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## **Greetings from**

### **Council President Bill Pardee**

Welcome Cindy!! In August we welcomed Cindy Robinson as our new Office Manager. Cindy comes to us with a wealth of experience in computer communications and office management. Cindy is off to a great start. She replaces Tori Wishart, who retired in June. Tori provided us with excellent service and we wish her good health and much fun in her retirement.

Our Information Outposts were again a big success, as CAPE and CRA (Cornell Retirees Association) volunteers partnered to set up our outposts on the major entries to campus to welcome freshmen and their families on Move-In Day. We had a great day!! We all had fun and we provided a great service to incoming freshmen and their families! We had some 56 volunteers, up 11 from last year. Traffic counts showed that we gave information to folks in some 1400 cars. Figuring that each car held a freshman plus a mom and a dad, and often others, we believe we gave a friendly welcome to nearly 4000 persons to Cornell. We helped direct them through our maze of roads and streets to their dorms and registration sites. We had great feedback from the folks we greeted, with many statements of appreciation for our assistance. Thanks to everyone who participated! If you weren't able to join us this summer, consider it for next year. We can promise you good fellowship and an opportunity to be of service in welcoming and helping the newest members of our Cornell community!

We are moving forward with the Podell Emeriti Awards for Research (PEARS) program. This is supported for 2009 by a generous \$20,000 grant from Albert Podell '58 to support research and scholarly work by Cornell emeriti. Projects are aimed at research related to making the world a better place for all peoples. Our CAPE selection committee considered thirteen applications for 2009 grants in this project and has award grants to four projects.

Our Roundtable luncheons continue. These are informal events where members, spouses and guests meet for good conversations and good fellowship. We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month (with the exception of November and December, when we meet on the \*third\* Wednesday of the month) at 12:30pm at the Ramada Inn on Triphammer Rd. No reservations needed.

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**Greetings from Council President Bill Pardee, continued .....**

Our popular lecture series continued this fall with excellent presentations from leading Cornell scholars, including:

- Warren Allmon and Arthur Bloom, from the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, joined in giving us an informed discussion on “The Science and Marketing of Climate Change”, helping us to consider both the evidence and the hype surrounding this phenomenon.
- Will White, Director, Sloan Health Administration, noted that healthcare reform had emerged as a key issue in the 2008 election, and that John McCain and Barack Obama offered quite different visions. Professor White discussed differences and similarities in their plans, with observations on their merits and problems.
- John Henderson, Anthropology, discussed recent findings concerning ancient Mayan civilizations. He noted that popular views tend to focus on Mayan city-states, with their kings and pyramids. But there weren’t always kings in the Maya world, and his discussion focused on developing evidence of earlier societies and the trends that fostered the development of the later kingdoms.

CAPE members continue their participation in the HCEC, the Health Services Evaluation Committee, assisting Cornell students who are applying to medical schools. Some 23 CAPE members participated this past spring, along with senior faculty, interviewing students and writing letters of evaluation. Many of us have found this a meaningful way to meet some truly outstanding young people, and to contribute to a worthwhile Cornell program. The number of students applying for medical schools is increasing, and so is the need for volunteers. You may wish to consider this as a voluntary activity next spring. If interested, contact me, or Fran Kellfelz or Janet Snoyer, 255-5045.

We are delighted to welcome Bill Fry, new Dean of Faculty to our monthly Executive Committee meetings. Bill keeps us apprised of administrative developments at Cornell that may be of interest to Faculty Emeriti. His input is most helpful and may help us find new ways we can serve Cornell and CAPE members.

Your CAPE Association is designed to help you and other professors emeriti as we continue our connections with Cornell and each other. Your Council and officers welcome your suggestions for activities and programs that may extend our outreach and service to you and to our other members. Your president and Council appreciate your warm support!  
Kindest regards, Bill

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**CAPE Roundtable Luncheons**  
Emeriti and guests meet at the Ramada Inn on Triphammer Road for lunch the LAST Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm for lunch. If the last Wednesday is too close to a holiday, the preceding Wednesday is scheduled. Parking is readily available and guests are always welcome! These informal luncheons are quite popular and provide occasion to meet old friends, make new ones, and socialize. There are no formal presentations – just a good meal and good conversation. The remaining Fall 2008 semester luncheons are scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup>, and January 28<sup>th</sup>. Come join the fun!

***Did you know.....***

that, “upon retirement, emeritus faculty receive \$2,000 per year from their college for a period of five years for reimbursement of professional activities”? Those who wish to take advantage of this benefit should speak to their department chair. Money not spent in a particular year may be carried forward into subsequent years, but not beyond the fifth year.

**-- Just one of the many things CAPE has advocated for you!**

May 14,2008  
CAPE Business Meeting  
Abbreviated Notes

Tob de Boer, Vice President presided over the meeting in Bill Pardee's absence.

