



RFPSA

RETIRED FACULTY &
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ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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Editor: Edward G. Thomas

President's Message

Greetings of the Season to All!

This edition of our association newsletter, under the adroit editorship of and with the images supplied by Edward Thomas, details and illustrates the activities of the RFPSA over the past several months. RFPSA events during the Autumn months this year covered a wide gamut, ranging from a Lolly the Trolley tour of Cleveland's 44103 Zip Code to a CSU Gallery tour featuring a range of contemporary sculpture admirably interpreted for us by a CSU graduate student guide, an informative meeting with CSU's Provost for Academic Affairs, and the annual Messiah Sing at Trinity Cathedral (followed by a tasty lunch at Elements).

Letters and emails to retirees publicizing all these activities, however, have begun to take their toll on our secretarial support staff, Violet Lunder. When the association was initiated in 1995, the list of Emeriti Faculty contained 129 names. Later expansion in 2012 to include the University's professional staff retirees enlarged that number to 300+. Retirements since have added more names. Currently RFPSA lists 404 local CSU retirees as potential attendees of association activities and events! The newsletter (mailed to ALL retirees) goes to 560 addresses.

Because only 369 of local retirees have current email addresses on file with RFPSA (and not everyone reads their emails regularly), "snail mail" letters are still used to communicate with even local retirees. The monthly pattern begins with a "save the date" email detailing the event content being sent to all currently known email accounts (including 45 out-of-state/country addresses). Several weeks later a general letter is mailed to the entire local retiree list, reminding folks and assuring that everyone is aware of what's happening that month.

Sending out the initial "save the date" email presents no problem: push a button on the computer and off it goes immediately to the entire list of recipients! Follow-up emails can be dispatched just as easily. The "snail mail" letter, on the other hand, takes several days and multiple steps to process. The letter needs to be duplicated, folded, stuffed in an envelope, address label attached, bundled and sent to the CSU Mailroom before being forwarded to the USPS for home delivery. The letter then takes several days before reaching individual mailboxes.

Over the past several months, members of the RFPSA board have stepped in to help Violet move this routine along more quickly and efficiently. Even with help, the process takes hours and days to complete, more time than Violet can comfortably afford to devote to what, for her, is essentially a "voluntary" role as our association secretary.

Board discussions have led us to adopt a more efficient and timely process without "freezing out" those retirees without email addresses who would like to continue to be informed about RFPSA events and activities. To that end, the current RFPSA "snail mail" list will no longer be used for monthly event notifications, replaced by a new iteration limited to retirees without email access. Once implemented, Violet will send out two email notes per activity (one setting the event and date; the second, a reminder closer to the day of the event itself) as well as (for those without email access) a single letter detailing event and date information to those on the revamped "snail mail" list.



Lee Makela

President’s Message (Continued)

What do you need to do to assure continued contact with RFPSA? If you already receive RFPSA emails, you need do nothing. If you currently receive only “snail mail” and wish to be added to the email list, email your preferred address to Violet at v.lunder@csuohio.edu. If you don’t have email access and wish to continue receiving RFPSA notices, you will need to mail your preferred mailing address to Violet E. Lunder, Administrative Coordinator, The Faculty Senate, MC 320, Cleveland State University, 2121 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. You can also call her at 216.687.9250.

If we don’t have an email address on file and we don’t hear from you by the end of January 2018 with a preferred mailing address, we will assume you are no longer interested in receiving event announcements and will stop sending “snail mail” letters your way. Those already getting RFPSA emails now will receive both event announcements and follow-up reminders by email. Those with newly submitted mailing addresses will be placed on a new, streamlined “snail mail” list and will receive a single event announcement letter on a month-by-month basis.

All retirees will continue to receive the periodic newsletter and a “snail mail” letter each Fall detailing the upcoming annual schedule (at which time, if not already on either email or “snail mail” list, you can “opt in” to receive future event announcements by supplying preferred contact information). Changes, of course, can be made at any time. Just give Violet a call.

We hope to implement this new system as early in 2018 as possible. Your help in making this transition work is much appreciated.

Happy New Year!

