

The Emeriti News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From NEO President & Newsletter Editor [Jeff Garrett](#)

On November 12, 2022, **Provost Kathleen Hagerty** hosted a festive reception and dinner for new emeriti in the White Auditorium of the Kellogg Global Hub, an event you will read more about in this issue. I was grateful to be given the opportunity to speak to these guests about NEO. Here is an excerpt from those remarks:

“Good evening, emeriti classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022! First, let me thank you for the infusion of youth you bring to the Northwestern Emeriti Organization, which incidentally you have all been automatically inducted into! Let me tell you a little bit about NEO, your new organizational home.”



“Northwestern is unique in the Big Ten not only as its sole private-university member, but also in hosting an organization exclusively for its emeriti faculty—rather than for all retirees. This is the Northwestern Emeriti Organization, or NEO. There are no membership dues: NEO enjoys the full fiscal support of the Office of the Provost. That we are not a general retiree organization means we can specifically target the interests of retired faculty and their partners rather than those of all retirees. We don't offer discounted Cubs tickets nor do we organize cruises in the Caribbean. We *do* organize talks and tours to keep our members up to date on cutting-edge research being conducted at Northwestern in all its many facets

and disciplines. In recent years, we have expanded our attention to the sciences, engineering, and medicine through visits to the Simpson Querrey research facility on the Chicago Campus and talks by nationally and internationally known Northwestern scientists, among them [John Rogers](#) of Biomedical Engineering and [Rick Silverman](#) from Chemistry. This year, our theme has been human memory, both individual and societal. We have hosted or will soon be hosting experts like **Ken Paller** and **Marsel Mesulam** to discuss memory—and forgetting—at the *individual* level. At the *societal* level, we



Provost's Reception and Dinner for New Emeriti, November 12, 2022. Photo credit: Michael Goss. A complete photographic reportage of that evening is [in this issue](#).

have had a panel of former NU undergrads from 1968–72 discuss photography as prosthetic human memory, focusing on the new **Jim Roberts photo archive** documenting the turbulence at Northwestern in those years, and **Leslie Harris** speaking on America's selective memory of its original sin of slavery."

"By the way, we don't say that retiring faculty *transition* into emerita or emeritus status, we say they are *elevated* to it—kind of like being invited into Parnassus or admitted, whilst still living no less, to the Elysian Fields. And we are grateful to the Provost's Office for recognizing that joining the emeriti is a natural part of the trajectory of successful career, and decidedly not the end of it. And so we look forward to having you come join us—if you haven't already. We're here for you."

PROVOST'S CORNER

BY CELINA FLOWERS, ASSISTANT PROVOST FOR FACULTY

Northwestern University welcomed [President Michael Schill](#) as its 17th President in the Fall. We are eager to support President Schill in his leadership of the university and look forward to finding an opportunity to introduce him to the Northwestern Emeriti Organization in the coming months.

On November 12, the Provost welcomed faculty who retired and were appointed to emeritus/a service during the past three years, in 2020, 2021, and 2022. This special dinner event was scheduled because the opportunity to recognize new emeriti faculty has traditionally taken place during the President's Commencement dinner, but that was paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The dinner was a lovely celebration of the long careers and notable contributions of our emeriti faculty, and an opportunity for guests to catch up with colleagues and friends. Read more about this event in the [report](#) on the gala evening from the provost's office, or see the coverage—with numerous photos of attendees and their guests—in the current issue of this newsletter, [below](#).



Provost Hagerty welcoming new emeriti at the November 12 dinner. Photo Michael Goss

I know that many of us, myself included, are grateful for the opportunity to once again be together for these types of events. As we look forward to the coming spring and longer days, I hope many of you will consider attending a NEO event or proposing an idea for a new social or interest group.

POST-PANDEMIC ZOOM MOBILITY FINALLY ARRIVES FOR NEO



NEO's new hybridization equipment packed up and ready to travel.

After months of honing specifications and evaluating suppliers, NUIT came through for us with an impressive and affordable mobile hybridization package. It includes high-quality audio equipment and an amazing Panasonic camera, plus mixing equipment to allow for input both from a speaker at a lectern and commentary/questions from an audience, all within the context of an online Zoom meeting. With a little training, NEO members can operate the system themselves—and the whole array is mobile, as you see here:

either wheelable to a nearby location or fittable into a

compact SUV for transport to more distant venues—like the Happ Inn in Northfield, venues for mini-courses, or other places where NEO members like to gather away from campus.

On December 13, **Mike Curtis**, NUIT's Technical Project Manager for Special Events, gave a small group of eager learners an introduction to the new equipment. He or a different NUIT colleague will be there to help us at our first events in January but the current plan is that he will then be handing everything off to us.

Mike Curtis making sure that NEO tech team member Steve Carr has the right drivers to run Zoom meetings from off-campus meeting venues.



And—by the way—we are still looking for a few good NEO members who would like to learn how to use this equipment and deploy it at NEO events both on and off campus. And our thanks once again to the NU Alumnae for accepting our grant proposal; and to NEO past president **Erv Goldberg** for having had the idea for this package in the first place.

OUR SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHER ATTENDS THE NEW EMERITI FACULTY DINNER CELEBRATING OUR NEW EMERITI COLLEAGUES



The Kellogg School of Management's Global Hub was the glorious, almost pharaonic setting for the Provost's dinner welcoming the three newest classes of emeriti—of 2020, 2021, and 2022—to their new status. In her remarks, **Provost Hagerty** stated that “[t]he appointment to emeritus status recognizes Northwestern’s gratitude for your service and our institution’s desire that, even as our very best faculty members retire from full-time service to the University, they formally remain a part of our outstanding academic community.” Following her remarks and those of Associate Provost **Sumit Dhar** and NEO President **Jeff Garrett**, psychologist [Dan McAdams](#) offered some encouraging insights for new emeriti looking back on an active career of research and teaching. Invoking [Erik Erikson’s concept of “ego integrity,”](#) McAdams urged “the acceptance of one’s life as something that has been, and continues to be, good,” and the recognition that “one’s life is a gift that has been bestowed” upon each of us.¹

On that positive note . . . here are a few pictures from that evening, with thanks to the Provost’s Office for sharing them with us! All photos: Michael Goss.



