



The Association of Retired Rice University Faculty

Transforming Traditional Retirement through Innovation and Collaboration

ARRUF NEWSLETTER – September 2019

Fall Back-to-Basics about ARRUF

This issue is a keeper! File it to maintain basic information about

- How to use the ARRUF website;
- How to participate in ARRUF events using ZOOM;
- How to prepare for the first discussion on Sept. 10;
- How to join ARRUF's monthly luncheons at the Faculty Club;
- How to anticipate IT policy concerning your computer account;
- How to prepare your excess books for pickup Sept. 20 for The Rotary Books for the World Project;
- News about exciting special sessions just for ARRUF members
- How to become the U.S. Friend of a new Rice University International Graduate Student
- and a list of events scheduled for fall 2019 to start your own calendar.

You can keep up with unavoidable last-minute changes by going to the Home Page at ARRUF.rice.edu. The left-hand column will show each event, including repeating events, such as the monthly luncheons at the faculty club.



Who's keeping an eye on Houston? Watch for more about Paul Hester's Nov. talk!

Ewa Thompson Awarded Commander's Cross



This summer Andrzej Duda, President of Poland, awarded the Commander's Cross to Research Professor Ewa Thompson in a ceremony in the Polish capitol. Also congratulating her was Piotr Wilczek, a Polish intellectual historian, specialist in comparative literature, and a literary translator, who currently serves as the Ambassador of Poland to the United States. Wilczek is a former Kosciuszko Fellow at Rice University.

Professor Thompson has had a number of additional recent accomplishments. Her book, *Understanding Russia: The Holy Fool in Russian Culture* (1987) has been translated into Polish and was published by Teologia Polityczna Publishers in June 2019. It was previously translated into several other languages.

Contributing to the conservative debate in *Modern Age Journal* this year over the impact of language practices, her article, *The Great Amputation: Language in the Postmodern Era*, argued in favor of language that embodied a higher level of metaphysical meaning, and against strict literalism.

In addition, her recent article in *American Thinker* provoked one subscriber to petition the editor,

Please forward this brief letter to Ewa Thompson, who published an article entitled "Can Democracy Survive without Nationalism?" on September 1, 2019, in AT. It is a very important write-up, for it touches on subjects that few dare to tackle. It is well written, succinct and poignant, and uses excellent references. I would like to see more articles such as this.

Professor Thompson's editorial leadership of *The Sarmatian Review*, a journal of Polish culture, has also positioned her to contribute to many political and cultural discussions of importance in Europe. As a member of ARRUF, scholars and researchers have a great opportunity to broaden their participation in many contemporary debates related to their previous specialties.



It's Time to Be an International Student's U.S. Friend

ORIENTATIONS (Choose one!)

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, noon- 1:00 p.m.

MEET & GREET

Rice Memorial Center/Student Center Grand Hall:

Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All Orientations take place at the Office of International Students & Scholars - Lovett Hall, Entrance A, room 201. Detailed directions and parking instructions will be sent to you once OISS receives your [Friend Application form](#). Send one now!

In 2018 several ARRUF members applied to be U.S. Friends of new international graduate students at Rice. So valuable were these friendships that some graduate students asked whether their roommates could participate as well. Thanksgiving dinner, coffee at the Pavilion, and being available to answer questions about being a student in the US were highly valued.

You can be an important part of Rice's effort to be a leading international university by making the personal connection with an aspiring scholar or researcher. Today more than ever, we assert that friendship promotes peace for the future.

Fill out a U.S. Friend application on-line with OISS at oiss.rice.edu and attend an orientation session this week.



Members Anne Schnoebelen and Viqui Arbizu Sabater are shown with their international students in 2018.

How to Use the Website – ARRUF.rice.edu

When you visit ARRUF.rice.edu, a row of links in the blue bar along the top allows you to move immediately to eight types of information. These pages provide introductory information plus news and details about members' current events and projects.

