



# NEWSWATCH

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**Next meeting: Tuesday, April 11, at 2 p.m.  
EITHER Peterson Room, IU Foundation, SR46 Bypass, OR Zoom**

## White to celebrate women athletes



Women's athletics has taken center stage of late. When they meet in April, IURA members will hear from **Mattie White**, deputy director for athletics and the department's senior woman administrator. Her talk is titled "50 Years of Title IX." The meeting will be at 2 p.m. on

Tuesday, April 11, at the Peterson Room and on Zoom.

Mattie is the sports administrator for the women's basketball and volleyball programs and the men's wrestling programs. She also oversees academic services, athletic performance, the Excellence Academy, sports medicine and nutrition, and the Center for Elite Athlete Development.

She earned both a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's of education from Ohio University. She joined the athletics department as an academic adviser in 2005. Since then she has earned a second master's degree in athletic administration and an educational specialist degree in mental health counseling at IU. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in IU's School of Public Health, specializing in health behavior.

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

## Yarber describes Kinsey legacy

"In our culture the discussion of human sexuality often arouses fear and denial, along with shame,

guilt, and embarrassment," **Bill Yarber** told retirees who gathered on Valentine's Day to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Kinsey Institute.

When Alfred C. Kinsey was asked to teach a class on marriage and family, the widely respected biologist, an expert on gall wasps, discovered that practically nothing was known about sexual behavior. Applying the same meticulous methods he had used in researching the gall wasp, Kinsey and his associates conducted more than 18,000 interviews during in 1940s and 1950s.

The sexual histories they collected confirmed an enormous gap between reality and common perception. They revealed that sexual practices traditionally considered deviant and perverse occurred commonly. "We are the recorders and reporters of facts — not judges of the behavior we describe," Kinsey insisted.

Since its founding in 1947, the Kinsey Institute has explored sexual diversity and variation. Kinsey created the heterosexual-homosexual rating scale, which presented sexual orientation as a continuum, Yarber said. Rejecting the normal/abnormal dichotomy, he replaced it with typical/atypical. Instead of either/or, he found that sexual orientation could change over a lifetime. Only the human mind invents categories and tries to force facts into separate pigeonholes, according to Kinsey.

Yarber noted that sexual research was controversial from the beginning. In 1950 the U.S. Customs Bureau started confiscating research items the Kinsey Institute purchased and imported into the U.S., stating that the Smoot-Hawley tariff act prohibited importation of "obscene" or "immoral" material. In 1957, a year after Kinsey suffered a fatal heart attack, a U.S. District Court judge found that



materials intended for scientific researchers were not, by definition, obscene.

“IU got it right 75 years ago,” Yarber said. Herman B Wells’s defense of Kinsey’s research affirmed academic freedom, the right of the scholar “to conduct research in any subject in which the person has competence.” Responding to pressures to muzzle Kinsey, Wells defended him, saying, “A university that bows to the wishes of a person, group, or segment of society is not free.”

Retirees peppered Yarber with questions. **Bruce Jaffee** asked what today’s graduates get right. Yarber answered that more students today own their sexuality, accept sexual diversity without applying labels, and that women are open about their sexual desires.

**Bill Witte** asked about COVID’s impact on sexual behavior. The majority of married couples, isolated from the distractions of the outside world, strengthened their sexual relationship, Yarber said.

**John Schilb** asked about ad hominem attacks on Kinsey, discrediting him as a way of discrediting his research. Yarber answered that the Kinsey Institute has responded to these attacks on its website. “There are still people who don’t believe we should be here,” he said.



By virtue of the chair in which she was sitting, **Lou Moir** won an autographed copy of the 11th edition of Yarber’s *Human Sexuality: and Diversity in Contemporary Society*.

**Tony Mescher**, IURA program co-chair, introduced Yarber, who said he always wears a bow tie when

talking about Kinsey. After the talk, Tony shared a conversation he had years ago with IURA member **George Malacinski**. Tony had asked, “Why does your office have an anteroom and a four-inch solid oak door with two deadbolts?” George replied, “This room was built for Alfred Kinsey.”

## Annual meeting to convene in April

At the April 11 meeting, retirees will elect three people to three-year terms on the board of directors and vote on a proposed amendment to the bylaws.

IURA Vice President **Perry Maull**, whose term expires this year, has agreed to be a candidate for a second term. Other nominees are **Beckie Owens** and **John Schilb**.

**Perry Maull** earned both his bachelor’s and his MBA from IU. He began working for IU in 1975 at the Institute for Urban Transportation. He left in 1980 to pursue a career in public transportation management. He returned to IU in 2006 as director of the Campus Bus Service. He retired in December 2018.

**Beckie Owens** retired on June 30, 2021, after serving her alma mater for 37 years. Her last position was with the School of Medicine, Bloomington, as director of budget and administrative affairs. Previously, she held positions in the Office of Enrollment Management, the Indiana Prevention Resource Center, and the physics department.

**John Schilb** began teaching in IU’s English department in 1998. He retired in 2019. The Culbertson Chair of Writing, he also served as director of first-year composition and editor of the journal *College English*.

