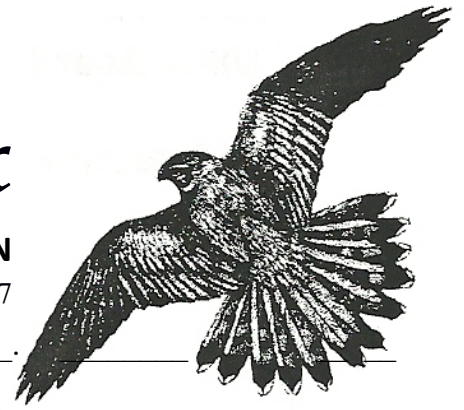


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From UIRA President Deb Cobb

A Celebration: UIRA Is in the UI Policy Manual

The UIRA Board of Directors is pleased to share with our members news of an exciting new chapter in our synergistic relationship with the University of Iowa.

President Barbara Wilson has confirmed that the UIRA is now included in the University of Iowa's *Policy Manual*, recognizing us as **an official advisory body to the university** on issues relating to the interests and welfare of retired faculty and staff.

This official inclusion solidifies the strong and productive relationship between the UIRA and the university built over many years, and it ensures future continuity in the support and recognition of the UIRA even as administrators and personnel change. We are grateful for the support of President Wilson and the shared-governing bodies of the university in bringing this formal affiliation to fruition.

This important milestone in UIRA history is a culmination of years of dedicated effort by past UIRA presidents, officers, and members. While there has always been a good relationship between the UIRA and the UI, the UIRA operated independently in the past with no formal relationship or financial support. In 2022, the UIRA leadership continued the work begun by past presidents and boards to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Iowa, which supported a part-time (25% FTE) administrative services coordinator. This was instrumental in enabling the UIRA to implement electronic dues collection, provide reliable communications technology, and update our website and email system. **The UIRA continues to support the UI by volunteering for activities dedicated to students and contributing to student scholarships, the Food Pantry, and other funds that support student success.**

As we look ahead, the future for the UIRA is bright and our relationship with the University of Iowa strong. As part of its mission, the UIRA offers its members many ways to stay connected with each other and the university through volunteer opportunities, informative programs, social events, and initiatives such as *The Gray Hawk* newsletter. As we enter this new phase in our history, the UIRA welcomes the input and participation of all our members toward building a stronger community.

Upcoming UIRA Programming

UI Degowin Blood Center: The Importance of Blood Donation

Thursday, February 29, 10:00 a.m., Coralville Public Library, Meeting Room A (please park underneath the library)

Did you know that 62% of the population is eligible to donate whole blood or platelets, but only 3% actually donates? Learn more about the importance of blood donation, hosting blood drives, and how donating blood products can benefit our communities.

Mandy McClenahan is the blood drive coordinator and donor recruitment specialist at the UI DeGowin Blood Center. A native Iowan, a graduate of the University of Iowa, and an avid blood donor (almost 4 gallons!), she is passionate about educating others about the benefits of blood donation.



Mandy McClenahan

Creating the Hancher Season

Friday, March 8, noon, 2520-D University Capitol Center (UCC) and via Zoom (*Link will be sent out on March 6. Lost link? Contact Ed Dove, edwin-dove@uiowa.edu.*)

As Hancher's director of programming and engagement, Aaron Greenwald oversees all programming presented by Hancher, including concerts and performances of every genre and variety, a robust Broadway season, and over 100 discreet annual engagements between visiting artists and students, faculty, and staff at the university.

Aaron Greenwald came to the university in October 2022. Previously, he served as managing director of the Big Ears Festival—described by *The New York Times* as “one of the world's greatest music bashes”—in Knoxville, Tenn. Before that, he was executive director of Duke Performances at Duke University (2006–2019). Prior to that, Greenwald helped conceive and produce the New Yorker Festival and the New York Comedy Festival. Straight out of college, he spent several years producing country music videos in Nashville including the iconic video for Kenny Chesney's iconic tune “She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy.” Greenwald received a BA in theater from Columbia University and was awarded a postgraduate Fulbright to study theater post-Apartheid in South Africa.



Aaron Greenwald

Fiction in the City of Literature

Wednesday, March 20, 11:00 a.m., 2520-D University Capitol Center (UCC) and via Zoom (*Link will be sent out on March 18. Lost link? Contact Ed Dove, edwin-dove@uiowa.edu.*)



Loren Glass

Many novels and short stories are set in and around Iowa City during the period from the end of World War II until the present. Authors include participants in the Iowa Writers' Workshop and the International Writing Program.

Loren Glass is professor of English at the University of Iowa, specializing in 20th- and 21st-century literatures and cultures of the United States, with an emphasis on book history and literary institutions. He is the author of *Counterculture Colophon: Grove Press, the Evergreen Review, and the Incorporation of the Avant-Garde*

(Stanford 2013), republished in paperback by Seven Stories Press under the title *Rebel Publisher: Grove Press and the Revolution of the Word*, and the editor of *After the Program Era: The Past, Present, and Future of Creative Writing in the University* (Iowa 2016). His most recent book is a study of Carole King's *Tapestry* album for Bloomsbury's 33 1/3 Series. He is currently working on a history of creative writing at the University of Iowa. He is a member of the Post45 collective and co-edits their book series.

Book List

Professor Glass suggests these for your reading pleasure after his presentation.

