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ISUAAA—serving annuitants and survivors since 1971

From the President

by Charlie Harris

According to the most recent report, ISUAAA has 1,227 members, which makes us one of the larger SUAA chapters in the state. At the same time, our membership numbers have declined a bit in recent years. Part of that decline is attributable to the natural attrition suffered by any organization comprised largely of retirees. But it can also be explained, in part, by several misunderstandings.

The first is the common misconception that SUAA/ISUAAA membership is limited to retired employees of public universities and community colleges. But SUAA represents all 230,000 members of the State University Retirement System (SURS), including those currently employed. It's not and never has been an organization just for retirees. It is the only organization in the state fighting to protect the pension system and health care benefits for all of us, regardless of our age or employment status.

A second misconception is that membership in SURS automatically confers membership in SUAA, the State Universities Annuitants Association, or that they are the same organization. But SURS administers the state's public universities employee retirement system; SUAA/ISUAAA advocates for the protection of that system.

If you are or have been employed by a public university or community college, SURS membership is automatic; while you are employed, 8 percent of your gross salary is automatically deducted from every paycheck to cover that membership. By contrast, membership in SUAA/ISUAAA is not automatic. You have to join the organization and voluntarily pay the \$40 annual dues (\$33 for SUAA, \$7 for ISUAAA).

While it's possible to pay annual dues by check, most annuitants, whether employed or retired, prefer the convenience of having dues automatically deducted from each paycheck or retirement annuity.

Which leads to a third misconception: many who have elected monthly payroll deductions assume that those deductions will automatically be transferred to their monthly retirement annuities when they retire. That's not the case, however, and if you don't set up automatic deductions from your monthly annuity payment when you retire, your dues will not be paid and your membership will lapse.

To the extent that these misconceptions depress SUAA/ISUAAA membership, they are important. Membership matters because the more of us there are, the louder SUAA's voice becomes in Springfield as it fights to protect our benefits. SUAA took Senate Bill 1, with its unconstitutional provisions to cut retiree benefits, all the way to the Illinois Supreme Court and won. Having lost that case, the state has shifted its focus to cutting the benefits of active employees. Yet, ironically, active employees comprise fewer than 10 percent of ISUAAA's current membership.

All of us need to reach out to present ISU employees and encourage them to join us. Tell them that SUAA/ISUAAA's fight is now primarily to protect their benefits. Urge them to help us pump up the volume by adding their voices to our organization's advocacy efforts in Springfield. Remind them that while SUAA advocates for them whether or not they are one of its approximately 15,500 members, they should consider paying their fair share to support these efforts on their behalf. Membership information as well as membership forms may be found on our website (Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu).

While you're at it, invite them to the September 6 Fall Kickoff Breakfast, where President Larry Dietz will present an up-to-date assessment of the state of the University. You come, too.

Fall Kickoff breakfast

The ISUAA Fall meeting will once again be a breakfast meeting, to be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, in the Old Main Room. Happily, we will be welcoming our president and first lady Larry and Marlene Dietz. President Dietz will give an update on the current happenings regarding Illinois State University.

Door prizes will be awarded. We are looking forward to great attendance and hope to see many of you there! Please refer to the enclosed form to submit your reservation!

ISUAA Fall Breakfast reservation form

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Featuring President Larry Dietz

Please reserve _____ meal(s) at \$13.50 each.

A check for \$ _____ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees:

_____ Scrambled eggs with bacon

NAMES

_____ Scrambled eggs with veggies

NAMES

Please indicate dietary restrictions:

Reservations must be received no later than **August 25. Late reservations cannot be accepted.** Please mail the reservation form, along with your check, to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-8000. No phone reservations, please.

If you would like an email confirmation, please provide your email address here:

Annuitants Association election results/ annual meeting summary

The ISU Annuitant's Association annual meeting and dinner was held June 7 in the Old Main Room of Bone Student Center. George Tuttle, chair of the nominating committee, presented the slate of candidates and opened nominations from the floor. Gail Lamb was re-elected as vice president and Neil Gridley was re-elected as treasurer. Also re-elected were directors Jan Cook and Marie Dawson. Continuing in their positions are Charles Harris, president; Maureen Peel, secretary; and Roger Cann and Gary Fish, directors.

