Join Us Online
Annual Prytanean Meeting and Afternoon Tea
Hosted Virtually Over Zoom
Saturday, May 1st, 2021
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Featuring: Professor Henrike Lange, 2020 Faculty Award Winner
Honoring: The Class of ’70 and ’71, 50 Year Membership Milestone
Announcing: The 2021 Faculty Award and Student Scholarships
Congratulating: Graduating Seniors, Class of 2021
Including: Our Business Meeting and Board Member Election

This year, we will meet for a virtual afternoon tea instead of our traditional in-person brunch. We look forward to seeing you online!

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About Our Featured Speaker: Professor Henrike Christiane Lange

Professor Henrike Christiane Lange holds a joint appointment in UC Berkeley’s Departments of History of Art and Italian Studies. She specializes in Italian and European medieval and early modern art, architecture, history, visual culture, and literature in relation to the Mediterranean. She has a second area of expertise in nineteenth and twentieth century historiography, literature, and art in Europe and the United States. Her scholarship focuses on questions of perspective, narrative, medium, materiality, and spirituality in specific historical contexts. After studying art history and Romance studies (Italian language and literature, linguistics) in Hamburg and Vienna (2000-2008), Henrike Lange moved to the United States to conduct her graduate work in art history at Yale University (2009-2015) and joined Berkeley’s faculty in 2015 as Assistant Professor in the Departments of History of Art and Italian Studies.

—Andrea Rice, ’13 Programs, Events & Prizes Chair
Message from the President
This past year has been one of absolute astonishment. The contents of this newsletter reflect our immersion in the global pandemic and the unpredictable change we Prytaneans went through.

Once everyone found out about the danger of spreading COVID-19, we couldn’t meet in person, and soon much of the University was shut down. We postponed, and then canceled, our beloved Annual Meeting and Spring Brunch in March.

The students faced hurdles. Some were in a scramble to move back home, to acclimate to long-distance lessons, and to absorb unexpected job and financial loss. And so, in early April, the Board decided to help and for two semesters made small emergency grants to Prytanean students in need.

And we carried on. We held the Prytanean Homecoming Lecture, our initiation ceremony, and the Faculty Award Reception on-line over the Internet.

Andrea Roth, Professor of Law, gave the Prytanean Homecoming Lecture—COVID-19 and Criminal Trials: Lessons for the Future. She focused on the impact of the pandemic on the courts. Court administrators are creating procedures to operate through video-conferencing while ensuring the accuracy of evidence, and upholding the appearance of justice and the integrity of law. A significant problem is that jurors can’t assemble in the courtroom. To dissuade her audience from believing that the courts were handling an unprecedented situation, Professor Roth showed a photograph of a San Francisco Court conducting proceedings outdoors to counter the 1918 virus. Her timely presentation garnered many compliments and hundreds signed-up for the lecture.

We welcomed twenty-seven newly initiated members into our fold including four honorary members: La Dawn C. Duvall, Executive Director, Visitor and Parent Services; Henrike Christiane Lange, Assistant Professor of the History of Art and Italian Studies; Tsu-Jae King Liu, Dean of the College of Engineering and Roy W. Carlson Professor of Engineering; and Elaine C. Tennant, Director of the Bancroft Library and Professor of German.

Chancellor Carol Christ co-sponsored our Faculty Award Reception, and congratulated our newest faculty award recipient, Professor Henrike Christiane Lange. It did not go unnoticed that Professor Lange had positioned a gorgeous bright yellow tea rose near her when she acknowledged her award—a hat tip to the long-stem roses that we use traditionally in our initiations. Professor Lange engaged us at the virtual reception with showings of gorgeous pictures of medieval/renaissance art and buildings in Italy.

We were pleased that California, the Cal Alumni magazine, devoted its Fall 2000 issue to the sesquicentennial of women matriculating at Cal. The issue was meant, as the editor of the magazine said—to put the “her” back into Cal’s history and focus on “truly extraordinary” Cal alumnae. The issue featured a timeline of women connected to Cal with a short description of the founding of the Prytanean Society (page 27, “150 years of Women at Cal”). Known to us, and not the editor, is the astounding fact that twenty-six women named in the timeline are Prytaneans. Our members are represented on the timeline in every decade since Prytanean began in the academic year 1900 – 1901.

