President’s Column

David A. Stumpf
Professor Emeritus of Neurology

Your Executive Committee has been busy! The efforts of our NEO Home Committee, co-chaired by Fred Hemke and Mort Rahimi, led to our opening of the temporary NEO Home. This important resource is addressed in a separate article. It is important that we demonstrate meaningful use of this resource.

The Executive Committee began a process to take NEO to new heights. We will explore opportunities with a self-assessment involving four workgroups. If you wish to be involved, please contact a co-chair using the links here:

- The future direction of the NEO Home: Fred Hemke & Mort Rahimi
- A Transition Program, in which NEO may assist the University in coaching faculty about their paths into retirement: Kathy Rundell; co-chair not yet appointed
- An Emeriti Survey to document the contributions of emeriti and opportunities sought by emeriti: Jack Snarr & George Harmon
- Collaborations with Northwestern’s other programs: Sharon Dooley & Dan Garrison

We have arranged a two-day consultant engagement in March, with the dates still being arranged. Our consultant is Caroline Kane, Professor Emerita at the University of California Berkeley and President of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). She also leads the Biological Scholars Program at Berkeley. Her visit is designed to advise NEO and the University about future directions. One of her sessions will be open to all emeriti; stayed tuned for the invitation.

We also had opportunity to welcome new emeriti at a wonderful dinner hosted by Morty and Mimi Shapiro at the President’s Home. My remarks at the event appear below.
Provost’s Corner
Andrea Conklin Bueschel, Assistant Provost of Faculty

It is with great pleasure that I share the news of our new Provost. On November 21st, Jonathan Holloway was announced as successor to Dan Linzer as Provost at Northwestern. Dr. Holloway will begin his appointment on July 1, 2017.

Holloway is currently Dean of the College at Yale University, where he has served in that position since 2014, and he is currently the Edmund S. Morgan Professor of African American Studies, History, and American Studies. Holloway will be tenured as a full professor in History and African American Studies at Northwestern as well. Holloway has been honored with scholarly and teaching awards and has held fellowships at Harvard, Stanford, and the Ford Foundation. More about Holloway and his scholarly work and background can be found here. Although he and his family won’t be moving to Evanston until the end of the academic year, Holloway hopes to make regular visits to Northwestern after the new year.

Dan Linzer is stepping down as Provost after ten years in the position and five years as Dean of Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences prior to that. Linzer joined Northwestern in 1984 as an assistant professor, and he still holds the title of Professor of Molecular Biosciences. He has been quite welcoming to our new Provost and is committed to ensuring a smooth transition in the Office of the Provost.

I would also like to comment briefly on all of the exciting steps being taken by the NEO. Under the leadership of Dave Stumpf and the Executive Committee, there is great momentum to strengthen, streamline, and build on all of the talent and capacity in the organization. The Provost’s Office is fully supportive of NEO’s commitment to self-study on different topics, which will be complemented by a review by an external consultant. Our hope is that all of these efforts will provide both opportunity and direction for the best ways to support all of the emerita and emeritus faculty members in our community.

I’ll note finally that since I started in this position five months ago, an area that has become of particular interest to me is how faculty transition from full-time service to retirement. While the NEO will be doing its own work in this area, I hope I can contribute as well by providing additional information and support on the administrative side, with the goal of making that transition as positive and smooth as possible for faculty ready to take that step. None of this will be perfected overnight, but I’m hopeful that with the experience and wisdom of the NEO we can improve this transition even more.

I wish you all the best for a peaceful and happy new year!

Andrea Conklin Bueschel
Editor’s Notes
David A. Stumpf
Editor in Chief; Professor Emeritus of Neurology

The Chief Editor has become your President. I will tweak you once again with a plea for your input on recruiting a new Chief Editor. We’ve tried persuading the other editors, but they are already fully committed. So we need your help as volunteers for the role or suggestions for the Nominating Committee.

The Emeritus News would welcome your submissions about professional projects, hobbies, travels, and other activities. The Emeritus News will only be as good as our contributors … we are counting on tapping your talents!