SUAA President Larry Alferink provided an update of the current state of affairs in Springfield. ISUAA's "golden group," those who began their ISU careers 50 years or more ago, were acknowledged. Door prizes were awarded to lucky attendees. Thank you to our door prize sponsors.

Helping hamper

by Jan Cook

Our September Helping Hamper will benefit the Crisis Nursery at the Children's Foundation in Bloomington, which shelters children up to age 9 during a family crisis, such as a fire or the hospitalization of a sibling, when family adults are not available to look after them.

In memoriam

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Lorene Anderson..... | 3/23/2017 |
| Rex Bean..... | 5/10/2017 |
| Georgia Bremner..... | 3/29/2017 |
| Jim Browne..... | 5/20/2017 |
| John Crabill..... | 4/20/2017 |
| Eugene Craft..... | 4/2/2017 |
| Warren Crews..... | 4/11/2017 |
| Rose Ferrell..... | 4/20/2017 |
| Susan Gibson..... | 3/24/2017 |
| Phyllis Gillis..... | 3/26/2017 |
| Phyllis Gruber..... | 2/26/2017 |
| John Hansen..... | 3/8/2017 |
| Elizabeth Hatmaker..... | 3/3/2017 |
| Ralph Krueger..... | 5/4/2017 |
| Patrick O'Gara..... | 5/31/2017 |
| Joyce Rexroat..... | 5/21/2017 |
| Rosamond Robbins..... | 3/23/2017 |
| John Shields..... | 4/1/2017 |
| Violet Singleton..... | 2/21/2017 |
| Ralph Smith..... | 5/3/2017 |
| Robert Ward..... | 3/15/2017 |
| Arnold Wolfe..... | 1/25/2017 |

The nursery can use healthful snacks and fruit, cute paper plates or napkins, clean used children's clothes and toys, and full or partial packs of disposable diapers or wipes.

The June Helping Hamper collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry brought in food, including packaged fruit, salad dressing, canned goods, coffee, snacks, dozens of packages of deodorant, razors, and bar soap to help folks feel clean in our sticky summer weather, and \$35 in cash and checks.

We continue to collect "Box Tops for Education" and "Labels for Education" to support the Thomas Metcalf School PTO. Since they appear on fewer products, Metcalf is appreciative of our efforts to hang on to them.

Thanks!

Fall 2017 College of Fine Arts events

by Stephanie Kohl Ringle

Business Administrative Associate, College of Fine Arts

Illinois State University's College of Fine Arts is pleased to announce a selection of its 2017 fall events. For the complete event schedules please visit the School of Music, School of Theatre and Dance, School of Art, University Galleries, and The Illinois Shakespeare Festival websites. ISUAA special member rates apply. University Galleries events are free.

School of Theatre and Dance

The Foreigner

September 27-September 30 at 7:30 p.m. and September 30 and October 1 at 2 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Theatre

Company Core Repertory-*Oedipus*

October 13, 17, 19, 21, 25 at 7:30 p.m. and October 14, 22, 28 at 2 p.m.

Westhoff Theatre

Company Core Repertory-*All's Well that Ends Well*

October 14, 18, 20, 24, 26, 28 at 7:30 p.m. and October 15, 21 at 2 p.m.

Westhoff Theatre

She Kills Monsters

October 27-28, 31-November 4 at 7:30 p.m. and October 29 and November 4 at 2 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Theatre

Fall Dance Concert

November 30, December 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. and December 2 at 2 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Theatre

ISUAA Directory



Last year, an electronic version of the ISUAA Directory became available. If you requested one and did not receive it, contact Lora Wey at lwey@IllinoisState.edu. The electronic version can be printed and saved to your computer. Because of privacy concerns, we are unable to place it online. If you wish to continue receiving a hard-copy version by mail, please return the following form by **November 1, 2017**, with a \$5 (make check payable to ISUAA) payment to cover printing and postage costs to:

Annuitants Association, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL, 61790-8000

YES! I want to continue receiving the printed, paper copy of the ISUAA annuitants directory in the mail.

