

RETIREE

# Journal



**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY**

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# YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

## FALL LUNCHEON

**Tuesday - October 26, 2021**

**Alumni Center Ballroom**

**11:00 am - Social; Noon - Lunch**



Our Fall Luncheon speaker will be Professor Jayne Standley. Professor Standley is the Ella Scoble Opperman and Robert O. Lawton Professor of Music Therapy as well as a Distinguished Research Professor. She might also hold the distinction of being one of the few FSU Professors who was a member of the Marching Chiefs. Her work in music therapy is a beautiful story, as her musical pacifier has shortened the intensive care stay of countless preemies and allowed parents to bring their newborns home much sooner than previously. If you should find yourself in Tallahassee Memorial Hospital or visit someone there, you will likely see the smiling faces of our music therapy students as they go about cheering up those needing care.

## Front Cover Photo

**Richard McCullough - 16th President of Florida State University**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome, friends to the top of the 2021-2022 school year. I always feel a sense of renewed spirit and enthusiasm as a new school year approaches. The FSU Association of Retired Faculty anticipates this year as we carefully come out of the restrictions of COVID-19. As you know, we started meeting in person at our Spring BBQ in March and followed that with a most successful Spring Luncheon at the Alumni Center. With my wonderful team—your ARF Board—we are planning an exciting year for our returning and new members. First, let me say thank you to our immediate past president, Carolyn Shackelford, for leading us with grace and dignity through the trials and tribulations of the restrictions imposed on all because of the COVID-19 virus. It made me appreciate the work of the current FSU faculty as they dealt with teaching on-line. For most of us, Zoom was enough! Thank you to Carolyn, the Board and our members for keeping ARF vital, energetic and ever positive.

I want to bring your attention to several important articles in this issue of the Retiree Journal. Please enjoy reading about the new President of FSU and the new Deans that are already hard at work. Welcome to all our new administrators and faculty! And, on behalf of ARF, I would like to offer our thanks and best wishes to a person that has been a great friend to the FSU Association of Retired Faculty, President John Thrasher. Congratulations on your retirement, President Thrasher.

We plan to make this an exciting year of opportunities for our members. Already, our President-Elect, Kirby Kemper has planned interesting and informative events for us this semester. Please see his article in this edition of the Journal. I hope you plan to attend each experience. They are not to be missed! Please mark your calendars. As usual, we will have our Fall Luncheon in the Alumni Center Ballroom. It is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th. Please see the information about the Luncheon in this issue of the Journal, clip the registration form and reserve your place for this lovely event.

During January, with expert help from Jimmy Cole and Jill Adams, we are planning to offer the opportunity to travel to Sarasota, Florida to visit two special places with a strong connection to FSU—The Ringling Museum and the Asolo Theatre. At the Asolo, we will attend a production of Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN. On the way back to Tallahassee, we will plan a stop at either the Dalí Museum or the Chihuly Collection at the Morean Arts Center in St. Petersburg.

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This tour promises to be fun and enlightening. By now, you should have received an email from me with information about the tour. The email includes the specifics of travel, hotel, and all costs associated with this trip. Please plan to join us!

Lastly, I wish to advocate ARF's continuing support of the Southern Scholarship Foundation and the Bernard Sliger Presidential Scholarship Fund. I encourage you to make a voluntary donation to either or both funds. A Contribution Form is included at the back of this Journal.

I am thrilled about the events coming our way this year! Please be sure to use the forms in this Journal to renew your membership and plan to attend our events. Also, if you know any faculty, staff or administrative retirees that are not a member of ARF, please encourage them to join us. It is always a thrill to get together with all of you and share memories of our time at FSU and have lively discussions about the future.

My thanks to the Board for their hard work to keep ARF moving in a bold direction. Thank you, our members, for your influence, support, and ideas. We all had dynamic careers and involvement with FSU. Let us continue, ever to remain vigorous and involved.



Larry Gerber  
ARF President 2021-  
22  
FSU Professor Emeritus

## RETIREE JOURNAL 2

## MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS Association of Retired Faculty The Florida State University 2021 - 2022

### Retiree Journal

Monday - August 2, 2021 (Submit articles for September Issue)

### Board of Directors

Tuesday - August 17, 2021 2:00 p.m., Heritage Museum  
Dodd Hall

### Retiree Journal

Wednesday - October 6, 2021  
(Submit articles for November Issue)

### Fall Luncheon

Tuesday - October 26, 2021 Heritage Alumni Center Ballroom; 11:00 a.m. Social; Noon - Lunch

### Holiday Celebration

TBA \* (FOR DUES-PAYING MEMBERS ONLY)

### Board of Directors

Tuesday - January 4, 2022  
2:00 p.m., Beth Moore Lounge,  
Longmire Hall

### Nominating Committee

Tuesday - January 4, 2022  
Following Board of Directors  
Meeting Beth Moore Lounge



## Retiree Journal

Monday - January 18, 2022  
(Submit articles for February  
Issue)

## Board of Directors

Tuesday - March 1, 2022  
Beth Moore Lounge, 2:00 pm  
Longmire Hall

## Barbecue

Wednesday - March 23 or 30, 2022  
FSU Seminole Reservation  
11:30 am

## Spring Luncheon

Tuesday - May 3, 2022  
FSU Student Union  
11:00 am Social; Noon - Lunch

## Joint Board Meeting (Exchange of Materials)

Tuesday - May 17, 2022  
Heritage Museum - 2:00 pm  
Reception - 3:00 pm



*Hart & Turnbull Earn  
Tallahassee Senior Center  
Silver Stars Award*

Go to the “**Tallahassee Senior Center Foundation**” Website. Click on “**Events**”, then click on “**Silver Stars**”. There you will see the entire video of the Event, and then click on “**Thomas Hart**” or “**Marjorie Reitz Turnbull**” to see the individual videos.