Lee Makela

President, 2017-18

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In Memoriam*

Robert E. Hastings, Professor, Management & Labor Relations, November 29, 2017
 Scott R. Haver, Desktop/Server Specialist, IS&T, July 4, 2017
 James E. Royster, Associate Professor Emeritus, Religious Studies, August 31, 2017
 Warren F. Thomas, Associate Professor, Education, July 15, 2017

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Note from the Newsletter Editor

Please direct comments, questions, and article ideas to Edward G. Thomas, Newsletter Editor, at the following email address: e.thomas@csuohio.edu.

September 21, 2017 Program: Tour of the "Gems of 103"

On Thursday, September 21, 2017, 35 members of the CSU Retired Faculty and Professional Staff Association enjoyed a tour of "The Gems of 103" (i.e., several points of interest in Zip Code 44103). We began with lunch at Cafe 55 and a tour of the Goldhorn Brewery, hosted by Alex Pogrebinsky, general manager of the Hub 55 complex. Then, we boarded Lolly the Trolley for the remainder of the tour. Half of the group visited League Park and the Baseball Heritage Museum while the other half visited the Vineyards of Chateau Hough. Finally, the entire group had a tour of the Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation.



We began the tour with lunch at Café 55.



Our host was Alex Pogrebinsky, general manager of Hub 55.



Alex also gave us a tour of the Goldhorn Brewery



That's Café 55 on the left and the entrance from the restaurant into the Goldhorn Brewery on the right.



At left, Lolly the Trolley delivered some of us to League Park and the Baseball Heritage Museum. At right is a photo of our guide, Morris Eckhouse. Mr. Eckhouse is the author of several books and articles on Cleveland baseball history.

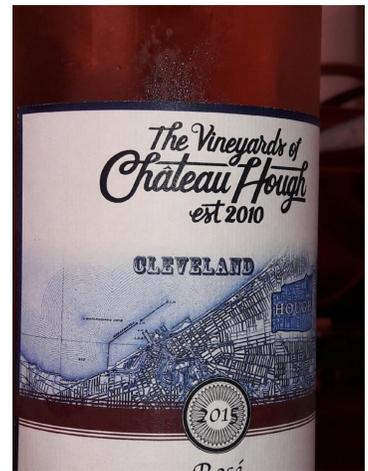


At left, our tour group gathered at League Park's home plate for a photo.

September 21, 2017 Program: Tour of the "Gems of 103" (Continued)



Some of the participants opted to tour the Vineyards and Biocellar at Chateau Hough. At left, Carol Philips-Bey walks in the Chateau Hough vineyard. Below is a photo of the tour host, Mansfield Frazier, the founder of the Vineyards and Biocellar at Chateau Hough. At right, the label on the bottle of Chateau Hough's Rosé clearly establishes the location of the vineyards.



To end the tour, all the participants visited the Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory & Educational Foundation. The Conservatory is the largest arts center in the United States dedicated to every facet of papermaking, book arts and letterpress printing and to cultivating the talents of established and emerging artists.



These students are learning the art of papermaking.

The Conservatory is located in this 15,000 square-foot converted industrial building at 1754 East 47th Street.



The Conservancy has the work of many artists on display including a house made from paper (above) and examples of student-made papers (below).



A large-scale piece of art



The Conservancy's Kozo garden provides a source of fibers for specialized papers.



October 12, 2017 Program: Visit to the Galleries at CSU

On Thursday, October 12, 2017, members of the Retired Faculty & Professional Staff Association and their guests visited the Galleries at CSU for an exhibition entitled "Focus on Sculpture." Featured in the exhibition were works from artists Jim Leach, Jim LoParo, Elizabeth Emery, and Elena Harvey. The photos are courtesy of Jeff Ford.



The guide on the tour was the Galleries' graduate assistant Brenden Whitt (he is the one in the plaid shirt in the photos above). Commented Jeff Ford, "I think he did an excellent job. He had met with all of the artists and had been involved in working with them to set up their exhibitions, so he was able to discuss the occasions and interests that gave rise to the work, as well as their physical characteristics, and to share some of his own interesting insights and impressions."