My \$5 payment (cash or check) is enclosed.

NAME _____

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STATE _____

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PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS _____

School of Music

Symphony Orchestra

September 24 at 7 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Choral Showcase

October 1 at 3 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Wind Symphony

October 22 at 3 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Symphony Orchestra and ISU Choirs perform Haydn's *Creation*

November 4 at 3 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Wind Symphony and Symphonic Winds

November 29 at 8 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Music for the Holidays

December 2 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and December 3 at 3 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

University Galleries: Exhibitions

11 Uptown Circle, Normal

On view August 18-October 8

Alice Hargrave: *Paradise Wavering*

Amy Cousins

Gina Hunt –New Work

Selections from the Kattner Family Collection

On view October 20-December 17

Dianna Frid: *It Takes Time*

Erin Washington: New Work.

How Time Flies

by April Karlene Anderson

University Archivist, Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives at Illinois State University

150 years ago – 1867

- After the reelection of Samuel W. Moulton as president of the State Board of Education, university president, Richard Edwards reported 907 students were enrolled in the school. The Normal (teacher education) Department had 327 enrolled, the Model High School (University High School) had 63 enrolled, and the Grammar, Intermediate, and Primary schools had a total of 517 enrolled. The university increased its enrollment numbers from the previous year by 135 students. *Proceedings of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois*, Meeting Minutes, June 26-27, 1867, pg 3-4.

100 years ago – September, 1917

- The eight class periods of the school day are listed in *The Vidette*, including “General Exercises” from 9:40 to 10:10 a.m. New students are told that the bell rings five minutes before the end of class to indicate to the instructor that the period is about to end. A second bell would ring, and students were expected to immediately go to their next period. “No student should stop to interview a teacher after a recitation unless both have a vacant hour at that time.” *The Vidette*, September 12, 1917 (Vol. 30, No. 1, page 1)
- A call for reading material was sent, asking for books and magazines of all types to send to soldiers overseas serving in World War I. Groups such as the YMCA, the Knights of Columbus, and the Red Cross were collecting books, as well as the American Library Association. Students and residents of both Bloomington and Normal were asked to bring them to Ange Milner, the university’s head librarian. *The Vidette*, June 18, 1916 (Vol. 30, No. 1, page 5)

75 years ago – September 1942

- *The Vidette* offered fashion advice to incoming freshmen noting that “simplicity” is the key to style.” The paper suggested men consider the “Sunday-go-meetin” suit for co-op parties and any event they considered important. Women should wear “hose, hats, gloves and the trimmings” for lecture programs, concerts, teas, or special dinner dates. The paper also recommended, “For dress occasions and student teaching, heels are worn.” *The Vidette*, September 1, 1942 (Vol. 55, No. 1, page 2)
- Instead of a selected staff, the yearbook was produced by a faculty-led class of students. The course was credited and the yearbook, *The Index*, was created with the assistance of four faculty members who took on four phases of book production: education, art, English, and publishing. *The Vidette*, June 26, 1942 (Vol. 55, No. 3, page 1)

50 years ago – September 1967

- Perhaps as revenge for the previous year’s football season-opening loss to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, ISU blew past the same school in a 21-0 win at a rainy Hancock Stadium. *The Vidette*, September 19, 1967 (Vol. 80, No. 7, page 4)
- The ISU Victory Bell was discovered on the campus of rival Illinois Wesleyan University on the morning of September 20. The bell, which was stored in the ISU’s storage garage, was returned without incident later that day. Some on campus believed that the bell was stolen to prevent it from ringing constantly at an upcoming ISU/IWU game. *The Vidette*, September 26, 1967 (Vol. 80, No. 9, page 1)

25 years ago – September, 1992

- Looking to start new careers, parents of ISU student Anne Fulton enrolled and became students. While Joyce and Richard enjoyed the learning process, they missed their weekends. Though proud of her parents for their hard work, Anne commented, “Kids go to school to get away from their parents and mine followed me here.” *The Daily Vidette*, September 8, 1992 (Vol. 105, No. 19, page 1)