## FALL LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 26, 2021  
Alumni Center  
Ballroom

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# ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY MEMORIALS 2021-2022

IN MEMORIAM

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Carolyn Odom Reynolds         | April 22, 2021 (Staff)        |
| Richard Butler Gray           | April 24, 2021 (Faculty)      |
| Richard L. Rubenstein         | May 16, 2021 (Faculty)        |
| Wayne Keith Gwaltney          | May 29, 2021 (Faculty)        |
| Persis Emmett Rockwood        | May 31, 2021 (Faculty)        |
| Glen H. Doran                 | June 10, 2021 (Faculty)       |
| Lyn Kittle                    | June 13, 2021 (Staff)         |
| Winifred Claire Wathen Bowyer | June 24, 2021 (Staff)         |
| J.D. “Jay” Rayburn            | July 12, 2021 (Faculty)       |
| Cecelia Fahn Linder           | August 2, 2021 (Faculty wife) |



If any member learns of a death that does not appear in the Tallahassee Democrat, please let the Memorial chairs know about the death and their name will be added to our list.

Thank you,  
Tom & Esther Harrison

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# Membership News

Welcome back to our first issue of the 2021 FSU Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) Journal. As you know, ARF provides opportunities to continue valued relationships with the University, serves as a conduit for information about upcoming events and supports connections with former and current faculty and their activities. It is an extended family that is strengthened by the fabric of collegiality. Please join us if you're not already a member, and invite your retired friends to join us too, even if they have retired from other universities.

Our fall semester is full of social opportunities with good food and fellowship, and you can read all about them in the pages of this Journal. It is also posted on our website. If you would like a hard copy of the Journal to share or have any questions about our organization, please contact me at [bettyserow@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyserow@yahoo.com).

I look forward to meeting you when we are socializing face to face.



Betty Serow, Chair  
Membership Committee  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

I thought that by now all things Covid would be settled. Instead there is again much uncertainty. To stay home or to resume at least some of our normal activities; to mask or not to mask; to travel or to postpone that planned trip for a little longer. ARF has been keeping a close watch on recommended Covid protocols and has planned our activities accordingly.

Instead of a Fall tour of a FSU facility we will have a zoom presentation. While we had hoped to have an in person tour of our fabulous Fine Arts Research facility with its cutting edge technology for producing art in many media we will postpone that tour until Spring. Instead, we will have a zoom presentation on the afternoon of September 22nd by Professor Greg Erickson of our Biological Science Department on his dinosaur finds in Alaska and elsewhere. Those of us fascinated with dinosaurs know that Professor Erickson is a recognized expert in all things dinosaur and his talks are always informative and fascinating. Once all details are finalized, you will receive an email advising you of the zoom link and time for Professor Erickson's presentation.

As it is predicted that this latest Covid wave will wane by October, our fall luncheon is planned for October 26th at the Alumni Center. Our featured speaker will be Professor Jayne Standley. Professor Standley is the Ella Scoble Opperman and Robert O. Lawton Professor of Music Therapy as well as a Distinguished Research Professor.



Kirby Kemper, President-Elect  
2021-22  
FSU Professor Emeritus

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RETIREMENT ORGANIZATIONS  
in HIGHER EDUCATION



Florida State University along with over 100 other institutions is a member of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). AROHE was founded in 2002 and supports all phases of faculty/staff retirement and provides resources and connections to increase retirees' value to their academic institutions, communities, and professions. ARF has been an active member of AROHE since August 19, 2008. Dr. Fanchon Funk has represented ARF since ARF became a member of AROHE, has served as an AROHE Board Member, and has served on and chaired several AROHE committees. Dr. Tom Hart is on the committee that selects the leadership awards and was an international presenter at the 2018 Conference at Emory University. Your President-Elect, which this year is Kirby Kemper, is the National Liaison to AROHE for FSU.

The biennial conference originally scheduled for October, 2020 is being held October 12-14, 2021. The conference will be virtual and will explore how to resist ageism and how to re-imagine retirement as a time of purpose and passion.

Information about AROHE and the Biennial Conference:

<https://www.arohe.org/>

General conference website link:

<https://www.arohe.org/Conference>

Registration fees (light print on the left of the page)

<https://www.arohe.org/event-4281342>

# New FSU President



## Richard McCullough - 16th President of Florida State University

“Rick McCullough is a visionary leader who possesses the experience and acumen needed to build upon Florida State University’s academic excellence and continue our trajectory as one of the nation’s preeminent universities,” said Ed Burr, chair of the FSU Board of Trustees. “The board is excited to work with Dr. McCullough as he leads FSU along the path of greatness.”

McCullough will take the helm of a university enjoying an incredible run of success. FSU recently cracked the U.S. News & World Report Top 20 rankings, created the first stand-alone college of entrepreneurship in the nation, set a State University System of Florida record with a 74 percent four-year graduation rate, brought in record research funding and increased enrollment of underrepresented or ethnic minority students.



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At Harvard, McCullough oversaw the development, review and implementation of strategies, planning and executing academic research across the university since 2012. In addition, he led an office of Foundation and Corporate Engagement and assisted in the oversight of more than 25 interdisciplinary institutes, centers and initiatives across the university.

During his tenure, McCullough successfully built and launched the new Harvard Data Science Initiative, a collaboration between 12 of the university's schools and more than 120 faculty, which has led to three new master's programs and the creation of many new undergraduate courses.

