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NOBODY LEFT BUT GOD: MARK TWAIN AMONG FRIENDS

Judith Yaross Lee, Distinguished Professor of
Communication Studies

Introduced by Anita James

Judith Yaross Lee is an award-winning teacher and scholar who serves Ohio University as Distinguished Professor of Communication Studies and the Charles F. Zumkehr Professor of Rhetoric in the School of Communication Studies. An interdisciplinary Americanist educated at Oberlin College (A.B.) and the University of Chicago (A.M., Ph.D.), she studies popular rhetorics at the intersection of media, social, and intellectual history. Her work reflects a transnational view of American culture as a site of ideological contention born of contrast with other places, especially in Europe. Since 1986 her research program has produced four well-regarded university press books, an award-winning encyclopedia of American regional culture, four dozen peer-reviewed articles in notable interdisciplinary journals and edited volumes, and a series of grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Ohio Humanities Council, and other sources (\$1.29 million as principal investigator or co-PI) for research on American culture.

Internationally recognized as an authority on American literary humor from Mark Twain to the present, Lee also has expertise in historical and contemporary rhetorics of popular science and technology, including electronic media, as well as in graphic, radio, and performance humor. Always she examines individual examples in the context of larger cultural concerns. Her newest book, *Twain's Brand: Humor in Contemporary American Culture* (2012), shows how recent American humor in many media—from contemporary fiction, stand-up comedy, and television satire to comic strips, graphic novels, and animated cartoons—offers insights into the post-industrial culture created by the information economy.

Judith arrived at Ohio University in 1990 after teaching at LaGuardia Community College of the City University of New York, Helsinki University (Finland), Long Island University (Brooklyn, NY), and the Illinois Institute of Technology. In 1994, she was the first faculty member to teach in the joint Ohio University-Bangkok University Ph.D. program in interpersonal communication in Bangkok, Thailand.

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**EMERITI
LUNCHEON**
Thursday
May 18, 2017
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



BALLROOM

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. If you are not on the "ALWAYS" list of regular attendees, you **MUST** call or email Tom Franz at (740) 593-5347 or franz@ohio.edu by **Friday, May 12**. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti.

You can add your name(s) to the "Always" list and not have to call each month unless you cannot attend. Ask Tom to add your name(s).

MENU

\$15.00

Arugula Salad
Meatloaf
Roasted Chicken
Grilled Squash & Zucchini
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Southern Green Beans
Assorted Desserts

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Alan Boyd



Why does music arouse emotions? Is it romantic or patriotic feelings or memories? Is it caused by particular rhythms or melodies? Marching bands specialize in drumming. Is that because of the association with the military? I recall that I was told that a declining half-tone was once considered a sign of pathos and I have been impressed by the use of a descending scale by Tchaikovsky in Swan Lake to evoke romantic feelings. I remember that some compositions are called tone poems because the music is supposed to reflect non-musical scenes and movement. Today, movies often have background music, which I assume is supposed to reflect what is happening on the screen. What do we mean when we say a piece was played with feeling? Does music played in other societies also provoke emotions in its listeners? Most people appreciate music for its sound, not just for the technical ability of the performer to play it. And to push this discussion to a logical extreme—why do we say we “play” music? Is that because it is associated with pleasure, like a game? I only know that music provokes feelings in me, sometimes brings tears to my eyes. I am just not sure why. Does that happen to you? *Alan*

On the Green Weekend 2017!

The OHIO Alumni Association invites Emeriti Association members to join us for On the Green Weekend 2017! Our first-ever Food Truck Festival will start at 11:30 am on Saturday, May 20, at Pepsi Tailgater Park. This is your opportunity to sample some of the newest food vendors in Athens and to enjoy a lovely spring afternoon with friends and colleagues.

To see the full On the Green Weekend schedule, please visit [https://www.ohio.edu/alumni/on the green/](https://www.ohio.edu/alumni/on_the_green/). To register, contact Casey Arnold at [\(740\)593-0398](tel:7405930398) or arnoldc2@ohio.edu. We look forward to seeing you there!

Alumni College

Join the OHIO Alumni Association for the 2017 edition of Alumni College! This lecture series will take place during On the Green Weekend on Thursday, May 18, and Friday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature courses including:

- *Lessons Learned in the Exercise Biochemistry Labs: Trust Me, I'm a Doctor!* By Michael Kushnick, HFS, Ph.D.
- *A New Game Plan: How Adopting Alternative Sport Development Models in the United States Can Prevent an Educational Crisis* by B. David Ridpath, Ed.D.
- *Prolonging Stress with Repetitive Thought: The Roles of Rumination and Cortisol in Health* by Peggy Zoccola, Ph.D.