Howie Smith and his wife Barbara Fitzhugh



As usual, refreshments were served. That's Delia Glavan-Sanchez (left) and Ernie Poulos (at right)



Alice Smith (left), Maggie Jackson, and Lee Makela.



Carol Stolarski (at right) with her niece Melissa



Attendees wait for the program to begin.

November 9, 2017 Program: “The Current State of the University”

Dr. Jianping Zhu, Provost



Dr. Jianping Zhu, provost of CSU, spoke to the Retired Faculty & Professional Staff Association on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Provost Zhu addressed a number of topics, including the search for a new presi-

dent for the University; budgetary concerns, on-campus housing, and the status of the new building for the Washkewicz College of Engineering.

Search for New President

Provost Zhu stated that the search for a new president is a “closed” one, meaning that the names of candidates for the position would not be divulged. At the end of the search, the name of the “winner” will be announced.

The provost noted that about one-third of the presidents of U. S. universities came from non-traditional backgrounds, such as business executives, government officials, and retired military officers. A search firm with experience in business executive recruiting has been retained to help in the search. The 24-person search committee includes four faculty members and two students.

University Budget

Although the University’s budget is a challenge, due in large part to continuing funding cuts from the state, the University has taken a number of steps to reduce expenses without negatively impacting services to students. Provost Zhu noted that, while CSU has budgetary issues, we are in much better financial shape than several other state universities. He did report that we have had to implement a 5% overall budget cut, with a 2 1/2% reduction in the academic areas.

Brookings Institution “Best of the Best” Ranking

Provost Zhu discussed the recent Brookings Institution study in which CSU ranked 18th in the nation among public universities that provide social mobility for their students and conduct vital research that benefits society. CSU is the only Ohio university ranked in the “Best of the Best” category, which included only 20 percent of the 342 universities studied.

Brookings researchers developed the ranking by assessing both the number of low income students attending the universities studied and the research expenditures of these institutions, as provided by the National Science Foundation.

On-Campus Housing

In response to a question, Provost Zhu noted that the University has on-campus accommodations for just over 1,000 students. Many students live in private housing that is close to campus. The University is considering adding an additional 500 beds on campus.

Opening of New Engineering College Building

Provost Zhu announced that a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Washkewicz Hall, the new building for the College of Engineering, was expected to take place in December of 2017, with classes to be held in the building in the spring semester of 2018. *[Editor’s Note: The dedication took place on December 15, 2017. Thanks to Jeff Ford for supplying notes on the Provost’s talk.]*



December 13, 2017 Program: “Messiah Sing and Lunch at Elements”

On Wednesday, December 13, members of the RFPSA and their guests attended the Annual Messiah Sing at Trinity Cathedral. This was the third consecutive year that we have participated in this meaningful program. Todd Wilson led the Trinity Chamber Orchestra and the attendees were the massed choir. Afterwards, the RFPSA members gathered for lunch at Elements Bistro on the CSU campus.



Mike Hugill (left) and David Larson



The Messiah Sing program was “standing room only.”



Trinity Chamber Orchestra



The participants ordered from a special “Messiah Sing” menu (at right).



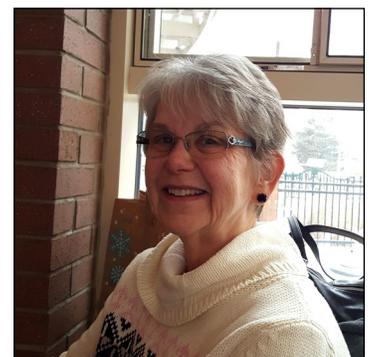
Lee Larkin (left), Heidi Makela (center), and Violet Lunder



Ed Briskey, Marianne Nolan (center), and Alice Smith



Carol Stolarski and Will Atherton



Jane Zaharias

December 13, 2017 Program: “Messiah Sing and Lunch at Elements” (Continued)



Maggie Jackson



Peter Phillips and wife Sandy



Leo Jeffres



Lee Makela (left) with
Lee Larkin's cousin Pat



Vicki Plata (right) and friend
Katherine Dahlem



Mickey Barnard

A Message from the Editor

In past issues of this newsletter, one of our most popular features has been the “Life After Retirement” articles submitted by our retirees. Since the spring of 2011, we have published letters and photos on this subject from thirteen retirees, including two in this issue. Since we don't have a backlog of such articles for the Spring 2018 issue, now is the time to send in YOUR contribution.

