



## *Capturing photos and programs*

MU Retirees Association (MURA)

**2020 – 2021**

Ruth Brent Tofle, President

Clyde and Cecile Bentley, Education Co-Chairs

Barbara Schneider, Program Chair

July 14 First Virtual Breakfast

*How Food Scientists are Changing the Way we Feed the World*

by Andrew Clark, UM Engagement Fellow & CAFNR; Attendance: 64 households







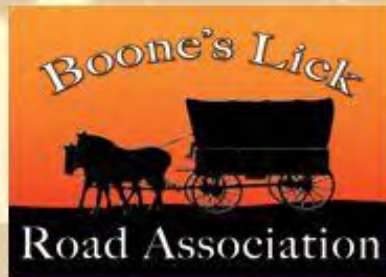
August Volunteers – (left to right) Nancy Johnson, Julia Marsh, and Jo Turner  
Preparing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for students and faculty



September 8 Virtual Breakfast –  
*Along the Boone's Lick Road: Key Link to the West*  
by David Sapp, Author & Historian  
Attendance: 91 households

**ALONG THE BOONE'S LICK ROAD:  
KEY LINK TO THE WEST**

**By David Sapp**





September 18 Fall Social –  
*Our Material Culture*  
with Joan Stack and Nicole Johnston  
Attendance: 62 households



**"Our Material Culture"**

Friday, September 18, 2020; 1:30 - 3:00  
with Joan Stack, The State Historical Society of Missouri and  
Nicole Johnston, Missouri Historic Costume & Textile Collection



October 2 UM Retiree Town Hall - *Retiree Health Benefits*  
with Carol Wilson, UM System Director of Benefits & colleagues  
Attendance: 700+ households





**October 6 Virtual Breakfast**  
***Boone County State Legislative Candidates***  
**Mary Anne McCollum and Tom Henderson Moderators**  
**Attendance: 53 households**

