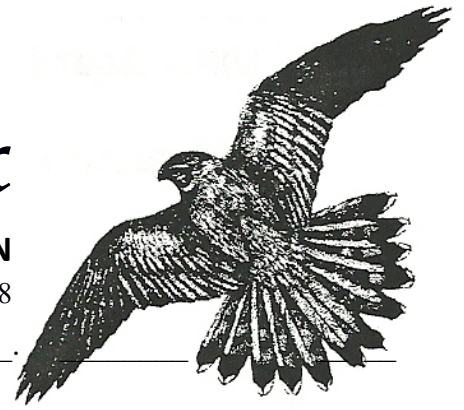


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April-May Programming

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 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."



Alta Medea

First 100 Days

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

Expect the Zoom link on May 9. If you lose the link, contact Lesanne Fliehler, lesanne-fliehler@uiowa.edu.

When **Meghann Foster** took office as mayor on January 1, 2022, she became the first female mayor in Coralville's 148-year history. Meghann has been a Coralville resident since 2001. She is the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Domestic Violence



Meghann Foster

Intervention Program (DVIP) and teaches strategic communication and social media marketing at the University of Iowa's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She holds a master's in Strategic Communication from Washington State University and a bachelor's from the University of Iowa. In addition to serving as Coralville mayor, she is a member of the Coralville Community Food Pantry Board of Directors, advisor to the Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition, and serves on the Johnson County Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Policy Board. Her family includes her husband and five children.

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, 10:00 a.m.-noon, 4045 245th St. NE, Solon, IA 52333 (off Sugar Bottom Rd.)

Join your UIRA friends and Johnson County conservationist/education specialist Marci Trana for a spring hike in Cangleska Wakan, the Johnson County Conservation's newest park. We plan to enjoy a curated hike around the property guided by Marci.

There are picnic locations in the park, so plan to bring a sack lunch and share some outdoor time with your UIRA friends following the hike. Directions to the Cangleska Wakan will be provided in the May issue of *The Gray Hawk*.



Kayaking at Kent Park Lake

Tuesday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.-noon, 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. Details for registration will be in the May issue of *The Gray Hawk*.

Recent Recordings

Recordings are posted on the UIRA webpage at <https://uira.org.uiowa.edu/programs-and-events>. If you couldn't attend the Zoom session, you'll want to check out these recent lectures:

- "IowaRISE and the UI Public Policy Center," Peter Damiano
- "The Iowa Center for School Mental Health," Allison Bruhn
- "Politics and Protest in Pictures," Judy Polumbaum

Emeritus Faculty Council Lecture

Empowering a Victim of Domestic Violence to Terminate a Lease

Shelly Kurtz, David H. Vernon Professor Emeritus, College of Law
Thursday, April 21, 4:00 p.m.

In person: Kollros Auditorium (101 Biology Building East)

Zoom: <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/93989404036?pwd=TGkzYitOSWdaUEOrWGFwRG94WlpUdz09>


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



Shelly Kurtz

In most states, tenants who are victims of domestic violence have NO right to terminate their leases. This forces victims to choose between remaining in their homes and risking more violence and possibly death, or leaving their apartments and incurring substantial debt to their landlords for unpaid rents. Reforming landlord tenant law to allow tenants who are victims of domestic violence to terminate their leases without owing further rents seems like a sensible solution. As with all reforms there is another side to the story—the landlord’s side—and so the reform is designed to create some balance and protection for landlords as well.

