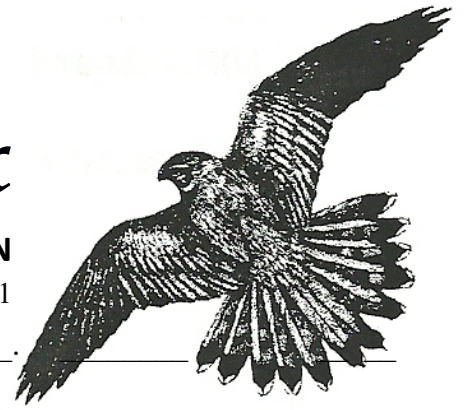


# The Gray Hawk

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## September-October Programming

### Two Horse Farm Guided Hike

Friday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.-noon,

2257 Sugar Bottom Road NE, Solon, Iowa (see map: <https://tinyurl.com/5f7rajwy>)

### Registration

Use the form at the URL below to register.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc3mbnup>

Join your UIRA friends and **Frances Owen**, a Johnson County Conservation (JCC) education specialist, for a guided hike at Two Horse Farm, the JCC's newest park. There are picnic locations in the park, so bring a sack lunch to enjoy following the hike. Directions: Turn off Mehaffy Bridge Road onto Sugar Bottom Road and continue to 2257 Sugar Bottom Road. You can also turn

off Route 1 onto Newport Road and then on to Sugar Bottom Road. A sign will be placed at the driveway on Sugar Bottom Road to indicate the location. Follow the driveway to the farm.

### Update on the New Stanley Museum of Art

**Lauren Lessing**, director of the UI Stanley Museum of Art

Friday, October 21, 1:30 p.m. [via Zoom](#)

*Expect the Zoom link on October 19. If you lose the link, contact Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash, [van-allen-shalash@uiowa.edu](mailto:van-allen-shalash@uiowa.edu).*

### Collection Highlights Tour

Tuesday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.

Stanley Museum of Art, [in person](#)

*RSVP by October 10 to Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash, [van-allen-shalash@uiowa.edu](mailto:van-allen-shalash@uiowa.edu).*



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Lauren Lessing

**Lauren Lessing** became the director of the UI Stanley Museum of Art in July 2018. Her experience includes many years working in art museums, including the Art Institute of Chicago, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, and the Colby College Museum of Art in Waterville, Maine, where she built the education department and created a host of innovative educational programs. Her parents—both artists—were students of the UI museum's first director, Ulfert Wilke, and she has loved the UI and Iowa City since her first visit here in 2002. Lessing has shaped an ambitious vision that includes a mission to transform lives by connecting the UI community, Iowans, and the world with extraordinary works of art. A native Midwesterner, Lessing earned a B.A. in fine art at Earlham College and completed her Ph.D. in art history at Indiana University under the guidance of Sarah Burns. She has curated exhibitions and authored many books, articles, and catalogue essays on various topics in American art.



## ***Mark Your Calendar Now!***

### **Making the Right Health Insurance Decision**

**Gary Schwartz**, SHIP counselor

Thursday, November 3, 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

### **UI Benefits/Health Alliance Presentation**

**Sonatina Fernandes**, UI benefits specialist, and **Anne Thurston**, community and broker liaison with Health Alliance Medical Plans

Thursday, November 10, 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

### **A Conversation with UI President Barbara Wilson**

Thursday, December 1, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

## ***Emeritus Faculty Council Lecture***

### **Climate Change and Our Future**

**Jerald Schnoor**, Ph.D., Allen S. Henry Chair in Engineering; Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering; Professor, Occupational & Environmental Health; Co-Director, Center for Global & Regional Environmental Research

Thursday, September 15, 4:00 p.m.

Kollros Auditorium (101 Biology Building East)

U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres called the recent U.N. report on climate change a “code red for humanity.” Among its many findings, “It is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean, and land.” Furthermore, greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide are at their highest concentration in the atmosphere for at least 2 million years; methane and nitrous oxide are the most in more than 800,000 years; and our average temperature on Earth is the warmest in at least 2,000 years. All are increasing steadily. This talk will project where we are going, what we should expect, and what we can do about it.



**Jerald Schnoor**

## ***Annual Meeting PowerPoint Slides Available Online***

For the second year in a row due to COVID-19, the UIRA Annual Meeting was held virtually via Zoom. The PowerPoint slides used during the meeting are serving as informal minutes of the meeting. A downloadable version is available on the UIRA website at <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu>, under the Meetings and Minutes section. Click on Minutes under June 2022-Annual Reports. Want more details about last year? There are annual reports from UIRA committees available there, too.