- WELCOME stores a greeting and general information (including an introduction, a description of the organization's home in Fondren 412, and ARRUF's charter, by-laws, and officers);
- NEWS: Here's the place for sharing developments
- EVENTS: Upcoming talks, meetings, and trips
- MEMBERS: Profiles of ARRUF members
- PROJECTS: ARRUF-wide endeavors, including the Memoir Writers' meetings
- REPORTS AND RESOURCES, ARRUF annual reports, committee reports, and past newsletters.
- CONTACT INFORMATION. Info to get in touch.

Send Your Materials Now –

How to Have a Profile on "Members"

ARRUF members are in demand for collaboration in current research projects, proposal preparation, teaching, lectures, and university projects. Help others know about you by maintaining a profile on ARRUF. Over time, your interests may have changed and your recent work may be new to some prospective collaborators. If you send in information to be posted on your profile, colleagues within Rice and at other universities can check on your recent work and contact you. Look on the MEMBERS page at others' profiles and send in your own materials to maintain a presence.

How to Report Professional News

After retirement, many faculty members are free to take on larger responsibilities in their professional societies and organizations. You can share news about honors, awards, and professional roles by sending information to ARRUF.invites@rice.edu. Attach .jpg photos of ceremonies or highlights that can be used on the ARRUF website or newsletter. We are especially interested in news about talks and publications. Perhaps, like Professor Jane Chance, you have turned to poetry or fiction writing, and have new publications news to share.



Landscaping the Future

This magazine cover won't be shocking in 2030. 100-year longevity will be a well-known trend by then. We invite you to be part of monthly Tuesday morning sessions about several provocative readings and related ARRUF research. The coffee and tea will be ready in Room 412 Fondren.

Discussions start September 10 with "Recap Day—Reactions to Paul Irving's PPT from the March Conference." **Get the PPT that we'll discuss!** It is available for easy download on the Reports and Resources page of the ARRUF website at ARRUF.rice.edu.

On Sept. 10, Tuesday, come to Fondren 412 at 10:30 a.m. to attend the discussion.

If coming to the campus is not convenient for you, you can go to ZOOM.US and sign up for a free account. Then on September 10, go to your account and find the JOIN MEETING tab on the menu. Put in the ARRUF meeting ID [271-570-0281](https://zoom.us/j/2715700281) to join the session on your device. It's surprisingly easy!

Two additional readings have already been chosen:

AI Super-Powers: China, Silicon Valley, and the New World Order – Kai-Fu Lee

The 100-Year Life: Living and Working in an Age of Longevity – Gratton & Scott

Check out a library copy of these books soon.

Spring 2020 GrandArts Lecture and Tour of the New Rice University Music and Performing Arts Center Set for April 29th!

The spring 2020 GrandArts Lecture has already been arranged, thanks to Anne Schnoebelen. On April 29, 25 ARRUF members will have a lecture by the dean or associate dean of the Shepherd School, followed by a tour of the new Rice University Music and Performing Arts Center. Because at that point the building will still belong to the contractor, the size of the group is limited, and the permission of the contractor is required. However, the GrandArts Lecture is sure to be a big attraction. **Reservations accepted AFTER January 31, 2020 @arruf.invites@rice.edu.**

What Are ARRUF Projects?

The heading, "Projects" may be a bit of a puzzle on your first visit to the ARRUF Website. As part of our commitment to collaboration and innovation, ARRUF undertakes ventures that seem especially likely to create value for Rice or for ARRUF members. The discussion series on longevity trends and their effects on the economy is one example. But you may think of other work that needs to be done in order to help members or the University anticipate challenges or seize opportunities. If you do, that may lead to a new ARRUF Project.

At present we have three projects. Fall 2019 may be the right time for you to become involved in one or more. See which might be right for you:

- **The Academic Memoirs Project**
Academic memoirs are illuminating for those who write them and useful for university historians who use them to gain a context for reports, proposals, and other archival materials. You'll also learn a lot about your colleagues and their lives.
- **Books We Love**
One of the best ways to get to know someone is to discover the books that influenced them. Because ARRUF members come from a wide range of specialties, learning which books shaped their research and perspectives can be illuminating. These monthly discussions have helped us understand one another. Who would have guessed that our favorite sociologist became fascinated with peoples and cultures because of the amazing stories in the Bible, and that a theoretical linguistics text opened up pastoral poetry?
- **Changing Contexts/Changing Roles (Future Trends)**
It's hard to realize how fast times change, but only a decade ago, the iPhone was new. Now it's hard to imagine being without one. And technology isn't the only trend that changes our lives: the very fact that the retiree community is swelling and we continue to live longer will also affect transportation, housing, healthcare, careers, and education (for starters). See the readings described in the column on the left and join in the discussion.