Welcome, New Members



Dwight Barnes, Surgery
Philip Beck, College of Law Library
Wayne A. Bowers, Psychiatry
Dorina Forkenbrock, Spouse
Robert From, Anesthesia
Chris Goerdt, Internal Medicine
JoAnn Goerdt, Spouse
Chauncey G. Jones, Physics and Astronomy
Linda Jones, Division of Sponsored Programs
Bob Kinney, Spouse
Kathy Kral, Office of Student Financial Aid
Jeff Lipcamon, Emergency Medicine
Elizabeth Nockunas Luers, UIHC Patient Financial Services
Laurence McFerren, Main OR
Cynthia Ann Neuzil, Nursing
Michael J. Neuzil, Spouse
Bonnie Penno, Spouse
Mark Penno, Tippie College of Business Accounting Dept.
Cynthia Pickett, UIHC Orthopedic Dept.
Scott Temple, Psychiatry
Phyllis Truesdale, Health Information Management
Anne Wallace, Communication Sciences and Disorders

UIRA President's Column

April—A Time of New Beginnings

Daffodils are nosing out of the ground, grass is greening, and red-winged blackbirds chatter to announce their return. Spring, if not here, must be around the next corner. It's good to be outside, dressed in fewer layers and enjoying longer daylight hours. Symbolically, April represents new life and our need for balance. It is a time for growth and moving forward in positive ways.

UIRA continues to move forward positively and creatively. Two years ago this month, all in-person activities were cancelled with the hope that it would be safe to meet in person by September. Last April, there was hope that we would be meeting with fewer constraints this year. While we continue to be cautious, this spring we are offering a balance of Zoom and in-person events. On April 14, **Alta Medea** and **Lia Parillo** will give a presentation on domestic violence and human trafficking. On May 11, **Meghann Foster** will reflect on her first 100 days as Coralville major. We hope you can join us for these two Zoom presentations. In May and June there will be outdoor adventures. On May 16, members can meet at the Cangleska Wakan Ephemeral Forest for a hike. On June 2, members can meet at Kent State Park to kayak.

As we prepare for the 2022-2023 year, the slate of officers has been approved by the board. An electronic ballot will arrive in your inbox this spring. Please vote by the deadline. We will close out the year's programming at the June 16 annual meeting via Zoom. We hope to see you virtually and in person at all the spring activities. For now, let's spend some time outside enjoying the sunshine, sounds of spring, and insights about the positives in our lives.

Enjoy Spring!

—Carolyn Wanat

Join a Committee and Send Us Your Ideas

There is always room for members who would like to be more involved in the UIRA, whether that is serving on the Program Planning Committee or helping to select our annual UI and service award winners, for example. Or do you have an idea for an upcoming UIRA program? Send your willingness to serve or your program idea to Sam Cochran, UIRA past president, at sam-cochran@uiowa.edu.

