

# RFA News

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Newsletter of the Retired Faculty Association of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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Joel Curran, University public relations leader

## Meet the person who presents UNC to the public

One tough thing about being the “University of the People” is that “the people” always want to know what’s going on with the University. And well they should. They own it, they love it, and they want it to be the best. That’s why Joel Curran’s job is a tough one as well as a great opportunity.

Come hear Vice Chancellor for Communications and Public Affairs Joel Curran speak about that and more to retired faculty at the RFA General Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Friday Center.

Registration is at 11:30 a.m. The program begins at noon. All retired UNC-CH faculty are invited.

Curran came to the University at the end of 2013 after a 27-year career in the public relations industry. The Lexington, N.C., native earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from UNC-CH in 1986.

### RFA Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 11

(Registration, 11:30 a.m., lunch, noon; followed by program)

The Friday Center

Registration and membership forms are on [Page 4](#)

### Nominations open

Don Boulton, the RFA Immediate Past President, is chairing the RFA Nominations Committee, which is charged with coming up with new officers for election at the April 14 RFA meeting. The committee members are Patricia Pukkila, Sam Magill and Dana Quade.



Boulton

Watch for the call for nominations and please vote when the slate is presented. All details will be posted on the RFA website.

## Inaugural reception set for international scholars at Fedex Global Center

The International Scholars Program of the UNC Chapel Hill Global Education Center and RFA have partnered to link international scholars with retired faculty.

Twenty-six retired faculty members have signed up to meet 52 scholars at an inaugural reception at the Fedex Global Education Center on Sunday, Feb. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Find out more about this great opportunity from Bobbie Lubker ([blubker@live.unc.edu](mailto:blubker@live.unc.edu)), RFA Liaison, or Elizabeth Barnum ([ebarnum@email.unc.edu](mailto:ebarnum@email.unc.edu)), Director of International Student and Scholar Services at the Fedex Center.

If you are interested in becoming a liaison, just complete the ARLIS registration form (<http://uncrfa.web.unc.edu/volunteer-opportunities/>) and send it in by Feb. 5.



Lubker



Barnum

**From the President**

# Make us a partner in your active retirement

Most retired UNC Chapel Hill faculty are anything but “retired.” They have found productive ways to stay active, healthy, involved and connected. They continue to be the most useful reservoir of talent in their communities. They’re interested, enthusiastic and concerned about issues and the future. No deadwood here.

**Don Stedman**

Some continue to teach; some continue their research, diligently keeping up with their professional fields. Others move into activities that are new and rewarding — consulting, teaching, mentoring, building and paying back.

You don’t have to be a member of RFA to do these things, but it sure helps. Your association offers three important resources for retired faculty. Staying connected with colleagues is No. 1. Staying up to date with University issues is No. 2.

Staying in the flow of important information and opportunities is No. 3.

RFA has provided a way for retired faculty to learn about academic integrity issues and has convened retired faculty to produce a statement for the Chancellor on the matter.

RFA has generated activities that provide retired faculty with opportunities to teach and mentor international scholars. We have considered health care and political affairs, and we hear regularly from top University leaders.

Think about joining RFA to help expand access to these opportunities and let us know how we can help you do that. We are your base now and the most important way for you to stay in the game.

I’m a member for life. Join the association and you can be, too.



Photo by Bill Cloud

**Tom Ross with his award, presented on behalf of the Retired Faculty Association by Patricia Pukkila**

## Ross honored by RFA

UNC President Tom Ross was recognized for his outstanding service to the University with RFA’s 2015 Distinguished Leadership Award at the November meeting at the Friday Center. The award was presented to Ross on behalf of all UNC-Chapel Hill retired faculty by RFA Executive Committee and UNC-CH Faculty Council Delegate Patricia Pukkila.

The award citation lauded his long service to higher education and to North Carolina. The citation will be posted on the RFA website, <http://uncrfa.web.unc.edu/>.

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## Heels over the snow

The threat of winter weather didn't deter some from their exercise routine on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Friday, Jan. 22.

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Chapel Hill

### Friday center events:

For more information on all of these events, check the Friday Center website: <http://fridaycenter.unc.edu/>, or call Virginia Taylor at 919-962-1618.

- Presenting Mike Wiley in "One Noble Journey: A Box Marked Freedom" on Sunday, Feb.14, at 3 p.m. Free.

<http://tinyurl.com/jskpyk4>

Annual reception for retired faculty on Tuesday, March 8, at 5 p.m. in the atrium of the Friday Center. Free.

- The Friday Center will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary on Saturday, April 16. There will be a fundraising dinner that night at 6 o'clock and a concert with the Red Clay Ramblers at 8 o'clock.

<http://fridaycenter.unc.edu/anniversary/>

### UNC news highlights:

**Snowe to speak:** Olympia Snowe, former U.S. Senator from Maine, will deliver the annual Weatherspoon Lecture at the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business on at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in Koury Auditorium. *Registration is required, and a big crowd is expected.* Snowe served in the U.S. Senate from 1995-2013 and the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979-1995. The topic of her talk will be "What's Gone Wrong in Washington and Why It Doesn't Have to Be This Way."

<http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/news/2016/01/Snowe-to-give-Weather-spoon-Lecture>

**Chancellor's message:** "I am writing to share actions we are taking to build upon the crucial conversations about race, equity, and inclusion that our students launched at Carolina last semester."

<http://www.unc.edu/campus-updates/message-from-chancellor-folt-update-on-race-equity-and-inclusion/>

**GAA honors:** The General Alumni Association has honored the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and an American studies professor with its Faculty Service Awards.

<http://www.unc.edu/campus-updates/unc-chapel-hill-general-alumni-association-presents-faculty-service-awards/>

### Save these dates!

- Feb. 11 (Thursday) RFA Meeting, Friday Center
- March 8 (Tuesday) Friday Center Reception for Retired Faculty, Friday Center
- April 14 (Thursday) RFA Meeting, Friday Center
- April 16 (Sat) Friday Center 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Friday Center

### RFA Membership Application 2016

Please sign me up as a member of the Retired Faculty Association of UNC-Chapel Hill or other institution:

- Regular Membership (\$25 annually)
- Lifetime Membership (\$150)
- Associate Membership (\$20 annually)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Position at UNC before retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

The Retired Faculty Association of UNC-Chapel Hill  
 The William C. and Ida Friday Center  
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**UNC Retired Faculty Association Quarterly Meeting**  
**Registration at 11:30 a.m.; luncheon at noon; program follows.**  
**Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016**



Print out this form, fill it out and mail with your check to:  
 Treasurer, UNC Retired Faculty Association  
 2119 Markham Drive  
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2122

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of luncheon reservations @ \$16.00 ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon reservations must be received by Feb. 9.**

*If you think your check might not be delivered by then, please notify us at [uncrfa@gmail.com](mailto:uncrfa@gmail.com) or 919-942-2192.*

**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.