- ISU Mathematics department faculty members took part in Project LINCS, a three-year project funded by the National Science Foundation. The math-centered project engaged ISU math faculty with local teachers “in planning and implementing the ideas that model good teaching.” *The Daily Vidette*, September 10, 1992 (Vol. 105, No. 21, page 6)

Building a Legacy at Homecoming 2017

By Rachel Kobus
Associate Director, Alumni Relations

Every year campus comes alive during Homecoming week (October 16-22). There are many must-do activities, with Saturday the most action-packed day of the weeklong celebration. This year Homecoming will celebrate the outstanding Redbird family legacies and campus legacies.

The celebration kicks off on Monday, October 16, with the Town of Normal tree lighting in Uptown Normal. This is a fantastic event that brings community and campus together to witness Uptown Normal light up with Redbird spirit. More information on the program will be available at Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu.

On Saturday, alums join people from the community in the annual Town & Gown 5K Run and One Mile Family Fun Run, which is once again scheduled for 8 a.m. There are 12 divisions in the event, including one for wheelchair participants.

The parade is another tradition everyone enjoys. Redbird pride soars as the Big Red Marching Machine takes to the streets and starts up the ISU fight song! This year the fun starts at 10 a.m.

The football game is definitely a high point. This year's game against South Dakota will be played at Hancock Stadium at 2 p.m. See GoRedbirds.com for more information on how to get your tickets now.

Beyond these popular activities, alumni and friends of the University are encouraged to maximize their time at ISU by exploring campus and Uptown Normal. Start by visiting the Alumni Association hospitality tent in the tailgating area.

For more detailed information on all the exciting events taking place during Homecoming week and how the campus will be Building a Legacy, visit Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu.

Don't forget to renew your parking permit

If you have an annuitant parking hangtag, it's golden, but it is only good until August. Now is the time to renew it for the coming year. If you have recently retired, you can obtain this tag from Parking Services. It allows you to park at no cost in the Bone Student Center lot and in guest parking at the lot south of the College of Business building at no charge, as well as at other lots around campus.

The ISU University Club

by Bob Preston and Kay Wilson

University Club Discussion Hours: Please join us at our University Club discussions this fall semester on Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Founders Suite in the Bone Student Center (BSC). Please

Annuitants Association website

- Announcements
- Why join?
- How to join
- Contacting your legislator
- Legislative news
- History of ISUAA
- Survivor assistance information
- Newsletters
- Organization
- Parking on campus
- Meetings and events schedule



Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu

Jess Ray, Web page coordinator

note that our meeting venue has changed for this year because the current BSC Renovation Project will be underway. Ultimately there will be a new Faculty Staff Commons Room on the second floor of BSC after the project's completion.

At 4:30 p.m. the talks begin, so you may come at that time if it better fits your schedule. All ISU faculty, staff, administrative professionals, retirees, and ISUAA members are invited to join us for any or all of our programs presented in a congenial and informal environment. You need not be a University Club member to attend, and we always enjoy chatting with our colleagues from all areas of the Illinois University System. The first meeting will be held Friday, August 25. Please see our webpage for updated information about dates and topics for the talks this semester as well as for other information about the University Club (Uclub.IllinoisState.edu).

Gourmet Dinners: Throughout the academic year, the University Club offers two gourmet dinners each semester. These dinners are an opportunity to enjoy fine food with a central theme or food from a particular country. The main dishes are served family-style, and the dinner includes wine for each table with coffee, tea, and dessert, all for a reasonable price. Attendees are encouraged to bring guests. The Dinners are prepared by the ISU Catering Service chefs. Detailed menus and reservation information will be posted on our webpage (uclub.IllinoisState.edu/Dinners). Please make reservations two weeks prior to the scheduled dates for these dinners.

Scholarships Awards: At our final fall meeting on December 8 we will award up to 10 \$500 scholarships to ISU undergraduate and graduate students who were academically top achievers and who were also involved in giving back to the University and community through service. The funding for these scholarships is provided by independent donations from our members and colleagues. We encourage all who are interested in supporting our academically talented and socially engaged students to consider contributing to this program.

