



UNIVERSITY OF  
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—EMERITI ASSOCIATION—  
**NEWSLETTER**

### Upcoming Dates

November 18	Luncheon and Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Union 237 A/B
December 9	Holiday Coffee	2:00 p.m.	Union Atrium
January 11	Coffee	2:00 p.m.	Union 237 A/B
February 10	Coffee	9:30 a.m.	Union 237 A/B
March 8	Coffee	2:00 p.m.	JCK Library
April 16	Luncheon and Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Union 237 A/B
May 10	Coffee	9:30 a.m.	Union 237 A/B
June 10	Coffee	2:00 p.m.	JCK Library

### President's Message



On behalf of all the UCM Emeriti Board members, I want to wish you all the very best this fall as UCM starts a new academic year.

What a terrible and difficult past eighteen months, but many have expressed a new appreciation for our emeriti community and our connections through the years. Please know that our association exists to keep all of us connected to UCM and to one another. We welcome your ideas about special programs and activities that sound fun and educational.

We celebrated two years of emeriti members retiring from UCM during the 2020 and the 2021 academic years at the UCM Emeriti Faculty and Staff Recognition Dinner on August 24. Funded and sponsored by President Roger Best, our dinner

had more than 90 people in attendance, and we carefully followed masking and social distancing. Our list of emeriti from 2020 included 25 individuals and 35 from the 2021 academic year. We all hope the transition to retirement is successful for each of them after so many years. The dinner was a delightful event, and we appreciate the continuing support from President Best.

Our monthly coffees will continue with the **Holiday Coffee on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. in the Union Atrium**. Plus, don't miss the **Fall Luncheon and Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 11:30 a.m. in Union 237**. Please join us for all and look for information in this newsletter. We are pleased that the four academic college deans are sponsoring our coffees, as will the UCM Alumni Foundation office. Please continue to check your emails about our programming each month.

I hope many of you have checked out the great list of UCM sesquicentennial events planned this year. They began in April 2021 and end with commencement in December this year. A lot is planned between now and then, so please view what is listed at **[150.ucmo.edu/events](https://150.ucmo.edu/events)**. Thank you for your continued support for the programs we offer and for the ways we can all stay connected to UCM. Thanks for your many years of service!

# A History of Hendricks Hall

*By Russell Coleman, Professor Emeritus of Music*



Hendricks Hall is the primary performance facility on the UCM campus for large music ensembles, touring presentations, lectures, and gatherings such as Boys and Girls State. It has hosted performances by the Kansas City and St. Louis Symphonies, the United States Marine Band, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton and Woody Herman Jazz Bands, and numerous individual presentations by nationally known persons. The hall has approximately 1,300 seats.

Changes to the facility over the years have both helped and harmed its usefulness. When I came to the campus in 1964, the hall had the original wooden seats, and rubber runners in the aisle. However, the beautiful original ceiling was entombed by the new 1956 ceiling. Over the years the seats have been replaced with cloth surfaces and the ceiling has been covered with a suspended acoustical tile, creating a sound-absorbing surface. The curtains added to the windows also absorb sound. Much of the change in the hall was to update and modernize to the fashion of the day, but in so doing, it has diminished the quality and volume of sound. To improve the stage to better project sound, it has been extended forward, reducing the seating in

the first rows. Sound-reflective movable panels were purchased for the stage and are currently used. The back wall of the stage cannot be altered since it is a load-bearing wall.

Michael Quimby, the owner of Quimby Pipe Organs, has committed to restoring the pipe organ in the facility. The restoration of the original ceiling will greatly enhance the quality of sound.

An excellent study and evaluation of the facility were prepared in 2019 by T. Daniel Hancock, a distinguished member of the American Institute of Architects. This review strongly recommends a "restored ceiling duplicating the original construction as the biggest step toward a visual effect in the space," and it is "also the area of single biggest impact toward improving the acoustical nature of the space."

An effort is currently underway to secure funds for this restoration. Although a significant amount has been raised, much more is needed to help the university restore this historic facility.

Your support would be appreciated.



