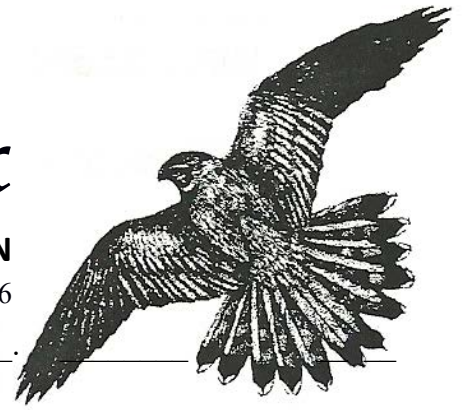


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February-March Programming

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

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

Expect the Zoom link on February 4. If you lose the link, contact Ellie Herman, ellie-herman@uiowa.edu.

The UI's 10-year facilities master plan will create much-needed academic space at the core of campus and modernize the delivery of education and patient care to Iowans. Projects included in the master plan, which will evolve and change, will be paid for with a mix of donor funding, state funding, hospital revenue, and other sources. Attendees will learn about specific new buildings planned, updates to current facilities, and more.



Rod Lehnertz

Since 2014, **Rod Lehnertz** has served as the UI senior vice president for Finance and Operations, with responsibility for most non-academic operations of the university. Additionally, he represents the institution as its university architect. Previously, Lehnertz was the director of Planning, Design and Construction in Facilities Management. His responsibilities included campus master planning, capital project management, and campus space management.

Inside the Hawkeye Marching Band

Tuesday, February 14, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Expect the Zoom link on February 12. If you lose the link, contact Alice Atkinson, alice-atkinson@uiowa.edu.

Discover the history and take an inside look at the Hawkeye Marching Band with the band's 13th director, Dr. Eric W. Bush, who has led the band since 2018. Founded in 1881, the 265-member Hawkeye Marching Band is the sound of Kinnick Stadium and the heartbeat of our university. We present pregame and halftime shows at all Iowa home football games, and at one or two away games each season. As the most visible ensemble in the School of Music and the largest student organization on campus, we bring all Hawkeyes together to Fight for Iowa. Comprised of students from nearly every major within the university, this time-honored organization combines quality musicianship, Hawkeye spirit, pride, and dedication to create their nationally renowned gridiron excitement.



Eric Bush

Dr. Eric W. Bush is associate director of bands and director of the Hawkeye Marching Band in the School of Music. He leads the athletic band program, conducts the Iowa Concert Band, and teaches, including marching band techniques and band arranging. Under his direction,

the Hawkeye Marching Band has earned national recognition for innovative show design, dynamic collaborations, and exponential growth in engagement among students, alumni, and the Hawkeye community. He holds degrees from Central Michigan University, University of Montana, and University of Iowa. Prior to his appointment at Iowa, he held faculty appointments at Suffolk County Community College, Cornell College, and Pennsylvania State University. He resides in Iowa City with his wife Alex and their son, Brecken.

Creating a More Resilient Community Food System in Johnson County

Tuesday, February 21, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Expect the Zoom link on February 19. If you lose the link, contact Alice Atkinson, alice-atkinson@uiowa.edu.

In the past, many Iowans grew their own food but today most land is farmed for corn and soybeans—animal feed and ethanol. It is estimated that up to 90% of the food we eat is imported from out of state while many people have little access to fresh fruit and vegetables. Field to Family (F2F) is a local nonprofit organization with a mission to create a more resilient, local, and healthy community food system. Its leadership and programs allow for Iowa-grown food to be enjoyed by families, served at schools, colleges, and universities, and to be donated to food banks and school backpack programs.

Michelle Kenyon is the executive director of F2F. Michelle has previously served as a member and chair of the Johnson County Food Policy Council from 2012 to 2020, a food and agricultural advisory board to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors. She has more than 20 years of experience in nonprofit management, working to increase environmental health through renewable energy, food system education, sustainable agriculture promotion, and local foods.



Michelle Kenyon

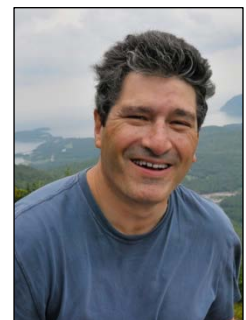
Why Do Babies Sleep Like Babies?

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

Expect the Zoom link on February 27. If you lose the link, contact Nancy Langguth, nancy-langguth@uiowa.edu.

It has long been known that we sleep most when we are young, but we still don't fully understand why. Blumberg will discuss some of the big questions about sleep in developing animals, including humans, and the ways that researchers in his lab are trying to answer them. He'll plan to provide answers to questions we may have about sleep across the lifespan. In addition, he will share information about other research going on in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences.