We want to know where you are living and what you are doing in retirement. Are you still active in your professional life? Are you engaged in community service activities? What hobbies do you now have time to pursue? Where have your travels taken you? What new adventures have you had? In short, what have you been up to since you retired? Please also send publishable photographs of yourself and your activities. If you wish, you can tell your former colleagues how they can get in touch with you.

Contributions may be submitted to me at the following email address: e.thomas@csuohio.edu. If you prefer to use “snail mail,” please send a letter (and photos, if any) to: Edward G. Thomas, 363 Northbridge Ct., Brunswick, OH 44212. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our Santa Fe Retirement by Dr. John D. Holm



Njeri and I decided after her retirement to move to Santa Fe. My thinking was simple (Njeri may have her own reflections): I wanted someplace different. My feeling that Santa Fe would be different was based on numerous visits beginning with one with Jack Soules in 1973. Santa Fe is aware of its character. It calls itself “The City Different.”

The physical differences are ever present. Santa Fe is 2000 feet above Denver, over 7000 ft. Distance runners, hikers and bikers train here because the air has less oxygen. I have had to train myself to maintain more oxygen carrying red cells. The best way to do so: regular exercise. Njeri and I live in the Santa Fe National Forest. We train by walking up the steep road to our house, working out at the gym, and taking fitness classes.

The elevation has numerous other consequences. Cooking changes. Thus a three-minute egg takes five minutes. The UV rays are brutal. I now understand the need for a broad brimmed hat to protect my head from frying.

High elevation does have advantages. Most enjoyable are the mountain vistas, especially at sunset. Also, temperatures are cooler at 7600 feet. For much of the summer, Santa Fe only climbs into the mid-80s. Sleeping is comfortable with a twenty-five degree drop most nights.

Another physical difference is rainfall. We live in a desert. Ten to twelve inches a year is normal. Not a place for lawns and flower beds. However, an array of plants do just fine. Growing wild everywhere are chamisa bushes. They are a bland grey until the fall when their flowers turn the countryside yellow. Equally abundant are numerous flowering cacti which pop up autonomously.

In spite of the low rainfall, we live in a dense, green forest of piñon and juniper. The juniper is a nuisance, producing insufferable pollen. The piñon is amazing. It needs little water, is slow growing (2” per year is good), often lives over a century, and produces pine nuts. Running wild in this forest are all sorts of animals from rabbits and coyotes to an occasional brown bear.

The dryness can be destructive. Humans easily become dehydrated. I took a trip to the emergency room before I learned my lesson. And, drought in the forest brings wildfires. We are currently working on fire-proofing our property where possible.

Santa Fe calls itself “the city different” mostly because of its diverse culture. Over 400 years ago, in the late 1500s (before Jamestown), the Spanish conquistadors invaded northern New Mexico and settled their followers. The Native Americans, particularly the Pueblo people and the Navajos, struggled to keep the invaders out but often ended up subjugated. The Spanish gradually became successful farmers and traders, governed at first from Spain and then Mexico. By the 1830s, American traders, hunters and farmers began invading and contesting this settler state. The Anglos, as all Easterners are called, eventually conquered the area with the 1846 Mexican War.

With the advent of Anglo “democracy”, the Spanish reestablished their ascendant status. Lest anyone doubt their dominance, in September each year, the Spanish of northern New Mexico celebrate Fiesta, which commemorates their return to Santa Fe in 1692 after the Pueblo Rebellion of 1680. A group of Spanish citizens dress in 17th century military costumes and reenact their victory over the Indians. The high point is when Catholic priests symbolically baptize Indian children. This event has now been celebrated continuously for over 300 years.