This issue we have the sad duty of reporting an exceptional number of colleagues who have died. We have tried to report their passing by the listserv when information about services is available. We hope this more timely information helps you participate and remember your colleagues.

Editorial Board:

- **Robert Coen, Weinberg School.** Bob is a macroeconomist, former Chair of the Department Economics and Associate Dean at Weinberg. He served as staff editor and later on editorial boards of economics publications. He had numerous roles in faculty governance including education policies, curriculum, promotion and tenure, the General Faculty Committee and the Provost’s Program Review Council.

- **George Harmon, Medill School.** George was Medill’s news department chair for 15 years. He was publisher/editor of the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and assistant managing editor of the Chicago Daily News. He is now a director of Paddock Publishing, publisher of suburban newspapers. He is a Vietnam veteran and chaired the NU faculty committee on Naval Science and the Committee on Athletics and Recreation. He is a member of the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame.

- **Abe Peck, Medill School.** Abe lives in Santa Barbara, CA, where he is a freelance author, contribution editor and consultant. He is a member of the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame and former reporter for two Chicago newspapers. He chaired the magazine department at Medill for more than 20 years and served as acting dean and in other administrative positions.

- **Jon Ziomek, Medill School.** Jon was Medill’s assistant dean in charge of graduate editorial programs for 16 years. He also taught urban news reporting, business reporting and science reporting. Before joining Medill, Jon spent a decade in Chicago journalism. For most of that time, he was a business news reporter, features reporter and labor reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times. Jon continues to write and edit on a freelance basis.
The Alumnae of Northwestern University
Celebrates 100 Years
Engaging Minds, Enriching Lives

Who We Are
The Alumnae of Northwestern University is an all-volunteer organization of women that raises funds for a wide range of projects to benefit the university, by sharing the University’s academic resources with the broader community through its Continuing Education Program. Founded in 1916, during the past 100 years The Alumnae has offered more than 675 continuing education courses to the public and has contributed more than $7.8 million to support education and research at Northwestern.

What We Do

Continuing Education: Since 1968, The Alumnae has offered intellectually stimulating noncredit courses to the community at modest cost. University faculty members deliver the lectures on the Evanston campus; more than 3,000 registrants from the Chicago area enroll each year, providing the source of funds for Alumnae projects.

- **Academic Enrichment** – An endowment created in commemoration of its 75th anniversary brings distinguished scholars and artists to the university.
- **Alumnae Award** – Each year, The Alumnae honors an outstanding alumna who has made significant contributions in her field and attained national recognition. Past winners include women representing the arts, medicine, law, journalism, business, education and science.
- **Alumnae Teaching Professorship** - This three-year award honors a faculty member for excellence in teaching and curriculum innovation.
- **Campus Buildings and Renovations** – Since 1938, The Alumnae has contributed to the building and renovation of campus facilities including Scott Hall, University Hall, the Norris University Center, Harris Hall, the Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art and the John Evans Alumni Center.
- **Curriculum Development** – Administered by the Office of the Provost, this award supports development of innovative course materials and new modes of teaching, including online education.
• **Grants to the University** – Each year, funds are awarded to faculty and departments for worthwhile programs outside their annual budgets. Funds support diverse needs, including research, speakers, conferences, equipment and study-related travel.

• **Scholarships and Fellowships** – Scholarships for undergraduates pursuing majors in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math) are awarded, as are fellowships to full-time students in terminal master’s degree programs.

• **Senior Woman’s Award** – This honors a senior woman for her volunteer service during her undergraduate years at Northwestern, including collaboration initiative, innovation, inspiration and leadership, to impact the University community.

• **Student Awards** – Stipends are given to undergraduates seeking unpaid summer internships, to music students who need to travel to auditions, and for senior women students who have been outstanding volunteers.

• **Undergraduate Research** – An endowment in commemoration of The Alumnae’s Centennial supports students from all academic areas, giving them opportunities to develop and complete independent research and creative projects.

• **Waa-MU Patrons Program** – Since 1948, The Alumnae has raised funds by selling premium seating to the Waa-Mu Show.

• **Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Awards** – Monetary awards are presented to outstanding professors in the Weinberg College.

