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## EMERITUS – October 2023



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

### **ZOOM MEETING:**

Our next meeting of the Semester will be Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11:00 am. We will continue to do these meetings via Zoom. Information will be sent to your Stony Brook emails a few days prior to the meeting. Meeting information is also listed below.

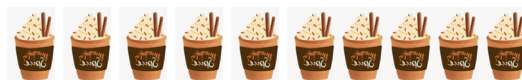
#### **Emeritus Meeting**

**Time: Oct 6, 2023, 11:00 AM**

**<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/98696640749?pwd=V01iTkxUbDJIRW0yV1BwUWVsUUJVdz09>**

**Meeting ID: 986 9664 0749**

**Passcode: 446143**



Our guest speaker will be Haylee Hebenstreit School of Social Welfare

### **BIO:**

Haylee Hebenstreit, PhD, LMSW, Clinical Instructor, Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare. Her work focuses on community organizing for food justice, food security, and hunger relief.

## **TOPIC:**

Haylee's talk will set the stage with a presentation of some key concepts relating to food security and justice, then, incorporating elements of an 'unconference' model, engage in a discussion of the transformative power of a shift to a rights-based conception in public policy.



## **SAVE THE DATES: (First Friday of every month)**

Here is a preview of our upcoming speakers.

**November:** Joshua Dubnau, Department of Neurobiology & Behavior

**December:** Crystal Fleming, Department of Sociology



## **LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT: Arthur Bernstein**

Long-retired Computer scientist Arthur Bernstein doesn't spend much time in his rocking chair. For 40 years an exhibited and accomplished sculptor (in wood and other media), with a professional website illustrating the impressive products of his Setauket workshop (Bernsteinart.com), Art has also turned to writing and publishing since his retirement.

Like his father, a devoted student of Shakespeare, Art honed his literary chops teaching OLLI courses. Along the way he wrote and self-published two useful "companions: "Shakespeare Line by Line: A Reader's Companion" (2 editions, 2nd in 2021: ISBN 798-1-096303-848) and 'Notes on Tragic Theatre,' (2022: ISBN 978-8834-34-3677). Both are available from Amazon and both are valuable compendia of literary (and theatrical) scholarship, in convenient, digestible form. Art worries that "true scholars" may look askance at his "amateur" efforts, but lay readers will feel admiration and gratitude. As for his former career at SBU, Art writes, "Computers have played no part in my retirement. I struggle like everyone else with these infernal machines."

**Art's e-mail:** [art1427@optonline](mailto:art1427@optonline)

*(This was written by Karl Bottigheimer, August 2023, not by AB) - JTR*

## **PARTICIPATION NEEDED:**

### **"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/>

### **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.

## 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.



## CAMPUS EVENTS:

- Saturday, October 14, 2023: Emerson String Quartet's Grand Finale at Stony Brook featuring David Finckel, guest cellist  
8:00 PM – Staller Center Main Stage
- Wednesday, October 18, 2023: Homecoming Harvest  
12:30 – 2:30 PM – Academic Mall
- Saturday, October 21, 2023: SBU Homecoming vs New Hampshire Wildcats  
Wolfstock Village BBQ – 12:30PM  
Game – 3:30PM - Kenneth Lavalle Stadium

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



**EMERITUS FACULTY ASSOCIATION (EFA) MEMBER UPDATE:**

**EXTRA, EXTRA** we are looking for new Steering Committee Members! Please contact [Joel.Rosenthal@stonybrook.edu](mailto: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](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).



**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.

