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## OUR LIBRARY 'REIMAGINED'

### JEFF STEELY WAS HIRED FROM THE BAYLOR UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES IN 2015

with the goal to develop GSU's "library for the future," or as he calls it, the "library reimagined."

In welcoming Steely, Senior Vice President and Provost Risa Palm stated that he "brings a wealth of knowledge about libraries in the research university context as well as insights and strategic planning experience relating to the evolving role of libraries in changing teaching, learning and research environments."

Since arriving, Steely has been developing the library's staff, information technologies, teaching, programs and fund-raising. The library faculty has expanded to include a "student success" librarian, an online learning librarian, and a quantitative data specialist.

Now, two and a half years later, Steely's "Library Reimagined" project — intended to meet these needs for the next generation of GSU students — is within sight. He anticipates completion of a first phase "by the summer of 2020."

The architecture is planned to "bring light to the interior" of Library North. But the major change will provide new spaces for teaching, learning and research — especially for students.

One transformation will be a new entrance to Library North, one floor below the current entrance, as the elevated Library Plaza is demolished and replaced with a new "greenway." The new entrance will lead into a student-oriented space with a relocated café, built to provide extended hours.

"We are grateful for this project's support from the students' library fee as well as the state funding for the new entrance," Steely said. "However, the bold changes envisioned in the Library Reimagined master plan

([library.gsu.edu/reimagined](http://library.gsu.edu/reimagined)) will require substantial philanthropic support."

There are plans to include 40 or more additional study rooms and more "good student space," he told the GSU Emeriti Association Board. Other elements of the long-term plan include:

- a "dramatic" 2-story "Global Studio" to provide a campus venue for up to 120, with "adjacent flexible spaces and other library classrooms" for "small conference hosting,"
- a Graduate Student Center with open workspace, a classroom, study and writing space, and a kitchenette, and
- a new, larger space for the Special Collections and Archives department.

For space, print journals and books that do not get much use would be moved to nearby "off-site housing" from which they could be retrieved in "one day or less." Steely said a data survey of books showed that "10 percent have not been checked out in five years." Generally, he said, demand for print in the past 15 years has declined 50 per cent.

Today's students, Steely said, "depend on the library as a space for accessing information, for working productively, for access to technology, and for getting support from information professionals."



Jeff Steely



This Fall issue will be the last one edited by Professor Emeritus Leonard Teel, and then I will step into the position of editor. Leonard has done an excellent job, as one would expect given his extensive journalistic expertise with the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and other national newspapers. He leaves to write his sixth book. Bon voyage, Leonard!

I wish to continue his emphasis on the various retirement lives that emeriti experience, whether it is bird-watching in coastal Georgia (Professor Emeritus Robert Sattelmeyer, *Winter 2018*) or bread-making in Atlanta (Associate Professor Emeritus Michael Denniston, *Spring 2018*). Some emeriti travel to other countries and continents, and write about this for our vicarious pleasure. Other emeriti enjoy their retirement where they



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are, and write about this. As the English poet William Blake wrote: *To see a World in a grain of sand/ And a Heaven in a Wild Flower/ Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand/ And Eternity in an hour.*

I hope we will reach two audiences: those living locally, and those who have transplanted

elsewhere and wish to know about those from their Georgia State days. I also would like *EmeriTies* to be an online information resource with useful links for our aging emeriti since its issues are reprinted on our website at <https://emeriti.gsu.edu/>.

So please send me articles about your retirement activities at [cgallant@gsu.edu](mailto:cgallant@gsu.edu). Have you discovered some volunteering activity that is particularly rewarding? Your former colleagues want to know about you!

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*The CHAIR'S COLUMN featuring Donald Ratajczak is on hiatus for this issue of EmeriTies. His column will return in the Winter 2019 issue.*



## THANKS FOR YOUR STORIES

In editing *EmeriTies*, it's been my great pleasure and good fortune to make the acquaintance of fellow emeriti who have come forth to write their own stories — in their own voices — telling what they do creatively with their time.

I was delighted the day I heard from “Babs” Johnston, who reported that her husband, Hiram Johnston, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics Education, has been volunteering to build homes for Habitat for Humanity. Hiram then wrote about how he and other volunteers gather to work on Saturdays, adding, “We recently finished our 24th home and had a house warming on January 27.” Babs’ note in this issue says some who read the story are now volunteering.

