UW-MANIACs created an artistic space at the Kindergarten For Adults event in May 2010 (see picture below).

The event started off with a reading from “Friedrick Froebel and the Story of Kindergarten” to inspire them for the workshop. The participants were encouraged to observe and interact while growing and developing with freedom, away from any imperatives. According to Friedrich, encouraging people to engage actively and naturally with their environment showed a potential growth to the wholeness of each individual. The idea of this MANIAC workshop was to bring out the natural powers of observation, judgment and invention through playing. Play is said to be the highest expression of human development.

The day consisted of fulfilling Friedrich’s theory by allowing the true spontaneous freedom of unstructured play to lead naturally into work. MANIACS went wild while playing yet were able to develop skills to bring back to the workplace.

Make sure to check UPCOMING MANIAC EVENTS for our next play date!

Great Moments in MANIAC History

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The Critical Friends process provides an opportunity both to solicit and provide feedback in a manner that promotes reflective learning.

Link: Critical Friends

Most commonly used words in UW MANIAC survey responses over the past two years

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The Madison Area Network for Innovation and Collaboration
Innovation and Collaboration Learning Café Series 2010-2011
Series-Part 1: Nov. 11 @ 8:30-1, Pyle Center, $15
Info. & Registration Click here
This series seeks to sustain learning about creative thinking and integrate it into the way we teach, research, and work together. It will take us into the world of “Technology & Community” so we can tap creative ideas that have been transformed into successful innovations in the workplace, classroom and community. We engage in seriously developing an increased capacity for creative, capable responses to complex challenges we face.

Developing Innovation through Collaboration, Creativity & Communication
Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 @ 1-4:30, 220 Ingraham, $90
Info. & registration Click here
Collaboration, Creativity, and Communication can help you to develop new innovations that can contribute to doing meaningful new things, improving processes for problem solving, and having greater success in your work. At this event, you will meet new people and work with others to systematically generate and develop new ideas for the challenge of your choosing. Be guided step-by-step and activity-by-activity through an innovation process to develop and take action on new ideas for your real project.

“Planting a MANIAC Garden” Breakfast
Dec. 14 @ 8-9:30 a.m.
FEATURING Our “Know Your MANIAC” for this Issue!
These bi-monthly gatherings allow us to share creative approaches to professional challenges, identify new tools and strategies that can help us transform creative ideas into innovative solutions, and promote relationships that can help us address emerging needs as they arise.

Know Your MANIAC!
Erin Schneider, M.ED stands for bringing abundance and balance to our Earth’s systems, working to unleash the potential and wisdom of groups and aiding in the discoveries around what creates the conditions for communities to thrive. She balances her career as an organic farmer and co-owner of Hilltop Community Farm, LLC and as Facilitator and Volunteer Fellow with UW- Madison’s Office of Human Resource Development Department. Currently, she is engaged in helping develop and co-create curriculum and programming on Social Artistry for Sustainability Leadership as well as helping coordinate the efforts of UW-MANIAC and the Wisconsin Local Food Network.

Additionally, Erin conducts her own collaborative agro forestry research on assessing the sustainability of growing uncommon yet marketable fruit in WI, developing a traveling co-designed exhibit on the places and faces of ecological agriculture, and piloting a co-designed women’s grower exchange program with farmers in Nicaragua and Wisconsin. Erin feels fortunate to work with her three loves: people, plants and dirt, in her favorite place of Wisconsin.

Erin will be the featured guest in “Planting a MANIAC Garden” Breakfast held on December 14th from 8-9:30 a.m.
For more information or to register, click here.
Maniac Studio Work

We’ve had a studio co-working time at the Union almost every Monday since July. We are now taking it off campus and moving around to different coffee shops on different days.

Why not create your own studio co-working time with others at UW? Co-working is a way to work with different people who aren’t a part of your office away from the office.

Step 1: Pick a place and time. This can be anywhere with free WiFi.
Step 2: Email different people to bring their laptops & some work to do.
Step 3: Meet and bounce ideas of each other, give insight, and see the multidisciplinary fun effect of collaborating with new people and working away from the office.

Where is your complexity at work and where is simplification needed?

Know Your Maniac!