McCullough developed and launched a new Structural Biology Program and cryo-electron microscope facility that partners Harvard Medical School with three Boston-area hospitals. He also led the development for a new \$100 million, multi-institution collaboration to build the Advanced Biological Innovation and Manufacturing Center and Facility, which will be a hub for workforce training, economic development, education and medical research for the region.

Previously, McCullough spent 22 years at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, where he began his academic career as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1990 and became the Thomas Lord Professor of Chemistry in 2009. McCullough was promoted to Head of Chemistry in 1998 and then served as dean of the Mellon College of Science from 2001-2007 before becoming the university's Vice President for Research.

McCullough, a founder of two companies which hold multiple patents, has a rich background in entrepreneurship and innovation. At Carnegie Mellon he developed a vibrant innovation ecosystem, including the Greenlighting Start-ups Initiative that exponentially increased the generation of university spin-out companies and corporate engagement. In 2013, he was elected as a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors.

A staunch champion of diversity, McCullough created a diverse pipeline of Black/African American academics from both his research lab and as the founding creator of the Future Faculty Workshop: Diverse Leaders of Tomorrow, an annual workshop that helps diverse postdoctoral fellows and students obtain academic jobs. Now in its 15th year, the workshop has facilitated placing more than 50 underrepresented minority professors in the United States.

McCullough, also a professor of materials science and engineering at Harvard, is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles and serves on the editorial boards of several academic journals. He has been an innovation, entrepreneurship and technology transfer adviser to Oxford University, Princeton University and Washington University at St. Louis.

A first-generation student from Mesquite, Texas, McCullough attended Eastfield Community College before earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1982 and a doctoral degree in organic

chemistry from Johns Hopkins University in 1988. McCullough also spent two years as a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University in New York.

He and his wife, Jai Vartikar, have two children, Jason and Dylan.

## News from The Provost

Welcome to the 2021-22 academic year! As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change many of the ways we interact, we are committed to providing as safe, inclusive, and impactful an experience as possible for our entire university community. We are pleased to welcome our new president, Dr. Richard McCullough, and to send big thanks to wonderful former president, John Thrasher. FSU is in great hands moving forward!

We enter this year as the 19th ranked public university in the U.S. News & World Report rankings and we hope to enter the Top 15 soon. Over the last five years, FSU has moved up 25 spots among public universities, more than any other public university in the Top 50!

At the Office of the Provost, we promote excellence in all things academic, helping create an environment focused on teaching, research, and public service. As a Preeminent University in Florida, FSU both expects and recognizes the best from our students, faculty, staff, and community. Here are some highlights of great things we are doing at FSU.

- **120 New Faculty**– We continue to attract some of the most distinguished faculty in the country to our top ranked programs across campus, including in the arts and humanities, the sciences, law, medicine, education, business, policy, and criminology. These exciting new colleagues make our university better in every way!
- **Making Learning Meaningful and Equitable**– Our campus is dedicated to giving students experiences that will prepare them for life after college. Engage 100 is an important program designed to connect, engage, and challenge students during their first semester at FSU, as well as pave the way to future success. Our faculty continue to redesign courses and embed the latest evidence-based teaching practices that improve student learning and performance.
- **Top 4-year Graduation Rate**– Our student graduation rate is among the highest in the nation. In fact, FSU's four-year graduation rate is among the top 10 ranks of national public universities. Perhaps most importantly, we have proven that our great overall results show no disparities among our graduation rates for Black, Hispanic, and Caucasian students.



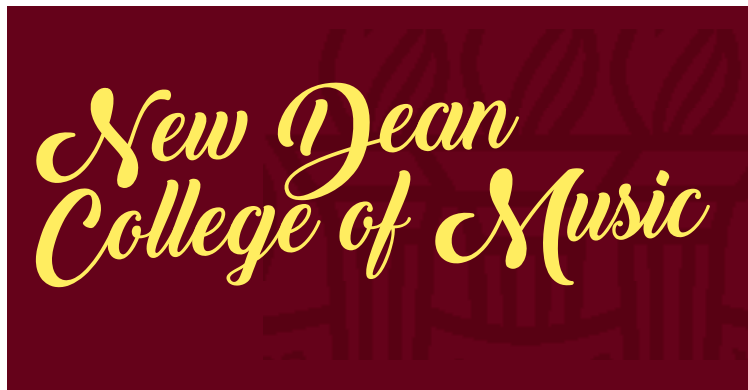
- **Transfer Student Success-** FSU is proud to lead all state public universities in our graduation rates for our transfer students who join us with an AA degree.
- **Record Graduate Enrollment-** For the third year in a row, FSU has broken its own record for the number of students pursuing a graduate degree. Our growing ranks of excellent faculty and increased research productivity are drawing more graduate students to apply and enroll.
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion-** Florida State has a long history of institutional commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion that has earned us recognition in each of past seven years as a “HEED Diversity Champion” by Insight into Diversity and placement in the top 10 as an “Access Improver” for our support of underrepresented student populations. The Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) recently honored FSU with their Platinum Level Award for Global Learning, Research and Engagement. Additionally, Hispanic Business Magazine ranked our College of Law No. 2 in the nation for Hispanic students and the College of Medicine No. 8. The College of Medicine is the only school ranked in the top six for enrollment of both Black and Hispanic students among 136 U.S. medical schools. We are No. 4 in the nation in preparation of African-American physicians, behind three HBCU Medical Schools only.

***Our students, faculty, staff and alumni are living proof of success at FSU!*** Take a closer look.



**Sally E. McRorie, Ph.D.**

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



Todd Queen has been named dean of the College of Music. He started the role Jan. 11 of this year. Prior to arriving at FSU, Queen was dean of the Louisiana State University College of Music & Dramatic Arts. He succeeds Patricia Flowers, who returned to the FSU College of Music faculty last June after serving as dean since 2013.