1. Call to order by Tob de Boer.
2. Secretary/Treasurer Report by Carol Kaske. Funds for CAPE are in order. We have two accounts that support the office in general. The Provost account is our main source of money. This account is used for all CAPE-related expenses such as catering costs, supplies, transportation and all other charges. It also covers the office coordinator's salary. What is left at the end of the fiscal year reverts back to the Provost.
3. The Dues Account is funded by our \$5 membership fees. This money funds non-standard expenses.
4. The Podell Account is used strictly to fund the Podell Grant Program.
5. Jack Lewis Visiting Program – Ms Jeanette Miller explained recent changes, mandated by the HEPA laws that affects our Program. Volunteers no longer visit the hospital but can visit nursing homes. At Lakeside and Oak Hill Manor, volunteers visit with Cornell affiliates and anyone asking for company. The volunteers read, chat or just sit with residents.
6. Podell (PEARS) Program. Ed Cranch gave a brief update on this year's recipients and noted that information will be out in the late summer or early fall for the upcoming year's program.
7. Information Outpost – Tob de Boer. Tob explained the program and talked about how useful it is to incoming students and their parents. Sign up sheets were distributed and volunteers were asked to fill out the sheets and return them to the CAPE office or Bill Pardee.
8. Fall Lecture Series – Charles Peterson reported on the upcoming Fall Series. The program is set for fall. Reminders will be sent to CAPE members announcing the programs.
9. Adjournment. Tob adjourned the meeting after which Bud Stanton gave a brief introduction of our guest speaker, Christopher Barrett, International Professor, Department of Applied Economics and Management. Professor Barrett's presentation was *Stimulating Agricultural and Rural Transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa*.

**Wellness – another retirement benefit you can enjoy!**

The Cornell Fitness Center and Wellness Program has waived membership fees for emeritus faculty. Membership cards may be obtained from the materials counter at Bartels Hall. For information on fitness (hours, classes, etc) are posted here: <http://bigred2.athletics.cornell.edu/wellness/> and here: <http://intramurals.athletics.cornell.edu/cfc/Cornell-Fitness-Centers/>

**Podell Emeriti Awards for Research and Scholarship 2009 -- Update**

We have an unprecedented number of submissions this year! We are currently in the process of reviewing the applications for the 2009 year. You may recall that Cornell Alumnus, Albert Podell ('58) has very generously doubled the level of support to \$20,000 to support this noble effort to explore research and scholarship that supports making the world a better place.

**WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Please let us know if you have a great idea, if there is something you'd like to know, something you'd like to see in the newsletter, etc. Send your comments and ideas to: [cape@cornell.edu](mailto:cape@cornell.edu) or call the office: 255-6608

# 2009 Membership Application Form

## Cornell Association for Professors Emeriti

CAPE offers many outstanding events through the year, including lectures, tours, computer workshops and classes. These are announced in our newsletter, published four times a year. As a member, you'll find out what is going on with other organizations on campus and how they relate to CAPE and its members. CAPE has representatives on the University Benefits Committee, the Statler Board and the Cornell Retirees Association, to name a few. Most importantly, by joining CAPE, you will receive mailings that give you first-hand knowledge of some of the benefits available to you!

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal?  First Time Member?

Emeritus Professor?  Retiree?  Friend or Associate of CAPE

Has your contact information changed?  YES (see below)  No, information has not changed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Address (Campus or Postal): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Preferred phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**About Our Colleagues** "About Our Colleagues" is a featured section in the spring edition of *Connecting*. We are interested in what members are doing and any updates or comments they have. Feel free to send along any news, updates, comments, etc that you would like to share with your colleagues. You can fill out the update information here or send it directly via email to: [cape@cornell.edu](mailto:cape@cornell.edu)

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Annual dues for CAPE membership currently are \$5.00;  
checks should be made out to "Cornell University".  
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Announcing the Membership Meeting of the  
Cornell Association of Professors Emeriti

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Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the  
Boyce Thompson Institute on the Cornell Campus

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Refreshments at 1:30pm  
Business Meeting and Nominee Announcements  
of Executive Council follows at 2:00pm