McCormick emeritus Joe Schofer (r.) greeted upon arrival by Sumit Dahr, Northwestern’s Associate Provost for Faculty



Cocktail hour before dinner: M. Christine Stock (l.) with Tom Krejcie and Valerie Krejcie, all Feinberg

¹ For readers interested in a broader treatment of Dan McAdams’ thought on this topic, see his recent article “Beyond the Redemptive Self: Narratives of Acceptance in Later Life” in the *Journal of Research in Personality* (October 2022), [linked to here](#). (Northwestern credentials required for access.)



From l.: School of Communication emeritus James Webster, NEO board member (and Feinberg emeritus) Bob Tanz, with Debra Webster and Jill Tanz



Carlisle Herbert (l.), husband of NEO board member Mary Dedinsky, Ellen Shearer (facing away), with Medill Dean Charles Whitaker



Librarian emerita Shoshanah Seidman seated between fellow emeriti Raymond Krizek (l.) and David Seidman



Dan P. McAdams urging us all to accept life as we have lived it

REPORTS ON NEO EVENTS (MEMORY SERIES 2)

Ken Paller on Memory, Sleep, and the Unconscious



Ken A. Paller, professor of psychology and director of Northwestern’s cognitive neuroscience program, spoke on October 20, 2022, to 35 NEO members and their guests gathered for lunch on campus—additionally more than 30 others attending via Zoom. He described himself as both a memory researcher and a dream researcher and then posed a thought experiment: What might you report if I asked you now what you did this morning?

Ken Paller speaking to NEO members on October 20 in/from the Northwestern Room of Norris.

What if I asked now what you did on October 2? Attendees

nodded as he predicted that we could tell him “a ton” about today—but much less about October 2. Some memories stick with us, but some “seem to drift or get very hazy,” he said, even among people with no serious memory problems.

Prof. Paller then discussed amnesia—a severe loss of memory for past events—and showed two illustrative videos. One focused on a former electronics engineer who had suffered a brain injury leading to *circumscribed amnesia*. “Circumscribed” means, here, that everything else about his cognition was fine. He could copy complex drawings, repeat a list of words, master a laptop computer, remember details of his childhood—but had trouble forming new memories. Most striking in the video was that he kept repeating himself, seemingly unaware that he had just said the same thing.

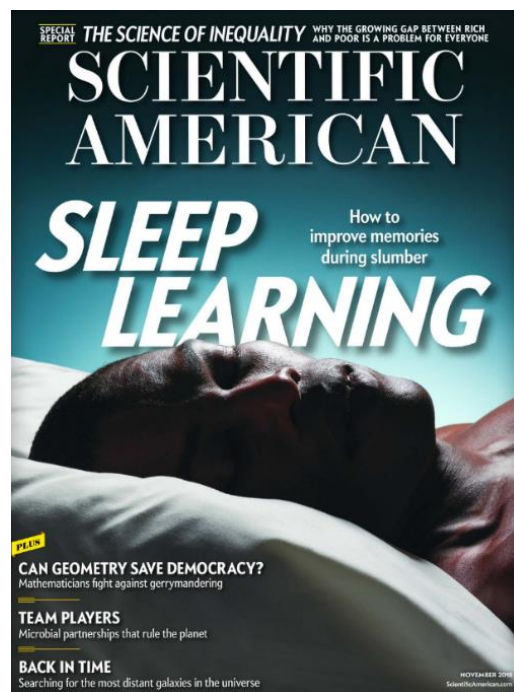
Later, Paller described some types of memories that are formed normally in people with amnesia, memories that we all have but don’t know we have. One fascinating phenomenon: Events we don’t remember consciously can still affect our behavior, leading us, for example, to identify something more quickly if we’ve seen it before or avoid situations in which we previously experienced pain.

But what determines whether we remember something? Our speaker emphasized that practice is key. Want to remember the name of someone you just met? Use the name right then and repeat it later, too. As you reactivate the memory—this name goes with this person—the memory becomes more likely to endure. He then transitioned to recent findings that have brought media attention: Memory reactivation happens during sleep!

The Paller lab has developed methods to reactivate and strengthen memories. Volunteers learn a set of facts while awake, are reminded of some while asleep, and are then tested when they wake up. An example: Participants see a series of 50 objects on a screen and hear an associated sound for each. Their task is to learn each object’s position on the screen. Participants then go to sleep in the lab and hear the sounds associated with some of the objects. If an object is cued in this way, participants can better remember its screen location when they wake up. The same thing happens if the experimenter quietly whispers the name of an object to the sleeping person. This works only in slow-wave sleep (SWS) not in other phases.

The lab has also discovered ways to have simple conversations with people who are sleeping but have been trained by researchers to communicate using eye movements. While asleep in the lab volunteers were given simple math problems (e.g., 8 minus 6), spoken aloud. They gave correct answers, while still asleep, using their eyes. So, said Paller, we now know that people can hear questions, think about them, and convey their answers, all while remaining

Cover of Scientific American, November 2018, giving top billing to Paller’s research linking sleep and memory being conducted at Northwestern’s Paller Lab.



asleep. He speculated about other questions to ask so that, for example, we can learn more about dreams.

Attendees then heard about other possible applications of sleep research, including current collaborations with Buddhist monks and nuns. And then came a slide with a long list of collaborators. It was striking to this former psychology department member that many members of the department faculty were on the list. Clearly many of Prof. Paller’s colleagues find his research intriguing and relevant to their own work, and he is clearly open to sharing knowledge and building connections across labs. NEO members felt fortunate to have him share his research with us. He gave us much to think—and perchance to dream—about.—[Joan Linsenmeier](#)

Ed. note: Did you miss Ken Paller’s talk? It’s not too late to [watch the recording](#).

REPORTS ON NEO EVENTS (MEMORY SERIES 3)

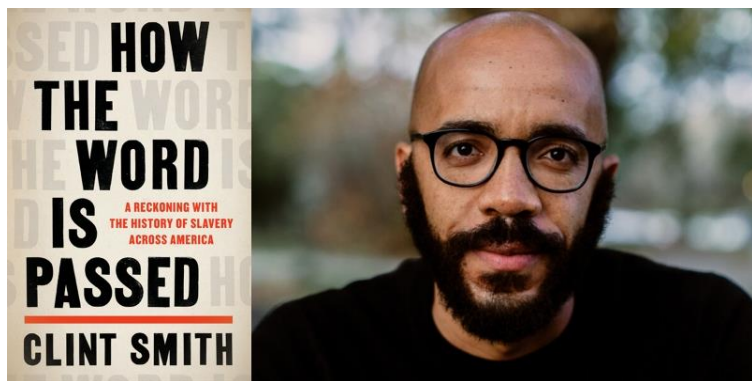
LESLIE HARRIS ON THE HISTORY AND MEMORY OF SLAVERY IN AMERICA



On December 1, Northwestern’s [Leslie M. Harris](#), professor of History and African American Studies, presented “How the Word is Passed: On the History and Memory of Slavery in the U.S.” to over 60 NEO members both in-person and via Zoom. Professor Harris’ presentation, based on Clint Smith’s book and this year’s One Book, One Northwestern selection—[How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America](#)—caused attendees to think deeply about how they have thought of slavery

throughout their lives, how viewpoints change, and the impact academia has on our collective conscious.

