

Need help with the state health plan? Come to the meeting Sept. 21 at the Friday Center. Details below.

Veteran scholar, journalist to take an election-year look at the state



Ferrel Guillory, who'll speak on N.C. politics

What's going on in Old North State politics in this election year? Perhaps this sums it up well: "North Carolina Politics: Red, Blue and Purple."

That's the title of the Ferrel Guillory's presentation to the Retired Faculty Association on Thursday, Sept. 15. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m., with the luncheon at noon. Guillory's talk will follow.

Guillory, a Professor of the Practice in the UNC School of Media and Journalism, spent more than 20 years working for The News & Observer in Raleigh. During that time he served as the newspaper's state capital columnist, Washington correspondent and editorial page editor.

Guillory founded the Program on Public Life — formerly the Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life — in 1997 to build bridges between the academic resources at UNC and the governmental, journalism and civic leaders of North Carolina and the South. He is also an adjunct faculty member in the UNC Department of Public Policy.

To register for the luncheon at the RFA gathering, send your check, payable to UNC RFA, for \$16 per person to:

UNC Retired Faculty Association
c/o Virginia Taylor
100 Friday Center Drive
Campus Box 1020
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1020

Luncheon reservations must be received by Sept. 12. If you think your check might not be delivered by then, please notify virt@email.unc.edu.

A note on parking: Permits are now required at the Friday Center. Electronic permits will be sent out to those who sign up for the meeting, and cars with handicapped permits don't need a Friday Center permit. Other visitors should park at the curb and get a pass from the front desk before parking in the lot.

Here's help in understanding health plan choices

Have questions about the upcoming enrollment in the State Health Plan? Mark 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, on your calendars.

Barry Mowbray, regional manager (northeast region) for the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), will discuss the changes in the program for 2017.

And David Rubin, a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina State Health Plan, will discuss issues and policies.

After comments by each speaker, you'll be able to ask questions and express your concerns. The free program will be in the Redbud Room at the Friday Center. To obtain a parking pass, contact Virginia Taylor, virt@email.unc.edu.

Mowbray will give a broad overview of the SHIIP program and its services and will discuss State Health Plan coverage options as well as other Medicare coverage options.

The discussion is especially important for seniors with dependents, he says, because those other options may provide better coverage for them.

Rubin will discuss issues and policies with a look at what may be ahead for the program. Rubin is Professor Emeritus in the Kenan-Flagler Business School and the Department of Statistics and Operations Research at UNC-Chapel Hill.

SHIIP can help you with questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Supplement Insurance and long-term care insurance. Its phone number is 855-408-1212 (toll free); its web address is <http://www.ncdoi.com/shiip/>

From the President

I understand and wish to continue: Perspectives and plans for RFA 2016-17

"I understand and wish to continue" is a computer command taken as a title for a superb book of poetry by Travis Venters, a UNC graduate who recently retired from Obirin University in Japan. The phrase suggests a key value of RFA. RFA offers opportunities for retirees who wish to continue their lives and work in fulfilling and useful ways. RFA was solidly built and well led by its founders and their colleagues and successors. Basics include a board, a president, a president-elect, and annual events. UNC-CH retirees are invited to join and participate in activities and governance.

RFA is located at the Friday Center, a collaboration negotiated by pioneering RFA president Don Boulton and others. Don notes that the Friday Center points past the UNC campus toward Raleigh and RDU—outward toward the state and the world. Temporally, the Friday Center like RFA champions lifelong learning and engagement.

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Events and plans for this year

Looking forward, here are some events and projects underway. Join us!

Speakers

•The November meeting features Margaret Spellings, President of UNC, speaking on and discussing with us the "state of UNC."

Each meeting will be at the Friday Center and include a lunch at noon, then the program. Dates are Sept. 15 and Nov. 16.

Projects

• Jane Brown will lead a seminar on the retirement experience.

• Bobbie Lubker and Elizabeth Barnum lead a group matching retired faculty with international scholars visiting UNC.

