



Emeritus College

Annual Report 2022-23

Mission

The UMKC Emeritus College is a partnership with the University that enables its members to continue contributing their creative, intellectual, and scholarly talents to the mutual benefit of the University, the members of the Emeritus College, and the community. The Emeritus College promotes social relationships among emeriti/faculty and enhances the intellectual growth of its members.



Leadership

Board Members for 2022-23:

Lynn Friesen (School of Dentistry)	2022-2023
Edward Gogol (School of Biological Sciences)	2020-2023
Linda Mitchell (College of Arts & Sciences)	2021-
J. Stuart Munro (School of Medicine)	2021-
Deborah O'Bannon (School of Computing and Engineering)	2019-
Linda Voigts (College of Arts and Sciences)	2017-
Jakob Waterborg (School of Biological Sciences)	2014-
Paula Weber (Conservatory)	2020-
Charles Wurrey (College of Arts and Sciences)	2013-2023

Representative Members (ex officio)

Diane Filion (Provost Representative)
 Molly Mead (CAFE-Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence)
 Cindy Thompson (University Libraries)
 Jakob Waterborg (UMKCRA)
 Vacant (Faculty Senate)

Governance

The Emeritus College operates under the rules of its Bylaws. In keeping with the new bylaws adopted in FY22, Paula Weber was named the Acting Dean Designate to temporarily stand in for the Dean as needed until the Dean returns or is permanently replaced. Board assignments have been made to distribute responsibilities.

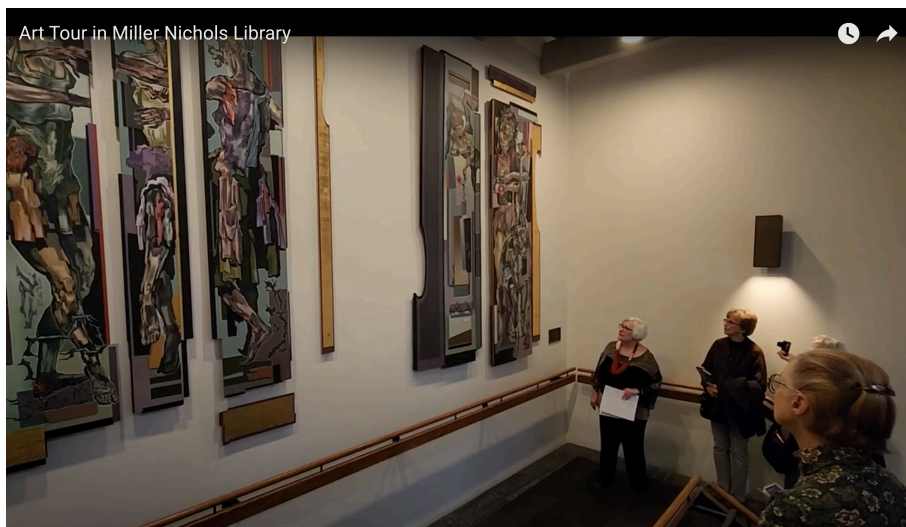
Programming

The Emeritus College has maintained a robust schedule of programs since its early days. The use of Zoom for Emeritus College programs began during the COVID pandemic and is now a permanent means of delivering our programming to our members who are outside of the Kansas City area or who otherwise cannot attend in person. The option of attending our programs in the Emeritus College suite in person continues to be popular for those who can do so. Zoom also allows us to record the programs and post them online so members can view them whenever it is convenient. One of our goals has been to engage all members in the benefits of membership and Zoom has provided the means to do that with the programming.

Paula Weber and Connie White have taken the lead in organizing our programs. As a committee of the whole, all Board members participate in the process of generating programming ideas and contacting potential speakers. Once we have the schedule set, the programs are listed on the Emeritus College web site, <https://umkc.edu/emergitus>, published in the *Beacon* newsletter, and email invitations are sent out by Jakob Waterborg to all members with date, time, location, and connection information for those attending online. As the Emeritus College membership reflects all the academic units at UMKC, we invite faculty and emeriti to present on their areas of expertise along with outside speakers who can talk about subjects of general interest.

Programs fall into several categories: regular monthly programs held on the second Monday of the month between September and May, reports from Early Career Faculty Award recipients held in conjunction with a monthly program, special programs including tours or presentations at other locations, and the Annual Dinner held in November with a keynote speaker. It is not always possible to record the special programs and tours but we usually have an interesting array of photographs to document the event. The Programs in Pictures link can be found on the Emeritus College website homepage.

