ARRUF CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES Fall 2018

**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.

**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**  
**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**

*Check the ARRUF website for room details. 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

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. Opening remarks by Provost Marie Lynn Miranda.

**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.

The Study’s Implications for Universities: Panelists Responding: Joe Cooper, Neal Lane, Mary McIntire, Jim Pomerantz, and Rob Bruce, Jr.
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.

More to come on Neal Lane, Mary McIntire, Jim Pomerantz, Rob Bruce, Jr.

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.

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

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: Retired LCIC faculty member Hiroko Sato.

Oct. 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

October 27, Sat  Stroll and Sketch at Armand Bayou. Basilios Poulos leader. Details to follow.

November 13 Tu  Fall General Meeting and Reception. Cohen House. 3 to 5 p.m.

Come discuss the semester’s events and programs and imagine new possibilities for the future. Enjoy a reception and seeing friends.

December 6, Th  Holiday reception and luncheon 11:15 a.m. at Cohen House. Reservations required. Please reply to Diana.Heard@rice.edu to enable us to plan appropriately for adequate seating.