Information for ARRUF Members about Computer Accounts
IT POLICY: IT Account Closure, Eligibility & Information

This policy explains account closures, transitions, and eligibility for account services.

Every day, OIT collects records and data from across the campus to determine whose eligibility for service has ended, as well as who has newly arrived at the university and become eligible. OIT acts on the decisions made across the institution; those decisions determine who has services and who does not. The closure process is designed to close the accounts of individuals who are no longer listed as eligible in the university records.

Alert: OIT does not determine your eligibility. You must contact **Human Resources**, for Faculty/Staff/Emeritus/Retirees, or the **Registrar**, for Students/Alumni, or your **account sponsor**, for Visitors/Guests, to correct your records if you believe you should retain your account.

Faculty

The process of account closure for faculty begins at their employee termination date. Each evening termination notices are processed and any faculty terminating on that day will immediately change to an inactive faculty member. During this time as an inactive faculty some Rice resources will no longer function, for example access to the VPN. The faculty member will stay in the inactive faculty state until part way through the annual deletion cycle, which occurs once a year from December through February. The Annual Deletion Cycle begins with a six-week notification period. During the notification period 3 emails will be sent to the faculty member notifying them of the pending account closure with instructions on how to request a waiver of closure and the exact date of "Deletion Day". Waivers are handled on a case by case basis when they come in and may be processed during or after the notification period. When "Deletion Day" arrives the faculty member's NetID password will be scrambled to prevent access to all Rice services. Four weeks after "Deletion Day", the process of actually deleting accounts and data begins. At this point, no new waivers will be accepted. The Annual Deletion Cycle completes when all accounts scheduled for deletion have been purged.

Full Account Access	Full Access to all Faculty accessible resources at the university.
Reduced Account Access	Loss of access to all resources and services that require an Active status, this includes VPN. Access to the network wired and wireless, email, AD, Linux, Box and Google still permitted.
No Account Access	Loss of access to all deleted accounts and associated services, including network wired and wireless, AD, Linux, Box and Google. Loss of access to SSO as the individual's NetID password has been scrambled.

Emeritus

The process of account closure for emeritus begins at their employee termination date. Each evening termination notices are processed and any emeritus terminating on that day will immediately change to an inactive emeritus. During this time as an inactive emeritus some university resources will no longer function, though a specific exception has been made for VPN access and it will continue to function. The emeritus will stay in this reduced account access state until part way through the annual deletion cycle, which occurs once a year from December through February. The Annual Deletion Cycle begins with a six week notification period. During the notification period 3 emails will be sent to the emeritus notifying them of the pending account closure with instructions on how to request a waiver of closure and the exact date of "Deletion Day". Waivers are handled on a case by case basis when they come in and may be processed during or after the notification period. When "Deletion Day" arrives the emeritus' Google account password will be scrambled to prevent access to Google services. Four weeks after "Deletion Day", the process of actually deleting accounts and data begins. At this point, no new waivers will be accepted. The Annual Deletion Cycle completes when all accounts scheduled for deletion have been deleted.

Full Account Access	Full Access to all Emeritus (Faculty) accessible resources at the university.
Reduced Account Access	Loss of access to all resources and services that require an Active status, this does not include VPN. Access to the network wired and wireless, VPN, AD, Linux, and Google still permitted
Limited Account Access	Loss of access to all deleted accounts and associated services, including network wired and wireless, AD, Linux, Google Access to some SSO enabled web sites permitted Access to email permitted Access to VPN permitted

Rice University Human Resources Policy No. 422-98

RETIREE DEFINITION AND BENEFITS

APPLIES TO ALL RICE UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND STAFF WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS

Retirees are individuals who leave the University's employ at the conclusion of a minimum of ten consecutive years of benefits-eligible service and for whom the sum of age and length of service is at least 65.