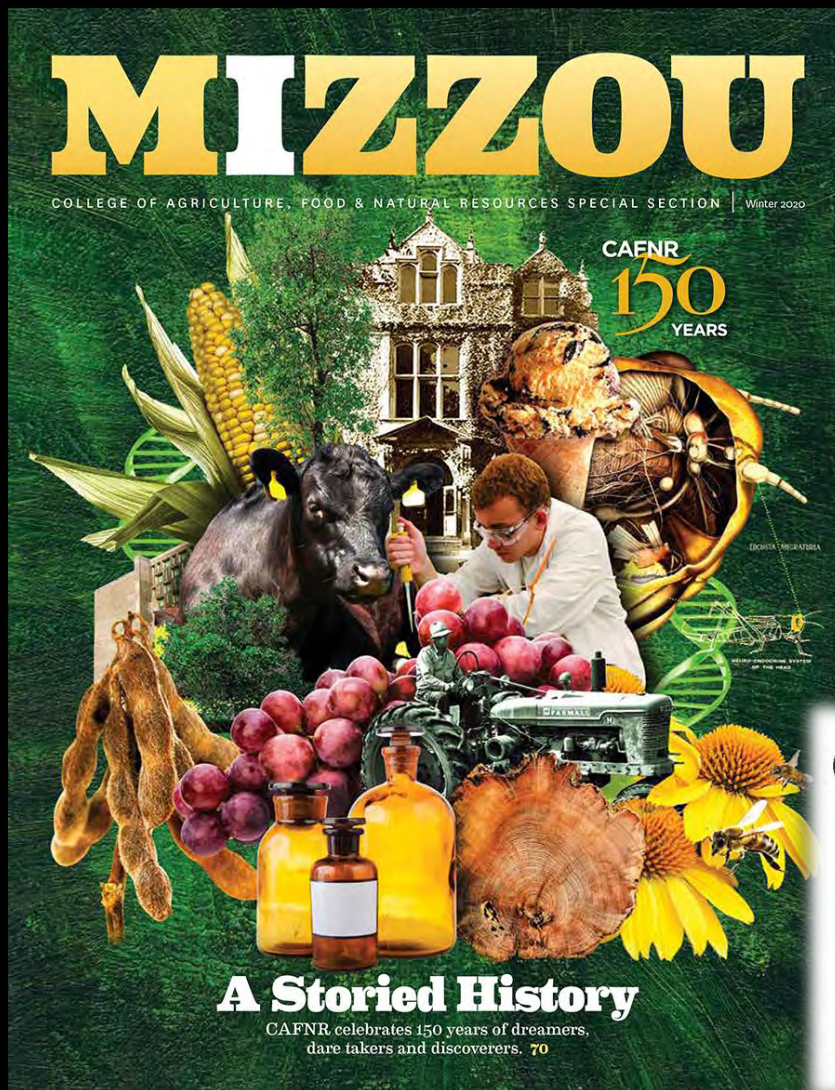


*Questioning a panel of*  
**Boone County State Legislative Candidates**

Virtual discussion Oct 6, 2020, 8:30-9:30 am  
Hosted by MU Retirees Association (MURA) and Osher Lifelong Learning  
(link will be provided by email from hosts)

Mary Anne McCollum and Tom Henderson - Moderators





Bryan L. Garton  
Senior Associate Dean

**November 3 Virtual Breakfast – *Celebrating 150 Years of CAFNR Innovation*  
by Bryan Garton; Attendance: 40 households**



**December 1 Virtual Breakfast -**  
***Discovering the Secrets of MU Special Collections***  
**by Kelli Hansen, MU Libraries Head of Special Collections**  
**Attendance: 63 households**



Diwali  
Kwanzaa  
Christmas – Secular  
Christmas – Christian  
Hanukkah  
Chrismukkah

Music by Mike & Rose Porter in WI

Music by Jo Turner & Dale Brigham in MO

Trivia Quiz by Dick Otto

Toast by Handy & Barbara Williamson in TX

Tiger Pantry by Barbara Schneider

Holiday traditions by Ruth Tofle

Attendance: 72 households



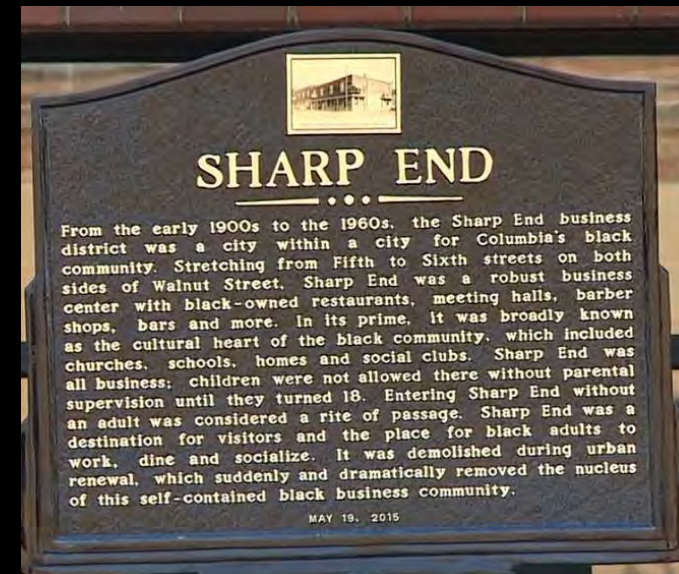
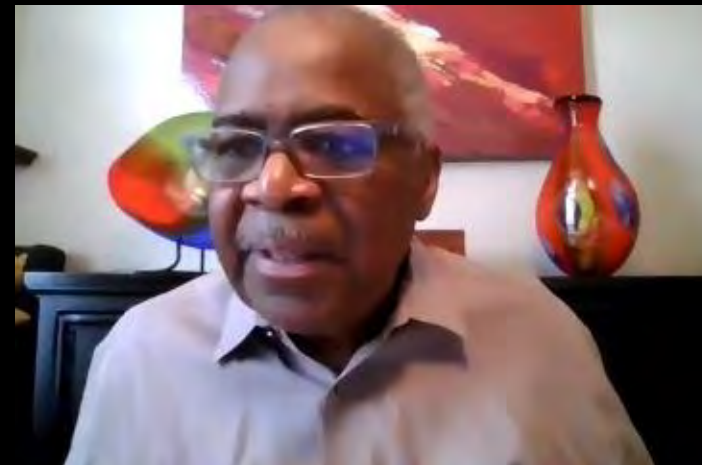
*Home for the Holidays!*