[U. B. Phillips](#), known as the “Father of Slavery Studies” in the early 20th century, positioned slavery in economic terms, romanticizing plantation life, and ultimately ignoring the voice of slaves and their descendants. While thinkers of the day, like W.E.B Du Bois and Mary White Ovington (a founder of the NAACP), disagreed, his teachings were widely accepted into the 1960s. In the ‘60s, the Civil Rights Movement, fueled in part by a backlash to the [Moynihan Report](#), was when historians really began to rewrite the history of slavery—finally considering the words of the enslaved. Today, Professor Harris is part of a group of diverse historians that includes Ira Berlin, Deborah Gray White, and Brenda Stevenson who are asking the widest range of questions on the subject.



Harris engaged the group by asking thought-provoking questions about their own memories. One of the attendees mentioned the difference in visiting Thomas Jefferson’s home, Monticello, in the 1960s versus today. The focus, then, was on Jefferson as founding father and writer of the Declaration of Independence. Today, their experience was very different,

highlighting the slave experience and Jefferson also as a slave owner. Harris pointed out that Clint Smith mentions Monticello in his book as an example of a place that is helping to change the narrative by tackling these tough realities head on. These types of change are due to the work of historians like John Blasingame, George P. Rawick, and Herbert Gutman in the 1970s and ‘80s.

In closing, Harris, who is this year’s Faculty Chair of the [One Book, One Northwestern](#) project, closed the presentation by crediting Smith with being generous in his writing and seeking to understand all the facets of the issue. She encouraged all of us to work to “stay in relationship” through difficult conversations with our peers on slavery, race, and its legacy.

We were also happy to welcome several special guests to the event in Guild Lounge: the project coordinator of One Book, One Northwestern, **Nancy Cunniff**, along with **Carol Willis**, the new president of [The Alumnae of Northwestern University](#), with whom NEO works in many interesting ways.—[Gina Prokopeak](#)



The discussion was lively following Leslie Harris’s talk. (Our reporter Gina Prokopeak is in the background managing the Zoom chat on her laptop.)

Ed. note: If you were not able to attend the event in person or via Zoom, you can tune in to see and hear Prof. Harris’s entire talk [here](#).

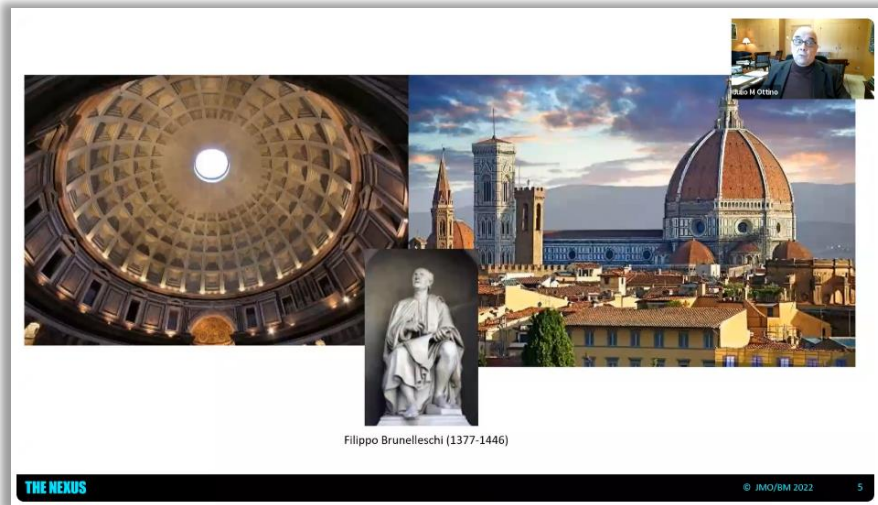
A VIRTUAL BREAKFAST WITH RETIRING MCCORMICK DEAN JULIO M. OTTINO

A NEW APPROACH TO THE RECONCILIATION OF ART AND SCIENCE

Dr. Julio M. Ottino, Dean of the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, gave a fascinating and provocative lecture to NEO on Thursday, December 15, via Zoom. His remarks were based on his new book, *The Nexus: Augmented Thinking for a Complex World: The New Convergence of Art, Technology, and Science* recently published by MIT Press and presented in [“The Emeriti Bookshelf”](#) later in this newsletter.



Dean Ottino began his remarks by recalling a time when art and science were more united. He then asked: why did they separate? And when did they come back together again? For example, key thinkers of the Renaissance were generalists able to create beauty with appreciation of the science required, even if the details of the science had yet to be delineated. For example, Brunelleschi designed the dome



Filippo Brunelleschi (1377-1446)

Dean Ottino's slides were frequently visually stunning, echoing the beautiful design of his new book. Reproduced with permission.

of Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence (Il Duomo) with input from architects and studies of structures like the Pantheon in Rome. Similarly, Harriot and Galileo produced detailed drawings and watercolors of the moon based on their observations with optical tubes, forerunners of the telescope.

Over time, professionals in many fields have become more focused on specific aspects of the art-technology-science spectrum, fostered by the money made available as the technology has developed. This was characterized by Dr. Ottino as putting on one pair of glasses—but then putting on a *second* pair. What happens then? The modern world will need thinkers who appreciate the art in science and the science in art.

Ottino distinguished among chaotic, complicated, and complex systems. He noted that in *chaotic* systems, outcomes can be unpredictable, even illogical. In complicated systems, there are many pieces

Lessons from Complex Systems



- Simple behaviors can produce complex outcomes
- Complex outcomes may have simple explanations
- Small actions can result in large consequences
- Chaos and order can coexist → Complementarity
- Organization can emerge without central control

many of which are understood individually, though not when they interact. A unique aspect of complex systems is that they can produce outcomes that are logical in retrospect but were not expected at the outset. One example: many people designed the manifold pieces that formed the internet, but no one individual designed the whole. A key is to see the

simplicity in complexity and to envision the evolution of simpler things to higher levels. How do a myriad individual fishes become a highly organized school? How do single neurons ultimately become a brain?

