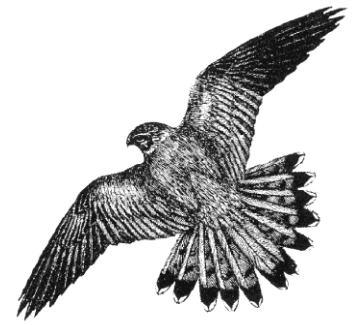


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**President
Sally Mason
to Host
UIRA
October 10th
3:30 – 5:00**

UIRA members are cordially invited to a special reception hosted by President Sally Mason on Thursday, October 10th, 2013, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., with remarks at 4:15 p.m. The reception will be held in the Wyrick Rotunda, Levitt Center for University Advancement, One West Park Road, Iowa City, IA. Please note that **an RSVP is required**. RSVP by October 7th, 2013, by e-mail to nancy-williams@uiowa.edu or by phone at 319-338-2073.

President Sally Mason originally trained as a cell developmental biologist with degrees from the Universities of Kentucky, Purdue and Arizona. She has held top-level administrative positions at the University of Kansas and Purdue, where she was provost for six years before coming to Iowa in 2007. She is a published scholar and the recipient of a number of research grants. She has played a leading role in such national organizations as the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, the National Medal of Science President's Committee and the National Science Foundation. At Iowa, President Mason has led initiatives to achieve a sustainable university and successfully pushed for a tuition freeze for resident undergraduate students, the first tuition freeze in 30 years.

**Osterberg
to talk about
Water
Quality Oct
23rd**

"Confrontation on Water Quality in Iowa — Are Iowa Laws Strong Enough?" Professor David Osterberg will speak on October 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Jean Schwabbe room at the Coralville Public Library. Iowa water pollution is a major contributor to the "Dead Zone" in the Gulf of Mexico. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources have recently agreed to a mostly-voluntary plan for agricultural pollution abatement. Now the National Resource Defense Council is challenging the EPA/DNR failure to establish strong regulations.

There is free parking in the library parking lot, but please avoid the closest two parking aisles, which are reserved for library patrons.

**Get Your Flu
Vaccine
October 17th
noon - 4:00
p.m.**

On Thursday, October 17th, the Visiting Nurses Association will host UIRA's annual flu shot clinic from noon to 4:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Hills Bank in Coralville (1009 2nd St.). Flu shots, FluMist and pneumonia vaccine are available and the VNA will bill Medicare, Medicare Replacement, Blue Cross and other insurance companies, so bring your health insurance cards with you. If paying by cash or check, the cost is \$25.00 for the flu shot, \$31.00 for FluMist, and \$87.00 for Pneumovax. There is ample parking.

Save the Date Nov 14th for Daedalus Quartet

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**Saunders
Announces
Health
Insurance
Benefits for
2014**

According to a statement from Richard Saunders, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, there is no change in the rates or the plan design for UI Choice for 2014. There is also no change in the rates for Dental II for 2014. The limit for care provided under Parts B & C will increase from \$1500 to \$2000 for 2014.

Retirees without Medicare will be eligible for the new plans coming out under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). They should look for information concerning the new Exchange Marketplace, where these plans will be offered. In some cases they may be eligible for a government subsidy to help offset the premium cost. Compare carefully before making your decision, since if a person leaves the University of Iowa's health and/or dental plans, they can never return.

Retirees with Medicare will not be able to participate in the Exchange Marketplace, since these new plans do not coordinate with Medicare. The retiree with Medicare will not be eligible for any subsidies from the government towards the cost of the health plans.

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deadline**

The deadline for submitting items for the November 2013 issue is **Wednesday, October 23rd**. Please send them to E. Ann Ford by regular mail at 10 Forest Glen, Iowa City, IA 52245, or via e-mail to **e-ann-ford@uiowa.edu**

**Give your
Travel
Photos New
Life!**

If you've wondered what to do with those fabulous photos from your trip, fret no more: enter them in UIRA's Travel Photo Contest. You can compete for prizes and a chance to show your winning photos on the UIRA website.

The contest has three categories: photos taken (1) in the state of Iowa; (2) in the USA but outside Iowa and (3) outside the USA. There's no entry fee. Current UIRA members are eligible to participate.
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A few guidelines: Photos must be submitted in digital format. They will be judged on originality, creativity and photo quality. The contest period runs the calendar year — Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Entries for 2013 can be submitted until Dec. 31. Photos taken during the past two years can be entered. For more details, see this website:

www.uiowa.edu/~uira/pdf/travel-photo-contest.pdf

**Register for
UI Senior
College
Courses**

The University of Iowa Senior College still has 2 available classes for the Fall 2013 semester. The program is sponsored by UIRA and the Emeritus Faculty Association with support from the University of Iowa Alumni Association. The cost of each course is \$30.00. See more information and register at

iowalum.com/srcollege/#sthash.tbAcADNA.dpuf

Session 7 **David: Not Such a Sweet Psalmist of Israel** Tuesdays, October 29 – November 19 10:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Registration Deadline: October 22. **Instructor Professor Emeritus J. Kenneth Kuntz.**

Session 9 **College Basketball** Thursdays, October 31 - November 21 6:30 - 8:20 p.m. Registration Deadline: October 24. **Instructor Acie Earl.**

Please welcome our new UIRA Members

New retirees receive a first-year UIRA membership for free. New retirees have received a letter from Rick Walton, our UIRA President, with a membership form. Please use that form or fill out the online membership form and send it in, stating “new member.” Membership forms are available online on the UIRA web site, www.uiowa.edu/~uira

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