

**January 21, 2010**

**COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS - ISLAM**

**Idrissa Fane and Dr. Jenny Nelson**

*(To be presented by Dr. Gifford Doxsee)*

**Idrissa Fane**, a Fulbright scholar from Mali in his second year of a master's degree in communication and development studies, chose Ohio University for its academic reputation in the fields of journalism and communication. He is a Muslim and has given 2 presentations on Islam to undergraduate students at O.U.

He became vice president of the Ohio University Fulbright Scholars Association his first year. This year, he is president. He plans to return to the University of Bamako in Mali to help establish a department of communications in its institute of management.

He has degrees in education and in journalism. He worked as director of studies at Centre d'Excellence de Formation en Langues (CEFLA), trainee journalist at National Radio Station of Mali, chief editor at local private radio station Bamakan, reporter at L'Independent and technology assistant at the American International of Bamako. His research interests focus on social issues.

**Dr. Jenny Nelson** is an Associate Professor in the School of Media Arts and Studies, with teaching interests in Media Criticism (including TV, comics & vlogs), Critical Cultural Media Theory, Qualitative Research, and Media in the Middle East and North Africa. She is a Muslim and is married to a Moroccan.

She was named Outstanding Graduate Faculty at OU in 1993, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Morocco in 1996, was elected to the Board of Scholars by the International Communicology Institute in 2007, and recently returned from two years teaching in the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Nelson has authored several refereed journal articles, book chapters, and conference papers. She has directed over 40 doctoral dissertations, the last 3 of which were awarded first prizes by the International Communication Association's Cross-Cultural Division.

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**Thursday**  
**January 21, 2010**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



**BALLROOM**

**Luncheon Menu:**

*Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings*  
*Spinach Salad*  
*Mesclun Salad*  
*Oven Roasted Chicken with Signature Steak Oil*  
*Baked Steak*  
*Basil Potatoes*  
*Zucchini and Squash Medley*  
*Rolls & Butter*  
*Assorted Desserts, including Fresh Cut Fruit*  
*Beverages*

**\$13.50**

**RESERVATIONS** must be made to attend the luncheon. You **MUST** call Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 by **Friday, January 15**. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti. You can add your name(s) to the Regular Attendees List and not have to call each month unless you cannot attend.

## A Message From The President - ED BAUM



Hi,

A couple of weeks ago, in the Athens News, Dennis Powell argued that 2009 was only the ninth year of the decade, not the tenth. Terry Smith then countered that common usage makes it the end of the "decade"... after all, he notes, would you say that 1900 was part of the "Gay Nineties" or 1940 part of the Thirties. My dictionary notes that a decade is simply a group of ten years (e.g., 1983-1992) so I will side with Terry

I mention this because after last month's luncheon a couple people informed me that this was not, in their view, the end of the "decade" even though I commented that it was. I will still consider 2009 the end of the decade and by the time you read this it is the beginning of the decade of the "teens". As such, it is appropriate for me to create my own list of ten most memorable events or activities affecting Emeriti in the "noughties". After all, most news magazines, etc, have their lists.... why not me.

These are in no particular order:

1. Emeriti Park: its development adding beauty to our campus.
2. O.U. switching to semesters: affecting those who are still teaching on the early retirement system.
3. O.U.'s budgetary woes: preventing a university contribution to improved lighting in the Emeriti Park.
4. Our attempt to try a new menu: who said "change you can believe in" anyway?
5. The appointment of Roderick McDavis as president: encouraging a new vision for Ohio University.
6. The failure of NRC to build a retirement village in Athens: which would have been welcomed by several of our members
7. The creation of The Athens Village: allowing you to remain in your own homes longer.
8. A continuing group of great speakers: our program chairs have done a great job here.
9. Our volunteer efforts with the Dairy Barn, the Kennedy Museum, and the Emeriti Park: well appreciated by those organizations... and thank you to all who have done so.
10. This one is blank.... I invite you to send me yours ([baum@ohio.edu](mailto:baum@ohio.edu)) and I will include them in next month's comments

So, let me end by wishing you a very Happy New Year and a Great New Decade. Hope to see you at the next luncheon.

*Ed*

**Living Our Lives and Telling Stories**

Adrie H. Nab was Chuck Carlson’s guest at the December Emeriti Luncheon. They had met by accident at a Monday meeting. The two hadn’t seen each other for some time; maybe five years or more. But after this surprise encounter they talked, reminiscing mostly about working together at Ohio University.

Adrie from 1992-2000 was Vice President for University Relations – Communication and Marketing at Ohio University. Chuck was the President of the Emeriti Association. The two worked together to make both the University and the Association more effective in Alumni Relations, developing and promoting the Kennedy Museum of Art, creating an interest in the efforts of the Highpointe Retirement Village Committee, planned Community-University Programs, and promoting the newly formed Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees.