Dr. Ottino explained that we also need to understand the modes of thinking involved in artistic development (characterized by constant reinvention), technology (continual adaptation and disruption), and science (built on the past, infrequent disruptions). Demands of the present world have led to increasing integration of disciplines. “Boundaries are blurring, technology is permeating all areas of society, social responsibility and social justice drive change”—among other forces. This is the “manifesto” behind the new book which emphasizes the need to augment thinking and to learn to master the complexities we face.—[Kathy Rundell](#)

Ed. Note: For those who missed it live, [here](#) is the recording link, which will remain active for a few months.

NEO-EPL MINI-COURSES UPDATE

EMILE OKAL ON THE DEVASTATING POWER OF TSUNAMIS

On two days this past fall, October 11 and 18, NEO colleague [Emile Okal](#) gave the first mini-course of the current academic year on the premises of Evanston Public Library. About 60 Evanston residents—



The scene at Evanston Public Library: Everyone seated at least three feet apart!

including several NEO members—participated. The first session was in person only; for the second, we were reasonably successful making the class hybrid, and about 15 participants switched to Zoom. In the first class session, Prof. Okal covered the general topic of tsunamis: what they are, what they can do, and what the role of the scientist is in studying them. In the second session, Okal chose several specific case studies from over the course of his professional career, examining which new facets of science, engineering, and social response each of these

events have taught us. Among these: Sumatra 2004 and Japan 2011, but also challenging, less known cases such as Nicaragua 1992 and whatever comes out of our ongoing research into Tonga 2022—which was a very different event from the others, as it involved the largest volcanic eruption on Earth in over 160 years.

Prof. Okal said of his experience: “The mini-course on tsunamis was a very fulfilling experience as it included the challenge of outreach to a community with diverse interests, ranging from a general audience to participants obviously highly trained in the physical sciences. It was particularly rewarding to have a number of young attendees in the room, down to junior-high age. The question-and-answer sessions also expressed the genuine interest of the audience, both in the flesh and on Zoom. I am particularly grateful to NEO, EPL and its staff, and of course all participants, for this opportunity, which I greatly enjoyed.”



Emile Okal conversing after class with one of his students. Note the striking poster advertising this mini-course, incorporating the famous “Great Wave” of Japanese artist Hokusai, developed with input from Prof. Okal, on an easel in the background.

Our next mini-course will be taking place just as this issue goes to press—we will report on it in greater detail in our March issue. NEO’s instructors will be Prof. emer. **Dr. Barbara J. Deal**, collaborating with **Dr. Stephen Devries**, Director of the educational **Gaples Institute** for Integrative Cardiology, Deerfield, IL, to present “Diet, Heart Health, and Living a Full Life.” Dates are Wednesday, January 18 & 25, 2023, 6–7:30 p.m. Hybrid: Virtual via Zoom and in person at Evanston Public Library. You may still be able [register](#) for the second session, depending on when you are reading this! Or as an emerita or emeritus you can just [Zoom in without registering](#)—we won’t tell!

Our third and final mini-course for this academic year will feature Prof. emer. **Richard Kieckhefer** speaking on “Sacred Places: What Gave London, Paris, and Florence Their Allure?” on two Tuesdays, April 18 & 25, 2023, 6–7:30 p.m. Hybrid: Virtual via Zoom and in person in the Community Meeting Room, Evanston Public Library. Registration opens in February 2023. More information in our March issue!

EMERITUS PORTRAIT

“ . . . THE RUNAWAYS WERE AMONG THE BRAVEST ”

Steven Lubet, Edna B. and Ednyfed H. Williams Memorial Professor of Law, recently joined the ranks of Northwestern emeriti after a long and distinguished career, having first taught law at Northwestern as a visiting assistant professor in 1975—and taught it ever since. His areas of focus include professional responsibility, trial advocacy, and legal ethics. He served as the Director of the Fred Bartlit Center for Trial Advocacy, Northwestern University School of Law, until his retirement. Among his many accomplishments, one that stands out is his textbook on trial advocacy, which is now in its 6th edition and has spun off a number of successful satellite works—including the standard *Canadian* textbook for trial law, now in its 4th edition.

Editor Jeff Garrett spoke with Steve Lubet for *The Emeriti News*:

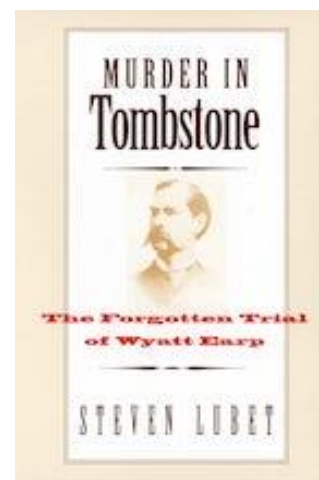


The Emeriti News: Just to cut to the chase: what were your main duties these last few years at the law school?

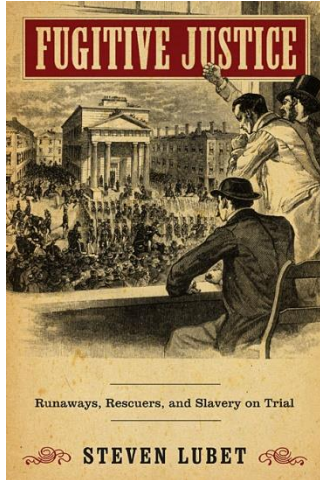
Steve Lubet: I maintained a full teaching load right up to my last day. I tried to retire from the Bartlit Center a couple of years ago, but the pandemic made it virtually impossible to search for a successor, so I kept that job as well. I’ve continued teaching my signature course—Narrative Structures: Law, Literature, Journalism, Film—this academic year, and will probably teach it again next year. I actually developed the course about 20 years ago for the WCAS Comparative Literary Studies program, so maybe I will teach again in Evanston someday.

TEN: Your books cover many topics, perhaps none so frequently addressed as the issue of race in America during the Civil War period. Where does this interest come from—and when do you find the time to do all that research?

SL: It will probably seem odd, but my interest in abolitionist lawyers grew out of my book *Murder in Tombstone: The Forgotten Trial of Wyatt Earp* (Yale, 2006), which I initially conceived as a platform for exploring the development of advocacy techniques. Well, it turned out that the story of the famous gunfight and subsequent murder prosecution of the Earp brothers and Doc Holiday was a lot more interesting than just the lawyering maneuvers.



