

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RETIREES ASSOCIATION
UMRA ARMCHAIR TRAVELER PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT June 14, 2025
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There were four Armchair Traveler Programs offered during 2024-25, all via Zoom. We had 20-45 people attending each session and the feedback was extremely positive. Programs were offered on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. Two speakers presented their pictures and comments for approximately 30 minutes each and then we had 15 minutes per speaker for discussion and questions/answers. My thanks to each of our wonderful presenters. I sent out email announcements a month and a week before each program. Kris Mortensen included a short article about each program in the UMRA Newsletter. Thank you, Kris! Each program was recorded and posted on the UMRA Armchair Traveler website. Thank you Cathy Lee Gierke for all your terrific work on the website. If the presenters are willing, and they all were, I gave Will Craig permission to work with UMAA to have the presentations posted on their Gold Mind website.

Here are the presenters and locations for each program from 2024-25.

September 25, 2024: Will Craig US Baseball Fields, Janet and Craig Swan Scotland

November 20, 2024: Paul Letourneau Tanzania, Brenda Knapp-Polzin Jerusalem and Egypt

January 22, 2025: Wayne Potratz Japan, Lynn C. Anderson Sweden and Norway

April 23, 2025: Ceeya Patton-Bolman Rwanda, Gene Allen Islands off the West Coast of the US and Canada

I will be organizing four Armchair Traveler Programs in 2025-26 on Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. via zoom in September, November, January, and April. The presenters have not yet been identified.