Robert Sattelmeyer, Regents Professor Emeritus of English, discovered that his “interest in birds and in photographing them could be put to some uses.” His practice of submitting observations and bird lists on *eBird* “led me to volunteer with researchers with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.” He said volunteers can photograph and recover band information from some of the endangered species — among them “the American Oystercatcher, a threatened species that both breeds and winters along our coast.”

And Mike Denniston, an Associate Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Environmental Science, wrote how he followed his desire to bake his own bread.

In this issue, Charles Williams exemplifies physical fitness — encouraging to those of us who could be challenging our muscles and support systems a bit more. For challenging your mind and keeping in touch with friends, there's the Retiree Book Club. Rosemary Cox, Professor Emerita of English, writes that the club has been meeting for eight years, usually over lunch. Anyone can join. Contact **Elizabeth (Betty) Molloy** at [elizabethmolloy@bellsouth.net](mailto:elizabethmolloy@bellsouth.net).

I am grateful for everyone who helped this year. For all kinds of advice — for content and production — I relied on the incoming editor Christine Gallant, as well upon the person who urged me to become the editor, Missy Cody, the former editor, Pat Sartain, and the production editor, Pat Simmons.

I will not disappear. I'm planning to finish the book about my work with journalists and civil society organizations across the Middle East. It's been a while since my last book came out and editors forget you if you haven't sent them a manuscript recently. *Adieu.*

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Leonard Ray Teel

# DINE AND DEBATE WITH THE BOOK CLUB

**A**t the end of Albert Camus' 1947 novel *The Plague*, Dr. Bernard Rieux claims that the most important lesson humanity learns from pestilence is that "there are more things to admire in men than to despise." In a story overwhelmed with bloody, dying rats and people desperately trying to escape inevitable death, this statement conveys the only note of optimism in the novel: trouble and hardship act as a scourge, bringing out the best in human beings. At least this was the consensus at the last meeting of the GPC/DeKalb College Retiree Association Book Club where Ted Wadley led a discussion of Camus' work.

Founded in 2010, the Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month (*except July*) and welcomes retired faculty and staff from all campuses of GSU as well as the former GPC and DeKalb College. While enjoying lunch at a designated restaurant, participants consider a work proposed and presented by a volunteer from the group. Sandra Waller first organized/facilitated the Book Club with her presentation on Kathryn Stockett's *The Help*. Retiree Association founder Ron Swofford believes the Book Club offers an invigorating diversity of ideas and insights through lively discussion of a wide array of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, from the classical to the modern.

Future sessions will feature Scott Kelly's *Endurance* led by Terry Frey; Julia Franks' 2018 Townsend Award winning *Over the Plain Houses* led by Barbara Obrentz and the author herself; Sonia Sotomayor's *My Beloved World* led by Betty Molloy; and Clemantine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil's *The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After* led by Sandra Waller. For more information contact **Elizabeth (Betty) Molloy** at [elizabethmolloy@bellsouth.net](mailto:elizabethmolloy@bellsouth.net).



Discussing Camus' *The Plague* at the May meeting.

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## OUTSTANDING STUDENT RESEARCHER



Caleb Truscott and Lychee.

Photo: Jesse Leinwand

**WHEN CALEB TRUSCOTT WAS A** freshman language researcher, he recalls, "it took a solid half a year before I learned all the faces and names" of all the Capuchin monkeys. Now, three years later, some Capuchins in Georgia State University's Language Research Center have come to know Caleb, as well, especially one named Lychee.

"I work with all the groups, really, but one of my favorites is Lychee," Caleb said. "She's a funny monkey, has some quirks and stuff. Sometimes she gives you funny looks that make you laugh or smile." More importantly for Caleb's project testing social risk responses, he said Lychee is "very eager to test. She really likes to test. She can solve these really complex social computer games."

As a second-semester junior in GSU's Honors College, Caleb has already distinguished himself with honors as a language researcher. Last fall, at the GSU

Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference he won first place for his work in social risk, supervised by Associate Professor Dr. Sarah Brosnan.

Looking back, Caleb said his quick start as a freshman was facilitated by the Honors College, which the GSU Emeriti Association supports. "The Honors College really jump-started me when I came to GSU. Otherwise I would not have been able to get into the lab so soon. I got to start in lab when I was one day into GSU."

