

- Change in IRE Directorship  
(Joyce F. Kirk's Distinguished Tenure Ends)

After nine noteworthy years as the executive director of the UW System Institute on Race and Ethnicity (IRE), Joyce F. Kirk has decided to step down as of October 31 to focus on her duties as an associate professor and chairperson of the Department of Africology at UW-Milwaukee. Under Joyce's expert guidance, the IRE has continued to provide leadership and support for the study of race and ethnicity across the UW campuses and the state, and worked to incorporate equity, diversity and inclusion into IRE and UW System policies and practices. Her presence will be missed. Tom Tonnesen, the IRE's associate director, has been appointed to the position of interim director.