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**Next meeting: Tuesday, February 14, at 2 p.m.
Peterson Room, IU Foundation, SR46 Bypass, or on Zoom**

Yarber to speak on Valentine's Day about 75 years of Kinsey Institute



At the February 14 meeting of the IURA, **Bill Yarber**, Provost Professor at the School of Public Health and Senior Scientist at the Kinsey Institute, will speak on "The Kinsey Institute: 75 Years of Discovery." Retirees will gather at 2 p.m. in the Peterson Room and on Zoom.

Bill is the lead author of *Human Sexuality: Diversity in Contemporary Society*, now in its 11th edition. More than 300 colleges and universities use this textbook. In 2012 it was translated into Chinese and Korean.

A native of Salem, Ind., Bill holds four degrees from IU. In 1986 the CDC asked him to create the country's first secondary school curriculum about AIDS/HIV prevention. The finished product was distributed to more than 200,000 schools throughout

the U.S. In 2021 the University of Minnesota School of Medicine named him as among 50 people worldwide a "Sexual and Gender Health Revolutionary."

As part of the 75th anniversary celebration, in September a statue of Alfred C. Kinsey was installed outside of Lindley Hall, the current home of the Institute.



Those who wish to join the meeting remotely must register at the IURA website. They will be emailed a personalized Zoom link.

Cook relates a century-plus of IU history

When retirees gathered on January 10, **Brad Cook**, curator of photos at the IU Archives, led them on a photographic journey through IU's history from 1820 to 1938.

IU dates its founding to Jan. 20, 1820, when the establishment of an educational institution at what is now known as Seminary Square, a site chosen because it was near a water source, was authorized.

The first building was the Professor's House, a 31x18-foot two-story structure with an attached lean-to kitchen. Baynard Rush Hall lived there and taught Latin and Greek — the only courses offered — to IU's first 10 students. Hall described Bloomington as a place where "bears and wolves prowled among its thickets." His salary: \$250 a year.

Seminary Building, the first classroom, was modeled after Princeton's Nassau Hall. It cost \$2,400. One room on the second floor was used as a lodging for students.

In 1828 the Indiana Seminary was renamed Indiana College, with Andrew Wylie as its first president. The college celebrated its first graduating class of four students in 1830. By the time the college became a university in 1838, it had four faculty members.

The first College building, a three-story structure, was built in 1836. It cost \$12,000 and used 300,000 bricks. When it burned down in 1854, a second College building was constructed. That building

eventually became Bloomington High School, and its porticos ultimately became part of the Well House.



IU's first three buildings: from left, Seminary Building; College Building; Professor's House.

In 1867 IU became one of the first state universities to admit women. The first woman graduate, Sarah Parke Morrison, was a lifelong feminist, tirelessly advocating for women to be on the board of trustees. [Editor's note: She would be pleased that IURA members **Sue Talbot** and **Vivian Winston** are former or current trustees.] Morrison was also the first IU woman faculty member, serving as an adjunct professor of English literature.

Science Hall was built in 1873. It housed a chemical laboratory, a library, and a museum that displayed the Owen collection and the skeleton of a giant ground sloth. Ten years after it opened, Science Hall was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Bricks that could be salvaged were used to help in the construction of Wylie and Owen halls.

Twelve days after the fire, the trustees met to discuss rebuilding. Some deemed the current location inadequate for future growth and pointed out that trains on the adjoining railroad tracks frequently interrupted lectures. In 1895 the trustees purchased the 10-acre Dunn's Woods northeast of campus, a property that fronted Third Street.

Brad related how Dunn's Woods was chosen. Three trustees favored staying at the original location, three wanted to move to Blair's Woods, in what is now the Maple Heights neighborhood, and one favored Dunn's Woods. That individual said that, unless the Blair Woods advocates voted for Dunn's Woods, he would vote to keep the college at its current location.

In 1885 David Starr Jordan became the university's seventh president. He introduced departmental

majors and an elective system. He also began a policy of sending graduates to seek advanced degrees elsewhere so they could return as faculty members.

In 1895 Marcellus Neal became the first Black graduate of IU, earning a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

William Lowe Bryan became IU's tenth president in 1902. Bryan had studied the careers of graduates from 1830 to 1900. During the first half of that period, IU graduated primarily physicians, lawyers, and ministers. But during the second half, more of its graduates became teachers. Indeed, from 1895 to 1900, fully 60 percent became teachers. IU was fast becoming a Normal College, Bryan concluded.

His 35-year presidency ushered in a period of massive building as the university expanded professional and graduate training and established a graduate school. During Bryan's tenure, the schools of medicine, education, nursing, commerce and finance (the forerunner of the business school), music, and dentistry were established. Enrollment increased 510 percent.



