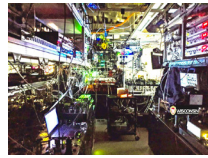




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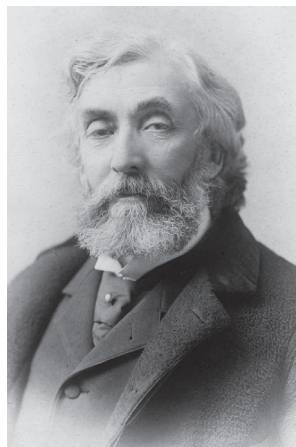
NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

DID YOU KNOW?

Why Is Our Newsletter Called *The Sifter*?

A new member recently inquired about the significance of the name, *The Sifter*. A charter member of UWRA confirmed that it references the famous University of Wisconsin statement on academic freedom.

“Sifting and Winnowing” is a metaphor for the academic pursuit of truth. It was coined by the university’s president Charles Kendall Adams, in an 1894 Board of Regents report that exonerated economics professor Richard T. Ely of censurable charges from state education superintendent Oliver Elwin Wells. The phrase became a local byword for the tenet of academic freedom.



Charles Kendall Adams, courtesy of UW Archives

Ely referred to the statement as “the Wisconsin Magna Carta.”

The Class of 1910 created a commemorative “sifting and winnowing” plaque with the academic freedom statement. It was installed in the arched portico of Bascom Hall in 1915, where it remains to this day. The plaque was rededicated in 1957. ■



Winter sunlight shines upon the Sifting and Winnowing plaque. Photo by Jeff Miller / UW-Madison

Whatever may be the limitations which trammel inquiry elsewhere, we believe that the great state University of Wisconsin should ever encourage that continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found.

REMINDER FALL UWRA MEMBER RECEPTION

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

5:00–7:00 P.M.

Carson Gulley, Upper Gulley

Registration Deadline: October 1

Advance registration is required.

UWRAmadison.org/event-4421948

Parking is available at no charge after 4:30 pm in Lot 34 adjacent to the Carson Gulley Center. Find a map here showing Lot 34: map.wisc.edu/s/vjj2iv03

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Website Visitors from Afghanistan to Vietnam, Belleville to Waunakee

BY SANDI HAASE



The UWRA Business Office and Operations Team (BOOT) has started examining our website readership. The analytics from this past fiscal year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) reveal pages that are seldom or frequently visited, how long users stay on the website, how many pages they visit, the operating system a visitor is using, and visitors' geographic locations.

Here are some initial findings.

- The UWRA website had visits from individuals in 45 states. The only states that did not visit the website were Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The website was also visited by people in 85 different countries including Vietnam, United Kingdom, Turkey, Tanzania, Switzerland, Spain, South Africa, Poland, New Zealand, Mexico, Japan, Italy, Israel, Greece, Germany, France, Fiji, Croatia, Columbia, Brazil, Austria, Argentina, and Afghanistan, to name just a few.
- The website had visits from 109 different Wisconsin cities. Wisconsin visitors with the highest number of sessions were from Madison, Middleton, Sun Prairie, Fitchburg, Stoughton, and Oregon, followed by Milwaukee, Waunakee, Cottage Grove, and DeForest.
- The average number of site pages visited per session, by country, was 1.93 for non-U.S. visitors compared to 3.18 pages for visitors from U.S. states. For those living in Wisconsin, the average number of pages visited was 4.08 per session. The top Wisconsin cities visiting the most pages included Chilton, Waupaca, Mauston, Pardeeville, Menomonee Falls, and

Belleville with an average of 13.38 pages visited per session. Average number of pages visited from those living in the greater Madison area was 5.68 pages per session.

- Operating systems used by visitors include Android (4.40%), Chrome OS (0.52%), iOS (11.48%), Linux (0.25%), Macintosh (19.33%), and Windows (64.02%).
- The average number of visits (sessions) per day is 39.55. There were three days that had an extremely high number of visits: May 17 (946), June 4 (577), and March 21 (378). Removing these three anomalies, the average number of daily visits is 34.71.

