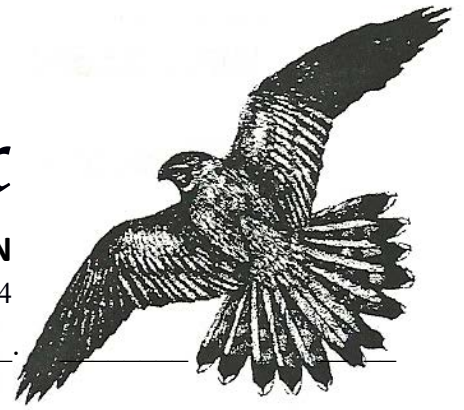


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December Programming

A Conversation with UI President Barbara Wilson

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

Expect the Zoom link on November 29. If you lose the link, contact Ed Dove, edwin-dove@uiowa.edu.

Dr. Barbara J. Wilson is the 22nd president of the University of Iowa. She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism and master's and PhD degrees in communication arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She came to Iowa having served as the executive vice president/vice president for academic affairs of the University of Illinois System. Prior to that, she served in several administrative positions, including interim chancellor, at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she was a member of the communication faculty for 21 years.



Barbara Wilson

Hancher Auditorium: A Conversation with André Perry

Tuesday, December 6, 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Expect the Zoom link on December 4. If you lose the link, contact Ellen Herman, ellen-herman@uiowa.edu.



Joseph Cress photo

André Perry

In August 2005, **André Perry** moved to Iowa City from San Francisco to pursue an MFA in the University of Iowa's Nonfiction Writing Program. He has had a range of leadership positions in the area. He was the executive director of the Englert Theatre for 11 years, and he is co-founder of the Mission Creek and Witching Hour festivals. In 2021, André joined the University of Iowa's Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, serving as its director of arts, engagement, and inclusion and as the senior advisor to the associate vice president and to the executive officer of diversity, equity, and inclusion. In May 2022, André was named the Chuck Swanson executive director of Hancher Auditorium and the executive director of the Office of Performing Arts and Engagement. Perry serves on numerous boards, including the National Independent Venue Association, Arts Midwest, and Iowa Arts Council.

As an MFA graduate of Iowa's Nonfiction Writing Program, he continues to remain connected to students as a visiting adjunct assistant professor at the university. A range of past leadership experiences in the arts helps inform André's work at Hancher.

Upcoming UIRA Programming

Lulu Merle Johnson: Our County's New Namesake

Tuesday, January 17, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Presentation by retired UI archivist **David McCartney** and **Royceann Porter**, chair of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.



