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RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEBINAR

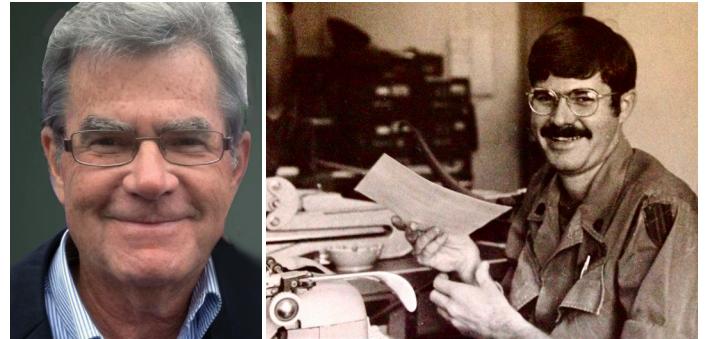
Songs That Sustained Us Then ... and Now

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. Bradley 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 Thursday, 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

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 to registrants 7 and 2 days prior to events.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Quick Links on UWRA Website

BY SANDI HAASE

You are encouraged to visit our website at UWRAmadison.org for the latest information about association events. Have you noticed that the website home page has been reorganized and includes quick links to past and current issues of *The Sifter*, UWRA upcoming programs, university events, and dates to remember?



As committees finalize their events and programs, the information is posted on the website. So as not to fill your email box, we use the "Announcements" listing as a quick way to get the word out to the membership. Since *The Sifter* is published only monthly, the website has the most up-to-date program information. Check the homepage often!

We continue to develop the website as a resource for information and communication. If you have a suggestion of something you'd like to have included in *The Sifter* or on the website, you are encouraged to share your ideas. This is your association, and we welcome your input. Please email me at retire-assn@mailplus.wisc.edu. ■

Did You Know?

You can earn a one-year extension of your UWRA membership dues! To qualify, simply recruit a new UWRA member or a former member whose membership has lapsed for more than one year. When the recruited member pays their dues, completes their member profile, and identifies you as their "recruiter," your membership will be extended one year. A member can receive the one-year extension only once.

I challenge you: don't wait to get that membership dues extension. Recruit a new member today. If everyone recruited simply one new member, we'd double our association membership. Who will take the challenge? ■

UWRA NEWS

Wanted: Marketing Manager for UWRA

BY MARY CZYNSZAK-LYNE AND BOB DYE, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

As our Retirement Association continues to grow, and as we expand how we serve our membership, we are seeking a volunteer marketing manager. We envision this position taking the lead in developing promotions such as a short video about UWRA that could be posted on the website, marketing materials that could be used at the UW Benefits Fair, Big Ten Retirement Association meetings, and other state and national groups, and the like.

If you have a creative side you are aching to use, please consider this invitation to be part of robust support team of the UWRA. Contact the UWRA executive director at retireassn@mailplus.wisc.edu. ■

New ON THE WEBSITE UWRAmadison.org

- Video recording: Can We Afford Retirement as We Age?
- Video recording: A Taste of Africa—Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania
- Video recording: COVID-19 Update



EAST-WEST VIRTUAL BREAKFAST

Thursday, November 11, 2021

9:00–10:00 A.M. Online Meeting

Registration Deadline: November 8

Advance registration is required. Register online at: UWRAmadison.org/event-4439468

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 Tuesday, November 2



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

Online registration is easy, but members may also email the UWRA office at retireassn@mail-plus.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 to registrants 7 and 2 days prior to events.

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 Program cancelled and rescheduled for January 4, 2:4:00 pm

ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY

Repairing Apple Devices

BY RACHEL BAKER, MEMBER, ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

This article follows up on two Tech Clinics in May 2021 about repairing or replacing tech devices. When you need help with an iPhone, iPad or Mac, whether in or out of warranty, start with <https://support.apple.com> (or for iPhone and iPad, install the Apple Support app).

