

THE BEACON

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From the Corner Office

By Bibie Chronwall, Dean, UMKC Emeritus College

Why a UMKC Emeritus College? What does it do?

For UMKC, the idea of this new college is to keep Emeriti intellectual capital—creative and scholarly—connected with UMKC for the mutual benefit of the University and the Emeritus faculty. Within UMKC, we support student activities in the Honors College and mentor students in the University College. We share our expertise while judging undergraduate research posters at the annual SEARCH symposium, and assist in the Graduate Writing Program. We maintain close connections to FaCET, giving sage advice to new faculty.

For college members, we satisfy our urge for lifelong learning by organizing enriching monthly programs on exciting topics—always accompanied by lively collegial conversations over food and beverages. We gather in the Emeritus College suite in the Miller Nichols Library Rm 226. It is spacious and nicely appointed

with donated or member-produced artwork. Importantly, there are six cubicles and computer facilities offered for members to continue their scholarly research or to embark on new projects.

For a wider reach, we are active partners in the Consortium for Aging, currently working on a symposium on aging. Sharing our expertise with the community, we offer presentations on topics of general interest to various organizations.

All members are volunteers, including “the officials.” We pay dues and solicit donations to pay bills. Join us by becoming a member, or even better, a lifetime member. Be part of the programs and contribute to our growth. Start a book club, a bridge game, knitting circle, or do research. Be an active role model for students and new faculty. Create new opportunities and support your colleagues. Work on the Board or contribute to “The Beacon” our biannual newsletter, which is for members only (this is the first and only issue sent to all UMKC Emeriti in the area). The possibilities are numerous.

My Emeritus College Office

By Linda Ehram Voigts, Curators’ Professor of English Emerita

As happens when one retires from an academic post, I lost a departmental office and the infrastructure support that comes with a UMKC computer. Happily, these are now supplied by my Emeritus College membership. The College provides an excellent support system that made it possible for me to complete several studies for publication and papers for presentation, as well as the updating of my online databases. My carrel is nice, bright, very pleasing, and has almost become a second home!

The Emeritus College suite, Room 226 in Miller Nichols Library, is a large and pleasant place to continue one’s scholarship. Mine is one of six carrels with a large L-shaped desk, a hutch for storage, and a fully-supported desktop computer. Also available are two small conference rooms and a large common area. Carrels and conference rooms can be booked in advance. The venue in the library also means rich resources are on hand—helpful librarians, collections in many formats, scanners, and a coffee shop.

An added bonus is the collegiality and intellectual stimulation that membership in the Emeritus College provides. As a member of the College, I am fortunate to have such opportunities in addition to the support system for continued scholarship. Stop by and see our space. You are always welcome.



Members Spotlight

Jennifer Martin



Jennifer Martin continues to shine in her professional and personal life since retirement. Teaching doctor-patient communications in the medical school, Baroque-Restoration Period Style in the department of theatre, and communication strategies in hospitals, law firms

and businesses plus individual coaching. She also continues her creative works, such as a production of “The Way of the World.” Examples of her work with students include a poverty simulation for UMKC School of Medicine students and a retreat offered for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Residents at Children’s Mercy Hospital. Jennifer is engaged in her community, as well. She is active with a gardening committee, book club and a social events committee.

Dale Neuman



Administrator, teacher, poet, singer, and digital designer, Dale Neuman has had a full life in his so-called retirement. Serving as interim Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Science, interim Chair of the School of Social Work and Director of the Harry S Truman Center for

Governmental Affairs, he has shared his expertise where needed to support UMKC. Teaching in graduate seminars, guiding student research and speaking in the Adventures in Learning Program at the Shepherd’s Center are examples of his continued involvement in educating students at UMKC and in the community.

In Dale’s creative life, he is a part of a quartet and a barbershop harmony singers group. He publishes poetry and does digital designs as an art form. You can see his digital design creations on display in the Emeritus College Suite. His poems include “Reflections” (Middle Island Press, 2012) and “Observations” (Middle Island Press, 2013).

Jakob Waterborg



No longer teaching, Jakob gives a few lectures to graduate students, as well as contributes to an anchor course for undergraduates on the Regulatory Framework for Research related to biosafety. He is a writing mentor to graduate students in a collaboration between the EC and the School

of Graduate Studies. His ongoing research in the School of Biological Sciences resulted in two co-authored and published papers on the genomics of a fungus, *Ustilago*, to increase the understanding of fungal disease. He is the webmaster for the EC, keeps track of membership, and emails emeriti of our programs and activities. He is also the database manager for the Missouri Herbarium, which contains the original UMKC Herbarium, now located at Powell Gardens. In his spare time he conducts research in genealogy and writes family history.

