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EMERITUS – November 2023



An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association

ZOOM MEETING:

Our next meeting of the Semester will be Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11:00 am. We will continue to do these meetings via Zoom. Information will be sent to your Stony Brook emails a few days prior to the meeting. Meeting information is also listed below.

<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/92657543941?pwd=dVRnVzhraINQdIYvZ3ZrVkRWdXdwQT09>

Meeting ID: 926 5754 3941

Passcode: 121193



Our guest speaker will be Joshua Dubnau, Department of Neurobiology & Behavior

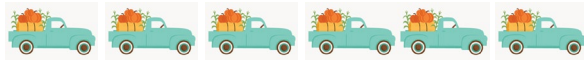
BIO:

Josh Dubnau is a Professor at the Stony Brook School of Medicine, with a joint appointment in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Neurobiology and Behavior. He also serves on the scientific advisory board of Transposon Therapeutics. As a PhD student, he studied *Drosophila* developmental genetics with Gary Struhl at Columbia University (1989–1995) and then did postdoctoral training on *Drosophila* memory formation with Tim Tully at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1995–2002). He spent a baker's dozen years on the faculty at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory before moving to Stony Brook School of Medicine in 2016. His current research focus is on the role of mobile retrotransposable elements on both normal brain aging and age-related neurodegenerative diseases.

His research has helped to uncover a likely role for retrotransposons in neurodegenerative disorders, such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and frontotemporal dementia. He uses the Swiss-Army-knife-like toolset of fruit flies to uncover mechanisms by which neurodegeneration spreads from cell to cell in the nervous system via what he calls a ‘transposon storm’.

TOPIC:

The enemies that lie within our genome: endogenous viruses and neurodegenerative disease.



SAVE THE DATES: (First Friday of every month)

Our last speaker of the year will be:

December: Paul and Elizabeth Zimansky, Departments of Ancient History & Archeology/
Anthropology



PARTICIPATION NEEDED:

"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/>

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.

Stony Brook University history:

Access information about the project and the questionnaire at:

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/libspecial/archives/collections/facultyemeritus.php>

Historis of departments and units. Gerrit Wolf, a new member of our ranks, has written a history of the evolution of the College of Business at Stony Brook. The University Archives, under Kristen Nyitray, welcomes all such efforts. You might want to turn your thoughts in this direction.



CAMPUS EVENTS:

- Sunday, November 5, 2023 iLLUMINATE
7:00PM – Recital Hall
Staller Center for the Arts
- Wednesday, November 8, 2023: A Guided Gallery Tour by Sungsook Setton
12:00PM – 1:00PM – Skylight Gallery
Charles B. Wang Center
- Thursday, November 9, 2023: Photography and Korea Lecture
1:00 – 2:00 PM – Theater
Charles B. Wang Center
- Saturday, November 18, 2023: LeAnn Rimes
8:00PM - Main Stage
Staller Center for the Arts

More Events and information can be found: <https://calendar.stonybrook.edu/>



EMERITUS FACULTY ASSOCIATION (EFA) MEMBER UPDATE:



We are currently looking for new Steering Committee Members! Please contact Joel.Rosenthal@stonybrook.edu for more information.

Below is the link to 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 Faith Mirabile at faith.mirabile@stonybrook.edu with any changes. Please remember, we are **only** using your Stony Brook emails.

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

Please contact Joel Rosenthal, Chair of the Retirees Committee on the local UUP executive committee with any problems or questions about your union status or related matters.
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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.