... and more! For more information, visit <https://www.ohio.edu/alumni/onthegreen/college.cfm> or contact Casey Arnold at arnoldc2@ohio.edu. We hope to see you there!

Notes on the April Luncheon Presentation by Jason Pina *Taking Ohio to the 10-point Scale: 10 Months In*

The Division of Student Affairs consists of ten departments ranging from campus recreation to culinary services. All of the departments work together to build the 5 C's: community (a sense of community both on campus and in Athens), character (getting students on the right path), civility (empathy in working together), citizenship (how we serve each other), and commitment (the importance of being committed).



Ed Baum

EMERITI NOTICES

Speaker for the Spring Semester
 The provost will be the speaker at our last luncheon of the spring semester:
 June 15—Pam Benoit, Executive Vice-President and Provost

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Emeriti Park Under Construction

This summer the three culverts that drain the Emeriti Park Lake at the south end of the park and run beneath Campus Drive will be replaced. This project will destroy the south overlook/patio and park vegetation in that area. It will require that traffic in the area along Campus Drive be redirected but maintained.

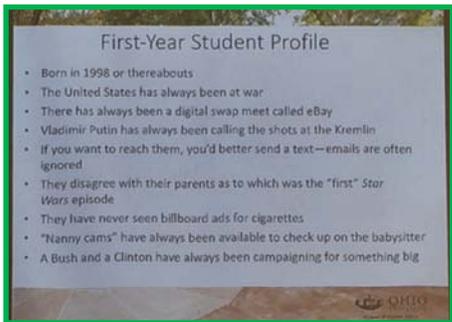
This project will begin immediately after this semester's graduation ceremonies and run through October or November. In the process the lake will be lowered somewhat. Most of the park walkways along the east and west sides and along the King Walkway on the north side will be maintained. The project timeline includes the replacement process and the restoration of the area to its 'original look'. You can continue to enjoy approximately 80 per cent of the park's resources.

Dick Dean

May Lunch Winner

The winner for next month's free lunch for an emeriti volunteer is **Jan Tucker** who has been volunteering in the Emeriti Park.

Phyllis Baxter



Jason Pina

IN MEMORIAM

Harry Kotses, 78, died at his home in Sanibel, Florida, on March 7, 2017. Harry was born on September 29, in Martins Ferry, Ohio, the first in his family to be born in the United States. Harry graduated from Liberty High School, Bethlehem, and completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology at Lehigh University. Harry subsequently completed a Master of Arts degree at Temple University, and earned a Ph.D. in experimental psychology in 1969 from Michigan State University.



In 1970, Harry began his distinguished career at Ohio University. His research interests included asthma self-management, human psychophysiology, classical and operant conditioning of physiological responses, and biofeedback. In 2006, he was recognized for his achievements internationally, and was presented the International Society for the Advancement of Respiratory Psychophysiology's Award for Distinguished Contributions to Respiratory Psychophysiology.

Harry is survived by his wife, Kandee Grossman, whom he married in 1997; sons Peter and Nicholas; a granddaughter, Kate; and former spouse, Grace H. Kotses (nee Anamisakis). He was preceded in death by his parents and his two sisters.

Patricia Light, 83, passed away on March 18. Pat was born in Eagle Grove, Iowa, and graduated from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, where she met her husband, Kenneth. After the family moved to Athens in 1968, Pat earned a master's degree in communications.



Pat was an active advocate for education and shared her skills with a variety of organizations in the community. She was a member of The Athens Village.

Pat was pianist and co-founder of The High Society Jazz Association and played in the "The Athens Dixieland Band," "Uptown Jazz," among others. She enjoyed gardening and a special group of friends in her "Garden and Karate Club."

Surviving are her sister, Mary; sons, Christopher and Randall; grandchildren, Lisa, Katrina, Jessica, and Daniel; and a great-granddaughter. Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; son, John; her parents; and her brother.

Ruth Goodwin Richey, 98, of Athens, Ohio, and Pompano Beach, Florida, passed away on April 12. She was born on March 28, in Columbus, Ohio, and was a graduate of Upper Arlington High School and The Ohio State University.



Ruth was an avid gardener and golfer. She faithfully followed Ohio University football, where her husband Frank had coached, was a longtime member of the Green and White Club, the Bobcat Club, and a wonderful group of coaches' wives.

Ruth was preceded in death by the love of her life, Frank B. Richey, and her parents Jennie and Charles Goodwin. She is survived by two children, Lynn and Robert; her grandchildren, Jennie, Jason, Robert, Sara Richey, Frank; six great-grandchildren; two sisters and their families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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