Eric Bransby. UMKC Professor Emeritus of Art Primavera. Presented to UMKC in April 1975 by the Alumni Association.



2022-2023 Program Schedule

September 12, 2022 | 1-2 pm. MNL + Zoom. MARC Aging: Unified collaboration across jurisdictions, boundaries, and longevity? Jim Stowe.

October 10, 2022 | 1-2 pm. MNL + Zoom. Small Apartment Buildings and Neighborhood Diversity: Affordable Housing Issues in Kansas City's Historic Urban Neighborhoods. Jacob Wagner.

October 24, 2022 | 6pm Haunted House Tour of the UMKC Campus. Chris Wolff.

November 4, 2022 | Annual Dinner and Program. 5:30-8 pm. Pierson Hall. Embracing Confusion in Scholarship. Simon Friedman.

January 24, 2023 | 1-2pm Zoom. Medical Humanities. Brian Carter.

February 13, 2023 | 1-2pm MNL 226 + Zoom Singing about Sex: Songs as Pornography in Early Eighteenth-Century England. Alison DeSimone.

March 13, 2023 | 1-1:20 pm MNL 226 + Zoom Brief ECFA Report: Black Computer Programming book, Antonio Byrd, 2022 ECFA recipient

March 13, 2023 | 1:20-2:30 pm MNL 226 + Zoom The Identity of the Citizens of Rome in the Late Roman Empire and the Early Middle Ages. Massimiliano Vitiello.

March 27, 2023 | 1-2 pm Art Tour of the Miller Nichols and Reception. Bonnie Postlethwaite.

April 10, 2023 | 1-1:20pm MNL 226 + Zoom Brief ECFA Report: Additive Manufacturing Enabled by Self-Assembly, Zahra Niroobakhsh, 2022 ECFA recipient.

April 10, 2023 | 1:20-2:30 pm MNL 226 + Zoom Art Appraisal. Loren Whittaker.

May 1, 2023 | 1-1:20 pm MNL 226 + Zoom Tour of Bloch Heritage Hall led by Associate Dean Arif Ahmed and Tour of Plaster Hall led by Dean Kevin Truman, School of Science and Engineering.

May 8, 2023 | 1:20-2:30 MNL 226 + Zoom Ripple Glass and the Art of Glass Recycling. Morgan Henderson.

2022-2023 Receptions

November 7, 2022 | Deans' Reception

December 8, 2022 | New Faculty Reception (co-sponsored with CAFE)

March 27, 2023 | Art Tour Reception

Partnerships

The Emeritus College was formed with the intent of partnering with other related organizations to better carry out its mission. Partnerships were built into the organization when Provost Gail Hackett appointed representatives of several organizations to serve on the EC Board.

Provost's Representative. This person is usually the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs. Currently Diane Filion serves in this capacity. As an academic unit, the Emeritus College reports through this representative to the Provost.

Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate appoints one of its members or officers as the representative to the EC. This position was unfilled in 2022-23. Faculty issues regarding emeritus status are vetted through the Faculty Senate.

Cockefair Chair. This is currently an unfilled position. Cockefair offers programming to the Kansas City community.

University Libraries. The Dean of Libraries, Cindy Thompson, serves as the representative to the EC Board and coordinates with the Dean of the Emeritus College on issues regarding the Emeritus College's space in the Miller Nichols Library.

Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence (CAFE). The Emeritus College members are available to participate in faculty development initiatives of CAFE and to offer mentoring to early career faculty. Molly Mead serves as the CAFE representative to the EC board. On Dec. 8, the Emeritus College hosted a reception for new faculty hired at the beginning of the 2022-23 academic year in conjunction with CAFE.



SPARK (Senior Peers Actively Renewing Knowledge). The Emeritus College and SPARK launched their partnership in January 2022. SPARK members are now invited to attend EC programs via Zoom and EC members are welcome to participate in SPARK classes either as a student or as a teacher. SPARK has offered use of space to the EC for its programs, if needed. Stuart Munro, EC Board member, serves as the liaison to SPARK.



UMKC Retirement Association (UMKCRA). EC Board member Jakob Waterborg serves the President in 2023 and as the representative between the two organizations. UMKCRA's membership includes all retired faculty and staff while the Emeritus College membership consists of faculty with emeritus status who have joined the EC. UMKCRA offers programming available to EC members and EC reciprocates by allowing UMKCRA members to attend its programs via Zoom. UMKCRA also is the voice for all retirees regarding retirement benefits.

