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The 2008 Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award honoring emeriti professors at UCLA goes to five men:

- **Akio Arakawa**, Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, who is providing conceptual and technical underpinnings for the first U.S. global cloud-resolving model.
- **Nazir Ali Jairazbhoy**, Department of Ethnomusicology, who is building his unrivaled archive of research on Indian folk culture and music with an ongoing series of field trips.
- **James N. Miller**, Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics, who serves as chair of the Academic Senate's Committee and Committees and continues research on syphilis and Lyme disease.
- **David Rapoport**, Department of Political Science, who has developed a theory of modern terrorism suggesting that it has occurred in four waves of roughly equal length linked to generational politics.
- **J. Fred Weston**, Anderson School of Management, who remains a key member of the Anderson School's finance group and continues his work on mergers and acquisitions with award-winning publications.

More detailed accounts of the winners' achievements since retirement follow.

The Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award was created in 2006 by an endowment from the late Edward A. Dickson, Regent of the University of California from 1913 to 1946. The award honors outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching, and/or educational service to the university and the profession. Departments are allowed to nominate one person each year. The award includes a cash prize.

AKIO ARAKAWA

Akio Arakawa, professor emeritus of atmospheric and oceanic sciences, is sketching out the conceptual and technical basis for a new generation of climate models that will unify disparate scales of motion and physical processes in a single framework. In collaboration with David A. Randall of Colorado State University, Professor Arakawa is contributing to what will be the first global cloud-resolving model ever created in the United States, and only the second in the world. The work is funded through a multimillion-dollar agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy. Professor Arakawa has also been instrumental in the creation and conceptual vision of the Center for Multiscale Modeling of Atmospheric Research at Colorado State. This has been a primary achievement of his post-retirement career, which has seen the publication of about a third of his lifetime research output.

Professor Randall is one of Professor Arakawa's most accomplished former graduate students. Professor Arakawa continues to be an active mentor of students, postdoctoral scholars, and junior faculty, shepherding two students to a PhD in his retirement. Professor Arakawa participates so enthusiastically in his department's scholarly life that his colleagues have a saying: "On weekends, one only finds the assistant professors and Arakawa busy in their offices."

NAZIR ALI JAIRAZBHOY

Nazir Ali Jairazbhoy, professor emeritus of ethnomusicology, has spent four winter months most of the years since he retired doing fieldwork in remote parts of India, continuing to build his unrivaled mastery of that country's folk music traditions. Far from the relative comforts of the cities, Professor Jairazbhoy and his wife, Amy Catlin, have explored distinctive forms of worship; they have also examined culture among the Sidis, descendants of African immigrants and slaves who are scattered about Western India. Professor Jairazbhoy recently published a book on puppetry in Rajasthan, and his post-retirement work includes seven videos and DVDs as well as a CD, along with a number of articles in prestigious journals.

At UCLA, Professor Jairazbhoy continues to teach, most frequently "Survey of Classical Music in India" or "Folk Music of South Asia." In retirement, he has been the principal adviser for two doctoral dissertations, and his informal mentoring and training is widespread. Graduate and undergraduate students have been welcomed to his home and his huge personal archive of field materials, which demonstrate his expertise in technical facets of photography and sound and video recording. He and his wife also operate Apsara Media for Intercultural Education, which prepares audiovisual materials on the arts of South and Southeast Asia for classroom use.

JAMES N. MILLER

James N. Miller, professor emeritus of microbiology, immunology, and molecular genetics, has been a valued leader in the area of UCLA governance, serving two terms as chair of the Academic Senate's important Committee on Committees and representing his department in UCLA's Legislative Assembly. As chair of the Chancellor's Animal Research Committee, he helped to implement changes that led to significant improvements in animal research monitoring, resulting in important national accreditation and accompanying accolades.

Dr. Miller also served on the Governor's Lyme Disease Advisory Council and the World Health Organization's Expert Advisory Panel on Venereal Diseases, two areas of his research achievements. Since his 1991 retirement, he has been principal investigator on two National Institutes of Health grants, one involving immune mechanisms of experimental syphilis and the other on an innovative rabbit Lyme disease model. Dr. Miller and his research team developed a rabbit model that more closely reproduces the course of the disease in humans than the previous rodent models.

Awarded the Lifetime Excellence and Innovation in Teaching award of the David Geffen School of Medicine as he retired, he was recently honored for his exceptional work as a tutor in the Problem-Based Learning course, where students have remarked upon his joy in teaching and zest for life.

DAVID RAPOPORT

David Rapoport, professor emeritus of political science, has drawn on his unrivaled familiarity with terrorist movements across time periods, cultures, regions, and ideologies to develop an innovative and highly influential "four waves" theory of terrorism. In articles published during his retirement, Professor Rapoport demonstrates that terrorism rises and falls in episodes that are fairly consistent in length and in a way that seems linked to conceptions of generational politics. His theory will be explored in a book, *The Four Waves of Modern Rebel Terror: A Study in Generations*. Professor Rapoport also travels extensively to lecture on this subject and other areas of his expertise and to attend related conferences. In another new research tack, he is exploring the nature of mob violence.

One of the first scholars to acknowledge the possibility of religious terrorism, Professor Rapoport founded the Center for the Study of Religion in 1995, served as its director and chair of the interdepartmental major in religion for three years, and continues to sit on the governing board. He also founded an evening discussion group of 15 to 20 political science emeriti who talk about academic papers and issues of the day.

In addition, he taught for several years after his retirement. He has joked that he regrets retiring because “it’s too much work.”

J. FRED WESTON

J. Fred Weston, professor emeritus in the Anderson School of Management, has pursued his research in mergers and acquisitions, along with such related topics as industry restructuring, the cost of capital, and antitrust policy, publishing several books and dozens of articles since his retirement in 1986. Before and after retirement, his acute intellect has attracted leading scholars to the Anderson School, resulting in one of the top finance faculties in the world. He continues to serve as a key member of the finance group and directs its research program on takeovers, restructuring, and corporate governance, which he founded.

Since retirement, he has been named a fellow of the American Finance Association, the National Association of Business Economists, and the Financial Management Association. His writing received a remarkable five Abramson scroll awards for his exceptional contributions to *Business Economics*.

Always highly regarded as a teacher and mentor, Professor Weston has set a stellar scholarly example, with his passionate quest to understand the world of finance and his relentless pursuit of knowledge. Not only the 66 or so doctoral students whose committees he chaired during his career, but literally hundreds of students and faculty have benefited from his support, encouragement, and fundamental kindness.