For many contemporary Indians, Fiesta symbolizes their conqueror’s continued domination. Not surprisingly, recent Fiestas have been attended by Native American activists protesting the event itself. An intense police presence is everywhere evident to cool tempers.

Our Santa Fe Retirement by Dr. John D. Holm (Continued)

In my political mind, the current power structure of northern New Mexico is a fascinating interaction of Spanish settlers with political power, Indians with large land and water holdings, and Anglos financing development and powerful charities. Recently, the four Pueblos north of Santa Fe won control of area water rights through the federal courts. The Spanish and the Anglos are not happy.

Bottom line, I much enjoy watching the dynamics of a different form of diversity. My Eastern education left me ignorant of the social-political history of the area. To get up to speed I attend a weekly remedial seminar for Easterners where scholars instruct us on our new surroundings -- from history and art to the environment.

One additional population element draws from all of the above cultures: artists. About 10% of the population earns its living from painting, sculpture and handicrafts. Santa Fe by some estimates is the third largest art market in the country after New York and Los Angeles. The artists tending toward progressive causes tilt the city decidedly leftward in politics. They also provide a very innovative character to the economy. Most recently, a group of artists created a museum where viewers walk through rooms representing "weird" fantasy realities. The museum has become the number one tourist attraction in the city.

The community structure emerging from this physical and cultural mix is unique in this country. The architecture is mostly single-story brown stucco reflecting a combination of Pueblo and Spanish styles. Much of the central part of the city consists of buildings as much as 200 years old. Some go back to the early Spanish period.

Even though Santa Fe County only has a population of slightly over 140,000, it has a wide range of entertainment. Besides the famous summer opera, every week quality classical and contemporary music is

available. Also enjoyable is the selection of indie and historical films at four theaters. Before and after events, we enjoy countless good restaurants, coffee houses and bars. The vacuum entertainment-wise is professional sports.

For us retired folks, health care facilities are important. Medical doctors are in short supply here, and concerns exist relative to the quality of some (Njeri and I return to the Cleveland Clinic for anything major). For those seeking help outside of modern medicine, the alternatives are extraordinary. Yoga classes and skin care salons are everywhere. For illness, all sorts of facilities exist for homeopathy, acupuncture, massage, herbal remedies, shamans and spiritual healing. I have only explored massage and yoga.

The community has five major social events each year. One is the already mentioned Fiesta. Three are summer weekend art markets drawing customers from around the country: the International Folk Arts Market, the Spanish Colonial Art Market, and the American Indian Art Market.

The fifth event is Zozobra in September. It focuses on a 50-foot wood and paper marionette. He represents the causes of citizen miseries over the year. At the evening's culmination, he is set afire. As the flames leap up his body, he gives the 30,000 plus audience members the finger while young maidens dance around him in celebration. Very pagan. And, sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club!

Chiles are a critical element of New Mexico culinary life. They can be found in almost any food, from chocolate to coffee. My favorites are chile-rubbed honey bacon and chile cheeseburgers. I have learned to taste and swallow my food with a bit of fire.

In spite of enjoying all this difference, I miss you, my CSU friends, very much.

My Life After Retirement by Dr. Mittie Davis Jones



Mittie holds a photo of her great-nephew Chuck.

We all begin to prepare for retirement for years before we actually act on the decision. We consider our finances, how we will spend our “free time,” and how our primary focus will change from the responsibilities associated with our employer to one primarily focused upon ourselves. In anticipation of retiring, I became immersed in the many offerings available through the University’s Journey to Wellness Program.

I thoroughly enjoyed classes on physical, fiscal and emotional fitness. One class that I took in May 2015, “Increasing Happiness and Life Satisfaction,” will forever stand out. The instructor was upbeat, the subject matter was informative and the lunches provided were healthy and nutritious. One day, en route to class, my life was suddenly changed forever.

While walking rapidly down Euclid Avenue to Julka Hall, I returned a phone call to my youngest sister, who lives in Detroit. As I passed by the Science and Research Building, she informed me that her grandson had been fatally shot in Arlington, Texas. He had relocated there from the Detroit area in October 2014, joining a high school friend and seeking job opportunities. He had found a couple of jobs, including his dream job of working at the Dallas Cowboys stadium. He turned 21 years old in January 2015 but lost his life as the result of senseless gun violence four months later. Our family was devastated.