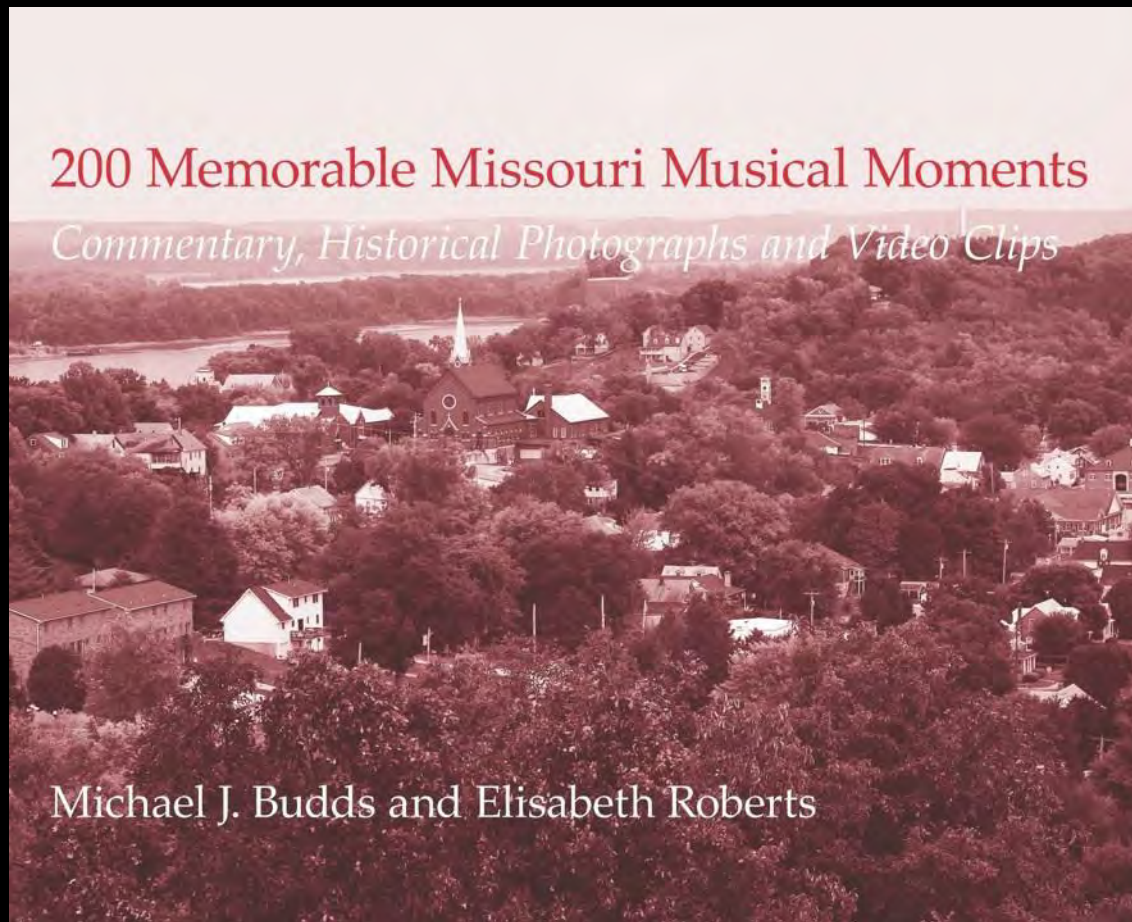
MURA and Osher will host a Virtual Holiday Social  
Friday, Dec. 11, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.





