

# EMERITUS NO. 211 May 2019

An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association

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**Next Meeting:** 

May 3: LUNCHEON, 12-2pm in SAC Ballroom B

We need to get a complete headcount so if you have not done so already, please RSVP to the luncheon via: <u>https://forms.gle/KGPkn4ckBgBvme3e7</u>

Nicole Sampson, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "SBU: The College of Arts & Sciences on the Horizon."

Nicole S Sampson currently serves as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Stony Brook University. Nicole joined the Chemistry Department faculty at Stony Brook University in 1993 and is currently Distinguished Professor of Chemistry. She served as Chair of the Chemistry Department from 2012 to 2017. She will provide an update on the current activities and future directions of College of Arts and Sciences.

## In Search of New Emeritus Chair/Coordinator:

We are looking for our next Chair/Coordinator for the 2019/2020 Academic Year. Most of the speakers are already lined up for next year but we need to have someone to coordinate the meetings, newsletters, etc. with the Provost Office. Please contact Faith Mirabile if you are interested.

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## **NEW: Stony Brook Email Addresses**:

One of the "perks" of being an Emeritus is that everyone gets to keep their email. (e.g. John.Doe@Stonybrook.edu or John.Doe@Stonybrookmedicine.edu) Therefore, starting next Semester all newsletters and information from the Provost Office will **ONLY** be sent to your Stony Brook email address. If you require assistance with passwords or net ID's, please contact Client Support at 631-632-9800.

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### Participate in the Faculty Emeritus Documentation Project:

The 2018-2019 academic year is a milestone in Stony Brook University history, as it marks the 61st 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:

Peter Winkler's newest composition, "Sonata para los Separados" will be given its world premiere by two outstanding Stony Brook musicians, cellist Phuc Phan and pianist Hsin-Chiao Liao. The sonata is a response to the tragedy of the U.S. Government's actions on our Southern border in the summer of 2018, when border officials forcibly separated refugee children from their parents. The recital will be in the morning of Friday, April 26, at 10 am in the Staller Center Recital Hall. Admission is free, and all are invited!

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## In Memoriam:

# Victorino Tejera.

Emeritus professor of Philosophy, died in August, 2018, at age 95. He taught at Stony Brook for over 29 years and wrote books on aesthetics, metaphysics, the history of philosophy, American philosophy, and classical Greece.

## Vincent Cirillo,

Vincent, long time professor biochemistry, died last August, aged 92. He taught for 27 years at Stony Brook, serving as chair of the Department of Biochemistry and playing a instrumental role in the establishment of the school of medicine at Stony Brook. He retired from Stony Brook in 1991 and, upon moving to Dallas, taught for 25 years at the University of Texas.

# Jack Heller

Jack Heller, died in October, at age 96. He had been active in the creation of the Department of Computer Science, serving as the third chair of the department (1977-1984). The establishment of a new department within the College of Engineering was not without opposition and Heller both fought for the status of his unit but was an active recruiter for faculty and graduate students as the importance of computer science came to be more widely recognized.

### **Richard Mould**

Richard Mould died last year on April 11, 2018. He was 91 years old. Mould was a graduate of Lehigh University and then received his PhD in physics from Yale University. In 1957 he joined the faculty of the State University of New York, then located in Oyster Bay. He was the first professor to re-locate to the Stony Brook campus. He wrote an article *StonyBrookPeople* dated 1974. It mentions his earlier years at the college as well as his interest at the time in psychology and new ways of teaching at Stony Brook. He continued to teach physics and started writing. He wrote and taught from his textbook *Basic Relativity*. He taught at

Stony Brook until the early 2000s. After teaching his interest shifted to independent research. He wrote articles and two more books *Apples and Oranges, Consciousness and Physics* and *Cosmic Purpose and Human Consciousness*. He wrote into his late 80's. Mould's years teaching and his association with Stony Brook meant a great deal to him.

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### WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

