

EMERITUS – April 2022



An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association

ZOOM MEETING:

Our next zoom meeting will be Friday, April 1, 2022 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.

Join Zoom Meeting

ID: 98324136169

Passcode: 156469



Our guest speaker will be Judith Lochhead, Department of Music.

Bio: Judy is a scholar of contemporary music practices in North America and Europe. Some recent publications include: *Sound and Affect: Sound, Music, World*, edited by Judith Lochhead, Eduardo Mendieta, and Stephen Decatur Smith (University of Chicago Press, 2021), “Émilie du Châtelet, Kaija Saariaho and Heroes of the 21st Century” (forthcoming in *The Heroic in Music from Medieval Times to the Present*); “Timbre Realities: A Phenomenological Study of Liza Lim’s *Extinction Events* and *Dawn Chorus*” (forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of the Phenomenology of Music*, eds, Steege, Wiskus, De Souza); and “Gubaidulina’s *Colors*” (forthcoming).

Topic: “The New Music Scene: Passionate Commitments in the Twenty-first Century”

Since the early years of the new millennium, an explosion of musical groups dedicated to the performance of contemporary classical music has coalesced into a palpable new scene in North America. Several factors have contributed to the blossoming of this scene, including the excellence of the musicians and their passion for performing new and vibrant classical music for the twenty-first century. As anthropologist Sherry Ortner has observed about the Indie film industry, taste

cultures around the turn of the millennium have developed around difference and these new taste cultures have in turn fostered passionate commitment. My presentation focuses on passionate commitment in the new music scene. I consider two relatively recent performances by two well-known new music groups to exemplify the flowering of a new music scene. These performances are: The Chicago-based Ensemble Dal Niente performing the music of Rebecca Saunders, and the New York-based Yarn/ Wire quartet performing the music of Sufjan Stevens as live music for his film *Roundup*.



SAVE THE DATES: (First Friday of every month)

This will be our last speaker of the semester. **Please note that this meeting will start at 12:00pm, an hour later, per request of President McInnis.**

2022:

May: Maurie McInnis, President of SBU



Participate in "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/>



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:

<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.



Events around Campus:

Thursday, April 8, 2022: Zoom Presentation by Astrid Erll, Goethe-University Frankfurt on "COVID and Collective Memory" - 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
[Please click here to register.](#)

Friday, April 9, 2022: The Queen's Cartoonist – 7:00PM
Staller Recital Hall

Tuesday, April 12, 2022: Zoom Symposium, "Waste Crisis: Global Plastics and Long Island Environmental Justice" – 7:00PM – 8:00PM
[Please click here to register.](#)

Wednesday, April 28, 2022: Volta: West African Drumming Ensemble
Staller Recital Hall – 7:30PM – 9:30PM (Free Event)

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



Emeritus Faculty Association (EFA) Member Update:

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 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.
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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.

