OSU RETIREES FALL CONFERENCE
THEME: TIME & CHANGE
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
Fawcett Event Center 2400 Olentangy River Road

8:00-9:00 a.m.  REGISTRATION
9:00-9:15 a.m.  WELCOME: Kristina M. Johnson, President, The Ohio State University
9:15-10:00 a.m.  KEYNOTE: Soaring and Diving with the World’s Most Vertical Person
Come along with Kathryn Sullivan, geologist and astronaut, who was on three Space Shuttle missions, including the mission that launched the Hubble Space Telescope, first American woman to walk in space, first woman to dive to the deepest place in the world’s oceans, and former president and CEO of COSI.

10:00-10:30 a.m.  EXHIBITS and REFRESHMENTS
10:30-11:15 a.m.  BREAKOUT SESSION 1 (Select one)
• Movement vs. Exercise And Why Both Are Important: Jeff May, Jr., group and personal trainer, will share how to incorporate more functional movement into your routine, and experience a fun and upbeat workout (good for all fitness levels).
• Traveling with OSURA: Alabelle Zghoul, registered nurse, nurse educator, chair-OSURA Travel Committee, will discuss past and future travels with OSURA.
• A Good Time is Guaranteed for All: OSU Student Life in the Sixties: William J. Shkurti – Vice President for Business and Finance, Emeritus, Adjunct Professor in the John Glenn College of Public Affairs, will take you on a magical mystery tour of an exciting decade when being young and in college meant you were entitled to have a good time.
• Mobility-Assistant Service Robots: Yuan Zheng – Emeritus Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering at OSU, founder and CEO of ZiiROBOT located in the OSU Research Park; will introduce you to service robots, and particularly robotic technologies, which may benefit those who need assistance in mobility, and current trends in the related markets.

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  BREAKOUT SESSION 2 (Select one)
• Learning to Age with an Attitude: ‘Flo & Friends’ Cartoonist on Becoming Part of Her Own Demographic Group: Jenny Campbell – freelance cartoonist and children’s illustrator for 33 years. Most notably, writes and draws, “Flo & Friends”, a daily and Sunday strip featuring an ensemble cast of senior citizens will give you a look at how and when this all started 34 years ago and the work that has ensued. Then it’ll focus on “Flo & Friends”, and the strange story of how it got syndicated; the challenge of having to be funny 365 days a year; and what it’s been like, personally, catching up with the characters age-wise.
• Images from The Museum of Biological Diversity: Ardine Nelson – Professor Emerita, Department of Art will share one of the best-kept secrets on campus, the Ohio State Museum of Biological Diversity and the three collections she was given permission to view and make images of, as well as give you insights into “how to” make such images.
• The Impact of the Great Lakes on our Region and Beyond: Christopher Winslow – Director, Ohio Sea Grant College Program, will discuss the ways in which the Great Lakes impacts the environment, research and education, economics, health, recreation, and tourism.
• Seeking Truths In Chinese Exemplars: From Premodern Prisons To The Pandemic Lockdown: Yin Zhang – Associate Professor, History; Director, Institute for Chinese Studies, will invite you to think about how to draw on the history of premodern political culture to better understand Chinese state-society relations today and to look at how physical suffering and injustice remained central to how people negotiated with imperial authority.

12:20-1:20 p.m.  LUNCH – FAWCETT CENTER GRAND BALLROOM
1:30-2:15 p.m.  **BREAKOUT SESSION 3** (Select one)

- **Silent But Not Silenced: The OSU Men’s Glee Club In COVID Times**: Robert J. Ward – Professor of Conducting and Ensembles, Director of Choral Studies and the OSU Men’s Glee Club, will offer beautiful music and will share the story of virtual choir rehearsals, sustaining the community during the pandemic, and its plan for moving forward.

- **Lessons We Can Learn From Past Pandemics Leading to the Rise of Public Health**: John Brooke – Arts & Sciences Distinguished Professor of History; Warner Woodring Chair in American History; Professor of Anthropology; Director, Ohio State University Center for Historical Research, and James Harris – Lecturer, OSU Department of History, will shine a light on the lessons we can learn from past pandemics and the rise of public health, and how understanding this history can better shape our response to the current crisis.

- **Orton Hall: The Magic is in the Details**: William Ausich – Academy Professor of Earth Sciences and Director Emeritus of Orton Geological Museum, will share the unique architectural characteristics of Orton Hall opened in 1893 and named for the first president of OSU, and houses the School of Earth Sciences, the Orton Memorial Geological Library, and the Orton Geological Museum.

- **Preparing for End of Life**: Jessica N. Roshon – Attorney with the firm of Taps & Sutton, LLC, co-author of the Ohio Medicaid Manual, member of the Columbus Bar Association, the Women Lawyers of Franklin County, and the Ohio Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys will help you make life easier for your family by learning what you should be doing now to organize important documents and papers and be sure your wishes are followed later.

2:30-3:15 p.m.  **HEALTHCARE and BENEFITS**

- **STRS** – This session will include any changes to the members’ plans for benefits or health care programs for 2022 and an update on the status of their retirement in general.

- **OPERS** – This session will include any changes to the members’ plans for benefits or health care programs for 2022 and an update on the status of their retirement in general.

**OPTIONAL TOURS ($10 charge) Leave at 3:30 p.m.** (A bus will take you and return you to the Fawcett Center.)

- **Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum**
- **Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory**
- **The new WOSU building**