

Message from the President



Gayle Kearns-Buie
EFA President

As we know, the virus is still with us so EFA activities will resume slowly and will align with UCOs COVID policies for gatherings. It has been great seeing many of you at our resumed KKs and at a few activities where we were able to gather safely. We do have several events for the Fall so please plan to attend those that fit your schedules. As we all know, this has been a very unusual past year learning how to maneuver with the “new normal” of social distancing. Members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the EFA continue to discuss group activities that will be safe for all of us. As a retired population, we will be very cautious as we move forward in this decision-making process.

Our Fall Brunch is scheduled for October 19. You will find additional information about it on the third page of this newsletter. We are excited to meet as a group, and our scholarship recipient will be with us on this day.

I want to express a deep appreciation and thanks to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors who have kept EFA alive and well during this past year and a half. We will be changing officers in 2022 with Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser as our new president. We have a president-elect, Dr. Paulette Schreck, who will be on the agenda for approval at the Fall Brunch. We also have a new board-elect, Dr. Richard Bernard, who will also be presented for approval at the Fall brunch.

Gayle A. Kearns-Buie

Capitol Tour

On August 18, 19 EFA members enjoyed an outing to the Oklahoma Capitol for a tour of a portion of the building that has been renovated, followed by lunch at Chicken N Pickle.

At right is a picture of “Flight of Spirit,” Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen’s mural of Oklahoma’s five world famous prima ballerinas. The mural is located in the Capitol rotunda.



Meet the UCO Deans

Jeremy Oller, College of Business Dean and Professor of Economics

Ph.D., Economics, University of Oklahoma

Author of The Economics of Sales Below Cost Laws, Dr. Oller has been an expert witness in antitrust cases, focuses on damage awards. He has served as an economic consultant in the natural gas industry, antitrust issues, Oklahoma liquor policy and property rights valuation.

Bryan L. Duke, College of Education and Professional Studies Interim Dean and Professor of Educational Sciences, Foundations and Research

Ph.D., Instructional Psychology and Technology, University of Oklahoma

Dr. Duke served as assistant and then associate dean (2012-2021) and ESFR department chair (2010-2012). Prior to joining UCO in 2002, he was a junior and senior high English teacher and assistant principal in the Moore Public Schools (1991-2002). He serves as a governing board member for the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Southwest and as an accreditation councilor for the national Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Charleen Weidell, College of Fine Arts and Design Dean and Professor of Art in Jewelry and Metalsmithing

MFA, Jewelry and Metalsmithing, San Diego State University

Ms. Weidell came to UCO in Aug 2004. She served as associate dean from 2017-2020, assistant dean from 2014-2017 and chair of the Art Department from 2007-2014. Her metalwork has been exhibited and collected on the international, national and local levels. "Tart Server," a broad blade silver server, was published in Contemporary Silver Part II: Recent Commissions written by collector Seymour Rabinovich and acquired by the Victoria & Albert Museum in London.

Jeanetta Sims, Jackson College of Graduate Studies Dean, Founding Dean of University College, and Professor of Marketing

Ph.D., University of Oklahoma, Communication

Prior to working in higher education, Sims' work experience involved increasing responsibilities at MidFirst Bank. Sims is a past president of the Marketing Management Association, North American Management Society, UCO African American Faculty/Staff Association and UCO Empowerment for Excellence (an organization for faculty and staff women). She is accredited in public relations (APR) and serves nationally in elected or appointed positions for the Higher Learning Commission, the Council on Undergraduate Research, and the National Communication Association. Sims is on the Board for Oklahoma Christian University, for Integris Baptist Medical Center, and for Citius Baseball.