The Emeriti Association, which did not have a site for its Executive Committee Meetings, was offered office space, by Adrie, at the University Visitors’ Center and personnel assistance and limited financing to help effect its new undertakings. In 1996 Adrie was awarded the Emeriti Association Distinguished Service Award.

Adrie currently lives in Granville, Ohio and plans to spend more time with friends on the Ohio University campus. Adrie, Chuck and others at the meeting enjoyed not only the wonderful program but the opportunity to socialize, once again, with both members and friends.

**Chuck, Historian**

[www.ohio.edu/emeriti](http://www.ohio.edu/emeriti)

This is the Emeriti Association website.  
Joe Essman is our Webmaster.

Past newsletters as well as Board minutes may be found here.

**EMERITI ASSOCIATION EMAIL LIST**

Those of you who wish to be on the email list for the Association should send your names and email addresses to Ted Foster (foster@ohio.edu).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Dairy Barn</i>	13 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	14 AFAN Birthday Lunch <i>Christ the King</i>	15	16
<b>JANUARY</b>						
17	18	19 Emeriti Volunteer - <i>Dairy Barn</i>	20 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>  Performing Arts <i>Drowsy Chaperone</i>	21 Emeriti Board Meeting  <b>EMERITI LUNCH</b> <i>OU Inn</i>	22	23
24	25	26 Emeriti Volunteer - <i>Dairy Barn</i>	27 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	28	29	30
31	1	2 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Dairy Barn</i>	3 Emeriti Volunteer- <i>Kennedy Museum</i>	4	5	6
	<b>FEBRUARY</b>					

**IN MEMORIAM**



**Patricia May Brooks**, 79, of Athens, passed away suddenly December 13 at Riverside Hospital. She was born in Highland Park, MI. Prior to graduation from Detroit Pershing High School she performed and directed crew shows on the Georgian Bay Cruise Line on the Great Lakes. She also taught children’s dance in several dance studios.

After a year at Northwestern University, Pat studied ballet and modern dance at various places in the U.S. and Europe and began a professional career. After then earning a B.S. degree with emphasis in dance from Wayne State University in 1957, she taught at Kingswood School of Cranbrook Academy, the University of Detroit and Wayne State University, and was a guest lecturer at the University of Leeds in England in 1994. Prior to her retirement in 2000 from the School of Dance at Ohio University, Pat had served for 31 years as a member of the O.U. faculty. She was one of the founding faculty members of the School of Dance. In 1973-74 and 1978 she served as acting director of the School of Dance. She served a 3-year term on the Faculty Senate. Pat was the creator of the Honors Tutorial Program in Dance and served as director of the program from 1986 to 1997.

Pat is survived by her husband, Chuck Atkins, 2 sons and 3 step-children. She was preceded in death by her first husband, N. Joseph Welling and a daughter.

**Wallace “Wally” J. Cameron**, 83, of Mission, TX died December 18 after a recent hip fracture. He had been in ill health for several years. Born in Gladstone, MI, he spent his formative years in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and in Chicago where he graduated from high school.

He worked in defense production before matriculating at Albion College, where he received his B.A. and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1950. He received his M.A. from the University of Iowa in 1952. After further study in Spain and the University of Iowa, he was granted a PhD in 1956.

He was hired by Ohio University in 1956 and had a long and distinguished career that included a Fulbright award to teach in Bolivia, several outstanding teaching awards, the first chairman of the Faculty Senate and chairman of the Modern Language Department. He retired in 1992.

He established the Portales and Mayan Programs, which gave students a first-hand experience in Spanish language, civilization and culture in Mexico. He was director and professor for the program for many years.

**UPCOMING  
EMERITI LUNCHEON PROGRAMS**

**February 18: Tribute to Lincoln**  
*Chuck Carlson*

**March 18: Program will be about Health  
Care and the Hospital Alliance**  
*Dr. Jim Riestenberg*

**RECOLLECTIONS**

From the Archives of the  
Department of Incidental Intelligence

The late Dr. Richard Uhrbrock, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, was reminiscing about his graduate program at Columbia University in the WWI period.

He said that the final requirement for his PhD program prior to commencement was placing 100 bound copies of his dissertation in the college book store.

Many years later Dr. Uhrbrock received a letter from the book store manager stating that they had 47 copies of his dissertation in stock. The manager suggested that Dr. Uhrbrock might wish to purchase them as special gifts for his friends.

Dr. Uhrbrock declined.

*(Ed Russ)*

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