**Giving By the Numbers:**
 Grants and teaching awards = 43%
 Scholarship = 30%
 Undergraduate research/internships = 13%
 Academic enrichment = 7%
 Campus buildings/other = 7%

The Alumnae of Northwestern University is pleased to collaborate with The Northwestern Emeriti Organization (NEO) and encourages members to visit our website ([www.nualumnae.org](http://www.nualumnae.org)) to find out more about our organization. You are welcome to register for our Continuing Education program, taught by your present or former colleagues. If you need any more information, please contact me.

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NEO OPENS ITS TEMPORARY HOME
By Fred Hemke, Co-Chair, NEO Home Subcommittee

It was just two years ago that NEO was granted free on-campus parking from the Administration. The immediate next goal of our organization is to achieve another NU milestone; the creation of a dedicated and clearly identifiable on-campus NEO Home.

Last Spring a special subcommittee of the NEO Executive Committee formulated and presented an NEO Home Proposal to the Provost. The Proposal was met with an enthusiastic and positive response from him. Within the next several years, several on-campus spaces will become available through the present expansion project undertaken at the Kellogg School of Management. While there are many academic and administrative space needs throughout the campus, the Provost is committed to listing the NEO Home Proposal as a high priority on the need list. Between now and that anticipated time, NEO has been assigned a temporary office and conference room access on the fifth floor of the University’s 1800 Sherman Avenue Building for NEO use.

During the time of our temporary stay there, the NEO Executive Committee and the NEO Emeriti will develop ideas and ways to justify our occupation of an actual NEO Home. The challenge to all of us Emeriti is to invest ourselves in creating new and exciting ways to take advantage of the present space in preparation for the move in the future. Your participation in this process is essential. Now is exactly the time to begin to organize interest groups, discussion groups, seminars, current faculty interaction groups, student mentoring groups, etc. Send whatever thoughts you have to NEO President David Stumpf (david@stumpf.org), Mort Rahimi (marahimi@northwestern.edu), and/or Fred Hemke (f-hemke@northwestern.edu). We welcome and anticipate responses from each of you. The future of the NEO Home lies in your participation, now!

We have conducted one informal survey at a NEO luncheon, asking members what uses might be aligned with their interests. Among the many uses suggested are various clubs/interest groups (book club, genealogy group, writing group), lectures, preamble talks for arts events on campus, and field trips or tours in the Chicago area. This prior survey may reflect the biases of ‘the lunch crowd’ and not be representative. If so, we would like to hear from you. Better yet, take the initiative and launch an activity with your emeriti colleagues.

SCHEDULING AN EVENT
Instruction are at this link.
Phone: 847 467 6629; Joshua L Mayer; jlmayer@northwestern.edu
Address: 1800 Sherman Street, 5th Floor; Evanston, IL 60201
NEO Conference Rooms: 5423 (8-10 people) and 5510B (18-20 people)
Internet access is through the standard Northwestern SSDI.
Projectors, speakers, and PC hook-ups available in conference rooms. Macs require an adapter.
Bob Coen Speaks at NEO Lunch
By George Harmon

The national debt has plusses to accompany its minuses, Emeritus Prof. Robert Coen told about 60 emeriti who gathered Dec. 7 for lunch at the Allen Center.

“The United States is one big family. The debt is our liability, but it is also largely our asset,” said Coen, former chair of NU’s department of economics and a former associate dean of Weinberg. He illustrated his talk with data and artful graphics.

The debt has grown to more than $18 trillion, but “is the picture really so grim? Should you have to avoid your grandchildren during the holidays?”

He urged consideration of multiple factors: about one-fourth of our debt is held by U.S. government agencies; our debt never "comes due" because the nation is immortal ("If you knew you would live forever, think how that would change things"); growth of the U.S. income base enables taking on more debt; in a crisis the nation can print money to reduce the debt burden because we borrow in our own currency, unlike Greece and others; the U.S.’s debt/GDP ratio is close to the middle of wealthier countries; the U.S. remains a “good credit risk” and a “world financial anchor.”

