

RFPA provides professional education and intellectual community for retired faculty members and professionals. Its general meetings held approximately monthly throughout the academic year at the Friday Center feature a luncheon, a speaker, and timely and interesting educational programs. Recent speakers have included Jim White, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill; Susan Brown, former director of the Chapel Hill Library; and retired tech executive Dr. Lee Nackman on artificial intelligence.

Another benefit of membership is representation on the Faculty Council. The RFPA nominates two members to represent retired faculty. Your delegates are voting members of the council. We also serve on Faculty Council committees and submit resolutions on your behalf. In the years in which a delegate's term is expiring, all RFPA members who are registered with the Office of Faculty Governance will receive a ballot by email in April to fill the vacancy.

The RFPA also partners with university organizations to provide educational and volunteer service opportunities for retired professionals and faculty members. Examples include UNC's Digital and Lifelong Learning programs at the Friday Center; the Institute for Arts and Humanities for the annual Retired Faculty and Professionals Seminars in spring; and Carolina Public Humanities program that offers a 50% discount for RFPA members to most of its programs.