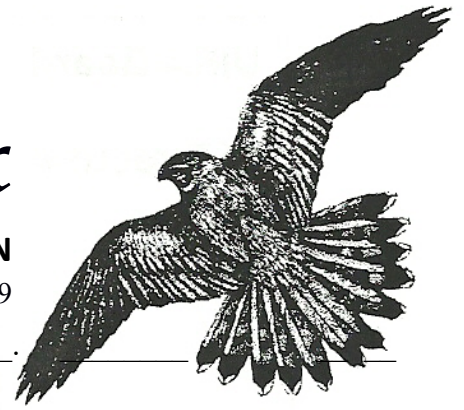


# The Gray Hawk

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## Upcoming UIRA Programming

### Incarceration Among the Elderly

Wednesday, April 24, Noon, 2520-D University Capitol Center (UCC) and via Zoom (*Link will be sent out on April 22. Lost link? Contact Ed Dove, [edwin-dove@uiowa.edu](mailto:edwin-dove@uiowa.edu).) In-person attendees will enjoy coffee, water, and cookies at a social time, beginning at 11:15 a.m.*

Ballooning state and federal incarceration is problematic and costly for many reasons, but one ever-increasing complication is the fact that our prison population is aging. According to the Census Bureau, from 1991 to 2021, the percentage of people 55 years or older in our nation's prisons swelled from 3% to 15%, and more than 30% of people serving life sentences are at least 55 years old. This talk will discuss the demographics of the current prison population, what it means to grow old in prison, and present some alternatives to continuing with the current carceral state of affairs.



Alison Guernsey

**Alison Guernsey** is a clinical professor of law in the UI College of Law. She teaches in and directs the college's Federal Criminal Defense Clinic. Alison received a BA from the University of Michigan (2001) and JD from the UI College of Law (2008).

### Fraud Alerts for Seniors

Thursday, May 16, 11:00 a.m., 2520-D University Capitol Center (UCC) and via Zoom (*Link will be sent out on May 14. Lost link? Contact Ed Dove, [edwin-dove@uiowa.edu](mailto:edwin-dove@uiowa.edu).)*



Sally Leme

The AARP Fraud Watch Network has been established to arm Americans with tools to spot and avoid fraud and scams. The network educates, serves as a resource, and acts as watchdog in order to help individuals recognize and avoid fraud.

**Dr. Sally Leme, Ph.D.**, is a trained AARP Fraud Watch volunteer speaker, former UI assistant professor, and a retired special education consultant from Grant Wood AEA.

# Celebrate Another Year at the Annual Meeting



Come celebrate all that UIRA has accomplished! The annual meeting will be **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in 2520-D University Capitol Center (second floor of UCC). The event will also be available via Zoom. We'll begin with refreshments and social time, followed by the annual business meeting. Look for an email coming soon with information about registering for the event.

## Explorers Walks

Spring is here (and hopefully warmer mornings), so Explorer walks have moved back to 10:00 a.m.

- **April 24** (Wed.), 10:00 a.m., Kent Park (meet at the Education Center)
- **May 15** (Wed.), 10:00 a.m., Two Horse Farm, 2257 Sugar Bottom Rd NE, Solon
- **June 5** (Wed.), 10:00 a.m., Turkey Creek Nature Preserve (Bur Oak Land Trust), 2545 Sugar Bottom Rd NE, Solon

To RSVP or to receive more details, contact Explorers coordinators **Alice Atkinson**, [amatkinson@mchsi.com](mailto:amatkinson@mchsi.com) or **Lesanne Fliehler**, [fliehler@gmail.com](mailto:fliehler@gmail.com).

## Recent Recordings

Recordings of recent UIRA presentations are available on the web at <https://uira.org.uiowa.edu/news-and-events/events-and-programs/past-events-and-programs>.