If searching the Apple Support website doesn’t answer your questions, start a web chat or call 800-MY-APPLE. I have found Apple Support technicians to be very knowledgeable, helpful, and patient in resolving problems, whether by phone or by chat. Using a chat window to talk to a support professional provides you with a written record for future reference.

If you need a hardware repair, the Apple website can refer you to an authorized Apple service provider. Or, if you already know a local service technician, you can verify whether they are Apple-certified by checking <https://support.apple.com/repair/verify-repair-provider>. Repair costs will likely be similar with either option. ■

FINANCIAL MATTERS IN RETIREMENT WEBINAR

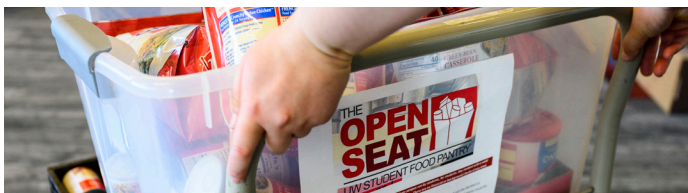
The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: A Tax and Financial Update

BY PAUL REICHEL, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MATTERS IN RETIREMENT

Ken Wundrow, EA, a certified SCORE volunteer mentor and a tax law instructor to Wisconsin tax practitioners, will again give his annual presentation on federal income taxes. Wundrow is an entertaining and very knowledgeable speaker.

After the 2018 income tax overhaul, multiple additions and extensions to the tax law have muddied the waters. Wundrow's presentation will be an effort to put things in perspective by updating attendees on current tax rules and by providing guidance on how to design financial plans within the framework of the income tax code. Throughout the presentation, he will encourage interaction with attendees as he fields questions. ■

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



Food Pantry Contributions

\$ Open Seat Food Pantry is the sole 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. It is 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 Street, Room 7205, Madison, WI 53715-1218. ■



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

WEBINAR RECAP

Can We Afford Retirement?

BY RICK DALUGE, MEMBER COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MATTERS IN RETIREMENT

This September seminar featured three great speakers—Helen Marks Dicks from AARP Wisconsin, John Sauer from Leading Age Wisconsin, and Tim Schiefelbein of the UW Credit Union.

Dicks discussed the various resources available to enable retirees to stay in their own homes and what resources they may need when funds become tight. Schiefelbein discussed investment strategies for retirees to make sure their money will last for 25–30 years of retirement. Sauer works with long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and community residential facilities. He discussed the rising fees for these facilities and the causes that are driving prices higher.

If you missed this highly rated and well-received program, please visit the UWRA website (UWRAmadison.org) then select Resources/Presentations/2021–22 Sept–Dec) to watch a video recording of the program and see some of the AARP website resources. ■

RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEBINAR

Why a Public History Project at UW-Madison?

BY MARY BETH PLANE, CO-CHAIR, RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

The narrative of any organization includes the ways it has treated its members. The University of Wisconsin-Madison community is no exception to its members having faced marginalization or discrimination. The UW Public History Project, commissioned by Chancellor Rebecca Blank and directed by Kacie Lucchini Butcher, is working to provide a voice to UW students, faculty, and staff who have experienced prejudice.

These stories of our fellow UW community members are scattered in many places across campus and held in the memories of those who witnessed and experienced these events. Current students, under the direction of Butcher, are working to find, compile, and present these narratives through written reports presented on the Public History Project website and to be showcased in a public exhibit in Fall 2022.

