

**ANNUAL REPORT  
EMERITI CENTER COLLEGE  
2005–2006**

The new team of Dr. Robert Scales, Director, and Judith Diaz, Assistant Director joined the Emeriti Center College in the summer of 2005. During the ensuing period the following objectives and goals were accomplished:

**Lecture Series**

- The “College Speakers Directory” was reviewed and updated. Over 130 faculty members were called to determine their interest in participating in the speakers’ bureau, updating their biographies, topics of discussion, and contact information.
- The “College Speakers Directory” was posted to the Emeriti Center website, thus allowing the various sites to readily access the list, research topics of interest and potential speakers.
- Approximately 23 new USC active faculty members and numerous topics were added to the “College Speakers Directory” to reinforce our lecture series.
- 15 new sites were added to the directory, among those, USC alumni groups, churches, schools and business organizations. We also reestablished contacts with previous sites.
- Approximately 115 lectures have been scheduled to date. This represents an increase of 46% from the previous year total of 62.
- A new database was created in Access, and each speaker, topic and site was assigned a number. This allowed us to manipulate data to run reports, and facilitate database management and communication with the Retired Faculty Association, Staff Retirement Association and outreach to the community.
- Performers reciting scenes from plays as well as musical performers were added to the lecture series.
- A new Emeriti Center College Advisory Council was formed to serve as advisors to the Directors of the College. The members include:  
Michael Appleman, Bill Faith, Lois Friss, Ron Gottesman,  
Gib Hentschke, Bruce Juell, Sherry May, Barbara Solomon, and  
Bill Thomson.

**Teaching and Learning without Borders Initiative**

- Several new programs were launched under “Teaching and Learning without Borders.”
- The first program, a four-part series on “How Communication Works: Gateways and Barriers,” was presented by Norman Sigband on March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2006, at St John

of God Retirement and Care Center. The participants of this program received a certificate of completion following the series. 16 individuals signed up for the course.

- The second program, a three-part series on “Arts and Los Angeles, Who is Influencing Whom?” presented by Kenneth Breisch, Edward Goldman and Michael McDowell was held in conjunction with the Los Angeles Central Library on February 28, March 28 and April 25, 2006, at the Library. A total of 93 individuals participated in the lecture series.
- Programs planned for the coming year include Jim Birren’s “Guided Auto Biography” course and Karen Lansky’s “Beyond the daVinci Code.”

### **New Undergraduate Course**

- A new undergraduate course titled “Health Professions: Prospects and Preparation” was created by Professor Emeritus, Michael Appleman, with funds provided by Eugene Bickers, Jr., Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Programs. This one-unit program presented by the Emeriti Center College and coordinated by a Health Career Advisory Council will provide students with an awareness of the many professional opportunities available in health related career areas.

### **Honorary Lectures**

- The Eighth Inamoto Lectureship was held on December 8, 2005, at the USC University Club. Michael Blaker addressed the topic “Can Japan Become a Major Diplomatic Power?” A reception was held following the lecture. 53 individuals attended the lecture. We are grateful to Barbara Inamoto for her contribution in establishing this lectureship honoring the memory and scholarly contributions of her spouse Noburo Inamoto.
- The Borchard Lectureship, which recognizes a professor Emerita or Emeritus who has achieved distinction through scholarly production of high order, is in the planning stages for the fall of 2006. We are grateful to the Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation, under the trusteeship of USC Emeritus Professor Willard Beling, for providing funds for this honorary lecture, with renewal grants committed through 2009.

### **Collaboration with USC School of Gerontology**

- Meetings were held with the Professor Kate Wilbur of the School of Gerontology to explore ways of collaboration between the Emeriti Center and the Gerontology School.
- Reconnected and collaborated with the former Dean of the School of Gerontology, James Birren, who has consented to offer a new course on guided autobiography writing. The

course will be offered to pre-retirees and retirees from various schools and departments to encourage individuals to organize and share life experiences.

### **Mentor Program**

- A search is underway to select an individual to head the mentor program. The mentor program will pair students and retired faculty together to guide students in their academic and social endeavors at the university.

### **Emeriti Research Grants**

- Two research grants were given this year to retired faculty to assist them in their scholarly projects. Peter Berton and Maurice Van Arsdol received research grants of \$2,000 each.
- The Emeriti Center College is grateful for the generosity of the Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation, and the Morris S. Smith Foundation for enabling retirees to continue their research and publish results.

### **Special Initiatives**

- The Director of the College, Dr. Robert Scales created a new database for the Emeriti Center office to facilitate in communication and database management, in particular in the administration of the Centers' faculty and staff mailing lists and e-mail communication.
- The Emeriti Center College was involved in supporting and contributing in the revamping of the "Transitions Seminars." The seminars were offered as a resource for pre-retirees transitioning from active employment to retirement.

### **Footnote**

- Because Dr. Scales has made some major commitments for a theatre project he has requested to be relieved of the Director of the College responsibilities, but will be serving in that position until a replacement is named.