William L. Reese II, longtime philosophy professor at the University, died on September 22, 2017. He had been in failing health for some time.

Bill was the author of 35 articles and twelve books, including the award-winning Dictionary of Philosophy and Religion; Eastern Western Thought. Bill's death is especially poignant for the Emeritus Center, which now bears his name. With decades of persistence he convinced the University of the need for the Center, a permanent home in the University for emeriti. He ultimately persuaded then President Kermit Hall to establish it. Bill then recruited a Board and led it for several years as its founding President. He continued on the Board after handing the Presidency on.

Bill continues to enrich the community of emeriti through the generous endowments he established in 2015. One provides support for the work of the Emeritus Center, sufficient to keep his dream alive for the foreseeable future. Another embraces his belief in (and example of) an active retirement. It establishes grants for projects by emeriti in the three “voices” of research, teaching and service. Grants from this endowment have been awarded for the past two years and will continue into the future.

It’s not an exaggeration to say that all who knew Bill loved him. His determination and hard work didn’t diminish his good nature at all. We can all bring to mind his distinctive engaging smile. There are not many like Bill; would there were more.
Emeriti Editorial

UAEC: An Anchor for Retirees

by Ram Chugh, Ph.D.

Several surveys and studies conducted on retirees in higher education indicate that most retirees like to remain connected with their home campuses even after retirement. It was, perhaps, in response to such a realization that some enlightened UA faculty led by Bill Reese proposed the creation of University at Albany Emeritus Center (UAEC) with the belief that this center would serve as an anchor for UA retirees to stay connected with their colleagues and the University.

Most individuals in higher education retire after 25 to 35 years of service. During their long tenure, they experience growth and upward mobility in their career and come to identify with the mission and aspirations of their institutions. They get involved in various facets of the campus life through service on campus projects and committees. In the process, they feel integrated with the campus community.

Additionally, this integration takes place in the off-campus community as well. Most live within a short travel distance from their institutions. They raise their family and send their children to local schools. They start participating in various community service activities. With time, they come to develop strong professional and emotional bonds with their campus and local community.

Because of such solid ties, most retirees would like to have avenues available through which they can stay connected with their colleagues and their campuses.

Most institutions have created programs to promote such connections with their retirees. UA is no exception to this national trend. The creation of the UAEC is a testimony to this commitment. Through programs such as the Lecture Series, Emeriti Fellowship, Three Voices Grants, and the Emeriti Voice newsletter, the UAEC attempts to promote a strong retiree-campus-community connection. The UAEC Board is always looking for ways to strengthen this link even further, and it welcomes suggestions from UA retirees (emeriti and non-emeriti). Send your ideas to: emeritus.center@albany.edu

To maintain this connection, most institutions offer a variety of services to their retirees, such as parking, email access, library facilities, and discounts on tickets to campus events. Similarly, UA offers a large number of services to its retirees. These services are listed on page 4 of this issue. Suggestions for additional services should be sent to: emeritus.center@albany.edu. The UAEC Board will explore your suggestions with the campus administration.

The creation of campus retiree programs and offering campus services are designed to express campus’ appreciation to retirees for their long service. UA emeriti should take tremendous satisfaction in having a center dedicated to serving as a link between the campus and emeriti. We request other UA emeriti to share their adjustment experiences with their colleagues through the EMERITI VOICE. Send your experiences to Ram Chugh at Ram.Chugh@SUNY.Edu
New President – The Presidential search was successfully concluded in June with the appointment of Dr. Havidan Rodriguez as the University at Albany’s 20th President. Dr. Rodriguez visited the campus several times over the summer and will assume his full-time responsibilities effective September 14, 2017. He comes to SUNY from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, where he has been Founding Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. For more information about our new President please click HERE.

Successful Summer Programs – This year’s Summer Session term served more than 5,000 students enrolled in courses offered by every school and college. In addition, the University offered summer orientation for the entering freshman class, including a 5-week orientation program for 250 first year students admitted to the Educational Opportunity Program. A summer research experience with assigned faculty mentors was also provided for 20 student participants in the Collegiate Science Technology Entry Program (CSTEP), and the campus hosted a college introductory experience for high school students from throughout the Capital Region. Just a reminder that teaching and learning don’t stop during the summer at UAlbany.