Early Career Faculty Awards

The annual Early Career Faculty Awards are funded by the income generated by the Emeritus College Endowment. Faculty and emeriti donors are reminded how much relatively small amounts of financial support have been beneficial for the development of their own career, to gain tenure, and to become a better, more accomplished faculty member. As a result of budget pressures, this type of small, often matched, support to allow travel to conferences or in support of projects and collaborations, has dried up. The Emeritus College hopes through its endowment to provide some of this type of support through competitive annual awards to 2-3 early career faculty in the amount of up to \$1000 per person.

The first awards were given out in 2019. The award process re-commenced in 2021 after a hiatus due to COVID. To date a total of eleven (11) awards have been made. Award recipients are introduced at the Emeritus College Annual Dinner held in November. Each award recipient is expected to do a brief presentation sometime in the Spring of the following year in conjunction with one of the regular program events on how they used the funds and the impact the funds have had. All ECFA presentations have been recorded and may be viewed on the Emeritus College website.



Presentation of 2022 awards: Antonio Byrd and Zahra Niroobakhsh. Joseph Hartman was on research leave.

2023 ECFA competition

- Assistant Professor **Maria Spletter**, Biological and Biomedical Systems, SSE: \$1000. "Gordon Research Conference attendance to enhance peer recognition and collaboration"
- Assistant Professor **Jane M. Sylvester**, Musicology, Conservatory: \$1000. "Conference Presentation: Histories of Revival in Italian Operatic Practices, Culture, and Design"
- Assistant Professor **Karen Brown**, Dance, Conservatory: \$1000. "Absoluta Project"

13 completed applications: 1 School of Science and Engineering (Biological Sciences); 3 Conservatory (Musicology; Dance; Music Composition); 5 School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Criminology; Economics; Philosophy; Communication and Journalism; History); 2 School of Dentistry (Oral Sciences; Restorative Sciences); 1 School of Nursing and Health Studies; 1 School of Education, Social Work and Psychological Sciences (Educational Leadership).

Communications

The Emeritus College communicates regularly with its members to keep them engaged and informed. Several methods are used to facilitate clear communications.

Web Site—<https://umkc.edu/emmeritus>

The Emeritus College web site is managed by Jakob Waterborg and is filled with very helpful information about the organization, future programming, recordings and/or photographs of past programs, and tools for members to update membership information. The homepage presents an engaging rotation of photos to reflect our goal of social networking and intellectual enlightenment through our programs. Take some time to enjoy the rich content found here.

Beacon Newsletter



Publication of the *Beacon* began in Spring 2017 and is currently edited by Linda Mitchell. The *Beacon* is published semi-annually and contains a column from the Dean with updates on activities and initiatives that have occurred in the past six months. The newsletter also spotlights some of our members and lists new members, summarizes programs and lists upcoming programs, provides a reading list of books read by members, touches on campus news that may be of interest to members, and highlights our partnerships with other affiliated groups.

Email

An important and immediate form of communication with members is, of course, email. We announce upcoming programs and the annual dinner, notices of the passing of cherished members, important retirement benefit information or information events, publication of the newest issue of the *Beacon*, calls for ECFA applications, relevant announcements from partner groups, etc.

Suggestion Box

The Suggestion Box is a feature on the web site that allows members to communicate to the Board any suggestions, ideas, concerns, etc. they may have.

Annual Report

The 2022 Annual Report was the first annual report published by the Emeritus College. Envisioned as a means of keeping the Emeritus College members and the UMKC community informed of its impact and activities, this report serves as a historical documentation of the Emeritus College as well as a means of building relationships and recognizing supporters and donors.

Our Spaces

The Emeritus College suite (Miller Nichols Library 226) provides naturally lit space for social gathering and networking, presentations, and research and study. Linda Voigts, who continues her research daily in her cubicle, keeps an eye out for any problems or needs and reports to appropriate people to take care of any issues. Jakob Waterborg manages our technology and works with Information Services staff on upgrades and technical support.



- Gathering space. This open area has furnishings that can be easily rearranged to be used for receptions, meetings, presentations, and general socializing.
- Study cubicles. Members can request use of one of 6 cubicles where they can keep research materials and use UMKC network connected PCs to engage in their ongoing research. Members may also use cubicles for occasional or infrequent needs.
- Conference Room. A small conference room is available for emeriti mentoring other faculty or students.
- Staff spaces. A work area near the cubicles and gathering space provides for administrative/receptionist needs and a laser printer. The Dean has an office tucked behind an emergency stairwell.