I became aware of the anti-gun violence presence on social media after the 2012 Sandy Hook incident in which a gunman fatally shot 20 children and 6 adult educators. As a public policy instructor and researcher, I was keenly aware of the perpetual struggle between the gun control advocates and the gun lobby on various policy proposals in Ohio and across the nation. And I was, and remain, grieved by the shootings that occur daily and routinely throughout our country but disproportionately in urban centers like Detroit and Cleveland.

Retirement has given me time to become more civically engaged in voter registration, get-out-the-vote efforts, and citizen engagement, but my heart is with the work done through Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. This organization emerged from a Facebook group that began as an online conversation about preventing gun violence while respecting the Second Amendment. After the sudden loss of my great-nephew, Chuck, I felt compelled to honor his young life even as the homicide has not been solved. Therefore, I joined Moms Demand Action, marched in the Lakewood Fourth of July parade with the Cleveland chapter in 2016, and have been active since then.

I have served in leadership positions to conduct outreach and to promote our educators’ call to action. Just recently, I facilitated collaboration between Moms Demand Action and the CSU Black Faculty and Staff Organization to show the documentary, “3-1/2 Minutes, 10 Bullets” at Fenn Tower. The video depicts the aftermath of the shooting of a young man, Jordan Davis, in what has become known as the loud music case in Jacksonville, Florida. This case is relevant to Ohio because the Ohio legislature is considering changes to the “Stand Your Ground” law, which was also the basis of the defense presented by the man who killed 17 year-old Jordan Davis in Florida.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense has chapters in every state of the country; it is the grassroots component of Everytown for Gun Safety. One of our major initiatives is Educators Demand Action, intended to inform and engage educators about the state laws that would require and/or permit guns on college and university campuses. The push by the NRA and others is to require the possession of guns in primary and secondary schools as well, despite the fact that law enforcement, faculty, staff, and students overwhelmingly oppose this move. We encourage teachers, administrators, professors, and all other education professionals



My Life After Retirement by Dr. Mittie Davis Jones (Continued)

to sign on today to get involved in helping us keep schools and campuses safe at momsdemandaction.org/ educators.

Be SMART for Kids is another important element of the work that I have been trained to conduct with Moms Demand Action. With this initiative, we educate responsible adults about behaviors and strategies to reduce the likelihood that children will be victims of unintentional or intentional firearm discharge. SMART is an acronym for:

- S - Secure guns in homes and vehicles.
- M - Model responsible behavior.
- A - Ask about unsecured guns in other homes.
- R - Recognize the risks of teen suicide.
- T - Tell your peers to be smart.

I and other volunteers are available to make presentations to groups that are interested in learning more

about Be SMART, especially parent and community organizations. Addressing the crisis of gun violence has given unanticipated significance and purpose to my post-retirement life.



In the photo at right, Mittie wears orange on National Gun Violence Awareness Day, which is observed on June 2 each year.

Retirees in the News: Leo Jeffres Receives Lifetime Achievement Award for Contributions to Journalism

Leo W. Jeffres, Emeritus Professor of Communication at Cleveland State University, has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Society of Professional Journalists, Cleveland Chapter. The award recognizes key leaders in journalism and communications for their contributions to the industry and their efforts to enhance education and training of the next generation of professionals.

Leo has more than 50 combined years of experience as a journalist and communication researcher and was a faculty member at CSU for over four decades. During his tenure at the university he served as chair of the Department of Communication, director of the Communication Research Center, interim dean of the College of Graduate Studies and interim vice provost for research.

Dr. Jeffres is also nationally recognized for his research in urban communication systems and media effects in society. He has written several books, including *Urban Communication Systems: Neighborhoods and the Search for Community*. He was selected by the U. S.

Department of State as a Fulbright Scholar studying in the Philippines from 1983-84, and he currently serves as vice president of the Urban Communication Foundation.