Everyone who made contributions of their time or donated to Prytanean over the last year deserves applause. Special thanks go to our hard-working Board members who worked almost exclusively online.

Join me in taking pleasure in the fact that, in the past year, Prytanean women continued their steadfast pledge to serve the University of California. The Prytanean Society remained active and productive, and maneuvered well in the face of the pandemic. I am certain that Prytaneans will continue to be of service to Cal beyond our 125th Anniversary which will occur in four years.

—Maria Protti ’79, President

Alumna Spotlight: Jennifer Prah Ruger
Jennifer Prah Ruger ’88 has been in the news lately. She is in demand as a speaker on global political responses to COVID-19, and shares her theory of Provincial Globalism with news outlets and at academic seminars. Her theory posits that humanitarianism cannot defeat COVID-19, the “worst global crisis since the Second World War,” because it is not based on empowering collective action. A Professor of Health Equity, Economics, and Policy at the University of Pennsylvania, she believes that there is a need for global standards of responsibility and accountability. Professor Prah Ruger traveled widely in Asia and Africa researching health policy, and wrote over 100 articles and three books. The United Nations, the U.S. Government, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization have cited her work. In addition to her bachelor’s degree from Cal, she holds advanced degrees from Oxford University, Yale University, and Harvard University.
Thank You: Cleo Johnson Gibson

Cleo Gibson ‘50, who passed away recently, generously bequeathed $10,000 to our organization. Sadly we did not have an opportunity to thank Cleo because the gift came as a surprise. Cleo Johnson, as she was then called on campus, studied Business Administration and was very involved in student government. She was one of the students who welcomed newcomers and made them feel at home on campus. This was not part of some quick orientation at the beginning of a school term. Cleo Johnson led a group of women who initially greeted students at orientation, and then checked-up on the new students guiding them throughout the school year and inviting them often to Cal activities. For many young arrivals at Cal, her efforts prevented loneliness and home-sickness. We are grateful for her support. We all can be proud of Cleo.

—Maria Protti ’79, President

Financial Remarks

At year end 2020, Prytanean Alumnae had total investment funds of $1,569,705, a 10% increase over year end 2019. Of this total, $1,016,802 is exclusively earmarked for our annual Prytanean Faculty Enrichment Award and is managed by Fisher Investments which replaced Aspiriant in February 2017. The remaining investment funds of $552,903 support various student scholarships and are managed as endowments by either UC Berkeley Foundation or UC Regents. We are pleased to assure you our investment funds are sufficient to continue the annual $25,000 Faculty Enrichment Award and other student scholarships for the foreseeable future. Regarding our operating funds, at year end 2020 we had $32,397 at Wells Fargo. Membership dues and donations made up our 2020 operating revenue of $16,900. This revenue supports the following operating expenses: our annual newsletter, the Faculty Award Reception, the Annual Brunch, CPA fees, data base maintenance, plus the collegiates’ Prytanean Honor Society operating budget and Campus Projects. Lastly, there is $18,264 in a separate cash Schwab account containing monies for both the Oral History project and the Janice Rivers Kittredge Memorial Tribute, and the Oral History balance is being transferred this spring to the Bancroft Library for work on Prytanean material.

—Anh Tran ’06, Chief Financial Officer

Oral Histories

Newly available at our website <prytanean.org> are links to transcripts of interviews of Cal Prytanean members. The transcripts, part of the holdings of the general UC Berkeley Oral History collection, are full-text searchable. Among them are “Conversations with Willa Baum, Director of the Oral History Office, UC Berkeley, 1958 – 2000.” Willa Baum was a national pioneer in the field of oral history. She legitimized the taking of oral history by showcasing it as a reliable research method.

—Maria Protti ’79, President
Remarkable Prytaneans

We are not the first Prytaneans to be subjected to the health and social maladies caused by a pandemic. Here are profiles of four past Prytaneans impacted by bacteria or a virus in the face of an epidemic or pandemic.