With our collective experience on campus, UWRA members have much potential to contribute to this project. Butcher is hoping that we will be willing to share some of our own stories of witnessing or experiencing intolerance or bias during our tenure at UW. She will share some of the stories that she and the students have gathered about the founding of UW, events that happened over the course of its history, and accomplishments of campus community members from marginalized populations whose stories we may not have heard. ■



Kacie Lucchini Butcher, director of the UW-Madison Public History Project, is a public historian and award-winning museum curator for the exhibit "Owning Up: Racism and Housing in Minneapolis" at the Hennepin History Museum. She is a native of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

PUBLIC HISTORY PROJECT
Tuesday December 7, 2021
 10:00 A.M.–NOON Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: December 2
 Advance registration is required. Register online at [UWRAmadison.org/event-4458217](https://uwramadison.org/event-4458217)

*If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, or suggestions as to issues you would like her to address, please email them in advance to program coordinator Mary Beth Plane at marybethplane@yahoo.com by Tuesday, **November 30**.*

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MEET A UWRA MEMBER

Folklore and Feral Cats

BY RUTH OLSON, UWRA MEMBER



As associate director for the Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures at UW–Madison, I taught folklore courses, wrote and administered grants, gave talks, engaged in public outreach, and planned local culture tours and activities for Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture. My favorite part of work before retirement was working with those K–12 teachers. We took them to visit with and learn from Somali immigrants in Barron, Ojibwe traditional artists and educators on several reservations, commercial fishermen, farmers and loggers, and so much more.

The day after I retired, I helped my nephew and his family move to Kentucky. I was able to squeeze in two more short trips—including to Duluth for a class on Swedish folk painting—before the pandemic closed things down. Future travel plans include the Lake Superior circle tour, visiting Cornwall, and going to New York to see our new grandbaby, due December 27! My favorite part of retirement so far is being able to spend more time up north at our cabin and read all day if I want to.

I had looked forward to volunteer activities, but COVID really put the kibosh on that. However, this past summer I was able to help catch and neuter 62 feral farm cats. I was raised on a dairy farm in

northwestern Wisconsin, so my first job was milking cows and feeding calves. When you're a kid, those tasks can be pretty fun.

My favorite restaurant in the Madison area is Zuzu's—our neighborhood bistro, with great coffee, food, and music.

I just finished reading *Mr. Flood's Last Resort*, by Jess Kidd, because I loved her book *Things in Jars*. I also just finished *My Antonia*, by Willa Cather, a wonderful book that is inspiring me to re-read other books I first read in my 20s. I have just started reading *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson.

A fun fact you might not know about me is that my husband was raised Amish-Mennonite, so we regularly visit our Amish relatives in Daviess County in southern Indiana. ■

SEPTEMBER 1–30, 2021

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

B. Lynn Allen-Hoffmann, *Medical School-Pathology*

Marcine Braun, *University Health Services*

Jean-Paul Chavas, *Agricultural and Applied Economics*

Esty Dinur, *Wisconsin Union Theater*

Yakub Ellias, *UW Health*

Kithy Elliott, *UWSMPH*

Francis Ginther, *Division of Extension*

Ethel Herbrand, *School of Human Ecology*

Stanley Herbrand

Larry Jorgenson

Mari Palta, *Population Health Sciences*

Jiwan Palta, *Horticulture*

Jill Perez-Guerra

Enrique Perez-Guerra, *Department of Intercollegiate Athletics*

Warren Robords, *DoIT*

Nete Schmidt, *German, Nordic, and Slavic (GNS)*

David Towers, *Wisconsin School of Business*

Gretchen Viney, *Law School*

Joseph Viney

Charlene Walker, *SoE Career Center*

{ The UWRA is your network in retirement! }

ACTIVITIES IN RETIREMENT

Keeping Sheep

BY TOM BROMAN, UWRA BOARD MEMBER

When I started thinking about retirement, I had two things in mind. After having lived in Madison for more than 25 years, my wife and I were looking for a change of scenery. Second, I wanted to find something that would keep me active physically. I do not take to repetitive exercises very happily, so I needed some physical activity that would be varied and engaging. I had spent my middle-school and high-school years in a rural area and worked on a dairy farm for one year, so I knew I liked working with farm animals.



Sheep seemed to be the perfect answer. Like goats and unlike horses or cattle, sheep eat almost anything. Apart from shearing them twice a year, they require very little care. Water, salt and minerals, and something to eat—that pretty much sums it up. We found some property in eastern Iowa County containing a beautiful prairie that had been restored by the previous owners. I fenced off about 2 acres on the edge, bought some portable electric fencing to subdivide the area inside the fence and set up temporary pastures outside of it, and bought five Cotswold lambs from a nearby shepherd.