Mark Blumberg is the F. Wendell Miller Professor and chair of the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at the university. Blumberg received a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and postdoctoral training at Indiana University. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Psychological Association, past-president of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology, and former editor-in-chief of *Behavioral Neuroscience*.



Mark Blumberg

Other Upcoming Programs and Outings

Title IX and 50 Years of Women's Athletics at the University of Iowa

Monday, April 3, 10:00 a.m.

Tour of Hancher Auditorium

Wednesday, May 3, 11:00 a.m.

Phebe Timber Spring Hike

Monday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. *(note date and time change)*

Emeritus Faculty Council Lecture

Our Medical System Is Frayed: Why Did Humpty Dumpty Fall Off the Wall?

Victoria Sharp, M.D., M.B.A.

Professor Emeritus, Department of Urology

Acting Chief of Staff, Iowa City VA Healthcare System

Thursday, February 16, 4:00 p.m.

Kollros Auditorium (101 Biology Building East)



Victoria Sharp

Living in the United States, great health care is something we all expect to be available and reliable. Busy in our lives focusing on what is important to us and what we are good at, in general, you wouldn't think we would need to do much more than eat healthy, exercise, drink alcohol in moderation, and get our routine health preventive checkups and vaccines.

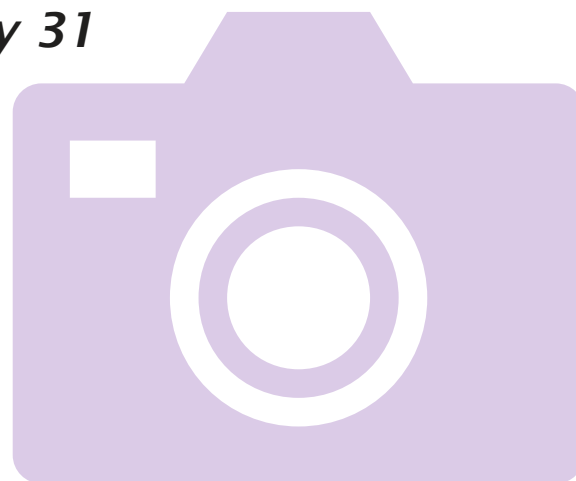
More is needed, because the challenges are complex in our ever-evolving fluid corporate, political, and cultural arenas. There are many causes; a few major ones affect us in Iowa more than in other states.

Photo Contest Deadline Is January 31

Deadline is almost here! Submit your photos to Lesanne Fliehler, fliehler@gmail.com. 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 this website:

<https://uira.shutterfly.com>.



UIRA President's Column

Continuing to Transition to New UIRA Procedures

Greetings, UIRA members:

I've been visiting family in Virginia where it has been warm and with a pleasant and peaceful rain. I am writing this as I am traveling back to the upper Midwest's January winter of cold and snow, but instead I read that there were recently tornadoes and temperatures in excess of 50 degrees. The weather seems to me to be unusually chaotic this year.

What is not chaotic is the work of the Board of Directors overseeing the transition from the old UIRA procedures to the new procedures. I am happy to report that the transition is proceeding as planned. The board anticipates implementing the change as soon as personnel are trained, and the new approach passes the review of professional editors. So far, so good. We are holding to the promise that the dues will be maintained at \$10 each year.

The Program Committee has been busy organizing the second semester programs. The board has chosen the leadership of the Membership, Awards, Nominating, and Budget committees. **If you are contacted to serve on one of these committees, I encourage you to agree to serve.** The few minutes spent as a member of a UIRA committee can be personally rewarding and quite valuable to other UI retirees.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, we wish everyone a safe and happy month.

Best wishes to all,

—Ed

One Day for Iowa

One Day for Iowa, the UI's 24-hour online giving day, is Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Last year UIRA members contributed more than \$2,000 to the UIRA Scholarship Fund. Let's see if we can increase our scholarship fund again this year. Last year, more than 3,000 Hawkeyes gave back in support of the University of Iowa — making an important impact. You can make a difference this year. Don't let the date sneak up on you—mark your calendar now.

Welcome, New UIRA Members!

Laurie Dahms, Information Technology Services
Mary Hurley-Mace, State Hygienic Lab

Service Award Nominations Due Feb. 15

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 **Volunteer Service Award** honors a UIRA member for service to the university. The criteria for the awards 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. Please include a one-page letter describing how the nominee has successfully contributed through involvement in one or more activities, and a one-page biography, which includes the nominee's name, mailing address, email address, and phone number. **Nominations are due Wednesday, February 15, 2023** to Awards Committee chair Billie Townsend at cheespeedy@msn.com.



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(year term on board expires)

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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.