Edith June Claypole (1870 – 1915)
Immunologist, Pathologist, Physician, Physiologist, Professor. In 1912, she volunteered to be a research assistant at the University of California at Berkeley. Her intention was to help the WWI British and French troops by developing a vaccine for typhoid fever. Constantly exposed to the pathogen, she died from typhoid in 1915. She had developed a method to distinguish between tuberculosis and typhoid, and advanced the research of lung disease. The author of a dozen articles in medical journals, previously she was a Professor of Physiology and the Head of the Department of Zoology at Wellesley College, a hematologist at Cornell University, and a physician in Los Angeles and Pasadena. She investigated the diseases of girls employed on the “Zone” of the Pacific-Panama International Exposition in San Francisco. And she informed Cal women students in club houses and sororities about medicine as a profession. The Edith Claypole Memorial Research Fund encouraged investigation in pathology problems by women physiologists.

Phoebe Elizabeth Apperson Hearst (1842 - 1919)
Benefactor and champion of women students at the University of California. Each semester beginning in 1900, she invited every woman student to her Berkeley house, to enjoy a musical and one other event such as a tea. She was said to be a charming, beautifully dressed, attentive host. In time, she converted her residence into a women’s gymnasium and student center because the Cal campus had no such places. The gym burned down in 1922. Her son, publisher William Randolph Hearst, commissioned the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Memorial Gymnasium that same year so that the women students could gather, play sports and swim on campus. To further benefit women, she funded scholarships and created “Hearst Domestic Industries” through which students could produce an income. She hired physician and Prytanean Society advisor, Mary Bennett Ritter, to improve the health of women students and “instruct on how to use the gym facilities.” In the 1890’s she funded a worldwide competition to produce a building plan for UC land. Her funds helped build thirty UC buildings including The Hearst Memorial Mining Building, the Hearst Hall and the Bancroft Library and its books. In 1901 she founded the campus Museum of Anthropology and filled it with over 60,000 artifacts. She was the first woman Regent of the University of California serving for twenty-two years. Nationally, she funded several libraries and the establishment of the Parent Teachers Association, and contributed to the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association, Mills College, the National Cathedral School, and the YWCA. She funded kindergartens and related teacher training allowing for the first U.S. tuition-free kindergarten. In 1919 she died from influenza in the pandemic of 1918-1919.

Marguerite Ogden Steele (1888 - 1918)
As a federal lawyer, she was admitted to practice law in the federal courts in 1913, thereby becoming one of two women to have been admitted to practice in the local jurisdiction. She published six articles in the inaugural volume of the California Law Review and was the first woman to practice in the criminal law courts of Alameda County. Earlier she was assistant Dean of Women at the University of California. She was a member of the Oakland Board of Education. She died in 1918, five months after she married, a casualty of the influenza pandemic.

Maude Cleveland Woodworth (1886 – 1970)
Chief of the Home Communications and Casualty Service in Brest, France during WWI. She received the U.S. Army Distinguished Service Medal for her “self-sacrificing service of the highest character to the American Expeditionary Forces.” At Brest, she cared for the sick and wounded, assisted at night burials, and contacted relatives. There she underwent “supreme exertion” during the pandemic of influenza and pneumonia from September to December 1918. Earlier she was the UC assistant advisor for women and the Class of 1909 where she “did gymnasium,” rowed, and played basketball. In 1910 she was Superintendent for Playgrounds in the City of San Diego. She became a prominent athlete and the first Supervisor of Athletics for Women at Stanford University when women’s sports were first consolidated at that university. As a student at UC Berkeley, she was President of the Prytanean Women Honors Society.
Student Activities Report

In this unprecedented year that will be remembered as the pandemic of 2020, the Prytanean Actives have been remaining busy! As we’ve adjusted to online learning and having virtual meetings, we have taken this time to find virtual community service activities and connect with our fellow Prytanean Actives. Last fall, we decorated and mailed cards to an organization that provides cards to hospitalized children. This semester we are planning to host Zoom calls with elders who might be feeling lonely and isolated as the pandemic forges on. We have also begun exploring how Prytanean can help bring health vending machines onto campus. These health vending machines provide products such as pads, tampons, ibuprofen, etc to students around the Berkeley campus. We are excited to be working on this health focused project as we reflect on how the early Prytanians brought the Tang Center to campus.

In addition to community service projects, the Prytanean Actives have been working on a research project together to celebrate 150 years of women at Berkeley. We have been contacting and interviewing Prytanean alumnae dating back to the 1950s and have been learning about what it was like to be a woman and a Prytanean at Cal through the decades. Stay tuned for the results of our project as we are planning to compile an essay at the end of the semester with our results!

