

THE ARRUF ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE FOR 2018-2019

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE KINDS OF ACTIVITIES?

The ARRUF Activities Committee tried to anticipate your answers to that question. The 2018-2019 Schedule offers major events, workshops, technology training, discussions, social events—something for every ARRUF member and associate member. The schedule takes advantage of Fondren 412's new availability and facilities. Over a dozen activities are scheduled for each semester. Mark your calendar now for the October 3rd Colloquium on the Role of Retired Faculty in Universities, an October 27th “stroll and sketch” field trip and picnic to Armand Bayou Nature Preserve, and a December 6th Holiday Reception and Luncheon.

Look for your favorites and think about what more ARRUF should do in the future. We welcome additional ideas for ARRUF activities or events. Volunteer for the Activities Committee or send an e-mail to Diana Heard indicating your interest at Diana.Heard@rice.edu.

To see the activities in calendar order, download the alternate version from the Website.

COLLOQUIA

August 28, 2018

Participation in International Scholars and Students Welcome. The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) invites ARRUF members to become friends for newly arrived colleagues and students from around the world. You may be surprised to know that this fall over a quarter of Rice students are international students. What a rich environment for learning across cultures! Nonetheless, international students and scholars can benefit from having a friend who is willing to answer questions or provide occasional hospitality. You can be one of those people.

OISS has a welcome for you on its website (oiss.rice.edu) and a letter of invitation that appears on the ARRUF home page. A helpful training session (required) will enable you to be a successful guide for a new colleague or graduate student. You may either attend one of these regular sessions, listed below, or a special one-hour orientation or training session for ARRUF members in Fondren 412 on August 28 at 11 a.m.

You must also attend the welcoming session in the RMC Grand Hall, on Tuesday, September 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m., where OISS will match you with a graduate student. Also, ARRUF members might want to create partner teams to “share” the joy of mentoring a student. Talk to your friends.

To explore this exciting opportunity to welcome an international student or colleague, visit the OISS website at oiss.rice.edu to learn more and read the letter of invitation (link on the ARRUF.rice.edu website) to participate in this project.

September 21 F

A Gathering of Academic Memoir Writers. *Held in Fondren 412. Please register.*

June Ferrill visits from Santa Fe, NM to conduct a two-hour session introducing the academic memoir and writing strategies for completing the story of your life in research or scholarship. Begin yours at this ARRUF workshop.

Why write an academic memoir? Aside from the interest your family and friends have in your story, Rice University Historian Melissa Kean needs YOUR academic memoir to help construct the account behind the thousands of photographs, experimental models, curriculum proposals, and documents that fill the Rice Archives. She and retired Professor in the Practice June Ferrill will help you start launching your own account.

Sample intellectual trajectories or academic memoirs can be found in the MEMBERS section on the ARRUF.rice.edu website. After lunch, writers from the spring 2018 gathering will join those attending the fall gathering for a session on crafting introductions and anecdotes. E-mail diana.heard@rice.edu to sign up for this workshop. Maximum participants: 16.

October 3 W

Half-Day Conference on the Role of Retired Faculty in Universities

In the past, the role of retired faculty in universities has been marginal; once retired, retired faculty tended to be seen as unwanted and irrelevant to departments' ongoing missions. As part of Rice University's planning for the turbulent era ahead in education, ARRUF proposes to engage seriously in the imagining of new roles for retired faculty. To begin thinking about the new longevity landscape, ARRUF will offer two half-day conferences and several small-group discussions. The first, on October 3rd, will involve a guest speaker, Roger Baldwin, to discuss results of a national survey about the role of retired faculty at other universities. A panel of respondents, including Rice administrators, will comment on the implications of Baldwin's study. Lunch will feature roundtable discussions with Rice deans, department chairs, and ARRUF members.



