Signs of Hope for 2021
The days are getting longer, the election is finally over, and the Covid-19 vaccine has become available (albeit slowly). All these give us hope for a better year. We look forward to resuming in person CAPE activities, including our signature social events. In the meantime, stay safe and keep watching Cindy Robinson’s emails with announcements of CAPE lectures, links to online events, and other valuable information. A subcommittee of the executive council is working on more outreach activities to help connect members during the pandemic. Stay tuned for more!
Lisa Earle, President and Anne Kenney, Vice President, Cornell Academics and Professors Emeriti
We wish to thank the retiring members of the Executive Council
We had several retiring Executive Council members this year. They came to the Executive Council and helped to shape and energy CAPE’s Programs. We thank Jim Bisogni for his multi-term commitment and his assistance with the Podell Endowment Program! Thanks also goes to Christine Olsen for her term, fresh out of retirement, and for her assistance with the Podell Endowment Program, as well as her representation and reporting at the Faculty Senate. We wish to thank David Brown for serving as interim Vice President and for his energy and involvement with the lecture series before taking the helm as CAPE President. Many thanks to Frank Robinson for his many years on the council and for vision for an expanded social experience; for his highly influential conversations with Mr. Podell and his work as Lecture Series chair for several terms before taking the role as Vice President and President.

We also wish to welcome our incoming Members of the Executive Council
Joe Thomas is the Anne and Elmer Lindseth Dean Emeritus and professor of operations management emeritus at the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management. Cathy Rosa Klimaszewski was Associate Director and Ames Curator of Education at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art. David B. Lipsky is the Anne Evans Estabrook Professor of Dispute Resolution in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and was founding Director of the Scheinman Institute on Conflict Resolution at Cornell University.

We never got to say goodbye (for now)!
We had a wonderful social hour at Kendal last March, in partnership with Kendal. We had a record number of people in attendance that night and people were just having so much fun that they were not leaving! But this would turn out to be one of the very last, if not the very last, social events connected to Cornell for a very long time. As we were cleaning up that night, President Pollock sent out her correspondence regarding the cancellation of social events. As we all know now, nothing would be the same for some time. Very shortly after this, I left Cornell and started working from home; everything was disrupted, and everyone was adjusting – or at least trying to. It’s been quite a year. Anyway, here are some pictures from the Sid Tarrow talk and the spring happy hour we had at Kendal. CAPE will resume fun when it’s safe enough to get together. That’s a CAPE promise!
CAPE (Cornell Academics and Professors Emeriti) welcomes contributions help to support the expenses that provide events such as the social hours, tours, lectures, tours, etc. –the suggested annual membership contribution is $20 and voluntary. Thank you!

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

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CAPE LECTURE SERIES – Spring 2021
The lecture series will be virtual until further notice

Thursday, January 28th 10:30am
Emerging deadly viruses and their glycoproteins - From infection to vaccines
Hector Aguilar-Carreno, Microbiology and Immunology
The current COVID-19 pandemic is a perfect example of why we should focus our research on emerging viruses that can cause future pandemics. Dr. Hector Aguilar-Carreno has been focused on studying such viruses for the last ~20 years. His talk will discuss his studies on viruses that originate in wild-life, such as bats, how these viruses use their glycoproteins to enter and infect cells, and how this knowledge can be used to create vaccines and discover therapeutic drugs against these viruses. Webinar link: https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YZyxaGA2TZumoQmJ2sTQAw

Thursday, March 4th 10:30am * Climate change and finding our greater purpose
Michael Hoffmann, Professor Emeritus, Entomology
We are living in extraordinarily challenging times—inundated with health, economic, social, political, and environmental crises. And of the many challenges we face, climate change looms larger every day. U.N. Secretary General António Guterres stated the global prognosis clearly: “The point of no return is no longer over the horizon. It is now and hurting towards us.” This lecture will use the foods we love and need to tell the climate change story. The flavors of teas, the nutritional quality of wheat and rice, the price of vanilla, and the yields of many crops are undergoing change—some subtle, some ominous. Addressing this challenge requires innovative research to develop more resilient crops, better practices and tools that help the agricultural and the food sectors adapt to the new normal and mitigate their impact. But it also requires that we all step up from the sideline and create change. The things we can do include becoming climate change literate, talk about climate change, make changes in our diets, get involved, and support and respect those who keep our pantries stocked. Most of us won’t be heroes, but we can all make a difference. Greta Thunberg who started her climate change activism at the age of 15 once said, “I have learned you are never too small to make a difference.” None of us are too small. We can find our greater purpose—helping tackle climate change. Webinar Link: https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KCQ0ZfVHQ2mOnkGDYRLqg
Tuesday, March 16th 10:30am * Words Matter: Labeling Disputes, 
Sally McConnell-Ginet, Professor Emerita, Linguistics
As I argue in my recent book, Words Matter: Meaning and Power, linguistic choices often have substantive effects, sometimes unintended. Slogans like “that’s just semantics” or “it’s only words” are profoundly misleading. It is easy to think, however, that linguistic politics is only about introducing new linguistic practices like using the label Latinx or specifying pronoun preferences. But struggles also arise over criteria for applying familiar words. Rape and marriage are two examples I discuss in the book, and in those cases the words figure prominently not only in interpersonal and family matters but also in legislative and judicial concerns. This talk will focus on labels like America(n) and patriot(ic) that have occurred frequently in recent pronouncements both from political leaders in public contexts and also in discourse of a wide range of ordinary people in a variety of settings. Webinar link: https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SUIOLdMjSES7albQ4EEhLg