

EMERITUS – March 2023



An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association

ZOOM MEETING:

Our next meeting is Friday, March 3, 2023 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.

Topic: Emeritus Mtg (Zoom)

Time: Mar 3, 2023 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/93534712414?pwd=M3NDR0dvSnpKRDNiazc2U2ZPUFlIQT09>

Meeting ID: 935 3471 2414

Passcode: 769130

SPEAKER: Our guest speaker will be **Timothy August**, Department of English.

Bio:

Timothy K. August is an Associate Professor of English at Stony Brook University. He received his Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Minnesota. He specializes in critical refugee studies, diasporic Vietnamese literature, World Literature, theories of food and eating, and Asian American studies.

Topic: "Of Boats and Bodies: Reading the Refugee Image"

The refugee is conventionally considered a powerless figure, eagerly cast aside by both migrant and host communities. In his book, *The Refugee Aesthetic*, Timothy August investigates how and why a number of Southeast Asian American artists and writers have recently embraced the figure of the refugee as a particularly transformative position. He explains how these artists, theorists, critics, and culture-makers reconstruct their place in the American imagination by identifying and critiquing the underlying structures of power that create refugees in the contemporary world.

August looks at the outside forces that shape refugee representation and how these expressions are received. He considers the visual legacy of the Southeast Asian refugee experience by analyzing music videos, graphic novels, and refugee artwork. August also examines the power of refugee literature, showing how and why Southeast Asian American writers look to the refugee position to disentangle their complicated aesthetic legacy.

Arguing that “aesthetics” should be central to the conceptualization of critical refugee studies, August shows how representational structures can galvanize or marginalize refugees, depending on how refugee aesthetics are used and circulated.

SAVE THE DATES:

Here is a preview of our upcoming speakers.

April: Gary Marker, History

May: Carl Lejuez, Provost

CAMPUS EVENTS:

Saturday, March 4, 2023: **Staller Center Gala – American Ballet Theatre**
Staller Center Main Stage 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 16, 2023: **Stony Brook SBDC virtual workshop: Avoiding Scams, Cyber Safety and ID Theft Prevention**
9:00 AM

Register at:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejl4dehx5251ace5&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Saturday, March 18, 2023: **STORMLARGE at Staller Center**
Staller Center Main Stage: 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 25, 2023: **Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra**
Staller Center Main Stage: 8:00 PM

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

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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/>

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Emeritus Faculty Association (EFA) Member Update:

The Provost's Office has updated the EFA's member list! Below is the link for the updated contact information for all members. Please take a 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 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.