What I have discovered from working with the sheep is that there is always something new to be learned from them, and each season brings something different. It has been a wonderful experience.

Not everything I hoped to do in retirement has worked out as I hoped it would, but this certainly has! ■



CALL FOR ARTICLES

Tell Us about Your Own Activities in Retirement

You may have read about retirees' discovery of an engaging interest in recent editions of the *Sifter*. We invite you to contribute a similar account that focuses on a specific activity—a hobby, volunteer effort, craft, sport, etc.—that's keeping you busy and engaged in retirement.

The column highlights the impressive array of interesting activities members are involved in and gives us all insight into how retirees can develop new, varied, and exciting passions after retirement.

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

Guidelines In 250 words or fewer, 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 photo related to your new activity. ■

REFLECTIONS

Camel Release? ... Oh! That's Different. Never Mind!

BY MARY BARNARD RAY



As the holidays approach, I am gearing up for time with friends and family, virtual or face to face. Recent events, however, reminded me that maybe I should gear up my listening and communication skills especially. What reminded me of this was a communication bump in the road with

my husband, Dennis.

It started with my interest in archaeology and all things ancient, and also my love of camels. Camels are smart and dignified, with a cool saunter that would be the envy of any teenaged boy. Yes, I have hugged camels, and even kissed a few—but only after a proper introduction. Camels, unlike dogs, need to have time to size you up before accepting affection. They expect to be approached with respect, and they watch how you behave, much like the hippogriff in the Harry Potter movies.

Anyway, my dear husband recently mentioned news that he thought would interest me: huge relief carvings of camels were discovered in northern Saudi Arabia, a country we toured extensively a few years ago.

What I heard, though, was “camels released in Saudi Arabia.” Why, I wondered, would they release their camels? Camels are valuable, and they usually range freely in Saudi Arabia since they know where their homes are. We saw lots of camels roaming the countryside when we were there. Puzzled, I asked him to repeat what he said.

Then I heard “camel relief in northern Saudi Arabia.” Why, I wondered again, would camels in northern Saudi Arabia need relief? Camels are valued and well cared for, and they manage to find food where few other animals could. I hadn't heard of a drought in northern Saudi Arabia, and it's so

dry there already that I'm not sure they could have a drought. A flood was unlikely; a hurricane impossible. But I didn't ask again; I was content to drift along through the conversation.

He went on to explain that the reliefs were thousands of years old and almost as large as life. Slowly, very slowly, I began to sort out his description. Eventually I realized that these were partially three-dimensional carvings (bas relief) of camels found in some rock outcroppings. Yes, “camel reliefs in northern Saudi Arabia.”

Did I mention that Dennis and I have been married almost 50 years, and that we often complete each other's sentences? And when both of us are having senior moments and can't remember a word, we often both know what we were talking about? Even so, we have our moments of confusion, so Thanksgiving dinner with the teenaged granddaughters and tech-savvy children could be a challenge. Perhaps my best plan would be to open my mouth only to eat turkey and pumpkin pie. ■

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

And the Blind Shall See

BY SHEILA LEARY, SIFTER EDITOR

I expected my vision to deteriorate with age. Added to my life-long astigmatism and extreme near-sightedness have been floaters and cataracts. So imagine my joy that, after recent cataract surgery on my left eye, I'm seeing 20-20 in that eye for the first time in my life. The magical change is because, instead of just replacing my cataract-clouded lens with a clear one, the surgeon implanted a toric lens that corrects my vision. By the time you read this newsletter, he will have fixed my right eye, too.