With Zoom making remote events more accessible, we’ve also had the opportunity to connect with our sister Prytanean chapter at UC Davis! The officer board of UC Davis and UC Berkeley have been able to meet virtually and exchange ideas along with brainstorming future events! Our Berkeley Actives have enjoyed getting to know Prytaneans beyond our chapter and cannot wait to meet Davis Actives in person! To foster community within our own chapter during these difficult times, the Prytanean Actives have been participating in virtual “coffee chats” so that members can get to know each other individually and even serve as mentors for each other! We’ve also participated in a virtual escape room that really challenged us to work together!

Despite this most unusual year, the Prytanians have stuck together and I believe, grown stronger and more resilient! We can’t wait to see each other in person again and be able to host events together and with our wonderful alumnae!

—Alexandra Tien-Smith ‘21, Honor Society President

Prytanean Emergency Student Grant (continued from page 1)

needs, educational-related expenses caused by the move to online classes, money for travel to go home or away from campus living residences, unmet financial cost because of loss of employment, or added financial cost of new living or financial arrangements. Requests for grant funding were considered upon submission and the alumnae worked to distribute emergency funds as quickly as possible. The funding source was a one-time removal from the general Prytanean Alumnae fund checking account. Thank you to Helen Marcus and Anh Tran for your initiative in proposing the emergency student grant fund!

The Prytanean alumnae, organized by Anh Tran and Isabella Brandes, ultimately distributed funding to every collegiate member who applied, disbursing 14 emergency grants for a total of $2,800. These funds helped address critical needs in a time of widespread financial uncertainty. Prytaneans requested financial support for a wide range of needs, including purchasing groceries, international flights home, medication, and replacing broken laptops. In their applications, students highlighted the challenges they faced when coursework went remote on such short notice. In particular, several women had lost either their part-time jobs or planned paid internships over the summer. Some grant recipients emphasized the challenges of being a fully independent college student, without the option to rely on their families for financial support or a rent-free home to quarantine in over the course of the pandemic.

Although the Prytanean emergency student grants could not meet the full scope of need during this economic crisis, they were designed to alleviate the burden of unanticipated expenses for our collegiate members. In reading through the grant applications, I was continually impressed by the resilience and grit of our collegiate Prytaneans, despite the challenges introduced by COVID-19. These women adapted to unprecedented circumstances and were unwavering in their commitment to academics and community involvement.

—Isabella Brandes ’17, Secretary
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- Czapanskiy, Karen
- Ditzler, Nancy
- Duffala, Gail
- Dunn, Louella
- Engh, Luzanne
- Finnie, Joan
- Gee, Jennifer
- Geiger, Dorothea
- Gerdes, Carol
- Guggenhime, Marjorie
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- Hass, Eden
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- Herney, Susan

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- Hoffnagel, Elle
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- Kieling, Janice
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- Lee, Katherine
- Liebau, Charlene
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- Lufkin, Lisabeth
- Lynch, Myra
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- Mass, Amy
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- Myers, Janet
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- Storaker, Marina
- Thompson, Marilyn
- Wandel, Amy
- Wendt, Mary Elizabeth
- White, Jennifer
- Woodruff, Diane

### Memorial/Tribute
- Anderson, Elaine
- Hawthorne, Patricia
- Kieling, Janice
- Langley, Louetta
- Marcus, Helen
- Weller, Jane

### Faculty Award
- Birgeneau, Mary Catherine
- Bliss, Roberta
- Bream, Barbara
- Carter, Mae
- Ditzler, Nancy
- Engh, Luzanne
- Finnie, Joan
- Geiger, Dorothea
- Gibney, Marcia
- Giers, Caroline
- Hass, Eden
- Heggie, Beatrice
- Herney, Susan
- Holtermann, Karen
- Humphreys, Sheila
- McDonnell, Lorraine
- Morton, Anne
- Perata, Jean
- Rende, Palmina
- Steel, Mary
- Thorson, Elizabeth
- Wendt, Mary Elizabeth

### Oral History
- Hawthorne, Patricia

### Honor Society
- Bream, Barbara
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- Gerdes, Carol
- Herney, Susan
- McDonnell, Lorraine
- Stevens, Dana
- Wandel, Amy
- Weller, Jane
- Wendt, Mary Elizabeth
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