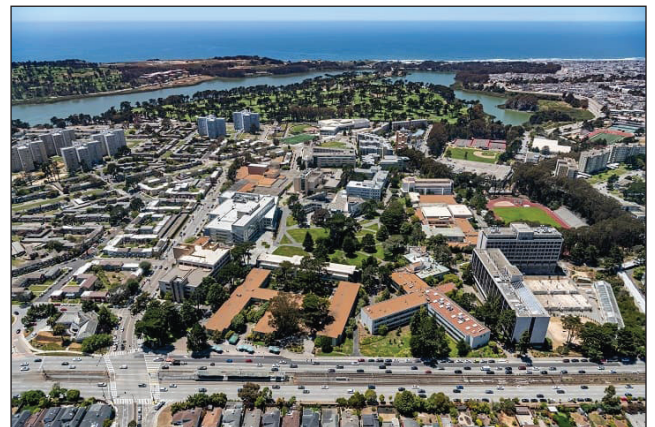
Corrigan was the first in his family to graduate from high school. He received his BA from Brown and his MA and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania, in American Civilization. He came to SF State from leading the University of Massachusetts, Boston, where he had been instrumental in bringing to that campus the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.



During the final years of his SF State presidency, Corrigan's two vice-presidents had both started at SF State in entry-level positions. John Gemello, who served as provost, began as a lecturer in Economics, and Leroy Morishita, who served as administrative vice-president, began in student services.

John Gemello provided these thoughts about Corrigan's service at SF State: "Bob Corrigan came to SF State with the mission of making San Francisco State the leading public urban university in the country. He understood the role of an urban university, bringing a commitment to civic engagement and putting the University at the heart of San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area. He also understood the importance of an engaged faculty. He enthusiastically backed the joint Academic Affairs, Academic Senate, and CFA plan to normalize the "three course load" for faculty as a means to support scholarship efforts of existing faculty and the hundreds of new faculty hired during his presidency."

Leroy Morishita offered this remembrance: "Bob Corrigan and I had some 'battles' early in his tenure but ultimately we both earned each other's respect and admiration. I appreciated the opportunity that I had to work with him in the transformation of the university working together with his cabinet through crises, acquiring adjoining properties, developing a physical master plan, and dealing with the great recession as best as possible." Morishita later served as President of CSU East Bay and as interim president at CSU Los Angeles.





Dennis Beall, 95, Emeritus Professor of Art, died peacefully on September 9, 2024. He was a renowned printmaker, educator, curator, administrator, avid birdwatcher and traveler. Born on March 13, 1929 in Chickasha, Oklahoma and served in the U.S. Navy for three years. While in the Navy he attended the Electronics Material School on Treasure Island and following his service returned to Oklahoma State University. Moving to San Francisco in 1953 he completed a BA and MA in Art at San Francisco State. Serving briefly as registrar at the Oakland Museum of California he became curator of the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts in San Francisco. Joining the Art Department faculty at SFSU in 1965 as an Assistant Professor he was promoted to Associate in 1969 and Professor in 1976, retiring as an Emeritus Professor in 1992. Beall's career included 25 solo exhibitions and participation in over 200 exhibitions internationally. His prints are included at the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Library of Congress, the New York Museum of Modern Art among numerous museums as well as in collections at many colleges and universities. He first married Miriam "Mimi" Robbins in 1958 and they had one son Garm. Years later, after meeting Pamela Conley on a birdwatching trip, they married in 1981. Together they spent many wonderful years chasing birds and traveling. He is survived by his wife Pam, his son Garm, his daughter-in-law Gina Thornburg, and his grandson Taylor Beall. No services are planned.

Jane Bernard-Powers, Professor Emerita and Chair of the Department of Elementary Education from 1990 to 2010, died July 15 at the age of 82.

Irene Bobak, Professor Emerita of Nursing and Dean of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development. Appointed 1991, emerita since 2008. M.S. in Library Science, University of Illinois, Ph.D. in Curriculum, Instruction and Administration, Boston College. Died February 2, age 78.

James G. Edwards, Professor Emeritus in Design and Industry from 1985 to 2009, died June 9 at age 79 in his beloved Thailand where he retired to after 23 years of teaching at SFSU. He then went on to travel with Rick Steve's Tours 26 times. They were both 6'5". Jim was an active member of Epsilon Pi Tau, the International Honorary for Professions in Technology, becoming the Trustee for the Beta Beta Chapter in DAI, now the School of Design, and later as Western Regional Director appointed by Tom Dean, Chairman of the Board for EPT, a long time Dean, at Long Beach State who knew Jim from his work there. Jim became Chair of the University Academic Senate, a first for a Design and Industry faculty member, he Chaired the University Faculty/Staff Club, and other school/university committees. Jim also developed the Bachelor of Science in Technology degree program, when he arrived on campus in 1985, working in conjunction with Dr. Wan-Lee Cheng, Department Chair and other faculty. Jim was a Visiting Professor at Chung Yuan Christian University for several Summer Sessions, where he taught Engineering Materials.

Nathan Hare, Lecturer and first chair of Black, now Africana Studies in 1968 — first such program in the U.S., died June 10 at age 91.

CeCe Landoli, Professor Emeritus in Design and Industry from 1990 to 2007, died July 10 at 76 with her husband, son and beloved sister at her side. Dr. Landoli dedicated 26 years of outstanding academic service in Higher Education, including 15 years as a Professor in the School of Design, formerly Design and Industry, two years as the DAI Department Chair, two years as an Assessment Coordinator at SFSU, and as Research Manager for the Center for Public Policy Research at UC Davis.



