



Spring 2020

Iowa Black Alumni Association

Time to pay/renew your IBAA dues!

A group of Iowa alumni and friends gathered at an informal picnic in 1961 at the home of the late McKinley “Deacon” Davis in Rockford, IL. The socializing, the renewal of friendship, and the reminiscing of the “good ole” days at the University of Iowa in Iowa City during the early 50’s was so meaningful and enjoyable that the group agreed to organize formally and become the Iowa Black Alumni Association (IBAA). In 1986, the IBAA became officially recognized as an organization under the University of Iowa Alumni Association

The membership dues are \$50 (\$25 will go to the IBAA UI Scholarship Endowment and is tax deductible). IBAA sponsors the following activities in order to provide quality services to all students/alumni: ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS * HALL OF HONOR * BIENNIAL REUNION * BIENNIAL CHICAGO FAMILY COOKOUT * MENTORING * NETWORKING and more.

Make your payment today!

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<https://www.facebook.com/IowaBlackAlumniAssociation>

IBAA Chicago Hawkeye Family Cookout 2020

Joey Thurman, Cookout Committee Chair

The Iowa Black Alumni Association hosts the Chicago Hawkeye Family Cookout bi-ennially. We gathered in the summers of 2016 and 2018 at the Dan Ryan Woods. The funding for the cookouts comes from the organization and our alumni. This is the time of year I would reach out and ask for your donations.

However, because of the uncertainty on when it will be okay for us to gather socially caused by the current pandemic, I am waiting to ask for donations. Hold on to your donations until we know that we have a handle on this Coronavirus. You will hear from me when I know it is safe for us to host the event.

Mark your calendar just in case and please stay tuned. I will keep everyone posted via our IBAA Facebook page and other social media outlets. And, when it’s time to donate please do so expeditiously so I can satisfy event budget.

The IBAA Chicago Hawkeye Family Cookout has been scheduled for Saturday, August 1st, 2020, 10 am til dusk at the Dan Ryan Woods, 87th St. and Western Ave, Grove 6, Chicago, Il. “Black & Old Gold Theme”

Stay safe and healthy!

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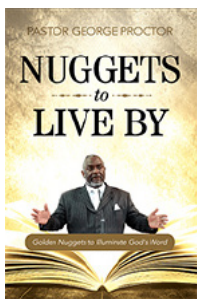
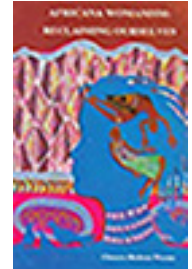
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Shelter-in-place & read books by UI alumni



This is a 2019 edition of a classic text originally published in 1993. This book examines the status, struggles and experiences of the Africana woman. Her Africana Womanism theory focuses on the establishment of cultural identity and the relationship to ancestry and land. The argument is that race, class and gender must be prioritized in the fight against every day racial dominance.

Africana Womanism
by Clenora Hudson Weems
Routledge 2019



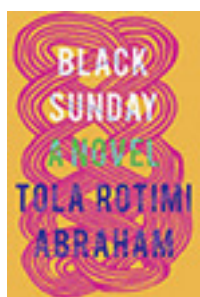
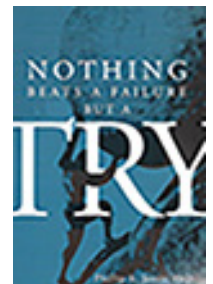
Reverend George Proctor offers digestible truths from his sermons as inspiration. Each nugget fits into a biblical topic such as prayer, patience, depression, wisdom, sainthood, faith, love and others. This devotional will interest those who go to church every week as well as those who only attend every now and then.

Nuggets to Live By
by George Proctor
Equip Press 2018



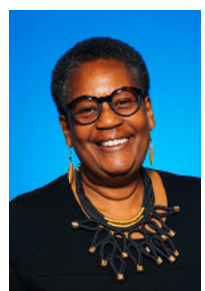
This memoir by Phillip Jones chronicles a series of personal and historic events at the University of Iowa. It documents major changes in education since the Civil Rights Movement. Jones was appointed as a minority student recruiter at Iowa in 1968 and rose to become Vice President and Dean of Students forty years later.