• Bobbie Lubker is writing a history of RFA.

• Don Stedman has submitted a grant to add staff support.

Proposed projects

• "Out of print but in demand" is underway in collaboration with UNC Press. Books by retired faculty that are out of print but, by some criteria, in demand will be published and distributed by UNC Press.

• "Old robes for new faculty" addresses an expressed need by new faculty to borrow robes so they can march in academic processions at commencement, University Day and other events. Retired faculty will be invited to lend unused robes so that faculty who wish to march but do not have robes can borrow them for an event.

• A third effort, led by President-elect Patricia Pukkila, aims to nominate retired faculty for honors, honorary societies and advisory boards. The rationale is that retired faculty are often both eligible for the honors and the boards, and knowledgeable of persons who merit nomination. The proposal is to create a committee or other process to expedite such nominations.

Thanks and congratulations to the Friday Center

The Friday Center, as noted, is the home of RFA. It provides a place and assistance for RFA activities. RFA in turn joins the Friday Center in reaching out beyond the campus to the state and world, both spatially and temporally through lifelong learning. Let us also congratulate and join the Friday Center in celebrating its first quarter century!

Welcome to the coming year!

Together with [all of the officers](#), including those elected at the April meeting of RFA, I welcome you to the coming year and encourage you to participate in projects underway and to propose new endeavors.

— James Peacock, President RFA

A tribute to RFA's 15th President

Dr. Margaret Lee Moore, 94, 15th president of the Retired Faculty Association, died on June, 15, 2016. During her presidency, in 2004-2005, Moore led the association in developing its first major survey of the entire membership. In an open commentary to members at the time, President Moore summarized RFA strengths and weaknesses. She noted that respondents seemed less interested in their own contributions than they were in Association advocacy for such perks as parking for retirees. Copies of the survey summary report and Moore's comments are in the University Archives.



Dr. Moore came to UNC-Chapel Hill in 1952 as the first-ever chief of the Department of Physical Therapy at N.C. Memorial Hospital (now UNC Hospitals). From 1957 to 1974, she served as director for the Division of Physical Therapy. As an assistant dean of the UNC School of Medicine, she played an important role in establishing the Department of Medical Allied Health Professions. For more on her career, [visit this link](#).

Friday Center fall programs

(RFA members receive a discount):

[What's the Big Idea?](#) Engage in discussion with some of Carolina's distinguished faculty and physicians as they share their insights on the brain, from a scientific, medical and philosophical perspective. Thursdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; 7–8:30 p.m., at the Friday Center.

Daytime Enrichment Classes

[All classes](#) meet on Thursdays with the exception of the Tuesday, Oct. 18, screening of "The Maltese Falcon."

Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 20: Write Your Life

Sept. 29: Saving the Best: North Carolina State Parks at 100

Sept. 29: Facebook 101 for Beginners

Oct. 18: Movies in the Morning: Novels to Film – The Maltese Falcon

Oct. 20: Move It or Lose It – How to Stay Physically Active throughout Your Lifespan

Oct. 27: Doomed to Love You: the Music of Bob Dylan Sung and Explained

Oct. 27, Nov. 3: The Inkling Prophet of Oxford: C.S. Lewis as Academic, Apologist and Artist

Nov. 10: Retirement Communities: Sorting Through the Options and Contracts

Nov. 10: Art Appreciation: The Story Behind the Art

Dec. 10: FREE Holiday Screening of "A Christmas Carol."

Fee: Write Your Life course is \$15. All other classes are \$10.

UNC Retired Faculty Association Member Discount: All classes \$5.

NC Opera presenting 'Das Rheingold'

North Carolina Opera will present the Southeastern U.S. premiere of "Das Rheingold" on Sept. 16 and 18 at Meymandi Concert Hall in Raleigh, featuring an international cast of singers and Timothy Myers leading the 80-piece NCO Orchestra. Tickets are available at www.ncopera.org or by calling (919) 792-3853.