Featured speaker Roger Baldwin, Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University. Roger Baldwin held the Dr. Mildred B. Erickson Distinguished Chair in Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education. His professional interests included instructional strategies and curriculum planning, faculty career development, conditions in the academic workplace and transformation in higher education systems. His research explored key dimensions of higher education's response to changing environmental conditions and society's increased demand for educational services. His most recent work focused on changing faculty appointment patterns, contingent faculty, faculty in the later stages of academic life, and evolving faculty roles and professional activities. A copy of *Transforming Academic Retirement: The Performance and Potential of*

Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, a national study he conducted with his graduate students, is available on the ARRUF website under NEWS.



Panelist Joe Cooper spent 24 years at Rice University where he was, at various times, chairman of political science, first dean of the School of Social Sciences, and president of the Institute for Policy Analysis. He earned his undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees from Harvard University.

In 1991 Cooper became provost of Johns Hopkins University. He organized and led the Committee for the 21st Century, whose 23 recommendations led to major initiatives in information technology, expanded global partnerships, and greater financial self-sufficiency for the university. In 1995 Cooper stepped down as provost to focus on research and teaching as a professor of political science at Johns Hopkins. Cooper will be part of the panel responding to Baldwin's overview.

November 15, Th **General Meeting. 3 to 5 p.m. Place to be announced.**

Come discuss the semester's programs, the committees' reports, and imagine new possibilities for the future.

January 24 Th **The First Policy Forum for ARRUF Civic Scholars and Scientists**
Room and times to be announced.

The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy includes a number of distinguished ARRUF members who are engaged in its research. These policy discussion sessions are intended to be presentations followed by group discussions that bring out the interdisciplinary and intercultural issues that ARRUF members consider important in the Baker Institute's research, based on their own history of scholarship and research. Through these discussions, ARRUF members may become more aware of friends' work and may contribute to the long-term trajectory of specific projects. Current Baker Fellows in ARRUF will organize the presentation: R. F. Curl and C. H. Ward will chair the first session.

About the Forum Series: This Forum will be open to ARRUF members at all levels and will be held twice per semester and once in the summer, beginning in 2019. ARRUF members who are also Fellows of the Baker Institute will choose articles, books, and performances or exhibitions about issues of interest and make forms of those works available to ARRUF participants at least two weeks before the forum is held. It is hoped that the new ARRUF headquarters can be the site for the forum, although if too many people sign up, the Activities Committee or the Executive Assistant for ARRUF will attempt to find a larger place. Every effort will be made to involve members from several disciplines in the discussion and to make the panels gender- and ethnicity-fair.

The forum sessions may focus on recent research to which ARRUF members who are Baker Institute Fellows now contribute, on other publications of the

Baker Institute, or on works or performances of art, poetry, or music that ARRUF members participating in the Baker Institute produce. This forum can provide a venue for the discussion of ARRUF members' continuing scholarship, research, and public policy contributions as well as discussion of other timely issues such as global warming, politicization of state courts, international trade, U.S. healthcare policy, and so on. Discussions will be expected to involve ZOOM digital videoconferencing and last for either one or two 40-minute sessions.

March 11 M

Half-Day Conference II on the Role of Retired Faculty in Universities

Room location to be announced.

Like Conference I, this event will feature two important scholars interested in rethinking the role of retired faculty in universities. One of the anticipated guests, Paul Irving, is head of the Milken Institute on Aging and has actively explored the changes to the economy and society that longevity trends will produce. As universities respond to these changes, they will have new populations to serve, new problems to study, and new roles for faculty who wish to remain at the forefront of university programs. Paul Irving's visit will be confirmed in June and more details about the second speaker will be forthcoming.

April 12 F

The Second Policy Forum for ARRUF Civic Scholars and Scientists

Room and time to be announced.

The theme of the second Policy Forum will be announced in January. The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy includes a number of distinguished ARRUF members who are engaged in its research projects. These research sessions are intended to be presentations followed by group discussions that bring out the interdisciplinary and intercultural issues that ARRUF members recognize, based on their own history of scholarship and research. Through these discussions, ARRUF members may become more aware of friends' work and may contribute to the long-term trajectory of specific projects. Current Baker Fellows in ARRUF will organize the presentation: Chairs for the second session are to be announced in December 2018.