Darin Eich came to UW in 2003 and has a Ph.D in Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis. Darin helped to establish an innovation consulting company called Brain Reactions. Brain Reactions began with recruiting and training the most creative students from UW and then engaging them in brainstorming for innovation projects for top organizations. This helped him narrow in on his deep interest of innovation. There was still opportunity to go deeper. In 2006 Darin and his BrainReactions colleagues created and launched Innovation-Trip and brought a group of global executives to Harvard & MIT and to Silicon Valley for visits to IDEO & Stanford. It was a intensive week of American innovation. Darin’s interest became more focused…from generating innovation for companies, to training & facilitating innovation learning for Universities. Back in Madison, he was introduced to Harry in OHRD and spoke at an event for this curiously named new endeavor called MANIAC. MANIAC felt like home to him. It had his favorite things in one space: UW, programs, innovation, learning, and great people willing to connect, collaborate, and create. Darin has found MANIAC to be a welcoming space where new ideas can be inspired, developed, launched quickly. MANIAC has provided Darin not only with an innovation community but many friendships and new programs to develop. Darin is passionate about helping as many people as he can to learn innovation simply in a motivating way. He is facilitating a 2-part workshop in December on Developing Innovation through Collaboration, Creativity & Communication.

Upcoming Maniac Events

Developing Innovation through Collaboration, Creativity & Communication
Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 @ 1-4:30
Info. & registration Click here

This event is led by our featured MANIAC and helps you to develop new innovations that can contribute to doing meaningful new things, improving processes for problem solving and having greater success in your work. At this event, you will meet new people and work with others to systematically generate and develop new ideas for the challenge of your choosing. Be guided step-by-step and activity-by-activity through an innovation process to develop and take action on new ideas for your real project.

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Servant Leadership Study Group
Dec. 8 @ 8:30-10:30 a.m. TITU

There is a rapid shift away from traditional hierarchal models of leadership towards servant-leadership. Servant-leadership seeks to involve others in decision-making, is strongly based in ethical and caring behavior, and enhances the growth of workers while improving the caring and quality of organizational life.

Darin is passionate about helping others learn innovation
The Raving MANIAC

Upcoming MANIAC Events

The Power of “Yes and...”: Improvisation for the Workplace
Jan. 27 @ 8-9:30am
Memorial Union

Info. & registration Click here

This workshop will leave you feeling energized and excited to say YES to your workday. It will introduce ways for participants to “Manage Change Creatively Through Improv. Skills.” Participants will acquire abilities like: how to create with a group, how to think on your feet, how to say yes/no, how to lead, follow and pass power back and forth. The teachers are Barry Callen and Nell Weatherwax, both instructors for Corprov Corporate Improv. Training. They guarantee lots of laughter, fun, and complete engagement.

Innovation and Collaboration Learning Café Series Part 2
March 1 @ 8:30-1
Pyle Center

Info. & registration Click here

The “Innovation & Collaboration Learning Café Series” takes core organization and learning concepts and reinvents them in an exciting learning opportunity that seeks to sustain learning about creative thinking and integrate it into the way we teach, research, and work together. The March 1st Café examines, “Finding Simplicity in the Midst of Complexity,” an exploration of tools, processes, and resources that help us make sense of our complex work environments. This will be an energizing and useful day -- join us!

Servant Leadership Workshop with Larry Spears
February 8 @ 8:30-2:30
Memorial Union Tripp Commons

Info. & registration Click here

Servant-leadership seeks to involve others in decision-making, is strongly based in ethical and caring behavior and enhances the growth of workers while improving the quality of organizational life. Larry brings a day filled with challenging ideas, excellent conversation and spirited exploration of resources to help us work together.

Know Your MANIAC!

Jeffrey E. Shockey has been at the UW-Madison since 1990 and with the L&S Honors Program since 1998. He currently serves as the program’s Associate Director. Some would say he has been a maniac his entire life but he would argue that while that may be true, his involvement with the UW-MANIAC’s over the last few years has sharpened his ability to innovate in the workplace. Jeffrey has been very fortunate to participate in a number of MANIAC learning opportunities. At a MANIAC Breakfast Series he presented at, he broke rocks to make stone tools to explore how old technologies can help us look at current technology and problems in new ways. He has also benefited greatly from numerous informal conversations with other MANIAC participants.

Jeff uses MANIAC to keep his innovation edge sharp. As with most kinds of work it is easy to get into routines, not only routines of doing, but routines of thinking as well. We trod well-worn mental paths and often find ourselves lacking ideas for how to solve the problems or challenges we are confronted with. What MANIAC has offered Jeff are tools, perspectives, practices, insights and even new ways of thinking that stimulate his creativity and jolt him out of ruts. He really enjoys participating in MANIAC events and has always found them to be enriching and thought-provoking.

*Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.* —Vince Lombardi

At the next Innovation and Collaboration Café we will focus on creating simplicity in the mix of complexity. We need some guidance for this workshop, so please take this survey!

