

EMERITUS – February 2024



An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association

WELCOME BACK & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ZOOM MEETING:

Our next meeting is Friday, February 2, 2024 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.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/94358328322?pwd=MCtpZU5EZkFaajAwS29KazFoWjdGdz09>

Meeting ID: 943 5832 8322

Passcode: 335262





SPEAKER: Our guest speaker will be Andrew Moore, Department of Anatomical Sciences

What do 15-meter-long necks in sauropod dinosaurs and soaring flight in birds have in common? Come find out on February 2 in a talk by Dr. Andrew Moore of the Department of Anatomical Sciences.

Bio:

Dr. Andrew Moore is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anatomical Sciences in the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook. As a comparative anatomist and paleontologist, Dr. Moore's research seeks to understand the functional significance of pneumatic (i.e., air-filled) bones and the role that skeletal pneumaticity – and the soft tissues that produce it – plays in driving morphological evolution in birds and their extinct dinosaurian relatives. Current projects in his lab focus on revealing how the avian respiratory system remodels bone architecture – both during the development of an individual and across the evolutionary history of modern birds – and characterizing the morphological innovations that paved the way for gigantism in sauropod dinosaurs.

Topic: "When the lung invades: non-ventilatory innovations in the respiratory systems of birds and their extinct relatives"





IN MEMORIAM:

Thomas Kuo, Department Physics & Astronomy

Kuo arrived at Stony Brook in 1968 and retired in 2013, but remained active in conducting research until last year. He will be missed by many of his colleagues and students here at Stony Brook, and in many parts of the world. Kuo's work was primarily in nuclear structure, the intricate aspects of nuclear matter, few nucleon systems, and lately on strongly coupled Fermi systems at the unitarity point. His work on the so-called Kuo-Brown interaction has impacted the work of a generation of nuclear physicists. His graduate students went on to leading positions, most notably director of Los Alamos National Laboratory and faculty positions around the world.

He was a beloved teacher, with a number of teaching awards from Stony Brook University and he was a co-editor for World Scientific. Originally from Taiwan, Kuo graduated from University of Pittsburgh in 1964, and carried his first postdoctoral fellowship at Princeton University, before joining Stony Brook. He is survived by his wife Anette, son Philip of Setauket and daughter Elaine of Ithaca.

Non-Emeritus Memoriam:

Eileen Madable
Robert Muller





SAVE THE DATES: (First Friday of every month)

Here is a preview of our upcoming speakers.

March 1, 2024 – Nancy Tomes, History

April 1, 2024 – Joseph Pierce, Hispanic Languages, Chair of new Indigenous Studies

May 3, 2024 – Mark Bowen, Physiology and Biophysics





CAMPUS EVENTS:

Saturday, February 3, 2024: **SBU Men’s Basketball vs Northeastern**
Island Federal Arena: 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 6, 2024: **Faculty Exhibition**
Staller Center, Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery
12:00 – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, February 7, 2024: **Artist Talk: Faculty Exhibition**
Staller Center, Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery
2:30 – 4:00 PM

Thursday, February 15, 2024: **Emerson Legacy Concert (Songs we love)**
Staller Recital Hall: 7:00 PM





Participate in "Documenting COVID-19: Stony Brook University Experiences"

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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:

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

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Emeritus Faculty Association (EFA) Member Update:



EXTRA, EXTRA we are 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 us at provost@stonybrook.edu with any changes. Please remember, we are **only** using your Stony Brook emails.

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





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.