

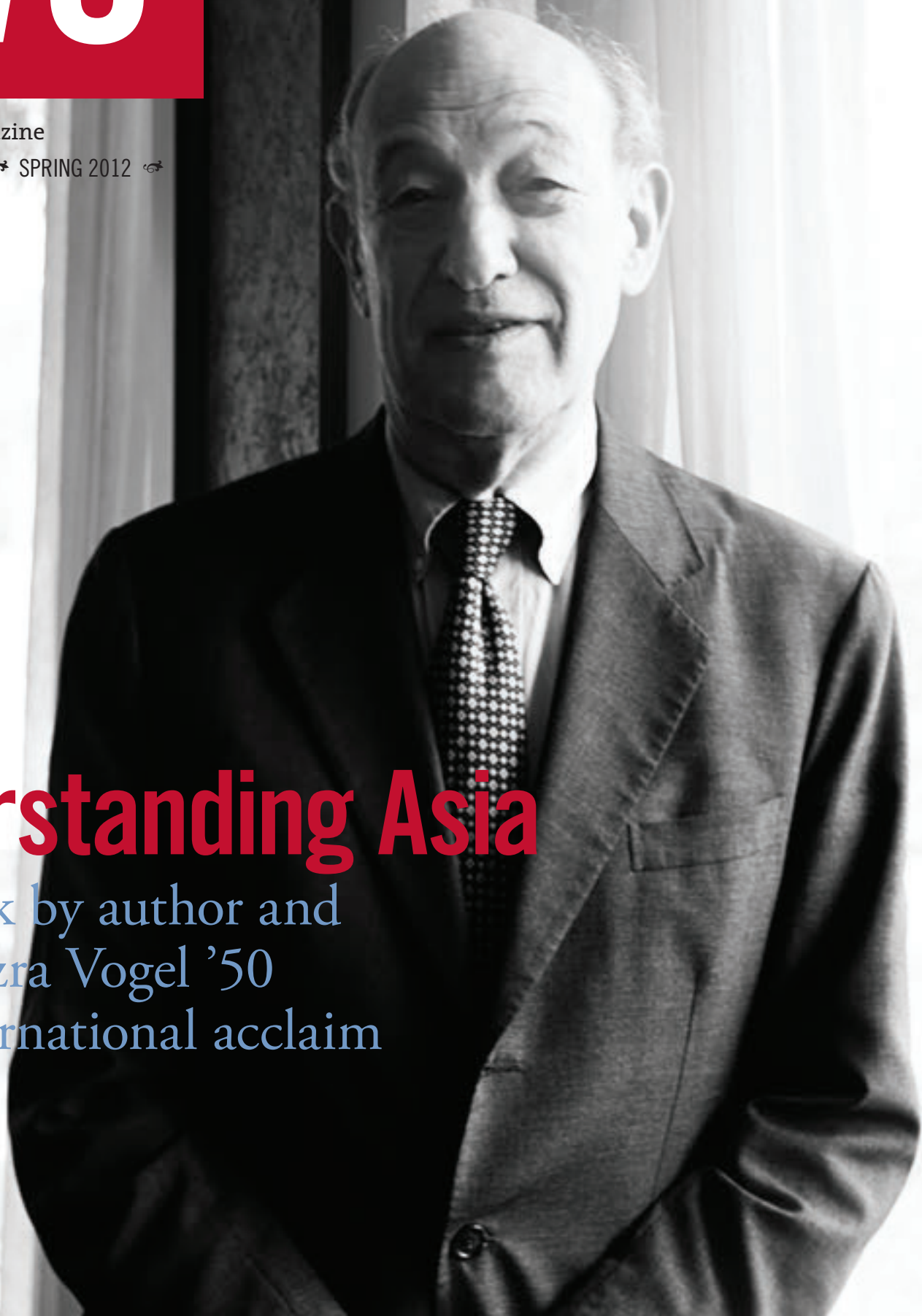
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New book by author and scholar Ezra Vogel '50 earns international acclaim



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President Rock Jones introduced Dr. Ezra Vogel '50 to OWU alumni at a recent event in Naples, Florida.

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Journey to India

Ed. Note: Seven students spent spring break in India, participating in a five-day program on "Living the Gandhian Philosophy." To read more about their experience, visit links.owu.edu/india

We happened to be in India during the end of Holi, a spring Hindi festival.

One of Holi's biggest customs involves loosening the strictness of social structures, which includes age, gender, status, and caste. Holi closes the wide gaps between social classes and brings Hindus together. Together, the rich and poor, women and men, enjoy each other's presence on this joyous day. No one expects polite behavior; as a result, the atmosphere is filled with excitement, fun, and joy.

One of the best parts of the holiday is the brightly colored powder that people throw around, and on

one another's faces. I've heard the concept behind it is that when everyone is disguised by the colors, outward prejudices and norms are disregarded. Everyone becomes united and equal.

Our unplanned participation in this holiday occurred when our tour bus pulled over at a rest stop, and a Holi parade coincidentally passed by. Some of us went to watch, and ended up having powder and flower petals lovingly thrown at us. The children and drummers and mothers and fathers in the parade enthusiastically included us, and this was honestly one of my favorite experiences in India—mostly because it was unanticipated. I got a brief glimpse of a traditional, unique holiday in Indian culture.

—Kelsey Ullom '14

L to r: The OWU contingent studied "Gandhi Today, Perspectives, and Possibilities" with a team of Lady Shri Ram professors and students. They ended their week with dancing directed by OWU's Marin Leggat and Bishop Beanies for all!



President Rock Jones and the OWU contingent traveled to India during Spring Break to study Living the Gandhian Philosophy. Group members and students from Lady Shri Ram spent time with impoverished children living near the college.



The Impact of an OWU Education

WITH ADOPTION OF THE OWU CONNECTION CURRICULAR INITIATIVE THIS SPRING, THE OHIO WESLEYAN FACULTY TOOK A MAJOR STEP IN ADVANCING A COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA FOR ENRICHING THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES OFFERED AT OWU.

This agenda, grounded in Ohio Wesleyan's historic commitment to practical idealism, enhances the classical study of the liberal arts and sciences with experiences that connect theory to practice and provide a context for considering the global dimension of every

discipline. All of this is undertaken toward the aim of preparing the next generation of moral leaders for a global society

The OWU Connection includes a series of course connection networks through which students explore complex issues through the perspectives of multiple disciplines. These networks help students understand the increasing interdisciplinarity of all knowledge and the impact of multiple disciplines on efforts to confront and solve the pressing global challenges of the 21st century.

Additionally, The OWU Connection provides opportunities for students to enroll

in courses that include significant work off campus, most often outside of the United States, with professors and fellow students. These courses again connect theory to practice and allow students to confront significant global problems. Among the dozen travel-learning courses available this semester are: studies of global poverty (economics course traveling to Bangladesh); the current political and economic challenges facing Ireland (international studies); the zoology of East Africa (Tanzania); post-colonial nation building (Ghana); tectonics, volcanology,

and geothermal energy in the north Atlantic (Iceland); and mathematical models of global climate change and the impact of climate-glacier interactions (Alaska).

Finally, The OWU Connection builds on longstanding opportunities for students to engage in depth with questions of interest through undergraduate research, tutorials, directed readings, internships, service-learning opportunities, and independent studies. Working closely with faculty mentors but also demonstrating their own intellectual curiosity and personal initiative, students learn to develop research agendas, to collect and analyze data, and to draw conclusions from the results of their studies. Many students present their original research at regional and national disciplinary conferences. Recently, three OWU history students earned first place recognition in their respective divisions at a regional conference. Their topics: "Breaking the Ice: Ronald Reagan, Star Wars, and the End of the Cold War," "The Politics of Fear: George Wallace, *The New York Times*, and the Election of 1968," and "The Power of the Word: The Preeminence of Scripture in the Political Thought of Martin Luther." In the same week, another OWU student won a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship as a result of significant undergraduate research and an interest in pursuing doctoral work in molecular biology.

As a part of our commitment to globalizing the undergraduate experience, OWU is fortunate to be one of only 10 colleges and universities in the United States to be selected for participation in the International Academic Partnership Program in India. This program is designed to foster collaboration among American and Indian institutions of higher education and to create opportunities for student and faculty exchanges. As a first step in this program, I traveled with seven students and three other members of the OWU family to

Lady Shri Ram College for Women in New Delhi for Spring Break. We participated in a weeklong course prepared by Lady Shri Ram College titled Gandhi Today: Perspectives and Possibilities. We met with leaders of LSR to discuss opportunities for collaboration in the future and to lay the foundation for an ongoing partnership between our two institutions.