I went right out and shopped for non-prescription sunglasses. I bought two kinds, since they were cheap! I'm looking forward to editing and laying out this newsletter sitting straight in my chair, instead of leaning in to peer at the screen. ■



BOOK MARKS

Billy Summers

BY TOM EGGERT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS & UWRA MEMBER

No matter what he writes, Stephen King will always be considered a horror novelist. Yet in his latest novel, *Billy Summers* (Scribner, 2021), he presents a tale of an assassin on the requisite one-last-job-before-he's-out. This is crime fiction.

The set-up is straightforward. Billy is an ex-army sniper turned killer-for-hire who, conveniently, kills only “bad men.” Tasked with a hit on a small-time crook, he relocates to a provincial city in an unspecified southern state where, due to the machinations of plot, he must live a double (or triple) life in the local community while waiting for his shot.

Billy Summers, the character, is imperfectly perfect. Billy fills his time waiting for “the job” by writing his life story. It’s a tale of violent youth and wartime tragedy that begins as an unwelcome interruption to the main proceedings but gradually sucks the reader in as a window into Billy’s off-kilter moral code.

King excels at sketching a nostalgic rural life, providing the details so that we can relate to the events. Cook-outs with Billy’s neighbors, games of Monopoly with their children, date nights and dinners—all are part of King’s mythologizing of American life. The book has plenty of references to contemporary TV and music and assures us that the story could have taken place anywhere. At midpoint, the story takes an entirely unexpected turn, introducing a character who will alter the course of Billy’s life and is impossible to forget.

The best mark of a good book is one doesn’t forget it. I won’t forget *Billy Summers*.



Stephen King is an author of horror, supernatural fiction, suspense, crime, science fiction, and fantasy novels. His 50 published books have sold more than 350 million copies and many have been adapted for film, TV, miniseries, and comics. He is the recipient of the 2003 National Book Foundation award for Distinguished Contribution to the American Letters and a 2014 National Medal of Arts. ■

Please email book reviews for the Book Marks column to column coordinator Laurie Mayberry at laurie.mayberry@wisc.edu.



UNIVERSITY LEAGUE

Madison Savoyards to Perform for Online Candlelight Concert

BY JOANNE CANTOR, UNIVERSITY LEAGUE

The University League invites you to their annual Candlelight Concert, via Zoom and YouTube, on Friday, December 3, at 7:00 P.M.

The concert will feature the Madison Savoyards performing a variety of songs from their repertoire. Since 1963, the Madison Savoyards have produced Gilbert and Sullivan and other English-language comic operas that are fun for audiences of all ages. Their fully staged productions provide performance opportunities for young artists, community members, and emerging professionals.

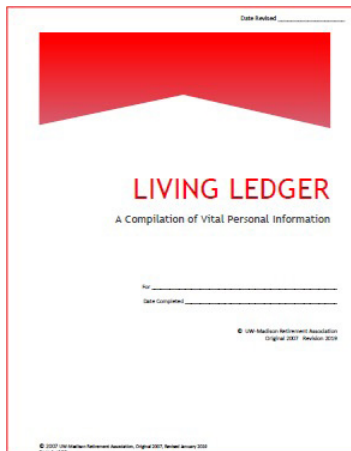
The University League announces two other upcoming events: on March 22, 2022, author Rochelle Pennington will explore the mystery surrounding the 1975 sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald; and on May 10, 2022, professor emeritus Stanley Temple will speak on Ado Leopold, natural cycles, and climate change. More information on these events, including venues, will be available at a later date.

For details on all University League programs, visit univleague.wisc.edu/programs/. ■

UWRA RESOURCES

What is Living Ledger?

Living Ledger is a comprehensive document designed for UWRA members and their families. Essentially, it is a tool to help members compile their personal, financial, and health information for use by their heirs and designated personal representatives to find important documents and locate personal contacts when needed.



The tool is intended to be as comprehensive as possible and, therefore, contains some sections that may be irrelevant to the needs of any given user. Nevertheless, filling out all the relevant sections should provide information that your helpers and survivors will need in case of your disability or death. To protect the confidentiality of the information contained in *Living Ledger*, users should not distribute too many copies and should keep certain information, such as Internet passwords, in a separate place.