## Congratulations

**Sara Brooks Sundberg**, Professor Emerita of History, has co-authored an essay, “Championing Women’s Suffrage at the Grassroots: Women in Warrensburg, Missouri 1890-1920” to be published in the Missouri Historical Review. Her co-authors are five of her former students. They authored the article as part of a class research project.

## Activities of Members



Newly added Emeriti Members from the August 2021 Dinner

**Barbara Baker**, Professor Emerita of Communication, writes, “The year 2021 continued the adjustments of 2020, with me teaching remotely for UT Dallas through the spring semester. I also attended two virtual conferences, the annual Southern States Communication Association conference (held remotely for the first time), and the Remote Conference on Online Pedagogy, facilitated by Arizona State University. In terms of personal news, in April we lost one of our older cats due to complications of diabetes and kidney disease. I was able to get cataract surgery done on my left eye in early August but had to reschedule the second eye because Gregg had to have emergency gallbladder surgery on the day it was scheduled (I will get the second surgery in September). I also spend many sessions with my dentist, finally getting the rest of my implant crowns after various delays. Currently, I am back teaching in person at UT Dallas, which cannot mandate mask wearing or vaccinations. Thankfully most of my students were wearing masks in my three face-to-face classes (my fourth class is online). Daily check-ins are required, and testing for COVID also is required for all students, staff, and faculty in the first four weeks of the semester, despite vaccination status. Both Gregg and I were fully vaccinated in the spring (with Pfizer), but likely also will get a booster shot

when permitted. The faculty and administration remain in discussions to determine the way forward, as Texas is one of the hot spots for the Delta variant. Because of the Delta variant, my plans to see my youngest sister in Tucson in early October, attend a close relative’s daughter’s wedding in Las Vegas (also in October), and attend the National Communication Association annual meeting in Seattle in November are all on hold. Ideally, I will be able to do these trips this fall, but much depends on factors beyond my control.”

**Libby Dierking**, Professor Emerita of Education, and daughter of the late **Bill Thompson**, Professor Emeritus of Economics, writes, “I just retired last December. Presently, I babysit my 2 grandchildren (ages 6 months and 3 years) 3 days a week. The other two days I am either golfing, supervising student teachers, enjoying time with family and friends, or reading. I am also teaching an online curriculum course for a new program helping paras become certified teachers. My husband and I have spent many weekends at the Lake of the Ozarks, too. This October, I will head out to New York City to spend time with our older son. I am definitely busy and enjoying every minute.”

**John Hess**, Professor Emeritus of Biology, writes, “Gina and I are not antisocial, but we’re less inclined to gad about and attend gatherings than most folks. Accordingly, the enforced isolation of COVID has been less troublesome to us probably than to most emeriti. We have our 30 acres to wander about (and maintain) and a house that never quite got all the finishing touches when we built it, and it needs maintenance also. Call me crazy, but I think most of that is fun to do since I have the time to do it. And we have the company of our dogs, and regular Zooms with people that we wouldn’t ordinarily get to see. But we do miss the regular

contact with friends around town, particularly since many are moving away. I've taken the time to finish a book I've been working on and have just sent it to the printer. The title is *A Perfectly Ordinary Paradise: an intimate view of life on Brawley Creek*. It is a book about Place. Place in the sense that it gathers the various strands of its essence and assembles them to take a more inclusive picture of this place. I've leaned on emeritus faculty and current faculty from UCM, who have been generous with their time, and from professional acquaintances across the U.S., many of whom have become emeritus faculty since I began putting this book together nearly 10 years ago. That part isn't my fault. There is a little of everything in the book, but it leans heavily (as you would expect) on the way life works here with 250 photographs or so, all taken by Gina on the property. I hope to have the book in hand by mid to late October. I surely hope the vaccinations will proceed—especially locally—so that by then I may be able to venture out of our ordinary paradise here, to talk about it.”