While we were in India, we had dinner with three recent OWU graduates who are back in India. One majored in creative writing, completed an advanced degree at New York University, and now works as a brand manager for a global retail company. Another majored in fine arts and has developed her own company producing custom-designed purses that recently were featured on the cover of *Vogue India*. Another majored in economics and mathematics, served two years in the Teach for America program in Houston, and now is back in India prior to enrolling in a doctoral program in mathematics and finance at Syracuse University.

What do we make of all of this? These are stories of current students and recent graduates, on campus in Ohio and scattered around the world, who have taken full advantage of the rigorous liberal arts curriculum offered at OWU. They have done so with equal grounding in the theoretical lessons of their disciplines and the practical challenges of our 21st century world. Our alumni and students understand the benefits of connecting theory to practice, and they are experiencing the realities of the global context in which their lives are lived. In the classroom and in a multitude of ways across the campus, each of these students is impacting OWU in some way. And those who now have graduated are having an impact in ways they may not have imagined while at Ohio Wesleyan.

This is the consistent story of Ohio Wesleyan across the decades. It is the story of impact – the impact of the University on

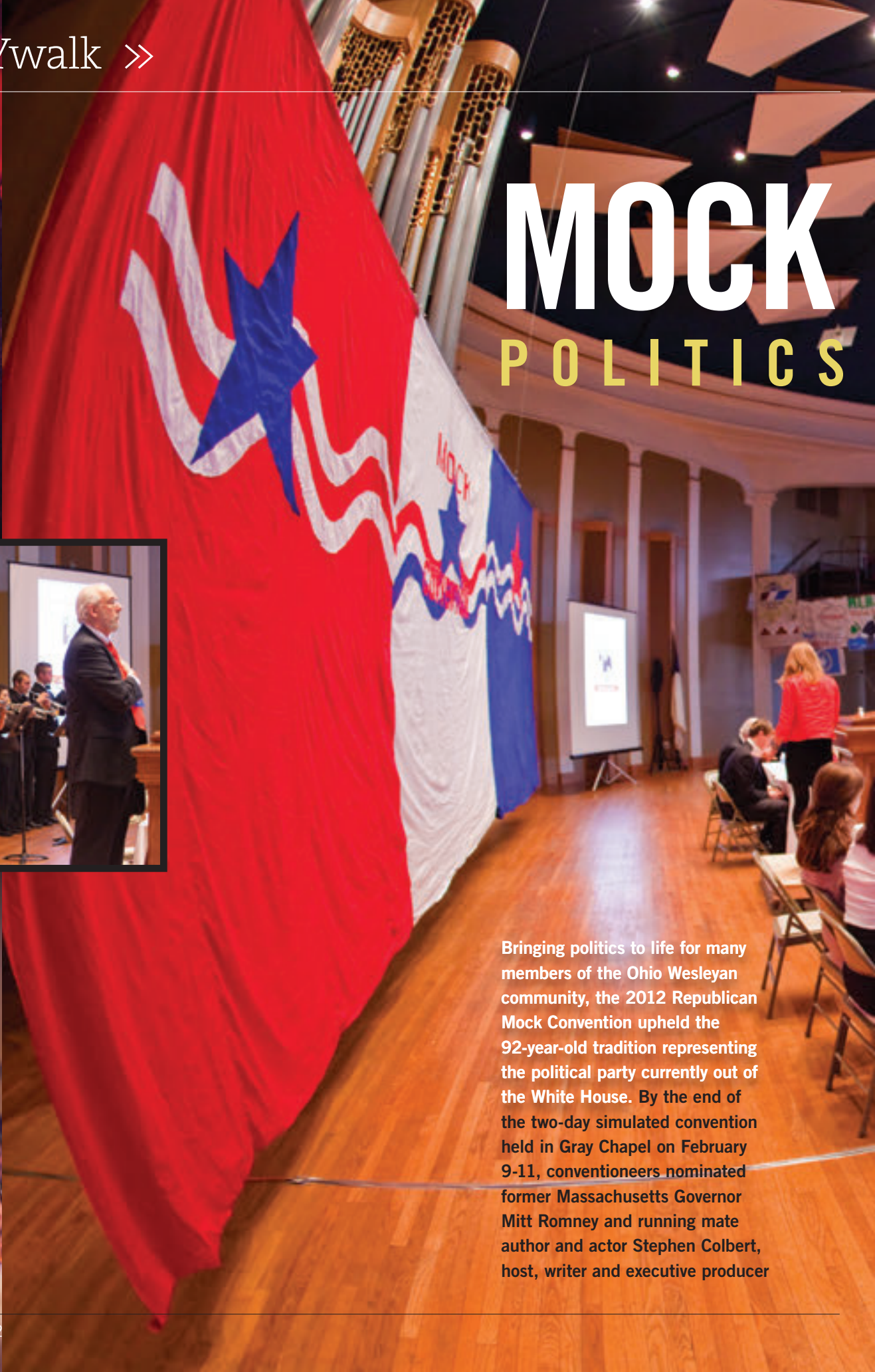
students who enroll here, and of those same students on their college and their classmates; the impact of faculty who are master teachers and wise counselors, and of generations of OWU alumni who devoted their lives to public service at home and abroad. It is the story of the impact of students at OWU in countless volunteer programs in Delaware and central Ohio, and of the impact of OWU students through the HaitiOWU Initiative, the Ghana Student Education Fund, and the dozens of Spring Break Mission Trips in which students have participated over the past decade. It is the story of alumni who emerge as leaders in every sector of our society and who carry the OWU spirit with them wherever they go. And it is the story of those on our campus today who are the next generation of moral leaders for a global society.

There is no way to comprehensively tell the story of the impact of OWU faculty, students and alumni. But in this issue of the *OWU Magazine*, we profile some of those stories. They represent the multitude of narratives from which the editors could have chosen. What a blessing to be part of an academic community so rich in tradition and so deep in its impact on the society we cherish so much *and* on the future into which we now move. As you read these stories, I encourage you to consider the impact of OWU on your life, as well as to contemplate the ways in which you have watched the world improve because of the good work of the people of Ohio Wesleyan.

Rock Jones

President of Ohio Wesleyan University

MOCK POLITICS



Bringing politics to life for many members of the Ohio Wesleyan community, the 2012 Republican Mock Convention upheld the 92-year-old tradition representing the political party currently out of the White House. By the end of the two-day simulated convention held in Gray Chapel on February 9-11, conventioners nominated former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and running mate author and actor Stephen Colbert, host, writer and executive producer

CONVENTION 2012

IN PRACTICE



of the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning series *The Colbert Report*, as the presidential and vice-presidential ticket.

During the weeks before the convention, delegates painted a banner for each state and prepared speeches. During the Mock Convention, students also debated and amended a party platform outlining suggested GOP positions on leading economic, domestic, and foreign policy issues. U.S. Representative Pat Tiberi (R-Columbus) and Ohio House Speaker William Batchelder (R-Medina), a 1964 OWU graduate, spoke to the students, encouraging them to remain engaged in the political process. Delaware County Treasurer Jon Peterson, a 1976 OWU graduate, and Tim Carney '12 were convention co-chairs, and Joan McLean, politics and government professor, was the faculty director.

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“It was a great experience to attend the Mock Convention 2012 as young alumna. I was a senior during the last convention in 2008 and served on the executive committee. Attending as an alum was a completely different experience. As part of an actual state delegation, I had the opportunity to propose and argue platform amendments, rather than being the one projecting them on the main screen. I had the opportunity to meet current students and fellow alumni who I never would have otherwise met, as well as catch up with my favorite professors from the politics and government department.”

-Caitlyn Nestleroth '08





“Being part of OWU’s Mock Convention was a very engaging experience. Although I enjoy reading about politics, actually participating in a real democratic process allowed me to learn more about our two-party presidential system. The most interesting portion was the platform debate, during which delegates and state chairs debated the most pertinent issues of 2012. Many delegates did a great job playing the role of their delegation and arguing true conservative principles to justify the position of many Republican politicians.”

-Alexander Bailey '12
History Education Major



“It was wonderful to come back to the Mock Convention as an alumna and see the students remain as involved in the Convention as I remember from my time at OWU. As a former platform chair, I particularly appreciated the strong platform debate and loved listening to the students working to get support for their various amendments. The Mock Convention is such a unique OWU experience. I’m pleased I was able to witness it again.”