Nothing Beats a Failure but a Try
by Phillip Jones
Path Press 2019



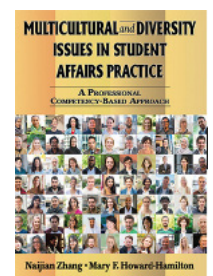
Set in Lagos, Nigeria this novel follows the lives of two brothers and two sisters who are being raised by their grandmother over a twenty year period. Abraham is a graduate of the Iowa Writers Workshop and this is her debut novel.

Black Sunday
by Tola Rotimi Abrham
Catapult 2020



This book will help those who work with student affairs educators to better understand social justice and inclusion. It offers content, skills and strategies from twenty-six experts. Topics include multicultural competency, professional identity, intervention strategies, along with ethical and legal issues,

Multicultural and Diversity Issues in Student Affairs Practice: A Professional Competency Approach
by Naijain Zhang and Mary Howard-Hamilton
Charles C. Thomas Publishers 2019





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AWARDS, HONORS & RECOGNITION 2019-2020 IBAA Scholarships Awarded



Alexi Bolden

Alexi is a junior from Cedar Rapids, IA. She has two majors - Theater and African American Studies. She is planning to graduate in spring of 2021.

Her passion is performance in improve and theatric production. She is a creative soul who wants to use the arts to help people of color develop a sense of self and purpose.

Alexi is a leader on campus. She has served as president of the Black Student Union and was a member of the Dean of Students Advisory Board.

As co-founder of "Celebrating You" her goal was to create a culture of love for students of color on campus.



Kamara Shaw

Kamara is a sophomore from Iowa City, IA. She is majoring in Public Health. She is planning to graduate in 2022.

She volunteers at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in obstetrics and gynecology as a research assistant.

This past summer she participated in the Summer Health Professions Education Program exploring careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and public health.

She is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Iowa City and participates in The Salt Company, a Christian College ministry.

As a public health advocate Kamara plans to improve the lives of many in need.

IBAA Alumni, Friends & Family we've lost...

Barbara Miller passed away on March 5, 2020 in Chicago, IL. She is a founding member of IBAA and served as treasurer for more than 40 years. A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Miller received her Bachelors degree from Iowa in 1958 majoring in Sociology.



Jewell Perkins passed away January 18, 2020 at 89 years old in East Moline, Illinois. She is the mother of the former IBAA president Claranne Perkins.



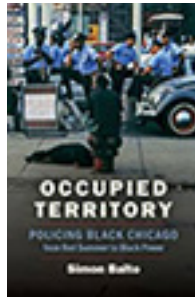
Robert Stearnes died on March 28, 2020 at his home in Dekalb, Il. He was born 88 years ago in Gary, Indiana and received his Bachelors degree from Iowa in 1956 in physical education. Stearnes was a veteran, teacher, coach and member of First United Methodist Church.



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Iowa Tidbits

UI Faculty Books to enjoy as you shelter in place



Simon Balto
University of North Carolina 2019

Occupied Territory, Policing Black Chicago from Red Summer to Black Power

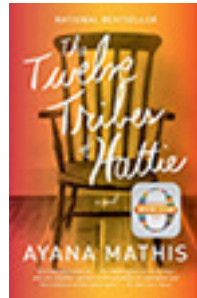


Damani Phillips
Peter Lang Publishers 2017

What is This Thing called Soul?

Ayana Mathis
Vintage Press 2013

The Twelve Tribes of Hattie



Richard Turner
Indiana University Press 2016

Jazz Religion and the Second Line in Black New Orleans



Venise Berry
Jewell Jordan Publishing 2018

Driven, Reflections on Love, Career and the pursuit of Happiness



Deborah Whaley
University of Washington Press 2015

Black Women in Sequence, Reinking Comics, Graphic Novels and Anime

IBAA Board Member Spotlight

Tyna Price was born in Des Moines, Iowa. Her major at Iowa was Home Economics and she graduated in 1979. Tyna retired from the City of Iowa City after working for 33 years as a document specialist. An anchor for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. in Iowa City, she pledged Delta Chapter in 1975. Ten years later she became a charter member of the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids graduate chapter. Delta chapter at Iowa celebrated 100 years in 2019 and she was honored with a scholarship awarded to a UI student in her name. Tyna serves as secretary of the Iowa Black Alumni Association Executive Board. She says her favorite memories at the U of I revolve around the camaraderie of Black students on campus. Over the years, they have been family away from family.