From left: IURA President Joyce Krothe; Curator of Photos Brad Cook; and Program Co-chair Tony Mescher.

The last photo Brad showed was one of Herman B Wells as a toddler. In closing the program, IURA President **Joyce Krothe** noted that Wells was one of the first people she met when she moved to Bloomington in 1976. She was planning to apply to graduate school but, with three young children, she decided to work as a private duty nurse for a year.

"My first client was Dr. Wells," Joyce said. She cared for him in his home following surgery. He then wrote her a recommendation for graduate work at IU's School of Nursing.

Nearly 50 people gathered in the Peterson Room to hear Brad, and nearly 30 more joined on Zoom. A video recording is available on the IURA website.

Speaking of photos ...

In introducing Brad Cook, **Tony Mescher**, IURA program co-chair, told the story of how, “with a combination of serendipity and perspicacity,” Brad acquired the personal photo collection of the late **Malcolm Fleming**, professor emeritus of education. Brad’s efforts, Tony said, “helped bring Mac’s work to the world.”

Mac was an official U.S. Army photographer, assigned to the European Theater in February 1945. In a photo diary, he documented the last months of World War II and the establishment of a military government in post-war Germany. In 2016 IU Press published his book, *From War to Peace in 1945 Germany: A GI’s Experience*, which presented the cream of Mac’s collection. IURA’s **Jim Madison** wrote a foreword, and Brad contributed an afterword.

Mac’s photos now reside at the IU Archives. Since Brad became curator in 1996, the Archives photo collection has grown from half a million to more than 3 million photos.

Welcome, new members!

Several people have joined or renewed since the IURA directory was mailed with the December *Newswatch*. Because this newsletter, unlike the directory, is available in electronic form and is therefore accessible to the public, telephone numbers have not been included.

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With these additions, IURA membership totals 419.

Please note that there will be no newsletter in February. The IURA does not meet in March; therefore, the March newsletter will contain a summary of the February meeting and details about the April 11 meeting and May luncheon.

Doris Wittenburg, IURA database manager, compiles the directory each year. Please send address corrections to her, dwittenb@indiana.edu. If you did not receive a copy of the directory and would like one, please contact *Newswatch* editor **Judy Schroeder** at jschroed@indiana.edu.

Emeriti House, University Club

For information about the programs of the Emeriti House and the University Club, our partner organizations, see

www.emeritihouse.indiana.edu and
www.uclub.indiana.edu.



Jim Grandorf and Perry Maull discuss United Way strategies before the January meeting. Behind them, Lou Moir chats with new member Barry Magee.

Last call for United Way support

As the 2022-23 United Way Campaign approaches the finish line, retirees account for a large share of the overall Indiana University goal of \$720,000. Through early January, some 210 IU retirees have contributed \$331,434, including 96 people who have given at the Vanguard level of \$1,000 or more.

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If you haven't already made your United Way pledge or contribution, there is still time. Send in a pledge form or go directly to the United Way of Monroe County webpage, <https://monroeunitedway.org>, and click on the "donate now" button. At the website you can make a single contribution or give periodically over the coming year. Be sure to list the IURA as your affiliation so that IURA is credited with your contribution. Please consider one of the Vanguard Leadership levels, which start at \$1,000. A contribution made by February 28 will be credited to the current 2022-23 United Way campaign.

Thank you for helping the people of our community thrive and reach their full potential.

— *Perry Maull, IURA United Way representative*

Retirement account rules change

The \$1.7 trillion Omnibus Bill passed by Congress at the end of 2022 included some changes regarding rules governing retirement accounts. "Retirees can now wait until they're 73 before they have to start withdrawing money from their 401(k) fund," says **Jim Grandorf**, retired accounting professor at the Kelley School and part of the IURA United Way team. "In 2019, that age was 70½; in 2033, it will become 75."

Jim points out that 70½ continues to be the age at which retirees may contribute directly from their tax-deferred account to any qualified charity. Giving in this way has tax advantages, reducing taxable income by the amount of a gift to any 501(c) organization, including United Way and the IU Foundation.

What do members value?

Why do people join the IURA? The two most important reasons are to keep in touch with former colleagues and to receive the *Newswatch*. Almost all of those responding say they read every issue of the newsletter. They value most "the excellent summaries of programs." An overwhelming majority would like to continue receiving the *Newsletter* in printed rather than electronic form.

Almost everyone has attended at least one IURA meeting on Zoom. There was nearly unanimous support for hybrid programs that are available both in person and on Zoom.

Only 33 members responded to the survey in the November *Newswatch*. Others who want to weigh in are invited to respond, using the questionnaire on the IURA website.