

# **EMERITUS - February 2020**

# An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on held Friday, February 7, 2020 at 11am in the Provost's Conference Room. (407 Administration Building)

Our guest speaker will be Styliani-Ann (Stella) Tsirka, PhD, Professor of Pharmacological Sciences:

**Topic:** "The History of Greek-Americans on Long Island"

Stella will be discussing Greeks and Greek Americans on Long Island: when they arrived to the US, where they settled, how they connected and integrated into the US culture, and how they maintain customs and traditions from their hometowns and home country.

**Bio**: Dr. Tsirka served for eleven years as Graduate Program Director for the Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology Program, twice renewing its NIH T32 training grant, and being involved in all aspects of the graduate program. She initiated, organized and directs the Advanced Graduate Certificate in Scholars of BioMedical Sciences, and secured NIH T32 training support for it. Dr. Tsirka participated on panels exploring ways to increase women and under-represented minority representation in STEM, she is a member of the WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) Working committee, and of Women in Neuroscience for the Society for Neuroscience. Between 2014 and 2019, she served as Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, and in that capacity oversaw recruitment and retention of faculty, academic appointments and awards, faculty development and mentoring, promotions and tenure, academic affairs and space. She serves the Secretary/Treasurer of the NeuroPharmacology Division of The American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET). She also serves as the acting Director of the Center for Hellenic Studies at SBU, organizing lectures, events and a film weekend to promote Hellenism.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPEAKERS:

March 6: Dennis Galanakis, SB Blood Bank

April 3: Patricia Wright, Anthropology

May 15: LUNCHEON, 12-3pm in SAC Ballroom B Heather Lynch, Ecology & Evolution

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### **Participate in the Faculty Emeritus Documentation Project**

The 2017-2018 academic year is a milestone in Stony Brook University history, as it marks the 60th anniversary of the institution. 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-universityarchives/university-archives/

**Events around Campus:** 

**MET Opera – Live in HD – The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess**: February 1, 2020 at 12:55 pm in the Staller Center Main Stage.

**Men's Basketball vs UMass Lowell:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Island Federal Arena.

**Women's Basketball vs New Hampshire:** Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 2:00pm in the Island Federal Arena.

Bodytraffic: Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 8:00pm in the Staller Center Main Stage.

**Baroque Sundays at Three:** Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 3:00pm in the Staller Center Recital Hall.

Tao Drummers: Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 8:00pm in the Staller Center Main Stage.

**The Audience – London's National Theater with Helen Mirren:** Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 3:00pm in the Staller Center Main Stage.

**Men's Basketball vs Vermont:** Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Island Federal Arena.

**Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra:** Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 8:00pm in the Staller Center Main Stage.

**Stony Brook Opera:** Friday, February 28, 2020 at 8:00pm in the Staller Center Recital Hall.

**Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra:** Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 8:00pm in the Staller Center Main Stage.

**MET Opera – Live in HD – Agrippina**: February 29, 2020 at 12:55 pm in the Staller Center Main Stage.

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

Visit our website: To visit our website, go to the University website at <u>http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/emeritus/index.html</u>. 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.