-Nichole Reiss '00



Faculty Honored

Two Ohio Wesleyan professors have been recognized for their stellar teaching and global outreach efforts.

Religion professor Emmanuel Twesigye has been elected president of the newly formed Developing Education (DevEd) for Africa organization, based in Geneva, Switzerland.

He explains that the organization hopes to develop new initiatives in education for Africa.

“These initiatives and pilot programs will include elementary, high school, and university programs and curricula that will better promote rural development and offer more opportunities for self-employment, development, prosperity, and general well-being,” he says. The mission, says Twesigye, is rooted in the principle that a good and relevant education is the main foundation for Africa’s democracy. “That includes political as well as socioeconomic stability, economic development, improved health, and lasting peace.” The group’s pilot program will take place in Northern Uganda, which continues to recover from 23 years of civil war between the Lord’s Resistance Army and the government of Uganda, says Twesigye.

Learn more about Professor Twesigye at <http://religion.owu.edu> and read more about the nonprofit DevEd at <http://deved.org>



Professor Karen Poremski

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church has honored Karen Poremski, associate professor of English, with a fall 2011 Exemplary Teaching Award.

This award recognizes faculty members at UM-affiliated colleges and universities who “exemplify excellence in teaching; civility and concern for students and colleagues; commitment to value-centered education; and service to students, the institution, and the community.” This award also recognizes Poremski for her dedication to providing OWU students with travel-learning and theory-to-practice opportunities that help them connect classroom with real-world experiences. Provost David Robbins Hon. ’08, nominated Poremski for the award following a recommendation from OWU’s Faculty Personnel Committee.

Read more about Professor Poremski and OWU’s Department of English at <http://english.owu.edu>, and learn about the the Exemplary Teaching Award at <http://www.gbhem.org>

Professor Emmanuel Twesigye

Meet Catherine Cardwell

New Director of Libraries for OWU

As Ohio Wesleyan was searching for a new Director of Libraries this past year, Catherine Cardwell also was getting to know OWU better, as she became a candidate for the position.

Her paths had crossed over the years with OWU employees, past and present, through OhioLink and other venues. Cardwell, now Ohio Wesleyan’s Director of Libraries, shares that she was especially drawn to the University’s emphasis on information literacy and to the opportunity to continue working in a vibrant campus community.

“Ohio Wesleyan has always been forward moving,” says the Youngstown native, who at one time was, in fact, one of the principal investigators on a \$343,000 grant from the Ohio Board of Regents that promoted integration of information literacy into the curriculum and collaboration of Ohio’s libraries, centers of teaching excellence, and faculty members. She had by that time received her bachelor’s degrees in English and French from Youngstown State University, a master’s degree in French language and literature from the University of Pittsburgh, and a master’s degree in Library Science from Kent State University. Cardwell served for four years as chair of the department of Library Teaching and Learning at Bowling Green State University, as co-interim dean, interim vice provost, and as Associate Professor and Coordinator of Library Instruction.

“Throughout Cathi’s career, she has demonstrated a commitment to providing meaningful student-centered library experiences and to promoting the importance of liberal education in students’ lives,” says OWU Provost David Robbins Hon. ’08.

Cardwell’s vision of the academic library as the heart and soul of a university—a place for teaching, learning, and collaborating—inspires her to continually think of ways to integrate the library into the daily lives of OWU students, faculty, and staff members.



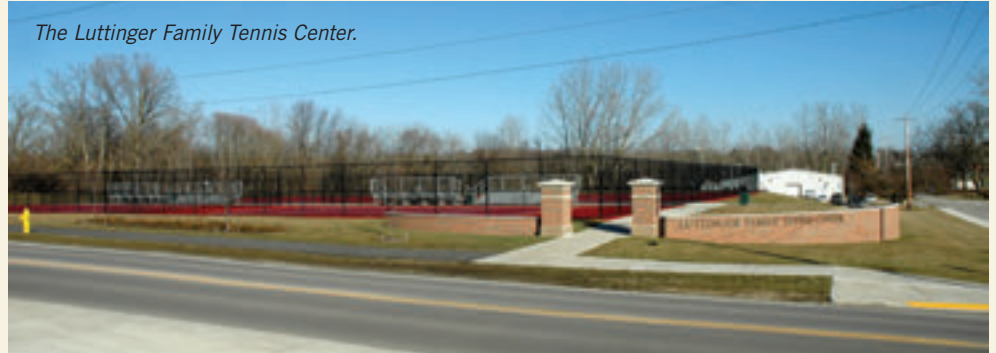
Catherine Cardwell

"I'm curious about how people read and access information in academic libraries, whether print collections or electronic acquisitions," says Cardwell. "This is such an exciting time as students and professors are integrating e-journals and e-books into coursework." Finding new collaborative learning spaces in the library is a high priority for her—spaces to accommodate quiet study as well as more interactive discussions and idea sharing. Many of the new thoughts and experiences Cardwell shares involve OWU's travel-learning and theory-to-practice components of The OWU Connection.

"I am intrigued by the University's emphasis on international experiences," says Cardwell, who has a strong interest in international studies and travel. She has taught in France and visited more than 15 countries, and plans, along with her family, to celebrate her husband Federico's aunt's 100th birthday in the Czech Republic.

"My passport is my most prized possession," she says.

—Pam Besel



The Luttinger Family Tennis Center.

OWU Newsbytes

Campus on the Move: Luttinger Family Tennis Center features world-class courts

The new Luttinger Family Tennis Center is now open to varsity tennis athletes. The courts have gained approval from the players and the coaches already.

"They've definitely noticed a difference," said men's tennis coach Eddie Echeverria. He said the courts are "world-class" and were built for "high-level competitive tennis."

Women's tennis coach Michelle Parish added that spectator seating is ideal and there are no low spots, cracks, or other blemishes on the courts.

The new tennis center consists of six outdoor courts, in addition to the six older courts across the street. Parish says the older courts are still playable, which will allow simultaneous play by the men's and women's teams.

The new courts hosted their first varsity competition in the fall, when the men played John Carroll on September 17.

Parish said that both teams enjoy having the new facilities, while Echeverria said that it is essential to have top-of-the-line facilities to recruit competitively.

Todd Luttinger, president and chief executive officer of Providea Conferencing, LLC, and a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees, agrees with Echeverria. "I thought [the courts] would help OWU compete with other NCAC schools," Luttinger says.

Echeverria says he is especially grateful for Luttinger's donation. He described Luttinger as one of the program's most supportive people.

Luttinger's son, Brandon, graduated from OWU in 2010. Brandon played for the tennis team for four years and was a two-time All-North Coast Athletic Conference honoree, which is one of the reasons that Todd Luttinger was interested in donating.

However, he said, his son did not play a crucial role in convincing him to donate money.

"It was really a decision I made on my own," he said.

The donation process included many steps, such as funding feasibility studies and reviewing the best options for the school.

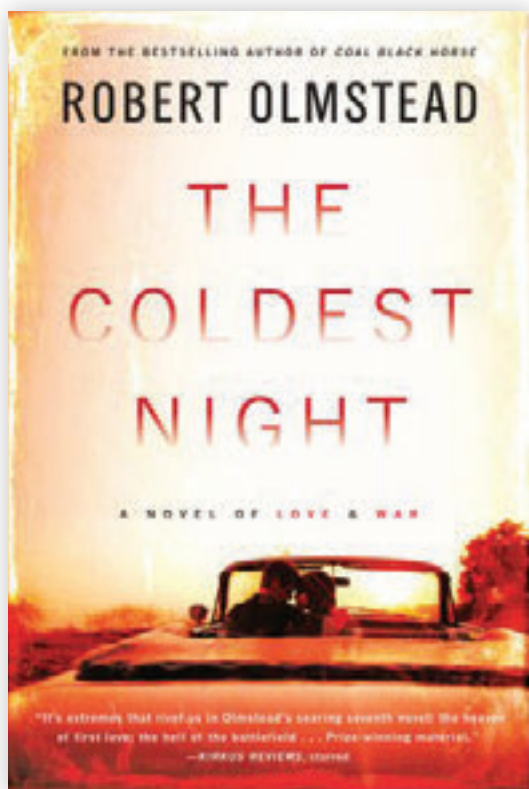
The end result is a facility with six new tennis courts that have surfaces similar to courts used at the U.S. Open, Echeverria says.