Yet the national debt is a “concern” because it has been growing since the mid-‘80s in parallel with the trade deficit with China: “We keep our markets open to absorb trade from the rest of the world, paying with our strong dollar and debt, which the world is happy to hold to meet liquidity needs and provide safe financial investments. By being able to do this we can buy from the rest of world at very favorable prices, but we could lose this privileged role relatively quickly, with some bad moves, such as withdrawing as a champion of free trade, closing our capital markets, and austerely balancing the federal budget,”
Speech of David Stumpf, NEO President

Thank you President Schapiro for hosting us this evening. I’d ask my colleagues to applaud this, a wonderful event!

I’m here on behalf of over 600 emeriti to welcome all new emeritus and emerita professors into the Northwestern Emeritus Organization; we affectionately call it NEO. You have been honored by this great university by this distinctive rank and the privileges it conveys. “Retirement” is not an apt description of the life of many emeriti. As you might expect from seasoned members of the academy, there are many ways to approach this career transition. But barring adversity, for most it is a refreshing, interesting, liberating and rewarding time ... a time for a new identity and relationship with the world.

NU emeriti have been blessed by a very supportive administrative team at the top: President Schapiro and his staff; Dan Linzer and many in the Provost’s Office. Morty and Dan, we emeriti thank you for all you do on our behalf! For the new emeriti, we encourage you to engage with NEO and your emeriti colleagues.

So, let me speak now to the recently tenured faculty. Northwestern is tough about this decision, so it is not trivial to offer congratulations to you. You have reached a sentinel career milestone. As an esteemed colleague, you are afforded a special place in our academic community.

We are here tonight to celebrate career paths ... your career paths. I was asked to illustrate a few points from descriptions of my own career, specifically how Northwestern influenced my path. But I’m not here to brag; the goal is to offer up some insights that might resonate as you consider your career. I want to specifically emphasize collaboration and the opportunities that open up when you do collaborate.

I came to Northwestern from Colorado in late 1985 with tenure and to run a division at Children’s Memorial Hospital. About 3 years later things deteriorated as the parent Neurology department was in crisis. The chair search of several years had failed, the last two NIH funded investigators were leaving.

The Dean asked me to step in. It was a surprise, probably undeserved, but an opening to the most satisfying epoch of my career.

Northwestern neurology in 1989 had big troubles. For those of you from Kellogg, it would be called, in a business sense, a turnaround situation. We had limited resources and were encouraged to build one good program. I took a different path. I began meeting one-on-one each week with my fellow chairs in psychiatry and neurosurgery. We met whether we had an issue or not; just to compare notes and ideas.

Because of a dedicated donor, our ALS Program was a priority. We found an underappreciated Muslim neurologist who labored collecting samples from families with ALS. He’d experienced prejudice as a Muslim and was first concerned about how he would be received. Next he wondered if we were committed to a many year sample collection effort that had thus far yielded no results. We bought into his vision ... that the genes in these families were important. Two years after his arrival, he made front page news around the world ... “Teepu Siddique discovers the gene causing ALS!” I had insisted on a collaboration with Mark Gurney and he quickly produced the transgenic mouse model of ALS still used
today. To Teepu & Mark goes the glory, but a chairman can take some vicarious pleasure from such collaborations.

An Alzheimer Program seemed essential. It was a tough search because we had a very limited program and few resources. Fortunately, Harvard was having a political fight and my fellow trainee there from years before was against the wall. He was one of the very few behavioral neurologist who had testable hypotheses rather than a black box. His theories were extraordinary and functional imaging was emerging; his hypotheses were testable. Collaboration again was our solution. We had an endowed chair in Psychiatry ... remember those weekly meetings ... and the donor of that chair asked “how much do you need?” We also found fertile ground through collaboration between radiology, neurosurgery, psychiatry and basic sciences for investing in functional imaging ... the Dean and hospital CEO couldn’t say no! I had to travel to my old training program to settle the fight at Harvard; it boiled down to an antique, rare piece of equipment (an old German cryostat). NU spent $25,000 to purchase it and the rest is history. Marsel Mesulam arrived and within a year had, for Northwestern, the top ranked NIH Alzheimer Center Grant involving 40 faculty in 10 departments on both campuses. Collaboration had paid off. Again, more vicarious pleasure for a chairman ... really, several chairman.

