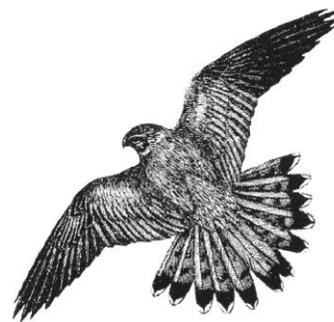


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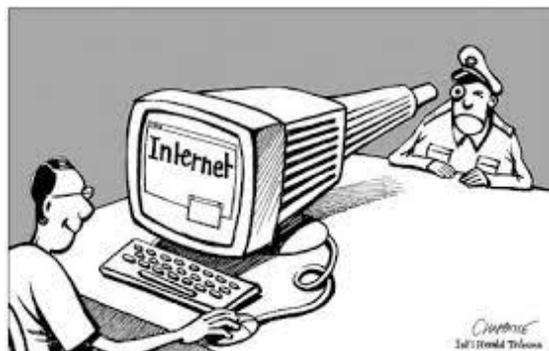
UIRA Program

Jane Drews: ‘The Internet of Things: Is information Privacy a Myth?’

March 11 (Wed) 10-noon Coralville Public Library

UI Chief Information Security Officer **Jane Drews** will discuss information privacy at a UIRA program March 11 (Wednesday) 10 to noon in meeting Room A of the Coralville Public Library. There will be coffee and cookies. This program was postponed from December 3.

With more than 25 years’ experience in information security, **Drews** has been the UI’s Information Technology Security Officer since 1999. She will present 10 steps to improve protection of personal information and suggest ways immediately to protect personal information.



(Cartoon by Patrick Chappatte, International Herald Tribune, 2005)

Strecher to Keynote UIRA Health Fair March 30 (Monday) at Coralville Library

Health Fair Exhibits—12:30-1:30 p.m.

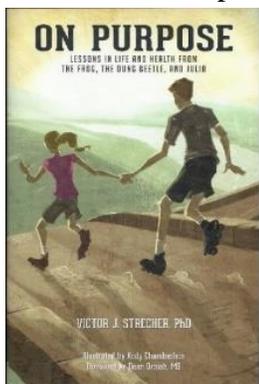
Presentation by Dr. Strecher: ‘On Purpose’—1:30-2:30 p.m.

Co-sponsored by UIRA and UI College of Public Health

The Public Is Invited—Bring a Friend

What can you learn about life from a frog, a dung beetle and Julia? More than you might think.

Dr. Victor Strecher of the University of Michigan School will explain March 30 (Monday) when he keynotes the UIRA’s Health Fair at the Coralville Public Library. Featuring a number of exhibitors, the Fair exhibit will take place 12:30-1:30 p.m. **Dr. Strecher** will speak at 1:30.



There will be refreshments and door prizes.

Dr. Strecher’s appearance is sponsored by UIRA and the UI College of Public Health. His topic will be “On Purpose: New Directions in Health and Life.”

Dr. Strecher is professor and director for innovation in Michigan’s School of Public Health. He has received wide acclaim for his research and most recently for his book titled *Purpose: Lessons in Life and Health from the Frog, the Dung Beetle, and Julia* presented in graphic-novel format. In the forward to the book, **Dr. Dean Ornish** writes, “The light drives out the darkness and we can experience our world anew, filled with pleasure, joy, and meaning.”

Dr. Strecher was one of the main speakers at the 2013 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference at the University of Michigan where UIRA representatives **Nancy**

Williams and **Ken Starck** found his presentations to be “engaging” and “inspiring.” Dr. Strecher offered many tips for coping with aging and change. “We need to open walls we build around ourselves,” he said. “Individual values change with aging, and values define our purpose.” He characterized purpose as “pursuing ends that give our existence meaning.”

UIRA WEBSITE UNDERGOING CHANGE—UIRA has been informed that UI’s central web hosting server, in use since the 1990s, is being retired. It will be replaced by the web content system SiteNow, which is built off the Drupal content management system. SiteNow will offer greater flexibility, including a more dynamic site. Migration of the present website has begun but likely won’t be in place for a month or so. *The Gray Hawk* will keep members informed once the conversion has been complete.

