

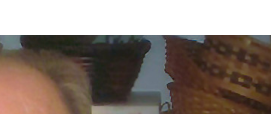
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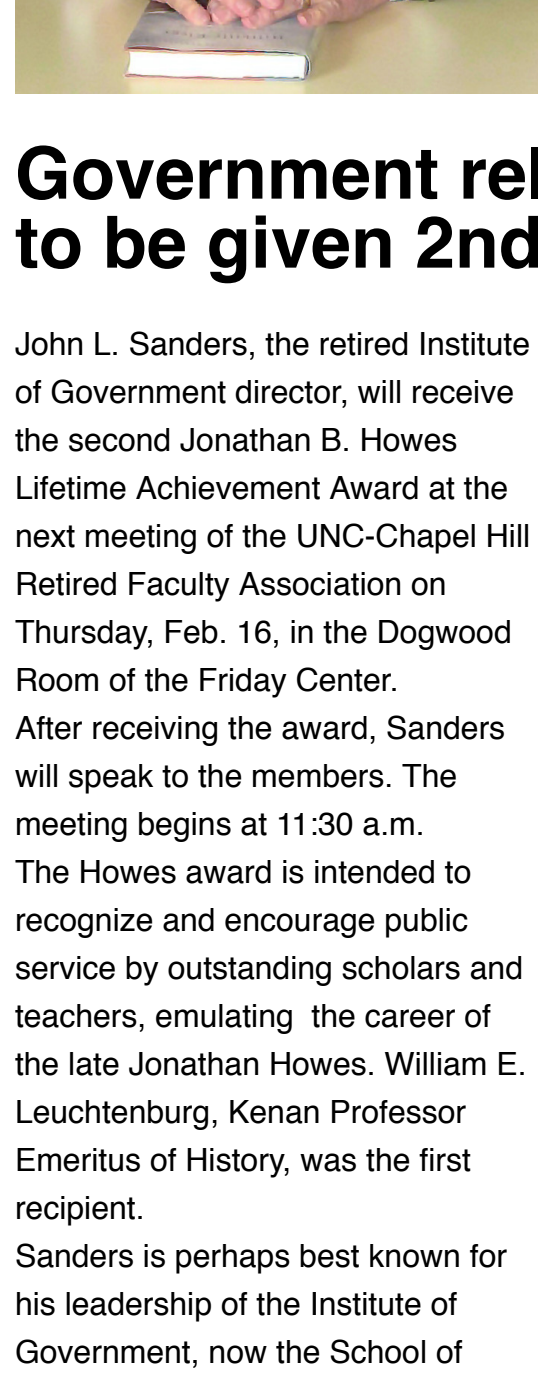
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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Vol. 10, No. 1, February 2017**“When you speak about John Sanders, you speak about the most sterling example of public service of anyone I know.”**

— William Friday

Government relations pioneer to be given 2nd Howes Award

John L. Sanders, the retired Institute of Government director, will receive the second Jonathan B. Howes Lifetime Achievement Award at the next meeting of the UNC-Chapel Hill Retired Faculty Association on Thursday, Feb. 16, in the Dogwood Room of the Friday Center.

After receiving the award, Sanders will speak to the members. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The Howes award is intended to recognize and encourage public service by outstanding scholars and teachers, emulating the career of the late Jonathan Howes. William E. Leuchtenburg, Kenan Professor Emeritus of History, was the first recipient.

Sanders is perhaps best known for his leadership of the Institute of Government, now the School of Government, over a period of 30 years. Joining the Institute as a member of the faculty in 1956, he was instrumental in building a strong, supportive relationship to the state legislature and other offices of state government.

As vice president of the University System Office between 1973 and 1978, he developed the University's first long-range plan and was instrumental in the expansion of the community college system. His contributions to other institutions and processes are too numerous to mention.

William Friday said of him, “When you speak about John Sanders, you speak about the most sterling example of public service of anyone I know.”

Service to the State of North Carolina and the University is not the only contribution he has made. Over the years he was mentor to hundreds of student leaders and helped shape their successful professional and personal careers.

It is with great pride that the RFA recognizes John Sanders' contributions over a lifetime to the state of North Carolina, to the University and to the cause of good government.

