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EMERITUS – May 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 last meeting of the Semester is Friday, May 2, 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/91837513031?pwd=jzmbabAbzISter1EawpI7cGRQktZq8.1>

Meeting ID: 918 3751 3031
Passcode: 810479



SPEAKER: Our guest speaker is Lori Flores, Department of History

BIO:

Lori A. Flores is Associate Professor of History at Stony Brook, where she teaches courses in Latino, labor, immigration, food, and borderlands history. She is the author of *Grounds for Dreaming* (Yale, 2016) and *Awaiting Their Feast: Latinx Food Workers and Activism from World War II to COVID-19* (UNC, 2025).

Topic: "Latino Labor, Hunger, and Strategies in Northeastern Foodscapes, 1990 to the Present"



IN MEMORIAM:

Peter Koch:

Peter M. Koch, Emeritus Professor of Physics and Astronomy, died Mar. 16, 2025 from complications related to Alzheimer's disease. Peter joined the Stony Brook faculty in 1981. His research focused on the properties of highly excited atoms (Rydberg atoms) in which the electrons are pushed to very large distances from the nucleus. Such atoms allow sensitive tests of quantum mechanics and have recently been used as the basis for quantum computers. Koch served as Chair of Physics and Astronomy from 2005 – 2009 and as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1995 – 1996 (for physical sciences and mathematics) and from 2003 – 2005 (for operations and budgets). *Written by: Paul Grannis*



SAVE THE DATES: (First Friday of every month)

Next Semester List TBD

CAMPUS EVENTS:

- Friday, May 2, 2025: **Workshop – Bonsai Basics: Cultivating your first tree by Robert Mahler**
(Free guided tours of diverse art galleries - join at any point on the tour!
Wang Center East Hall
11:00 – 12:00 PM;
(\$15 for Seniors - Limited to 20 people per session. Advance reservation is required.)
- Saturday, May 3, 2025: **Paul Taylor Dance Company**
Staller Center Main Stage
8:00PM
- Wednesday, May 7, 2025: **URECA celebrates Undergraduate Research & Creativity!**
Student Activity Center – Ballroom A&B
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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 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 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.



Wishing you all a wonderful
summer!! See you next
Semester!

