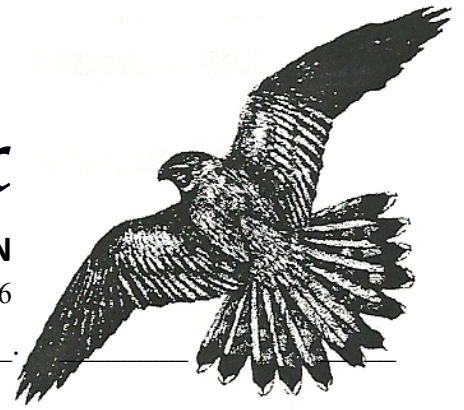


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February-March Programming

How Technologies Are Changing the Way We Think

Juan Pablo Hourcade, associate professor of computer science and director of graduate studies for the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Informatics

Thursday, February 3, 10:30 a.m., via Zoom

The use of interactive technologies is changing the way our cognitive processes work from perception to memory, attention, learning, problem solving, communication, and metacognition. But for the most part, technology designers develop what the market calls for without a holistic view of how all these technologies may affect how we think and how we interact with each other. The good news is that we have choices, and we can have visions. What do we want the cognitive future to be like? Professor Hourcade will discuss some of the ways that interactive technologies can optimally impact our cognitive processes.



Juan Pablo Hourcade

IowaRISE and the UI Public Policy Center

Peter Damiano, director and Distinguished Research Fellow, UI Public Policy Center/Bernstein Professor of Preventive and Community Dentistry, UI College of Dentistry

Thursday, February 17, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom

The IowaRISE Initiative supports student career and life discernment through participation in Research, Internship, Service learning, and civic Engagement activities. IowaRISE was one of five proposals selected to receive funds made available by the UI's establishment of a Public/Private Partnership (P3) to manage the University's utilities over the next 50 years.



Peter Damiano

The Iowa Center for School Mental Health

Allison Bruhn, associate professor in special education and executive director of the Iowa Center for School Mental Health

Dan Clay, dean of the College of Education

Thursday, March 3, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom

The Iowa Center for School Mental Health, a partnership between the University of Iowa and the Iowa Department of Education (DOE), is focused on improving the social, emotional, behavioral, and psychological well-being of K-12 students and educators across the state. Located in the UI College of Education, the center will deliver training, conduct research, and provide clinical services to support mental health in schools. The DOE designated \$20 million in federal relief monies to support the center's work. Other collaborators include the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, School of Social Work in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Nursing, and College of Public Health. The center will deliver training, conduct research, and provide clinical services to support mental health in schools. The DOE designated \$20 million in federal relief monies to support the center's work.



Allison Bruhn



Dan Clay

Politics and Protest in Pictures

Judy Polumbaum, professor emerita of journalism and mass communication

Thursday, March 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m., via Zoom

Judy Polumbaum will share nearly 100 historic pictures from the archives of her social activist-photojournalist father Ted Polumbaum. Ted worked for LIFE and other publications during the heyday of the great picture magazines. Drawing on images from the pre-digital age that track the evolution of political imagery and protest photography in this country and abroad, Judy will highlight photos from the days of the Kennedys, 1964 Freedom Summer, the 1968 Poor People's Campaign, and the anti-Vietnam War movement, as well as documentation of life and politics in India, Latin America, and China. Her father's life and work are the subject of Judy's newest book, *All Available Light: The Life and Legacy of Photographer Ted Polumbaum*. As a newspaper reporter and magazine writer, Judy covered stories from Vermont to Oregon and from Des Moines to Beijing. She was the first Western researcher to do fieldwork on media in China during the post-Mao years. She taught at Iowa from 1989 to 2015.



Judy Polumbaum

Upcoming Spring Program

Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence

Alta Medea-Peters, director of community engagement for the Domestic Violence Intervention Program, an Iowa City-based nonprofit
Thursday, April 14, 11:00 a.m., via Zoom

UIRA President's Column

Have Fun in February!

Ice on the driveway, boots aren't warm enough, favorite mittens disappeared! Days are short. It's still winter. What's to like about February?

Looking on the bright side, there are ways to celebrate, educate, and have fun this month. The 2022 lunar new year begins February 1. We honor our nation's Presidents February 22. We educate ourselves about Black history all month. We express our love on Valentine's Day. Women celebrate loving friends on Galentine's Day (February 13). Let's not forget the Groundhog. Whether or not he sees his shadow, we can rest assured that the season is at a turning point. The sun is rising before 7:30 a.m. and setting after 5:00 p.m. Sunsets are beautiful in the evening and decorative outdoor lighting makes the snow shine at night. There is much to see in a positive light as UIRA continues to be a focal point in our lives.