May 2 Th

Annual General Meeting – Business meeting and reception welcoming the 2019 retired faculty. Held at Cohen House

CONVERSATIONS

September 27 Th

A Conversation about Purposeful Retirement 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Held in Fondren 412.

What's a "retired" professor to do? Susan Lieberman, who earned her Ph.D. in public policy and headed Leadership Rice for eight years, has turned her attention to the complexities of balancing life changes with our principal intellectual passions. Twenty copies of her book, *Getting Old Is a Full-Time Job*,

will be free to those who register for this conversation. The session will focus on blending restructured University careers and the demands of changing lifestyles. The discussion is part of ARRUF's preparation for the October 3rd colloquium on the role of retired faculty in the university. Host and discussion leader: Susan Lieberman. *Planned for Fondren 412 unless registration size forces a venue change.*

October 15 M

Third Monday Conversations on Teaching in Retirement – *Monthly, third Mondays 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (with wine and cheese). Starts Monday, October 15.*

Teaching continues to entice retired faculty who love sharing advanced knowledge of specialized topics as well as introducing undergraduates to their fields. However, new technologies, university requirements, and pedagogies can keep teaching an adventure. Avoid the “old fogey” role by sharing insights and experiences with other ARRUF members who teach. Fluid discussions aided by wine and cheese on the first Monday of each month. Host Faculty: ARRUF Director C. Sidney Burrus and Joshua Eyler, Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching. *Planned for Fondren 412 unless registration size forces a venue change.*

Oct. 16 T

Conversations in Spanish Language and Culture – *Five Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. to noon starts Oct. 16. Held in Fondren 412.*

These sessions will bring together ARRUF members, associate members, and graduate students interested in using their Spanish language skills while discussing cultures, travel, and current issues of the Hispanic World. Beginning with a reception on October 16th, conversation in a relaxed setting will be held each Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until noon. These meetings will continue for the next four Tuesdays at Fondren Library 412. Each week will feature aspects of language and a special topic about Spain and Hispanic America. Special guests may be invited to share cultural insights. Host: Victoria Arbizu-Sabater.

Oct. 18 Th

Conversations in Japanese Language and Culture – *Five Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to noon. Starts Oct. 18. Held in Fondren 412.*

Conversations in Japanese Language and Culture will bring together ARRUF members and associate members interested in all things Japanese (and possibly in travel to Japan) as well as graduate students interested in practice and proficiency. Beginning with a reception on October 18th, conversation in a relaxed setting will be held each Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until noon and will be repeated for the next four Thursdays (no meeting on Thanksgiving Day) at Fondren 412. Each week will feature aspects of language and a special topic of current interest in Japan. Special guests may be invited to share cultural insights. Host: Hiroko Sato.

January 17, 24, 31 Th Conversations on the Longevity Economy – *Thursdays 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.*

“The future isn’t what it used to be.” We must reimagine what retired faculty members’ lives will be in 2020, 2030, 2040 as longevity enables more and more of us to continue the activities we like best as faculty. Change is accelerating: Remember that the iPhone was introduced only eleven years ago, and now

everyone uses one—practically all the time. Paul Irving's *The Power of Purposeful Aging*, published by the Milken Institute on Aging, is available for download from the ARRUF website ARRUF.rice.edu. These discussions will be a preparation for the Second ARRUF Conference on the Future Role of Retired Faculty in the University. Part of our discussion will leverage our experience with the First Conference and Paul Rogers' talk about what affects the trajectory of faculty development. We will also focus on how this changing economy will impinge on the University and its past ways of defining retirement. Discussion leader: L. Driskill *Planned for Fondren 412 unless registration size forces a venue change.*

February 13, 2019 **Conversations on Great Tributes from Literature and Philosophy –**
Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - February. 13, 20, 27

Finding the words to honor others has been a challenge echoing through literature and philosophy, from the Greeks to our time. The *encomium* was a staple of classical education and public life. At today's public occasions we fall back on commonplaces if not clichés. These three sessions will examine orations, poems, and dramatic soliloquies that praised heroic valor and cherished friends. Want to go beyond the commonplace? Three sessions in February will be held in Fondren 412 with ZOOM access to those who can't be on campus. Host: Thad Logan, Ph.D.