Fans got their chance to see matches at the courts on March 21 against Muskingum University. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will include OWU President Rock Jones, Luttinger, members of the OWU community, and others, will take place later in the year.

—Brian Cook '15

Campus Support for The OWU Connection

At their February 20 meeting, the Ohio Wesleyan faculty voted to implement The OWU Connection curricular initiative. "This was a significant moment in the history of Ohio Wesleyan that brought to fruition important work that began with the approval of OWU's Strategic Plan in the spring of 2009 and the important work of multiple faculty committees and work groups," said OWU President Rock Jones. You can read about The OWU Connection in more detail at: magazine.owu.edu. Click on the summer 2011 edition.



The Coldest Night Robert Olmstead *Algonquin Books*

Following the stunning success of *Coal Black Horse*, which won the Heartland Prize for Fiction, and *Far Bright Star*, which received a Spur Award from Western Writers of America, Robert Olmstead brings his trilogy about the Childs family and their service in America's wars to a close with *The Coldest Night*. The book's publication date was April 3, and Olmstead kicked off his promotional tour with a reading at Beehive Books in downtown Delaware.

After finishing the last book in the trilogy, Olmstead admits to "just kind of wandering around, feeling strange and excited. And lost," he says, laughing. "However, I had a grandfather who always said, 'What are we going to do today?' and that spirit was born into me, so the empty space filled in pretty quickly. While I was writing these books, I was

also working on other manuscripts on the side, so I just have to let one of those take me over, and that will become the next book."

The Coldest Night opens in the early days of the Korean War. Seventeen-year-old Henry Childs enlists in the Marines and arrives in Korea on the eve of the unspeakably harsh battle of the Chosin Reservoir. Although descended from a long line of soldiers, Childs is unprepared for the brutality and hardships he will face during this decisive battle. He is equally unprepared for coming home to a country that has little to no understanding of what he has confronted during his service.

In 1950, it appeared that United Nations troops were on the cusp of victory when, suddenly and without warning, an estimated 120,000 Communist Chinese troops crossed the border, forcing the encircled U.N. troops to fight their way to the sea in deep snow and temperatures ranging from 20 to 40 degrees below zero. Some who were part of the encounter regarded the cold as a more formidable enemy than the Chinese. Frostbite was a common and devastating result of the temperatures. Artillery misfired and rifles froze.

The battle raged for 17 days, from November 26 to December 11. The troops, continually in combat, moved down narrow, snow-covered mountain passes until they reached the sea and were evacuated. Death tolls were high: U.S. Army and Marine losses were approximately 2,800 killed and 13,000 wounded. Chinese deaths were estimated at 25,000 to 35,000. The Marines and U.N. troops destroyed or rendered ineffective seven Chinese divisions.

Olmstead says that Chosin is "one of the most significant actions in the annals of American military history, but it occurred in a war about which most Americans appear to have a profound amnesia. What the men faced in this battle was utter brutality."

As is the case in the other two books of the trilogy, Olmstead's underlying theme is how war becomes an inheritance in some families, with generation after generation

of men and women making the choice to serve. "I found myself asking questions about why this legacy of war becomes a pattern," Olmstead says.

"They will answer the call," Olmstead says, "and the country needs these men and women, but what we seem to lack are leaders who are wise enough to know how and when to call them. As a people, we are extraordinarily quick to respond with violence, rather than with patience, diplomacy, and wisdom. We abuse the willingness of our warriors to serve. And we avert our eyes to a great deal of what is done in our name."

Of the people Olmstead has encountered on his book tours, one stands out. "I was in Elyria doing a reading from *Coal Black Horse*," he says, "and I met an Ohio Wesleyan alumnus named Rorick Amos [49]. *The Coldest Night* was gestating at the time; I knew where the book was going, and then I discovered that this gentleman was one of the Marines who had fought at Chosin. He had mustered out after his service in the Second World War, but, like many of those veterans, he was called up within just a few years to serve again in Korea. We connected at the event and exchanged information, and later I spent a day with him and his wife. It was a wonderful experience, not so much because of the stories he told me, but because his simple presence was so powerful. It was a privilege to meet with him."

Although the Childs family story is a trilogy, the books also can stand alone, Olmstead says. "There are some breadcrumbs I've left behind, but readers are sometimes surprised to find that I've been writing about the same family in all three books."

For more about Olmstead's career, appearances, reviews, and writings, visit www.robertolmsteadbooks.com.

The Coldest Night is available from Algonquin Books and at booksellers nationwide. Both hardcover and Kindle editions are available at amazon.com.

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Cynthia Susalla '12 and
Professor Lee Fratantuono

Professor, student co-author paper

Editor's Note: Far from fantasy or wishful thinking, the opportunity OWU students have to co-write professional articles with faculty members for publication exists, and is treasured by students and their professors. The Magazine wanted to explore how, from concept to manuscript creation and publication, this possibility became reality for Cynthia Susalla '12.

Cynthia Susalla recalls the first course she took from Professor Lee Fratantuono, associate professor of Classics at Ohio Wesleyan.

"It was during my freshman year at OWU, and the course was Intermediate Latin," says Susalla. Since that time, the Ancient Studies and Classics double major from New Windsor, Maryland, has polished her Greek and Latin language skills, excelled in her rigorous coursework, studied abroad at Oxford University, attended an annual meeting of the American Philological

Association, been on an archeological dig in Rome, and—beginning in 2009, helped co-write with Fratantuono, an article soon to be published internationally in Brussels, Belgium, in a prestigious book entitled "Studies in Latin Literature and Roman History Volume XVI," edited by Professor Carl Deroux.

Fratantuono's research is on Latin epic, lyric, and elegiac poetry. He explains that in Classics, once students reach advanced levels in Latin and Greek, they can take courses focused on particular classical authors.

"Cynthia took my course on one of the poets of the Augustan Age, Horace, during her sophomore year," he recalls. "She did exceptional work in both translating the Latin translation and on her seminar paper about Horace's odes." Some of the ideas expressed by Susalla in her paper were tangentially related to issues explored in Fratantuono's research.

Fratantuono recalls, "As a follow-up to work we had both done, I suggested that we work on a paper on Virgil's depiction of Helen of Troy in the *Aeneid*." After suggesting a series of specific research areas to Susalla, they were able to incorporate the results of her research into Fratantuono's work, as they edited each other's contributions to the joint project. Their paper, "Virgil's Camilla and the Authenticity of the Helen Episode," was submitted during the summer of 2010 to Deroux, who sent it out for peer review and accepted the paper with cosmetic revisions. Having returned corrected book proofs during the fall, Fratantuono and Susalla now await publication later in 2012. Their article will appear in Deroux's book as one of two about Helen that Fratantuono completed during the same time period for publication abroad. While Susalla did not co-author the second, some of her research was included in footnotes.

Currently doing a senior thesis for Ancient Studies under the direction of Fratantuono on "Parenting in the Roman World," Susalla says she plans to continue study of classical antiquity in graduate school. She'll take with her fond OWU memories and valuable experiences.

"Every few years an extraordinary student such as Cynthia comes along," says Fratantuono. For Susalla, the past four years also have been anything but ordinary.

"I've been lucky to be part of small classes that inspire the flow of individual thoughts, and to work with Dr. Fratantuono and Dr. Don Lateiner," says Susalla.

Pam Besel is Director of Internal Communication and Editor of the OWU Magazine.

William

C. Hsiao:

A global
leader in
health care
reform





Dr. Hsiao meets enrollees in his community health insurance program.

By Andrea Misko Strle '99

The letters William C. Hsiao '59 receives often move him to tears.

They are from humble people throughout the world who send him notes of gratitude for prolonging their lives or those of their loved ones by helping them to get the medical care they so desperately need.

Interestingly, Hsiao is not a medical doctor; rather, he is an economics professor at the Harvard School of Public Health and the preeminent authority on health care reform and health care financing worldwide.

He is most well known in the United States for his landmark study called the *Resource-Based Relative Value Study*, which examined how doctors were reimbursed for their services. His research ultimately led to a new law (the Omnibus Budget Reconciliatory Act) that was signed by Congress in 1989. But Hsiao has spent the last three decades of his life traveling the world, aiding many nations, including developing countries, in revamping their health care systems.

Getting his start

Hsiao was born in Beijing, China, and immigrated to the U.S. as a teenager. He grew up in New York City, attended public schools, and studied physics and math at Ohio Wesleyan. He

readily admits he wasn't a very good student, barely getting passing grades, but graduated and went to work as an actuary at Cigna's predecessor, Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. He moved on to government work and became the chief actuary for Medicare/Medicaid programs.