Where is your complexity at work and where is simplification needed? Please take our survey.
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March 7 @ 3:45-3:50 TITU

FREE! For info. and registration [Click here]

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SARAH HURLEY
Hi MANIACS! I am a graduate student at the La Follette School of Public Affairs and I have been involved with UW-MANIAC for about a year. As a student working for the UW Office of Human Resource Development, I was asked to help prepare for one of the MANIAC learning cafes. I met with the design team and attended the cafe where I was really impressed by the knowledge, creativity, and overall energy of the MANIAC group. I immediately decided I wanted to become a regular member. Since then, I have attended and helped plan several MANIAC events and have enjoyed every minute of it!

As an education policy student, I see how bureaucracy, rules, and management can stifle innovation in a large organization like the University of Wisconsin. MANIAC helps nurture innovation in the organizational setting. It provides me a space to think about and participate in the creative problem-solving that often gets neglected. This innovative thinking is a great balance to the sometimes rigid, analytical perspective required of my studies. I hope that I can use the creative thinking skills that MANIAC is helping me develop to provide new solutions to seemingly im-

Introduction to Public Participation & Engagement: Inclusive Processes and Tools for Collaboration
March 2, 9, 23, 30 & April 6, 13
@ 2:30-4:30, 230 Ingraham

Info. & registration [Click here]

This course serves as the foundation requirement for ORHD’s new “Fully Prepared to Engage” Certificate Program and can also stand on its own for personal benefit. This 12-hour, 6-week course will provide an overview of the core concepts, tools and processes in public engagement, including the IAP2 Spectrum, various key models and projects at various levels of size, scope and complexity. Participants will be asked to focus on personal projects in this area, form “action learning teams” and explore initial applications to real projects.

MANIAC events are some of my favorite activities to attend on campus-- and I’m a huge sports fan. I always have fun, learn a lot about myself, and leave feeling inspired to innovate! I think everyone on campus, including students like myself, can gain meaningful skills and ideas from MANIAC, so I urge you to attend the events that interest you and invite colleagues and friends who show “MANIAC potential” to join you!

Check out this short [YouTube video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ) about how we generate the ideas that push our careers, or lives, our society and our culture forward!
Preamble: Reflection on the role of each steward

Step 1: Understanding your role of each steward

Step 2: Providing technology, choosing a strategy, selecting a solution and planning the change

Step 3: Stewarding technology and outlines what to keep in mind at each step.

Upcoming MANIAC Events

Innovation and Collaboration Learning Café Series

Part 2

March 1 @ 8:30-1
Pyle Center

Info. & registration Click here

The “Innovation & Collaboration Learning Café Series” takes us through the steps of stewarding technology and outlines what to keep in mind at each step.

1. Process Improvement Strategies and Tools—How to get work done better, smarter and be prepared for emergent challenges

2. Inspiration, Connection and Celebration—Feeling connected to your colleagues as they share success stories and feeling energized by that experience to allow you to take on new challenges

3. Best Practices Dissemination—This offers an opportunity for those who have come up with “bright ideas” to share them with us and help us consider how they might be applied to new challenges.

Ultimately, seek synergies and build an infrastructure to support collaboration, creative thinking and innovation throughout campus and community in a powerful partnership. Come join us!

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MAYA LEA—When I arrived in Madison two and a half years ago to become the curator of UW’s Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection, I had a lot of ideas. Figuring out how to implement that ambitious plan has been challenging both professionally and personally since we’re operating from multiple interim spaces pending completion of a new facility. Quite serendipitously, I discovered OHRD’s holistic programming—especially revelatory MANIAC events—early on.

MANIAC has been a godsend, connecting me to like-minded colleagues throughout the campus and community, teaching me fresh approaches to both my work life and my life’s work.

At my very first MANIAC event I shared a table with a remarkable group of people from all across campus whom I am still proud to count as friends. The conversation that flowed among us was so compelling that we agreed to continue meeting, optimistically dubbing ourselves “Paradigm Shift.” Several mind-opening MANIAC events and many “maniaca” encounters later, one of those original MANIAC friends recruited me to join the MANIAC Design Team. That experience has been a real privilege. Along the way I’ve presented at MANIAC Cafes (some of you may remember my kindergarten-style yoga warm-up preceding our “webby tent” art space or my “Virtual Necessity” talk about digital-media synergies) and learned a great deal about how to work innovatively, collaboratively, and effectively. Perhaps my signal achievement as a member of the Design Team, however, has been naming this newsletter.

