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EMERITUS – October 2025

An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association



ZOOM MEETING:

Our next meeting is Friday, October 3, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. This will be virtual meeting using ZOOM. Information will be sent to your Stony Brook emails a few days prior to the meeting. Meeting information is also listed below.

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/93251596862?pwd=Y3bYfD2V8fc3wNjFxHTqjobQqEbY2o.1>

Meeting ID: 932 5159 6862
Passcode: 166445



SPEAKER: Our guest speaker will be Lawrence Martin, Anthropology.

Bio: Lawrence Martin is a biological anthropologist who studies the evolution of apes and the origin of humans. He joined the faculty at Stony Brook as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology in 1985. Lawrence became Dean of the Graduate School in 1993 and filled that role until January 2012. In 2007 he became Director of the Turkana Basin Institute in which capacity he oversaw Stony Brook's partnership with Richard Leakey to build TBI. He stepped down as Director at the end of August 2024.

Topic: His talk will be on: Becoming Human - Our seven million year story.



IN MEMORIAM:

Non-Emeritus Mention:

The people mentioned here were not emeritus faculty of Stony Brook but, at different times and in different ways, were prominent campus figures and their passing seemed worth a note.

John Bilello was at Stony Brook, 1967-68, and he worked his way up the ranks to become Dean of the College of Engineering. He left to help create a similar college at Univ. of California, Fullerton. He eventually retired from the University of Michigan, and he was emeritus faculty member there. In his later years he traveled widely, and he was a serious student and teacher of the Bible.

Jane Yahil came to Stony Brook in the 1970s. Though she had a PhD in medieval History from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem she worked at Stony Brook as an administrator. She was administrative assistant to the chair of History, then part of Jack Marburger's administrative team, and finally an assistant to the Vice President of HSC. At her recent memorial service, conducted by Joe Topick, people who knew and had worked with her at Stony Brook, from Jefferson Ferry (to which she moved upon retirement), and from her family, all paid their tributes.



SAVE THE DATES: (First Friday of every month)

Here is a preview of our upcoming Fall speakers.

October 3, 2025 – Lawrence Martin, Anthropology
November 7, 2025 – Neelima Sehgal, Physics
December 5, 2025 – April Masten, History



CAMPUS EVENTS:

Tuesday, October 7, 2025:

A Conversation: Holly Jean Buck/University at Buffalo

A Conversation with Holly Jean Buck, Associate Professor of Environment and Sustainability at the University at Buffalo, in-person and via Zoom. Part of the "Pressing Matters" lecture series.

1008 Humanities & via ZOOM

11:00 – 12:20pm

Registration required for Zoom participation.

[Click here to register.](#)

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Jessica Kirson (Comedy)

Staller Main Stage

8:00pm

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Joint Jazz Faculty Recital

Staller Recital Hall

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Homecoming Football Game (Seawolves vs. Towson Tigers)

Lavalle Stadium

3:30pm



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 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:

<http://www.library.stonybrook.edu/special-collections-university-archives/university-archives/>



Emeritus Faculty Association (EFA) Member Update:



We are actively looking for new Steering Committee Members! Please contact Joel.Rosenthal@stonybrook.edu for more information.

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 with any changes. Please remember, we are **only** using your Stony Brook emails.

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/emeritus/members.html>

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.