## *A Short Message from the New UIRA President*

Greetings, members of the University of Iowa Retirees Association. I am **Ed Dove**, the president of UIRA from July 1, 2022, until June 30, 2023. I want to thank the members of the association for their continued support and to welcome new members to the association.

The 2021-2022 UIRA president, **Carolyn Wanat**, was a great model for me. She was an effective and productive leader, who was gracious in her interaction with UIRA members and university personnel. I think that we all should be thankful that she was our leader during this past year that included pandemic-related difficulties.

Of course, she is an English teacher, so her writings were interesting and well worth reading. I am an old biomedical engineer, but I promise not to include too many equations in whatever I write to the UIRA membership.

It has been a pleasure this past year working with the Board of Directors and the Program Committee. The board has been hard at work promoting the association with the university and community and administering the limited funds of the association. The Program Committee has been planning and arranging relevant and useful programs that UIRA has offered and will continue to offer its members. The committee has already planned many of this coming year's programs. **Because of the continued prevalence of COVID-19 variants, some of the programs will be via Zoom, but we feel that it is time that selected programs and activities be in person.** In either case, it should be an enjoyable and educational year of UIRA programs.

Other UIRA committees include the Budget, Membership, Nominating, and Awards committees. Participation in committee work is a pleasurable and satisfying way to contribute to our fellow retiree colleagues and to remain relevant to the university. I encourage everyone to consider sharing your talents, time, and interests by becoming a member of one (or more) of the UIRA committees.

Feel free to contact me at [edwin-dove@uiowa.edu](mailto:edwin-dove@uiowa.edu). Thank you, and let us all enjoy the sun coming up in the mornings.



Ed Dove

### ***UIRA Committees Seek Members***

Interested in joining a UIRA committee?  
Please join us! Information about each committee is available on the UIRA website under Article VII of the Bylaws at <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/bylaws>.

**Test Question of the Month:** What are your favorite songs from your teenage years that you still rock out to when no one else is listening? Send your reply to *The Gray Hawk* editor, **Lesanne Fliehler**, at [lesanne-fliehler@uiowa.edu](mailto:lesanne-fliehler@uiowa.edu), and we'll run some responses in the next issue.

—Ed Dove

## ***Welcome to Our New UIRA Members***

**Lisa Bartruff**, Pediatrics—NICU  
**Debra Beadle**, UIHC Digestive Health  
**Carol R. Bontrager**, Neurosurgery  
**Debra Brandt**, OB-GYN  
**Chris Peterson Brus**, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)  
**David Calvert**, Carver College of Medicine Administration  
**Anne Dengler**, Internal Medicine  
**Ricky Lee Dillinger**, Athletics—Softball  
**Gayle Gilbaugh**, Pediatric Dentistry  
**Ken Gilbaugh**, Spouse  
**Renee Gould**, UIHC Nursing  
**Ann Kunkel**, Admissions  
**Gregory A. Miller**, Spouse  
**Judy A. Miller**, Pediatrics  
**Marguerite Miller**, UI Libraries  
**Susan C. Miller**, UIHC Nursing  
**John C. Reitz**, College of Law  
**Sharyn H. Reitz**, Spouse  
**Constance A. Schriver Cervantes**, Office of Institutional Equity  
**Sharon K. Seydel**, College of Dentistry—Dental Research  
**Thomas J. Seydel**, UIHC Processed Stores  
**Janette Y. Taylor**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences—  
Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies  
**Sue Weinberg**, UIHC Patient Financial Services  
**Jane Widmer**, UIHC Nursing  
**Cathy Wilcox**, Student Financial Aid  
**David G. Wilder**, Carver Department of Biomedical Engineering  
**Kathleen H. Wilder**, Spouse



### ***Membership Dues***

Thank you to those who have responded to the UIRA membership renewal reminder. If you received a reminder, but have not yet sent in your renewal, a second reminder will be sent out shortly. Renewals can be made for three years at \$25 or for one year at \$10. If you have questions about your membership, contact Lois Lembke at [lois-lembke@uiowa.edu](mailto:lois-lembke@uiowa.edu).

### ***Phone a Friend***

Do you have a friend who is a UI retiree or a recent retiree from another business? Encourage them to join UIRA! UI retirees join as regular members, and we have affiliate (nonvoting) memberships for those who retired from another enterprise. More details are available online at the UIRA website at <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu>.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023**  
(year term on board expires)

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Vicki Siefers	Director (2024)
Mike Hovland	Director (2025)
Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash	Director (2025)
TBD	EFC representative (ex-officio)

*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.*