

EMERITUS - February 2021



An occasional newsletter for the Emeritus Faculty Association

WELCOME BACK! WE HOPE THIS FINDS YOU ALL HAPPY & HEALTHY!

ZOOM MEETING:

Our next meeting is Friday, February 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.. This will be virtual meeting using ZOOM. Information will be sent to your Stony Brook emails a few days prior to the meeting. Meeting information is also listed below.

SPEAKER:

Our guest speaker will be Kathleen Fallon, Professor of sociology.

Bio: Professor Fallon's interests lie within political sociology, international development, and gender studies. Specifically, she focuses on women's social movements, women's political rights, women's health, and democracy within sub-Saharan Africa, as well as across developing countries more broadly. She has done in-depth field research within Ghana, examining the influence of democratization on women's rights and the emergence of the women's movement, in addition to studying the influence of the international women's movement on local activism. Through comparative analyses across developing countries, and using both qualitative and quantitative methods, she has also researched how types of democratic transitions influence women's political representation, how women's legislative representation is linked to children's health outcomes, and how women's activism contributes to the spread of women's political quotas. She is currently working on projects that examine the effects of maternity leave policies on fertility and child health outcomes, as well as exploring what factors contribute to the passage of domestic violence laws across developing countries.

Topic: *Centering Rights within Social Movements, Democracy, and Health*

In the above presentation, Kathleen M. Fallon will provide an overview of her ongoing research trajectory. She will situate herself in relation to her research and explain how she became interested in the topics. In addition to providing a broad overview of her findings, she will also describe how and why her interests changed over time.

IN MEMORIAM:

Howard Rachlin

Howie Rachlin passed the week of January 6th, at age 85. Howie was a faculty member in the Psychology Department from 1969 until 2004, and remained an amazing intellectual force even after his retirement as a SUNY Distinguished Professor. In fact, he never truly retired, as he was still a Research Professor, a title which allowed him to continue his research. The quality of his work was such that he has an active grant from NSF on which he is the PI, not something that many 85-year-olds can claim.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Howie will remember him as being incredibly bright, and always interested in engaging in intellectual exchanges. He could disagree without being disagreeable; in fact, it was a delight to try to match wits with Howie, even if one knew that the odds were that he would prevail. Over his very long career, he published exceptionally insightful and influential papers, served on the editorial boards of a host of journals, and held important positions in many academic and professional organizations. But, many of us will simply think of him as a kind and brilliant person who made life more interesting, and will be grateful for that.

Howard Scarrow

Howard Scarrow (1928-2020) came to Stony Brook's political science department in January 1963, having completed his doctorate at Duke University with Taylor Cole as his mentor and advisor and then joining the faculty at Michigan State before coming to Stony Brook. Howard was from the start a central figure in the department's development. In the late sixties he served as chair. His research began with a focus on politics in Canada and Australia, and broadened into inquiries on the methods of comparing political systems generally. Later he focused on American politics, particularly in New York State, about which he wrote his book "Parties, Elections and Representation in the State of New York." In addition to his several books, he authored many scholarly articles. He was also a revered teacher of American and comparative politics at both introductory and advanced levels. As a mentor to generations of

students, he combined warmth and generosity of spirit with insistence on the highest academic standards.

Howard was a man of many interests, a fine bass singer as well as a more than competent tennis player. He ran community recycling drives in an era before bottle deposit laws and curbside recycling took hold. And he was a leader in decades-long struggle to elect Brookhaven Town Board members via council districts, replacing the at-large system—a switch that led to the break-up of the town’s one-party rule and the establishment of a town government more representative of Brookhaven’s diversity. Howard leaves Rowena, his wife of 65 years, his two children, Jean and James, and four grandchildren, along with his many friends and admirers.

SAVE THE DATES:

Our next meeting will not be until Spring Semester 2021. Here is a preview of our upcoming speakers.

- March:** Barbara Frank, Art & AFS
- April:** Patricia Wright, Anthropology
- May:** - Heather Lynch – Ecology & Evolution

Participate in "Documenting COVID-19: Stony Brook University Experiences"

Stony Brook University Libraries announced the establishment of “Documenting COVID-19: Stony Brook University Experiences,” a new digital archive project to collect, preserve, and publish the institutional history of Stony Brook University. The archive will primarily be formed from submissions received directly from students, faculty, staff, and alumni that document life during the COVID-19 pandemic. Interviews, first-hand accounts, written narratives, photographs, and more will be important sources to consult in the future to study, interpret, and derive meaning from this historic time period. Members of the Emeritus Faculty Association are invited and encouraged to participate in the project. For more information, please visit: <https://library.stonybrook.edu/special-library-initiatives/documenting-covid-19/>

Participate in the Faculty Emeritus Documentation Project

In return for the light labor of arranging the calendar of speakers I claim the right to be a nag. Each month the SB Emeriti newsletter includes a plea for you to go to the Old Stony Brook memory project on the web site run by and preserved in the Melville Library's Special Collections. To date, only 19 retired SB faculty have filled out the forms designed to let you talk about the early days at SB and your retrospective views, both about what you expected (or were told) when you came and what you now have to say, looking back, on the experience. The responses are an open document and this paragraph is designed to make you feel guilty if you have not bothered to fill out the questionnaire. You can remedy this.

Joel Rosenthal

In an effort to document and preserve the unique and varied experiences of the university's emeritus faculty, a questionnaire has been designed to elicit the personal reflections of faculty members':

- impetuses for accepting academic positions at Stony Brook University.
- early experiences on the campus.
- views on the evolution and growth of the institution.
- contributions to departments and to the university.
- interactions with academic and administrative leadership.
- views on the institution's role in the community (local and wider).
- assessments of the university's mission and successes as a research university.

Your participation is vital to documenting Stony Brook University history.

Access information about the project and the questionnaire at:

<http://www.library.stonybrook.edu/special-collections-university-archives/university-archives/>

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Emeritus Faculty Association (EFA) Member Update:

The Provost's Office has updated the EFA's member list! Below is the link for the updated contact information for all members. Please take a look and let us know if you notice any out-of-date or incorrect information about yourself or a colleague, please contact us at provost@stonybrook.edu with any changes. Please remember, we are **only** using your Stony Brook emails.

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/emeritus/members.html>

Visit our website: To visit our website, go to the University website at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/emeritus/index.html>. It always contains the latest emeritus news (click on "Next Meeting"), a list of members' email addresses, a list of officers, newsletter archives and many other useful links.