Hospitality chair **Martha Smiley**, whose term expires this year, has chosen not to seek re-election. Program co-chair **Joe Miller** has completed a second term on the board and thus is not eligible for re-election.

Amendments to the IURA bylaws require a majority vote by the general membership. The board is proposing such an amendment.

Article III of the current bylaws states, “Regular membership in the association shall be open to the following individuals:

1. Retired IU faculty and staff;
2. Retired IU Foundation staff;
3. Spouses, partners, widows, or widowers of individuals in the first two categories.”

At its February meeting, the board of directors proposed adding a new category: “Former IU faculty



and staff and former IU Foundation staff, now retired.” The amendment would make membership more inclusive, extending it to those without official Indiana retiree status. The current third category would become the fourth and would be amended to read “individuals in the first three categories.”

### Art sought for EH/IURA exhibit

The 20th annual Emeriti House/IURA art exhibit will open with a catered reception on Friday, April 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Emeriti House. Artwork must be submitted before 11 a.m. on April 24.

All media of visual art are welcome: painting, photography, prints, drawings, collage, ceramics, mobiles, woodwork, glass, relief or freestanding sculpture, fiber, digital, 3-D mixed media, etc. Beginning April 6, artwork may be submitted on Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. There is limited parking behind Emeriti House if needed for carrying awkward objects; help and a hand truck will be available. Individuals may submit up to two works. Complete guidelines and the required art information form are available on the IURA website.

Questions may be addressed to exhibit committee chair **Beau Vallance**, [evallanc@gmail.com](mailto:evallanc@gmail.com). Other committee members are Wendy Bernstein, Laurel Cornell, Elaine Emmi, Phil Emmi, Audrey Heller, BJ Irvine, and Larry Thibos.

An art information form must accompany each entry. It is available on the IURA website.

### May luncheon scheduled for Meadowood

On May 10 retirees will celebrate the end of the academic year with a special luncheon buffet in Meadowood’s Terrace Room. Retirees may arrive after 11 a.m. and select a seat. The buffet starts at 11:30 a.m. Meadowood will provide bus service from the Center for Exploration of Energy and Matter (formerly the cyclotron) parking area.

The menu will include salad (butter lettuce, blueberries, toasted pecans, dried cranberries, goat cheese, with lemon balsamic dressing), gluten-free pork tenderloin with apple chutney on the side, baked sweet potato, fresh asparagus with lemon, croissants, and lemon berry mascarpone cake. Those who do not eat pork must specify chicken parmesan or spinach quiche when making their reservations. Water, iced tea, and lemonade will be served at the table, and self-serve coffee will be available.

The cost for each meal is \$25 for members and \$28 for nonmembers. Reservation must be received by May 1. Because of space limitations, only the first 82 reservations can be accommodated. People whose form arrives after that number has been reached will be notified and placed on a waiting list.

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### RESERVATION FOR MAY 10 LUNCHEON

Doors Open 11 a.m., Buffet at 11:30  
Terrace Room, Meadowood Retirement Community

PLEASE PRINT Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please circle this line and initial your choice to pre-order chicken parmesan \_\_\_\_\_ or spinach quiche \_\_\_\_\_. All others will have the pork tenderloin with apple chutney.

The cost for each meal for IURA members is \$25, \$28 for nonmembers. Please mail this form, together with your check, to  
IU Retirees Association  
P.O. Box 8393  
Bloomington, IN 47407-8393

**RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN MAY 1**

Visit our website at [iura.indiana.edu](http://iura.indiana.edu) Contact us at [iura@indiana.edu](mailto:iura@indiana.edu)

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### **United Way exceeds goal**

IU Retirees were again significant contributors to the 2022-23 IU United Way campaign. Total contributions reached a record \$403,759 from 225 contributors. A few especially generous contributions helped achieve this total. But additionally, there were 53 more retirees who contributed this year. A special thanks to all of you.

— **Jim Grandorf**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Contrib.</b>	<b>Vanguards</b>
2023	\$310,000	\$403,759	225	102
2022	\$300,000	\$295,582	172	103
2021	\$275,000	\$296,751	237	109
2020	\$250,000	\$283,069	237	109
2019	\$190,000	\$272,323	233	103
2018	\$210,000	\$255,955	233	104
2017	\$170,000	\$188,210	219	87
2016	\$145,000	\$172,503	201	79
2015	\$135,000	\$153,000	195	69
2014	\$125,000	\$131,773	161	62
2013	\$115,000	\$137,000	224	64
2012	\$100,000	\$115,000	161	62

### **Downsizing? Don't forget the Archives!**

The IU Archives actively seeks papers from faculty and staff that document their time at Indiana University. Committee files and correspondence with colleagues both within and outside the university prove particularly valuable not only to researchers and but to also help fill in gaps in our documentation.

If you have such materials and would like to discuss a potential deposit with the Archives, please contact **Dina Kellams** at [dmkellam@indiana.edu](mailto:dmkellam@indiana.edu) or 812-855-2323.

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