

Alan Bergman

B.A. 1948

Alan Bergman studied Music and Dramatic Arts at Carolina and began writing music as a Playmaker. While an undergraduate, he was drafted and served as an infantryman in World War II. He resumed his education after the war and received his B.A. degree in 1948. Alan and his wife Marilyn have collaborated as a songwriting team for the last 50 years. They have been nominated for 16 Academic Awards and multiple Grammys, Emmys, and Golden Globes. They have won Oscars for “The Windmills of Your Mind” (1968), “The Way We Were” (1973), and the score for “Yentl” (1984). Alan and Marilyn have been inducted into the Songwriters’ Hall of Fame and have received the Clooney Foundation Singers Salute to the Songwriter Award, the Songwriter’s Guild Aggie Award, the Songwriters Hall of Fame Johnny Mercer Award, the Cultural Medal of Honor (Spain), and the National Music Publishers Associate Lifetime Achievement Award, to mention but a few of their honors. They have been awarded honorary degrees by Berklee College of Music and the University of Massachusetts. Alan sits on the Library of Congress National Film Preservation Board, the Johnny Mercer Foundation Board, the Artists’ Rights Foundation Board, and the Jazz Bakery Board of Directors. He and Marilyn serve on the Executive Committee of the Music Branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences.

Alan Bergman was nominated by Prof. Terry Ellen Rhodes, Prof. Emeritus J. Kimball King, and Ms. Suzanne Ishee (UNC-CH B.M. 1973)

Frederick Otto Mueller

A.B. Educ. (1961), M.Educ. (1964), Ph.D. (1970)

Fred Mueller is Professor Emeritus of Exercise and Sport Science. He joined the faculty in 1968 and served until full retirement in 2009. During these 41 years he held numerous positions, most notably serving as department chair in Exercise and Sport Science from 1995-2005. In that capacity, Mueller propelled his department to the top of the discipline by his far-sighted faculty hires and astute management. Today, Carolina’s Ph.D. program in Human Movement Science, a program Mueller help start in 1997, stands third in the nation in National Research Council ratings. In addition to his teaching and research, Mueller has served as an assistant football coach, head lacrosse coach, and director of the freshman activities program. His research interest is in the area of the epidemiology of athletic injuries. Even in retirement, he continues to conduct his research, currently serving as the Director of the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research which is headquartered in Chapel Hill. The center collects catastrophic (fatalities and permanent disability) injury data for high school and college athletes on a national level. The center has been in existence since 1982 and is funded annually by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Mueller also serves as the Director of Research for NOCSAE, a national organization that certifies sports safety equipment. Mueller was recently profiled in the New York Times as a pioneer in his field of study.

Prof. Mueller was nominated by Prof. Joseph S. Ferrell

Linda Ellen Oxendine

A.B. 1967

Linda Oxendine, a member of the Lumbee tribe, is the first American Indian woman to receive a bachelor's degree from Carolina. She served as Professor and Chair of the American Indian Studies Department of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke from 1989 to 2006. Oxendine's teaching and scholarship have contributed significantly to the preservation of knowledge of Lumbee history, language, and culture. She began her career in education as a public school math teacher in Richmond, Virginia, and Pembroke. After working in Washington, D.C., as a volunteer with the federal Office of Indian Affairs and the National Congress of American Indians, Oxendine holds degrees from Carolina (A.B., 1967), Pennsylvania State University (M. Ed., 1973), and the University of Minnesota (Ph.D., 1993). She worked for a number of years as an instructor and administrator with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. In 1980 she returned to North Carolina to begin a long association with UNC-Pembroke, an institution co-founded by her great-grandfather. Her father had served as dean of the faculty at Pembroke, and her uncle founded the department she eventually came to chair. Oxendine recently served at Carolina as Elder in Residence for the American Indian Center.

Linda Ellen Oxendine was nominated by Dr. Clara Sue Kidwell

Thomas Hart Sayre

A.B. 1973

Thomas Sayre is co-founder with Steve Shuster of Clearscapes, a multidisciplinary design firm located in Raleigh, North Carolina. Working as a sculptor, Sayre has been involved in the design and construction of projects that include children's museums, historic renovations, art museums, performing arts centers, and both public and private art commissions. Sayre attended St. Alban's School in Washington D.C. where he studied welding and metal fabrication and design with Thomas D. Soles. He won a Morehead Scholarship to Carolina, studied sculpture with Prof. Robert Howard, and earned his undergraduate degree with a double major in English and Fine Arts. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude. Sayre's commissions and public projects are found all over the United States and abroad. They include Shimmer Wall at the Raleigh Convention Center (2009); Curve Ball at the Nationals Baseball Stadium in Washington, D.C. (work in progress), Corpus Callosum at the Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, Colorado (2009); Citizen at the Nashville Public Square, Nashville, Tennessee (2010); Gyre, North Carolina Museum of Art (1999); Trajectory, Charlotte Arena (2005); and Phuket Cheddi, a pagoda in Chang-Mai, Thailand (2004). His work has won numerous awards.

Thomas Hart Sayre was nominated by Prof. Emeritus Marvin Saltzman

Denise Jean Jamieson

M.P.H. 1991

Denise Jamieson is Research Team Leader for Unintended Pregnancy, STD, and HIV Intervention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Clinical Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Emory University School of Medicine. Jamieson holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania (B.A., 1987), Carolina (M.P.H., 1991), and Duke (M.D., 1992). She is a national leader in the promotion of women's reproductive health, as evidenced by a series of prestigious awards from the United States Public Health Service, including the Commission Corps Outstanding Service Medal, the Commission Corps Commendation Medal, and the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service. Her outstanding abilities as a teacher have been recognized by awards from both Emory and the University of California at San Francisco. Jamieson is the author of more than 109 peer reviewed papers, of which she is the first or senior author of 42. She has conducted landmark research on HIV/AIDS in women. Her work on the Mother-Infant Rapid Intervention at Delivery (MIRIAD) study led to CDC and ACOG guidelines on implementing programs for rapid HIV testing during labor and delivery. Jamieson has also many important contributions to understanding women's health on issues as varied as ectopic pregnancy, preeclampsia, postpartum depression, emerging infectious diseases, contraception, and hysterectomy. One of Jamieson's colleagues characterizes her as "driven and determined yet with a genuine capacity to listen to others, observe, notice cues, and react thoughtfully with sensitivity, tact, and intelligence." High praise indeed.

Denise Jamieson was nominated by Prof. Charles van der Horst, Prof. Frieda Behets, and Prof. Herbert Peterson.