COLLABORATIONS AND PROJECTS

Mid-August 2018 **Donations to the Graduate Loan Closet.**

Right-size for retirement by bringing pots, pans, sheets, small lamps, and other items for graduate students to the Graduate House at 1515 Bissonnet Street. Please contact Mary Tobin at tobin@rice.edu to find out when you can drop off items. Large furniture cannot be accepted. Pickup and transportation of items can no longer be offered. You can donate in June or July if you will be away in August. Donations are treasured, especially by graduate students from abroad.

October 12 F **Second Friday Fill the Bookshelves and "My Picks" Discussions.** *Every second Friday in the month, 3 p.m. Begins October 12.*

ARRUF members are invited to bring up to 10 books (per person total) to donate to the ARRUF Library. On the day you donate, be prepared to tell others why you find at least two of them (your "picks") particularly valuable. Bookplates will be available for inscribing your name on your donations. 3 p.m. Wine and Cheese. Discussion Leader to be announced.

January 30 Th **Archives Projects** *Fondren 412. Times to be announced.*

Ever had fun hunting through old family photos? Wondered where megaphones went after the last game? Thousands of items in the archives are waiting for someone to identify them and tell the stories behind them. Rice University Historian Melissa Kean will introduce the archives research project. Box lunch provided. Register by January 28th with Diana Heard at Diana.Heard@rice.edu.

Dates to be announced

Outreach Project. Collection of excess non-U.S. cash on campus will be used to fund a community outreach project. (Possibly a collaborative project with a junior high school art class for an Art Car Parade project.) Chair: Hilary Miller.

April 2019

ARRUF Research Reports. Date to be determined. Presentations on the Archives Project conducted with the Rice University Historian Melissa Kean.

May 2019

Book Collection Project with Rotary International's "Books for the World." ARRUF Collects, transports to Rotary. Every retiring professor's dream: What to do with all those books!

Collegiality (Arts and Excursions)

October 27, Sat

Stroll and Sketch at Armand Bayou. Bas Poulos leader. Details to follow.

December 6, Th

Holiday reception and luncheon at Cohen House, 11:15 a.m. Reservations required. Please reply to Diana.Heard@rice.edu to enable us to plan appropriately for adequate seating.

March 9 (?) 2019

Art Car Parade Event *Details to be announced in the spring.*

Workshops

October 24 W

Workshop on Choosing Healthcare Insurance in Retirement

Open Enrollment in many Medicare Supplement Programs begins on November 1, 2018. Plan now to attend a timely workshop on October 24. A presentation by insurance advisor Julie Peacock, who has many years of experience assisting companies and individuals, will illustrate options with sample cases and help you prepare to answer the following questions:

- Should I continue with the University's insurance during retirement?
- How should I go about comparing the University plan to alternate plans that are offered (no retiree can return to the University plan if they leave it)? What are the criteria and issues?
- How should I choose among non-University plans if I have already left the Rice insurance program?

She also will present high-level information on Medicare, how it works and how to navigate the Medicare Maze. Email to register: Diana.Heard@rice.edu

March 2019

Workshop on Choosing Retirement Residences

Michelle Watkins from Brazos Towers will explain how to analyze your choices and living expenses that may be associated with (a) living at home while aging in place, (b) moving to a high-rise apartment, (c) joining a retirement village while living independently, (d) exchanging residences with a faculty member in another city, and (e) moving to a campus style retirement community that offers several levels of accommodation and care. Because costs vary so much in different parts of the country and because each person's financial situation will differ from others', the workshop will emphasize how to evaluate one's own circumstances and preferences. In 2017 this workshop received VERY HIGH ratings from participants.

NOTE:

Because April is a busy month for writing annual reports and planning for the year ahead, fewer events have been scheduled for April and Fondren 412 will be heavily used for committee meetings and editing.