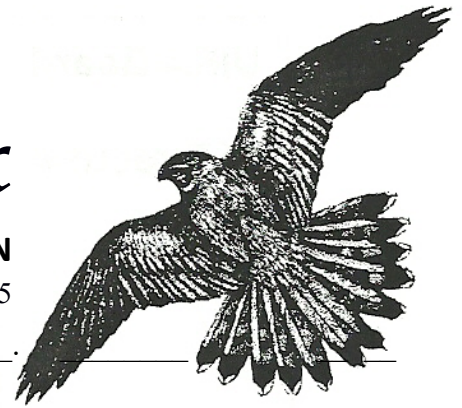


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January Programming

Lulu Merle Johnson: Our County's New Namesake

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

Expect the Zoom link on January 15. If you lose the link, contact Nancy Langguth, nancy-langguth@uiowa.edu.

Learn more about Lulu Merle Johnson, Ph.D. (1907-1995), a lifelong educator for whom Johnson County, Iowa, is now named, thanks to a resolution passed by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors in 2021.

Dr. Johnson's roots run deep in Iowa. She was born in Gravity, in Taylor County, graduated from Clinton High School, and obtained three degrees from the State University of Iowa, including a Ph.D. in history in 1940, the first African American woman in Iowa to receive a doctorate degree in any field.

Royceann Porter, vice chairperson of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, and **David McCartney**, UI archivist emeritus, will recount Dr. Johnson's life, why she was selected to be the county's new namesake, and the public process undertaken by our Board of Supervisors to enact this.



Royceann Porter



David McCartney

Mark Your Calendars!

Overview of the UI's 10-Year Facilities Master Plan

Monday, February 6, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

Rod Lehnertz, senior vice president for finance and operations and UI architect

Psychological and Brain Sciences Research

Wednesday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

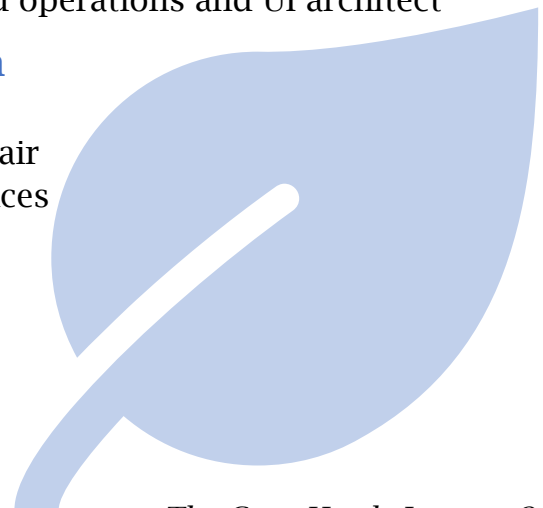
Mark Blumberg, F. Wendell Miller Professor and chair of the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

Tour of Hancher Auditorium

Wednesday, May 3, 1:00 p.m.

Phebe Timber Spring Hike

Friday, May 19, 9:00 a.m.



Stanley Museum of Art Post-Tour Survey and Recent UIRA Event Recordings

If you participated in the October 25 or November 18 tour of the Stanley Museum of Art, please respond to this Qualtrics survey. All responses are welcome. You'll find the survey at https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_02JPIafkzEgWnga.

Two recent program recordings are posted on the web at <https://uira.org.uiowa.edu/programs-and-events>. Recent recordings include:

- "A Conversation with UI President Barbara Wilson"
- "Hancher Auditorium: A Conversation with André Perry"

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.

Reminder: Photo Contest Deadline Is January 31

The deadline for the UIRA photo contest is approaching quickly. All submissions must be sent by January 31 via email to fliehler@gmail.com. (Note new address. Resubmit if you sent to the email listed in the December issue.) Photos will not be accepted through U.S. mail.

Contest Details

Deadline: January 31, 2023

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.

Entries must include (1) name, (2) email address, (3) number of photos submitted, (4) category in which each photo is to be judged, and (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.

For complete contest details, visit the UIRA website at <https://uira.org.uiowa.edu>.

UIRA President's Column

As We Look to the New Year and Spring Semester

Greetings one and all:

One of my responsibilities as UIRA president is to report on the activities of the Board of Directors. We have been busy making sure that the implementation of the modernizing initiative that we have been pursuing is progressing appropriately. We have solved the problems that we have had historically in confidently communicating with our members through email. We have solved most of the issues that relate to keeping track of the membership contact information. We have been fortunate to have Kellie help us with solutions to these problems. She has been a life-saver in many ways.

We are implementing and testing the software that will enable us to collect dues electronically (still only \$10 a year). We are getting ready to participate in a fund-raising event to contribute to our undergraduate scholarship fund. We are searching for new ways that UIRA can contribute to the Student Food Pantry and other needs of the university. We are planning the required end-of-year meeting.

The Program Committee has been busy organizing the second semester programs. The planned programs have all the right elements: they are exciting, stimulating, informative, and fun.

One of the fun UIRA activities this month has been helping serve a pancake-sausage breakfast to the UI students and faculty (see photos on page 5). Our role was to make sure that the IMU Main Lounge area in which the approximately 1,100 breakfasts were served was kept clean. During the breakfast I discovered that these students were still smiling, still laughing, and appeared to be happy here at Iowa, this even though the breakfast was held during final exam week.

The exciting part for me personally was interacting with the students. I found the students to be friendly, polite, appreciative of us “well-seasoned” folks serving them, and generally well-raised. I hear a lot about how this generation of young people is not up to certain standards—I do not see evidence that this is generally true. I am confident that eventually these young folks will do good things for our country.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, we wish everyone a happy new year, and we look forward to being able to eventually meet each other face-to-face. That darned COVID-19!

Best wishes to all,

—Ed

We Need Your Nominations for Community Service and Volunteer Service Awards

The Awards Committee needs your nominations! 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.

Welcome, New UIRA Members!

Lois Ahrens, Epidemiology, College of Public Health

Bruce Ahrens, spouse

Colleen Reardon, UIHC Cancer Center

LuAnn Robinson, Pathology

Terry Robinson, spouse

Jane Shuttleworth, University College, Iowa Lakeside Laboratory

Russell Surls, Vice President for Finance and Operations, Facilities Management

Don Yarbrough, Psychological & Quantitative Foundations

Nukhet Yarbrough, spouse

Pancake Breakfast a Flippin' Success

More than 1,100 UI students took a break from or had breakfast before their finals on Monday, December 12 in the IMU. Pancakes were professionally cooked and flipped, but 10 UIRA members helped bus tables. Many thanks to all of them for supporting the UI students: Dennis Domsic, Ed Dove, Lesanne Fliehler, Ellie Herman, Judie Hermsen, Mike Hovland, Diana Lundell, Jan Stewart, Todd Stewart, and Carolyn Wanat.



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