Mission Statement of the University Club: “The University Club vigorously endeavors to promote collegiality among our diverse faculty, staff, administrative professionals, and annuitants. We seek to support University activities as embodied in the vision and core values outlined in Educating Illinois, to learn about and tell the stories of the culture of our academic and town community, and to support and enhance a vigorous exchange of ideas in a congenial environment that encourages friendship, cooperation, and ongoing intellectual growth. Through the generosity and support of our members, we provide a series of scholarships that are awarded to undergraduate and graduate students at Illinois State University. This scholarship program rewards some of the best and brightest students who have contributed to community and University development as well as succeeding at the highest levels academically. We always endeavor to sustain and promote ongoing open and free communication in this community and to support the finest ideals of education and academic life.”

Senior Professionals Fall Programs

By *Laura Kowalczyk*
Coordinator, Senior Professionals

Academy of seniors

Each academy class includes four two-hour sessions.

\$35 – Senior Professionals members (full class)

\$45—Non-members (full class)

\$15 – Single session, payable at the door

The First Amendment: Exploring our Rights

Mondays/Thursdays, September 18, 21, 25, 28 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Our World of Local Art

October 3, 5, 9, 10 (Tuesday/Thursday, Monday/Tuesday) from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Children's Literature Isn't Just for Kids

October 27, November 3, 10, 17 (Fridays) from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Illinois' First Farmers: The 1,000th anniversary

January 9, 11, 16, 18, 2018 (Tuesdays/Thursdays) from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Mornings with the professors

\$35 – Senior Professionals members (includes all five sessions)

\$45 – Non-members (includes all five sessions)

\$15 – Single session, payable at the door

Fridays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20 from 9:30-11:30 am

Drinking Water: Sources and Concerns

September 22

Why Danes Are Happier Than Americans

September 29

The Power of Nine: Understanding the Supreme Court

October 6

Make your newsletter electronic!

Please consider receiving your ISUAA Newsletter electronically in the future! Printing costs and postage costs are rising, and the mail service is never as “on time” or as reliable as we would like. The ISUAA Newsletter that you are currently reading is available online on the ISUAA website, www.Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu. Past issues are also available, as is a great deal of information about ISUAA.

If you prefer the electronic version, please send an email to: cbharri@gmail.com, simply stating that you would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically, together with your name and preferred email address. You will be placed on the electronic distribution list, and you will receive notification and a link by email whenever a newsletter is available. It's printable, and it's easy!

Film Noirs: Visual Style and Fortune

October 13

Overcoming Past Victimization for Successful Reentry into Society

October 20

Classes will be held at Illinois State University's Alumni Center, 1101 N. Main St., Normal.

Classroom journey bus trip

The Pullman Historic District in Chicago

Thursday, October 19

Registration will open in early August.

For more information about Senior Professionals, contact Laura Kowalczyk at lakowa2@IllinoisState.edu or 438-2818 or go to SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu.

News from SUAA

by *Larry Alferink*
President, SUAA

In December, the SUAA Executive Committee considered a proposal from John Carr, one of our lobbyists, to fund a study to determine whether it was viable to fund the pension debt with a shrinking long-term bond. The ramp-up bill passed in 1994 under Gov. Jim Edgar sought to pay off 90 percent of the pension debt by 2045. Unfortunately, this ramp-up proposal was backloaded, meaning that it underpaid the debt in the early years with significantly escalating payments due in the later years, beginning roughly in 2012.

The study showed that a long-term bond funded over a 28-year period and properly structured is quite viable. The initial years of the bond would cost the state very close to the amount they are currently paying under the Edgar plan, but at about the midpoint, when the current ramp-up plan escalates to almost 20 percent of the state budget, the bond payments begin a sharp decline.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to issue these bonds as tax-exempt as originally planned. Nevertheless, over the 28-year period, it is expected that this proposal would still save the state approximately \$24 billion dollars. This is approximately 25 percent of the pension debt. Obviously, tax-exempt bonds would save much more.

