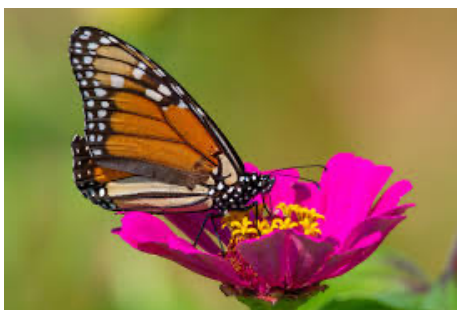


## EMERITUS – May 2022



**An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association**

### **ZOOM MEETING:**

This will be our last speaker of the semester. **Please note that this meeting on May 6, 2022 will start at 12:00pm, an hour later, per request of President McInnis.** Information will be sent to your Stony Brook emails a few days prior to the meeting. Meeting information is also listed below.

### **NEW LINK** – Join Zoom Meeting

<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/99391328756?pwd=TG41QzJUSStHZTNad3piKzNvMitsUT09>

Meeting ID: 993 9132 8756

Passcode: 810489



Our guest speaker will be President Maurie McInnis.

**Bio:** Since President McInnis arrived at our institution, Stony Brook has been named one of two flagship universities of the entire SUNY system by New York Gov. Kathy Hochul; the financial outlook has improved dramatically; and our faculty and staff are working collaboratively across disciplines to attack some of the world's most complex issues -- both at home and abroad. Under McInnis' leadership, we continue to make significant progress in helping students succeed in their academics as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

**Topic:** Maurie McInnis recognizes that our groundbreaking and world-class faculty members are the cornerstones of our university's mission, vision, creativity, and spirit. She will talk about a number of exciting new developments around student success, research, and faculty achievements at this event. And she is excited to meet the emeritus faculty and share stories with them about Stony Brook University.



## **In Memoriam:**

### **Remembering Lee Koppelman:**

On March 21, 2022 Stony Brook University lost one of its most outstanding and devoted faculty members, Professor Lee Koppelman. Lee was one of the nation's most eminent urban planners and the chief planner of Long Island for over forty years. At the same time, Lee was a leading member of the Stony Brook political science department since 1977 and taught courses in its Public Policy program until late in 2021.

His contributions to the planning of Long Island have long been recognized: Director of the Suffolk County Planning Department from 1960 to 1988 and Executive Director of the Nassau-Suffolk County Regional Planning Board from 1965 to 2006. In these roles Lee promoted the environmental sustainability of Long Island through protection of its water supply, developing sanitary sewerage disposal and preventing destruction of the Long Island Pine Barrens. He was also instrumental in guiding Long Island's land use and development regulation, promoting more affordable housing and expanding its transit system. Indeed, many planners dubbed him "the Robert Moses of Long Island" and it was actually Lee who inspired Robert Caro to write the definitive biography of Moses, *The Power Broker*, published in 1975.

Lee Koppelman essentially launched Stony Brook's Masters in Public Policy program and was instrumental in locating it in the political science department. At Stony Brook he also ran a Center for Regional Studies that conducted research and advocacy for the planning and advancement of Long Island's economic, environmental and demographic vitality. As a professor of public policy, Lee was among the most highly regarded by the program's graduates, teaching courses in environmental policy, regional planning, the environment and transportation. We all will miss this great public servant and superb member of our own academic community.

### **Robert Cess:**

Robert (Bob) Cess (1933-2022) died on March 22. He was distinguished professor emeritus in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Bob came to Stony Brook in 1961 joining the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering in the beginning years of the Stony Brook campus and of the new university's commitment to graduate training and research. His early and important work on climate change and atmospheric radiation led him to a focus on a wide range of related problems and he had considerable status as a pioneer. He was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – whose work led to the 2007 Nobel Prize awarded to Al Gore - and Bob was recipient of awards from NASA (the Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal) and from the Meteorological Society (the Charney Award). The School of MAS has an annual symposium in his honor with a distinguished guest speaker focused on climate change. Bob was also an enthusiast of Alfa Romeos and the Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook has had annual Concorso d'Eleganza that he launched, celebrating the beauty and craftwork of these cars. Bob Cess was a dedicated enthusiast of fancy cars and of major scientific research projects.



## 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:

<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.



### **Events around Campus:**

- Tuesday, May 3, 2022: URECA Celebrates Undergraduate Research & Creativity  
9:00 – 11:00 am - SAC Ballroom A, SAC Third Floor and Virtual  
<https://calendar.stonybrook.edu/event/ureca-celebrates-undergraduate-research--creativity/>
- Saturday, May 7, 2022: The Doo Wop Project – 8:00pm  
Staller Center Main Stage
- Monday, May 9, 2022: An Evening of Chamber Music – 7:30PM (Free)  
Livestream: [click here](#).
- Saturday, May 14, 2022: Marlene McCarthy, Piano Recital, 7:30 – 9:30pm  
Recital Hall (Free)

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



### **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 Faith Mirabile at [faith.mirabile@stonybrook.edu](mailto: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.  
[joel.rosenthal@stonybrook.edu](mailto:joel.rosenthal@stonybrook.edu).



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 and relaxing summer!  
Until next time ...**