**Steve Peterson**, Emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs, writes, “Since retiring, I have been working part time for the St. Louis County Board of Elections. It is a way I can contribute to our democratic system of government without getting caught up in politics. Despite what we hear on the news, the election process is well managed and efficient. There are so many built-in protections in the system that it would be impossible to violate the integrity of the voting process. I share this for two reasons: (1) to reassure others that what they hear or read about election fraud is simply not true, and (2) to encourage others to serve as poll workers on election days. Many poll workers are retired people who have the time and flexibility to work. The training is thorough and understandable. Election days are long, but there is a certain satisfaction that comes with doing something that matters. Anyone who is interested in helping as a poll worker can simply contact their local election board for more information. On a personal note, Joann and I are blessed to have all four of our children and their families living close by us here in St. Louis. Between the six grandkids, we get to attend football, baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, lacrosse, dance, gymnastics, and a variety of school

activities. We are never at a loss to fulfill our job as cheerleaders. We continue to enjoy our place at the Lake of the Ozarks and try to travel to someplace warm in January or February. I enjoy playing bridge and play in a local university concert band when these activities are not interrupted by the pandemic. I attended the Emeriti Dinner in August (a nice event) but was saddened by the number of our UCM colleagues whose names appeared on the ‘in Memoriam list.’ On the other hand, those names brought back nice memories of our times together at Central.”

**Marla Selvidge**, Professor Emerita of Religious Studies, writes, “In spite of the pandemic, Tom and I try to visit historic places throughout Florida every week. Most recently we toured Rockledge and its 19th-century homes. In Ormond, we discovered a Timucuan mound and several plantations from the 19th century that manufactured rum. The Rockefellers had an unassuming place on Ormond Beach where they wintered. Did you know that Florida fought with the British in the Revolutionary War? Did you know that Florida was a member of the confederacy? This is only the tip of the iceberg in uncovering Florida history. Recently I was asked by the Park Ranger managing Merritt Island National Refuge to research one-room schoolhouses on the island. This has led me to the Bulow plantation in Volusia County and more. John Bulow’s plantation was taken over by a militia in 1835, and they kept him in an outhouse for a year. I never dreamed that Florida’s history was so violent. Slaves and the indigenous were almost totally eliminated. I never really understood the cruel and humiliating Jim Crow laws. And I never dreamed that being a volunteer could be so interesting and rewarding. We no longer dine in restaurants but try to find good take-out food. We carry chairs and a folding table and dine outside, usually by a beach. We are thankful the weather allows us to be so active. We golf, bike, kayak, walk, and more. But most of the public events where we live have been canceled. Follow us on: [www.motoringwithmarla.com](http://www.motoringwithmarla.com). Contact me at [selvidgemarla@gmail.com](mailto:selvidgemarla@gmail.com). Be safe and sane.”

**Stephen Walker**, Librarian Emeritus, writes, “During this year through Road Scholar I took multi-day online courses: New Mexico’s mysterious



Chaco Canyon and its ancient constructions; the history of the Channel Islands off the coast of California; the story of London; the British novel. I

## **In Remembrance**

**Walter Brunette**, Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences, died May 9 at the age of 101. He was born and raised in West Helena, Arkansas. After graduating from Helena High School, Walter attended the University of Arkansas before attending the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he received flight training. Upon graduation on June 1, 1943, he was winged by Gen. Hap Arnold, received a diploma, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. Assigned to the 47th Bomb Group in Italy, he flew 75 missions in the A-20 Havoc earning a Distinguished Flying Cross. After the war, he taught Military Science at John Hopkins University then the University of Maryland. In the Korean War, he flew 17 missions in the F-51D Mustang in the 86th Fighter/Bomber Group before becoming an Air Liaison for the 4th Infantry Division. After Korea, he flew the F-86D and retired from the Air Force in 1965 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Walter began teaching at Central Missouri State University and attended night classes, eventually earning his Ph.D. in Education from the University of Missouri. In 1984 he retired and moved to Corpus Christi, and around 1990 he fully retired to Sun City Center, Florida.

