

## **Breakout Sessions (10:50 a.m.)**

**Ghana Library Authority:** Christine Wolf, Chi, Assistant Director of Global and International Studies at UW-Milwaukee

*The Global Studies program at UW-Milwaukee is working with a new initiative through the Ghanaian library system called the Youth Engagement project. Christine will talk about how this project focuses on youth, ages 14-24, who are interested in gaining knowledge and skills around career preparation and leadership, including providing “a safe and inclusive environment for young people.”*

### **Racine County Underground Railroad: A Pathway to Learn, Share, and Reflect on**

**Americas’s Obscure Past:** Pauline Mitchell, Pi, retired high school educator, Racine Unified School District.

*“The Underground Railroad was a secretive network of people who helped slaves escape to the northern United States, Canada, the Seminole reservation in Florida, Mexico, California and Central America to gain freedom. The network was loosely organized, but incredibly effective. To be a part of this network was to be part of a risky illegal movement. Racine County was home to some of those stations. From Racine, fugitive slaves would travel either over land or through the harbor via ship to freedom in Canada.”*

[racineheritagemuseum.omeka.net](http://racineheritagemuseum.omeka.net)

**Educational Panel:** Lori Ladiges; Mary Jane Carreno, Pi; Kim DeTennis, Zeta; Kelsy Rusch, Zeta  
*Topics to be covered include gaps in student learning due to the pandemic, teacher shortages, substitute shortages, gaps in social skills, challenges with classroom management, and student mental health issues.*

**International Speaker Roundtable:** Phyllis Hickey, Strategic Outreach Director

*An opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the International Society.*

## **Breakout Sessions (1:15 p.m.)**

**Literary Competition Reading:** Donell Bonetti, Zeta; and Brenda Rank, Zeta

*First-place winners of the Mary Jo Nettlesheim Memorial Literary Competition will read their books.*

**Among the Hmong:** Lucy Vue, Delta

*As a Hmong Culture teacher, Lucy will lead a discussion about the Hmong community, more specifically in Milwaukee, and how educators can support Hmong students and their families.*

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**Autism from a Mother’s Perspective:** Shelly VanTassell, Alpha Iota

*Shelly will talk about raising autistic children from a mother’s perspective. She has written a book on the subject, Victory, which will soon be available.*

## **Breakout Sessions (2:00 p.m.)**

**European Trip of a Lifetime:** Laura Gellott, Professor of History, Emeritus, UW-Parkside

*Can a book read in childhood shape your life? Laura will share the story of that one influential book, Jean & Company, Unlimited, and how it led to her lifelong interest in European history and travel. She will also tell the story of the search for the book’s author, Helen Perry Curtis, and how that search led Laura to write and publish Helen Curtis and the European Trip of a Lifetime, the biography of Curtis and the story of her real-life trips with her daughters through 1930s Europe.*

**Celebrating Juneteenth Day:** Alethea Sumbry-Cetnarowski, Delta

*The idea for this presentation came to Alethea as she thought about how to share this holiday with students who live in Milwaukee, the city with one of the longest running Juneteenth celebrations in the U.S.*

**Funding Opportunities Panel:** Bobbi Momchilovic, Psi; Ellen Dowd, Beta Alpha; Millie Buege, Beta Alpha; Laura Muchowski, Beta Alpha

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