That got me thinking about other political trials in the nineteenth century, which led to trials under the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. It did not take much research to realize that the so-called runaways were among the bravest people of their era, and the lawyers who represented them were sort of a proto-civil



rights bar, which led me to write *Fugitive Justice: Runaways, Rescuers, and Slavery on Trial* (Harvard, 2010).

It's probably a common experience, but I finished the first book with some left-over research that didn't fit, so I turned that into the second book, which of course also had left over research. And so the third book . . .

TEN: What has been your most successful book? (I'm assuming it is your textbook?)

SL: *Modern Trial Advocacy* (6th ed., NITA/Aspen, 2020) has sold over 150,000 copies since it first came out in the 1990s.

TEN: You are also a fearsome polemicist in many debates about contemporary issues, among them the ethics of social science research and anti-Semitism at American universities. You now also write regularly for *The Hill*—most recently, I believe, about [the legal advice the Trump Organization gave Cassidy Hutchinson](#) before her congressional testimony. What is it that you enjoy about entering into these debates?

SL: I began writing op-eds and popular essays about 30 years ago, when I was outraged about a police brutality incident in Chicago. The response was really rewarding—and immediate—in a way that scholarly writing is not. I kept it up on-and-off over the years, writing more op-eds when I was between books, and fewer when I was under contract with a publisher. (I have never missed a due date.)

One of the great things about retirement is that I am now writing only about issues that matter to me personally, not just intellectually: professional and [judicial ethics](#), [antisemitism](#), [racism](#), and [ME/CFS](#) (myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome), a poorly understood and often discounted and

disrespected disease that I have lived with since 2006.



Lubet speaking to Northwestern students (and local police) during a demonstration on the Evanston campus, late 1960s. Courtesy Steven Lubet.

TEN: Your name came up a couple of times during our [event](#) last September introducing the Jim Roberts Photography Archive, now [online](#) at NU Archives. Your old comrade in arms, NU emeritus **Jeff Rice**, spoke at that event. How do you feel about your activism on campus during those years?

SL: Yes, I was an SDS activist at NU in the 1960s. For the most part, I am proud of our opposition to the Viet Nam war, though of course we had

many excesses. (Hey, I was 17–21 at the time.) The one thing I most regret is our opposition to NROTC, which was a tactical, cultural, and political fiasco for which I hereby apologize.

TEN: And are you working on a new book? If so, please say more!

SL: Nope, no more books. Seventeen is plenty.



Left: Several of Steve Lubet's more recent books. From a Google search "steven lubet books in order."

TEN: If you don't mind us prying: What book or books are you currently reading?

SL: I just finished Walter Russel Mead's *The Arc of a Covenant*, about the history of the U.S. and Zionism, and Jon Meacham's new Lincoln biography. I also read and [reviewed](#) Nina Totenberg's memoir of her totally unethical relationship with Ruth Bader Ginsburg. I am currently reading Jeremy Dauber's *American Comics: A History*. I have ordered (from Bookends and Beginnings) Ryan Prior's *The Long Haul: Solving the Puzzle of the Pandemic's Long Haulers*, but it has not yet arrived.

TEN: Here's hoping it arrives soon! Thank you for this conversation.

Ed. Note: See a presentation of *The Trials of Rasmea Odeh* (2021) in "[The Emeriti Bookshelf](#)."

Upon a Local Bookstore A Sonnet by John Wright²

*Wherein the Poet's Wife's Cousin, Who Has Started a Thriving Local
Business, Is Faced with an Unexpected Challenge*

Her cousin's place is *Bookends and Beginnings*,
An independent, local, small, bookstore.
It's been the cause of endless joys and grinnings
'Mongst serious readers all over the North Shore.

² The author of this sonnet, emeritus since 2002, was John Evans Professor of the Latin Language and Literature and chair of Northwestern's Department of Classics for 20 years. His wife is Writing Program emerita Ellen Wright, who is the cousin of Nina Barrett, the owner of the bookstore mentioned in the poem. To aggravate the conflict of interest even further, the aforementioned bookstore owner is the wife of the editor of this newsletter.

Its alley, and its twistings and its turnings,
Fill customers with unexpected bliss,
While authors here can supplement their earnings
With readings, yes, of poetry, like *this*.

But her cousin's had a call that leaves her troubled.
She's told a new landlord has bought the place,
And this means the rent will now be *doubled*.
She has to find a new and cheaper space.

It's an outrage. What to do? Any suggestions?
We'll be happy to try and coupletize the best ones.



*The poet, reading aloud, with
his daughter Jen, ca. 1970.
Photo courtesy of John and
Ellen Wright.*

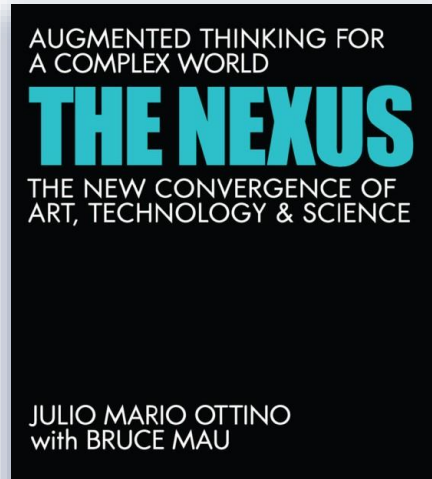
THE EMERITI BOOKSHELF

This column draws attention to recent books published by Northwestern emeriti—fiction as well as non-fiction—especially titles of interest to general audiences. We also include older works by emeritae/-i featured in this newsletter, as well as interesting works by non-emeriti who have spoken at recent NEO events. Unless another source is stated, these books may be purchased directly from local independent bookstores—many of which, largely as a result of the pandemic, now have robust and efficient e-commerce sites—or from [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org), [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), [Barnes & Noble](https://www.barnesandnoble.com), [Indiebound](https://www.indiebound.org), as well as other online sources.

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Julio Mario Ottino with Bruce Mau. **The Nexus: Augmented Thinking for a Complex World: The New Convergence of Art, Technology, and Science.** Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2022. 360 p. with 120 color illustrations, 30 b&w illustrations. Hardcover ISBN 978-0-26204-634-3. \$44.50.