FSU Provost, Sally McRorie stated, “The College of Music is one of the greatest treasures at FSU. It is my pleasure to welcome our new dean of music, Todd Queen, an extraordinary and enthusiastic national leader in music. We are placing our great treasure in very good hands.”

Queen said he’s looking forward to coming to one of the nation’s most comprehensive and distinguished music schools at a public university.

“The FSU College of Music has long been a national leader in the music discipline,” Queen said. “I was particularly attracted to the position because of the set of

broad, comprehensive degree programs that include not only strong music education, music history, theory, composition and performance programs, but also programs in music therapy, commercial music, and arts administration. I believe this comprehensive approach will continue to define the 21st-century musician, and Florida State is poised to continue to be a national leader.”

At LSU, Queen worked with faculty to modernize the undergraduate curriculum to meet the needs of the 21st-century artist. He also led LSU’s College of Music & Dramatic Arts in a \$60 million fundraising campaign, and he is a strong advocate for international study. He traveled to Asia to forge a partnership with East China Normal University in Shanghai, where he was named a visiting professor.

Over his career, Queen has produced and directed more than 60 opera and musical theatre productions and has sung with many notable universities worldwide. In 2011, Queen co-founded Opera Orvieto, a three-week summer intensive Italian operatic experience, where he served as artistic and stage director. In 2016, Opera Orvieto merged with Operafestival di Roma, where Queen currently serves as executive director.

Prior to LSU, Queen served as Professor of Voice and Chair of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance in the College of Liberal Arts at Colorado State University. His students have been selected for competitive young artist programs in the United States and abroad, with former students currently attending top-tier conservatories and graduate schools.

Queen earned his Doctoral of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees from the Eastman School of Music, after completing his undergraduate degree at Brigham Young University



## New Dean Nursing College



Jing Wang will be the new dean of the College of Nursing. She will start the role Aug. 16, 2021.

Wang, an interdisciplinary trained researcher, educator, policy and executive leader in nursing and higher education, currently serves as the vice dean for research at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing.

“We are excited to welcome Jing Wang to Florida State University and the College of Nursing,” McRorie said. “The college is poised for growth, particularly in its research endeavors, and we are confident Dr. Wang is the right leader to move us forward.”

A recognized national leader on digital health, which uses computing platforms, connected devices, software and sensors for health care and related uses, Wang said she’s excited to join FSU during a time of rapid growth for the university.

“I am very intrigued by the College of Nursing’s strong academic nursing programs and strengths on health equity research, as well as Florida State’s collaborative

spirit and strong focus on student success, especially for the first-generation students, and commitment to serve underserved communities,” Wang said.

Wang likes to work collectively, as evidenced by her stimulated synergy with other academic institutions on precision health, artificial intelligence and 5G telemedicine initiatives. She’s led academic industry collaborations with leading digital health companies and engaged local innovation hub partners, such as the Texas Medical Center Innovation Institute, in developing interprofessional education on mobile and connected health to prepare the next generation of health care professionals for a digital transformation of health care.

While at UT Health San Antonio, Wang founded the Center on Smart and Connected Health Technologies and held the Hugh Roy Cullen Professorship in Nursing. She oversaw and developed new research/grant infrastructure to support a significant growth in grants and contracts with a portfolio of over \$25 million a year in projects ranging from nursing research, education and student success to clinical and community services contracts.

Prior to that, Wang was the John P. McGovern Distinguished Professor at UTHealth Houston, where she founded the Center of Excellence on Mobile and Connected Health within the Consortium on Aging. She was the first to be selected as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar and Josiah Jr. Macy Foundation Macy Faculty Scholar. She also served as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Biomedical Informatics and School of Public Health.

The initiative, Big Bets, is being led by interim Vice President for Research Laurel Fulkerson. “Big Bets requires faculty to look several years, perhaps even a decade, into the future, and articulate the major impacts their research can achieve with the infusion of a multimillion-dollar world-changing gift,” Fulkerson said. “We recognize the delta that exists between our excellent research centers and the resources needed to make a colossal impact. This initiative is an attempt to bridge that gap and connect our centers to big thinkers with big ideas about changing the world.”

The centers engaged in a strategic planning process, a business pitch session and other marketing and communications efforts. This process helped them “translate” their research into terms that are immediately comprehensible to non-experts.

“Public universities like FSU simply have to bring our work outside of the laboratory or classroom,” Fulkerson said. “Many of our researchers are making great strides in a number of areas that really matter to people’s lives, and we want the broader world to understand the impact of that scholarship.”

The Florida Center for Reading Research is a multidisciplinary research center at Florida State University that investigates all aspects of reading and reading-related skills across the lifespan. Through rigorous and robust research, innovation and engagement, FCRR advances the science of reading to improve learning and achievement from birth through adulthood.

## Institute for Justice Research and Development

IJRD is a research center housed in the College of Social Work at Florida State University whose goal is for fewer people to enter the criminal justice system, and to help those who do re-enter our communities with the tools they need to succeed. Their mission is to advance science, practice and policy to improve the well-being of individuals, families and communities impacted by criminal justice system involvement.

## *Big Bets Initiative*

**BY: KATHLEEN HAUGHNEY**

Florida State University has launched a new initiative designed to amplify centers and institutes that are doing high-profile, public-impact research and connect them with donors interested in pursuing big questions.



## Resilient Infrastructure and Disaster Response Center

RIDER is a multidisciplinary research center at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering with the mission of achieving adaptive capacity and resilience for the communities affected by natural disasters such as hurricanes and the COVID-19 pandemic. RIDER unites engineers, social scientists, social workers, health, public policy, community and information specialists to find science-backed solutions that meet the needs of communities facing a resilience divide.

