



Welcome!



**Retirees
Association**

Welcome...



- MURA is an amazing organization with a membership of nearly 1,000 MU and UM retired staff and faculty.
- Membership is open to retirees, pre-retirees, spouses/partners, and persons from a variety of UM appointments including Extension, MU Healthcare, UM System, and USDA personnel.
- We were established more than 30 years ago by faculty and staff to give voice to retirees.
- MURA is a 501(c)(4) organization and is led by an elected Board of Directors.
- MURA represents and protects the interests of the retired MU and UM community and promotes the welfare of the University.

MURA provides...

**PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES**

**ADVOCACY FOR
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Programs - Breakfast Series

- The Educational Breakfast series is one of MURA's most popular programs. Breakfast programs are held on the first Tuesday of the month, September through June.
- Breakfasts cover a wide variety of topics of interest to retirees.
- In election years, one breakfast is devoted to a candidate forum.
- MURA offers webinars to serve members to those unable to attend in person.
- Registration is required and there is a small participation fee.

Programs – Breakfast Series

200 Memorable Missouri Musical Moments

Commentary, Historical Photographs and Video Clips

Michael J. Budds and Elisabeth Roberts

July 2024

Aging Post-Pandemic

Lessons and Strategies

Joan M. McDowd, PhD
Professor, Department of Psychology
University of Missouri - Kansas City



Hosted by the Center for Aging Studies

40 Years of Master Planning



Programs – Social Activities

- The Program Committee plans and conducts social activities, which include a holiday gathering in December.
- Ray Schroeder, MURA Pioneer, is honored with an annual picnic or social gathering.
- MURA members also enjoy events hosted by UM leaders

Programs - Social Activities



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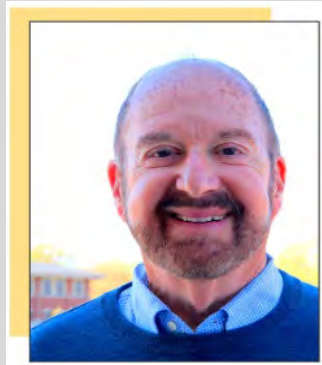


Services - Awards

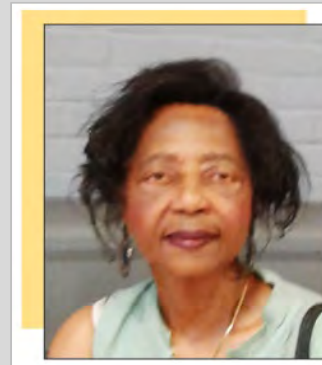
- MURA is pleased to join the Chancellor in recognizing the contributions that retirees make as they continue to improve our world.
- Each year, the MURA Awards Committee helps select a retired faculty member and a retired staff member who have made significant contributions to their communities and/or professions since their retirement from the University of Missouri-Columbia or University System.
- Selection for The Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Award results in their names being placed on a plaque in Jesse Hall and a \$1,000 check in recognition of their contributions.

Services - Awards

Chancellor's 2021 Retiree of the Year Awards



JEFF CHINN
Faculty Retiree
of the Year 2021



JACQUELINE KELLY
Staff Retiree
of the Year 2021

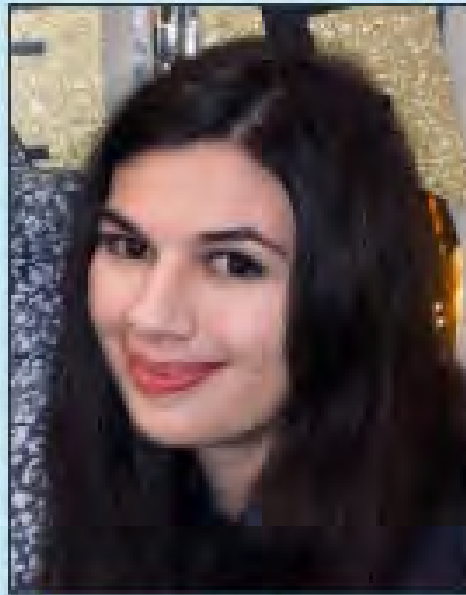
Services - Scholarships

- The MU Retirees Association created its first scholarship fund in 2016. The endowed fund was subsequently named the Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship Fund in honor of our late past MURA president, Dr. Kitty Dickerson.
- The Endowed Fund is dedicated to the support of MU students who are dependents of full-time MU/UM STAFF. The scholarships are potentially renewable.
- In five short years, the endowment account has grown to over \$120,000.
- Individual scholarships have grown from \$500 to \$1500/student.

Three MU students win \$1,500 MURA scholarships



Darius Lee



Brianna Wittenborn



Daniela Calle

DARIUS LEE, BRIANNA WITTENBORN and DANIELA CALLE
are the three winners of Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship for the 2021-22 school
year.