Distinguished Faculty Honors – Two Distinguished Professors were recognized as “legends” in their fields. Dr. Lance Bosart, Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences, was featured on The Weather Channel’s “WX Geeks” to discuss his career and the future of forecasting LINK. And Dr. Kajal Lahiri, Distinguished Professor of Economics, was honored by more than 50 international economists who gathered in Washington, D.C. to present their own work as an outgrowth of his research on economic forecasting LINK.

Forensic Research Garners Extensive Media Attention – Dr. Rabi Musah, Associate Professor of Chemistry, attracted national media coverage for her chemical analysis of blow fly eggs to yield rapid estimates of a corpse’s time-of-death. The work was featured in Scientific American’s “60-Second Science” podcast as well as in Chemical and Engineering News, Phys.org, Forensic Magazine, Novus Light Technology, and Digital Journal. Here’s the URL https://www.scientificamerican.com/podcast/episode/flying-through-a-corpses-clues/.

New Faculty, new CEHS Dean – We made final preparations for welcoming 45 new full-time faculty to the University in August. These include appointments in Arts and Sciences, Business, Criminal Justice, Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security & Cybersecurity (CEHS), Engineering and Applied Sciences, Public Affairs & Policy, Public Health, Social Welfare, and the Educational Opportunity Program. Dr. Robert Griffin also joined the University as CEHS Dean http://www.albany.edu/cehc/.

New Campus Center – After more than two years of construction, the Uptown Campus opened an expanded and newly renovated campus center featuring enhanced food choices, modern spaces for supporting student engagement and leadership development, and improvements in student services. The courtyard between the campus center and the science library has also been renovated. This signature facility is fast becoming a new source of Great Dane pride!

UAlbany Listed Among Top 100 “Best Colleges for Your Money” – In July, Money magazine listed UAlbany among the nation’s top schools that best combine educational quality, affordability and alumni success. Albany was ranked 79th on the magazine’s list of 711 schools.

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University at Albany Retiree Services

Below is contact information for services provided by the University at Albany to retirees. For services with no specific contact information, please contact the Office of Human Resources Management:

Office of Human Resources Management
University at Albany
Albany, NY 12222
(518) 437-4700

Services and Privileges

- E-mail Access for Emeriti
  Information Technology Services Website
  (518) 442-4000

- Parking Decals (renewable annually)
  University Retirees Vehicle Registration Application

- Listing in Campus Directory
  Faculty and Staff Online Directory Website

- Retiree Organization on Campus
  Emeritus Center Website
  (518) 439-6917

- Library Privileges (including inter-library loan and online research databases)

- Office Space (if available in the department/school)

- Campus Publications and Events

- Campus Facilities (e.g., gym, meeting spaces)

- Consideration for Adjunct Teaching Opportunities and Campus and Community Service Opportunities

UA Emeriti in the News

This item will include notable activities undertaken by UA emeriti after their retirement. Such activities would include: receiving formal recognition and/or awards, publication of books, articles, receiving grants, invited guest speakers, serving professional organizations offices, serving in elected positions, mentoring students at schools, colleges, secondary schools, teaching and conducting workshops; meaningful contribution to community through service to local, state and national organizations; meaningful contribution to education through service to UA and other educational institutions including secondary schools; new ventures, hobbies, travelling and exploration, and other similar activities.

Please send information about your activities after retirement to:
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Draper and Husted Buildings, Downtown Campus
Photographer: Brian Busher
The University at Albany’s School of Public Health is a partnership between the NYS Health Department and the University. It started over 30 years ago as the School of Public Health Sciences; the original two departments were housed in the Health Department’s Wadsworth Center for Laboratories and Research.

When, about 25 years ago, the School was expanding to become a fully accredited School of Public Health, I left the Health Department to join the School and never went back (although the Health Department kept depositing my pay checks in the bank!).

David Carpenter was the founding Dean and he gave me the title of Assistant Dean for New Fun Stuff. And fun I’ve had. My portfolio was broad but interesting. It included “distance learning,” although this was before the Internet and it was a major challenge but we used video conferencing technology until the Internet was established. I was one of two original on-line instructors (I convinced a colleague to “come on, try it—you’ll love it!”) and I have been teaching on-line since I started.