Save-the-Date: Monthly Programs for Spring 2017

Program schedule for the second Monday of the month from 3-4 pm in the EC Suite (226 MNL).

Note: Since January 16 is MLK day, the January meeting falls on the third Monday.

- Jan 23** **Edward “Ted” Irving and Paleomagnetism** | Hank Frankel, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy
- Feb 13** **On Slavery’s Border: Missouri’s Small-Slaveholding Households** | Diane Mutti-Burke, Professor of History
- Mar 13** **Early Bird: Charlie Parker’s Life and Music in Kansas City** | Chuck Haddix, Sound Archivist of UMKC Libraries
- Apr 10** **“A Pearl of Great Value: A History of UMKC”** | Chris Wolff, UMKC Bookstore Manager and author
- May 8** **History of Gardening** | Bibie Chronwall, Dean of Emeritus College and Emeritus Professor in Biology

Whitney Terrell, Visiting Author of “The Good Lieutenant”

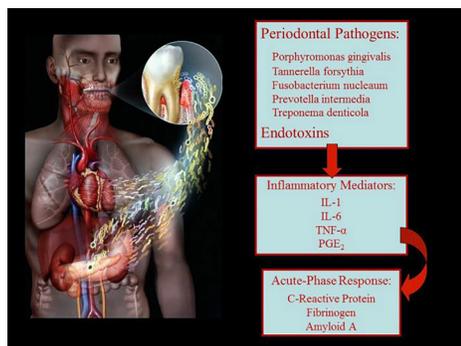
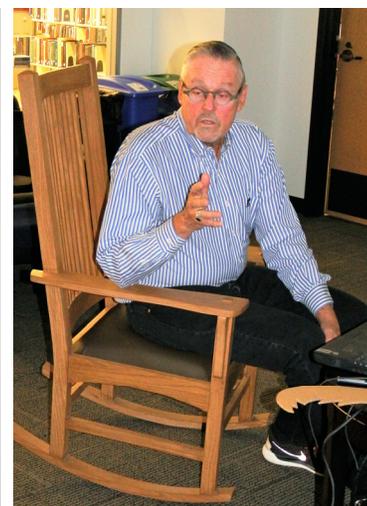
The headline on the FYI Book Club of *The Kansas City Star* read, “The Good Lieutenant is a challenging but satisfying read.” Such was the introduction of the latest book by Kansas City writer and our own colleague, UMKC professor of English, Whitney Terrell. Book club readers were initially puzzled by the backwards time line of events, disjointed acronyms, and confusing military terms but in the end found them reflecting the lives of the soldiers.

The book was discussed at an event sponsored by Rainy Day Books/KC Public Library, and Charles Finch of *The Guardian* characterized the book as the Bush wars’ best novel, lauding the “ingenious structural device and clean, watchful prose.” Whitney came to the EC to talk about his book, starting with reading a few pages followed by Q&A led by Charles Wurrey. We got to know about his personal experiences in Iraq, his writing style, and the interesting editorial process that led to the reverse chronology.



Stay Engaged! Glimpses from Past Programs

There is always something going on at the Emeritus College. Our monthly programs are creative and scholarly. Discussion topics range from health, safety, aging, literature, bioethics, urban development, to political stereotypes. We also arrange social events and receptions that bring discussions in shared interests. It is fun and stimulating to be part of lifelong learning. We are committed. How about you?





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Benefits to Emeritus College Members

Emeritus College membership benefits include the opportunity to:

1. continue their relationships with students through mentoring and research;
2. continue professional enrichment/development;
3. continue to be recognized for their academic careers;
4. share research expertise with other faculty;
5. provide community service;
6. participate in social activities that promote on-going relationships among Emeritus College colleagues and non-retired faculty;
7. provide input into the UM and UMKC policies relating to the criteria and processes that lead to the designation of “emeritus” status; and
8. dialogue with intellectual peers and practitioners from different fields.

Offers for New Members

- Each member of the Emeritus College may keep and use their **UMKC email** account indefinitely.
- Any new EC member receives **EC business cards that can be personalized.**
- **Free Parking** on campus in faculty/staff spaces is a right of any retiree and thus of all emeriti.