# Rider Center

BY: BILL WELLOCK



FAMU-FSU College of Engineering associate professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Eren Erman Ozguven. He is the director of the Resilient Infrastructure & Disaster Response Center, a multidisciplinary research center at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering with the mission of achieving adaptive capacity and resilience for the communities affected by natural disasters such as hurricanes and the COVID-19 pandemic. (Mark Wallheiser/FAMU-FSU College of Engineering)

In some places in Florida and around the country, there is a time before the storm and a time after.

Andrew in South Florida. Michael in the Panhandle. Maria in Puerto Rico. Katrina along the Gulf Coast. These hurricanes killed many and caused billions of dollars in damage. They challenged the resilience of the communities in their path, especially for communities that didn't have many resources to deal with natural disasters before the storms.

Helping communities develop the infrastructure necessary to recover quickly from disasters like hurricanes and pandemics is the focus of the Resilient Infrastructure and Disaster Response (RIDER) Center at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. The center is an information and research hub that helps communities improve their ability to plan, prepare for and recover from natural disasters and other threats.

“We are focusing on how we can achieve resiliency for our communities,” said Eren Erman Ozguven, an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering at the college and the center’s director. “And when we say communities, we’re not only talking about cities and metropolitan areas, but we are talking about underserved areas, rural counties — those areas do not have resources like their urban counterparts.”

The RIDER Center is also one of the centers featured as part of Florida State University’s “Big Bets” initiative, a program designed to highlight public impact science and connect the centers with partners and donors interested in their work.

“With ‘Big Bets,’ FSU is looking to focus on a few existing research centers already doing work that has the potential to be even more crucial in the future,” said Interim Vice President for Research Laurel Fulkerson. “The team at RIDER is conducting research that has real-world impact on communities facing challenges in the aftermath of an event — everything from hurricanes to pandemics. Their interdisciplinary approach considers the whole slate of problems communities could potentially face.”

# Statue of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune for US Capitol

BY: Nancy Turner

On July 10, 2021, in Pietrasanta, Italy a group of sculptors, representatives of Bethune-Cookman University and Daytona Beach, Florida, local Italian dignitaries, US Congressional representative, and friends/family of the Master Sculptor, Nilda Comas, gathered to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and to bless the marble sculpture that will move next year to its permanent home in the U.S. Capitol Statuary Hall. Dr. Bethune's statue will be the first African American woman in Statuary Hall. The history of the statue had begun years before. Let me share some of that history which includes 1) a brief review of Dr. Bethune's life, 2) the legislative action that established the creation of the statue for the State of Florida, and 3) the fundraising to support the project. The history is paraphrased here from the printed programs for the day's celebrations, "The Blessing of the Statue of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune" and "The Evening Program Honoring Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, America's Black Rose" prepared by the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Statuary Fund, Inc. and from a June 8, 2020, presentation titled: "Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Statuary Project"

"Mary McLeod was born in South Carolina on July 10, 1875 to a family of seventeen children. Her remarkable journey and rise from humble beginnings started with education. She attended Trinity Presbyterian Mission School at the age of 10 and learned to read. Later she went to Scotia Seminary in North Carolina and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago with the goal of becoming a missionary. When there were no openings available to her, she became a teacher. In South Carolina she married Albertus Bethune. The dream of opening her own school led her to Palatka and then to Daytona Beach in Florida where she started the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute for Negro girls with 5 young students. That school eventually became Bethune-Cookman University, one of America's oldest historically black universities.

"While working on the development of her school she became a national leader in racial and gender equality and was advisor to five US Presidents, most notably Franklin Delano Roosevelt and she was a close friend of Eleanor Roosevelt. She was president of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs as well as the prestigious National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and founded the National Council of Negro Women. Even with her work in "high" levels of government, she was said to have been readily accessible to average men and women and the college students that she mentored.

"During the 2016 Florida Legislative Session, Senate Bill 310, was enacted to provide for the selection of a prominent Florida Citizen to be commemorated in the National

Statuary Hall Collection as a replacement for the statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith. Governor Rick Scott signed the bill into law on March 10, 2016. After public input, an ad hoc committee of the Great Floridians Program recommended Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Senate Bill 472 was enacted during the 2018 Florida Legislative Session to approve the replacement of General Smith and the selection of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. This law was signed into effect by Governor Scott on March 19, 2018. The statue of Kirby Smith will be moved to the Lake County Historical Museum.

"Nilda Comas, Master Sculptor, was chosen from 1,600 artists across the US and commissioned by the state of Florida to create this sculpture. She was born and raised in San Juan Puerto Rico and will be the first Hispanic woman to sculpt a statue for the US Capitol National Statuary Hall. Nilda's homes and studios are in Ft. Lauderdale and in Pietrasanta, Italy where she has access to beautiful marble. She spent considerable time after her selection researching the life and legacy of Dr. Bethune so that she could adequately capture her essence in stone. The Carrara marble selected for the sculpture was taken from the quarry of Michelangelo and was sculpted in the Franco Cervietti Studio.



photos courtesy of Danny Zarifian

The maquette (model) of the statue in clay at the Franco Cervietti Studio in September 2019. Nilda Comas, Master Sculptor is on the right.



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photos courtesy of Danny Zarifian

The marble from the quarry of Michelangelo acquired for the sculpture, photo taken on September 2019 trip.

