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**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 11, at 2 p.m.
in person (IU Foundation) and on Zoom**

It's time to renew your membership

Welcome back to returning members of the IU Retirees Association! As another academic year begins, we look forward to your re-upping. And welcome to some prospective members who haven't yet joined – but always meant to. This issue of *NewsWatch* is also being mailed to 188 newly retired faculty and staff, inviting them to join the IURA.

The Retirees Association provides a voice for retirees in their continuing relationship with Indiana University. The organization is entirely self-funded and receives no financial support from the university. Meetings offer an opportunity to exchange ideas, information, and friendship.

Please return the form on the back of the letter from IURA President **Perry Maull** together with your membership check. Dues (\$30 for individuals, \$40 for couples) cover the period from September 2024 through August 2025. First-year retirees may claim a one-year complimentary membership.

Peg Faimon, Eskenazi School's first dean, to speak to retirees on Sept. 11



When the IU Retirees Association members gather for the first time this academic year, they will hear from Peg Faimon, the founding dean of the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design. The meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the IU Foundation's Peterson Room at 2 p.m. Zoom access will be available through a

registration link available on the website. Parking is free, and the building is fully accessible.

Faimon received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from IU before earning her Master of Fine Arts at Yale University. She started teaching at Miami University in 1991. There she served as the chair of the art department and professor of graphic design.

In July of 2016, Faimon moved to IU Bloomington to become the founding dean of the newly formed School of Art, Architecture + Design, which was the merger of various art, design, and business disciplines. In 2019, in recognition of the family's generous gift of support, the school was renamed the Sidney and Lois Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design.

Faimon has received national and international recognition for her design work. She previously served on the executive board of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and currently chairs the Leadership Development Committee for the International Council of Fine Arts Deans. She is the author/designer of *Design Alliance* and the co-author of *The Nature of Design*. Her third book, *The Designer's Guide to Business and Careers*, was published in 2009.

Dean Faimon's topic on Sept. 11 is "Fueling Creativity in a Complex World."

IURA board elects officers

At its May meeting, the IURA board elected officers for the coming year. **Perry Maull** is the new president, **John Schilb** vice president (John also chairs the program committee), and **Beckie Owens** treasurer. **Anita Douglas** is assistant treasurer. **Beau Vallance** was re-elected secretary. **Audrey Morgan**

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continues as the HR retiree benefits liaison. **Perry Metz** and past president **Joyce Krothe** are also board members. Newly elected as a voting member of the board, **Doris Wittenburg** continues as database manager. **Allan Edmonds** and **Judy Schroeder** continue as webmaster and editor respectively and as ex officio board members. **Charlie Matson** is the ex officio liaison to the United Way.

May luncheon: good food, lovely music

On May 8, nearly 75 IURA members celebrated the end of the academic year with a delicious buffet luncheon in the Terrace Room at Meadowood.

Wendy Elliot provided background music on the piano.

IURA secretary **Beau Vallance** took photos of those enjoying the luncheon, including **Debbie Lemon** and **Mary**

Swarthout, below. IURA webmaster **Allan Edmonds** has created a link to these photos and many others on the website's home page.



Big Ten retiree associations share ideas

IURA is part of a larger network: the Big Ten Retirees Association. This year, its annual meeting took place July 24-26 in Columbus, Ohio. The host was Ohio State. IURA's delegates were **Wendy Elliot**, **Doris Wittenburg**, and **John Schilb**.

The Big Ten is now really the Big Eighteen, and two-thirds of its member universities were represented at the meeting. Absent were Rutgers, University of Wisconsin, and the four new West Coast members: UCLA, USC, Oregon, and Washington,

Big Ten retirement associations differ widely. Some are much larger than others. Some have greater resources. The programming offered varies. Each association is run in a slightly different way. But we all face the same set of issues, and we benefit from trading thoughts about them. The annual meeting is a lively exchange of information and ideas.

This year, the main topics were leadership development; recruitment and retention; gaining institutional influence; communications; membership development; and methods of outreach, especially to nonresident members.

Certain matters were discussed at length. What should be the form and content of our association's newsletter? How can we recruit and mentor future officers? How can we have a more visible presence on campus? What webinars, courses, and volunteer options might we offer members? Your board of directors welcomes your thoughts on these subjects.

Traditionally the meeting features talks that showcase the host, and Ohio State's faculty speakers were dazzling. Their topics included OSU's Lake Erie research station, Ohio's ancient indigenous earthworks, the history of the moon, how climate change is affecting glaciers, and the use of 3D printing in reconstructive surgery.

– *John Schilb, IURA Vice President*

Remembering our friends

At least twice a year since 2008, *Newswatch* memorializes members who have died since the last listing. Because of space limitations, only IURA members can be included. A complete list of obituaries since 2008 is listed on the IURA website. Please notify me (jschroed@iu.edu, 812-332-5057) of any omissions.

– *Judy Schroeder, Newswatch Editor*

Laura Mason Campbell died in Cincinnati, Ohio, on May 30. She was 95. Born in San Francisco, she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Kansas. She moved to Bloomington in 1961 when her husband, Bob, joined the economics

department. Passionate about social justice, she worked for the implementation of the City of Bloomington's Fair Housing Ordinance in 1968. She was active in the League of Women Voters. In 2001 she and Bob contributed the 27-acre Campbell Preserve adjoining the Morgan-Monroe State Forest to the Sycamore Land Trust. A longtime member of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Laura organized and participated in its art fair and bazaar. She was deeply committed to the arts and excelled at papermaking. Her husband, Bob, died in 2015.