I also wrote a grant for federal funding to establish a public health leadership network covering the New England states, NY, PA, and NY. The funding disappeared a couple of years ago but the public health leadership course I established is now required for the students in our fully on-line MPH program and I teach it every semester.

I started bringing international students to the University at Albany School of Public Health on various fellowships in the early 1990s. When our recent past Dean, Phil Nasca, joined the School eight years ago, he asked me to establish the Center for Global Health, and I postponed retirement again. I served as Assistant Dean for Global Health and was the founding Director of the Center for Global Health.

But after 40 years of working for the Health Department, I retired from state government in January 2016 with the understanding that I could keep teaching on-line courses. I hold a faculty appointment at the University of Malawi’s College of Medicine and for three years spent time with colleagues at the School of Public Health and Family Medicine there teaching and creating public health courses.

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It is with great sadness that I acknowledge the passing of Bill Reese, our founding president and generous benefactor. He will be sorely missed.

In keeping with Bill Reese’s enduring vision the Emeritus Center has an excellent fall program planned. Highlights include talks by Paul Grondahl, who is the Director of the NYS Writers Institute and a Times Union columnist, and by the Albany County Sheriff’s Office. We also will be offering a series of four talks entitled “Art for Art’s Sake”. It will consist of discussions by actors, dancers, musicians, photographers, and writers about how they balance their passion for their art with the need to earn a living.

In May, we received nine applications for the second year of our Three Voices small grant program. A committee reviewed them for innovation, significance, and approach, and six were selected for funding by the Board beginning July 1. I also encourage emeriti to consider joining our Board of Directors. We meet only once a month from September to June, and your assistance would be invaluable to carrying out the work of the Center.

Hope you enjoyed the summer, and look forward to seeing everyone this fall.

Retirement Story (continued)

Now I’ve joined the UUP and have asked them to help me overcome a major challenge for others like me who wish to teach two courses a semester but, due to strange and incomprehensible rules, cannot do so without it affecting our health insurance. When one retires from a state agency and then teaches at a SUNY school, they have a major problem if they are Medicare-eligible. If anyone can help me overcome this impediment to teaching two courses a semester, I (and many others in my circumstances) would be very happy!

I still have an office at the Public Health School at UAlbany and have been welcomed to continue being part of the Center for Global Health team. However, I have a lot of flexibility now and during summers I plan to do a lot more travel and to spend time at my lake house. This kind of retirement suits me fine!

Advice to current SUNY employees who are planning to retire:

Plan ahead, of course, just as everyone advises! I have always been active as a volunteer. When I began teaching in Malawi and being away for months at a time (the advantage of teaching on-line!), I stepped down from the Board of Director positions I had held in local organizations. Then when I considered retirement I joined new organizations including Rotary International (I have always admired the organization’s persistence in eliminating polio), Zonta International (improving women’s health worldwide), and the Emeritus Center. This has allowed me to expand my network of like-minded and interesting people.

I have four timeshares, one for every season, so with my daughters, granddaughter, and three great grandsons I enjoy several family-oriented mini-vacations throughout the year. I have visited about 70 countries and all the continents but there’s still so much of the world to experience.

I encourage everyone to use their retirements in ways that best suit them, but to enjoy every minute.

Useful Links for Retirees

- Medicare Information
- NY State Commission on National and Community Service
- TIAA-CREF
- NYSUT Retirees and Retirement
- UUP
- AROHE

FOR FUN:

- Think like a 94 year old genius
- 50 Ways to live longer
- How to live to 100 and enjoy it
Bill Reese Three Voices Grant Program: 2017-18

Six UAlbany emeriti faculty have been awarded grants through the Three Voices Grant Program, a project of the William L. Reese II Emeritus Center.

Reese, a professor emeritus of Philosophy established the endowment in March of 2016 to support the three major components of the University’s mission: teaching, research and service, for emeriti. These are the second grants issued through the program, designed to support emeriti faculty and staff with continuing or new professional development. The University at Albany Foundation is the endowment custodian.