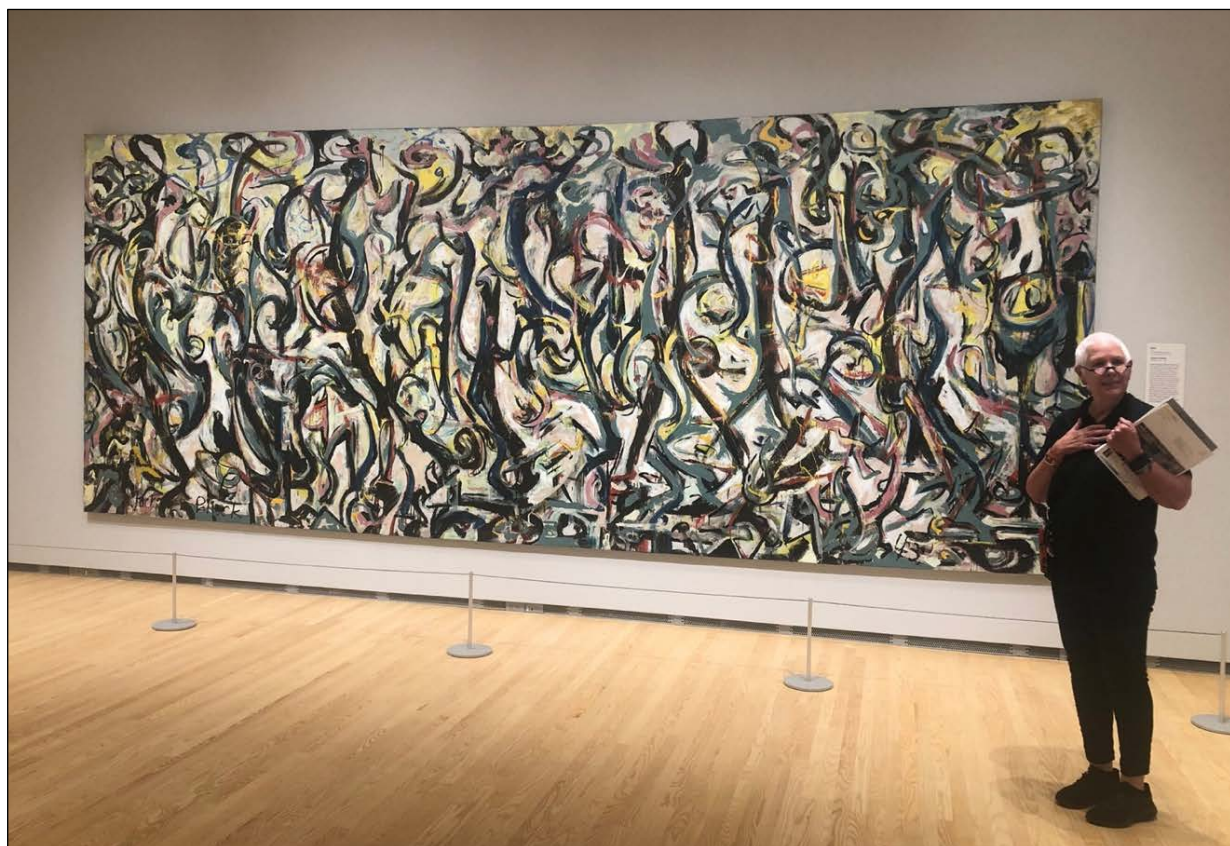
Lulu in cap and gown

Recent UIRA Event Recordings

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

Recent recordings include:

- ▣ "An Update on the Stanley Museum of Art," Lauren Lessing
- ▣ "Making the Right Health Insurance Decision," Gary Schwartz
- ▣ "UI Health Insurance Options for Retirees," Rebecca Olson, Sonatina Fernandes, and Anne Thurston (and the Q&A from the chat)



A Homecoming of Sorts

Three groups of UIRA members (about 40) enjoyed touring the new Stanley Museum of Art in October, led by well-educated docents. What a joy to see Jackson Pollock's Mural back! If you missed the UIRA tours, you may request one. The minimum for a guided tour is five. Docents will be assigned as needed for larger groups. Check the website for information or contact Amanda Lensing at amanda-lensing@uiowa.edu.

Many Changes Happening and Many Changes to Come

Greetings to our friends in the UIRA.

The snow is falling, the trees are beautiful when covered in white, and thankfully I can no longer see the leaves that are still on my lawn. Sometimes it is a pleasure to experience nature's cycles.

Meet Kellie Digmann

I've worked at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for 8 years before accepting the Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) position for the UI Retirees Association and UI Staff Council. I'm honored to have been selected for this position and all it has to offer, and I was humbled to have met President Wilson my first week. I was born and raised in Williamsburg, Iowa. I received my Bachelor of Arts in business administration and marketing from Coe College in Cedar Rapids. Shortly after graduating, I met my husband. We just celebrated 15 years of marriage in August and are living in North Liberty where we enjoy chasing around our children Kahne (14) and Kadence (12) who play basketball, baseball, football, and cheer. I am so excited to be here and look forward to working with such a great group of people! Go Hawks!



The Board of Directors has been busy planning and implementing the transition from the old system we've used for decades to accomplish UIRA's required bookkeeping to a new more modern and efficient system. I am happy to report that the transition is proceeding apace. We are modernizing and updating our web presence, increasing the efficiency and professionalism of our publications, and changing the method that we use to collect dues to make it easier to maintain accurate membership rolls. Board members are also finding ways to increase UIRA's presence and influence in the life of the university. Our hope is that these efforts will result in UIRA's ability to offer richer and more varied programs for our membership.

