Abstract: Erik joined WARF as its new Managing Director in July 2016. During his presentation he will share background on WARF, its role in supporting UW research over the last 93 years and details concerning WARF’s strategic plan which includes opportunities for University faculty, staff and students to think entrepreneurially. He will also share his observations on UW, Wisconsin and the opportunities ahead.

Biography: Erik Iverson is the managing director of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF), a nonprofit, mission-driven organization that has supported scientific research within the UW–Madison community for more than 90 years. WARF is the designated patent management organization for UW. WARF partners with University researchers on patenting and licensing their discoveries and then providing grants back to the UW to continue that cycle of innovation.

Iverson has over 20 years of executive experience leading organizations and programs committed to entrepreneurial efforts that positively impact people worldwide. Prior to joining WARF, he served as a lead executive at the Infectious Disease Research Institute (IDRI) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He has been leading WARF’s strategic planning process this year and will be telling us what is ahead for WARF’s investment in research and discovery.

He holds a J.D. from the University of North Dakota, a LL.M. from New York University and a B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College.

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