BOOT will continue to examine the analytics, since there is much more we can learn about our readership. ■

Annual Benefit Enrollment Dates Set

As a reminder, Open Enrollment is set for September 27 through October 22. All information included in the Decision Guide is available on the ETF website (etf.wi.gov) on September 20. The annual ETF "It's Your Choice" webinar is scheduled for October 12. See the announcement reminder on page 4. ■

Connect Online with Other UWRA Members

BY MARCY DOELP, UWRA FACEBOOK ADMINISTRATOR

UWRA-Madison is on Facebook and is a good source for news and events, cancellations, and other happenings. Also, it is a secure way to communicate with other members. Our Facebook page is "closed," which means only UWRA members can see who is in the group and what is posted.

To join, visit our page at facebook.com/groups/uwramadison, then request "to join." ■

MEET A BOARD MEMBER

New on Board: Jurgen Patau

I have lived most of my life in Madison (I was born in Germany) and studied at UW-Madison for both undergrad and graduate degrees, interrupted by a stint in the Army.



After graduating, I worked on the Old Spanish Dictionary project as a programmer, which led to eight years at the Madison Academic Computing Center in data management. I then moved to Budget, Planning, and Analysis, which became part of the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Administration in Bascom Hall. I managed several administrative computer networks for it and other Bascom offices until I left to join the VCA's new AIMS organization, from which I retired in 2010 as a senior IPC emeritus.

I joined the UW Retirement Association and became a member of its Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement. I am now its co-chair. I also participate in the current UWRA strategic planning exercise on several ad hoc committees and work with the UWRA Business Office and Operations team. I was elected to the UWRA Board in 2021.

In retirement, I enjoy being with friends, reading, music, amateur astronomy and astrophotography (I am treasurer of the Madison Astronomical Society), cooking, and taking UW courses as a senior guest auditor. My wife Jean and I enjoy long walks and traveling—to see extended family, to see the world, and to explore America. ■

MIKE LECKRONE TO SPEAK AT SENIOR CENTER

The Madison Senior Center will host a Badger Talk with Mike Leckrone, former professor of music and director of bands, titled "Moments of Happiness: My History with the UW Marching Band." The event is **Monday, October 11**, 10:00–11:00 A.M., at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W Mifflin St. in Madison. Call 608-266-6581 to register. ■

**REMINDER
UPDATE ON COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Thursday, October 7, 2021

10:00 A.M.–NOON Online Webinar



Registration Deadline: October 1

Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-4438063

Tom Friedrich, virology professor at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine studies the coronavirus and will give us the latest updates on COVID-19. Topics may include the circulation of Delta and other viral variants and their impact on vaccine effectiveness; updates on vaccine policy, including authorizations for children under 12 and potential use of boosters; and forecasting the next issues in pandemic response. His laboratory studies how pandemic viruses like HIV, influenza, Zika, and SARS-CoV-2 evolve to emerge, spread, and cause disease.



Make an Impact by Giving

BY JASON GOHLKE, UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

In these unsettled times, this year's Partners in Giving Campaign is an opportunity to make an impact. For the last 48 years, UW-Madison, UW Health, and State employees have raised millions of dollars for a wide range of charitable causes through the campaign. As a retiree, you can continue this Wisconsin tradition of generosity and service. Retirees may contribute by credit card, check, or IRA distribution. Ask your tax advisor about CARES Act or other deductions for charitable gifts. Please visit giving.wi.gov for charity information and to donate online. Request a paper booklet and pledge form at giving.wi.gov/about-us/giving-in-retirement/, or contact Christin Ferrall at christin.ferrall@uwdc.org or 563-542-7917. ■



RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEBINAR

Madison's Sister City Program

BY TOM EGGERT, MEMBER, RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

The City of Madison's Sister City Program supports international relationships to work for peace and better understanding of all cultures, in the belief that person-to-person ties are the strongest.



