



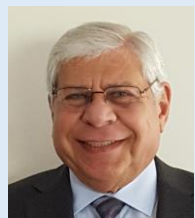
RETIRED FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWS LETTER

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President's Note:



We survived another year of COVID restrictions. This Spring we continued with our ZOOM meetings with very interesting programs and we enjoyed listening to opinions on exciting topics. Our thanks go to the program committee for planning this year panels. The only in-person meeting

was our Holiday Luncheon in December when we enjoyed a wonderful musical performance arranged by Nikki Stoia and presented our Distinguished Service Award to Chancellor Subbaswami (see details below). The Executive Committee (EC) approved the recommended awards by the Scholarly Activities Committee and encourages members to take advantage of this source of added support to their scholarly activities. The EC is planning to meet with the Provost to assure continuation of the funding that supports the activities of the RFA. We have received several generous donations to the Gift fund that will enhance our activities and we thank all of the donors for their generous support. On a personal note, I would like to thank our Vice President Jim Staros for stepping in and chairing all the meetings in the Fall when I was not available due to medical appointments. I greatly enjoyed my second round of being President of the RFA and will continue as Executive Director. Thank you all for your confidence and support. Wishing you a great summer.

NEWS

- Continuing with our Zoom meetings through the Spring we heard from Whitney Battle-Baptiste on “W.E.B. Du Bois Center (new developments); Amir Houmansadr and Garnett Martin on “Cyber Security and Privacy Issues”; Martha Stassen and Clair Hamilton on “The impact of COVID on the educational experience of students, faculty and administrative staff”.
Sincere thanks to all panelists.
- May 04/22 will be our **ANNUAL BANQUET**
- Since June 1st, 2022, 21 new retirees joined the RFA membership.
- Our treasurer Eric Einhorn reported that the RFA has \$4,490 in its Gift account and \$6,243 in the GOF account, at the Provost office.
- The Scholarly Activities Committee raised the amount of scholarly grants to \$2,500 including up to \$1,500 that can be used for computer equipment and software. \$11,100 in Grants were issued to:
LINDA SHEA (2020)
MICHAEL MARONEY (2021)
JOSE ORNELAS (2021)
FRANK FAGUNDES (2021)
CHRIS CONDIT (2022)
REX WALLACE (2022)
CAROLINE MARICONI ANDERSON (2022)

Applications for these funds are welcome. Go to <http://www.umass.edu/retiredfaculty/grantfunds.html>

EVENTS:

• **Awards:**



At the Holiday Luncheon in December Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy received the Distinguished Service Award for his services to UMass and a career dedicated to Higher Education, presented by RFA Vice President James Staros and RFA President Mokhtar Atallah

- At that event we also had wonderful entertainment by Professor Nikki Stoia and UMass student Shiva Pabbathi.



ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW OFFICERS:

- Jim Staros will succeed Mokhtar Atallah as RFA President as of July 1st, 2022.
- Mokhtar Atallah will continue as Past President for 2022-2023 along with Executive Director duties.
- James Staros will continue as liaison with the Scholarly Activities Committee.
- Position of Vice President is currently ***Vacant***.
- Richard Bogartz is stepping away from the position of Secretary. The position is ***Vacant***.
- Eric Einhorn will continue as Treasurer, working in collaboration with the University’s financial bookkeepers.
- Joyce Berkman will continue as Chair of the Program Committee with Ellen Pader (Landscape Architecture), Jim Kelly (Library), Elliott Moss

(Computer Science) and Nikki Stoia (Music & Dance) as members.

- Chuck DiMare will continue as Chair of the Awards Committee with Mokhtar Atallah as member.
- The Members at large will be Ernie May, Joyce Berkman and Pauline Stark.
- The Scholarly Activities Committee (SAC) Chair is Maurille Fournier and Jim Staros is the liaison with the Executive Committee. The members are Frank Fagundes, Michael Maroney, David Gross, Donna Zucker, and Barbara Partee.

Show your willingness to move the RFA forward by volunteering to become an officer or a member-at-large.

2022 – 2023 Program

Sept. 14	Free Speech, 1 st amendment issues	David Palmer and Bill Newman
Oct. 12	UMass Unions United Labor Chorus , with talks and performance	Tom Juravich and Ann Ferguson.
Nov. 09	“Georgia and Ukraine: The dilemmas of state building in the Eurasian space.”	Stephen Jones & Audrey Alstadt
Dec. 07	Holiday Luncheon	
Feb. 08	Native Americans Issues	Sonya Atalay & Kathleen Brown-Perez.
Mar. 08	Digital humanities.	Emilliano Ricardi & Laure Thompson
Apr. 12	Challenges to radio in our times	Monte Belmonte
May 03	Annual Dinner Banquet	



Have a Great SUMMER