"It was in that position that I learned I didn't have a broad enough knowledge," Hsiao says. "I knew actuary methods, and I knew how to do financial analysis and projections, but I didn't know the impacts of Medicare/Medicaid programs."

So he resigned and went back to school. He was accepted into Harvard



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1 Overuse of IV treatment in China is a constant problem. In this photo, residents are receiving their IVs in the village health post. This therapy often is used to treat influenza and other common illnesses. 2 A large-character Chinese thank you letter posted on a village's wall greeted Hsiao when he visited the site. 3 Children learn about basic hygiene practices in the classroom.



University based on his work performance and not his undergraduate grades, he says in jest, and received a Ph.D. in economics. He began to publish his work and people took notice. Joining the faculty of the Harvard School of Public Health as an assistant professor in 1979, he became a full professor in 1986.

His first reform challenge

Hsiao's first exposure to health care reform came in 1988 when Taiwan invited him to lead a 20-person task force to design a new health care system for the country. The request came as a bit of a surprise to Hsiao who, admittedly, had not taken a systems approach to health care.

"I studied economics and supply and

demand on health care and pricing of health care, but I never thought at the system level," he says.

He asked the Taiwanese government to give him the money to organize an international symposium of the best minds to answer the question: What is a national health system and what aspects of the system will create the best results for the people of that nation? But even the best minds from around the world had trouble answering the question.

Hsiao received a lot of practical knowledge, but he was still lacking theoretical framework. He took the best parts of what he was given and designed a universal health care system for the nation. Looking at what Taiwan already had in place – some social

insurance for employed workers, government civil servants and for farmers – Hsiao decided to build on that base. After 18 months of research, he and his task force, which included six professors from Taiwan, presented a recommendation to the government.

A working model

Four years later, that recommendation became Taiwan's national health insurance program, a single-payer compulsory social insurance plan. Today, 99 percent of the people in Taiwan are covered by comprehensive health insurance, which centralizes the disbursement of health care funds, offering equal access to health care for all citizens, Hsiao says.



“On the ground level in Taiwan today I can see in the rural and remote areas that they are getting better care ... they have access,” says Hsiao, who goes into the field to talk to all people. “I will go into the cities and talk to the people on the street, or those living under the bridges, and ask them, ‘Do you know you have insurance? If you are sick, do you feel you can go to a doctor? Can you get the drugs you need?’ And I can see we made a difference.”

Taiwan literally sends people out “under the bridges” to enroll the homeless into the national health insurance, Hsiao says. “They tell them, ‘You have the right. You can go to the doctor. You don’t have to pay. You have a

free choice of doctors and hospitals.”

Today, Taiwan is held up as a worldwide model for health care reform, Hsiao says. It is an accomplishment he doesn’t take lightly. “I was given an opportunity,” he says. “I tried to do my best. The strategy was to learn what countries are doing right and attempting my best to put it together. But I always tried to bear in mind that I wanted to do what was best for the people and make it sustainable.”

OWU Politics and Government Professor Craig Ramsay says he is very familiar with Hsiao’s work. In fact, his contributions are cited in two books Ramsay assigns in his long-standing freshman honors tutorial, *The Politics of American Health Care*. Ramsay shows his tutorial students an interview with Hsiao that was broadcast on PBS in the fall of 2008.

Ramsay says Hsiao is “high up in the ranks of people who have impacted health care policy in the U. S. and around the world.”

In high demand

Following his work in Taiwan, Hsiao’s knowledge was quickly in high demand. More than 40 countries, including Malaysia, China, and Saudi Arabia, have since invited him to look at their health systems, seeking help with reform. He hasn’t been able to help everyone, but has been closely involved in redesigning health care systems in about a dozen countries.

“In designing the health system, you go beyond looking at health insurance. You make sure there is a supply of services,” he says. “We recommend how they should build up the clinics in the rural, remote areas, and strengthen the hospitals and renovate them, and how they should improve medical education. You want to make sure people can access the appropriate services.”

The key to reform is knowing where to start, Hsiao says. “You try to preserve the good parts and change the weaker parts. You have to consider what’s feasible. Are you able to get where you want considering all the constraints you have? How far can you move?”

Making these difficult assessments and choosing the right path has put Hsiao in high regard, earning him the designation of world-class leader in health economics and health systems reform.

Fruits of leadership

And reluctant as he is to pat himself on the back, Hsiao admits he has seen the fruits of his leadership in places like Taiwan and China. “People have sent me moving letters about what a difference I have made in their lives,” he says. “I have people who have died and who have asked their families to send me the most valuable things they have because of what I did to get them the medical care they needed.”

Today William Hsiao is busy teaching at Harvard, writing research papers, and traveling the world to continue his work in health care reform. He gives presentations at worldwide conferences and teaches executive courses to ministers of other countries. It is at these meetings around the globe that his services are often requested. He currently is working on a proposal for top leaders in China, a project to which he already has devoted 20 years.

He thanks Ohio Wesleyan for helping him seek the meaning of his life and for giving him the passion to make the world a better place. “I want to be able on my death bed to say I tried to make the world a little better.”

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Editor’s Note: Dr. Hsiao received the OWU Distinguished Achievement Citation award in 2009.



Shai's Way

Using her OWU liberal arts education to the nth degree, Shai White-Gilbertson '96 is adding a holistic dimension to cancer research.



St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital.

Kites rise highest against the wind, not with it.”

— Sir Winston Churchill

Cancer. Perhaps a friend, loved one—or you—have been touched by this disease that continues to claim far too many lives. The American Cancer Society projects that by the end of this year, 1,638,910 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, and 577,190 people will succumb to the disease. Preventing, treating, and, yes, curing cancer are the mantras used daily by researchers such as Shai White-Gilbertson '96, a postdoctoral fellow at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. ▶ ▶ ▶

By Pam Besel



These colorful flags located in the research tower of St. Jude, represent the more than 100 countries from which the hospital's employees hail.



Dr. Alessandra d’Azzo and White-Gilbertson review pathology reports which help them understand how tumors spread into healthy tissue.

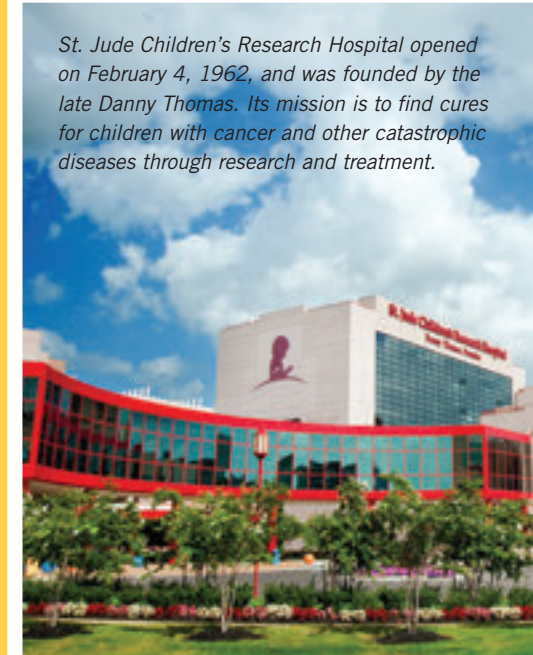
Her journey to this well-known pediatric cancer center, though circuitous, is quite understandable for those who know White-Gilbertson and her refreshingly holistic beliefs involving health and wellness matters, and especially, her cancer research.

As she explained in a recent note to her former OWU microbiology professor Jerry Goldstein, it was his Introduction to Microbiology course that “startlingly engaged me.” A senior religion major, White-Gilbertson took that class only to complete her University distribution requirements, but, with his support, appeared in Goldstein’s Medical Microbiology course in the spring. “I was hooked,” recalls White-Gilbertson. “Especially when Dr. Goldstein came into class one day holding an article that included new research that made the prior week’s lectures a bit out of date. It was intoxicating to me that we could be so close to a brand-new idea.” It was during the same timeframe that she studied Oriental Chinese Medicine in the religion department, learning that each individual is different and that there are

shades to every illness in given time sequences—and, possibly, different treatments.

“Western medicine, on the other hand, tends to lump everyone together when considering illness and treatment,” she says. So, deciding to seek broader training, White-Gilbertson enrolled at the Midwest College for the Study of Oriental Medicine, received her acupuncture license, and set up a practice in Wisconsin, while taking classes in chemistry and physics. After two years, she felt it was time to apply to the Medical University of South Carolina, where she received her Master’s degree in Clinical Research and then a Ph.D. in Immunology.

