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# General Meeting, May 18 Stevenson Coffee Shop

## May Speaker: Kimberly Jannarone

The performing arts are vital to many of us, so we're happy to have as our May speaker Kimberly Jannarone, Assistant Professor of Theater Arts, Avant-garde literature and performance at UCSC. Her presentation is called *Sit Down and Shut Up: The Evolution of the Audience in Modern Theater*.

The talk will unfold the development of the theater audience in the Western world as it moved from an active group of spectators to the silent, subdued audience we all know today. Touching on technical developments such as the introduction of dimmable lights, late-seating policies, and the rise of illusionism on stage, the talk will address how theater makers used these innovations to develop a new theater aesthetic. From this, we will see how modern theater relies on a tamed audience to fill its artistic and social goals. The implications of this — political, social, artistic — will be the final subject of the presentation.

Professor Jannarone studies dramatic literature and performance with an emphasis on modernism, especially the American and European avant-garde. She also teaches directing and dramaturgy, both of which she practices professionally. Her interest in ancient drama fuels her

investigations of modernism in theory, history, and practice. She spent Fall 2006 on leave in Paris on a Special Research Grant to finish her book, *Artaud and His Doubles*, on Antonin Artaud and his place in intellectual and political history in the interwar era in Europe. Her work on Artaud exemplifies her focus on the development of the relationship between the audience and the performer in theater — what kind of spectatorial experience does a given dramatic event presuppose or more frequently, mandate?



## Election of LLL Officers at May Meeting

During our May meeting, the LLL membership will vote for positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary for the term beginning in July 2008. The nominating committee consists of Matt Miller (chair), Bill Patterson, and Florence Orenstein.

Your committee will nominate the following slate of officers:

President: Mark Gordon

Vice Presidents:

Robert Franson & Dusty Miller

Secretary: Nancy Mead

Treasurer: Lou Rose

Nominations will be accepted at the meeting. If you nominate someone, please make sure that they agree to run and serve if elected.

**Change of Venue:  
May meeting returns  
to Stevenson  
Coffee Shop.**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> Party at  
the Arboretum!  
Reservation Form  
on Page 3.**

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## President's Message



This final newsletter of the 2007 - 08 academic year offers an opportunity for reflection. What happened? Each month we've had about 15 Interest Group events of all kinds with more LLL'ers than ever participating in them. We had four exceptional courses, taught by our own Doree Steinmann and Shirley Forsyth, and by luminous UCSC Emeriti Bob Goff, John Dizikes and Miriam Ellis. We will have had seven fascinating general meeting presentations, coordinated by our dear Kathy Cairnes, on everything from global warming to Ohlone Indians to opera.

We've accomplished a move from the too-cozy Coffee Shop at Stevenson to the newly refurbished Stevenson Event Center where there's plenty of room. And, there's more: Members have audited UCSC courses and attended a variety of UCSC events. Our newsletter was redesigned, and our website improved. We look forward to our June gathering at the Arboretum, replete with music, snacks and good cheer. Importantly, our membership and interest group fees, along with special contributions made by members, have provided 20 reentry students with book scholarships this year.

For me, though, it's not just the things we do, it's the community. When people walk in the door on our Sunday mornings, the warmth of greetings across the room is palpable. Members of Lifelong Learners feel connected to each other, and that's no small thing. When people gather for interest group events, the smiles are on every face. We feel fortunate to be together.

As President, I'm often asked to describe Lifelong Learners. I can tell them about all our activities, but mostly I try to describe the community. It's about what we give to each other as active, intellectually curious, concerned people, awake to the world and what's happening. We have contributed a great deal over the course of our lives and we are not stopping now. Quite a few members have filled out the survey form to offer what they know about and have experienced to UCSC students. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do. There are blank forms in this newsletter (facing page) and on our website.

Finally, several members have asked how they could contribute more to the Book Scholarship Fund. We'd love to offer more to these most worthy students, wouldn't we? There is a way to do this. LLL has a special fund, used exclusively for scholarships, called the Silvia Miller fund. Silvia Miller was a founder of Lifelong Learners three decades ago. All donations beyond membership or interest group fees go into this special fund. If you are able and feel moved to offer additional funds, the donation is tax deductible. See the story on page 5 for more about the program and how to donate.

Giving, sharing ideas, learning, doing things together. It's what makes our lives meaningful. And it's why I love being part of Lifelong Learners. Thanks for all you do that helped to make this such a wonderful year for our organization.