Nine proposals were submitted and evaluated by an Emeritus Center Board Committee, which approved six awards totaling $5,606.

This year’s grantees are:

Lindsay Childs, professor emeritus, Mathematics and Statistics, *Hopf Galois structures on field extensions and finite nilpotent algebras*. The project involves presenting recent results from long-term mathematical research on algebraic number theory. The grant supports travel costs to a professional workshop.

David Duffee, professor emeritus, Criminal Justice, *The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Outcomes Project, Stage 3*. The project involves supporting a Self-Study Task Force to engage in continual self-improvement evaluation of the educational, social, and managerial strategies and programs of a 30,000+ acre Preserve in Scottsdale, AZ. The grant supports acquisition of necessary computer software.

Robert Jarvenpa, professor emeritus, Anthropology, *Index Preparation for a Book entitled “Declared Defective: Native Americans, Eugenics, and the Myth of Nam Hollow.”* The project involves preparation of an index for a book manuscript, currently in press with the University of Nebraska Press, that explores the ethnohistory of a mixed-race Native American people and offers a critical reevaluation of one of the earliest eugenics family studies. The grant supports acquisition of professional indexing services.

Kenneth Jones, professional emeritus, Institutional Services/Purchasing, *Historical Research on Methodist Churches of Schoharie County, NY*. The project will review the extensive Schoharie County Methodist research materials collected by the late Rev. William R. Phinney and now housed in the General Commission on Archives and History’s Methodist Archives at Drew University in New Jersey. The grant supports travel costs to the archive.

John Overbeck, professor emeritus, Classics/Art and Art History, *Study of Finds from Archaeological Excavation of Ayia Irini, Kea, Greece*. This long-term project involves analysis of all materials from one period of time in the sequence of the deeply stratified archaeological site of Ayia Irini - specifically the earlier part of the Middle Bronze Age (Middle Cycladic era, ca. 1900-1700 B.C. The grant supports travel costs to the archaeological site.

Mary Beth Winn, professor emerita, Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures (French), *Ravishing Wolves for the Renaissance Society*. The project will prepare and deliver a presentation at the spring 2018 meeting of the Renaissance Society of America on two works published by Anthoine Verard that address animal satire – *Loups ravissans* (Ravishing Wolves) ca. 1505 by a priest and lawyer, Robert Gobin, and *Regnars traversant* (Traveling Foxes). The grant supports travel and conference costs.

“We are exceedingly pleased with the number and variety of research projects supported in the second year of this exciting new program, which we believe to be the first of its kind in SUNY, indeed perhaps in the nation,” observed Dr. Edward Fitzgerald, professor emeritus, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, and President of the Emeritus Center Board.

Proposals for 2019 grants, the third application cycle, will be invited for submission next May, with decisions to be made by late June, for disbursements beginning July 1. Awards may be used to fund such expenses as travel, research expenses, stipends for student assistants or needed supplies. Detailed information about the grant program and application instructions will be posted on the Emeritus Center website at http://www.albany.edu/emerituscenter/three-voices.php.
Healthy Aging

Searching for the Fountain of Youth

by L. Thomas Wolff, MD, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, Upstate Medical University

Searching for ways to maintain our youth has been a pursuit of mankind for millennia. Herodotus (450 B.C.), Alexander the Great (340 B.C.) and Ponce de Leon (1513 A.D.) are a few who thought they had discovered the Fountain of Youth. Today, the anti-aging business is trying to sell the same myth, but packaged differently and making billions of dollars with the effort.

We continue to age, and so we study ways to manage this process. In medicine we call this study geriatrics. I would like to explore geriatric medicine vs. the anti-aging movement, again turning to Dr. Juergen Bludau’s book, Aging But Never Old. (1)

Geriatrics: A Definition

Geriatrics is the specialty of medicine that focuses on the care of older adults, those 65 and older. The focus is mainly on management of chronic disease and supportive care of patients and their caregivers. Geriatricians are physicians who specialize in this care, but internists and family physicians do as well, especially those with added training who have a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Geriatrics. This is a special designation of the American Board of Internal Medicine and American Board of Family Medicine. Even if they don’t have this designation, internists and family physicians are often well versed in the care of the elderly.

