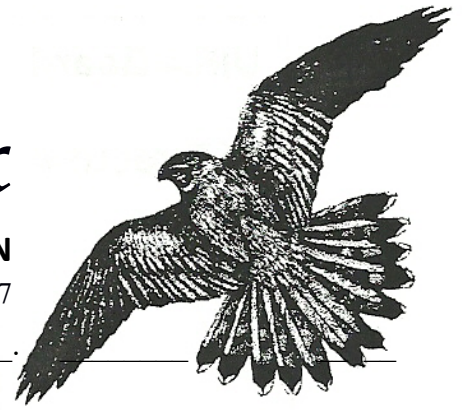


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March-April Programming

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

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

Expect the Zoom link on March 1. If you lose the link, contact Ellie Herman, ellen-herman@uiowa.edu.

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. 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 DOE designated \$20 million in federal relief monies to support the center's work.



Allison Bruhn

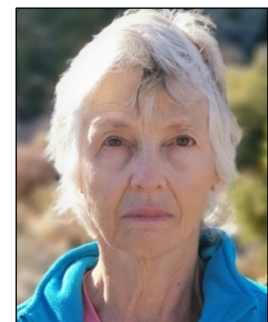
Politics and Protest in Pictures

Judy Polumbaum, professor emerita of journalism and mass communication

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

Expect the Zoom link on March 15. If you lose the link, contact Lesanne Fliehler, lesanne-fliehler@uiowa.edu.

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, the 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



Judy Polumbaum

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 Polunba*. 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.

Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence

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

Expect the Zoom link on April 12. If you lose the link, contact Carolyn Wanat, carolyn-wanat@uiowa.edu.



Alta Medea

Alta Medea will share the effects of human trafficking within Johnson County and Southeastern Iowa. She will explore the warning signs, victim-survivors stories, and how we, as a community, can support individuals. She will be joined by **Lia Parillo**, shelter services coordinator, who provides direct services to victim-survivors of intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking, and domestic violence. For over 42 years, DVIP has provided critical services and resources to individuals. In the past year, it has assisted more than 1,900 victim-survivors and provided over 17,000 nights of safety. Attendees will learn action steps they can immediately take to help prevent human trafficking and support those most vulnerable in our community.

Alta Medea began her work with DVIP as first a volunteer, then a board member, and has served as director of community engagement since 2017. Over the past four years, she has written multiple pieces on behalf of DVIP and developed a curriculum on marketing domestic violence services, "How to Market a Secret." She lives in Iowa City with her two hilarious sons, an overly active dog, and three moody cats.

Upcoming Program

First 100 Days, Meghann Foster, Coralville mayor
Wednesday, May 11, 3:00 p.m., via Zoom

Recent Recordings

Recordings are posted on the web at <https://uira.org.uiowa.edu/programs-and-events>. Recent ones include:

- "Navigating Perpetual Mental Health Issues in a Pandemic," John Westefeld
- "Critical Race Theory," Victor Ray and Venice Berry
- "How Technologies Are Changing the Way We Think," Juan Pablo Hourcade

Outings

The following two outings are specifically for UIRA members. If you are interested in additional outdoor activities offered by Johnson County Conservation, visit www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/conservation/newsletters.

Cangleska Wakan Ephemeral Forest Hike

Monday, May 16, 10:30 a.m., 4045 245th St. NE, Solon, IA 52333 (off Sugar Bottom Rd.)

Join your UIRA friends and a Johnson County conservationist for a spring hike in Cangleska Wakan, the Johnson County Conservation's newest park. The area shares a boundary with the 80-acre wooded Big Grove Preserve owned and managed by the Bur Oak Land Trust. More details will follow in the April and May issues of *The Gray Hawk*.



Kayaking at Kent Park Lake

Tuesday, June 2, 2048 Hwy. 6 NW, Oxford, IA 52322

For adventurous UIRA members, Johnson County Conservation will offer an introductory kayak outing for kayakers from inexperienced beginner to experienced. Watch upcoming issues of *The Gray Hawk* for more details.

Emeritus Faculty Council Lecture

Centennial Tensions: A Wider Reckoning with the History of the University of Iowa's Theatre Arts Department

Kim Marra, professor emeritus of theatre arts and American studies

Thursday, March 24, 4:00 p.m. (Refreshments, 3:30 p.m.)

In person: Kollros Auditorium (101 Biology Building East)

Zoom: <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/96680951527?pwd=TXgrUjVnVVhOT3NHaeE1xZEFMTmxXOT09>

(a recording will be posted on the EFC website after the event)

How does an academic department commemorate its history amid this world-changing time of COVID-19 and ever more urgent need for greater diversity, equity, and inclusion? How can it muster remembrance to account for its past at a predominately white, Midwestern land-grant institution while engaging current perspectives and future challenges?

