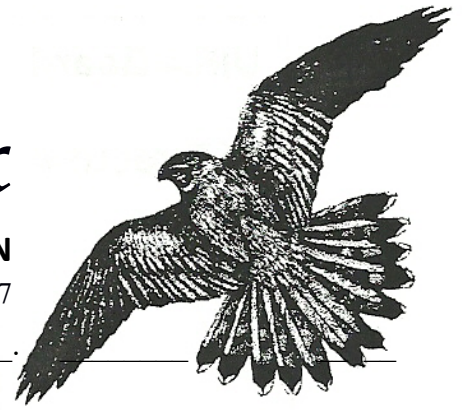


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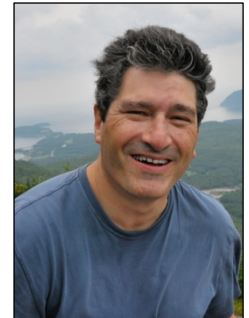
## March-April Programming

### 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](mailto: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 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

**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*.

### Title IX and 50 Years of Women's Athletics at the UI

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

Expect the Zoom link on April 1. If you lose the link, contact Ellie Herman, [ellen-herman@uiowa.edu](mailto:ellen-herman@uiowa.edu).

This presentation discusses the history of women's athletics at the University of Iowa and will celebrate the career of Dr. Christine Grant as a leader in the advancement of equality in women's sport at Iowa and nationally.

**Paula Jantz** joined the University of Iowa Athletics Department in 1980 and retired in 2017 as senior associate director of athletics. As senior women's administrator, she was responsible for individual sport supervision, personnel supervision, and management of various units within the department. She also was responsible for athletic event management of all Iowa home sporting contests, including NCAA and Big Ten championships held on campus. She worked with Dr. Christine Grant until Grant's retirement in 2000.



Paula Jantz

# Upcoming Programs and Outings

## Engaging with Today's Students

April date TBD.

## State of the Iowa City School District

Wednesday, April 19, 1:00 p.m.

## Tour of Hancher Auditorium

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

*(reservations will be required)*

## Phebe Timber Spring Hike

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

## Annual Meeting: Save the Date!

The UI Retiree Association annual meeting will be held on June 15 at 2:00 p.m. in 2520D Old Capitol Centre. Mark your calendars now. Details to come soon.

# Emeritus Faculty Council Lecture

## Walt Whitman Left to His Own Devices

Ed Folsom, Roy J. Carver Professor Emeritus, Department of English Editor, *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review*

Thursday, March 23, 4:00 p.m.

Kollros Auditorium (101 Biology Building East)

When you reach for your smartphone, is your hand reaching for it, or is the device now reaching for your hand, with its alerts, beeps, vibrations, and suddenly glowing screen? Does your hand want it, or does it want your hand? In this talk, I want to think about Walt Whitman's most intimate passages, with his claims of a sentient physical book (codex) in mind—a kind of proto-smartphone—and see how his words work to evoke, to enact, the physical interaction between a living reader and a book that responds to that reader.

I will build upon the recent critical turn toward the material and the body that manifests itself in new studies on intimacy, materiality, and haptics in literature. The talk will examine what I call Whitman's "erotics of reading," the way he imagined his material book itself to be a kind of haptics—an early version of a joystick or a smartphone, a technology of touch feedback.

I will look at what is ultimately most magical in Whitman's poetry: the way his words, when cast in ink on the face of his pages, insist that they feel the pulse of the reader's wrist as the physical hand of the reader descends the actual physical printed page, a page that Whitman has programmed to respond to that touch:

*O how your fingers drowse me,  
Your breath falls around me like dew, your pulse lulls the tympan of my ears,  
I feel immersed from head to foot,  
Delicious, enough.*



Ed Folsom

## Recent Recordings

Three recent program recordings are posted on the web at

<https://uira.org.uiowa.edu/programs-and-events>:

- ▣ “Lulu Merle Johnson: Our County’s New Namesake,” Royceann Porter and David McCartney
- ▣ “Overview of the UI’s 10-Year Facilities Master Plan,” Rod Lehnertz
- ▣ “Inside the Hawkeye Marching Band,” Eric W. Bush (*link to Hawkeye Marching Band and Ohio State special tribute to Elton John*: <https://youtu.be/gpg-cT4BHtU>)

### UIRA President’s Column

## One Day for Iowa: UIRA Supports Students

Greetings fellow UIRA members:

Every year the UIRA sponsors at least two undergraduate students who need financial help to continue their studies here at the University of Iowa. We have made the commitment to continue the tradition of helping students in need. However, once we make the commitment then we need to raise the money.

One method that we have used in the past, and a method that has been very effective, is contributing to the One Day for Iowa event that will be held Wednesday, March 29, 2023. The One Day for Iowa event is the university’s 24-hour online giving day. Last year we collected more than \$2,000 for our scholarship fund, thus making an important impact in the university life of our scholarship students.

I will send out a reminder email to everyone as the day approaches. In the meantime, please take a few minutes to mark your calendar for One Day for Iowa.

Best wishes,

Ed Dove

UIRA President, 2022-2023

### UIRA 2022 Scholarship Recipients

The most recent UIRA Scholarship recipients are:

- ▣ Divya Vashisht, a senior health studies major from Bettendorf
- ▣ Amelia Watson, a senior psychology major from Iowa City



# ***Nominations for Board and President-Elect***

UIRA is accepting nominations for president-elect as well as two three-year positions on the Board of Directors. Please send names and contact information (for yourself or others) to [michael-hovland@uiowa.edu](mailto:michael-hovland@uiowa.edu) by March 1.

## **Newest UIRA Member**

**William Decker**, Research Administration

## **New UIRA Contact Information**

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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.*