Madison currently has nine active Sister City programs, with Arcatao, El Salvador (established in 1986); Freiburg, Germany (1988); Vilnius, Lithuania (1988); Camaguey, Cuba (1994); Mantova, Italy (2001); Obihiro, Japan (2003); Tepetitlan, Mexico (2012); Kanifing, the Gambia (2016); and Bahir Dar, Ethiopia (2018).

Join us to learn more about these initiatives. Laila D'Costa is the city's coordinator and chairs the Sister City Collaboration Committee. She'll talk about the history, breadth, and importance of these relationships to Madison.

We'll then dig more deeply into how the program works in a variety of cities, hearing from panelists Charles James (Freiburg); Jo Oyama-Miller (Obihiro); and Frank Alfano (Mantova). Attendees will learn how to get involved with one of the existing sister cities or perhaps start up a new sister city relationship! ■

If you have preliminary questions for the speakers, please email them in advance to program coordinator Tom Eggert at tleggert@wisc.edu by October 19.

REMINDER
IT'S YOUR CHOICE, 2022
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
 10:00 A.M.–NOON Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: October 9
 Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-4437779

The presentation will include an overview of major health insurance programs and the changes to these programs for 2022, with a focus on the GIB Strategic plan, changes to supplemental benefits, Wellness program update, Medicare update, vaccine update, and other 2022 benefit changes.



Laila D'Costa works in the Mayor's Office of the City of Madison, including administering the Sister City Collaboration Committee. **Charles James** is a retired professor of German and of curriculum and instruction at UW-Madison. He coordinates the Madison-Freiburg program and chairs Madison's Sister City Collaboration Committee. **Jo Oyama-Miller** serves on the Dane County Redistricting Commission and coordinates the Madison-Obihiro program. **Frank Alfano** is a retired Dane County facilities manager and has coordinated the Madison-Mantova program since 2000.



Online registration is easy, but members may also email the UWRA office at retireassn@mailplus.wisc.edu or call 608-262-0641 to register for events. Webinar links and call information is included in registration confirmations and reminders that are emailed 7 and 2 days prior to events to registrants.

SISTER CITIES
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
 1:00–3:00 P.M. Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: October 21
 Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-4449355

TECHNOLOGY WEBINAR

Imaginative Technologies for Student Learning

BY CO-CHAIR BRUNO BROWNING AND MEMBERS BRAD HUGHES AND KATHY CHRISTOPH, ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Pandemic or no pandemic, new technology is central to innovation in teaching and learning at UW-Madison. Remember lightboards in your business courses? Virtual bags full of clinical items and data in your nursing courses? Interactive texts and images in your course on medieval English culture and literature? Neither do we!

Come discover with us how faculty and instructional staff all across UW-Madison are using technology in ways you would never imagine and how the campus is fostering a strong culture to support this kind of innovative teaching. ■

*If you have preliminary questions for the speakers, please email them in advance to program coordinators Bruno Browning at bbbrowning@gmail.com, Brad Hughes at bthughes@wisc.edu, and Kathy Christoph at kathy.christoph@gmail.com by **October 22**.*



Panelists are **Gordon Enderle**, faculty associate, Risk Management and Insurance, Wisconsin School of Business; **Kristen Pecanac**, assistant professor, School of Nursing; **Martin Foys**, professor and director of Graduate Studies, Department of English; **John Zumbunnen**, Hadley Family Professor for Teaching and Learning Excellence, vice provost for Teaching & Learning, and professor of Political Science.



Food Pantry Contributions

Open Seat Food Pantry is the designated UWRA food donation recipient for 2021–22. Open Seat (asm.wisc.edu/the-open-seat/) is a student-run food pantry on campus that strives to alleviate food insecurity for students, a vital service provided by Associated Students of Madison (ASM). Consider making a donation to Open Seat with a check payable to UW Foundation, with “Open Seat” on the memo line. Mail donations to UWRA, 21 North Park St., Room 7205, Madison, WI 53715-1218. ■

IMAGINATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Friday, October 29, 2021

10:00 A.M.–NOON Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: October 26

Advance registration is required. Register online at: UWRAmadison.org/event-4449285

RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEBINAR

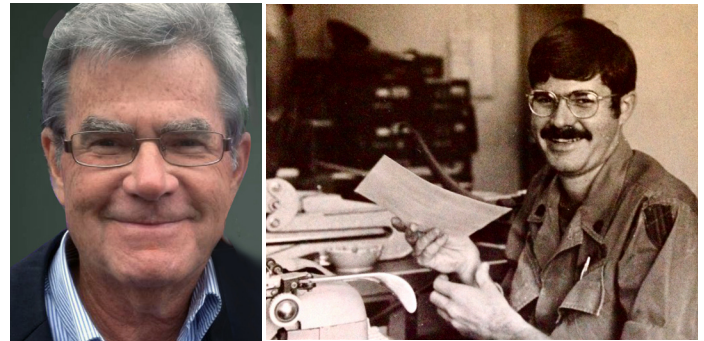
Songs That Sustained Us Then ... and Now

BY BOB JOKISCH, MEMBER, RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

On Veteran's Day, UWRA member Doug Bradley will share stories and popular songs that have helped veterans and others to persevere during difficult times. Doug has written and lectured extensively about his Vietnam and post-Vietnam experiences. "We knew vets were still in pain and couldn't talk, so we asked them, 'What was your song?'"

After graduation from college, Bradley served as a U.S. Army combat correspondent in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He relocated to Madison in 1974, where he helped establish Vets House, a community-based storefront service center for Vietnam-era veterans. ■

If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Bob Jokisch at bobjokisch@gmail.com by November 4.



Doug Bradley is the author of *DEROS Vietnam: Dispatches from the Air-Conditioned Jungle* (2012) and co-author, with UW professor Craig Werner, of *We Gotta Get Out of This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War*, which was named "Best Music Book of 2015" by *Rolling Stone* magazine. His latest book, *Who'll Stop the Rain: Respect, Remembrance, and Reconciliation in Post-Vietnam America*, was released by Warriors Publishing Group in December 2019.

SONGS THAT SUSTAINED US

Thursday, November 11, 2021

1:00–3:00 P.M. Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: November 4

Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-4459400

FINANCIAL WEBINAR

The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: A Tax and Financial Update

BY PAUL REICHEL, MEMBER, FINANCIAL MATTERS IN RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

Ken Wundrow will once again give his annual presentation on taxes and finances. He is an entertaining and very knowledgeable speaker, and his presentations always offer both useful information and the opportunity for questions and answers. ■

If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please send to program coordinator Paul Reichel at paulreichel806@gmail.com by November 9.



Ken Wundrow, EA, of Experience Consulting, is a retired tax accountant and financial planner and a mentor volunteer with SCORE, a nonprofit network that offers free mentoring and other services to small businesses.

TAXES AND FINANCES

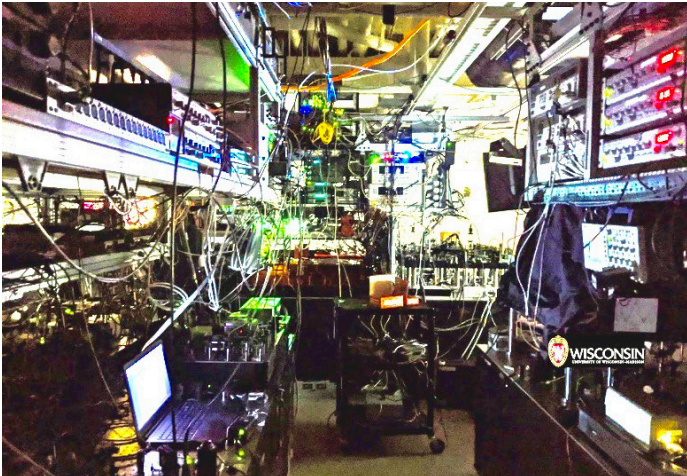
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

10:00 A.M.–NOON. Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: November 12

Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-4439497

ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY WEBINAR



**What Is Quantum Computing?
Why Should You Care?**

BY MILLARD SUSMAN, MEMBER, ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is home to a major research and development program that aims to apply quantum computing to the solution of problems that cannot be solved with “classical” computers. But what is a quantum computer, and what sorts of problems can it solve?

