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UIRA Calendar

May 16, 2017—Tuesday, 2 p.m., Comprehensive Internationalization, Professor Downing Thomas, Associate Provost and Dean of International Programs, E. Jean Schwab Auditorium, Coralville Public Library

The rich international environment UI has created throughout the university has resulted in national recognition. Professor **Downing Thomas**, Associate Provost and Dean of International Programs, will describe the program and recent national recognition, the Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization, one of only two AAU (American Association of Universities) schools to be so recognized. In the midst of uncertainty regarding access to the US from other countries, there is much to celebrate around the student success, creation, discovery and community engagement. This program will enhance understanding. Refreshments will be served.

June 7, 2017—Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Annual Picnic, Terry Trueblood Lodge

The time is now!

UIRA Membership Is Front Page News This Month

About your dues...

The 2016-2017 UIRA year is nearing its close and it is time for hundreds of UIRA members to renew their membership. An email or U.S. mail reminder with an attached membership application form will be sent in early May to those persons with expiring memberships. Renewals can be made for three years at \$25 or for one year at \$10. **Please do not send a dues payment unless you receive a reminder.** If you have questions about your membership, email **Lois Lembke**, the membership chair, lois-lembke@uiowa.edu.

About the UIRA membership satisfaction survey...

President Nancy Hauserman shared the results of the membership satisfaction survey in her report to membership at the annual meeting. Here are some notable facts: 237 of the 655 members returned the survey and their length of membership was from six months to 30 years. The gender demographics and reports of those attending events were comparable to membership numbers, validating the survey sample. Similarly, only 6.52% reported participating in one of the Special Interest Groups. An overwhelming majority (87%) said they were satisfied with programming. The new UIRA Scholarship was supported by 51.98% of the respondents, while 33.92% were unsure of the project and 14.1% did not support the scholarship effort. The wording of the survey made it unclear if this was lack of support for the concept or lack of intent to make financial contributions. So, what next? See page 5 for more survey results and some anticipated “next steps.”

UIRA 2017 Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting Celebrates UIRA Fellowship and Leadership; Awards Presented for Scholarship, Service and Travel Photos

April showers outside on Monday, April 3, did not dampen the 2017 annual luncheon celebration for UIRA members who met inside the Radisson Hotel in Coralville for fellowship, election and award presentations. Reports were made by **Warren Boe** (Emeritus Faculty) and **George Johnson** (Senior College.)

Here is a summary shared in the photo collage. President-elect, **Michael Barron**, (center) organized the luncheon and secured a number of valuable door prizes given throughout the luncheon. The first UIRA Scholarship was presented to UI sophomore **Emily Hestbach** (left) by **Beverly Robalino** (center bottom) and Board Member **Pam Willard** presented the Service Awards to **Ken Starck** (upper left) and **Ed Kottick** (lower right). President **Nancy Hauserman** (left), who presided at the luncheon, presented the Presidents Award to **Beverly Robalino** (upper right). Information about the award winners is presented on page 3.

Penny Hall presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers. Elected for future leadership roles were: President-Elect, **Sue Otto**, becoming president for 2018-2019; Secretary, **Diane Martin**; and Directors-at-Large **Douglas True** and **Benny Hawkins, Sr.**

John Moyers, photo contest chair, presented the prize winning travel photos with special thanks to **Keith Jones** of **Hills Bank & Trust** for sponsoring the prizes and to judges **Roger Christian** and **Lois James**.

Well-earned Recognition for these UIRA Members~~~~~

Beverly Robalino, Presidents Award

Presenting The Presidents Award to **Beverly Robalino**, **Nancy Hauserman** commented:

This award should go to someone who keeps the organization going. **Beverly Robalino** not only kept the organization going but took it farther than it had been. She was always looking for ways to make UIRA better, stronger and healthier. She pursued the possibility of making UIRA a 501(c)(3) and led discussions that determined not to pursue that status after thorough research into benefits and drawbacks. Even after her term as Program Chair, she facilitated two of the most interesting and certainly well attended tours on campus: Hancher Auditorium and Voxman Music Building. She founded and continues one of UIRA special interest groups, the Gray Hawk Steppers. She worked to insure that UIRA members NOT lose their uiowa email addresses. And one of her most significant achievements was the creation, awarding and endowment of the first UIRA scholarship for undergraduate students.