W.P. Kinsella, *The Iowa Baseball Confederacy*
John McNally, *After the Workshop*
Lan Samantha Chang, *All Is Forgotten, Nothing Is Lost*
Vance Bourjaily, *Now Playing at Canterbury*
Larry Baker, *Athens, America*
Andrea Lawlor, *Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl*
Elizabeth Hardwick, *The Simple Truth*
Philip Roth, *Letting Go*



Larry Weber

All Things Water: Improving Community Resilience to Floods, Droughts, and Declining Water Quality

Tuesday, April 9, 1:00 p.m., Meeting Room A, Coralville Public Library and via Zoom (*Link will be sent out on April 7. Lost link? Contact Ed Dove, edwin-dove@uiowa.edu.*)

The State of Iowa recently completed a project entitled the Iowa Watershed Approach focused on improving community resilience to floods, droughts, and declining water quality. This science-based project followed a systematic process of hydrologic assessment, goal setting, development of watershed plans, installation of monitoring systems, project construction, community engagement, identification of vulnerable

populations, and details participant surveys and quantitative assessment. The

presentation will provide a vision for a more resilient Iowa across all sizes of cities, from small rural communities to large urban centers.

Larry Weber is the Edwin B. Green Chair in Hydraulics in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and director of IIHR—Hydroscience and Engineering, the nation’s oldest academic research program focused on hydraulics, hydrology, and fluid mechanics. He co-founded the Iowa Flood Center at the University of Iowa and the Iowa Nutrient Research Center in partnership with Iowa State University.

Future UIRA Programming

- **Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence**, Thursday, March 28, 1:00 p.m., 2520-D University Capitol Center (UCC) and via Zoom
- **National Advanced Driving Simulator Tour**, Wednesday, April 17, 11:00 a.m., 2401 Oakdale Blvd., Coralville
- **Incarceration Among the Elderly**, Alison Guernsey, Wednesday, April 24, noon, 2520-D University Capitol Center (UCC) and via Zoom **NOTE NEW DAY/LOCATION**

Upcoming Explorers Walks



Winter weather has made getting together a bit troublesome, so we’ve moved the walks to the afternoon. We hope you can still join in the fun and meet others who enjoy the outdoors. Walks are typically about an hour long. **(Note: Walks have moved to 1:00 p.m.)**

- **February 22** (Thurs), 1:00 p.m., City Park (park in the first large lot and meet at shelter there)
- **March 19** (Tues), 1:00 p.m., Iowa River walk (meet at Big Grove Brewery)
- **April 24** (Wed), 1:00 p.m., Kent Park (meet at the Education Center)

To RSVP or to receive more details, contact: **Alice Atkinson**, amatkinson@mchsi.com or **Lesanne Fliehler**, lesanne-fliehler@uiowa.edu.

One Day for Iowa

One Day for Iowa, the UI’s 24-hour online giving day, is Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Each year UIRA members have contributed about \$2,000 to the UIRA Scholarship Fund. Let’s see if we can increase our giving this year and increase our scholarship fund. Last year, more than 4,000 Hawkeyes gave back in support of the University of Iowa—making an important impact. You can make a difference this year. More information is available at <http://tinyurl.com/42jwny29>.



Emeritus Faculty Council Lecture

The Search for Race: Civil War Medicine and Science

Leslie Schwalm, Ph.D.

Emeritus Professor, History and Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies

Thursday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.

Kollros Auditorium, 101 Biology Building East



Thomas Langdon photo

Leslie Schwalm



Leslie uses the social and cultural history of Civil War medicine and science to probe the question of how and why anti-Black racism survived the destruction of slavery. Leslie's talk will describe how white Northerners—the U.S. Sanitary Commission and Army medical personnel—conducted wartime research aimed at proving Black medical and biological inferiority. She argues that this research not only led to the mistreatment of Black soldiers and civilians, it also promoted the notion of white authority about racial science and medicine.

Service Award Nominations Due April 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 Monday, April 15, 2024, to Awards Committee chair **Carolyn Wanat** at carolyn-wanat@uiowa.edu.

Nominations for the UIRA Board of Directors

UIRA is accepting nominations for president-elect, treasurer, as well as two three-year positions on the Board of Directors. We may also be looking for a new editor of *The Gray Hawk*. Please send names and contact information (for yourself or others) to Nominations Committee chair **Michael Hovland**, michael-hovland@uiowa.edu, by **Friday, March 15, 2024**.

New UIRA Members

Virginia Conley, College of Nursing

Lyman Conley, Spouse

Barbara Schwartz, College of Law

Jane Utech, UIHC Nursing Service

Provisional membership

Welcome to our new members! A reminder that the UIRA is granting a complimentary membership to new retirees. The provisional membership runs through August 31 and then this year's new members will receive an invitation by email to join the association.

UIRA Photo Contest Deadline Is March 15

The deadline is almost here! Just a reminder that there are four categories this year:

- **University of Iowa**—photos taken on the UI campus or affiliated areas (e.g., Lakeside Lab, Oakdale campus, Macbride Field Campus, etc.)
- **Iowa**—photos taken in the state of Iowa
- **United States**—photos taken in the U.S., but outside Iowa
- **International**—photos taken outside the U.S.



Submit your photos to **Diana Lundell**, dianalundell@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, see the February issue of *The Gray Hawk* or visit <https://uira.org.uiowa.edu/perks-and-opportunities/photography-contest>.

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The UI Retirees Association maintains a continuous connection to the University of Iowa and supports the interests and welfare of retired University of Iowa faculty and staff members.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held at 1:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are hybrid (in person at USB and via Zoom).

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