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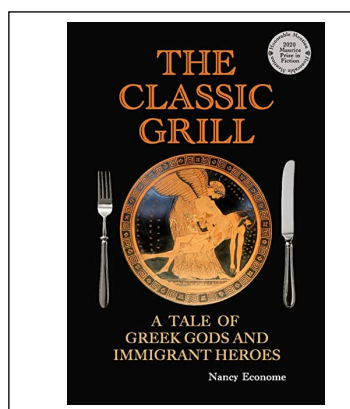
SPECIAL PLANETARIUM SHOW FOR MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS

Sacramento State's Friends of the Library Board of Directors has underwritten a private showing at University Planetarium for current members of the Friends of the Library. You and **one** guest are cordially invited to join us for *Two Small Lenses*, on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Please consider inviting someone who may be interested in becoming a Friend of the Sacramento State Library.

To reserve your complimentary ticket(s) by Friday, March 18 please RSVP to Shari Gonzales at sharilg56@gmail.com or 916-835-8051. Seating is limited to 70 guests. Current Campus COVID protocols (subject to change) require all guests be masked while inside the building. Proof of vaccine is **not** required.

Complimentary parking is available on top floor of Parking Structure II. The planetarium is located in the Ernest Tschannen Science Complex on State University Drive East adjacent to the bookstore. We look forward to seeing you on March 24.
- Shari Gonzales

GREEK-AMERICAN AUTHOR NANCY ECONOMO SPEAKS



On April 14, 2022, the final speaker of the 2021 Charles Martell Author Lecture Series will be Nancy Econome. Her debut historical fiction work, *The Classic Grill, a Tale of Greek Gods and Immigrant Heroes*, published in June of 2020, is set in Vallejo California during World War II. She uses her own family's restaurant, The Classic Grill, as a backdrop for her characters. Please join us for the Zoom session with this Northern California author to learn more about her novel. Register for the Zoom session at:

https://csus.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_f4vGX8p6Re-VFFmPGcdddq

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REMEMBERING NICK BURNETT, A VALUED FRIEND

The loss of a Friends of the Library Board member is always a sad affair, but for me the passing of Nicholas F. "Nick" Burnett, age 65, was especially so. Nick and I were friends and colleagues over our careers on faculty at Sacramento State, and I came to have both high regard and considerable fondness for him. He was the sort of person whose remarkable qualities unmistakably set him apart.

Nick passed away peacefully at Kaiser Hospital on December 1, 2021, surrounded by his wife and a few close friends.

Born on July 22, 1956, Nick is survived by his wife of 38 years Debra (Couchon) Burnett of Sacramento, CA, a remarkable person in her own right. After graduating from high school in Augusta, ME, Nick attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he earned his undergraduate and Masters' degrees in Communication Studies, and he went on to the University of Pittsburgh, where he received a PhD.

Nick was in many respects a renaissance man of sorts. He served as debate coach, professor, department chair and Associate Dean during his 30-year tenure at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) before retiring in 2017. He served as National President of the Cross Examination Debate Association from 1992-1993. In the non-academic realm, Nick enjoyed raising orchids and was an accredited orchid judge with the American Orchid Society and a certified UC Master Gardener. He served on the board of the Sacramento Orchid Society for many years and was twice elected President.

In retirement, in addition to the Friends' Board, he served on the boards of Capital Public Radio and the CSUS Retirees Association.

Nick has been described as a vibrant and thoughtful man. On our many angling trips together, I came to look forward to his conversation, which never ceased to be engaging on wide-ranging topics on which he had an impressively deep knowledge. His work for the FOL board demonstrated his ability to suggest workable solutions to thorny problems, always with grace and consideration of contrary views.

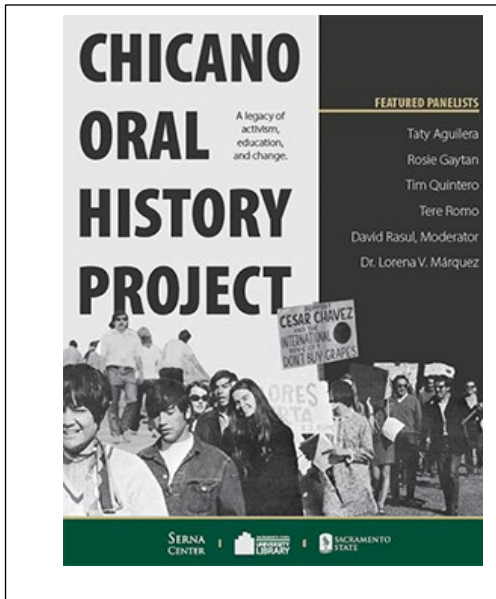
Donations in Nick's memory can be made to support the debate program at CSUS through the Burnett Forensics Program Fund at csus.edu/give. The Friends of the Library will also be honoring him with a plaque on a study table in front of the library.