- “Fiction in the City of Literature,” Loren Glass
- “Connect, Contribute, and Create: The Future of Optimal Aging,” Jen Jones and Sam Wittrock
- “All Things Water: Improving Community Resilience to Floods, Droughts, and Declining Water Quality,” Larry Weber

### New UIRA Members

**Donna D’Ambrose**, ITS Administrative Information Systems

**Diane Eastman**, Pediatrics, Carver College of Medicine

**Jean Florman**, ITS Office of Teaching, Learning, & Technology

**Greg Hopson**, UIHC Health Care Information Systems

**Susan Kloos**, UIHC Nursing Service

**Peggy Stover**, Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, Carver College of Medicine

**Mary Witte**, UIHC Nursing Service

*From UIRA President Deb Cobb*

## A Team Effort

The Iowa women's basketball team captured the heart of the nation as they ascended to the NCAA Championship game. While Caitlin Clark was well-deserving of accolades received, the real success story was the incredible synergy of the team. The chemistry of this Iowa women's team was based on trust, affection, and lifting each other up with selflessness that inspired the world.

The UI Retirees Association may not be a Final Four contender, but the strength of our organization is dependent upon similar team qualities.

I am especially grateful to our UIRA team of officers and Board of Directors for their dedicated stewardship.

Our past president, **Ed Dove**, was instrumental in cementing the partnership between UIRA and the University of Iowa, establishing the MOU under his leadership and leading the initiative for inclusion of UIRA in the *UI Policy Manual*. Our president-elect, **Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash**, assumed the role of secretary for the Program Planning Committee and volunteered to take the lead on updating our UIRA operations manual. Evalyn's ever-present cheerfulness and willingness to serve are an inspiration, and I look forward to serving as past president under her leadership. I would be lost without the guidance and meticulous attention to detail of our secretary, **Chris Brus**. Chris's organizational abilities are unparalleled, and she has been steadfast in her dedication to update the infrastructure in our UIRA governing documents and policies.

All of our directors at large have each brought skills and dedication that greatly contribute to the mission of UIRA and strengthen our organization. I can't name them individually here, but I look forward to celebrating them at our **annual meeting on June 11**.

As my tenure as president comes to a close, I reflect with gratitude on the support of this amazing team, the UIRA Board of Directors. Each one of these individuals has given of their time, talent, and heart to accomplish the work of the association. It is our collective mission to serve the interests of UI retirees, building community among fellow retirees and maintaining a strong connection to the university. The Board of Directors will guide the association, but it is the collective membership that will ultimately make UIRA a strong and vibrant community. I urge every member to become involved, be it through participation in leadership, activities, or other opportunities, in order to ensure a bright future for the UI Retirees Association.

Deb Cobb, UIRA President

# Photo Contest Results

Congratulations to this year's winners! Below are the first-place winners. Second- and third-place winners will be published next month. Thank you to **Larry Mendenhall**, **Susan McClellen**, and **Tim Schoon**, this year's judges, and to contest coordinators, **Diana Lundell** and **Lesanne Fliehler**. Hills Bank & Trust was again the prize sponsor. Photos will soon be available on the UIRA website where they will be displayed larger (<https://uira.org.uiowa.edu/news/2024/04/photo-contest-results-2024>).

## University of Iowa

**First Place: John Donelson**, Caitlin Clark breaks NCAA scoring record. *Judges' comments: We liked the fun festive feeling in this photo. We also liked the symmetry, and who doesn't like a signature Caitlin Clark moment?*



## Iowa

**First Place: John Moyers**, Twelfth Night—Riverside Theatre. *Judges' comments: Neat moment. Great light. It made us wonder what they were looking at.*





## USA

**First Place: Todd Stewart, Mt. Rushmore.** *Judges' comments: We've seen a lot of pictures of Mt. Rushmore. This one stood out, since it was unlike almost any we've seen. Seeing the stars above the faces lit by moonlight is spectacular.*



## International

**First Place: Stephen Scheckel,** *Our ship through an iceberg porthole, Antarctica. Judges' comments: We all loved the framing of this photo. Thought it would be a nice photo without the boat, but when you put the boat in there giving it a clear center of interest, it elevated it further.*

# IOWA

## UI Retirees Association Board of Directors 2023–2024 (year term on board expires)

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The UI Retirees Association maintains a continuous connection to the University of Iowa and supports the interests and welfare of retired University of Iowa faculty and staff members.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held at 1:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are hybrid (in person at USB and via Zoom).

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