The funds for the project were privately raised by a Florida not-for-profit corporation established in 2018, the “Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Statuary Fund, Inc.” A Board of Directors, led by Nancy Lohman serving as President was selected with the sole purpose of raising funds for the design, creation, and installation of a marble statue of Dr. Bethune to be displayed in Statuary Hall. After the organization’s formation, the Board expanded its goals twice. First, to commission a bronze statue to be placed in the Daytona Beach Riverfront Esplanade, facing the university; and second, to provide educational opportunities for both students and the public through the creation of a feature-length documentary and a K-12 curriculum module to share the artistic statuary process and provide an opportunity to learn about the legacy of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.”

Now that you have this history, let’s go back to July 10, 2021--the celebration began at noon in the courtyard of the Pietrasanta City Hall when local Italian dignitaries, Bethune-Cookman University and Daytona Beach dignitaries, and US House of Representatives member Kathy Castor of Tampa unveiled the marble statue of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.







Later in the afternoon, all the attendees were taken by bus to a park in Pietrasanta where the bronze version of the statue has been placed for the summer. It will be permanently moved to Daytona Beach after that



Finally, in the evening, a program honoring Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune through music and the symbolism of the statue was held at the Cervietti Studio. Jacari W. Harris, a native of Tallahassee and 2018 graduate of BCU served as Master of Ceremonies. Musical performances were by BCU graduates Khalil Bradley, Hannah Randolph, and Sarah Slaughter as well as an A Cappella choral group, “Coro Versilia a Capezzano Monte”. This Italian choir, founded in 1974, are a group of friends passionate about the mountains and songs. They have held concerts in various Italian regions as well as abroad.

In between the musical interludes, the life and legacy of Dr. Bethune was presented by Dr. Hiram Powell, interim President of Bethune-Cookman and members of the Board of Directors of the Statuary Fund, Johnny McCray, Jr., the BCU National Alumni Association President, Derrick Henry, the Mayor of Daytona Beach, and Nancy Lohman, President of the Statuary Fund. The presentations described Dr. Bethune in her role as a civil rights trailblazer, through her work at the United Nations, and in the words of her last will and testament. In summary she dictated her last will and testament on April 14, 1955; she died on May 18, 1955. It stated:

*“I leave you love; I leave you hope; I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another; I leave you a thirst for education; I leave you respect for the uses of power; I leave you faith; I leave you racial dignity; I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow men; I leave you finally a responsibility to our young people.”*  
(Evening program, page 20)

Let me tell you, in closing, about three features of the statue: 1) An intricately carved cane in her right hand was a gift from President Franklin D. Roosevelt; 2) the stack of books behind her provide balance

for the weight of the statue and have special inscriptions from her last will and testament; and finally, 3) the black rose in her left hand has a story of its own. In her international travels, Dr. Bethune discovered a black rose in a garden in Switzerland for the first time. She was smitten by its beauty. After that experience, she referred to her students at BCU as her “Black Roses”. As described in the blessing ceremony, “she often used the example of the flower garden to illustrate equality. Flowers are many colors, but they grow together in harmony in the garden.” (Evening program, page 3, and Garden of Praise)



# Appalachian Trail Museum & Library

BY: LINDA PATTON, RETIRED FROM STORZIER LIBRARY



The work never ends. Books await cataloging under a unique system developed by librarian Linda Patton specifically for the A.T. Museum's research facility on the top floor.

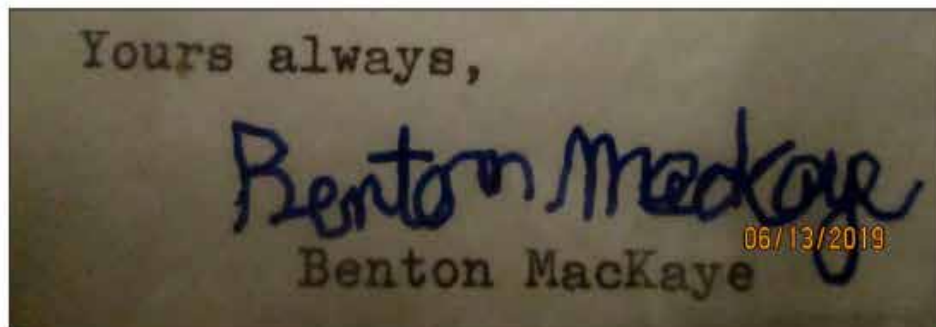
## The ever-growing A.T. story finds a home in new library

By LINDA PATTON  
Founding Librarian  
A.T. Museum

**L**arry Luxenberg collected A.T. memorabilia for many years after his 1980 thru-hike. Eventually his collection grew so huge his wife wished he would "get the stuff out of the house."

At that point, he began dreaming about a museum to house all "the stuff." His 12-year dream finally became a reality when the Appalachian Trail museum opened to the public in the spring of 2010 in the renovated first floor of the old Grist Mill at Pennsylvania's Pine Grove Furnace State Park. Later, a storage space in Carlisle was acquired as a home for all the extra things from Larry's collection and other donations that are not yet exhibited.

The museum collects, preserves and interprets materials that portray the history of the trail and also the essence of the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual human experience of the Appalachian environment and the culture of hiking. There is no other museum like it in the country.



Letters, documents and books belonging to Benton MacKaye are now part of the museum.

In early 2018, eight years after the museum opened and following many months of hard work by Ron "Yellow Shoes" Bungay and his crew, the mezzanine above the second floor of the museum was finally renovated and ready to be transformed into a library.

Which meant another dream would soon be realized — this one 20 years old — when my collection of Appalachian Trail books and other books on trails and hiking (which had been the inspiration for my website, booksfor-

hikers.com), would become the nucleus of a research library within the museum. This research library, like the museum, would have an emphasis on the Appalachian Trail but also contain materials about other hiking trails, hiking/backpacking in general and the natural history of the Appalachian Mountains.