Remembrances

Sandra Luft was born Sandra Rudnick in Los Angeles on July 22, 1934. Sandra, known in her first two decades as Sunny, discovered young her love of books and used to crawl under her bed to read. After graduating from Los Angeles High, she worked her way through an undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley, graduating in 1956 with a double major in Philosophy and English Literature. She went on to Brandeis University, receiving her Ph.D in the History of Ideas (1962). In 1962 she was hired by the interdisciplinary Department of Humanities at what was then San Francisco State College, where she taught for 55 years.

When she retired in 2017 at the age of 83, hers was the longest teaching tenure of anyone in the history of SFSU. An early postmodern thinker, her teaching and research emphasized the work of Nietzsche, Heidegger, and Arendt. It was a life-long passion for 18th century Italian philosopher Giambattista Vico that really defined her scholarship, and about whom she published a book, *Vico's Uncanny Humanism: Between Modern and Postmodern* in 2003.

Sandra had a stroke in 2021 and went to live with her daughter in Seattle. She died on July 13, 2024, 9 days before her 90th birthday. She is survived by her two children, Rachel E. Luft and Josh Luft.

William J. "Bill" Mason passed away on July 15th in San Francisco at the age of 98.

Bill was in the first graduating class at Abraham Lincoln High School where he met his wife, Janice; they were married for 74 years. Bill served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

Bill earned a BA degree in business administration from Cal Berkeley, a General Secondary Teaching Credential and a Master's degree from San Francisco State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics from the University of Iowa. Bill and Janice came back to San Francisco and he became a beloved economics professor at SFSU from 1958 to 1994, retiring as an Emeritus but continuing to teach part time for many more years. Bill also served in administrative roles in the CSU system. He was the vice president of academic affairs at Stanislaus State and also at SFSU and then went on to be an assistant vice chancellor at the Chancellor's Office.

Bill unselfishly gave of himself and served as president of SFSU Alumni Association, president of the Lincoln Alumni Association, and president of our Retirement Association for five years from 1986 to 1991. He also volunteered for years to bring back to the U.S. and restore the last surviving WWII Landing Craft Ship, LCS 102, which is now a National Museum and memorial at Mare Island in Vallejo. Bill hosted a tour of the ship for Retirement Association members.

Bill was an extremely warm, positive, energetic and dynamic person with a great sense of humor. He is survived by his wife Janice, a long-time member of the University Women's Association. A memorial service and celebration of life will be held on October 12th at 10:30am at Bill's home church, West Portal Lutheran in San Francisco.

They are survived by two sons, John and Thomas, who are graduates of SFSU's Design & Industry department, and a daughter Janine.

I've just finished reading a book about the world's greatest basement... It was a best cellar.

It's my first week working at the bicycle factory and they already made me a spokesperson.

My laptop caught pneumonia, apparently because I left Windows open.

I thought swimming with dolphins was expensive until I went swimming with sharks... It cost me an arm and a leg.

The main function of your big toe is to make sure all the furniture in the house is in the right place.

Horses have lower divorce rates. It's because they are in stable relationships.

It's pretty obvious that if I run in front of a car I will get tired but if I run behind a car will I get exhausted.

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them you just wait.

90 % of bald people still own a comb; they just can't part with it.

Every morning I get hit by the same bicycle... it's a vicious cycle.

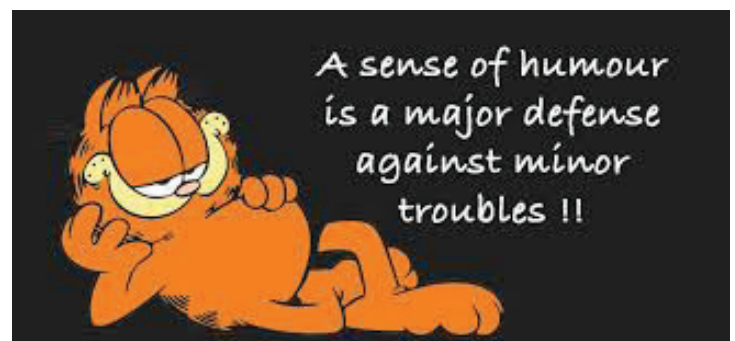
The word incorrectly is spelled incorrectly in every dictionary.

I've been experimenting with breeding racing deer. People have accused me of just trying to make a fast buck.

The other day I yelled into a colander and I strained my voice.

What do you call a row of rabbits hopping backwards?... A receding hare line.

Always trust nudists... they have nothing to hide.



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What Have YOU Been Up To?

Now it's your opportunity to share some news of your travels and activities with our members. Please send your account to Irene Donner at: iredonner@gmail.com. If you have photos, please send them as separate jpg files. We eagerly look forward to your participation. It will appear in the next GRG.

Donate to the SFSU Retirement Association

The San Francisco State University Retirement Association welcomes contributions to support the Travel Grants program. We invite donations to this very worthwhile program. Donations are tax deductible.

NEW! Donations can now be made online by debit and credit cards or by check.

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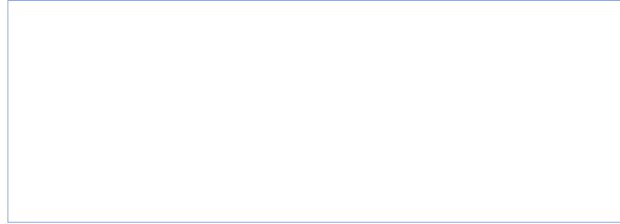
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If donating by check, make a check payable to the SFSU Retirement Association and on the memo line indicate it is for the Travel Grants Endowment Fund. Send your check to our treasurer at the address below:

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