For now, however, we will continue to collect dues and do the bookkeeping as we have done in the past. Our plans are to make the transition from the old system to the new system after the first of the year. I will make sure that everyone is well-educated and well-prepared before making the transition. From the perspective of the typical UIRA member, the new method of maintaining membership rolls and collecting dues is going to be simpler, easier to use, and require much less time and effort than the old method. From the perspective of the volunteers who have been doing the time-consuming work of maintaining membership accounts, updating the website, and publishing the newsletter, the addition of Kellie Digmann as UIRA's administrative services coordinator (ASC) has been, as one UIRA member put it, "rescuing and rejuvenating." I agree. We hope you

have noticed the professional look of our recent emails to you and gorgeous pictures of campus.

Read Kellie's message (above) and welcome her to our team (kellie-digmann@uiowa.edu).

Best wishes to all. Keep warm.

—Ed

Nominations for Community Service and Volunteer Service Awards

Each year two UIRA members are honored for their volunteer service post-retirement.

The Community Service Award honors a UIRA member for service to the community at large and the university award honors a UIRA member for service to the university.

Volunteer service may include a wide range of activities that make a positive impact. The criteria for the award are:

- A nominee must be a UIRA member and must have been retired for a period of at least two (2) years.
- The awards are based on outstanding service carried out since retirement. Activities prior to retirement are not considered.
- Volunteer service may include a wide range of activities that make a positive impact.
- Recipients must attend the annual meeting to accept the award.

Any UIRA member may submit a nomination, including nominating 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, mailing address, email address, and phone number.

Nominations are due Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Submit nominations to Awards Committee chair Billie Townsend at cheespeedy@msn.com.



Senior College Sets Lineup of Courses for Spring 2023

Senior College courses will once again cover a range of topics. From America's first stage stars to today's Broadway musicals, from art forgeries to human anatomy, from the history of Iowa's land to the protection of agriculturists' health, there is a course for everyone. Twelve different courses will run from late January to mid May.

Registration Details

Tuesday, January 3: Course descriptions, dates, times, and instructor information will be available on the Senior College webpage: <https://www.foriowa.org/senior-college>.

Monday, January 9: Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.

Hills Bank Again Sponsors UIRA Photo Contest This Year

UIRA is excited to announce that Hills Bank will be sponsoring the annual UIRA photo contest this year. Contest rules and procedures are featured below and in the box at right. Please review them carefully, and we hope you will consider submitting photos this year.

- There is no restriction on the content of photos. They may involve people, places, nature, things, etc.
- Photographs must be submitted in digital format. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted.
- Photos need not be taken with a digital camera; scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographic prints are acceptable.
- All digital files should be 5 megabytes or smaller and in JPEG or JPG format.
- Photos may be cropped. Digitally enhanced or altered photos will not be accepted. But minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast and slight color adjustment or the digital equivalents, are acceptable.
- Entrants may submit one photo in one or more of the three travel categories. Thus, a person may submit up to but no more than a total of three photos in the contest—one in each of the three categories. Of course, a person may submit fewer photos than the maximum allowed.
- Disguising or misrepresenting the origin of content is cause for disqualification.
- Previously submitted photos may not be entered in subsequent contests.

ENTRY TIMELINE

- Photographs must have been taken within two years before the date of entry.
- The contest **entry deadline each year is January 31.**

SUBMITTING PHOTOS

- Photos should be sent via email to uira.photo.contest@gmail.com. **Photos will not be accepted through U.S. mail.**
- When submitting photos, an entrant must include (1) name, (2) email address, (3) number of photos submitted, (4) category in which each photo is to be judged, and

Contest Details

Sponsors: UIRA and Hills Bank and Trust Co.

Eligibility: Only current UIRA members are eligible, including UIRA officers. Individuals directly involved in managing the contest are not eligible.

