



## THE UCB RETIRED FACULTY ASSOCIATION December 21, 2020 Update

Dear Colleagues,

As indicated in our July 5, 2020 update, the COVID-19 crisis did put our plans for 2020 on hold. We had anticipated offering a Fall 2020 schedule of events, but circumstances did not allow us to do this in the manner anticipated. However, we used the time to expand the UCBRFA “transitional” executive committee<sup>1</sup> to provide creative approaches to the COVID-19 limitations. Based on the efforts of the committee members, we are pleased to report that the UCBRFA has a full slate of events planned for the Spring 2021 semester. Details of these events are available on the UCBRFA website, <https://www.colorado.edu/retiredfaculty>, which is maintained with the support of the Office of Faculty Affairs’ staff. The website also provides useful information regarding resources as well as other items of interest for campus retirees.

- **Distinguished Faculty Seminar Series:** We are inviting distinguished faculty members on the Boulder campus to give presentations based on their and their students’ scholarly work. The objective is to provide audiences with a knowledge of faculty commitments to research, instruction, and student mentoring and the value of their studies to our society. The first virtual seminar will be presented by Professor Daniel Baker, the Director of the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP), on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM (MST). His seminar will be held virtually via Zoom.

A second presentation will be given by Professor David Korevaar from the College of Music, at a date in February to be announced. Kim Malville and Bob Grossman are coordinating this series. Additional presentations are scheduled for March, April and May. In addition to retirees, this series will be available to active faculty, students, CU administrators, alumni, members of the Board of Regents, and Boulder community members.

- **Research Award Program:** UCBRFA will be seeking proposals in support of retiree research and scholarly work. Further details about this research award program (including proposal guidelines, deadlines, and levels of financial support) will be announced in the near future. The resources available for the year 2021 will enable a CU system-wide competition as well as one for Boulder campus retirees only. Jim Alleman will coordinate this program.
- **Discussion Group series:** Professor Allan Franklin will facilitate a series of discussion groups based on scholarly topics with assigned readings as well as issues of overall importance to retirees. It is anticipated that the first of these discussions will occur in February, again more details soon to follow.
- **Opportunities to mentoring elementary school students participating in a science fair:** The PTO of the Douglas Elementary School in Boulder, Jan Cartwright, has requested mentoring assistance for students participating in a science fair. She states, “The students’ curiosity is a highlight of the fair for me. For example, one year, my daughter’s project was; *Are rabbits right-pawed or left-pawed?* since she noticed that the tracks in the snow varied. Another student, whose family owns a farm, created a goat-powered generator!” If you are

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<sup>1</sup> The “transitional” executive committee comprises Jim Alleman, Laura Border, Margot Crowe, Allan Franklin, Alan Greenberg, Robert Grossman, David Kassoy, Kim Malville, Jerry Peterson, Stein Sture. The committee is supported by Ka Yong Wolff, campus liaison for the association and staff member at the Office of Faculty Affairs.



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interested in providing assistance or would like more information, please e-mail David Kassoy at [David.Kassoy@colorado.edu](mailto:David.Kassoy@colorado.edu).

- **Spring Business Meeting:** The Executive Committee members anticipate organizing a virtual business meeting in March or April with the objectives of approving initial bylaws and electing members for officer positions in the UCBRFA. The goal is to have the new officers and the bylaws in place by July 1, 2021. Please refer to the UCBRFA website for the latest information.
- In addition to these 2021 Spring Semester activities, committee members are working to expand the portfolio of benefits and services that encourage and enable active participation in the UCBRFA. We encourage you to check the UCBRFA website regularly to keep updated on the latest developments.

Best wishes for the new year,  
UCBRFA Executive Committee Members