Dr. Jeffres received his B.A. from the University of Idaho, an M.A. from the University of Washington and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Founded in 1909, the Society of Professional Journalists is the nation's most broad-based journalism organization, dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism and stimulating high standards of ethical behavior.

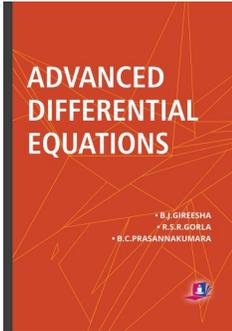
(Source: *Cleveland State University News Release, October 24, 2017*)



Recent Book by CSU Retiree Rama Gorla

Advanced Differential Equations

by B. J. Gireesha, Rama S. R. Gorla, and
B. C. Prasannakumara



Co-authored by CSU retiree Rama Gorla, this textbook is an introduction to ordinary and partial differential equations for students who have completed calculus. The objective of this book is to provide the motivation, mathematical analysis, and physical application of mathematical models in understanding

practical problems in science and engineering. This book is written in such a way as to establish the mathematical ideas underlying model development leading to specific practical applications.

The book, as well as the individual chapters, is written in such a way that the material becomes more complex and sophisticated as you progress. This provides some flexibility in how the book is used, allowing consideration for the breadth and depth of the material covered. Included are a wide range of exercises and detailed illustrations that significantly enrich the material. Students and researchers interested in mathematical modelling in mathematics, physics, engineering and the applied sciences will find this text book useful.

The first six chapters are devoted to the study of ordinary differential equations and the last six chapters deal with partial differential equations. Undergraduate and graduate students can use the first six chapters and researchers will find the last six chapters useful. Chapters 1-6 develop linear equations of first order, higher order equations with constant and variable coefficients, oscillations of second order equations, power series solutions, successive approximation theory and system of linear and nonlinear first order differential equations with some applications. Chapter 7 gives an introduction to partial differential equations. Chapter 8 covers formation of second order partial differential equations and the solution of equations having constant coefficients and also the canonical forms. The remaining chapters cover Fourier series, Laplace transform, Fourier transform in unbounded regions, similarity solutions, boundary value problems in rectangular, cylindrical and spherical coordinates and developed Bessel and Legendre functions. The last chapter deals with perturbation solutions of partial differential equations which have applications in science and engineering.

The 596-page hardbound book was published in 2017 by Studera Press, Delhi, India.

New Construction on Campus



On December 15, 2017, Cleveland State University dedicated its new, state-of-the-art engineering facility, Donald E. Washkewicz Hall, in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on campus. The building was made possible by a combined \$20 million gift from Donald and Pamela Washkewicz and the Parker Hannifin Foundation. The facility includes teaching and research laboratories, simulation labs for computer modeling, student collaboration spaces, and smart classrooms. During the festivities, Donald and Pamela Washkewicz announced a new \$1 million gift for the Washkewicz Scholars Program. *(Source: Cleveland State University News Release, December 15, 2017)*



Cleveland State University, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and the City of Cleveland celebrated the opening of a new, state-of-the-art facility for Campus International School on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. The event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and remarks from Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, CSU President Ronald M. Berkman and CMSD CEO Eric Gordon. The new \$24.2 million building at the corner of Payne and East 22nd Street houses grades K-8. Campus International High School, also located at CSU in the renovated Cole Center at 3100 Chester Avenue, currently houses Grade 9 and will expand up to Grade 12 over the next three years. *(Source: Cleveland State University News Release, September 21, 2017)*

Cleveland State University
Retired Faculty and Professional Staff Association
Membership Form

Please complete and return this form with your check for dues payable to CSU RFPSA. Dues are \$10 a year or \$125 for lifetime membership. Mail to Violet Lunder, Main Classroom 320, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Name _____

Street Address _____

City State Zip Code

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Please help the Association by responding to the following questions.

I would be interested in serving as an officer of the Association: Yes____ No____

I would be interested in helping with special projects: Yes____ No____

I suggest the following programs and/or speakers for future events: _____

I would be interested in giving a presentation on the following topic: _____

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