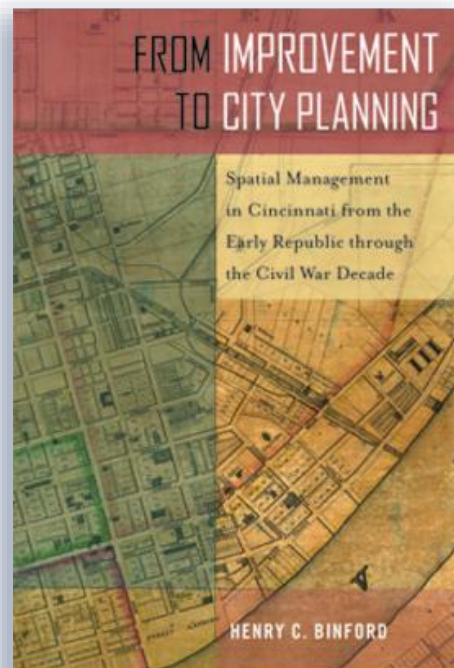
This book was the product of many years of discussions between **Julio Ottino**, the outgoing dean of Northwestern's McCormick School of Engineering, and his co-author, renowned designer **Bruce Mau**, a distinguished fellow of Northwestern Engineering's Segal Design Institute and cofounder and CEO of Massive Change Network. It was therefore no surprise to learn following Dean Ottino's talk to NEO members on December 15 that Drs. Ottino and Mau are neighbors in north suburban Winnetka. Like many other books from MIT Press, this one is a visual feast. Nearly every page has an illustration that underscores the art in science and the science in art. The beauty of this book has been noted by several reviewers representing a wide variety of artistic, technical, and scientific disciplines. As NEO colleague **Holly**

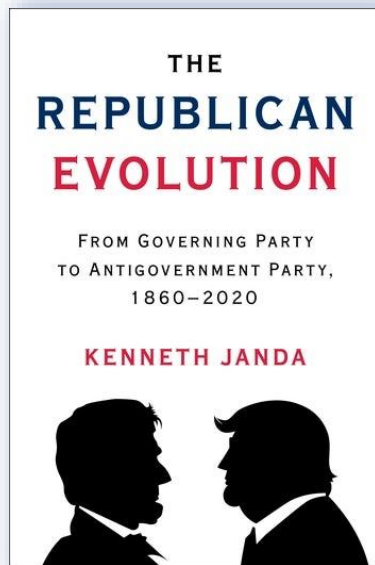
Clayson writes, "Ottino's *The Nexus* lays out new approaches to conquering the differences and healing the conflicts between the fields and practices of Art, Technology and Science. For Ottino, the key term is COMPLEXITY."

See **Kathy Rundell's** [report](#) on Ottino's recent presentation to NEO earlier in this issue or see the [publisher's description](#).

Henry C. Binford. **From Improvement to City Planning: Spatial Management in Cincinnati from the Early Republic through the Civil War Decade.** Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2021. 358 p. Hardcover ISBN 978-1-43992-084-8. \$125.00.

Prof. Binford spoke recently (and exclusively) with *The Emeriti News* about his new book: "*From Improvement to City Planning* provides a 'pre-history' of urban planning in the United States. Many accounts of planning history treat it as a response to the explosive growth of mid-nineteenth century industrial cities, growth which prompted efforts to create water and sewer systems or to build large public parks. I found that salient features of American planning emerged earlier, as extensions and innovations in thinking about and manipulating city space in the early republic. Cincinnati, Ohio, before the Civil War the largest and most important city in the deep interior of the nation, offers a window on this history. By 1850 influential Cincinnatians had articulated proposals and legal rationales for comprehensive city planning. Between 1850 and 1870 their efforts revealed the power, limits, and consequences of those rationales."





Kenneth Janda. **The Republican Evolution: From Governing Party to Antigovernment Party, 1860–2020.** New York: Columbia University Press, 2022. 344 p. Hardcover ISBN 978-0-23120-788-1. Also available as a paperback (\$30.00) and an e-book (\$29.99).

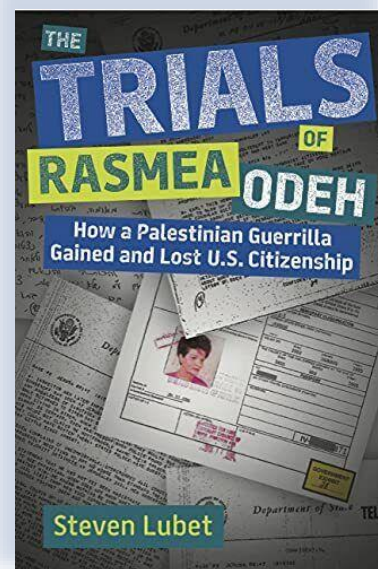
From the [publisher's description](#): “The Republican Party was founded in 1854 to oppose slavery and its spread to new territories and states. Today, under the sway of Donald Trump, it is hardly recognizable as the party of Lincoln or even the party of Eisenhower. How and why has the Republican Party changed so drastically?”

The author exclusively to *The Emeriti News*: “My book differs from all others on the Republican Party in its evidence. Retired and living in snowy Minnesota, I passed the fall and winter of 2020–21 extracting planks from all 41 Republican Party Platforms since 1856. The book is based on 2,722 planks, which I use to document the GOP’s passage from Nationalism, to Neoliberalism, to Ethno-centrism—the last era beginning with Barry Goldwater in 1964. It also analyzes the GOP as a political party, an electoral team, a social tribe, and a personality cult.”

Steven Lubet. **The Trials of Rasmea Odeh: How a Palestinian Guerrilla Gained and Lost U.S. Citizenship.** Fairfax, VA: George Mason University Press, 2021. Hardcover ISBN 978-194269-525-7. \$34.95.

From the [publisher's description](#): “On February 21, 1969, a bomb exploded in the largest supermarket in Jerusalem. The blast killed two and injured many more, triggering an intense search for the terrorists behind the plot. Israeli security forces quickly apprehended, tortured, tried, and eventually convicted twenty-one-year-old Palestinian Rasmea Odeh for murder. Twenty-five years later, however, Odeh was not serving a life sentence in an Israeli prison but instead starting a new life in the United States, first in Detroit and later in Chicago, eventually becoming a naturalized citizen and working as a community organizer.”

Author Lubet to *The Emeriti News*: “It’s the story of a convicted Palestinian terrorist who falsified her visa and naturalization applications, only to be discovered and deported many years later. Using sources that were never discovered by either the prosecution or defense attorneys in her immigration fraud trial, I show that she was [indeed guilty](#) of a deadly supermarket bombing in Jerusalem, but also that she was tortured into providing a (true) confession by brutal Israeli interrogators. The project brought my exploration of political trials into the twenty-first century.”



PASSINGS

Column Editor [George Harmon](#)

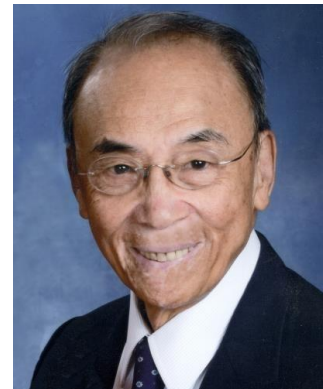
Note: We list Passings in alphabetical order, and we publish them each quarter as we learn of the news. Please keep us informed of such events, readers, and don't be shy about adding your own observations about our beloved emeriti.



Michael Altman, 84, an associate dean and pulmonary faculty member at Feinberg from 1985 to 2010, died September 18, 2022. He earned undergraduate and medical degrees at Penn, served in the Air Force in San Antonio and Thailand, and then worked on the faculties of Temple and Ohio State, where he became director of OSU's computer-based Independent Study Program. During a research fellowship in pulmonary diseases at Pitt, he studied hypoxemia and diving reflexes in harbor seals. He used to pick them up and return them to the zoo. As an NU associate dean he emphasized problem-based learning into the curriculum and designed and implemented the medical informatics computer classroom.

In retirement he traveled to the Arctic and Antarctica, rescued three greyhounds, and attended and lectured on opera. [Obituary](#).

Herbert SuYuen Cheng, 92, of Northbrook, a leader in researching tribology, the science of wear, friction, and lubrication, died October 24, 2022. As Walter P. Murphy Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Cheng applied his theories in projects such as the NASA Space Shuttle, domestic and foreign car industries, nuclear-powered submarines, and medical joint replacement. After emigrating from China in 1949, Cheng earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan, a master's from IIT and a PhD from Penn. He worked in the private sector and at Syracuse University before joining Northwestern. Cheng met his future wife Lily at the University of Chicago's International House, and they eventually spent 69 years together, raising a family of four children and traveling. Cheng was passionate about Beijing-style opera, Chinese cooking, fishing, and sports. [Obituary](#).



Leon Diamond, 98, director of graduate education in psychiatry at the medical school and then director of in-patient psychiatric service at Northwestern Memorial, passed away June 22, 2022, at The Clare retirement community in Chicago. After a boyhood encompassing stickball and roasting potatoes in the streets of Brooklyn, he joined the Navy in World War II, went into an accelerated program at the



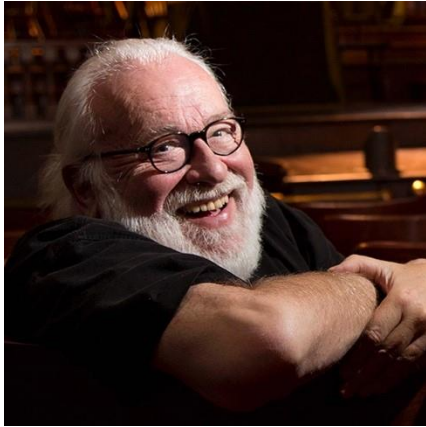
University of Louisville and completed his M. D. in 1946 at age 22. Then he went to Red Jacket, West Virginia, in general practice for a coal company, often pumping a hand car on the rails to see patients. He was recalled by the Navy in the Korean War and eventually joined U. of I.'s school of medicine, joining NU in 1969. In retirement he played duplicate bridge, joined the Monday "Beer Club" with his best friends at the Clare, taught English to a Japanese post doc, and regularly held court with his triplet granddaughters. Leon was an iconic patriarch whose greatest accomplishment was his steadfast presence in being a profound listener, guide, counsel, and sage to his family and friends. [Obituary](#).

Erl Dordal, 94, a gastroenterology professor at the medical school for nearly 52 years, died May 11, 2022. He had been on the contributed services faculty, which is for physicians in private practice. Born in a Lutheran parsonage in North Dakota, at 18 he was the hired man for a farm that had no electricity and no plumbing. Erl started at Concordia, was drafted, became a radar instructor, then enrolled at the University of Chicago, where he also completed a medical degree and became a faculty member. He continued as a faculty member at the University of Chicago Medical School until 1969, working on research related to the liver. Then he moved to the VA Lakeside Hospital as chief of gastroenterology. During retirement he studied Egyptology, working as a docent at the Oriental Institute and learning Egyptian hieroglyphics, and tutored at an adult literacy program in Hyde Park. [Obituary](#).



James J. Foody III, 71, who retired in 2019 and was vice chairman of medicine and a practitioner in internal medicine and geriatrics, died Oct. 25, 2022. During more than 20 years on the faculty, he won a reputation as a good-humored leader of keen intellect and strong faith. Jim studied biochemistry at UIC and then earned a medical degree at the University of Chicago, where he completed a residency in internal medicine. After a service obligation to the National Health Service, he joined the faculty at Chicago, where he was chief of general internal medicine and medical director of the university's physicians group. Residents at Northwestern gave him the Roy Patterson Award for teaching excellence. In 2014 they elected him to the teaching hall of fame for the department of medicine.

He was the 2013 recipient of the Laureate Award of the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Physicians. [Obituary](#).



Frank Galati, 79, award-winning stage director and a faculty member in the Department of Performance Studies from 1973 to 2006, died January 2, 2023. Beloved for his teaching on campus and on stage, he earned his bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Northwestern. Frank had an enormous impact on theater in Chicago and beyond. He was nominated for an Academy Award for adapting *The Accidental Tourist* and won two Tonys for adapting *The Grapes of Wrath*, which originated at Steppenwolf Theatre. He directed *Ragtime* and *The Pirate Queen* on Broadway, as well as dozens of productions in Chicago and elsewhere. Chris Jones of the *Tribune* called him “perhaps the most influential Chicago theater artist the city has ever seen. And . . . perhaps the most generous of spirit.” After retiring Frank moved to Sarasota, Florida, where he joined the Asolo Repertory Theatre. [Obituary](#).

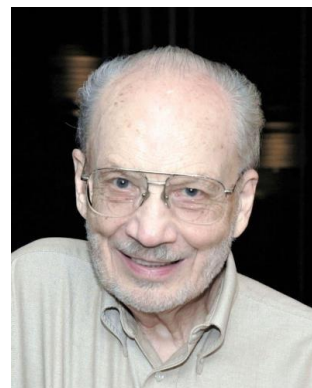
Lawrence Joseph Henschen, 78, professor of electrical and computer engineering, passed away suddenly January 8, 2023, at Evanston Hospital. He was an expert in web-based programming for wireless sensor network nodes, visual interfaces for program development, energy harvesting, universal access in human-computer interaction, and automated reasoning with applications to heterogeneous databases. A prolific researcher who also won teaching awards, Larry was the chair of computer and information studies at Weinberg from 1980 to 1996 and associate dean of students at the graduate school from 2000 to 2009. He also served a term on the board of the Northwestern Emeriti Organization. Born in Joliet, he earned his bachelor's, master's, and PhD degrees at the University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign. He is survived by his companion of more than 25 years, Julia Chung Lee, who was his frequent co-author. [Obituary](#).



Yuri Manin, 85, an early pioneer of quantum computing and Board of Trustees Professor of Mathematics at Northwestern from 2002 until 2011, died January 7, 2023. Earlier he was a professor (algebra chair) at the Moscow State University (1965–1992) and Director of the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in Bonn (1995–2005). His interests included algebraic geometry, diophantine geometry, logic, mathematical physics, and quantum computing. He made fundamental contributions to the study of abelian varieties, formal groups, the Mordell conjecture for function fields, algebraic differential equations, arithmetic topology, gauge theory and mirror symmetry. The Gauss-Manin connection is essential in the study of algebraic varieties. In gauge theory he is well-known for the Atiyah-Drinfeld-

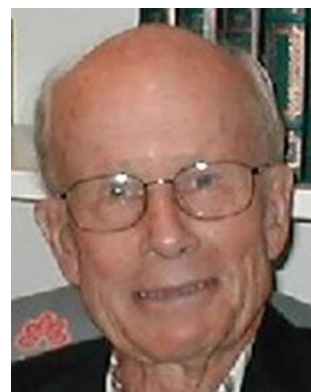
Hitchin-Manin construction of instantons. He was born in Crimea and received a doctorate in 1960 at the Steklov Mathematics Institute as a student of Igor Shafarevich. [Obituary](#).

Alexander J. Muster, 93, a pediatric cardiologist at Children's Memorial Hospital from 1961 until his retirement in 1998, passed away peacefully March 7, 2021. He was an authority on pediatric cardiology and published 114 peer-reviewed papers. Alex was born in Krmelj, Slovenia, and spent most of his early life in Ljubljana, where he earned his medical degree and practiced until 1958. He immigrated to the United States the next year. He was an esteemed colleague and teacher to many. An avid runner, Alex completed 20 marathons, his best time being 3 hours and 15 minutes. He was also a bike rider, a classical pianist and a fan of Chicago's jazz clubs. [Obituary](#).



Robert J. Oakes, 86, of Wilmette, a professor of physics and astronomy, passed away May 9, 2022. He concentrated on several areas of particle theory, calculating the decay constants of beauty and charmed mesons, and studying heavy-quark systems (including rare decay modes). More recently he focused on investigating processes relevant to the Large Hadron Collider and the International Linear Collider. Good-natured and amiable, Bob was known for his commitment to students' learning. He was an Alfred P. Sloan fellow, a Fulbright-Hays Distinguished Professor, a fellow of the American Physical Society, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a recipient of the Science Prize of China. His doctorate was from the University of Minnesota. [Obituary](#).

Ralph L. Westfall, 104, a marketing professor and a World War II combat veteran, passed away on October 25, 2022, at Westminster Place in Evanston. Born in Fort Collins, Colorado, he went to Colorado State, then to Northwestern for his master's and PhD degrees in business. He served in the Army from 1941–45 in the Pacific, receiving the Bronze Star with an oak leaf cluster, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with battle stars for the Solomon Islands and Philippines, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with battle star. He retired from the reserve in 1977 as a colonel. After World War II, he returned to Northwestern (1946–75) as a professor of marketing research, then department chair and associate dean of academic affairs at Kellogg. Ralph then became dean of the business school at UIC from 1975 to 1985 where he developed its master's degree program. He consulted at business schools in Egypt, France, India, Indonesia, South Africa, and Venezuela. [Obituary](#).





James S. T. Yao, 87, a brilliant surgeon and one of the fathers of the modern vascular laboratory, died December 20, 2022, in Chicago. Born in Guangzhou, China, Jimmy did most of his growing up in Macau. He returned to China before medical school and, seeing the political turmoil there, went instead to Hong Kong. He attended medical school in Taiwan and then trained at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, earned a PhD in London, and joined Northwestern in 1972. His thesis in London was related to his experiments using Doppler to study patients with peripheral vascular disease. This led to the now-common ankle-brachial index, a fundamental invention for vascular surgery. Yao established the first blood flow laboratory in Chicago. Jimmy’s writing skills and research led to more than 300 articles in scholarly journals, 200 textbook chapters and 50 academic books. [Obituary](#).

THE EMERITI CALENDAR

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| Monday, January 23, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. CST | Executive Council Meeting |
| Wednesdays, January 18 and 25, 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. CST | Winter Qtr: EPL & NEO Mini-Course. Prof. emer. Dr. Barbara J. Deal with Dr. Stephen Devries , Director of the educational Gaples Institute for Integrative Cardiology present “Diet, Heart Health, and Living a Full Life.” In-person & Zoom, Evanston Public Library Main. To participate in the January 25 session (if there is still time), connect here! |
| Monday, February 27, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. CST | Executive Council Meeting |
| Monday, March 27, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. CDT | Executive Council Meeting |

Tuesdays, April 18 & 25, 6:00p.m.–7:30 p.m. CDT	Spring Qtr: EPL & NEO Mini-Course. Prof. emer. Richard Kieckhefer presents “Sacred Places: What Gave London, Paris, and Florence Their Allure?” In person & Zoom, Evanston Public Library Main.
Monday, April 24, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. CDT	Executive Council Meeting
Thursday, May 11, Time/Place TBD	NEO Memory Series V. Speaker: Jeffrey Garrett , NEO President & Librarian Emeritus, on “Monasteries, Memory, and Modernity: The Violent End of Monastic Libraries in Europe”. In person and Zoom.
Thursday, May 4, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. CDT	NEO Tour: Shirley Ryan Ability Lab , 355 E Erie St, Chicago. In-person Event. Details forthcoming.
Monday, May 22, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. CDT	Executive Council Meeting
Monday, June 26, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. CDT	Executive Council Meeting

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