UIRA is offering two new programs this month. On February 3, **Juan Pablo Hourcade** will educate us about "How Technologies Are Changing the Way We Think." Join us on Zoom at 10:30 a.m. On February 17, **Peter Damiano** will speak about Iowa Rise and the University of Iowa Public Policy Center. His presentation will be at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. See page 1 for more information on these two programs.

The **Nominations Committee** is busy identifying candidates for President-Elect and two Board positions. Please let committee members **Mike Barron (Chair)**, **Sue Otto**, **Sam Cochran**, **Lesanne Fliehler**, or **Diana Harris** know if you would like to serve. *Your participation is welcome.*

The deadline for nominations for UIRA's **Volunteer Service Awards** is fast approaching. Submit your letters to **Lucille Heitman** at lheitman7@gmail.com by February 15.

As winter turns to longer days, warmer temperatures, and more opportunities to get outside, please take a moment to celebrate the opportunities UIRA provides to learn, to keep in touch with longtime UI friends, and to make new friendships with our wonderful members. I wish you all a Happy Galentine's and Guyentine's Day!

From my heart to yours,
—Carolyn Wanat

Emeritus Faculty Council Lecture/Recital

Brazilian 'Choro' Music: A Journey Through Social and Racial Diversity

Maurita Murphy Marx, professor emerita of clarinet, assisted by clarinetist **Kim Carr** (UI graduate, 1991)

Thursday, February 17, 4:00 p.m., Kollros Auditorium (101 Biology Building East) and via Zoom

You may attend in person or via Zoom. Use this Zoom link: <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/97273715557?pwd=WlIvclc3WVBianRK-WkVPWXlpQlNxOT09>. (*Unable to attend? All EFC webinars are recorded and posted on the EFC website.*)

The Brazilian "choro" (to cry), the national music of Brazil, emerged in the late 1800s in Rio de Janeiro. The music is a fusion of African-based rhythms and European forms along with representing both social and racial diversity in Brazil. The music can be described as a true representation of Brazilian spirit and daily life. The most significant composer, Pixinguinha, will be featured in both the lecture and performance as his performances to both upper- and lower-class audiences paved the way to breaking social barriers and ending discrimination.



Maurita Murphy Marx

Volunteer Service Awards: Nomination Deadline Soon

Each year two UIRA members are honored for their volunteer service post-retirement. The **Community Service Award** honors a member for service to the community at large; the **University Service Award** honors a member for service to the university. Volunteer service may include a wide range of activities that make a positive impact. The criteria for the awards are:

- A nominee must be a member of UIRA.
- A nominee must have been retired for a period of at least two years.
- The awards are based on outstanding service carried out since retirement. Activities prior to retirement are not considered.
- Recipients are expected to be present at the annual meeting to accept the award. (*No decision has been made on whether it will be an in-person or Zoom meeting.*)

Any UIRA member may submit a nomination for others or for themselves. Nominations should include a one-page letter describing how the nominee has successfully contributed through their involvement in one or more activities and a one-page biography of the nominee which includes the nominee's name, address, email address, and phone number. **Nominations are due February 15, 2022.** Submit nominations to Awards Committee Chair Lucille Heitman at lheitman7@gmail.com.

Photo Contest Deadline Extended to February 28

The UIRA Photo Contest deadline has been extended from January 31 to February 28, 2022. Remember that only one photo can be submitted in each of the three contest categories, for a possible total of three photos per photographer each year. Detailed contest deadlines are available on the UIRA website at <https://uira.org.uiowa.edu>. Click on Photo Contest Rules & Gallery. (Note that rules have changed, being recently updated, so please read the rules carefully.)

Welcome, New Members

Nancy Bruns, UIHC Finance Department
Mark Grover, Registrar
Jean Jennings, Pathology
Nancy Langguth, College of Education
Randal Lassen, UIHC Patient Financial Services
Arlene Miller, General Internal Medicine
Anne M Reisen, Radiology
Chet Rzonca, Educational Policy & Leadership Studies
Judy Swafford, UIHC Nursing
Carol E. Twedt, Spouse



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Monthly meetings of the UIRA Board of Directors are held online via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.