J. David Macey, Interim College of Liberal Arts Dean and Professor of English

Ph.D., English Literature, Vanderbilt University

Dr. Macey served as chairperson of the Department of English and an assistant vice president in UCO's Office of Academic Affairs, coordinating a range of initiatives in the areas of inclusion, diversity, and globalization. He has chaired UCO's Committee on Diversity, he is a member of UCO's Inclusive Community Response Team, and he served for two decades as the faculty adviser to the Student Alliance for Equality (SAFE), UCO's LGBTQIA+ student organization.

Gloria Caddell, College of Mathematics and Science Dean and Professor of Biology

Ph.D., Biology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Caddell has taught biology at UCO since 1990, chaired the Department of Biology for four years, and served as associate dean. Her research focuses on the flora of Oklahoma, particularly the native plant communities of gypsum outcrops of northwestern Oklahoma and the pollination of Oklahoma prairie plants. She is the managing editor of the Oklahoma Native Plant Record and a member of the Flora of Oklahoma Editorial Committee.

Emeritus Faculty Association Fall Meeting/Brunch

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Reservations must be received by Friday, October 8

Meals must be prepaid @ \$20 per person. Payment will not be accepted at the door.

Name of EFA member _____

Former department of EFA member _____

Your email address (or phone number if you do not have email) _____

Choose one of the following options for brunch for this member:

_____ Vegetable Quiche with salad, roll and cookie

_____ Scrambled Eggs with bacon, fruit, and muffin

Name of Additional EFA member _____

Former department of EFA member _____

Choose one of the following options for brunch for this member:

_____ Vegetable Quiche with salad, roll and cookie

_____ Scrambled Eggs with bacon, fruit, and muffin

Name(s) of Guest(s), if applicable _____

Choose one of the following options for brunch for this guest:

_____ Vegetable Quiche with salad, roll and cookie

_____ Scrambled Eggs with bacon, fruit, and muffin

All meals include coffee, orange juice, and iced tea.

Amount enclosed with check made out to EFA (\$20 per person) _____

Please note any dietary needs or restrictions:

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Send to:
Vickie Garlitz, EFA Fall Meeting/Brunch
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100 N. University Dr.
Edmond, OK 73034

For your records:
EFA 2021 Fall Meeting/Brunch
Date: Tuesday, October 19 Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Heritage Room, Nigh University Center
Cost: \$20 per person
Number of tickets purchased: _____ Total cost: _____

Upcoming Activities

Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6 – Book Club via Zoom; Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 – Kaffeeklatsch, 10:00 a.m., Evans Hall Great Room; Oct. 7 – lecture by Dr. Baughman on Ernest Shackleton, 3:30 p.m., LA auditorium; Oct. 19 – EFA Fall Brunch/Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Heritage Room, NUC; Nov. 8 – First Americans Museum, 10:30 a.m. Additional information about these activities will be shared via email near the date of the activity.

In Memoriam

Barbara Green (Feb. 19, 1954-July 3, 2021) was a professor of special education in the Donna Nigh Dept. of Advanced Professional and Special Services from 1991-2019. **Mark Maddy** (Feb. 22, 1962-July 3, 2021) was born in Greensburg, IN. Mark taught in the Dept. of Educational Sciences, Foundations and Research. **JoAnn Morton** (Oct. 29, 1944-July 4, 2021) worked as an administrative assistant in the College of Education and Professional Studies for 11 years. **Wray Dell Clarkson** (Feb. 25, 1936-July 22, 2021) was born in Henderson, TX. She was an administrative assistant to the director of the University Center. **Terrill “Terry” Smith** (Dec. 3, 1931-July 27, 2021) was born in Dillwyn, KS. Terry taught in the Dept. of Chemistry from 1968 to 1997. **Gordon Carlin** (Jan. 30, 1938-Aug. 26, 2021) was born in Beaumont, TX. Gordon taught in the Management Dept. from 1971 to 1992.

If you learn of the death of a retiree, please notify Linda Rider, chair of the Courtesy Committee (lrider@uco.edu) and/or Jan Tuepker, chair of the Publicity/Assoc. History Committee (jtuepker@cox.net).