Living Ledger is a benefit of UWRA membership and is available in the member-only section of the website. To access, you will need to log onto the website using your email and password.

You will find five software options for *Living Ledger* on the website: two Microsoft Word formats (doc and docx), an Adobe PDF, Adobe-fillable PDF, and Apple Pages format. Members who prefer to fill out the workbook manually can print it from the PDF file. To download the digital template, go to UWRAmadison.org then to Resources/Living Ledger. If you do not want to print the ledger on your printer, you can purchase a paper copy (\$10 each) by visiting "Our Store" at UWRAmadison.org or sending a check to the Association Office payable to UWRA. ■

FINANCIAL MATTERS WEBINAR

Economic Outlook: Returning Toward Normal?

BY JOAN GILLMAN, MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MATTERS IN RETIREMENT

Join us when Steve Rick, chief economist for CUNA Mutual, helps us understand what really is going on with the U.S. economy. Rick is one of our most popular annual presenters, so this promises to be an enlightening and entertaining session on our economy.



Will the budding U.S. economic rebound have legs despite supply chain issues and surging COVID variants? Can expansion restore the pre-crisis economy? Are fundamental changes in the jobs market apt to cause long-term disparities? Might federal fiscal stimulus lead to runaway inflation? This presentation will include a review of the principal forces shaping the economy and financial markets. Plan to attend to learn about these topics and more; you don't want to miss out! ■

If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Joan Gillman at jjillman@wisc.edu by Wednesday, December 8.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK
Wednesday December 15, 2021
10:00 A.M.—NOON Online Webinar

Registration Deadline: December 10
Advance registration is required. Register online at
UWRAmadison.org/event-4204363

CAMPUS NEWS

**University Roundtables:
French Horn + Electronics,
Communications and Democracy**

Each semester, the University Roundtable features three lunch programs with a talk by a member of the university community. Register now for the final two Roundtables of the semester, since space may be limited.

On November 17, Dan Grabois will present "French Horn + Electronics = ?" The French horn is one of the most Romantic sounding of orchestral instruments: warm, rich, emotional. What happens when the horn moves into the context of contemporary electronic sounds? Associate professor of horn at the Mead Witter School of Music and a member of the Wisconsin Brass Quintet, Grabois will let attendees hear what happens when the horn works in conjunction with electronic processing to create entirely new sounds. The registration deadline is November 9.

On December 15, Mike Wagner will discuss how Wisconsin's communication ecology has changed

in recent decades and the impacts of those changes on democracy. Once-major institutions of state and local news, especially newspapers, have greatly declined, while others, including talk radio, partisan media, and social media, have grown in prominence. A professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Wagner outlines how these changes are altering the processes by which citizens learn about public affairs, the media in which they discuss them, the mechanisms by which campaigns are conducted, and the arenas in which public debates take place. The registration deadline is December 7.

Roundtable programs are open to members of the university community and their guests. All programs are in Varsity Hall in Union South, 11:45 A.M.–1:00 P.M. Each luncheon costs \$15. Registration and payment must be received in advance; there will be no on-site registration.

For further details, visit the University Roundtable page at acstaff.wisc.edu/programs/university-roundtable/. For questions, email roundtable@soas.wisc.edu. ■

■ UW–Madison Retirement Association Calendar Dates ■

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

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| • Tuesday, December 7 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>UW–Madison Public History Project</i> |
| • Thursday, December 9 | 9:00–10:00 A.M. | East-West Virtual Breakfast |
| • Wednesday, December 15 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>Economic Outlook: Returning toward Normal?</i> |
| • Tuesday, March 15 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>Supercharge Your Retirement</i> |
| • Thursday, March 24 | 2:00–4:00 P.M. | <i>Travelogue to Rome</i> |
| • Tuesday, May 10 | 10:00 A.M.–NOON | <i>A Bucket Approach to Investing</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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