In the fall of 2017, I was designated the founding librarian and began the process of ordering furniture, equipment and supplies. I also created a unique classification system that would



provide call numbers better suited to the narrow focus of the library's collection than those of the Dewey Decimal System or Library of Congress.

In April 2018, with my SUV's cargo space filled with boxes containing more than 700 of my books, I drove to the museum from my home in Florida. Dave "Capone" Crooks from Chicago arrived at the museum soon after I did, bringing his 600-book collection and 300 books from Roger Williamson's collection. In addition to all those, there were books previously donated by others, including the ATC, and already on site.

To get the library up and running, a myriad of tasks had to be accomplished and several museum staff and volunteers worked alongside me to get the work done. Among them were Jim "Early Bird" Foster, Jerry "Thumper" Johnson, Gwen Loose, Joan McKean, Sandy "Honcho" Moyer, Jay "Jaybird" Sexton, Margy Schmidt and Nate "Angry Bird" Shank. They moved heavy furniture and boxes, wrapped acid barrier material around each wooden shelf, installed UV-blocking window film, wrote call numbers on hundreds of book slips, put ownership marks in every book, shuffled books around on the shelves to merge the three major collections by call number, and helped with a lot of filing.

## HOW TO DONATE ITEMS

Books and other items can be sent to:

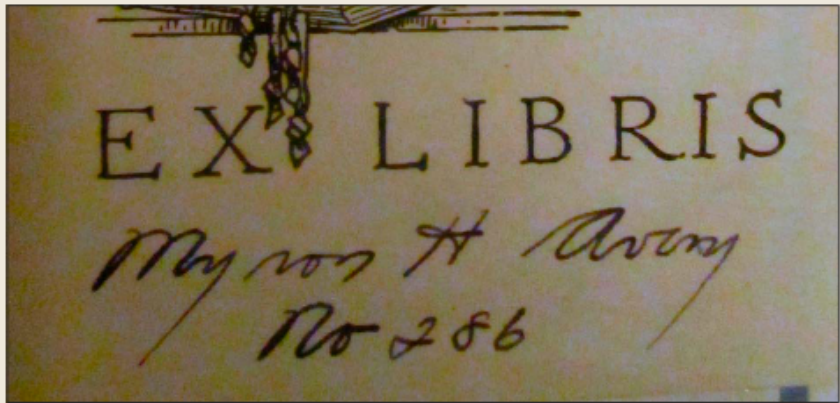
**Librarian, Research Library  
A.T. Museum  
1120 Pine Grove Road  
Gardners, PA 17324**

Or they can be dropped off at the museum when it's open (check hours at <https://bit.ly/2Hq9unL>) or, if it's closed, by making an appointment with the manager at [manager@atmuseum.org](mailto:manager@atmuseum.org) or 717-486-8126. Be sure to mark all containers "For Research Library."

By the time I had cataloged all the books and left for home eight weeks later, the research library housed 1,660 books, 36 periodicals containing articles on the A.T., and 46 subject files of articles — a total of 1,742 items.

I returned to the museum once more in the spring of 2019, this time bringing my collection of A.T. media. I added other discs and tapes that had already been donated and cataloged the 163 media items for the library's collections. Fred "Springfever" Kirch generously donated the funds to have all the VHS tapes professionally converted to DVD format. A security system was installed and another donation from Fred paid for sun-blocking window shades for the library, the purchase of dozens of newly published trail books and a better cordless telephone system for the museum.

A volunteer cataloger, Kristin Senecal, helped me go through the donation boxes in the museum's storage unit in Carlisle, and we gathered up all the A.T. guidebooks and periodical issues



## SPECIAL ITEMS IN A SPECIAL COLLECTION

In addition to MacKaye's books, here are a few of the other special items in the library's collections:

1. Four books, published in the late 1800s and early 1900s, from Myron Avery's personal collection.
2. Copies of correspondence between Benton MacKaye and Richard "Peregrine" Judy.
3. Three of the 120 privately printed copies of the first edition of Earl Shaffer's "Walking with Spring." (Donated by D. Crooks, R. Williamson, and the estate of Ed Garvey)
4. Sam Waddell's heavily annotated copy of Larry Luxenberg's book, "Walking the Appalachian Trail." Sam was the caretaker of the memorable Jerry Cabin shelter — the one with the nonfunctional light fixture and mailbox. (Donated by Sam Waddell)
5. Papers from Ward Leonard about his hiking style. (Donated by Jennifer "Odysa" Pharr Davis)
6. Earl Shaffer's personal copy (signed on the front cover) of the August 1949 National Geographic magazine containing Brown & Sisson's article on the Appalachian Trail, "Skyline Trail from Maine to Georgia." The article begins with sev-



Ward Leonard in Caratunk, 1990

- eral paragraphs about Earl Shaffer's thru-hike of the preceding year. Emma "Grandma" Gatewood said later that after reading this article, "I immediately knew this was something I had to do." (Donated by the estate of Earl Shaffer)
7. Three 2-volume sets of "Hiking the Appalachian Trail," published in 1975 by Rodale Press and still in their original shrink-wrap. (Donated by Arthur P. "Meadowlark" Foley)

we could find so that I could catalog them.

By the time I returned home after nine weeks of work that second year, the research library had 1,745 cataloged books, 286 uncataloged books, 698 periodical issues, 53 periodical articles, 134 subject files, 163 media, and 190 guidebooks. Its holdings had almost doubled — to a total of 3,269 items with an appraised value of more than \$100,000.

But in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic forced me to cancel my work trip. Now hundreds of

books, periodicals and shelter registers are still waiting to be cataloged, and the books from Benton MacKaye's "Sky Parlor" study are still in boxes and need to be archived. There's a lot of work remaining to be done and I hope to get back to the museum in the coming year to complete it.