Being a retiree of Rice University entitles an individual to certain benefits and privileges that may change from time to time. Examples of such privileges are the following:

- Participation at their cost in the University Medical Plans for the retiree and dependents

covered at the time of retirement according to conditions set by the insurance carriers and the University,

- The opportunity to audit courses at Rice and remission of tuition for dependents as provided by the relevant policies,
- Membership in the Faculty Club, with approval of the Faculty Club Board,
- Use of Gymnasium facilities, with the approval of the Department of Human Performance and Health Science,
- Rice University "Faculty/Staff, Retired" identification cards for the retiree and spouse,
- Book check out privileges at Fondren Library with Rice University "Faculty/Staff, Retired" identification card,
- Special rates on season tickets to Rice athletic events as issued by the Athletic Department,
- University Faculty/Staff Directory listing under the appropriate heading,
- Regular faculty/staff discounts on non-credit School of Continuing Studies courses, and
- Access to the Internet and e-mail with a Rice account according to established procedures in Information Technology. *(Note May 1, 2018: This has been superseded by IT policy displayed in this document in Addendum Three.)*

Retirees who have served 20 years or more or deceased faculty and staff who meet the same criterion are further recognized by a tree planted on campus and dedicated in their honor. Covered dependents of deceased employees who would have qualified for retiree benefits may continue purchasing Rice group health insurance coverage as dependents of deceased retirees.

See also: [Tuition Remission for Dependents](#) [Tuition Reimbursement](#) [Tuition Waiver](#). Supersedes: Policies No. 422-96 dated March 19, 1996 November, 1996

There Are Readers Abroad for Your Books

Rotary International's "Books for the World" program ships donated books from multiple sources to countries around the world. Local Rotarians report needs and supervise book distribution to libraries, schools, and universities. ARRUF members Ahmad Durrani and Clarence Miller have led ARRUF's program. [Get YOUR extra books ready for Sept. 20.](#)

How to Donate Books

Contact ARRUF@rice.edu to obtain information on dates when books will next be taken to Rotary's warehouse in Pasadena (a few times

per year). Books can be picked up from the donor's home or office and loaded on a pickup truck on Friday before the warehouse is open on the following day (Saturday).

During initial contact with ARRUF please provide

- an estimate of how many books or boxes are to be donated,
- the location where they are to be picked up, and
- relevant contact information.

Also, we can help if boxes need to be moved to ground level from upper floors.

Books should be packed in small boxes suitable to be lifted by one person, sealed with packing tape, and labelled as to general type of books within. Liquor stores are often willing to provide empty boxes of suitable size. Boxes such as that shown below can be purchased in Home Depot or provided by ARRUF at cost on request.



Getting It Done: Co-Chaired Committees!

The Steering Committee appointed by Provost Miranda in 2016 to form ARRUF quickly found that leadership in this organization has special considerations. Members frequently found themselves or family members in special situations ranging from falls to caregiving responsibilities that affected their ability to conduct organizational business. The solution Ron Sass (our first director) proposed was to share positions with others.

As a result, ARRUF operates on a co-chaired committee basis. When someone has family responsibilities, goes out of town on extended trips or cruises, or experiences an illness, there's a colleague on hand to carry the tasks forward. It has worked especially well thus far, and you will find it easy to become part of the Executive Committee, made up of co-chairs of the various committees. It's an especially collegial, non-hierarchical arrangement, and it makes for expanded friendships across former disciplinary boundaries. We invite you to volunteer as a member of any of the committees!

ARRUF 2019-2020 Plans

Summer trip to Seville?

ARRUF Director Victoria Arbizu Sabater and her husband moved back to Spain this summer, but she has taken on the mantle of ARRUF Ambassador. She is discussing with counterparts at the University of Seville a trip for ARRUF members and spouses in summer 2020. Do you have a research project that would benefit from collaboration with a Spanish scholar or scientist? Just interested in

travel to one of Spain's most vibrant cities? Send an email about your interests to ARRUF@rice.edu, and we will forward it to Viqui ASAP. She will investigate the feasibility of an excursion just for us.