“I then felt ready to research outcomes regarding both Eastern and Western methodologies,” says White-Gilbertson. It was then that a recruiter for post-doctoral fellows at St. Jude offered her the opportunity to present her research on chemotherapy resistance at a symposium, during which time her resume was circulated, and White-Gilbertson was invited to interview twice at St. Jude. After her second visit, she was



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital opened on February 4, 1962, and was founded by the late Danny Thomas. Its mission is to find cures for children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases through research and treatment.

White-Gilbertson's research is focused on how cancer cells can be targeted while protecting adjacent normal cells.

offered a position, and now works in a lab with 12 other researchers, all pooling their knowledge and supporting each other's work.

A Day in the Lab

In the simplest description (for those of us who really appreciate that) White-Gilbertson's long-term research at St. Jude is focused on the way cancer cells can be targeted while also sparing the adjacent normal cells.

"Targeted therapy essentially means that a drug has a defined molecular victim," says White-Gilbertson, adding that the trick is to discover a target that is shared by many types of cancer cells, and only cancer cells—a most challenging endeavor.

"Every tumor is unique in some respects and individual tumors change over time," she explains. To complicate matters, White-Gilbertson notes that many chemotherapy drugs "are broadly cellular poisons which prevent cell division and growth." She has been researching one of the most common of those, doxorubicin, in an effort to isolate its various effects that could be more specific to tumors.

Most days begin at 9 a.m., when White-Gilbertson sets up conditions for the cells to "ask them questions." One type of experiment involves dividing a population of cancer cells into groups and trying a range of pre-treatments to see which best

sensitizes the cells to later exposure to doxorubicin. The more these pre-treatments can exploit specific weaknesses in cancer physiology, the more effective the standard therapy can be.

"Oriental medicine taught me that each cancer is different and that a given cancer changes over time," she says. Looking for fundamentals that can be applied broadly, she also wants to see what works best for a specific type of cancer. And, as is customary in a scientist's life, there are good days and bad ones.

Seeking Better Understanding

"Scientific research can be discouraging at times and an uphill battle," says White-Gilbertson. "A scientist's most important trait is that of *wanting to know*." And the failure to success ratio is high, because where cells are concerned, "we are operating in the dark." Known, however, as one who isn't shy about running up and down the hallways outside of her lab waving a promising result, White-Gilbertson relishes those precious moments leading to better understanding that someday might save more lives. Her longtime OWU friend Joy Twesigye '98 couldn't be more proud of White-Gilbertson's accomplishments.

"I think what I love most about Shai is that she is brilliant and really doesn't think anything of it," says Twesigye, who is working in Washington, D.C. in the area of health policy



Professor Jerry Goldstein

“Liberal arts education provides the opportunity to learn across academic lines, which is so important at this stage of our lives in today’s world.”

—Joy Twesigye ’98

and women’s health, after finishing a Master’s degree in public policy (health policy concentration) at Johns Hopkins University. “She doesn’t get wedged in by any preconceived notion of herself. This quality is what I think took a religion major with two science classes at Ohio Wesleyan to become a highly credentialed research scientist at St. Jude Hospital.”

“St. Jude does an amazing job of providing materials and support that is needed to do our work,” adds White-Gilbertson. “But it was my undergraduate liberal arts education I’ll always treasure, and a certain microbiology professor who encouraged a religion major to explore the world of microbiology and beyond.”

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Like Professor, Like Student

I can relate to the circuitous path that Shai White-Gilbertson took toward her career.

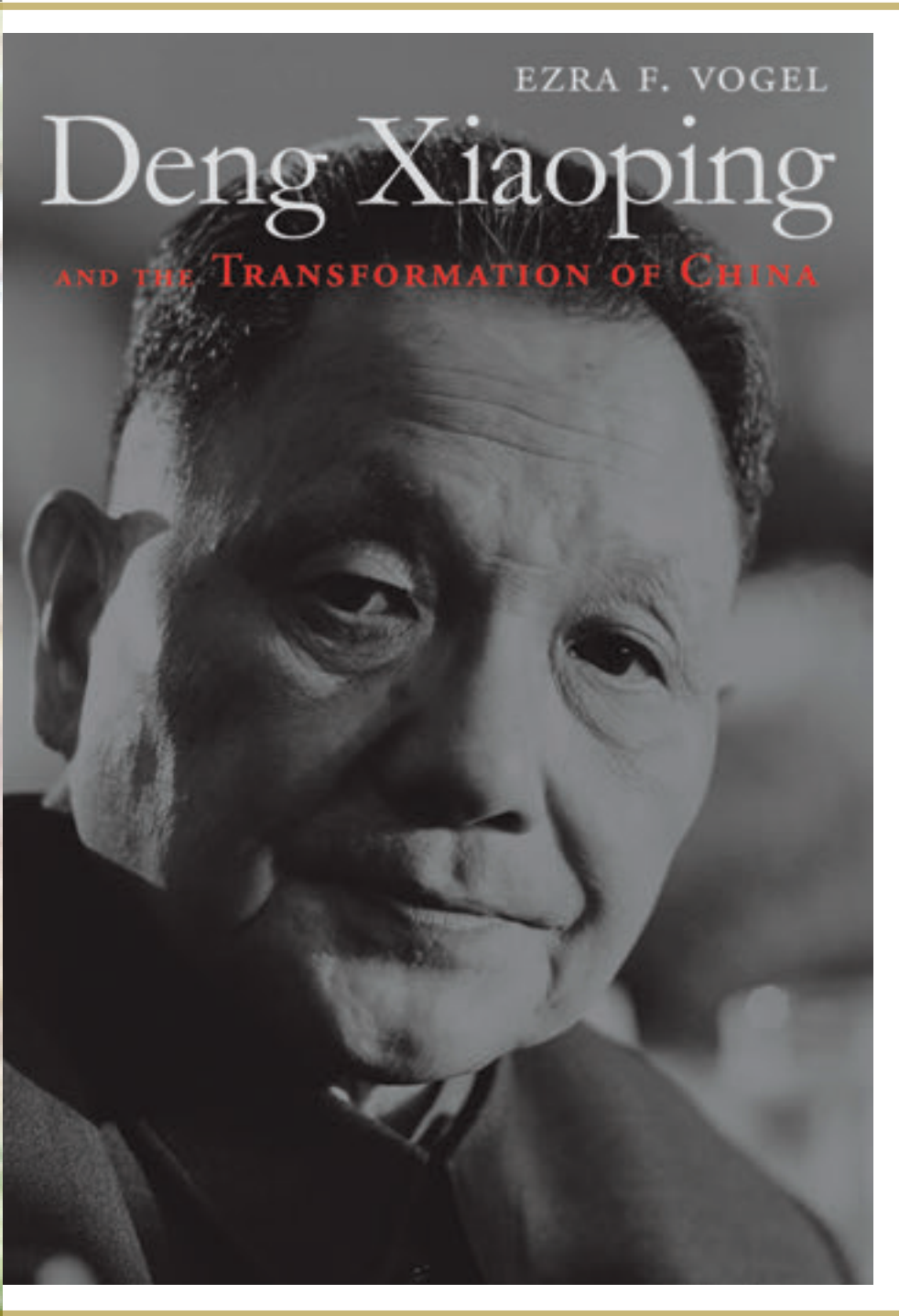
I entered college and changed my major three times, starting out as a mathematics major and switching to chemistry. After three years, I still didn’t know what I wanted to do, so I decided to drop out of college for two years to figure things out. When I re-enrolled in college (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), I completed a degree in zoology and wanted to become a wildlife biologist. After graduating, I spent the summer looking for a job in that area—but at the time, there were more applicants than jobs in the field. At that time, I had not taken a course in Microbiology.

As it happened, the Microbiology program at the university was searching for a laboratory coordinator/instructor for the Introductory Microbiology course for nursing students. My zoology professors recommended me for the position, even though I was not a Microbiology major. I started the job the first week of fall semester. I recall that the Microbiology course was being taught with nine lab sections that needed to be offered each week. I sat in on the Monday afternoon lab and then taught four Microbiology lab sections the rest of the week. It was a pressure-filled semester, but I got through it!