Ed Kottick, Community Service Award

Pamela Willard, UIRA board member and chair of the service awards committee, presented the Community Service Award to **Ed Kottick**, professor emeritus of musicology. For over ten years, **Ed** has provided leadership to Iowa City area community music and theater programs. **Ed's** extraordinary volunteer activities include but are not limited to the following: he has been music director and conductor for more than 15 Broadway musicals for the Iowa City Community Theatre and Coralville's City Center Acting Company. As trombonist member of the Iowa City Musical Comedy Troupe, he has performed at retirement homes, nursing homes, and health care centers. **Ed** is a member of the Iowa City Community Band, the Sunday Evening Brass Quintet, Smith Studio Jazz and UIHC symphony orchestra and he was conductor for the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts Sing-along Messiah in 2012, 2013 and 2016.

Kenneth Starck, University Service Award

Pamela Willard also presented The University Service Award to **Ken Starck**, professor emeritus in the school of journalism and mass communication. Some highlights of **Ken's** service to the University of Iowa include the following: he has continued scholarly work with former students in international communications, written articles in refereed journals as well as a book chapter. His reach here was so great that in 2016, former students and colleagues organized a Festschrift to honor him. **Ken** was on the board for UIRA from 2012-2016, serving as chair of the program committee, then as president in 2014-2015, plus being editor of *The Gray Hawk* for two years. Other highly significant undertakings resulted from his innovative leadership: **Ken** organized and implemented, with board approval, the very popular annual photo contest carried out by UIRA; he created the logo used by UIRA; and it was **Ken** who initiated the Volunteer Service Awards to recognize the huge role UI retirees play in enhancing the university and the community. How appropriate that he is now so honored!

Third Annual Travel Photo Contest Winners

John Moyers presented the photo contest winners now posted at <https://uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/574>

Iowa – First Place: Reflection of Quaker on Cedar River– **Kathleen Renquist**; Second Place: Go Hawks! – **Harry Williamson**; Third Place: Art Deco on the Iowa River – **Lucy Luxenberg**;
Honorable Mention: Tuckered Out Mom – **Wendelin Guentner**; Should I Go Through This Gate? – **John Donelson**; Praying Mantis – **Wendelin Guentner**; Sprucing Up Solon – **Wendelin Guentner**;
Embossed Footprints – **Larry Rettig**

USA – First Place: Broad-billed Hummingbird -**Wendelin Guentner**; Second Place: Ceiling In Cincinnati Museum Center – **Ken Stark**; Third Place: Barrel Heads - **Diana Cox**; Honorable Mention: Yellowstone Grizzly – **John Donelson**; Grand Canyon Cavern – **John Donelson**; After a Southern California Storm – **John Donelson**; Jerry Garcia Statue Adorned with Roses– **Sue Otto**.