A CHANCE TO GIVE BACK

Want to meet some nice people? Do something worthwhile? Benefit colleagues? Stay active? Keep fit mentally? Look no further: The UIRA has openings for *Gray Hawk* editor and webmaster. If interested, let any UIRA Board member know or contact President **Ken Starck** (kenneth-starck@uiowa.edu).

UI Hospitals Seeking Part-time Greeters

UI Hospitals and Clinics Guest Services Department has Temporary Part-time Greeter positions available. Positions are limited to 780 hours per year. Other mandatory work restrictions apply.

Hours of Work: Available shifts: 6 AM – 1 PM, Monday - Friday and 11AM – 5 PM, Monday - Friday. Other shifts may be requested. **Duties:** Greeters work in cooperation with permanent and student valet staff at the Main and Pomerantz Entrances. Greeters welcome all patients and families; explain the valet program and distribute valet claim tickets; assist with transfers in/out of vehicles; access wheel chairs for guests; provide directions; direct and monitor traffic. Position is outdoors, including inclement weather. **Qualifications:** Candidates must have excellent communication skills and superior customer service skills. A valid Iowa driver’s license is required. **Starting wage:** \$12.04 per hour. Employment offer is contingent upon the results of an external background check.

To apply for a position, contact: **Steven Anderson**, Assistant Manager, Guest Services UI Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA 52242 (319-384-8909) **steven-anderson-1@uiowa.edu**

Uncovering artifacts, yes, but Digging Represents Only Part of Archaeology

Much of archaeology consists of recording information—not digging, State Archaeologist **John Doershuk** told retirees at a UIRA program exploring recent discoveries at campus construction sites. About 75 persons attended the presentation February 17 at Coralville Public Library.

The 2008 flood recovery construction projects led to a number of archaeological discoveries at the new School of Music construction site and in Hubbard Park.

“This kind of archaeology is a relatively rare occurrence,” said **Doershuk**, director of the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) and adjunct assistant professor in the UI Department of Anthropology. “We have been doing this only recently. For example, there was no archaeological work on the Rec Building (the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, completed in 2010).”

What has made possible these discoveries of the past, he told the group, has been federal funding, specifically the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Among items uncovered at Hubbard were coins, pipes, ceramics, buttons, a cistern, a root cellar and outhouse. The School of Music site yielded a music holder that attaches to a musical instrument. **Doershuk** said perhaps the most surprising discovery was evidence of African-American settlements on Iowa Avenue.

(For a photo report and a selection of slides from the presentation, go to this link at the UIRA website:

<https://uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/513>

Everyone Tunes in to WII-FM—What’s In It For Me? That’s a question nearly everyone asks when it comes to joining an organization. UIRA has answers: Stimulating monthly programs, *The Gray Hawk* newsletter, links to University and community and more—check out “Perks & Discounts for Retirees” at the UIRA website: **<http://www.uiowa.edu/~uira/>**

Welcome, New UIRA Members

Gary Anderson

Mary Burr

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Law Library

UIRA MEMBERSHIP can be renewed anytime. The membership form can be found at:
www.uiowa.edu/~uira/pdf/UIRAMemberShipForm.pdf

UIRA Calendar: 2014-15

March 11 (Wednesday)—"The Internet of Things: Is information Privacy a Myth?" **Jane Drews**, UI chief information security officer, 10 a.m. to noon, Meeting Room A, Coralville Public Library. Ample parking available, and there will be coffee and cookies. (Rescheduled from last December.)

March 30 (Monday)—Health Fair co-sponsored with UI College of Public Health: 12:30-1:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library; presentation from 1:30-2:30 p.m. "On Purpose: New Directions in Health and Life" by **Dr. Victor Strecher**, professor and director for innovation, University of Michigan School of Public Health. The public is welcome. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

April 23 (Thursday)—UIRA annual business meeting and luncheon, Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville. UIRA will observe the 20th anniversary of its founding. Watch for more details.

August 14-16 (Fri-Sunday)—Annual Big Ten Retirees Association Conference, Michigan State University, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing.



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The UIRA Board of Directors meets at 1 p.m. in the Buffet Room (#427) of the Levitt Center on the second Tuesday of every month except July and August. Visitors are welcome.

All members of the UIRA Board of Directors and its officers are volunteers. The UIRA is grateful for their commitment and invites others to become active in promoting UIRA's mission. Contact any Board member for more information.