Professor Mark Saffman, director of the Wisconsin Quantum Institute, will tell us what’s going on in research at WQI and how the results of that research are likely to affect the world in which we live. ■

*If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Millard Susman at msusman@wisc.edu by **November 2**.*

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Mark Saffman is an experimental physicist working in the areas of atomic physics, quantum and nonlinear optics, and quantum information processing. He is professor of physics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, director of the Wisconsin Quantum Institute (wqi.wisc.edu), and chief scientist for quantum information at ColdQuanta, Inc. His current research is the development of neutral atom-based quantum computing devices. His research team was the first to demonstrate a quantum CNOT gate between two trapped neutral atoms, and the deterministic entanglement of a pair of neutral atoms.



QUANTUM COMPUTING
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
 2:00–4:00 P.M. Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: November 4
 Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-4453121

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS

Learn about Financial Strategies

The Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) offers a variety of educational resources, not only to learn about and manage your benefits, but to discover strategies for coping with the financial challenges of aging and retirement.

ETF has recently redesigned their website for ease in accessing information. Visit etf.wi.gov/member-education to take the financial fitness challenge, watch a video overview of the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), understand more about health insurance options, and more.

Find a special series on financial challenges for women at etf.wi.gov/video/womans-road-retirement-why-its-different. ■

MEET A UWRA MEMBER

Genealogy and Speleology

BY DORIS GREEN, UWRA MEMBER



I retired as a part-time communications specialist with the School of Human Ecology in 2014 and quickly missed walking into Nancy Nicholas Hall, with its perfect blend of historic and new design elements. Back then, I could not have predicted the changes to come. Like the recent 116° temperature in the Pacific Northwest, several developments surprised me, though my general direction has remained the same.

Freelance writing and editing projects in the fields of community banking and higher education have become chapters of my past. Yet, I still write. After decades of family history research, I wrote *Elsie's Story: Chasing a Family Mystery*. This book, as well as new editions of my works *Wisconsin Underground: A Guide to Caves, Mines, and Tunnels* and *Minnesota Underground: A Guide to Caves & Karst, Mines & Tunnels* (co-authored with Greg Brick), have been published by Henschel Haus in Milwaukee (henschelhausbooks.com).

Related to *Elsie's Story*, I now write a monthly genealogy/family history column for *Voice of the River Valley* (voiceoftherivervalley.com). The family history interest is engrained: I still can't throw away childhood artifacts like a Silver Streak sled, a carom board, and a music box—purse my Aunt Elsie gave me. Related to the *Underground* books, I contributed to the website driftless.caves.org, spearheaded by the National Speleological Society to recognize 2021 as the International Year of Caves and Karst.

An unexpected role for me is caregiver for my husband, Michael Knight (like me, a UW-Madison alum), who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease two years ago. We enjoy cooking together, culling family photos, doing jigsaw puzzles, and playing Scrabble.

As I've done most days for 27 years in every season and weather, I walk from our log house in the woods up to our "bunker" overlooking the Wisconsin River, with the Lone Rock bridge visible in the distance. Grounding also comes from working in our woods and gardening, which leads me inevitably back to the kitchen. Like the vista of the river valley, retirement has led to a broad view and, on particularly windy days, the exhilaration of risk. ■

AUGUST 1–31, 2021

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rebecca Blank,
Chancellor

Richard Glines,
Division of Information
Technology

Laura Hegge,
Department of Medicine

Jon Hegge

David Hildner, *Spanish
and Portuguese*

Hanns Kuttner

Beth Levers, *Radiology*

Mary Possin, *College of
Engineering Academic
Affairs*

{ The UWRA is your network in retirement! }

CALL FOR ARTICLES

Tell Us about Your Activities in Retirement 

The Activities in Retirement column highlights a wide array of interesting activities members are involved in, giving us all insight into how retirees can develop new, varied, and exciting passions after retirement. We invite you to contribute your own account of a specific pastime.

Bob Jokisch coordinates this series and can be reached at bobjokisch@gmail.com.