Differences between Older and Younger Patients

What makes older patients different that requires the knowledge of geriatrics? Older adults differ from younger ones in five significant ways: heterogeneity, homeostenosis, comorbidities, different disease presentations, and the difference between acute and chronic diseases. Read on for an explanation of these terms and their significance.

Heterogeneity. As people age, they become more heterogeneous – that is, more and more different in relation to their health and medical needs. For example, a group of 40-year-olds are generally healthy, fit, have virtually no chronic diseases, and rarely visit the doctor. On the other hand, a group of 80-year-olds might range from a fit, jet-setter taking no medications to a frail, wheelchair-bound person on several medications living in a nursing home, and everything in between.

Homeostenosis. This refers to our body’s narrowing (stenosis) ability to withstand stress, such as an infection, a fall, injury, or even medications. A younger person may fight off a cold easily with a few days of achiness and discomfort and be helped by over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. The same viral illness in an older person may result in pneumonia, dehydration, or a fall. The OTC medications can cause more severe side effects or interact with other medications the older person is taking.

Comorbidities. Older persons tend to have an increase in the number of medical conditions (comorbidities) present at the same time. This is of concern in that the treatment of one might interfere with the treatment of another, or the treatment for one might even worsen another. Drug interactions can become a problem as well.

Different Disease Presentation. Diseases may show up differently in older adults. The crushing chest pain and feeling of impending doom in someone younger with a heart attack might show up as a stomach ache, feeling nauseous and extreme fatigue in an older person. Pneumonia in a young adult might present as breathlessness, cough, and fever, but present as confusion, poor appetite, or a propensity to fall in an older adult.
The Anti-Aging Movement

The anti-aging movement is both medicine and business. Let’s look at some of what it has to offer. Its market includes cosmetic treatments and surgery, vitamins, minerals and supplements, hormone replacement, diet and exercise, and genetic engineering.

Cosmetics. There is a dazzling array of anti-aging creams, lotions and potions which the FDA classifies as cosmetics having no medical value. Retinol, hydroxyl acids, copper peptides, kinetin and tea extracts are the most common ingredients found in these products. There is no guarantee these will work and they can be very costly. Some anti-wrinkle creams have been shown to reduce wrinkles, but they do not really treat aging. They just cover up a normally-occurring phenomenon.

Antioxidants and Vitamin Supplements. Like cosmetics, these products are not regulated by the FDA, so you cannot be sure what a variety of these products contain or how effective they are. Some may interact adversely with medications you are taking. Vitamins have a specific daily allowance for good health and mega-doses of vitamins will not enhance their effects, but may cause harm. None of these products have demonstrated anti-aging effects.

Hormone Replacement. Certain hormones such as testosterone, estrogen, growth hormone and dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) are known to decrease with age. Some of these hormones are used to treat certain specific conditions, but not to treat aging. Unfortunately, estrogen replacement therapy, thought at one time to be a boon for women, has turned out to increase the risk of heart attack, stroke, breast cancer and blood clots. Human growth hormone (HGH) is successfully used in patients that have known growth hormone insufficiency when administered by injection. Pill or spray form does not work. There are no studies that show that giving HGH in any form to older adults without a deficiency has any benefit and you could wind up with joint and muscle pain, diabetes, or heart disease.

Resveratrol. “Drink your red wine” is now one of the newest anti-aging idioms. Resveratrol is the micronutrient in the skin of grapes that is causing all this hullabaloo. It does activate an enzyme called SIRTI which engenders new mitochondria (our cells’ power source) in muscle and other tissues, thereby supposedly boosting the body’s metabolism. According to the Resveratrol website (www.resveratrol.com), this could result in “less weight gain, prevention of diabetes, prevention of cancer, increase exercise endurance, prevention of strokes, and heart disease, (and) prevention of Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases.” Is this the new anti-aging wonder drug? Its claims are still being investigated. A nice review of Resveratrol is found at the website of the Linus Pauling Institute on Micronutrient Research. For me, I will drink my red wine (in moderation of course), as it is certainly one of the joys of living and helps me cope with my aging body. If it really does more than that, it’s a bonus.