International – First Place: Motorcycle Friends in Mongolia – **John Donelson**; Second Place: Girl on a Bus – **Sue Otto**; Third Place: Prelude to Adventure – **Larry Rettig**; Honorable Mention: Mongolia's Gobi Desert – **John Donelson**; Wrestling – Mongolia's National Sport – **John Donelson**.

~~~~~UIRA Special Interest Groups~~~~~

The **Gray Hawk Steppers** group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:15 at the Coral Ridge Mall and walks around the mall at a medium pace until the Mall opens at 10 a.m. If you are interested in joining the group, contact the leader **Beverly Robalino** at [beverly-robalino@uiowa.edu](mailto:beverly-robalino@uiowa.edu)

### Meet the International Events Group as Introduced by Convener Phil Klein

The UIRA special interest group (SIG) called *International Events* (formerly *World Politics*) meets monthly for an informal exchange of views regarding current events on the international scene (and their U.S. relevance). All topics and points of view are grist for our mill, from which we emerge enlightened and refreshed. We touch on serious matters, but have fun doing it. An example of topics at the most recent meeting: President Trump's new military strikes on the Middle East, upcoming presidential elections in France and Hispanic immigration to the U.S. from the perspective of Mexican history.

We gather on the second Thursday of every month (September through May) from 1:30 to 3:15 at Hills Bank, 2621 Muscatine Avenue, Iowa City. There is no structured agenda, but convener **Phil Klein** sends out an e-mail reminder a few days before each meeting, including links to a couple recent world news stories which have caught his attention, and invites members to do the same. Those readings can then serve as a shared starting point for our discussion.

You're welcome to check us out at our next meeting, 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11. Turn left after entering the bank, to find us in the first conference room. We're interested in what YOU have to contribute. **Phil Klein** submitted this overview and will be happy to provide more info [Phil-Klein@uiowa.edu](mailto:Phil-Klein@uiowa.edu)



Left-to-right: **Emily Bennett, Mike Sondergard, Eleanor Anstey, Phil Klein, Pat Kenner, Laird Addis** (several regulars were missing on photo day)

### Foundation and Alumni Association To Become Single Advancement Organization

Plans underway to combine the University of Iowa Foundation and Alumni Association were announced last month in a message from **President Bruce Harreld** at this link <https://president.uiowa.edu/people-and-initiatives/new-advancement-model>. There are other links at the bottom of the page to the committee charge and report. The UI Alumni Association has some basic information on its website <http://www.iowalum.com/membership/> and is communicating directly with members regarding the UIAA's commitment to maintaining the benefits of membership through the transition period.

## *Reflections from UIRA President Nancy Hauserman ~~~~~*

I believe it is safe to say we are in Spring - the signs are all there: some plants in bloom, some plants already done blooming, consistently warmer temperatures, the sky offers some fabulous cloud art and we are sure to have some spectacular storms.

We continue to have some fine programs for UIRA members. And even when our program “season” ends, the Senior Center will continue to have summer programs, there is lots of good summer theatre in Iowa City and many opportunities to mingle at the various events in Iowa City and in Coralville – farmer’s markets, music and arts downtown, festivals, and Riverside Theatre in City Park.

And speaking of programs...as many of you know, our current Program Chair, Michael Barron, will soon be president of UIRA, and Sue Otto, Professor Emerita, will soon be stepping into the role of president-elect and program chair. I trust you will be generous about sharing with Sue any ideas you have for programs for the 2016-17 year. If you want to know more about something, or see something or know someone who does important or interesting things, please let Sue know. I know she will be grateful for the input.

And don’t forget the annual picnic coming up on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. I hope you can come - the Terry Trueblood Recreational Area is a great place to hang out on an early summer night. If you come early there is a wonderful path for walking. There are usually lots of birds and some waterfowl hanging out on the lake. And then of course there’s the great food...always a draw for me. *Nancy Hauserman, UIRA President*

### *Emeritus Faculty Lecture Series*

**Professor Paul Greenough (History)**

*Indian Crows in Urban Decline:*

*Writing the Environmental History of a Companionate Species*

**101 Biology Building East, 4-5 pm, Thursday, May 4**

#### What’s Next?

#### **Membership Survey Provides Direction for Future Planning; Thanks to All Who Participated and Shared Opinions and Ideas**

The UIRA Survey completed earlier this year was summarized on page 1. Now, the next step involves taking the results and putting them into action. Additional survey findings getting a closer look include these:  
**\*\*There were 50 great suggestions for future programs that provide a head start on program planning.**  
**\*\*Readership of *The Gray Hawk* was a healthy 92% and there were good ideas for new features.**  
**\*\*Special Interest Group participation is low, but there were specific ideas for organizing new groups....If you suggested one and you and your friends will convene, please tell any board member!**  
**\*\*Future day trips organized by UIRA were appealing to 41.56% of the members with 48.92% indicating they may be interested and 9.52% saying “no way.”**  
**\*\*For 97.82% of members the amount of communication is satisfactory.**

#### **Overall satisfaction?**

**Happily, 44.35% of membership liked the UIRA a great deal, 40% liked it a moderate amount, 6.52% liked it a little with 9.13% neutral. Rest assured, the energy and activity in the coming UIRA year will be to create programs and activities to bring the “other 55%” into the highest level of satisfaction.**

## Welcome New UIRA Members

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Becky Birch</b>         | <b>Department of Biology</b>                         |
| <b>Everett Birch</b>       | <b>Spouse</b>                                        |
| <b>Darlene Clausen</b>     | <b>Facilities Management</b>                         |
| <b>Michael B. Easland</b>  | <b>College of Education</b>                          |
| <b>Laurey Easland</b>      | <b>Spouse</b>                                        |
| <b>Mary Irely</b>          | <b>UIHC</b>                                          |
| <b>Joy Pearson</b>         | <b>Psychiatry</b>                                    |
| <b>Stephen Goepferd</b>    | <b>Dentistry</b>                                     |
| <b>Rochelle Brannian</b>   | <b>Ophthalmology-Nursing</b>                         |
| <b>Robert L Brennan</b>    | <b>Psychological and Quantitative Foundations</b>    |
| <b>Bernadette Goepferd</b> | <b>Pediatrics</b>                                    |
| <b>Vicki Siefers</b>       | <b>UIHC Pathology</b>                                |
| <b>Karen Swenson</b>       | <b>Dept. of Pediatrics</b>                           |
| <b>Barbara Thomas</b>      | <b>Center for Disabilities and Development (CDD)</b> |



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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-2017**

**(year term on board expires)**

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*The UIRA Board of Directors meets at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month  
(except July and August) in the Buffet Room (427) of the Levitt Center.*

*Visitors are welcome: May 9 or June 13, 2017*