We also developed stroke and sleep programs that were multi-departmental.

Not only had collaboration paid off for my department, but it also opened the door to other opportunities.

Northwestern Medicine leadership was wonderfully supportive. Dean Harry Beaty asked me to lead the strategic planning process, which was called Outlook 21 to reflect our goal of envisioning the coming century. It emphasized building the research enterprise and the increased space this required. We suggested restructuring the campus with research lakeside and clinical to the west. That vision has played out very nicely.

Gary Mecklenburg, Northwestern Memorial’s then CEO, invited me to their Board and placed me as the sole physician on their executive committee for their “Redevelopment Project”... which was the planning for the new hospital replacing Wesley and Passavant. It had massive input from every corner of the clinical enterprise. It produced a 650M dollar, facility with 2.5M ft² that, for the first time at Northwestern, was an integrated clinical venue. What a pleasure now to visit that building as a patient. Vicarious pleasure for a former chairman.

Lastly, collaboration is infectious. We are blessed in Chicagoland with many successful people, families, and businesses. They like to direct their philanthropy into collaborations where the sum is greater than the parts.

Remember that donor who heard about the possibility of putting Mesulam in their endowed chair? They were Ken & Ruth Davee. They took a leap of faith. They became friends of that program and later gave $25M to endow the department that now bears their name.

Frances Feinberg came through our emergency room door one evening. Later she and Reuben would give another $25M for our neurology programs, one of which landed their name on the Feinberg Pavilion at NMH. Still later came their wonderful gift, orchestrated by Henry Bienen, that changed the name of our medical school. It was such a joy to see how happy these families were with the transformations they had enabled. My last vicarious pleasure as chairman.
When my transition out of the chairmanship occurred, we had everyone’s research funded and plenty of money in the bank. My successor said, “I have the best neurology chair position in the country.”

To briefly complete my career story ... there was a failed startup company focused on patient empowerment, a six year stint as an executive at a Fortune 25 company, and now mentoring at MATTER, our health care incubator in the Merchandise Mart. Not surprisingly, I’m helping them set up a collaborative core facility to help accelerate their companies’ development. I’m also on the Old Court House Commission in Woodstock, where we have our home. I’m able to resume my roles as my extended family genealogist, engaging cousins, second cousins ... all the way to 8th cousins, in our big data and DNA projects.

To me, Northwestern is like family. It’s been my pleasure to work with NEO, helping them launch a newsletter and now serving as their President. I encourage you all to view our community of scholars as opportunity to collaborate and enjoy the vicarious pleasures of seeing each other thrive. NEO is now looking at new ways we can collaborate with others.

I hope, by this example, that you can see that the lives of us emeriti can be fulfilling.

Thank you for the honor of addressing you this evening.

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**NEO Nominating Committee**

In early Fall of 2016 NEO was invited to submit nominations for Board Membership in AROHE, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education. The NEO Nominations Committee selected and forwarded two nominees from which the AROHE Board chose Dave Stumpf as a new member, and then named Dave to serve as its 2017 Treasurer. We extend our congratulations to Dave, who has already been working with the Provost’s office to bring AROHE president Caroline Kane to Northwestern later this winter to consult on the development of a NEO Home.

Moreover, with Dave’s increasing responsibilities for NEO, may I remind you of the Nominating Committee’s ongoing search for a NEO member or members to take over editorship or co-editorship of the NEO Newsletter for 2017. If interested in helping out, Dave and/or I will be pleased to discuss just what this job would entail.

…. Jack Snarr, Chairman j-snarr@northwestern.edu
Passings
By Jon Ziomek

Dr. A. Todd Davis, professor emeritus of pediatrics

A. Todd Davis, M.D., 74, died after a lengthy struggle with Parkinson's Disease. He was a retired professor of pediatrics at Feinberg School of Medicine, and worked at Lurie Children's Hospital for more than 40 years. The A. Todd Davis Professor Pediatrics Chair was created in his honor. The Chicago Tribune printed this obituary of Prof. Davis.