I’ll close with a bit of shameless self-promotion: please check out the Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection’s website: http://textilecollection.wisc.edu, and do come to our annual lecture by TED-video star Margaret Wertheim about her Hyperbolic Crocheted Reef Project on March 31st (details on our website).
UW-MANIAC Breakfast Series: “Mini” Big Learning
April 7, 8-9:30a.m. Red Gym: Mezzanine C, FREE!
This breakfast will be discussing the upcoming "Big Learning Event" on campus June 7-8. The BLE is a unique opportunity to hear and interact with seven leading presenters from a variety of fields. The MANIAC Breakfast will offer some details about the BLE and the study groups that have been organized to catalyze learning this spring about the issues being raised at the conference. We will also discuss the BLE as a highly innovative approach to learning that has potential to significantly alter our expectations and opportunities in the future.

Marybeth Falish
Hey MANIACS! I am excited to be a new addition to the MANIAC family. At the beginning of last year, I began working at OHRD as an intern and now have taken on various projects at the office, one being this Raving MANIAC newsletter and other maniacal projects, working closely with the MANIAC Design Team and Harry. I am currently a junior majoring in Strategic Communications within the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and hope to graduate next year and move on to work for a public relations or advertising firm in a big city. We’ll see what happens!

MANIAC has opened my eyes to the beauty of networking and the wonders it can do for groups and individuals. Even though I am fairly new to UW-MANIAC, I have been able to experience the Innovation and Learning Café regarding “Finding Simplicity in the Midst of Complexity.” At the café I learned different and innovative ways to go about dealing with complex situations, and what I really liked was how we combined these activities with open discussion, networking and other sustained learning organizations and synthesis and application: how do we take our learning “back home” where it needs to be applied. Take some time to explore the Café Series!

Our last Café focused on “Simplicity in the Midst of Complexity” — see below what MANIACs found complex and to the left see what they learned from the Café!

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Innovation and Collaboration Learning Café
May 3, 8:30a.m.-1p.m. Lowell Hall
Info. & Registration HERE

This café series seeks to sustain learning about creative thinking and integrate it into the way we teach, research and work together. This workshop takes us into the world of “Technology & Community,” so we can tap creative ideas that have been transformed into successful innovations in the workplace, classroom and community. Some of the main topics will be: social networking media, web-based analytics and interactive mapping tools, innovative virtual facilitation tools and strategies for work environments, implications for communities of practice and other sustained learning organizations and synthesis and application. Take some time to explore the Café Series!

What’s the Buzz?

What is all this talk about the Big Learning Event? Is it really that “Big?” Will it help me develop within the workplace and as an individual?

Well, the answer to all is: YES. It’s like a mosh pit of minds, but with good manners.”

See our flyer here!
Find out more and REGISTER on the BLE webpage!
More info. in upcoming issues!

Know Your MANIAC!

Keri Robbins

My first connection to UW-MANIAC came about a year ago when Harry invited me to facilitate a breakfast meeting about social media. I was flattered to be asked! The name and purpose of the group instantly appealed to me, and upon meeting the participants -- who warmly welcomed me, unhesitatingly engaged in thoughtful discussion, and didn’t grumble even the tiniest bit when asked to move around -- I was hooked! Since then, I’ve attended other MANIAC events and discovered I’m a MANIAC at heart.

I’ve worked on campus for the past 15 years, previously at University Housing and the Wisconsin Union, and currently in the statewide AHEC (Area Health Education Center) program in the School of Medicine and Public Health. I’m also a “Double Badger” (bachelor’s and master’s degrees from UW-Madison).

Last summer, I traveled throughout the state to visit public health departments where AHEC interns were placed. I fell in love all over again with the natural beauty and delightful hospitality that define Wisconsin. I was also re-energized by the passion and commitment demonstrated by so many talented public health personnel, and the excellent work they’re doing in rural and underserved communities.

A focus of my professional work is the visual design of marketing communications -- using imagery and graphic arts to convey a message that has a strategic purpose. Over the years, I’ve enjoyed conducting focus groups and surveys of all types to gather perspectives from lots of people to learn about what “works” for them and why. A pet peeve of mine is when the design role is characterized as merely “making it look pretty.” There’s so much more involved! It’s comforting to know that MANIAC’s get that; in fact, the feeling of community and morale boosting that comes from fellow MANIAC’s is unparalleled.

Keri travels around the state to visit public health departments and feels energized while experiencing WI hospitality and passion in this field of work

MANIAC Tool of the Month:
Toolbox for Personal Success

This information has the goal of sharing various tools for your success by first allowing you to understand your personality type, making time for self-assessment then giving you a lesson about interacting with people.

“Adaptability + Leadership = Change” is one equation for “Adaptability + Leadership = Change” is one equation for change.