— Sam Magill

To register and pay for lunch: Click on this link:

<https://giving.dev.unc.edu/events/fridaycenter/howes>

If you don't want to register online, you can mail a \$16 check made payable to UNCRFA to:

UNC Retired Faculty Association
c/o Virginia Taylor
100 Friday Center Drive
Campus Box 1020
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1020

Luncheon reservations must be received by Feb. 13. If your check might not be delivered by then, please notify

vrt@email.unc.edu.

A note on parking: Permits are now required at the Friday Center.

Electronic permits will be sent out to those who sign up for the meeting, and cars with handicapped permits don't need a Friday Center permit.

Other visitors should park at the curb and get a pass from the front desk before parking in the lot.

Vote planned on revised bylaws

Over the past several years, the officers and rest of the Executive Committee have been working hard to revitalize the RFA to better meet the needs of retired faculty and to reflect the work of RFA as a more vital force within the University. At the same time, we saw a need to update our bylaws, which were written in 1986 and last revised in 2013. We plan to vote on them at our April meeting. Once final revisions are made, the bylaws will be available on the RFA website:

<http://uncrfa.web.unc.edu/>

The changes involved using a more standard bylaws format, expanding the mission, clarifying membership categories, describing the duties of officers and the terms of office, and adding a section on nominations and elections.

We hope you will read the revisions and will be prepared to ask questions and/or to vote for these changes at the April meeting. The changes have been approved by the executive committee.

— Marge Miles

From the President**In these troubling times, there are many ways we can help**

The New Year introduces blessings (we survive) but also obvious costs. This is a time “of living dangerously,” to borrow a phrase from the late President Sukarno. He described a period in Indonesia when my wife and I lived there and conflict culminated in the killing of as many as a million people in this nation that nearly matches the U.S. in population. Such an event warns that

experiences and sound institutions must prevail in the United States as it witnesses dangerous government actions; perhaps retirees can contribute wisdom and more, based on their wide experience. Suggestions for doing this are welcomed by RFA. Meanwhile, RFA continues its activities and seeks new ones, with your help and advice.

• At the December Faculty Council meeting, Andrew Dobelstein presented, and the Faculty Council approved, a resolution from Jonathan Kotch to ask the legislature to repeal a portion of a law that would open the door to bringing weapons onto campus. The resolution has been sent to legislators.

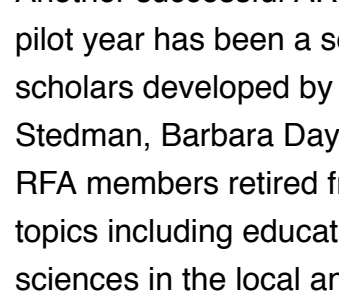
• Another project, with UNC Press, prints out-of-print but in-demand or significant books by retired faculty. The first in the series is my 1978 book, *Purifying the Faith: The Muhammadiyah Movement in Indonesian Islam*. An Indonesian version of that book, titled *Gerakan Muhammadiyah*, was published last year. The Muhammadiyah, with 30 million members, is one of the largest organizations in Islam. Propose books you or others have published!

Though it is in a different series, here is another example of UNC Press' commitment to reprinting significant works: The Press plans to reissue Howard Odum's 1936 book, *Southern Regions of the United States*. This book reportedly stimulated FDR to expand the New Deal to the South.

• UNC-CH has hired Clayton Somers to help the University “bridge” to the legislature and the state. Many members of the RFA have considerable experience in this as well as contacts and perhaps ideas and advice. I invite those interested to let me know of that interest and any suggestions.

I look forward to seeing you at the presentation of our second Jonathan Howes Award on Thursday, Feb. 16, in the Redbud Room at the Friday Center.

— Jim Peacock

**FPG conference center planned to honor legacy of Jim Gallagher**

UNC-Chapel Hill and the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute are planning a special conference center to honor the life and legacy of James J. Gallagher, former director of FPG and a past president of the UNC-CH Retired Faculty Association. Gallagher, who died in 2014, was also Kenan Professor of Education at UNC-CH for over 45 years.

The conference site will be designed and constructed within the main FPG Research Building. The University will provide part of the funds. The balance will be donated by colleagues, associates, friends and family.