Guidelines In 250 or fewer words, describe:

- what you do and its relationship (if any) to what you did before retirement
- where you have a chance to do it and with whom
- how you found your way into the activity—and how others might also
- what results you have experienced (pleasures and drawbacks of the pursuit).

If possible, also submit a high-resolution photo related to your activity. ■

TRAVEL COMMITTEE

Help Us Plan UWRA Travel 

BY ESTHER OLSON AND PEGGY DALUGE, CO-CHAIRS, TRAVEL COMMITTEE

The Travel Committee is beginning to think about activities for later this fall, winter, and spring. With the uncertainties caused by COVID and variants, we need your input on what travel opportunities would interest you and those in which you would participate.

Please click on the link <https://tinyurl.com/26wt9rvj> to complete the 3-minute survey. Your participation is appreciated. ■

If you have any questions, please contact co-chairs Esther Olson at 608-335-3207 or emolson2@wisc.edu or Peggy Daluge at rickenpeg@dalugetravel.com.

REFLECTIONS

The Patina of Age

BY MARY BARNARD RAY

In so many things, old is good: shoes that are fully broken in, flannel pajamas that are loose and comfy, trees that provide lots of shade, and of course, wine. But the best old thing, in my mind, is old friends. I am fortunate to still be in touch with friends from grade school. When we are together, we can still see the mischievous seven-year-old that lives inside. As one of my centenarian friends said, “I miss people who remember me when I was young.” With my cherished friends from college—the first friends I chose based on affinity more than geography—I can still share ideas and remember the idealism we had years ago. Some of that idealism even comes back, energizing me and giving me hope.



One of my neighbors from years ago and I still walk together several times a week and cherish the time together. Even though we know most of each other’s stories, we still find things to talk about. Knowing each other’s proclivities means we can talk about any issue without stepping on toes or pushing emotional buttons. We can even talk about the more difficult aspects of “old”— the loss of physical attractiveness, status, abilities, and, most difficult of all, the loss of friends. Retrieving memories sometimes leads to a sense of loss.

And yet, we still have those memories. We have treasure boxes full of facts stored away, folded up with layers of laughter and insights. Even better, we now have the freedom to talk about those memories openly and honestly. We can also reshape those memories into forgiving, mellow versions of our pasts. When we look at the past this way, we realize that our potential hasn’t really shrunk as much as we thought. The patina of age, like the patina on a bronze statue, has only made our lives more attractive. ■

BOOK MARKS

Finding Chika

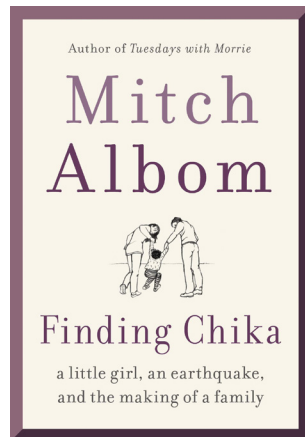
BY SANDI HAASE, UWRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Finding Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family is Mitch Albom's second memoir, his first being *Tuesdays with Morrie*.

After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Albom took over the management of an orphanage there. In 2013, a fun-loving little girl named Chika became a resident and, two years later, was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. Doctors in Haiti didn't have the means to treat Chika, so Albom and his wife Janine brought her home to Michigan to try to save her. The author captures her sweet spirit and conveys the heartbreak of watching her suffer from the inoperable tumor.

Albom describes the seven lessons that he learned while Chika lived with him and his wife from age five to seven. The most important lesson was that people do not have to be related by birth or marriage to be a family. He could not have loved Chika any more had she been his biological child.