A Celebration of Life event is planned for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2022, on the CSUS campus at the Harper Alumni Center, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA. For more information, please contact RememberNickB@gmail.com

- Bill Dorman, President, Friends of the Library

NICK BURNETT





CHICANO ORAL HISTORY PROJECT PANEL DISCUSSION AND RECEPTION

The University Library is proud to partner with the Serna Center to celebrate The Chicano Oral History Project, the newest collection in the Donald and Beverly Gerth Special Collections and University Archives. This collection of nearly 100 interviews was a gift from the Sacramento *Movimiento Chicano* and Mexican American Education Oral History Project. It is an impressive collection and there is no other one of its size on the Chicana/o movement. This collection has fast become one of our most-requested items and is a wonderful primary source for our students, be they freshman in an introductory Ethnic Studies course, or graduate students working on their capstone projects.

To celebrate this collection and its contributors, the University Library will be hosting a panel discussion and reception in the Pacific Suite of the University Union on Wednesday, March 16 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. This event will also be available via Zoom webinar. Panelists include:

- Taty Aguilera, former state president of CAFE de California
- Rosie Gaytan, ABC Channel 10
- Tim Quintero, former Director Neighborhood Services, City of Sacramento
- Tere Romo, Chicano Studies faculty, UC Davis
- David Rasul & Dr. Lorena V. Márquez, Moderators

The Chicano Oral History Project is a perfect encapsulation of *Made at Sac State* as many of the people interviewed are Sacramento State graduates turned faculty (Rhonda Rios-Kravitz, former Head of Library Access Services), staff (Mariana Rivera, former MEP Recruitment Coordinator), and administrators (Miguel Molina, former Associate Director of Admissions).

The Chicano Oral History Project is available to view on the Library's website: <https://library.csus.edu/collection/9851>. The interviews are being transcribed to be accessible to all users. Transcribing interviews where the subjects transition between English and Spanish is specialized work. This project is being funded by a gift from FOL Board Member Linda J. Goff. We thank her for her generosity and continued commitment to students of Sacramento State.

Register at: <https://library.csus.edu/spotlight-and-events/chicano-oral-history-project-0>.

-Maria Ramirez, Event Coordinator & Communications Strategist, University Library

Correction: Archivist James Fox wanted you to know that his article, *Preserving the History of Popular Music in Sacramento*, in the Fall 2021 issue of *Bookends* was a slightly revised version of a longer article published in the July/August 2020 issue of *Archival Outlook*. Here is the link: [Archival Outlook July/August 2020 \(mydigitalpublication.com\)](https://mydigitalpublication.com)

DONALD R. GERTH MEMORIAL

The Sacramento State community and beyond is remembering Donald Rogers Gerth, Sacramento State's longest-serving president, for his long commitment to and significant accomplishments in higher education. Gerth, who died Dec. 6, 2021, at age 93, spent 45 years in educational leadership and teaching, mostly on CSU campuses. He made his most-lasting impact at Sacramento State, where he was president from 1984 through 2003. He also was president of CSU Dominguez Hills for eight years. His passing is being felt at Sac State and in the Sacramento region, the CSU, and beyond

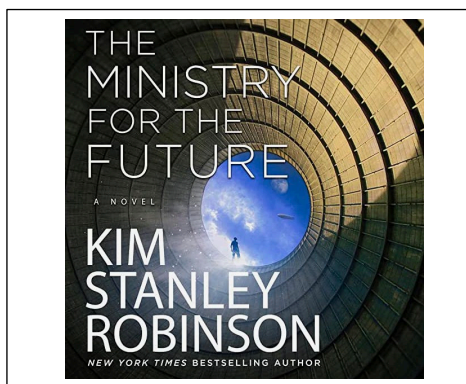


A celebration of life is scheduled for 1-4:30 p.m. March 20 in the University Union Ballroom. For the full article, please go to:

<https://www.csus.edu/news/newsroom/stories/2021/12/donald-gerth-appreciation.html>

Editor's note: As President Emeritus Don chose to have his office in the University Library,

KIM STANLEYROBINSON LECTURE A HIT



Kim Stanley Robinson has been described by a number of critics as one of the greatest living writers in his genre. The Friends of the Library proudly welcomed Robinson as our first speaker of the year on February 3, 2022.

Robinson's body of work in science fiction includes 22 novels translated into 24 languages as well as a numerous short stories. His publications touch on timely themes of ecology, environment and politics, ranging from climate change to economic and social injustice.

The Atlantic magazine characterized his work as "the gold standard of realistic, and highly literary, science-fiction writing," while the *New Yorker* proclaims he is "generally acknowledged as one of the greatest living science-fiction writers."

Robinson discussed his book, *The Ministry for the Future*, a masterpiece of the imagination that uses fictional eyewitness accounts to tell the story of how climate change will affect us all, not in a post-apocalyptic world, but rather a future that is almost upon us.