**Jack Carmichael**, Director Emeritus of Development, passed away Tuesday, June 15, at his home in Janesville, California, at the age of 93. After he graduated from seminary in 1952, he was called to active duty as a U.S. Army Chaplain and served a combat tour of duty in the Korean Conflict. After Korea, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 1960 he received his Ph.D. in guidance counseling and psychology at Ohio University. In 1962, he moved his family to Cameroon, Africa, where for two years he acted as the Ohio University Overseas Representative for the Peace Corps Project supervising 40 Peace Corps volunteers. Upon his return to the U.S., he worked at Central Missouri State University (now UCM) for 15 years as assistant to the president and director of the CMSU Foundation in Warrensburg. Jack became the senior pastor of the United Methodist

also took several hour-long online courses on a diversity of topics — Greek Cycladic architecture, Dante, whales, etc.”

Church in Knob Noster for nine years, then became senior pastor for 17 years in Paradise, California. He retired from Craig Memorial Congregational Church in 2001, and he and his second wife, Judy, moved back to her childhood hometown in Janesville. He became a volunteer chaplain at High Desert State Prison near Susanville and served as a protestant chaplain at California Correction Center from 2005 to 2010.

**Dorothy Craig**, Librarian Emerita, passed away Aug. 24 in Holden. After raising four children, the longtime Knob Noster resident joined the university on July 9, 1979, and worked for Library Services as a library assistant until her retirement on Dec. 31, 2001.

**William (Bill) Hauser**, Professor Emeritus of Modern Languages, died August 28 in Warrensburg. A native of Minneapolis, Bill received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus. After receiving his master's, he taught English in small Minnesota towns until he moved to Lawrence, Kansas, to continue his education. After receiving his doctorate in foreign languages from KU, he started his 30-year career at UCM. While here, he taught Spanish at all levels, taught students seeking a Spanish Education degree, and supervised their student teaching. He was also chair of the Department of Modern Languages. As if that were not enough, Bill Hauser hosted students from other countries and had over 20 foreign exchange students live with him while they studied English.

**Dolores Vernice Mansur Kitterman**, Office Professional Emerita, passed away in Lee's Summit on April 20, 2021. Born February 10, 1930, in Ray County, she began attending Warrensburg schools in the eighth grade, and after graduating as salutatorian of Warrensburg High's class of 1947, she was awarded a scholarship to Central Missouri State College (now UCM), graduating with a bachelor's degree in History in 1951. While

studying for her degree, she also completed some post-graduate work at CMSC and the University of Kansas City (now UMKC). She worked for Mid-Continent Airlines and had a brief period of employment with Skelly Oil Company before coming to UCM in December 1952 after President Diemer suggested she apply for the position of Secretary to the President and Assistant Secretary to the Board of Regents (now Governors). This was the beginning of many years of university employment working with four different university presidents, during which she earned two promotions, serving as Administrative Assistant, then Assistant to the President. She was also part of the President's Cabinet, as well as a valued member of many committees, retiring after 43 years of full-time service in 1995. In 1995, the Board of Regents named their meeting room in the University Student Union the Dolores M. Kitterman Room in her honor. A long-time member of Warrensburg's First United Methodist Church, she worked with bequests on behalf of the church. She also was an active member of the university's Emeriti Association, served as an advisor for the Sigma Kappa sorority, worked with Meals on Wheels, and was a volunteer with the Western Missouri Medical Center.

**Jo Anna (McNeece) Marr**, a member of UCM's emeriti family, passed away on June 9. She was born in Johnson County in April 1927 and spent most of her life here. After graduating from UCM's College High in 1945, she married Rolla Marr, and after living in several places in Johnson County, they returned to Warrensburg in 1975. She retired from the university on June 30, 1992, after joining the cataloging department at Ward Edwards Library. She served as the online catalog maintenance clerk for Library Services until her retirement.

**Perry G. McCandless**, Professor Emeritus of History, passed away July 22 in Kansas City. Dr. McCandless came to UCM in 1948 and served through 1982 teaching classes such as American and Missouri history on his way to becoming a full professor. As a faculty member, Dr. McCandless had a passion for writing, which he continued after retirement in addition to serving as a consultant in his field. He was a veteran of World War II, having

served four years in the United States Army Air Forces.