Read more to get your formula for success!
**The Raving MANIAC**

**Upcoming MANIAC Events**

**UW-MANIAC Afternoon Soirées**

June 20, 3:30-5 p.m.
Madison Children’s Museum
Entrance fee $7 for adults
For info and registration [Click here](http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/)

Children are so creative, so let’s go play like a kid for the afternoon! We’ll meet at the Madison Children’s Museum for an hour of play time and exploration of this highly innovative space. Then we will experience a private tour of the Rooftop Ramble; a space that focuses on the natural world, urban ecology, and our connection to it all. Take a break and get rejuvenated through play!

Visit their website: [http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/](http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/)

**Jammin’ Innovative Networking Session**

July 14, 3-4:30, Memorial Union
FREE! For info and registration [Click here](http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/)

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**Our May Café focused on “Transformative Ways of Being and Doing”**

See some of the ideas MANIAC’s came up with!

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**MANIAC Tool of the Month:**

**Friedrich Froebel and the Story of Kindergarten**

Friedrich created occupations (activities) for the children at Kindergarten that centered on “free work” and simple games to engage children creatively and naturally with their environment.

How can we create occupations (activities) in our work environments that promote our engagement, learning, and growth?

Respond [HERE!](http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/)

Friedrich’s ideas can be applied to grown-ups as well. The play exercises of Kindergarten bring out the natural powers of observation, judgement, and invention. Play is the highest expression of human development because it is the free expression of what is in one’s soul. Our task today is to fulfill Friedrich’s theory by allowing the true, spontaneous, freedom of structured play to lead naturally into work. Use our play time today as an opportunity to naturally and creatively address projects or challenges in your personal or professional lives.

Go Play!

Check out the whole Friedrich Froebel Story in the [UW MANIAC Toolbox](http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/)!
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Maniac Soiree to Dr. Evermore’s
July 21, 9:30 a.m.– 4 p.m.
FREE! For info and registration
Click here
We get inspiration from the most unlikely sources. Join MANIAC for a soiree to see some unlikely art and unlikely land formations. We’ll visit the scrap metal creations of Tom Every, aka Dr. Evermore, and then explore a hidden gem of Wisconsin, a 40-foot gorge called Pewitt’s Nest.
We’ll meet on campus at 9:30 a.m. then carpool to Dr. Evermore’s north of Sauk City. We’ll spend about an hour exploring his outdoor gallery with hundreds of scrap metal sculptures including the largest in the world, “The Forevertron Machine.” Then, we’ll travel a few miles to Pewitt’s Nest for a relaxing picnic lunch and short hike along the outside of the gorge.

Upcoming Summer Afternoon Soirees

Early August—A trip to Sector 67!
Sector67 is a non-profit collaborative space in Madison, WI dedicated to providing an environment to learn, teach, work-on, build, and create next generation technology, including software, hardware, electronics, art, sewing, pottery, glass, metalwork, iPhone/Android applications, games, etc.

August 25th—Slow Food Cooking Event
Slow Food UW is part of a global movement that appreciates the stories behind the meals we eat. This group builds on years of success in uniting local chefs, farmers, and students in bringing the rich traditions of slow, sustainable, and local eating to campus.

Stay tuned to the OHRD Catalog for details and registration for these upcoming events!

Know Your MANIAC!

Amy Climer joined the MANIAC Design Team in 2009 after attending a MANIAC Café session. She was so enthralled with the energy and creativity that she wanted to get more involved.

As owner of Climer Consulting, Amy spends her time facilitating groups and helping them work better together, improve their communication, and be more creative. She is also passionate about experiential learning and outdoor education and has helped Madison College develop an outdoor leadership program that teaches student crucial leadership skills while canoeing, caving, and climbing. She’s dedicated to teaching people how to successfully teach without lecturing - it’s too boring and doesn’t work! She loves the experiential and collaborative approach of MANIAC and appreciates the energy from the sessions. Before starting her consulting business Amy worked at UW for nearly five years in student affairs at both the Wisconsin Union and the School of Business. She was also a professor at Fort Lewis College in Colorado and received a student nominated award as an outstanding professor in her second semester on campus. Amy recently had the opportunity to work for University of Virginia’s Semester at Sea and sail around the world visiting eleven countries with 600 college students. It was a fascinating experience and she saw many examples of innovation and the lack of it. Amy will be sharing her stories and photos with MANIAC during the breakfast on September 20 from 8-9:30 a.m.

For more info and registration for the UW MANIAC Breakfast on September 20th
Click here

Pictures from our June Afternoon Soiree—A trip to the Madison Children’s Museum!

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