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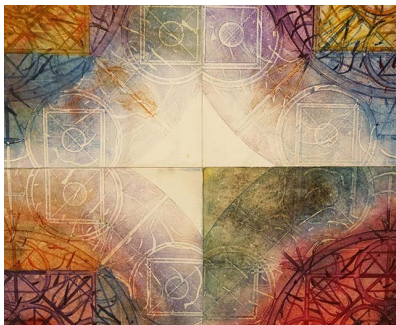
Next meeting: Wednesday, October 11, at 2 p.m. University Collections at McCalla, 10th Street and Indiana Avenue

October meeting to feature lessons in keeping track of 222 collections



When retirees gather on Wednesday, October 11, at 2 p.m., they'll visit a brand-new site: Indiana University Collections at McCalla (UCM). **Alisha Beard**, engagement coordinator for campus art, will give an overview of University Collections.

Meeting in the multipurpose room of the former McCalla School, at East Tenth Street and Indiana



Avenue, will make it possible for members who are unable to attend in person to join by Zoom. (Registration link is on the IURA website.) Currently on display in the multipurpose room are nearly 50 works by

Rudy Pozzati, which IURA members **Jim** and **Joyce Grandorf** gave to the university in 2023.

The changing exhibit at UCM includes artwork by other IU professors of art, among them T.C. Steele, Harry Engel, Barry Gealt, and Jerald Jacquard. The collection includes everything from Japanese prints to sculptures, a quilt, and a metal platter once owned by Herman B Wells.

In his 2017 State of the University address, Michael McRobbie, now IU president emeritus, stated: "We have a responsibility to do all that we can to document all artifacts, share them through exhibitions, and preserve them with the best tools

available." University Collections was created to develop a plan to "house, maintain, utilize, and curate" the estimated 30 million individual objects housed in 222 collections across IU.

A digitization and preservation initiative is part of this plan. So far more than 300,000 objects have been digitized. An IU Collects app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

Eleven visitor spots are available in the parking lot on the north side of the building, which is accessible from either Dunn Street or Indiana Avenue, as well as employee spots where those with an IU Retiree permit may park. A limited number of spots for those with Disabled permits are on the northeast side of the building, where there is an accessible entrance.

Across the street, at the former Yogi's Bar and Grill, IU parking spots are available, as well as two blocks north on Indiana Avenue, at the former church on the east side of the street. Members who walk with ease are encouraged to park at the two off-site lots. Car pools are encouraged.

Catapulting students to the highest level: goal of Jacobs School Dean Abra Bush

Who knew? The Kennedy Center has a budget about half the size of the Jacobs School's budget. The Jacobs School offers \$22 million in financial aid, about one-quarter of its budget. And about one-third of its budget is financed by philanthropy. "Music is an expensive sport," **Abra Bush**, the Jacobs School's first woman dean, told retirees on Sept. 12. "One-on-one is the most expensive kind of education."

The heart of her presentation, however, was not economics but rather her pride in the school and her vision for its ongoing evolution. "The Jacobs School is a singular entity, the largest conservatory in the

world outside of China,” Dean Bush said. The school enrolls 1,600 students, who come from all 50 states and 56 countries. (One-quarter of them come from Indiana.) Students are supported by 180 full-time and 70 part-time faculty members and a staff of 70.

The Jacobs School is widening its scope. One of the school’s strengths is its base in a multidisciplinary university, the dean observed. The school is actively pursuing partnerships with other schools. Some examples of the school’s lesser known offerings:

- The Music in Business degree is offered in collaboration with the Kelley School. It emphasizes entrepreneurship and marketing.
- A new course in composition for video games has attracted 80 students.
- The audio engineering program is so popular that it has to turn away 40 applicants each year. The Georgina Joshi Recording Studio, built behind the original Musical Arts Center, is “completely state of the art and packed to the gills,” Dean Bush said.
- Next spring Jacobs in LA will be launched as part of the school’s Music Scoring for Visual Media program. According to the dean, “The new residency program [in Los Angeles] is a way to realize and fully engage an established network of industry professionals, many of them Jacobs alumni, and a way to catapult our students into the highest level of the profession.”

The school sponsors some 1,100 events a year. Dean Bush quickly summarized the operas, musical, and ballets for this coming year:

- **September:** Lehár’s *The Merry Widow*;
- **October:** the Fall Ballet, a mixture of styles, and *La Finta Giardiniera* (The Pretend Gardener), which Mozart wrote when he was 18;
- **November:** Gounod’s *Romeo et Juliette* (“I wrote my master’s thesis on this work, which features famous love duets,” the dean told retirees; the production will travel to Clowes Hall in Indianapolis after its Bloomington performance);
- **December:** “a newly created *Nutcracker*, with a mousetrap so big I could sit in it”;
- **February:** *An American Dream*, a new opera about two women, one Japanese and one a Jewish immigrant, during World War II;
- **March:** Tchaikovsky’s *Eugene Onegin*, and a complete rethinking of *La Bayadère*, which “will attract ballet impresarios from all over the world,” Dean Bush predicted;

- **April:** Sondheim’s *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*.