This presentation reconsiders the historical record to mark the centennial of the UI Theatre Arts Department. Given that theatre in the department's early decades was a more socially prominent as well as quintessentially in-person public activity, and theatre classes and play productions happened in the heart of campus, the department's history offers an especially resonant case study of commemorative reckoning for the wider university community.



Kim Marra (photo by Jill Tobin)

UIRA President's Column
UI Springs Forward

Early spring is a time of rebirth, renewal, and hope. As snow melts, a hint of green appears in dormant lawns, tree buds fatten, and birds chirp as the sun dawns. I welcome the early morning in late February when the sun rises between two large trees at my home. For a few days, vibrant colors on the horizon predict days of warmth and outdoor activity. I was delighted at the sun's position this morning, as it symbolized new beginnings for UIRA.

UIRA is springing forward in many ways to a bright new future. The **Nominating Committee** has finalized the ballot for board members and officers for the 2022-2023 year. The ballot will be presented for approval at the March board meeting. Details about elections will follow in the April issue of *The Gray Hawk*. Thank you to the committee and to nominees for sharing their time and talents.

This month UIRA will offer two programs via zoom. **Dan Clay**, dean of the College of Education, and **Allison Bruhn**, executive director, will provide an overview of the new Iowa Center for School Mental Health on March 3. Emeritus Professor **Judy Polumbaum** will show pictures of politics and protest from her social activist-photojournalist father's work on March 17. Please review program details on page 1 of this issue of *The Gray Hawk*.

The **Awards Committee** is in the final selection process to acknowledge two outstanding volunteers, one for service to the University of Iowa and one for service to the community. Award recipients will be announced at the annual meeting.

The **Program Committee** is working on a slate of informative, entertaining programs for the rest of the year. The UIRA Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom in the same format that was used last year.

Thank you to members of these committees for ending the year with a strong finish.

As this year ends, UIRA will begin anew. I am delighted to announce that **UIRA will begin a formal affiliation with the University of Iowa through the Center for Advancement (UICA)** in July. UICA will provide technical assistance with membership invitations, dues collection, communications with members through emails and other

electronic materials, and a new website. The university is providing this service to UIRA. Details will be finalized this spring. Be sure to read upcoming issues of *The Gray Hawk* for further information about this partnership.

Save the Date!

The UIRA Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, June 16, 11:00 a.m. to noon via Zoom. A link will be sent out closer to that date.

Enjoy Spring!
—Carolyn Wanat

Food Pantry & Clothing Closet Need Your Help

Hunger and lack of basic needs shouldn't stand in the way of being a successful Hawkeye. Of the students who use the Food Pantry at Iowa, 58% report being hungry but not having eaten due to lack of money for food. The UI Food Pantry provides nutritious food and necessities to UI students, faculty, and staff. The Clothing Closet provides students with access to quality, new or used, professional clothing at no cost.

How can you help? The Food Pantry is in need of hygiene products, pet food, and non-perishable items. Monetary donations are always welcome. The Clothing Closet accepts business attire such as blazers, suits, socks, shoes, formal shirts, and dress pants. In addition, both services need volunteers to staff shifts during operating hours. Volunteers will help stock shelves, supervise, greet, and assist clients. To volunteer, please contact: studorg-foodpantry@uiowa.edu or studorg-thecloset@uiowa.edu.

For More Info

Food Pantry at Iowa

imu.uiowa.edu/food/food-pantry

Clothing Closet (imu.uiowa.edu/services/clothing-closet)

Both services are student organizations run entirely by students and volunteers and funded by UI Student Government, grants, and donations.



One Day for Iowa

Mark your calendar! One Day for Iowa, the UI's 24-hour online giving day, is Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

Last year UIRA members contributed more than \$1,000 to the UIRA Scholarship Fund. Let's see if we can increase our fund again this year.

Beginning March 1, you may contribute to the organization's scholarship fund at <https://1day.uiowa.edu> under the featured areas section of the page, UIRA Scholarship Fund. Thank you!

Send Us Your Ideas

Have an idea for an upcoming UIRA program? We'd love to hear from you! Send your idea to Sam Cochran, UIRA past president and chair of the Program Committee, at sam-cochran@uiowa.edu.



Welcome, New Members

Lisa Ingram
Academic Advising Center/Provost

Todd Ingram
College of Nursing

Pamela McComas
Staff Nurse

Mark E. Sadewasser
Information Technology Services



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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.