*February 2 Virtual Breakfast*  
***Columbia's African American Heritage Trail***  
by James Whitt, Sharp End Heritage Comm Chair  
Attendance: 74 households





March 2 Virtual Breakfast

*200 Years of Music in Missouri*

by Elisabeth Roberts, MU Budds Center for American Music Studies

Attendance: 63 households





March 16 Bonus Virtual Breakfast with Annual Meeting

*Winning It Right in 2021*

by Jim Sterk, Athletics Director

Attendance: 58 households

# Aging Post-Pandemic

## Lessons and Strategies

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



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April 6 Virtual Breakfast

*Aging Post-Pandemic: Lessons and Strategies*

by Joan McDowd, UMKC Professor & Chair, Psychology;

UM Presidential Engagement Fellow

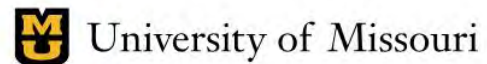
Attendance: 70 households





## 40 Years of Master Planning

Mizzou's comprehensive master planning process supports the university's mission and its legacy of stewardship. The university's careful, planned approach to campus development and commitment to practical renovation strategies reinforce the institution's values and incorporate a practice of fiscal responsibility.



May 4 Virtual Breakfast

*Overview of MU Master Planning*

By Gary Ward, Vice Chancellor and Linda Eastley of Eastley + Partners.

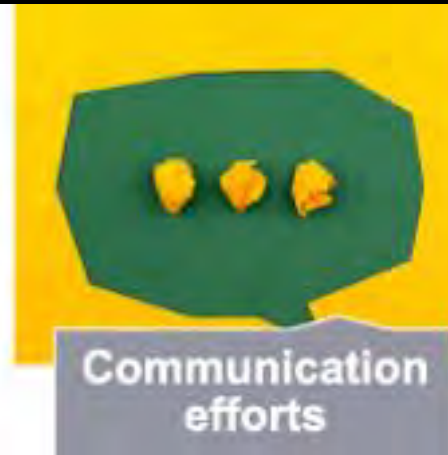
Attendance: 73 households



Benefit updates



Email policies



Communication efforts

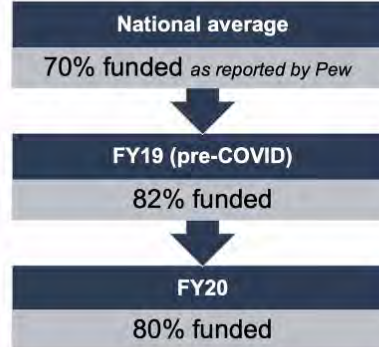


Q&A Session



Pension information

### Pension - Funded at 80%



- Retirees currently receiving a benefit will not see a change in the pension they receive.



### Pension - Investments



- Funding for pension:
  - University, employee contributions
  - Investment earnings
- Investments are focused on broadly diversified investments and balanced growth for reduced risk



May 12 *UM Retiree Town Hall*; Attendance: 412 households  
With President Choi, Stewart Marshall, Marsha Fischer,  
Jessica Baker, Carol Wilson, Becky Fowler, Jo Turner



## Considerations for Air Travel



“We have just never seen anything like this”

- Sara Nelson, the international president of the Association of Flight Attendants

- 1.95 million passengers this memorial day weekend, highest since 3/2020
- 2500 reports of unruly behavior over masking policy
- American and Southwest Airlines – no alcohol
- <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/04/17/travel/flying-plane-covid-19-safety.html>



**Margaret Day, MD**

Family Medicine

June 1 Virtual Breakfast

*Travel Planning in a Pandemic: Covid and Post-Vaccination Questions on Your Mind*

By Dr. Margaret Day, MD, MSPH; MU Family Medicine

Attendance: 45 households



*June 22 MURA Orientation and Welcome to New, Newer, and Prospective Members*  
With Ruth Tofle, Ina Linville, Jo Turner, Dick Otto, Barb Harris, Marty Townsend and  
Carrie Lanham