February also will feature Jacobs at the Movies. A concert orchestra plays a score designed for the film while a blockbuster motion picture shows on screen. “These tickets sell out fast,” the dean said, particularly if the movie is *E.T.*

One retiree asked how operas are cast. Nearly 200 students just auditioned for the spring operas, Dean Bush answered. Tryouts for the fall operas will occur in the spring.

In introducing Dean Bush, **Perry Maull**, IURA vice president and also president of the Friends of Music, observed that, during her first year as dean of the Jacobs School, “she has been just everywhere.” Some 45 retirees, meeting on Zoom and in person, appreciated her enthusiastic and informative presentation.



After the dean’s presentation, **John Schilb** spoke of how much he missed the regular reviews in the *Herald-Times* by the late **Peter Jacobi**, a former IURA member. John asked how the Jacobs School could fill the gap. After the meeting, Perry recommended the monthly Jacobs Connect newsletter, which highlights musical events for the coming month and contains links for more information. Sign up at Jacobs Connect at music.indiana.edu.

IURA President **Joyce Krothe** welcomed participants. IURA Treasurer **Anita Douglas** reported on the association’s financial condition. The IURA is entirely self-supported, depending on membership dues to finance its activities. For the 2023-24 academic year, Anita projects a small deficit of \$650, which will be taken from the association’s \$20,000 reserve. She also announced that **Beckie Owens** is serving as IURA assistant treasurer, learning the ropes and serving as Anita’s right hand.

The welcoming committee at the Showalter House was **Wendy Elliot**, **Beckie Owens**, and **John Schilb**. A video recording of the meeting is available on the IURA website.

Need a temporary mobility device?

It happens. You break a leg, sprain an ankle. Suddenly you need crutches or a wheelchair. Among the numerous services provided by the awesome Monroe County Public Library is the Mobility Aids Lending Library. Established in 2022 by a group of local women with physical disabilities (they call themselves the “Wheelie Women”), the MALL program matches gently used mobility devices with those who cannot afford them or need them for only a short time. Items include canes, crutches, walkers, rollators, and wheelchairs, both manual and powered.

If you need a mobility aid temporarily, you can fill out a form available on the MALL website: [mobility-aids-lending-library-mall](#). A donation form is also on the website. Interested in dropping off or picking up items or learning more about the program? Come to the downtown library on the last Sunday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. Email mallbloomington@gmail.com or call (812) 349-3471 for more information.

What are other Big Ten retirees up to?

The University of Wisconsin Retirement Association hosted the 2023 annual meeting of Big Ten Retirees Associations from July 26 to 28. Representatives from all Big Ten members except Rutgers attended.

The sessions featured lively discussions about the challenges and opportunities facing associations as they move forward from the impact of COVID on traditional activities. Most associations report continuing hybrid meetings so that members can join when they are at their winter or summer residences or when the weather is bad.

Several retiree associations are fully supported by their universities. Purdue, Michigan State, and Northwestern retiree associations have no membership dues because their universities fund all operating expenses. Several retiree associations have accounts with their university foundations, which receive donations from members to support scholarships. Michigan State retirees raise more than \$60,000 annually for scholarships for MSU

IU Retirees Association 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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The Ohio State University Retirees Association will host the next meeting July 24-26 in Columbus.

— **Perry Maull, representing the IURA**

A peek at attractions for the rest of 2023

On **Wednesday, Nov. 8**, at 2 p.m., Brad Cook, curator of photos for the IU Archives, will present the second part of his photo history of IU. In January, in a program that was enthusiastically received, Brad showed photos of IU history through William Lowe Bryan's presidency. Part 2 will begin with the presidency of Herman B Wells.

A festive holiday luncheon will take place at the Bloomington Country Club on **Tuesday, Dec. 12**.

Programs for January, February, April, and May 2024 are still being planned.

United Way to kick off its campaign

The United Way of Monroe County hopes to raise \$1,100,000 during its 2023 campaign, which kicks off on Sept. 28. IU's goal of \$765,000 is nearly 70 percent of the total. Historically IU retirees have contributed at least 40 percent of the IU total. Last

year's goal for retirees was \$310,000. **Perry Maull** (yes, him again!) chairs the IURA United Way team. **Jim Grandorf** is chair for Vanguards, people giving \$1,000 or more.

United Way of Monroe County has expanded to include Brown, Owen, Greene, Lawrence, and Orange counties. "That should make it more attractive for IU employees and retirees who live in those counties to donate to the campaign," Perry says. At some point the name will be changed to United Way of South Central Indiana. Look for more details in the October newsletter.

Why am I getting this newsletter

You are getting this newsletter for one of two reasons: *either* you have been a member of the IU Retirees Association in at least one of the last four years, *or* you retired from the Bloomington campus in 2019 or later. You are encouraged to join the more than 273 members who already have paid the dues that finance the printing and mailing of the newsletter. Your mailing label shows your membership status.

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