I worked as the Microbiology coordinator/instructor for four years and even helped out with research projects in which the Microbiology professors were involved. I was encouraged to enroll in graduate school and earned my Master’s and Ph.D. degrees in Microbiology, and was hired by Ohio Wesleyan after my graduation.

Jerry Goldstein
Chair and OWU Professor of Botany-Microbiology





Ezra Vogel '50 authors definitive political history of Deng Xiaoping

Award-winning book a
comprehensive look at
China's boldest strategist

By *Gretchen Hirsch*

Dr. Ezra Vogel's *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China* is a big book in every sense of the word. The latest work by Vogel, the Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences Emeritus at Harvard and former Director of Harvard's Fairbank Center for East Asian Research and the Asia Center, weighs in at three pounds and more than 900 pages, and is an all-encompassing look at the

life and legacy of the architect of China's unprecedented leap into modernity in the late twentieth century.

The book's reputation is big, too, and growing every day. *The Economist* named it one of its Best Books of 2011, as did the *Financial Times* and the *Washington Post*. *The Wall Street Journal* selected it as a Book of the Year, and it was listed as an Editors' Choice

by *The New York Times Book Review*.

Back-cover praise comes from former president Jimmy Carter, former secretary of state Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security advisor Brent Scowcroft, and virtually every major literary reviewer and Asia scholar in the United States and Asia.

Many authors would feel lucky to have such acclamation once in a lifetime, but



At a recent alumni event in Naples, Florida, **Ezra Vogel '50**, answered questions about his latest book, *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China*. Highly important to him is communicating his knowledge about the people, culture, and economy of Asia in terms understandable to everyone. OWU alumnus and Vogel's friend, **George Conrades '61**, in fact, recalls his years with IBM when he was responsible for the company's Asia-Pacific group and lived in Tokyo. "Ezra and I talked frequently," shares Conrades, chairman of Akamai Technologies, Inc. "He was helpful as a counselor, often offering insights about the Japanese people and culture."

Vogel has received widespread critical praise and readership throughout his scholarly and publishing careers. His 1979 book *Japan as Number One: Lessons for America* remains the all-time nonfiction best-seller in Japan by a Western author.

The number of sources to which Vogel had access for *Deng Xiaoping* is staggering. In spite of the fact that Deng himself was discreet about what he wrote and said, leaving a scanty paper trail, there are "many accounts of various parts of Deng's life," Vogel says in the preface to his book. Although Vogel never met Deng, he met and spoke with a great many who did, from ambassadors and prime ministers to Deng's family members, especially his daughter, Deng Rong; friends; and colleagues from every era of the leader's life. He also pored over the works of other scholars, historians, writers, and journalists, both Eastern and Western, to create what one reviewer called "the most ambitious account of [Deng] so far." Unless a Chinese source

preferred to speak in English, interviews were conducted in Chinese, in which Vogel is fluent.

The book arose from a conversation between Vogel and Don Oberdorfer, "one of America's greatest twentieth-century reporters on East Asia," Vogel says in his preface. As Vogel asked himself what would best help Americans understand coming developments in Asia at the start of the twenty-first century, Oberdorfer said he should write about Deng Xiaoping. He was right, Vogel says, because "the biggest issue in Asia was China, and the man who most influenced China's modern trajectory is Deng Xiaoping."

Vogel's take on Deng is that the Chinese leader was a fascinating mixture of contradictions: a man who from the beginning enjoyed a close relationship with Mao, yet was purged three times; a dedicated Communist who opened China's markets throughout the world, making some believe he was a capitalist in disguise; and a man who believed in "what

worked," but, fearing widespread disorder, ordered the crackdown that led to bloodshed in Tiananmen Square. Mao called him "a needle in a ball of cotton," and Vogel calls him "the man who [after Mao] gave China a new start."

When asked what American presidents Deng might most resemble, Vogel says, "George Washington. Like Washington, Deng was a military hero who also had a political sense of how to unify the country. Washington drove American's political transition, and Deng led China in a new direction as well."

Considering further, Vogel also adds FDR to his answer. "Like FDR, Deng was in power for about 12 years, and he encouraged creative projects, as Roosevelt did with such programs as the WPA and the TVA, to move the country forward economically."

Vogel didn't start out to be one of the world's pre-eminent Asia scholars. A Delaware, Ohio, native, he was a sociology/

anthropology major at Ohio Wesleyan. When Ohio Wesleyan Professor Hubert Bonner suggested that Vogel attend Harvard for graduate school because the school combined sociology, anthropology, and social and clinical psychology in one discipline, he set in motion a chain of events that launched a career and created a world-renowned expert.

At the time of his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan, Vogel's interest was in families in America, but as he finished his Ph.D. at Harvard, one of his professors, Florence Kluckhohn, told him that "I was too provincial to teach about American society because I had never been out of the country," Vogel says. "She felt I should get a broader perspective by learning about another modern society. We decided on Japan because it was modern, but different from the European countries, which might have been too much like the United States."

Vogel went to Japan, studying the language for a year and then interviewing Japanese families for a second year. "When I returned, I found I was more interested in Asia than I was in mental health and the family."

In 1960, when a three-year post-doctoral opportunity to "work on China" became available at Harvard, Vogel had to make up his mind to accept or reject it in 24 hours. "At the same time, I was looking at offers from both Yale and Columbia, but I decided to return to Harvard to study China. It was a big field that needed development, and faculty from different disciplines were thinking about it, so I thought it was an exciting prospect." He studied the language, history, and culture intensively during his time there. In 1964, he became a lecturer and, in 1967, professor. Prior to retiring from teaching in 2000, Vogel took a two-year leave of absence from 1993-1995 to serve as the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia at the National Intelligence Council in Washington, D.C.

As Xi Jinping assumes the leadership in China, Vogel is cautiously optimistic about Chinese-American relations. "He seems to be off to a good start," Vogel says. "There will be a lot of problems, but there's enough good will at the top to help manage problems at the middle levels.

"We need to have a clear discussion of our aims and those of the Chinese in the Pacific to reduce strategic mistrust," he continues. "They now have large oil transport lines, and it's natural for them to want to protect

those. Xi's visit to the Pentagon during his recent stay in the United States signaled the importance [of that discussion.]"

China will continue to grow in sophistication in science and technology, Vogel believes. "Deng sent students out from China to learn in other countries. One million students have gone abroad and 300,000 of them have returned. Others keep in contact with colleagues in China. The system has been geared to bringing science in, and it will take some time to reach overall world levels in creativity and innovation," Vogel says. But he seems to have no doubt that improvements will come.

Vogel says that China's unprecedented development may be slowed by several factors:

- o Investment in infrastructure can no longer bring as much growth.
- o Economic problems in the United States and Europe mean that the export business cannot continue to grow as rapidly as in the past.
- o Other economies, such as those of India and Vietnam, also have low wages and are learning the skills of industry, so China will face greater market competition.
- o The government will have to divert resources to deal with public disorders resulting from people concerned with corruption and lack of official responsiveness to the public's issues.

For students who want to follow Vogel's career path, advanced training in language is essential, he says. Undergraduate study can help students become conversant with the issues, the history, and the culture of China, but learning the language "takes about two years of full-time study." It's somewhat unrealistic, he says, for students to believe they will become fluent while they are still in undergraduate school—and to succeed in China, students must "get the language."

Vogel will be in his hometown this spring for several speaking engagements on campus. No doubt there will be considerable discussion of Deng and today's China, because, as Vogel says, "Everybody, whatever his or her station in life, must adjust to the fact that China will continue to grow in importance."

Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and and booksellers throughout the country. A Kindle edition can be downloaded instantly from amazon.com.

You can hear more at:
ABC (Australia) Radio National's Saturday Extra: <http://bit.ly/xmpkBw>
The WILL-AM (Illinois Public Media) Focus: <http://bit.ly/wSEHCt>
St. Louis Public Radio: <http://bit.ly/AuHhLn>
On Point: <http://onpoint.wbur.org/2011/09/14/deng-xiaoping>
BBC Nightwaves: <http://bbc.in/zwCK5e>
To view Vogel's interview with Charlie Rose, go to <http://www.charlierose.com/view/interview/12015>

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THIS JUST IN!

Vogel's Book Wins Lionel Gelber Prize

Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China has won the 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize. In the announcement, jury chair George Russell referred to Vogel as "one of the West's most important Asia scholars" and said the book "will be required reading for many years to come." The Lionel Gelber Prize is a literary award for the world's best non-fiction book in English on foreign affairs that seeks to deepen public debate on significant international issues. The award is presented annually by the Lionel Gelber Foundation, in partnership with Foreign Policy magazine and the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto.