This is a moving memoir of love and loss. All of the author's profits from this book go to the Have Faith Haiti Orphanage. ■



FRIENDS OF UW LIBRARIES

Friends Book Sale Is Back

The Friends of UW–Madison Libraries have announced that their popular book sale will return Wednesday, October 20 through Saturday, October 23, 2021. After three canceled book sales, and with donations still coming in, the Friends will be expanding the sale space to allow for more books and more elbow room. The sale supports a public lecture series, special purchases for the library collections, preservation of library materials, and grants to support the visiting scholars program. The sale is open to the public. Donations for future sales are accepted on a continual basis. For more information about the sale or how to donate, visit

<https://www.library.wisc.edu/friends/book-donations-semiannual-sale/book-sale/>

Preview Sale

Wednesday, October 20 4:00–8:00 P.M. (\$5 entry)

Regular Sale

Thursday and Friday, October 21 and 22
10:30 A.M.–7:00 P.M. (no entry fee)

Bag Sale

Saturday, October 23 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. (\$5 per bag of books). Bring your own grocery bag or purchase one for \$1

Free for All

Saturday, October 23 1:05–2:00 P.M. Remaining books and items are free. ■

The sale will be held at the Memorial Library, 728 State Street, Room 116+, Madison.

We need your book reviews! Please email brief book reviews for Book Marks to column coordinator Laurie Mayberry at laurie.mayberry@wisc.edu.

New ON THE WEBSITE UWRAmadison.org

- 2020–21 Board of Director Meeting minutes
- Committee Description Highlights
- Operating Procedures
- Fall Program Announcements

- Board of Directors Listing
- 2020–21 Board of Directors Record of Action
- 2020–21 Committee Annual Reports
- 2020–21 UWRA Annual Report
- 2020–21 UWRA Activities in Review

CAMPUS NEWS

University Roundtable Returns

Each semester, the University Roundtable features three lunch programs with a talk by a member of the university community. After a hiatus, Roundtable returns with a full lineup in Fall 2021.

October 20 Kacie Lucchini Butcher Newest discoveries of the UW-Madison Public History Project, a multi-year effort to uncover and give voice to the histories of racism and discrimination at the university.

November 17 Dan Grabois What happens when a French horn works with electronic processing to create entirely new sounds?

December 15 Mike Wagner How Wisconsin’s communication ecology has changed in recent decades and the impacts of those changes on democracy.

Roundtable luncheons are open to members of the university community and guests. All programs are in Varsity Hall, Union South, 11:45 A.M.–1:00 P.M. Cost is \$15. For details, visit acstaff.wisc.edu/programs/university-roundtable/ or email roundtable@soas.wisc.edu. ■

**UWRA EAST-WEST
VIRTUAL BREAKFAST**
Thursday, October 14, 2021
9:00–10:00 A.M. Online Meeting

Registration Deadline: October 11
Advance registration is required. Register online at:
UWRAmadison.org/event-4439463

Health and Resource Fair Set at Madison Senior Center

On October 19, the Madison Senior Center and Momentum Health Plans will present informational sessions on health, safety, and aging independently for seniors, caregivers, and adult children of aging parents. Also on offer are free health screenings, more than 25 vendors, door prizes, and more. The Fair is at the Senior Center at 330 W Mifflin St. in Madison and will run from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. For more details, call 608-266-6581. ■

■ UW-Madison Retirement Association Calendar Dates ■

Continue to monitor the UWRAmadison.org website for further updates.

• Thursday, October 7	10:00 A.M.–NOON	<i>Update on the COVID-19 Pandemic</i>
• Tuesday, October 12	10:00 A.M.–NOON	<i>It's Your Choice, 2022 Update</i>
• Thursday, October 14	9:00–10:00 A.M.	East-West Virtual Breakfast
• Wednesday, October 20	5:00–7:00 P.M.	Fall Member Reception at Carson Gulley Center
• Tuesday, October 26	1:00–3:00 P.M.	<i>Madison's Sister City Program</i>
• Friday, October 29	10:00 A.M.–NOON	<i>Imaginative Technologies for Student Learning</i>
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• Thursday, December 9	9:00–10:00 A.M.	East-West Virtual Breakfast
• Wednesday, December 15	10:00 A.M.–NOON	<i>The Health of the U.S. Economy</i>

For information on upcoming PLATO trips, visit platomadison.org/page-18561. For information on Board and Committee meetings and deadlines for **The Sifter**, see the UWRA website at UWRAmadison.org.

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