John Dundurs, professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering

Professor Emeritus John Dundurs (B.S., M.S., Ph.D.), 94, professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering, died of respiratory failure on Sept. 21, 2016. Prof. Dundurs, who emigrated from Latvia to the United States in 1950, taught for 36 years at Northwestern, beginning in 1955. The Chicago Tribune ran this obituary of Prof. Dundurs.

Dr. James Erickson III, professor emeritus of anesthesiology

James C. Erickson III, M.D., 89, an anesthesiologist at Northwestern University Hospital from 1980 to 1998, passed away Nov. 16, 2016. Dr. Erickson had worked at several Philadelphia hospitals before joining the staff at Northwestern. The Chicago Tribune ran this obituary of Prof. Erickson.
Winfred Hill, Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Winfred Farrington Hill (Win), 87, professor emeritus of psychology, died Nov. 6, 2016. Prof. Hill received his B.A. from Yale University, his M.A. in Psychology from Northwestern University and his Ph.D. in Psychology from Stanford University. He began teaching psychology at Northwestern in 1957, serving two terms as department chair. In 1978, he became director of undergraduate studies, a post he held until his retirement in 1994. The Win Hill Award for the best undergraduate research paper is named in his honor. The Chicago Tribune ran this obituary of Prof. Hill.

Christina Enroth-Cugell, emeritus professor of biomedical engineering and neurobiology

Christina Alma Elisabeth Enroth-Cugell, 96, emeritus professor of biomedical engineering and neurobiology, died June 15. Prof. Enroth-Cugell began working as a researcher and instructor at Northwestern University's Department of Ophthalmology in 1955, eventually moving to the Department of Physiology as a faculty member. She held a joint appointment with the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences and the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science. She was an early faculty member of what became McCormick’s Department of Biomedical Engineering and Weinberg’s Department of Neurobiology, and served as chair of the Department of Neurobiology from 1984-1986. Here is a more extensive obituary.

Dr. David W. Cugell

David W. Cugell, 95, died Dec. 5, 2016. Dr. Cugell was the longest-serving faculty member at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine (58 years). He was a professor of pulmonary medicine and the founding chair of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Feinberg. He was also a director emeritus of the Respiratory Health Association. He died within a few months of his wife of over 60 years, Christina Enroth-Cugell (above). Here is a more extensive obituary.
Items of Interest

The Emeriti Calendar

Upcoming Events:

NEO Dinner Meeting: Jan 4, 2017, 6 pm, Allen Center. Sally Blount, Dean of McCormick School will speak on Globalization and her leadership of the NU Global Strategy Task Force and its report.

NEO Dinner Meeting: May 3, 2017; 5:30 pm, Monastero’s restaurant. Henry Bienen will speak on “Poetry in American Society.”

Check the Emeritus Calendar for updates on details of these lunch events:
- NEO Lunch February 1, 2017; Allen Center.
- NEO Lunch April 5, 2017; Allen Center, Jim Phillips, Vice President of Athletics and Recreation.

The Emeritus News home page has a link to the Emeriti Calendar. This link takes you to Planet Purple, the University’s master calendar, with the content filtered for the Emeriti Faculty group.

The Emeriti Calendar will include NEO meetings and other events of potential interest. Clicking on specific events will provide details and also a link for downloading the event directly into your calendar.

Ed Wilson is managing this calendar. Enthusiasts of particular events may help him get items into the calendar. Please communicate your suggestions and interest directly to Ed via this link.

You can also access other groups of interest at http://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/groups/.

Northwestern’s Fraser Stoddart Wins Nobel Prize

Sir Fraser was the recipient of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. The prize was awarded at a Royal event in Stockholm: read about it.

Faculty Software Discounts

We have updated the NEO website to clarify that emeriti are eligible to purchase software at the faculty discount rates. The site provides a link to the website OnTheHub where you can purchase discounted software. All you need is an active netID.

What are you up to? We’d like to share your news with fellow emeriti. For more details, please use our “How to Contribute” link.