Write on, listen in, have fun! Sept. 20th DATE CHANGE!! About a dozen ARRUF members will tell you it doesn't get much better than a memoir session when June Ferrill comes to Houston from Santa Fe. Listening to others' accounts of graduate school, tracking down materials across the Iron Curtain, holiday singing with relatives, teaching that first-ever class, the crucial academic job interview, or pitching a department proposal to a provost—WE CAN IDENTIFY (and we're old enough now to laugh). June will be back in Houston for this fall's writers' reunion on Friday, **September 20**, so mark your calendar now for a day speeding down memory lane. Room 412 Fondren.

Committees need YOU!

We're tempted to drag out that old "Uncle Sam" recruiting poster to emphasize how much ARRUF will benefit if more members join committees and enliven the planning discussions. Whether ARRUF becomes the vital part of Rice University that can help the University adapt to a population distribution weighted with older adults—in its research, curriculum, and community engagement—will depend on how well we continue to participate in its response to the trends we are seeing in population, technology, healthcare, and other fast-changing fields. That means we need many minds and voices, especially YOURS!

As you may know from the spring conference 2019, there are big population and employment changes ahead. And as you've inferred from the driverless cars delivering groceries near Rice, ARRUF is in the technology era.

ARRUF Committees are pleasant experiences. Please let Clarence Miller know if you are willing to assist with any of the following as a member or co-Chair: Activities Committee, Budget Committee, Membership Committee, Elections Committee, Benefits and Privileges Committee, and University Relations Committee. Send an e-mail to ARRUF@rice.edu

Highlights for Fall 2019

As we send out this newsletter, we are reconfirming details for Fall Events. There will be more to come, soon. In the meantime, below are some additional highlights from the fall calendar that are confirmed and ready to be placed on YOUR home calendar. More are awaiting some detail we'll add soon and send you as a .pdf and put on the website.

ARRUF in Action

Sept. 3, Tues., 5:15-6:30 p.m., **Sept. 4, Wed.,** 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Orientation for U.S. Friends of Rice International Graduate Students. Office of International Students & Scholars - Lovett Hall, Entrance A, room 201.

Sept. 17, Tues., OISS U.S. Friends for International Rice Graduate Students Meet and Greet, Rice Memorial Center Grand Hall, 6 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 20, Friday. Pick-up of books from faculty libraries or nearby homes for the Rotary International Books for the World Project. Contact ARRUF@rice.edu to arrange pick-up times.

Sept. 20, Friday. 10 a.m. June Ferrill visits from Santa Fe for the Academic Memoirs Reunion, Fondren 412.

Monthly Discussions

Sept. 10, Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Reading and Research Group on Future Trends, Usually meets the second Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Fondren 412. Starts September 10 with "Recap Day—Reactions to Paul Irving's PPT from the March Conference"; meets the FIRST Tuesday in October only, Oct. 1; then on second Tuesdays Nov. 12 and Dec.10.

Sept. 20, 1 p.m. Third Friday Books We ♥, starts Sept. 20, 1 p.m., Fondren 412, also Oct. 18, Nov. 15.

In Progress: Reports on ARRUF Members' Research and Scholarship

Oct.8, Neal Lane, Science and Technology Issues at the Baker Institute, October 8, Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Fondren 412

ARRUF Celebrations

Sept. 10, 11:45 a.m., Monthly ARRUF lunch at Cohen House –(reserved tables, member pays, great company is free)

Dec. 5th, Thursday, The Holiday Reception and Luncheon – at the Faculty Club, 10:30 a.m.

ARRUF Special Events and Talks

Sept. 20, Friday, Academic Memoir Writers Reunion (group meet once per month Sept – Dec. starts Sept. 20, 10 a.m., Fondren 412, also (tentatively) Oct. 25, Nov. 22

November 20, 3:00 p.m. Paul Hester, ARRUF member, Visual Arts, "Doing Time in Houston," a show of highlights from the recent exhibition of his photography. Place to be announced.

See you at the events above! Please send your recent publications, awards, honors, and professional accomplishments to arruf.invites@rice.edu so that we can update your profile and share your good news!

Jot your plans and participation schedule here: