

## **EMERITUS – April 2025**



**An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association**

### **\*\*\* MEETING ATTENANCE \*\*\***

**Still looking for any suggestions that we can do differently to interest our members in attending meetings? Our speakers usually give talks for about 40 minutes and then a Q&A.  
Thanks. Joel Rosenthal**

### **ZOOM MEETING:**

Our next meeting is Friday, April 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. This will be virtual meeting using ZOOM. Information will be sent to your Stony Brook emails a few days prior to the meeting. Meeting information is also listed below.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/94946083070?pwd=O7tnQJyiEWsFSRdgnAA3Cdv7p9LXaD.1>**

**Meeting ID: 949 4608 3070**

**Passcode: 040837**



**SPEAKER:** Our guest speaker will be Adryan Wallace, Africana Studies

**BIO:** Dr. Adryan Wallace's research interests include gender, political economy, Islam and the dynamic interactions of politics and culture on political institutions. The majority of her work focuses on how Muslim women in West Africa are able to articulate their development interests within the context of Sharia law and secular political institutions. Her current book project analyzes the ways that Hausa women in Kano, Nigeria and Tamale, Ghana, use their non-governmental (NGO) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to challenge the economic roles ascribed to them by the state and to mobilize politically around gender issues. Prior to joining the Department of Politics and Government, she was the Jackie McLean Fellow at the University of Hartford 2012-2013. She completed her dissertation with the support of a Ford Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship 2011-2012 and conducted ten months of field work in Nigeria and Ghana after being awarded a Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship 2010-2011.

**Topic:** “TBD”



## **IN MEMORIAM:**

### **Anthony I. Rizzuto (1937-2024)**

Tony Rizzuto, long-serving member of the French cohort of Modern Languages and an active participant in the Italian Studies Center and its programs died last summer. Tony came to Stony Brook in 1968, when Stony Brook was still working to figure out its future and its mission and he worked his way up to professor when he took early retirement I 2002. His work on Campus –especially *The First Man* was well received in both Europe and the U.S. A friend who contributed to the obit notice also called attention to his devotion to the Smithtown Bridge Club, no mean achievement for a retired faculty member. *Written by: Jo Fusco & Joel Rosenthal*)



**SAVE THE DATES: (First Friday of every month)**

Here is a preview of our last speaker of the semester.

May – Lori Flores, History

**CAMPUS EVENTS:**

Tuesday, April 4, 2025:

**Art Crawl**

(Free guided tours of diverse art galleries - join at any point on the tour!

Wang Center

11:00 – 2:00 PM

Tuesday, April 8, 2025:

**A Film Screening and Panel Discussion: "Amplifying Authentic Immigrant Experiences via Drama and Film"**

5:00 PM - Humanities, Room 1008

*Contact: Adrienne Unger 631-632-9983*

Monday, April 14, 2025:

**Emerson Legacy Series – Goerke/Watkins**

*(The next concert in the Emerson Legacy Series features former Emerson String Quartet cellist Paul Watkins and famed soprano Christine Goerke in an exciting and unique classical and cabaret program.)*

Staller Recital Hall

7:00 PM

Sunday, April 27, 2025:

**Sakura Matsuri: Cherry Blossom Festival**

*(\$20 Senior Admission includes all film viewings, workshops, and theater presentations.)*

Charles B. Wang Center

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM





UUP numbers include faculty, professionals, and librarians. They give some idea of the scope of public education as an employer in NY State and of where Stony Brook stands in the larger picture. In the SB UUP bargaining unit there are 2975 people, and in the SB-HSC unit, 5871. In addition, there are 329 non-union members on main campus, 760 for HSC. For SB main campus UUP members the division is 2480 full time, 495 part time. And when we come to RETIREES – main campus, retirees 494: HSC, retirees – 944. SB main campus is the 3rd largest unit in the system, following SB HSC and SUNY Buffalo. We are a bit above Downstate Medical and SUNY Binghamton. *Written by Joel Rosenthal*



### **Participate in "Documenting COVID-19: Stony Brook University Experiences"**

Stony Brook University Libraries announced the establishment of “Documenting COVID-19: Stony Brook University Experiences,” a new digital archive project to collect, preserve, and publish the institutional history of Stony Brook University. The archive will primarily be formed from submissions received directly from students, faculty, staff, and alumni that document life during the COVID-19 pandemic. Interviews, first-hand accounts, written narratives, photographs, and more will be important sources to consult in the future to study, interpret, and derive meaning from this historic time period. Members of the Emeritus Faculty Association are invited and encouraged to participate in the project. For more information, please visit: <https://library.stonybrook.edu/special-library-initiatives/documenting-covid-19/>

### **Participate in the Faculty Emeritus Documentation Project**

**In return for the light labor of arranging the calendar of speakers I claim the right to be a nag. Each month the SB Emeriti newsletter includes a plea for you to go to the Old Stony Brook memory project on the web site run by and preserved in the Melville Library’s Special Collections. To date, only 19 retired SB faculty have filled out the forms designed to let you talk about the early days at SB and your retrospective views, both about what you expected (or were told) when you came and what you now have to say, looking back, on the experience. The**

responses are an open document and this paragraph is designed to make you feel guilty if you have not bothered to fill out the questionnaire. You can remedy this.

### Joel Rosenthal

In an effort to document and preserve the unique and varied experiences of the university's emeritus faculty, a questionnaire has been designed to elicit the personal reflections of faculty members':

- impetuses for accepting academic positions at Stony Brook University.
- early experiences on the campus.
- views on the evolution and growth of the institution.
- contributions to departments and to the university.
- interactions with academic and administrative leadership.
- views on the institution's role in the community (local and wider).
- assessments of the university's mission and successes as a research university.

Your participation is vital to documenting Stony Brook University history.

Access information about the project and the questionnaire at:

<http://www.library.stonybrook.edu/special-collections-university-archives/university-archives/>



### Emeritus Faculty Association (EFA) Member Updates:



**We are still on our search for new Steering Committee Members! Please contact [Joel.Rosenthal@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Joel.Rosenthal@stonybrook.edu) for more information.**

The Provost's Office has updated the EFA's member list! Below is the link for the updated contact information for all members. Please look and let us know if you notice any out-of-date or incorrect information about yourself or a colleague, please contact us at [provost@stonybrook.edu](mailto:provost@stonybrook.edu) with any changes. Please remember, we are **only** using your Stony Brook emails.

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/emeritus/members.html>

Visit our website: To visit our website, go to the University website at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/emeritus/index.html>. It always contains the latest emeritus news (click on "Next Meeting"), a list of members' email addresses, a list of officers, newsletter archives and many other useful links.