Membership

At the end of FY23, the Emeritus College had 110 members.

1. **Regular Membership** in the UMKC-EC is open, upon application, to all retired faculty members and librarians who have been designated emeritus or emerita by UMKC. These persons, once approved, have full voting rights.
 - a. Annual Member (\$40/yr) New Emeriti are offered an initial, complimentary membership for one year, after that they become dues paying members.
 - b. Lifetime Member (Minimum \$400 donation)
 - c. Endowing Member (Minimum \$1000 donation) Endowing membership reflects the increased support through higher level of membership and endowment support.
 - d. Founding Member. Became an endowing member during the first two years of the Emeritus College.
2. **Affiliate Membership** in the UMKC-EC is open, upon application, to retired faculty of other four-year colleges and universities who have received the title of emeritus or emerita. These persons, once approved, have limited voting rights at the discretion of the board.
3. **Associate Membership** is available to other individuals who support the purpose of the EC. They may be invited by the Dean, upon application with concurrence of the EC Board to become special members.

Current membership distribution by academic unit

Bloch School of Management	6
Conservatory	6
Libraries	8
School of Dentistry	21
School of Education, Social Work & Psychological Sciences	6
School of Humanities and Social Sciences	19
School of Law	3
School of Medicine	7
School of Nursing and Health Sciences	3
School of Pharmacy	4
School of Science and Engineering	23
Non-UMKC affiliate members	3
Non-emeritus associate members	1

Currently membership distribution by membership type

Complimentary	12
Annual	55
Lifetime	24
Endowing	7
Founding	9
Affiliate	3
Associate	0

In Memoriam- July 2022-June 2023

The Emeritus College honors the career contributions of all emeriti faculty who we have learned we lost since July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Ralph Berets (1939-2022)	
Marilyn Carbonell (1948-2022)	(EC Lifetime Member)
John A. Ditto (1945-2023)	(EC Member)
John J. Doerr (1936-2022)	
Herman M. Hattaway (1938-2023)	
Richard D. Heimovics (1941-2023)	
Richard G. Hetherington (1928-2023)	
Paul Hilpman (1932-2022)	
Harry Jonas (1926-2022)	(EC Member)
Dale A. Neuman (1936-2022)	(EC Member)
Ann J. Pace (1936 -2022)	
Thomas L. Schmidt (1948-2022)	
Reaner G. Shannon (1936-2022)	(EC Member)
Austin Stiles (1930-2022)	
Richard Waring, (1936-2022)	
Bruce R. Wenner (1938-2022)	

Finances

The Emeritus College has four basic sources of income—membership fees, annual dinner income, donations, and investment gains on endowment funds. Endowment income is dedicated to fund the Early Career Faculty Awards that are given out annually.

FY23 Operating Fund and its FY24 Budget

	<u>FY23 actual</u>	<u>FY24 budget</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 13,105	\$ 12,293
Revenues	+ \$ 4,380	+ \$ 5,200
Expenses	– \$ 5,192	– \$ 5,550
Ending Balance	\$ 12,293	\$ 11,943

FY23 Endowment

	<u>FY23 actual</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 84,199
Gift revenues	+ \$ 5,400
Endowment income	– \$ 2,942
Management & Earnings	– \$ 3,053
Ending Balance	\$ 83,604

FY23 Endowment Distribution Account

	<u>FY23 actual</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,030
Revenues	+ \$ 2,952
Disbursements Out	– \$ 3,000
Ending Balance	\$ 982

Donors and Recognitions

Founding Members

Bibie Chronwall – Founding Dean
Charlie Cobb
Linda Edwards
Richard Gentile (deceased)
Lora Lacey Haun
Nancy Mills
Patrick Peebles
Leon Robertson
Leo Sweeney (deceased)
Jakob Waterborg
Charles Wurrey

Endowing Members

Lynda Bonewald
Bonnie Branson
Peter Groner
John Nelson Jr.
Bonnie Postlethwaite
Marvin Querry
John Ward

Lifetime Members

Linda Breyspraak
Wai-Yim Ching
Bill Crist
Donna Deines
Jerry Dias
Steven Driever
Gary Foutch
Greg Johnson
John Killip
Jerome Knopp
Jennifer Martin
Linda Mitchell
Leo Morton
Stuart Munro
Deborah O'Bannon
Michael ODell
Pamela Overman
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