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**November 2019 Edition**

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## **Welcome!**

**Welcome to the Cornell Academics and Professors Emeriti!**

**The membership is broad in scope:**

- Those retired from the professional staff at Cornell who performed an academic function e.g., taught or researched, were librarians or extension associates, academic counselors or advisors.
- Those from the non-academic staff of administration or extension who have been granted emeritus status by the Cornell University Board of Trustees e.g., Director of the Budget, Emeritus; Director of Admissions, Emeritus; University Counsel, Emeritus; and so forth.
- Those who have been awarded the title of Professor Emeritus by Presidential action.

If you know someone who we should include/invite, please let us know.

## The 2020 Executive Council Slate

Frank Robinson, Past President

David Brown, President

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### And our new members:

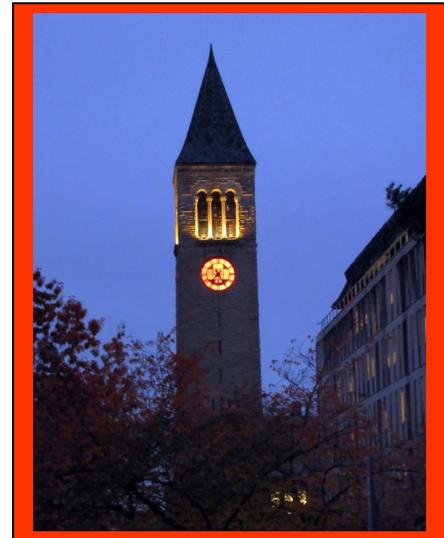
Mary Woods, Architecture

Lorraine Maxwell, Design + Environmental Analysis

### We wish to thank the retiring members of the Executive Council

Ron Minor for their contributions to CAPE. Ron has been a very willing participant in the Podell Endowment for Academics and Emeriti in Research and we thank him for his volunteerism and willingness to assist at various events and for his knowledge, energy and wisdom. He served several terms – and then came back to serve again. Thank you!

Brian Chabot is retiring after serving as a member; he moved through the ranks to become President and he retires this year as past president. Brian has been involved on several different projects while serving: he was the Lecture Chair for some time and attended meetings with HR to elevate and improve retirement here at Cornell. He also worked on a project with David Brown, interviewing retiring faculty about retirement.



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## 2020 Membership Cornell Academics & Professors Emeriti

Renewal?  First Time Member?  Has Any of your information Changed?  Yes  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Checks should be made out to "Cornell University".

Please fill out this form and return it to: CAPE, 229 Day Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853

### Go take a Hike!

**Hiking with CAPE** -- On a beautiful fall day, five of us gathered to hike a part of the Abbott Loop in the Danby State Forest. Among the intrepid hikers were: Sally and David Grubb, Jane Mt. Pleasant and her dog Becca, Susan Piliero, and Anne Kenney. Although it had rained heavily earlier in the week, the trail was mostly free of mud until we ascended into what I call the Valley of the Shadow (fill in the rest). Fortunately, no one fell and we made the two-plus mile hike in about two hours and forty-five minutes, which included a nice break at the Pinnacles overlooking the biodiversity preserve.

Hiking with CAPE is part of an outreach effort to engage CAPE members in social outings of interest. If you would like to know more about future hikes, please let me know ([ark3@cornell.edu](mailto:ark3@cornell.edu)). We will offer some that are less strenuous as well as those that are a little more challenging.

Anne Kenney, Chair, CAPE outreach committee



## **CAPE LECTURE SERIES – Fall 2019**

**10:30-11:30am -- Boyce Thompson Auditorium**  
**(come any time after 10am for refreshments)**

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Mary Beth Norton, History , “1774: The Long Year of Revolution”**

**10:30-11:30am -- Boyce Thompson Auditorium**

**(come any time after 10am for refreshments; we have business reports/announcements at 10:20)**

Mary Beth Norton, the Mary Donlon Alger Professor of American History Emerita, will give us a preview of her new book (forthcoming in February 2020, from Alfred A. Knopf), a narrative history of the “long year” of 1774, or the months from December 1773 to April 1775, which have tended to be overlooked by historians who focus instead on the war for independence. But John Adams, who lived through that era, declared that the true revolution took place in the minds of the people before a shot was fired at Lexington. The year 1774, Norton argues in her book and in this talk, was when that revolution occurred.

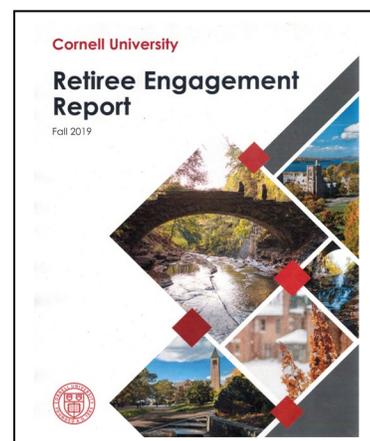
**Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Sidney Tarrow, Government, “News, Fake News, and Deep Fakes: Stings and Scams in the Age of Trump” -- 10:30-11:30am -- Boyce Thompson Auditorium**

Changes in the law, technological innovations, and the rise of “citizen journalism” have recently combined to yield “fake news,” as illustrated by the distortion of a recent speech by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to make it seem as if she was intoxicated or unwell. In an earlier effort, with Michael C. Dorf, we found that the First Amendment, as construed by the Supreme Court, offers scant protection for activist journalists to go undercover to uncover wrongdoing, while providing substantial protection for the spread of falsehoods. By providing activists the means to reach sympathetic slices of the public, the emergence of social media has blurred the lines between journalism and activism, at the expense of purportedly objective and truthful reporting. Does the coming of the Trump movement and the advent of “deep fakes” pose a risk to the decline of political discourse in America?

### **Cornell Retiree Engagement Survey & Report**

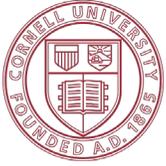
In May 2019, the Division Human Resources invited retired faculty, academic professionals, and staff to participate in its inaugural Cornell Retiree Engagement Survey. Eight hundred fifty-one respondents (15% of the retiree population) shared detailed accounts of their activities and experiences, focused on awards and publications, encore careers, travel, creative endeavors, and caregiving. The generosity of retirees who volunteer time and expertise (at Cornell and in the community) and who give monetarily is also highlighted in the report. For instance, retirees have given 26.5 million dollars to Cornell and 838k to United Way in just the past five years!

To read the report and supplemental documents, visit <https://hr.cornell.edu/retiree-report>



The survey was administered by Cornell HR Analytics and guided by the HR Retiree Engagement Advisory Committee (HR REAC). The committee is comprised of retired faculty and staff, department representatives (Benefits, Wellness, Work/Life, etc.), and community experts. HR REAC advises on matters related to faculty and staff transitions to retirement, as well as the post-retirement engagement of retirees. Frank Robinson, Cindy Robinson, David Brown, and Brian Chabot have participated since its inception over two years ago.

Please direct questions about the survey, report, and HR REAC to Work/Life in Human Resources at [worklife@cornell.edu](mailto:worklife@cornell.edu) or 255-5298.



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