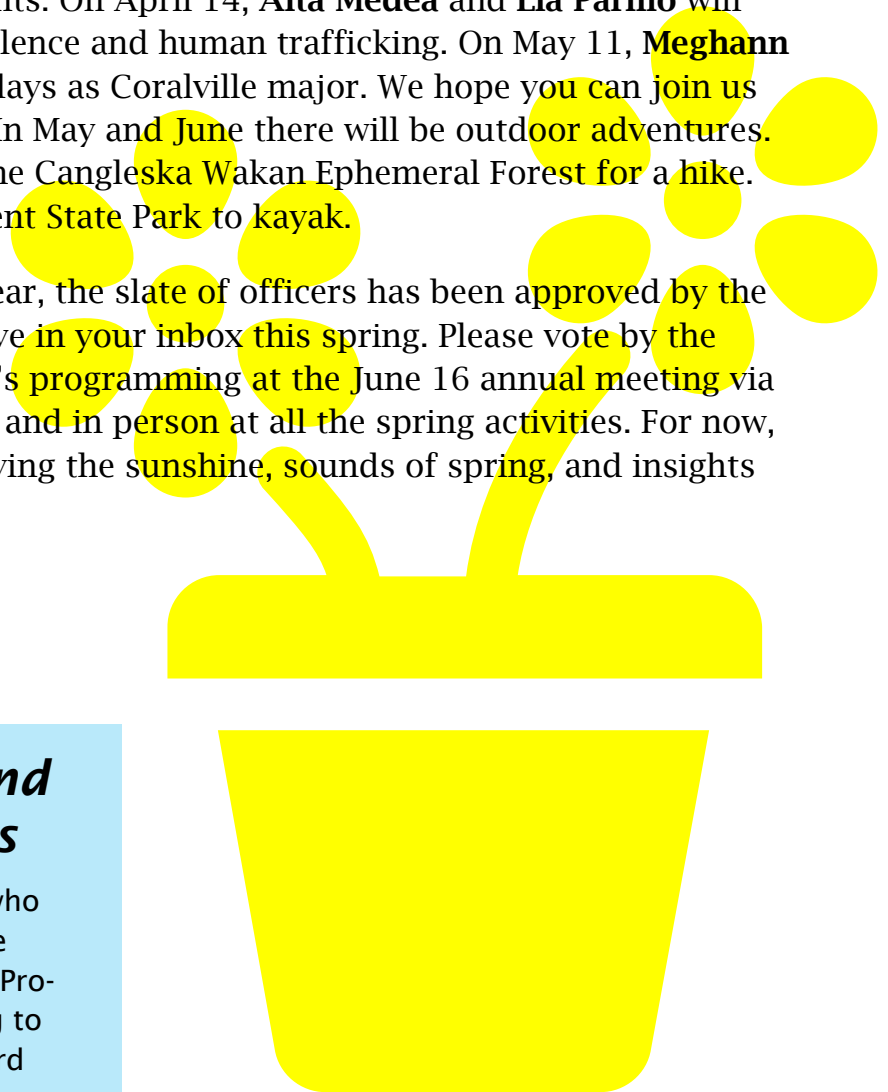


Photo Contest Results Are In!

One of the highlights of the annual business meeting and luncheon is seeing some of the photos taken by UIRA members. Because we will not have that meeting in person again this year, we are running the winners in this and the May issues of *The Gray Hawk*. Hills Bank & Trust was again the prize sponsor. Thank you to **Jan Lawler**, who coordinated the contest, and to **Larry Mendenhall** and **Tim Schoon**, this year's judges.

Here are the winners for the three categories and the first-place photos in each category. We'll run photos more in the May issue of *The Gray Hawk*.



International Photos

First Place (above): John Donelson, *Lonely Canadian Tree*. Judges' comments: Beautiful picture. Beautiful light. Nice composition. Nice and clean.

Second Place: John Moyers, *Street Artist in Helsinki*

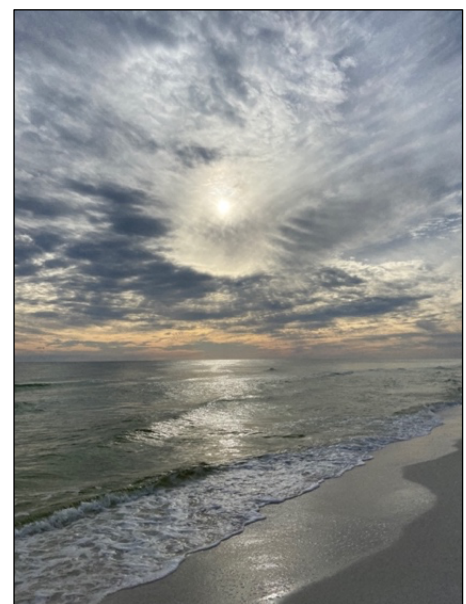
Third Place: Rose Meyer, *Mt. Kilimanjaro*

USA Photos

First Place (right): Linda Muston, *A Glimpse of Heaven*. Judges' comments: We liked the overall feel of this photo and the lines within it. The line of the surge hitting the sand. The line of light reflected off the water. The balance of exposure between the bright sun and the darker water is well done as well.

Second Place: KE Renquist, *Monument of the Prairie*

Third Place: Catherine Blando, *Christmas Day 2021 Sunset in Carefree, Arizona*



Iowa Photos

First Place: Doug Brenner, *Christmas Decorations on a Solstice Walk*.

Judges' comments: *Christmas Decorations on a Solstice Walk* is just a fun jumble of light and color and holiday spirit. It caught our eye right away.

Second Place: Lucille Heitman, *Iowa City Sunrise*

Third Place: Bobbi Kruse, *Signs of Loved Ones Past*



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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.