# UC SANTA CRUZ **The Silver Slug**

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#### **Message from the President**

Spring is around the corner and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Speakers Event in March at the UCSC Arboretum. We will hear from Ph.D. candidate and two-time Bruce Lane scholar Dan Palance as he discusses his research on marine hotspots and their significance to coastal communities. The association's recent coffee gatherings have been a great success. We are looking into dates for the next gathering at the newly remodeled Aptos Library!



Sincerely,

Bill Parro Retirees Association President



## **Speakers Event with Dan Palance**

Thursday, March 14 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. UCSC Arboretum

**Register online at:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1iL hwDvlv6HQxICZ-dC9VWcn-UifPNhrNWoi4RXfnC6xIpA/viewform

In this informative presentation, Dan Palance will discuss marine hotspots and their significance to coastal communities. Dan's research uses hotspot concepts, biologging, and advanced modeling to examine the spatial

relationships between predators and prey in the ocean and the underlying environmental drivers. He collaborates with a large team from NOAA, UC Santa Cruz, and beyond to gain insights into the future of marine ecosystems and help prepare natural resource managers for climate change impacts.

**Dan Palance** is a 3rd year Ph.D. candidate co-advised by Dr. Roxanne Beltran (UCSC) and Dr. Elliott Hazen (NOAA/UCSC), a two-time Bruce Lane scholar, and a California Sea Grant Fellow in the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology department at UC Santa Cruz.

#### <u>Parking</u>

Parking at the Arboretum is free. Please follow the signs to the <u>main parking area</u>. Spaces closer to the conference room are reserved for Arboretum staff and parking for disabled persons.



# SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

# **Crafty Slugs**

The Silver Slug crafts table is back for our Speakers Event. Patt Takeuchi and Jane deVette will be your hosts. New items will be available and some requested old favorites are back! All sales benefit the Silver Slug Award scholarship which supports UC Santa Cruz staff and retirees dependents enrolled in a degree program with the university.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The Retirees Association is delighted to have the following Silver Slugs join us!

- Carol Shennan (Environmental Studies) & Christine Cecchettini
- Mike Dalbey (Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology)
- Madlyn Norman-Terrance (Staff Human Resources)
- Robert Terrance (Student Affairs)
- Eric Goodman (UCOP/Information Security) & Julie Goldstein
- Abby Tromblee (Enterprise Financial System)

## **SLUGS ON THE GO**







## **UC Retirees Travel**

Explore with UC Retirees Travel! It is not too late to schedule a fall 2024 trip. It is also a great time to reserve space for 2025 as trips are already filling up. You can check out the slate of trips planned for 2024 and the beginning of 2025 at <a href="http://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/">http://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/</a>

On the site, you can check out the trip details including the itinerary, optional additions, and activity level. If you have any questions, please reach out to Frank Trueba who works with the travel program. Contact Frank Trueba: <u>ftrueba@ucsc.edu</u>

#### **Japan's Cultural Treasures**

**September 4-18, 2024** Highlights include: Japan: Tokyo, Hakone, Kanazawa, Kyoto

#### Scotland Revealed: Legends, Lochs & Highland Landscapes

September 8-22, 2024 Highlights include: Glasgow, Oban, Inverness, Aberdeen, St. Andrews, Edinburgh

#### Galapagos

January 16-February 1, 2025 Highlights include: Ecuador: Quito, Amazon Rainforest, Coca, 7-night Galápagos Cruise



# **PBS Documentary: Being 80**

The PBS documentary Being 80 showcases a diverse range of vibrant, unique, and memorable 80-year-olds who find meaning in their lives through long-lived career choices, contradicting the stereotype that their minds and bodies are obsolete in a world where only younger generations can make the world work. Included in the inspiring stories is UC Santa Cruz retiree and Professor Emeritus John Brown Childs.

Watch a recording of the documentary: <u>https://www.pbs.org/video/being-80-i7ll0w/</u>

## NEWS AND INFORMATION



### 2023 Tax Forms

Marianne McIvor, UCSC Health Care Facilitator

Tax time is here – find out how to access forms verifying your 2023 income and health coverage: <u>https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2024/01/your-tax-forms-for-2023.html</u>

#### Helpful reminders:

- To access your electronic tax documents, always go to your UC benefits account using a safe or known link: <u>https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/accounts.html</u>
- UC does not send any tax documents by email or text. If you receive an email or text with a link or an attachment for viewing your tax documents, it is a phishing scam designed to gain your private information. Do not open attachments or click email links that claim to provide access to your tax documents.
- To learn more about current tax scams, visit IRS consumer alerts: https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scamsconsumer-alerts



# Income Planning and Required Minimum Distributions

March 13, 10:30 a.m. (virtual)

This session will help you learn how to prioritize savings and expected financial challenges in retirement. It also covers estimating how long savings may last with a solid retirement income plan.

Register online at: https://fmr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_J6F3dzqyR5S7qlStp4aRmg



# When and How to Claim Social Security

March 13, 11:45 a.m. (virtual)

This class can help you learn about Social Security, including ways to maximize benefits under different scenarios and priorities (divorce, working, tax impact, other sources of retirement income, etc.). It also offers tools and resources available to help you look at different options and make the most of your benefits.

Register online at: https://fmr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_2t7j8HY\_RPiLWKJ-IzWpog

## **IN MEMORIAM**



Word of the deaths of the following retired UCSC staff and faculty has been received. Condolences are extended to their families, friends, and colleagues.

- Anita Barringer
- Emily Honig
- Nanet Quesinberry-Grimes
- Mary Takayanagi