For his next research opportunity, Caleb was preparing to head to a "field site" in Costa Rica for a month. There he was scheduled to "work with a batch of wild monkeys." Of his research with Lychee and other Capuchins, he said with an air of professional restraint, "We're hoping to see some kind of effect on different behaviors. But that study is still in progress."

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# EMERITIES

## Events & Activities

### AROHE Conference Set for Atlanta October 7-9

The interests of retired educators will be the focus in Atlanta this October at the national conference of the Association of Retired Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE).

The conference will be held October 7-9 at the Emory University Conference Center.

Keynote speakers, Steven Tipton and Roger Baldwin, are each chaired professors who are focused on reinventing academic retirement. Steven Tipton's book, *The Life to Come: Re-Creating Retirement*, was released in March 2018. Roger Baldwin's book is expected to be released just before the conference.

For fun and good conversation, consider volunteering as a restaurant host for the Monday evening Dine-Around at various Atlanta restaurants. For information on volunteering, contact **Missy Cody** at [mcody@gsu.edu](mailto:mcody@gsu.edu).

AROHE is described as a member network that "advocates for, educates and serves campus-based organizations for retired faculty and staff."

"By promoting a culture that values and encourages retirees' continuing contributions to campus and community life, AROHE helps colleges and universities to harness the remarkable talents of their retired faculty and staff to further the missions of their institutions."

The organization offers mentoring, discussions and networking with the professed aim of "transforming retirement."

For information on AROHE and its Atlanta conference see the website: <https://www.arohe.org/>

## Updates

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To update Human Resources information, you may send an email to: [payroll@gsu.edu](mailto:payroll@gsu.edu) or [benefits@gsu.edu](mailto:benefits@gsu.edu) or call 404-413-3302.

For more information or to RSVP for any upcoming events, visit the Emeriti Association website at <http://emeriti.gsu.edu/calendar>.

Most information for retirees will be coming from the USG Offices, and that will be through OneUSG. The OneUSG URL for retiree information is [http://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits/2017\\_benefits/oneusgbenefitsretiree](http://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits/2017_benefits/oneusgbenefitsretiree). From there you will find links to the online site and information on the Benefits Call Center at 1-844-587-4236.

## 2018-2019 Upcoming Events

### ■ DECEMBER

#### Holiday Party

Sunday, Dec. 2 • 3 p.m.

Canterbury Court

3750 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30319

Our annual gathering will be held again this year at Canterbury Court. Join us for holiday cheer and catching up before the season becomes too hectic. **Complimentary parking will be available at Canterbury.**

### ■ FEBRUARY

#### Valentine's Luncheon

Thursday, Feb. 7 • 11:30 a.m.

Rialto Center for the Arts

80 Forsyth Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

With Valentine's Day comes Georgia State's traditional gift of the Valentine's Day luncheon for members. Each year the university treats emeriti to a luncheon where we meet friends, former colleagues, current deans and other administrators and recognize new emeriti. **Parking is conveniently located within steps of the Rialto.**

#### Economic Forecast Presentation

Details will be posted to <http://emeriti.gsu.edu/calendar> in January.

# EMERITIES

## Events & News

### NEWS & NOTES

**DIANNE CAMPBELL** recently conducted the New York City Chamber Orchestra in Carnegie Hall in a performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria," reported her father, Dr. Yezdi Bhada, Professor Emeritus of Accountancy and one of the founders of the Emeriti Association. Ms. Campbell is a Professor of Music at Seminole State College in Sanford, FL.

**JAMES GALLANT**, spouse of Professor Emerita Christine Gallant, has just had an e-novel, *Whatever Happened to Ohio?*, published by Vagabondage Press, as well as *Verisimilitudes*, a collection of essays and short fiction from Fortnightly Review Press in the UK. Both are available from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) books.

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The *EmeriTies* staff continues to feature the activities of Emeriti. One story had a ripple effect. The volunteerism of **Hiram Johnston** in building homes for Habitat for Humanity (*Spring 2018 issue*) has inspired others. As his wife Babs Johnston reported, "Several people contacted us and two were even motivated to volunteer! One said she'd been 'intending to' for years and the article spurred her to action! So: 'Mission Accomplished!'"