This legislation, if enacted, promises to resolve issues with the pension debt and should reduce or eliminate continuing attacks on our pensions. Since it would also provide a solution to the pension debt, a major contributor to the state's low-credit rating, the credit-rating agencies might look favorably on this legislation and might provide the state with a more favorable credit rating. We will be working to pass this legislation in the next legislative session in 2018, as it was not possible to move it forward in competition with the proposed "Grand Bargain."

ISU Teebirds Golf League

By Roger Cann

The ISU Teebirds Golf League has started another season under the leadership of Dave Williams, Harry Campbell, Charles McGuire, Sandra Groves, Bob Steff, and Roger Cann. Thirty-nine members have signed up for this year. The Teebirds play every Thursday morning, May to October, for nine-hole outings at various courses throughout Bloomington-Normal. Most outings are at Weibring Golf Course, but events are also held at Ironwood, Prairie Vista, Highland, and the Den. Outings include individual play, scrambles, and shambles. Events are often followed by social events, and players will often continue on to finish the full 18 holes. The Teebirds began play on May 11.

Check out the website at www.IsuTeeBirds.net, and contact any member to be put on the list. Teebirds includes men and women and players of every skill level. The emphasis is on enjoying being with friends, both old and new, and enjoying golf.

Save these dates

Fall Breakfast – September 6, 2017

Holiday Luncheon – December 6, 2017

Spring Luncheon – March 7, 2018

General Meeting and Election – June 6, 2018

Annuitant in the Spotlight: John Freed

Distinguished Professor Emeritus John Freed joined the Illinois State University History faculty in 1969, his freshly minted Ph.D. from Princeton University in hand (his A.B., from Cornell, was completed in 1965). During his tenure at ISU, he rose steadily through the ranks, establishing himself as a leading authority in medieval German history and serving along the way as department chair for over a decade (1994-2005) and as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (2001-02).

Although Freed officially retired on June 30, 2005, that milestone hardly registered a blip in his professional activities. The very next day, at the request of ISU presidents Victor Boschini and Al Bowman, he began working on the sesquicentennial history of the University, *Educating Illinois: Illinois State University, 1857-2007*. Published in 2009, the volume surveys Illinois's first public university from its founding in 1857 through the University's Sesquicentennial celebration. The 480-page, 12-chapter book is fully indexed and details the triumphs and challenges of every administration, from Illinois State's first principal, Charles Hovey, to its 17th president, Al Bowman, who wrote the book's foreword.

That same year, the Illinois State Historical Society selected Freed's article, "The Founding of Illinois State University: Normal School or State University," as the winner of the Society's 2009 Harry E. Pratt Award. Named for an outstanding former Illinois State Historical Library scholar and researcher, the award is presented annually by the society to the author of the best article published the previous year in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, as judged by the journal's advisory committee.

A short time into his retirement, Yale University Press approached Freed to write a biography about medieval Germany's greatest monarch, Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, whose name was attached by Hitler to the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. The 700-page book, *Frederick Barbarossa: The Prince and the Myth*, was published in the spring of 2016 to great acclaim. Not one to pause for very long, Freed has started work on a new book about the oldest European family archive, the 12th century Codex Falkensteinensis, a topic that has intrigued him for nearly 40 years.

If retirement did not succeed in diminishing Freed's scholarly productivity, it at least released him from classroom teaching—for one semester. Between spring 2006 and spring 2012, Freed taught one course in medieval history every semester, without compensation, as a courtesy to his old department, and he was back in the classroom in spring 2016. Altogether, Freed has taught 43½ years at ISU.

In 2006, John and his late wife, Professor Susan Anderson Freed, established the John and Susan Freed Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences who has overcome disabilities and who serves as a role model for others. Susan Freed taught for 33 years at Illinois Wesleyan University, where she created the computer science major.

John continues to live in Bloomington-Normal. When he's not teaching medieval history or writing about it, he likes to travel, garden, and visit his daughter, Jenny. He also runs about 30 miles a week, or as he says, "what passes for running at 73."



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