Mark Gordon

## Summer Party – June 7<sup>th</sup> – UCSC Arboretum

It's a great party, and you don't want to miss it! On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Lifelong Learners is having our annual Summer Fiesta at the UCSC Arboretum from 2 until 4:30. There will be hors d'oeuvres, wine, and music

from UCSC faculty members Irene Herrmann and Paul Rangell, a mandolin/guitar duo playing European pan-cultural music. Admission is \$20.00 per person. We are limited to 125 people so

please use the coupon below to make your reservations by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Phone Florence Orenstein at 427-2380 or Inga Hoffmann at 457-8824 for further information"

Lifelong Learners Summer Party Registration Form	
Use this form to register for our June 7 <sup>th</sup> Summer Party at the Arboretum	
Name(s)	
Phone	Email
Please make check payable to <b>UC REGENTS</b> and mail to: Robert Franson, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Cost is \$20 per person.	
Total Enclosed: \$	
<i>This form is also available at <a href="http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/">http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/</a> Click on "Register for Summer Party" on our home page.</i>	

## Sharing What We Know with Students

Name		
Address		
Phone	Email	
What areas of expertise, talent or experience would you like to share as a mentor to a student or as a speaker at a class?		
Is it OK for a UCSC Instructor to contact you?	Yes	No
<i>Please use an additional sheet if you need more space.</i>		

## Interest Group News and Activities

### Adventuring



Our March adventure was a very well-attended trip to the cement plant in Davenport (above), which included a wonderful tour made all the more so by the staff's willingness to answer our many questions for nearly two hours.

In April we made a joint expedition with the Photography Group to the Wild Things Facility at the Venture Quest Ranch in Salinas (below).



### Art & Architecture

On Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, we will go on the Open Architecture tour of the Santa Cruz County Architectural Association. All of the houses are interesting, and usually one of two are exceptional. This tour benefits Habitat for Humanity. Details in email or call Lois.

### Great Books

An organizational meeting of the Great Books study group will be held on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:15 p.m. at the home of Faye Alexander, 300 Plum St. #98, Capitola. Come prepared with checks for the book fee, and a good lively discussion! Use the coupon on the facing page to register for the group.

### Horticulture

The Spring Plant Sale at Cabrillo Horticulture for Friends of the Gar-



den will be Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and for others May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Come see what we have been nurturing since September. Now they have the opportunity to find good homes. Everyone welcome! Bargains galore! Call me with questions — Pat 475-9357.

### Wine Tasting

The LLL Wine Tasting Group will meet Thurs., May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Storrs Winery, Old Sash Mill. We will meet at Gateway at noon. Bring Lunch. We can walk over to the Old Sash Mill.

### Note

LLL membership and interest-group fees are used to support re-entry students. Regardless, we would never want fees to prevent someone from participating in our activities. To discuss fee waivers, please call Mark Gordon, 458-2208, confidentially.

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## Silvia Miller Memorial Book Award Program

Every year Lifelong Learners awards book scholarships to a number of deserving UCSC re-entry and transfer students. The book awards are named in memory of Silvia Miller, a member of Lifelong Learners, who began the program with a rummage sale in 1988. That first year they raised enough to give five \$50 scholarships. The program has grown steadily since then, and we now offer \$200 book stipends to around 20 students each academic term.

There are many more deserving students than we can help, so donations to the Silvia Miller scholarship program are very welcome, and they are fully tax-deductible.

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The following personal reminiscence was provided by Jim Faris:

Silvia Miller was born in 1919. She grew up in Chicago during the depression in what I would think was a low- to middle-income family

with one brother. As was common at the time, the parents decided that the brother would go to college. Silvia had been an A student in high school but was told she had to get a job, which I imagine was to help the family resources. She worked all her adult life as a secretary. Her brother became a psychiatrist. She had a strong desire to attend college and earn a degree. After the death of her husband and having raised two sons, one becoming a psychiatrist, the other a psychologist, she retired and moved to Santa Cruz to attend the University. Her goal was to earn a degree.

She enrolled in 1982, and despite physical problems and open-heart surgery, she became a full-time student. All who knew her admired her determination in pursuing her goal. She and I took one class together and we would sit together often arguing about one thing or another. Many of our fellow students thought we were married. I guess

most thought that anyone who had such obvious conflicts, expressed so openly, must be married.

Silvia graduated in 1990 with a bachelors degree. Unfortunately, her heart gave out and she died in 1992, but she had triumphed in attaining her goal. When I was on the board, I made a motion that we call the scholarship fund after her. It was so passed. She was a strong person, representing the best of motives, and had a kind, generous, and loving personality. I not only admired her courage and spirit but also considered her a good friend. She was truly a Lifelong Learner.

Jim Faris

To donate to the Silvia Miller Fund please make your check out to the UCSC Foundation and write "Silvia Miller Fund" in the memo line, then mail it to UC Santa Cruz Lifelong Learners, University Relations, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

### Interest Group Registration Form

To join a Lifelong Learners interest group, please consult with the group leader and use this form.

Please make **check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation** and **mail to Robert Franson**, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

A contribution of \$7.00, used solely for scholarships, is expected for each interest group you join.

An interest group registration form is also available at <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/forms>

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Use this form to join Lifelong Learners or renew your membership.

Please make **check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation** and  
**mail to UC Santa Cruz Lifelong Learners**, University Relations,  
1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Enclosed is my membership contribution: \$30 Individual; \$50 Couple at same address.

I want to help LLL provide more book scholarships! I've enclosed an additional contribution of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

This form is also available from <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/forms>

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