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Advocacy

- Advocacy is one of four objectives for our 501(c)(4) organization and the main reason why many retirees join MURA.
- Our purpose is “to represent, promote and protect the interests of the retirees and to promote the welfare of the University of Missouri.”
- We advocate at multiple levels: campus, University System, community, state government, and nationally.

Advocacy for Retirees & MU



MURA Board Position	Purpose
Members at large - Elected Staff Retirees	Advocating at MU campus level
Members at large - Elected Faculty Retirees	
University Staff Council Representative	
University Faculty Council Representative	
Ombudsperson - Staff Retiree Representative	
Ombudsperson - Faculty Retiree Representative	
MU Engagement Council Representative	
Executive Committee: president, past president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer	Advocating with leadership at MU campus and UM System levels
Executive Committee Representation to UM Four-Campus Retirees' Associations	
University Liaison-Administration	
Total Rewards Advisory Committee Representative	
United Way Representative	Community advocating
Governmental Affairs Committee Chair/ Flagship Council Representative	Advocating at government levels
Executive Committee: MURA membership in Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE)	Advocating at national level

Advocacy - University Decision-Makers

- MURA is the largest of the 4-campus UM retiree associations and works with peer organizations to lead UM System Retirees Town Halls.
- UM Retiree Town Halls are held twice a year to address pensions, health care benefits, and communication issues for all UM retirees—nearly 10,000 individuals!
- MURA leaders meet with MU's Chancellor and President at least twice a year and other University decision makers on an ongoing basis as needed.

Advocacy - University Decision-Makers

UM 4-Campus Retiree Associations



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Dr. Choi



Advocacy – Total Rewards Advisory Committee (TRAC)

- **Two retirees are selected by the UM system to serve on TRAC, representing and advocating for retirees. Dr. Betsy Garrett and Dr. Robert Piepho are current representatives.**
- **Total Rewards Advisory Committee (TRAC) advises on benefit programs for active employees and retirees.**
- **The Total Rewards program includes such areas as health programs, pay and benefits, tuition assistance for employees and retiree benefits and insurance resources.**


Advocacy - Total Rewards Advisory Committee (TRAC)



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Retirement

Retirement options to help make a lasting financial plan. Build the future you want. It's a path and a destination.

Retirement planning

- [Core and voluntary plans](#)
- [Retirement calculator](#)
- [Planning checklist](#)
- [Retirement seminars](#)
- [Rehire requirements](#)
- [Required annual notices](#)

Retiree insurance resources

- [Benefits overview](#)
- [Medicare Advantage Base Plan \(#13759\)](#)
- [Medicare Advantage Enhanced Plan \(#13760\)](#)
- [Retiree Health PPO Plan](#)
- [Retiree Healthy Savings](#)

Advocacy

MURA's Governmental Affairs Committee:

- **Provides information regarding legislative issues of interest to retirees, the university and higher education.**
- **Sends timely updates during legislative sessions focusing on core appropriations to the University and other pending bills.**
- **Presents programs that include inviting candidates to address issues of interest during election years to keep retirees informed as voters.**

MURA is a member of the University of Missouri Flagship Council, a private organization working to build and protect our historic flagship university.

Advocacy - Governmental Affairs & Flagship Council

Chair, Governmental Affairs



Mary Anne McCollum

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Member Resources - Ombuds

Need help with MU-related issues?

If you have unresolved questions about MU-related issues, MURA has two ombudspeople who may be able to help you find answers.

On behalf of MURA members, faculty representative **Marty Townsend** or staff representative **Carrie Lanham** can help investigate hard-to-navigate information.

Member Resources - Bi-Weekly Email, Quarterly Newsletter



**DON'T MISS the
informative bi-weekly
MURA Update emails!**

Please provide any
email address updates
to Barb Harris, MURA
Communications chair, at:
harrisb@umsystem.edu.

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MURA News

MU Retirees Association Representing University of Missouri Retirees since 1990

JUNE 2021

Member Resources – Website and Facebook

<http://mura-missouri.com/>



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**MURA Sponsored
Programs - Spring 2021
and June Picks**

Tuesday, June 1

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MURA needs you to...

- **Keep us informed of changes in your contact information—mailing address, phone, email, and status.**
- **Join one or more of the MURA committees that work on your behalf.**
- **Serve on the MURA Board of Directors**
- **Invite others to join MURA.**

Ready to join MURA?

Click this link for next steps:

<http://mura-missouri.com/membership/join-mura/>

More questions?

Contact the MURA Board. You can find a current listing of Board members here:

<http://mura-missouri.com/about/board/>

Or, send a note to MURA's email at: MURA@missouri.edu



THANK YOU!



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