Entry Fee: None

Photo Categories: There are three categories of travel photos, all locational:

- Iowa—photos taken in the state of Iowa
- United States—photos taken in the U.S. but outside Iowa
- International—photos taken outside of the U.S.



(5) brief captions for each photo (or group of photos). While brief, captions should be complete and accurate and describe the contents of the photos.

■ Once a photo is uploaded to the contest site, it is considered a final submission and may not be modified or edited or replaced.

JUDGING AND CRITERIA

■ Judging will be done by photographers not affiliated with the UIRA.

■ There are three criteria:

Originality—Each photo must be original, that is, the work of the entrant.

Creativity—Creative photos will diverge from traditional methods of presenting ideas and messages, due perhaps to an unexpected angle or focus on a detail usually ignored.

Photo Quality—High-quality photos are well composed with a clear focal point. Unless special effects are intended, photos should not be blurry or overly dark or light.



2022 First Place, Iowa Photo Category: Doug Brenner, Christmas Decorations on a Solstice

WINNERS & PRIZES

■ 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-prize winners will be selected in each category.

■ To honor as many entrants as possible, an individual photographer will be recognized only once among the nine 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-prize winners across the three categories.

■ Winners will be announced in April of each year.

■ Winning photos will be posted each year on the UIRA website.

■ In addition, each winner will receive a prize (to be announced).

LIABILITIES & RIGHTS

■ Entrants retain ownership of and all copyright and other intellectual property rights for their photos.

■ By entering the contest, entrants acknowledge that submitted photos are original works created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.

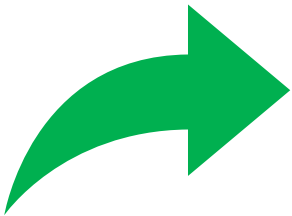
■ The UIRA assumes no liability or responsibility for any loss or harm resulting from any user's participation in or attempt to participate in the contest or ability or inability to upload, download, or otherwise access any information in connection with the contest.

UIRA Members Support the University of Iowa

Flipping into Finals Pancake Breakfast

Calling all UIRA members! The UI Retirees Association is signing up to help with this fall's Flipping into Finals Pancake Breakfast on Monday, December 12, 6:30-10:30 a.m. Students will enjoy this free, catered breakfast as they take a break from studying for finals.

We will be working the 9-10:30 a.m. time slot. Our duties may include serving food, replenishing food supplies, wiping tables, picking up trash (custodians will help with this, too), and counting attendees.



Please sign up to support the UI students by emailing Lesanne Fliehler, lesanne-fliehler@uiowa.edu.

Help Fight Food Insecurity Within the UI Community

The Food Pantry, established in 2016, supports UI students who may be unable to pay for the necessities to survive while attending college. In addition, the pantry is open to UI faculty and staff to make sure that no one goes hungry or sacrifices a healthy diet.

Certain nonperishable food items are always needed (pasta, rice, potatoes, etc.), but there is a need for fresh produce, hygiene products, and nonfood items (dish soap, foil, plastic wrap, etc.).



To learn more about donating and to check lists of needed items, visit <https://imu.uiowa.edu/imu-services/food-pantry-iowa/donate-pantry>.

Hawkeyes for Charity 2022 Fall Giving Season Is Underway

The Hawkeyes for Charity 2022 fall giving season is here! The United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties, Iowa Shares, and CHC: Creating Healthier Communities make a big difference by offering opportunities for kids in need, working to ensure clean air and water, and aiding people who are experiencing financial or medical difficulties.

Many retirees gave to the campaign as employees. If you'd like to continue giving to the work of these nonprofit organizations in our community, you can. Visit <https://www.unitedwayjwc.org> or <https://fallgiving.sites.uiowa.edu> (for Iowa Shares and CHC).

Welcome, New UIRA Members!

Patricia Bahr, Center for Disabilities and Development

Druet Cameron Klugh, Law Library

Marla Rosenblum, HR Administration/Staff Council



University of Iowa Retirees Association

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023

(year term on board expires)

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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.