Genetics and Stem Cells. Gene manipulation and stem cell therapy are on the cutting edge of possible anti-aging therapies. Tinkering with genes has indeed resulted in life extension in yeast, fruit flies, nematodes and mice. However, we are just at the dawn of this research and far from commercially using these methods to treat aging.

Exercise and Weight Reduction. Caloric restriction may be the best bet of all the anti-aging strategies. In animal studies, limiting calorie intake resulted in longer life in some animals. There are no scientific studies in humans, but we know that a proper diet, exercise and weight control can lower blood pressure, and cholesterol, help in managing diabetes, and help in managing heart disease and arthritis. It also reduces the risk of complications of all these diseases and chances are it will reduce the risk of death and disability. However, nothing guarantees a long life. In conclusion, aging is a process we can help to manage by good nutrition, exercise, early treatment of disease and effective disease management. There is no magic pill, potion, or poultice I am aware of that will stop aging. If there was, I’d be using it!

As Sofia Loren once said, “There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.”

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The assumption was that after retirement I would continue research in African literature and publish: in 2016, “Writing in Cameroon, the first hundred years” was published in TYDSKRIF VIR LETTERKUNDE - A Journal for African Literature (Volume 53, No. 1, - [LINK]).

I have continued to present in my field at professional conferences and received funding from the Three Voices grant from the UAlbany Emeriti Center, to advance my scholarship on Lucie Cousturier and Negritude. I presented some of those findings at the International Council for Francophone Studies in Senegal, West Africa in May 2016. I also presented a paper on Colonization and Human Zoos at The Winthrop-King Institute for French and Francophone Studies in Talahassee, October 2016, and in June 2017 I presented a paper on my research on Francophone film at The International Council for Francophone Studies in Martinique, FWI.

Along with former colleagues in French, I have continued to advise students whose dissertations had begun prior to the deactivation of the French program at the University at Albany.

I have continued to be involved with United University Professions (UUP) and serve on the Women’s Concerns Committee both at the local and statewide level, attending three statewide delegate assemblies per year.

I am also a member of the statewide advocacy committee and have lobbied at the NYS Legislature, meeting with lawmakers to communicate the issues and needs of UAlbany and SUNY.

I have been sworn in to serve as a court interpreter at U.S. District Court for cases concerning French-speakers. It has been rewarding to help those in trouble with the law to be able to state their case and to ensure that they understand the charges against them.

**RETIREMENT PREPARATION:** My retirement process was very abrupt. On October 1st 2010, with no warning, my colleagues and I were informed that our program was deactivated. This was not what we had expected nor planned, but since several of us were nearing retirement age, the decision was made for us, it was an administrative decision. Our campus and union did little to facilitate the transition, but personnel in Human Resources did help us determine actions that needed to be taken. TIAA-CREF financial advisers were most helpful.

**RETIREMENT ADVICE:** Continue to do what you love most about your field: if you’re passionate about going beyond what you’ve already researched, you’ll keep your mind active while continuing to contribute. Plan for retirement as you planned for a sabbatical leave, but realize that this is a very long sabbatical and that no one will be asking you to explain what that sabbatical plan is.

You’ve already had plenty of training for retirement and will have no trouble transitioning. It’s also useful, often rewarding, to find a contribution you can make to the community based on your expertise (or not).
Volunteer Opportunities at UA

The University welcomes expressions of interest in volunteer service from emeriti faculty and staff.

There are a variety of opportunities for mentoring, sharing your experience through guest presentations, and participating in campus activities.

Please contact Willam Hedberg in the Provost’s Office (whedberg@albany.edu) to discuss your particular interests.

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Bonita Sanchez, MSW - retired from the UA School of Social Welfare as Assistant Dean and Director of Field Education after 28 years of service as faculty/staff. In retirement, she continues volunteering with organizations that provide support to seniors, domestic violence survivors, and homeless teens.

Carol Whittaker, MA, MPA - has had many roles at the School of Public Health since joining as the “Assistant Dean for New Fun Stuff” in 1993. More recently she established and directed the Center for Global Health and now, retired from the NYS Department of Health, is satisfied with teaching on line courses and directing the Global Health Certificate Program at the School. Retirement is not a word she acknowledges.