**Charles Williams'** gold medals  
(see story on page 4.)

### IN MEMORIAM

**Dr. Albert Hatcher Clark**, Professor Emeritus of Economics and Finance at Georgia State University, died on March 15 at the age of 87. He was born on February 9, 1931 in Americus, GA, and earned his B.B.A. and M.B.A. at the University of Georgia, and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, where he was a Ford Foundation Fellow and an S. S. Huebner Fellow. He then accepted a teaching position at Georgia State University where his leadership was instrumental in creating the Finance Department within the School of Business, where he served for several years as Department Chair. Dr. Clark served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force from 1952-1954 at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH, and as the Base Budget and Accounting Officer at Yakota AFB in Japan. He remained in the reserves until 1960, retiring as a First Lieutenant. In 2005, he moved to Hendersonville, NC, and most recently resided at Carolina Village.

**Dr. David E. Martin**, Regents Professor Emeritus of Respiratory Therapy at Georgia State University, died on February 28 at the age of 78. Dr. Martin was internationally recognized for his interdisciplinary contributions to distance running. *Runner's World* cited his research and recommendations, published in *The Avon Report on the Status of Women's Distance Running* (1980), as helping to persuade the IOC to add the women's marathon to the Olympic Games in 1984. Perhaps his premier achievement was his research into running marathons in extreme heat, which runners Meb Keflezighi and Deena Kastor (*silver and bronze medals, 2004 Olympics*) cite as earning him a slice of their medals in the Athens Games. His chant was, "Heat, Humidity, Hills — remember the 3H's." His memorabilia will be on display in Berlin's Sports History Museum. His twinkling blue eyes, good humor and pursuit of excellence will be remembered by all who worked with him.

**Dr. John D. Hogan**, Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Economics and of Finance at Georgia State University, died at home on March 5 at the age of 90. He was born on July 16, 1927 and grew up in Binghamton, N.Y., and New York City. In World War II, he was deployed to Europe after the Battle of the Bulge and received a battlefield commission at the age of 18. He remained in Germany, studying at the University of Freiberg, then continued his military service in the Reserves and often lectured at the Strategic Intelligence School in Washington. After the war, at Syracuse University he earned a doctorate in social science and the Ph.D. in economics. During his career, he held senior positions in government, business and academia. In 1991, he was invited to become dean of GSU's College of Business Administration. After two terms, he returned to the faculty, retiring in 2002. During Dean Hogan's tenure, the College rose steadily in U.S. rankings. With a grant from the Mellon Foundation, he established an Executive MBA Program with the Poznan University of Economics, a precursor of Robinson's current extensive range of international programs. In retirement, he continued to participate in the Poznan program and taught at the Caucasus School of Business in Tbilisi. He authored five books and numerous articles with subjects focused on American social legislation, balance of payments, insurance and productivity.

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# KEEPING PACE WITH LIFE

**M**y key for fruitful living is continually challenging myself physically, mentally, and spiritually.

I began race walking at the age of 73 when knee surgery curtailed my running — a misfortune that presented the opportunity for learning a new sport with a bundle of thrilling WOW-I-Did-It moments.

Race walking required the coordination of seemingly every muscle in my body as well as coaching to learn its fundamentals. Race walkers glide past you instead of huffing and puffing as runners do. The sport is based on the minimum expenditure of energy, good balance, and excellent body posture. As my posture improved, back aches and sciatica attacks gradually vanished.

My initial conquests were road races. Then, at 75, I began national competition at the USA Track & Field National Masters Outdoor Championships in Bangor, Maine. In the 75-79 age-group 5K race walk, my

pace was 11 minutes per mile. I came in third and won the bronze medal. The photo shows me on the final turn. The man seen chasing me nipped me by four seconds at the finish line and set an American 5K record for the 80-85 age-group.

Recently, at the 2018 USA Track & Field National Masters Indoor Championships in Landover, Maryland, I was awarded my first national race walking gold medal in the 85-89 age-group by winning the 1500-meter (*metric mile*). My pace had slowed to 14 minutes per mile, but I was now a National Champion. The oldest male competitor in this year's competition was Orville Rogers, age 100, who trains by lifting weights and running three times a week at an aerobic fitness center.



**Charles Williams**  
(No. 6) in the lead.

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