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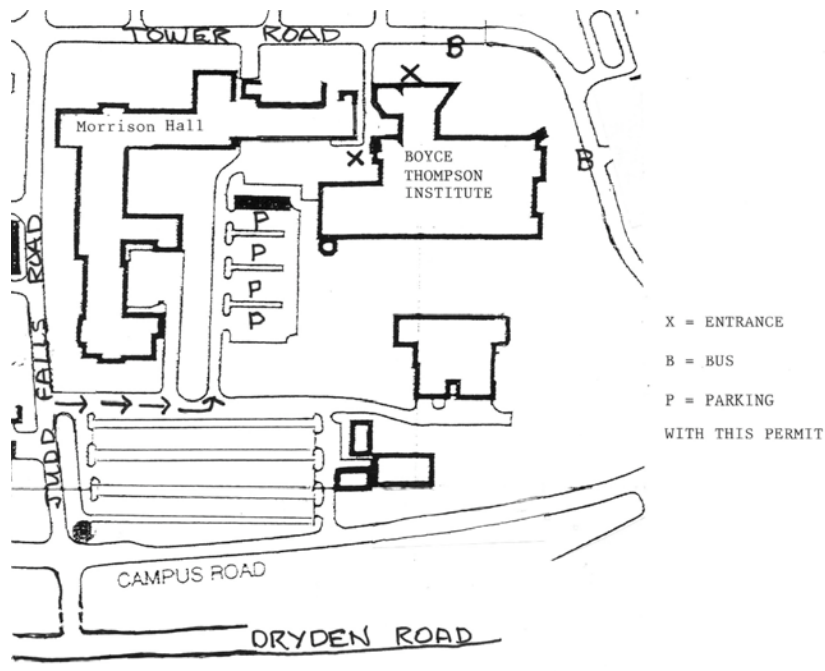
Featured Presentation by  
Gould Colman  
and  
Carol Kammen

Please Join Us!

## Cornell Association of Professors Emeriti

### Parking Permit

All lectures will be held at the  
Boyce Thompson Institute Auditorium





## **Events Quick Picks - Selected Events of Interest**

### **Johnson Art Museum - ongoing**

- Art of the Written Word: Calligraphy in Asia
- Colored in the Year's New Light Japanese Surimono from the Becker Collection
- Frank Lloyd Wright Art Glass from the Martin House
- Silent but Not Quiet: The Message in Documentary Photographs from the Collection of Martin Margulies
- Identity in Western Art: Medieval Illumination

**For More Information:** <http://museum.cornell.edu>

### **A Sampling of Lectures**

#### **Global Agricultural Issues: Where and How US Leadership or Partnership Can Make a Difference**

**December 1, 2008 - 4:00PM to 5:00PM, 102 Mann Library**

Emmy Simmons chairs the National Academy of Sciences roundtable on sustainability science, was formerly the Assistant Administrator of Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade (EGAT) at USAID, is on the boards of the CGIAR centers International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), and is part of the Partnership to Cut Hunger in Africa. Emmy Simmons received her Masters degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University.

#### **Language House Program and Alice Cook House Present: Language Dinners**

**November 30, 2008 - 12:00PM to 1:00PM, Alice Cook House**

Come join native speakers and language house residents for linguistic and cultural fluency. Join other Spanish speakers for dinner every Monday, Wed, and Friday at 6:00 pm and 12:00pm on Sundays for the entire Fall 2008 Semester. Mondays are faculty dinner nights. All dinners are in Alice Cook House, except for Fridays, where they are held in Keeton house.

#### **Quantum Mechanics on Giant Scales, Nergis Mavalvala, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

**December 1, 2008 - 4:00PM to 5:00PM, Rockefeller, Schwartz Auditorium**

#### **A Really Inconvenient Truth, Dan Miller '78**

**December 2, 2008 - 4:30PM to 5:30PM, 101 Phillips**

Why Climate Change is Much Worse Than You've Been Told and What We Must Do Now: Dan's presentation will focus on why the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports are actually best case scenarios. Dan will present a more realistic (and scary) outlook on what will happen if we don't start to reduce greenhouse gas emissions soon. Dan will then lay out what steps we need to take to address this critical situation.

#### **Linking Classrooms to Practitioners in Ecoagriculture Landscapes: An Introduction to AgricultureBridge.org**

**December 3, 2008 - 12:15PM to 1:15PM, 315 Emerson**

Jim Lassoie is a professor in the Department of Natural Resources. He has long-standing interests in integrated systems of natural resource management and presently leads an initiative in the department on coupled social-ecological systems and the education systems needed to support them. Jamie Herring is a PhD candidate in natural resources with expertise in the use of multi-media and online technologies in education and learning.

#### **Weak Families? Reevaluating the Northwest European Family System through Comparative Historical Analysis, Steven Ruggles, Minnesota Population Center**

**December 12, 2008 - 12:00PM to 1:00PM, 153 MVR**

**For More Lectures:** <http://www.cornell.edu/events/>

## **MUSIC**

**CU Music: Sage Chapel Christmas Program**

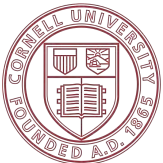
**December 7, 2008 - 8:00PM to 9:15PM, Sage Chapel**

Sage Chapel Christmas Vespers: a candlelit Lessons and Carols service sung by the Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club, with traditional readings by members of the Cornell community. Features Scott Tucker, director; Annette Richards, University organist; with audience participation in the familiar Christmas hymns.

**CU Music: Student Chamber Music Recital.**

**December 9, 2008 - 8:00PM to 9:30PM, Barnes Auditorium**

**For more events: <http://www.cornell.edu/events/>**



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