**Donald Miller**, Professor Emeritus of Physics, died Aug. 18 at St. Luke's South Medical Center. A native of Alliance, Nebraska, Don earned his bachelor's degree from Chadron State, his master's from the University of Nebraska, and his doctorate from Texas A&M. After he developed the Physics program at Panhandle A&M in Oklahoma, Don began teaching at what was then Central Missouri State College in August 1968. He served for 41 years in the Chemistry and Physics Department, where his experiences included a temporary assignment as interim chair and coordinating the transfer program for engineering students with Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly the University of Missouri-Rolla) and the University of Missouri-Columbia, and teaching engineering prerequisites. He also served on the Faculty Senate and was a former president of that group.

**Jerry Miller**, Emeritus Professor of Art, died on Tuesday, June 22, just two months after his wife, **Joyce**. A native of Moberly, MO, he graduated from Moberly High in 1956, then received a BSE in Art from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State University), a master's in art education at MU, an Education Specialist at UCM, and a Doctor of Visual Arts Education from KU. In his teaching career, he taught high school art in Richmond, MO, for several years, then came to Warrensburg to teach at the University Lab School. In 1979, he became an instructor in art at UCM and served as chair of the Department of Art from 1988 to 1999. Among his many accomplishments as chair, he led the department to become accredited with the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and served as president of the Missouri Art Education Association. Jerry was also an accomplished sculptor working with art as his medium of choice. His works are visible in many sites on campus and are also held in many private collections.

**Joyce Miller**, Jerry's wife, died April 22 in Wichita. After graduating from high school in 1955, Joyce attended the University of Missouri, earning her bachelor's degree in music. After

graduating, she spent a year teaching vocal music in Iowa before taking a job teaching vocal music in Richmond, MO, where she met Jerry, who was an art teacher at the school. They wed in 1961. Jerry then took a job with UCM, while Joyce became a vocal music teacher at Warrensburg High School. She eventually earned a master's degree in Library Sciences and became the head librarian at the high school. But music remained her first love, and she became the director of the community chorus.

**Donald Schawo**, a support staff Emeritus at UCM, passed away on August 10, 2020. He retired from the university in February 2017 after serving the university as a carpenter for 38 years. Members of the UCM campus and our many emeriti faculty and staff are keeping Donald Schawo's family and friends in their thoughts and express their deepest condolences to all those who knew and worked with him.

**Alvin R. Tinsley**, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Computer Science, passed away on July 8 at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar. Born in Humansville, Missouri, Alvin spent his first six years of education at the one-room Cedar Grove Elementary School near Humansville. Cedar Grove was consolidated into the Humansville school

district just before his seventh-grade year, and he went on to graduate from Humansville High School. He attended college at Southwest Missouri State College – now Missouri State University – to become a secondary school mathematics teacher. After college, he taught junior high math and went on for higher education. He retired in 2004 as a math and computer science professor at UCM, where he taught for 36 years. While serving UCM, Alvin shared his passion for mathematics by teaching classes dealing with analysis, geometry, and topology, in addition to co-founding the student chapter of the Mathematical Association of America on campus.

**Marilyn True**, the wife of Professor Emeritus of Music **Wesley True**, died August 17 in Warrensburg. A native of Nyack, N.Y., Marilyn earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Ithaca College and a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan. After marrying Wesley, she established an independent piano studio in Warrensburg and was a frequent adjunct teacher at UCM, where she helped establish the Epsilon Omega chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota. She also taught for 10 years at State Fair Community College.

## **1871 Society**

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## Notes From Our Stomping Ground

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Notes From Our Stomping Ground will take place four times a year.

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anywhere across MuleNation by filling out the form at [ucmfoundation.org/stompingground](http://ucmfoundation.org/stompingground). Once the form is received, a packet including a list of students, envelopes, cards, pens and more will be created for you. Depending on your selection of "pick up" or "delivery," the packet will be distributed. Please note that you will be able to mail out the individual notes on your own or return your finished notes to the Smiser Alumni Center for mailing.

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