Fundraising for the needed \$25,000 will be coordinated by Dr. Mary Ruth Coleman, RFA member and longtime FPG research scientist and colleague of Jim Gallagher, and Don Stedman, a longtime friend and associate and past president of RFA.

If you wish to donate \$25, \$50 or \$75 to the fund, send

a check to:
Don Stedman, RFA,
c/o Virginia Taylor,
Friday Center
100 Friday Center Drive
Campus Box 1020
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1020

— Don Stedman

RFA project featured on UNC web posting and in Gazette

The pilot year of an RFA program for international scholars has been deemed a success.

That's the word from Elizabeth Barnum, director of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at the UNC Global Education Center. The RFA ARLIS (Academic Retirees as Liaisons for International Scholars) program was launched in the spring of 2016 with a reception at the Global Center.

UNC has a strong history of host family support for international undergraduates, but our thousands of scholars (visiting faculty, laboratory and social science investigators, physicians, dentists, educators and others) have had no designated support structure beyond departments to help them negotiate the shoals of the academic community and their new home community.

Expectations were that perhaps half a dozen retirees and half a dozen scholars would express an interest. As of this writing, 25 RFA members and friends have answered the call to participate, and 56 scholars have asked for assignment to a mentor.

The scholars do not live with their mentors. They may visit in mentors' homes, meet for a Carolina Coffee Shop chat, a Spanky's sandwich, or a free mid-campus movie to exchange information and questions.

Another successful ARLIS offering during this pilot year has been a series of seminars for scholars developed by past RFA President Don Stedman, Barbara Day and Barbara Wasik (all RFA members retired from Education), discussing topics including education, health, politics and sciences in the local and larger communities.

The first seminar focused on school attendance in North Carolina for scholars' children, who number more than 400. Volunteers are needed to help promote conversation in seminars, to socialize and to host in general. The spring schedule for scholars' seminars is on the [RFA Web page](#).

James Peacock, RFA president, will invite interested RFA members from several departments to form an ARLIS steering committee to refine procedures, target volunteer recruitment and assure growth and strength from the pilot base.

An ARLIS orientation reception will be held later in the spring. Elizabeth Barnum and Bobbie Lubker, RFA ARLIS coordinator, encourage RFA members to submit the volunteer mentoring form on the [RFA Web page](#).

— Bobbie Lubker

Former RFA president dies

Henry Landsberger, emeritus professor of Sociology who served with his wife, Betty, as RFA co-president in 2002-03, died Feb. 2 in California. Information on memorial ceremonies will be posted on the RFA Website when it becomes available.

At the Friday Center**Reception for Retired Faculty March 7**

Mark your calendars for the Friday Center's annual reception to honor retired faculty, Tuesday, March 7, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Friday Center. All retired faculty (and their guests) are invited. For more information, contact Virginia Taylor at vrt@email.unc.edu.

Springtime enrichment classes

Carolina Connections: Daytime Enrichment Class Offerings for Spring 2017.

Only \$5 per course for members of the Retired Faculty Association.

Course offerings include:

March 9: The Paris Opera Ceiling by Marc Chagall

March 9: Move It or Lose It – How to Stay Physically Active Throughout Your Lifespan

March 16: Introduction to Zentangle

March 16 & 30: Open a New Window!

March 16 & 30, April 20: Grandparents of Special Needs Children

March 16 & 30, April 6 & 20: Shakespeare and War

March 30, April 13 & 27: The Inking Prophet of Oxford: C.S. Lewis Book Club Series

April 6: Movies in the Morning: Novels to Film – “The Third Man”

April 6, 13, 20: Write Your Life

April 6 & 27: Ethics, Smethics! Ethics in an Age of Lies and Deceit

April 13: Blues Stories, Legends, and Characters

April 20: Surprising Allies: The President and the Young African-American Congresswoman

April 20: Global Issues

April 27: Medicare Made Clear

For more information, or to register, go to <http://fridaycenter.unc.edu/noncreditprograms/daytime-classes/>

In celebration of Black History Month

Sunday, March 5, 3-5 pm at the Friday Center

The Langston Hughes Project – Ask Your Mama: 12 Moods for Jazz, Free

<http://fridaycenter.unc.edu/noncreditprograms/langstonhughes/>



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