The research library's extensive collections can be used by writers, academicians and anyone else who wishes to research the story of the Appalachian Trail — those who hike it, those who build and maintain it and those who love it.



## BOOK BENEFACTOR KNOWS TREASURE WHEN HE SEES IT

One of the principal benefactors of the new research library at the A.T. Museum is Dave Crooks of Florida, whose yearslong search for books related to the Appalachian Trail has paid off to the library's benefit.

Crooks, originally from Illinois, likes to joke that he's "one of the Crooks of Chicago." And in that spirit, his trail name is "Capone." But he is just the opposite when it comes to a selfless personality.

The value of the hundreds of books he has donated is \$38,000. One volume alone is appraised at \$1,500.



He's been able to amass such a large and valuable collection because of a twist of fate many years ago when he found himself sitting on a bar stool in a pub in Key West, Fla., next to legendary goldhunter Mel Fisher. The rest is history.

Crooks went on to co-discover his share of Spanish treasure off the coast of Florida.

He shared a doubloon with museum board members during a meeting a few years ago. He appears as passionate about the new museum library as he is about sunken treasure.



Linda Patton, holding an annotated book donated by Sam Waddle.



The upper floor of the A.T. Museum has been fitted out as a research librarian's haven.



# SPRING LUNCHEON



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## Luncheon Speaker

### **Dr. Sharon Nicholson, Professor of Meteorology, and the 2020-2021 Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor.**

Professor Nicholson is a renowned climatologist specializing in the area of climate over arid environments. Her innovative research has resulted in several paradigm shifts concerning African drought and has helped FSU become recognized as the leading academic institution in the U.S. for research on the climate of Africa.

“When Professor Nicholson started at FSU, she was the only female faculty member in what was then known as the meteorology department and there were few female or minority students,” FSU Professor of Geology, James Tull said. “One of [Sharon’s] many contributions to the department has been her ability to promote diversity, something for which she was honored by the American Meteorological Society in 2009 with the Charles E. Anderson Award”.

In 2020, Professor Sharon Nicholson was selected by Germany’s Alexander von Humboldt Foundation to receive the Humboldt Research Award, granted to researchers whose fundamental discoveries or insights have had a significant impact on their discipline and who are expected to continue producing cutting-edge achievements in the future. Academics from any discipline may be nominated for the award.

Nicholson is continuing her research on rainfall in the Congo Basin, she said she is grateful for the teamwork opportunities the Humboldt Research Award helps foster among geographically distant colleagues.



Wonderful crowd in the Alumni Center Ballroom



## ARF Journal Editorial Board

Currently, the ARF Retiree Journal is developed by the Editor with supervision by the President. The Journal is a key communication tool for ARF. It would be advantageous to have more members involved in the development of the publication. The current President has produced many wonderful ideas for articles to be included in the publication. This task seems to be better suited to an Editorial Board whose task would be to do just that.

Thus, the President will appoint an Editorial Board to work with the Editor in producing the ARF Retiree Journal. The duties of the Editorial Board will be to:

1. Identify new topics for issues;
2. Attract new authors and submissions;
3. Review submitted manuscripts; and,
4. Advise on Journal policy and scope.

The President will appoint 3 members to serve on the Editorial Board for a term of a year. Reappointment to an extended term is possible. The Board will work with the Editor of the Journal in producing the 3 issues of the publication.

According to the Bylaws, the President will continue to supervise the Editor of the ARF Retiree Journal and others to establish dates for the submission of articles and publication of the ARF Retiree Journal (ARF Bylaws, Roles and Responsibility of President, page 6).

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## Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Science Building

On Tuesday, April 27th, a large contingent of ARF Members were given a special tour of the EOAS Building. Two special treats were the Globe in the Lobby hooked up to NOAA and a 12 minute huge video screen tour of Mars. They had composited all the footage from over the years.



# ARF Membership Policy

Effective with the by-laws that were adopted three years ago, ARF's fiscal year is now defined as June 1-May 31. New memberships and membership renewals received anytime between these dates apply only to the current fiscal year. For example, if you join ARF for the first time, or rejoin ARF after a lapse or renew your membership at any time after June 1, 2021, and before May 31, 2022, the membership is valid until May 31, 2022.

Because our accounting system is not very sophisticated, based as it is on a simple Excel spreadsheet, it is not possible to accept new memberships or renewals for the next fiscal year in advance. In other words, you will not be able to join ARF for 2022-2023 or renew your membership for 2022-2023 prior to June 1, 2022.

This raises the issue of members who make multiple payments during the year. Because of the above policy on advance renewals, these overpayments cannot be applied to the following fiscal year. A number of years ago, the ARF Board addressed the question of overpayments and multiple payments during a fiscal year,

The Board adopted a policy against refunding overpayments or multiple payments of membership dues. This decision was made because of the accounting challenges involved given our simple accounting system and the mailing costs. Instead these overpayments and multiple payments are treated as donations to ARF. Keep in mind, however, that because we are not a 501(c) 3 organization, these donations are not tax-deductible.

If you are ever in doubt as to whether you have paid dues for the current year, please do not hesitate to contact me by email to inquire. It takes very little time and effort on my part to check your status and to respond to you, and unless I am out of town and away from my records, I will respond quite promptly. My email address is [tmccaleb@fsu.edu](mailto:tmccaleb@fsu.edu), and I'm always happy to hear from you and to answer any questions or address any problems you might have about ARF. I prefer to communicate by email for those members not having access to email, my telephone number is (850) 933-7653.

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**Tuesday - October 26, 2021**

**Alumni Center Ballroom**

**11:00 am - Social; Noon - Lunch**

Dr. Jayne Standley will be the guest speaker for the Fall Luncheon