Robinson focused his presentation on his analysis of what had happened to him and to the world in the year and a half since he published *The Ministry for the Future*, which he described as the most extraordinary publication of his career.

Robinson offered a fascinating, deeply thought-provoking presentation that kept the virtual audience tuned in and engaged. He not only answered many audience questions live, but also took the time to answer in writing any and all questions that were left unanswered at the end of the hour-long lecture.

We're grateful to Robinson for sharing his time with the Friends of the Library. If you missed the live event, a recording of the author lecture is available on **the [Friends of the Library webpage](https://library.csus.edu/friends-of-the-library)** (<https://library.csus.edu/friends-of-the-library>). -Lora Hollingsworth

SUPPORT THE FOL ON GIVE SAC STATE DAY

Sacramento State's annual Give Sac State Day is an exciting, fun-filled 36 hours to raise money for our students and our university. This year, **on April 22 and 23**, the Hornet community will come together support our students, change individual lives, and realize the promise of our region.

This Give Sac State Day, consider renewing your support and make your donation to the Friends of the Library. When you give to the Friends of the Library, you help bring together like-minded individuals and organizations and provide a forum for local authors, researchers, and readers to meet and discuss their work and interests. Funds raised by the Friends of the Library provide grants to enhance the Library's collections and programs.

Plus, your online contribution during Give Sac State Day will help unlock challenges to amplify support for the Library and the University. Join us in giving to the Friends of the Library this Sac State Give Day.

When we rise together, we rise to even greater heights.



CAMPUS ON THE RISE

As a campus and a community, we are aiming high, and our Hornet family is *On the Rise*. As a donor and member of the Friends of the Library, you are a part of this tremendous community that is improving thousands of lives in ways that will ripple across generations.

Publicly launched in 2021, *On the Rise: The Campaign for Sacramento State* is uniting the Sacramento State community together to achieve one goal — to raise \$225 million for Sacramento State and its students. As of February 2022, we have raised \$224.9 million, nearly reaching our goal!

On the Rise is accelerating Sacramento State's transformational impact on individual lives, diverse communities, Sacramento, California, and the world.

"We are not only a university on the rise, but because of Sacramento State, we are a region on the rise," said President Robert S. Nelsen. "And, together, we are making Sacramento even greater."

Everything Sacramento State does for its students can be amplified with your investment. Individuals are invited to invest in initiatives designed to build from Sacramento State's tremendous growth and transformation.

Every dollar matters, and together, we can seize this moment and ensure Sacramento State will always be *On the Rise*.

Learn more about how your donation helps our students and region rise at:

<https://www.csus.edu/campaign/>

PRESIDENT NELSON NAMED SACRAMENTAN OF THE YEAR



We offer our congratulations to President Nelson who has been named by the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce **2021 Sacramentan of the Year**. He and other influential community leaders were honored during a Feb. 11, black-tie event at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Sacramento.

RECORD BREAKING SALES FOR BOOK BIN

On February 16, our Book Bin volunteers processed the largest single Book Bin sale on record. One customer purchased 131 books for a total of \$500. In addition to many other sales, the total for the day was \$980. Since we reopened on October 20, 2021 our sales have been robust and our customers enthusiastic and appreciative. All sales proceeds directly support the University Library. The Friends of the Library Book Bin located on the lower level of the University Library is open from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays of the first and third full weeks of each month. You are invited to visit our extensive inventory in popular fiction, as well as academic subjects of every variety. Gently used hardback and trade paperback books are \$2 each or three for \$5. Mass paperbacks are \$1 each. Also available are collections of artworks, music scores, audio recordings, long-playing records, CDs and DVDs and a large selection of children's books as well.

We are very thankful for our donors and their donations of quality books. Their generous contributions keep our inventory new and interesting. If you would like to make a donation of books to the Book Bin, please contact Sally Hitchcock at hitchcocks@library.csus.edu or call the Book Bin at (916) 278-5154 and leave a message.

We also have our many wonderful volunteers to thank for our success. Doug Blazek works tirelessly to sort our donations and keep our shelves stocked and orderly and our volunteer sales staff, including Fred Batt, Art Shattuck, Stephanie Reid, P.J. Jones, Michaeline Veden, Linda Martin, Leyla Bentley, Elaine Novak, Robert Klass, Jean Torcom and Mary Andrews provide wonderful customer service to our guests. We are so appreciative of their time and good work. If you would like to volunteer to work in the Book Bin, please contact Sally Hitchcock at hitchcocks@library.csus.edu or call the Book Bin at (916) 278 5154 and leave a message. We have a wonderful time assisting our customers and are looking forward to many more record-breaking sales in the future! - Submitted by Friends of the Library Book Bin

BOOK BIN SPRING HOURS

1st and 3rd consecutive Wednesday and Thursday of each month

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Check the website for specific dates before you come:

<https://library.csus.edu/friends-of-the-library>