Earla Sweigart Eskew died on Aug. 14, 2023, in Bloomington. She was 69. Born in Norfolk, Va., she began work in the processing division of the Registrar's office at IU Bloomington in 1981. She earned both bachelor's and master's degrees while working full time. For many years she served as the historical course specialist. In the early 2000s, she was promoted to a supervisory role, managing the production and distribution of all Bloomington diplomas. She retired in 2014. Earla enjoyed tennis, ice skating, and baking. She created baskets and numerous quilts and sometimes assisted Mark, her husband, who survives, at his Farmers Market stand.

David Bruce MacKay died on Aug. 14, 2023, at his second home in Brown County, Ind. He was 79. Born in Yonkers, N.Y., he received a bachelor's degree from Cornell University and a doctorate from Northwestern University. He joined the marketing department of IU's School of Business, later named the Kelley School, in 1971. A man of varied interests, especially in mathematical psychology, he worked closely with the psychology and geology departments. He was a charter member of Christ Community Church, where he served as an elder and Sunday School teacher. David enjoyed making maple syrup on the 53 acres he owned in Brown County. His favorite hobby was reading. Carole, his wife of 55 years, survives.

Suzanne Frechette Phillips died on July 10 in Bloomington. She was 77. Born in Biddeford, Maine, she earned three degrees at IU: a bachelor's in home economics, an Ed.D., and a J.D. She worked at IU for more than four decades, retiring as assistant dean of students in 2014. She served as president of the University Club. From 2014 to 2017 she was a member of the IURA board of directors. She also served on the board of directors of Hoosierfest Downtown Bloomington and the Monroe County YMCA. Suzanne was a loyal fan of

IU's sports teams. She enjoyed sailing on Lake Monroe and time spent at her Ontario, Canada, cabin. Michael, her husband of 55 years, survives.

Herbert A. Seltz died on June 3 in Bloomington. He was 97. Born in Louisville, Ky., he earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Ohio. He began his career in radio and television programming in Cincinnati, Ohio. He earned a master's degree in audiovisual education from IU in 1978. He served as director of programming for WTIU, WFIU, and the Center for Music Broadcasting and was a professor in the Department of Radio and Television, later known as Telecommunications. He was project director of the Televised Opera and Musical Comedy Database at IU, developed in association with IU Libraries. He received a George Peabody Award and the Indiana Governor's Arts Award in 1973. Herb was an avid reader and film enthusiast, with interests that included music, opera, photography, architecture, travel, and sports cars. He enjoyed summers on Little Deer Isle, Maine. His wife, Nancy, preceded him in death.



Skirvin named to Athletics Hall of Fame

Longtime IURA member **Max Skirvin** will be inducted into the IU Athletics Hall of Fame on Sept. 20. Max is one of the most important figures and recognized voices in

the history of IU sports. His broadcast career started in 1947, between high school and college, at WSUA, the first radio station in Bloomington. He worked part-time at the station until it was sold in 1950.

In 1951, when Max was in his senior year, IU sports information director Tom Miller asked him to broadcast IU football and basketball games. In 1953 he joined the staff at WTTV and WTTS in Bloomington. His duties involved broadcasting high school and college games and directing some IU basketball telecasts. In 1959 Max became club director at the IU Alumni Association. He went back

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on the air in 1967, when that year's team went to the Rose Bowl, and he spent the next six years as the play-by-play voice of IU football and basketball. From 1973 to 1997, when broadcasts became a commercial venture, he worked as the color commentator alongside Don Fischer on the IU Radio Network. He broadcast 333 consecutive IU football games and nearly 1,000 Hoosier basketball games.

Max was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1988 and was given the E. Ross Bartley Award in 1994. The IU Foundation awarded him its President's Medallion in 2002 and 2012, and in 2019 he received IU's Bicentennial Medal. Max spent 19 years at the Alumni Association and another 17 at the IU Foundation before retiring in 1994.

A peek at the year ahead

IURA program chair **John Schilb** has announced a scintillating and varied schedule of presentations and entertainment for 2024-25. All programs except for luncheons and a field trip will take place in the Peterson Room at the IU Foundation, SR46 Bypass, at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays.

- Sept. 11 - Peg Faimon, founding dean of the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design, on creativity
- Oct. 9 - Gene Coyle, longtime CIA field officer, on intelligence failures at Pearl Harbor
- Nov. 13 - Marjorie Hershey, professor emerita of political science, the 2024 election in hindsight

- Dec. 11 – holiday luncheon at the Bloomington Country Club
- Jan. 8 – field trip to the IU Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (formerly the Mathers Museum)
- Feb. 12 – John Lincoln Schilb, the legacy of Abraham Lincoln
- April 9 – Michelle Miller, retired senior lecturer in the School of Public Health, The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Super-Agers
- May 14 – end-of-year luncheon, Meadowood

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 2020 or later and are being encouraged to join. Your mailing label shows your membership status.

This newsletter is also being mailed to 188 new retirees, to encourage them to claim a one-year complimentary membership. See the enclosed letter and membership application.

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