Other books shortlisted for this year's prize included:

- *A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War*, by Amanda Foreman
- *Berlin 1961: Kennedy, Khrushchev, and the Most Dangerous Place on Earth*, by Frederick Kempe
- *George F. Kennan: An American Life*, by John Lewis Gaddis
- *On China*, by Henry Kissinger

GIVING BACK

They give because they believe in education, because they are committed to giving back, and because the results of giving are so tangible. But above all else, OWU parents give because of what Ohio Wesleyan has offered their children and what they hope the University will continue to offer others in the years to come.

“We learned through the Parents Leadership Council why giving money to the University is important. Once we had this understanding, we became contributors to the University,” says Jon Hargis, who serves as co-chair of OWU’s Parents Leadership Council with his wife, Gretchen Hargis. “The money provided to the University by parents goes to added technology in the classroom, residence hall improvements, and faculty development.”

From the beginning, when their daughter Madeline “Maddy” Hargis ’12 moved into her freshman dorm, Jon and Gretchen were impressed with the welcoming, parent-friendly atmosphere at OWU. “At some schools you drop off your kid off as a freshman and pick them up at graduation,” Jon says. “Not at OWU; parents are encouraged to be part of the school.”



*Maddy Hargis '12
with parents
Gretchen and Jon.*



Amanda Boehme '13 with her father, Mark.



Zachary Lenat '13 and father Rick Lenat.

In addition, the Hargises have been “thrilled” with the education OWU has provided Maddy. For their daughter, who has wanted to be an elementary school teacher all her life, OWU seemed to be a perfect fit. It was the right size, had the academic program she wanted, an active Greek life, and many leadership opportunities. And Maddy was able to start working with children her freshman year in OWU’s Early Childhood Center.

“In her early childhood education major, there is a great balance of classroom theory combined with hands-on in the classroom experience,” Gretchen says. “In addition, the opportunities Maddy has had to get involved and grow as a leader have been equally a part of her amazing educational experience at OWU. These hands-on, real-life experiences have contributed to making our daughter the best person she can be.”

MARK AND ELLEN BOEHME

Mark and Ellen Boehme’s decision to become more active at Ohio Wesleyan stemmed from their daughter Amanda Boehme’s ’13 very positive freshman experience.

“We realize that a school that makes a student, who wasn’t quite sure of her career goals, feel so welcome and able to pursue a broad range of interests was somewhere we wanted to invest in,” says Mark, a member of the Parents Leadership Council. “What further sealed this was a theory-to-practice trip to China last summer which was arranged by Professor Ching-Hsuan Wu. While Amanda has taken Chinese every semester since starting at OWU, the chance to see so much of China and interact with people was an absolutely amazing unique experience. It’s just one example why OWU may be small, but thinks big.”

The Boehmes point to the Sagan National Colloquium as another example of how OWU understands education as exposing students to a broad range of ideas. They also believe OWU provides a strong return on investment. “The results are tangible and go toward building a strong community and environment for learning.”

RICK AND ALLY NUSCHY-LENAT

Rick and Ally Nuschy-Lenat, parents of Zachary Lenat ’13, say they have always been committed to giving back and supporting their children’s schools, both financially and by being involved. The Lenats are members of OWU’s 1842 Society and the Parents Leadership Council, of which Rick is fundraising co-chair.

“My wife and I have always been philanthropically involved in a number of institutions and organizations,” Rick says. “We have taught our children that giving back to society is very important, whether it be financial or with our actions. We know that we have instilled in our children the way of giving.”

Kay and Frank Page with daughter Anne Page '72 and son, Dr. Bob Page '73.

FRANK AND KAY PAGE

When Frank Page talks about Ohio Wesleyan, you can hear the passion in his voice. Two of his and his late wife Kay's children, Bob '73 and Anne '72, are alumni who remain connected to OWU and the many friends they made years ago at the University. A close-knit family, the Page clan includes three siblings of Bob and Anne who attended other universities.

"But Ohio Wesleyan is special," says Frank. "It's a place where students meet friends for life. I am delighted to support a university with such loving and caring alumni." The Pittsburgh native and 30-year employee of Phillips Petroleum (now ConocoPhillips), a multi-national petrochemical company, has given generously of his time and financial resources to OWU, most recently for the Stuyvesant Hall renovation work, which now will include a named suite in his children's honor.

"A substantial ConocoPhillips match sends the right message to other companies about the importance of supporting private colleges like Ohio Wesleyan," says Anne. "My dad realizes that OWU has been a really good fit for us. When a parent sees that, it brings extra joy. He invested in us, and that investment keeps giving back to us in many ways with successful careers and lifetime OWU friends." She mentions her parents' concern for future OWU students.

"After graduation, my parents started contributing each year to OWU, even though they felt the sting of years of tuition," says Anne. "They knew tuition didn't cover all of the costs the University incurred



to educate us, and felt they wanted to make it possible for the next generations to attend such a special place that gave us a terrific start in life."

The Hargises and other families advise parents of OWU students to become involved by getting to know the administration and faculty and by checking out the Parents Leadership Council.

"There are so many ways that you can make a difference even if you don't live close to OWU," Jon says. "If you can, donate financially to the Parents Fund. The money will enhance the school's ability to deliver the best educational experience for all the students of OWU, present and future."

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A Father's Faith

Frank McKinney's connections to Ohio Wesleyan are strong—and long. When his daughter, Holly McKinney Kunkle '71, began her studies at OWU in 1968, Frank started giving to Ohio Wesleyan, and hasn't stopped for nearly 45 years. Celebrating his 100th birthday in January, Frank shares his continued commitment to OWU because of the "quality education Holly received at Ohio Wesleyan."

In a state proclamation recognizing the new centenarian, it is clear that loyalty and commitment are the rules rather than exceptions for Frank, who worked for Quaker Oats for 40 years. That same devotion to his daughter's alma mater is apparent in talking with Frank, who reads the Ohio Wesleyan Magazine regularly to keep up with OWU "happenings."

OWU President Rock Jones with Frank, during a recent visit.

For more information about the Parents Fund and the Parents Leadership Council: contact Jennifer Roberts, Director of Annual Giving at (740) 368-3302 or at jjrobert@owu.edu.

Graduate's Gift Creates Endowed Fund for The OWU Connection

In hopes of further supporting The OWU Connection curricular initiative and encouraging others to support it as well, an international businessman and alumnus has anonymously contributed \$500,000 to create an endowed fund.

“Ohio Wesleyan is grateful for this generous and visionary gift,” says Colleen Garland, vice president of University Relations. “It is especially meaningful because it comes from an alumnus whose business takes him across the globe, and he recognizes the importance of an education that

crosses traditional boundaries and helps students to translate theory into practice in a global context.”

The OWU Connection initiative already has earned a two-year, \$100,000 Officer's Grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in recognition of Ohio Wesleyan's effort to create a model liberal arts curriculum for the 21st century.

To learn more about The OWU Connection visit <http://choose.owu.edu/theExperience>.



STUYVESANT HALL CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE

The Stuyvesant Hall renovations are moving along as planned, and Vice President for Student Affairs Craig Ullom reports that completion time is set for the beginning of the 2012-13 academic year. To view the construction progression, please visit links.owu.edu/stuy.





THE POWER OF SPORTS

Sarah Murray '99 is giving women and children the tools and encouragement they need to become the leaders we need.

**A football game.
Yoga. Soccer practice.
A long run. What
do these have to do
with fighting gender-
based violence and
inequality? Everything,
says Sarah Murray '99.
Absolutely everything.**

The positive impact of sports and physical activity on women is at the heart and soul of Women Win, the Amsterdam-based non-profit organization for which Murray works. "Our mission is to support innovative sports programs around the world that empower women and children," she explains. Focusing on regions where gender inequality, gender-based violence, and female disempowerment are prevalent, Murray and the team at Women Win believe firmly that sports can give women the tools and encouragement they need to reach their potential as leaders in their families and communities.

In Murray's life, the power of sports has been central, making it a message she is passionate about sharing. And as a collegiate soccer and lacrosse player, so much of Murray's passion dates back to Ohio Wesleyan. "Sports drive everything

for me. Everything from learning how to be a freshman on the bench to being a senior captain and understanding the way that people work together...these are such translatable skills, and it's inherently why I do this work."

Murray references confidence, physical strength, a positive relationship to the body, leadership, and teamwork as critical skills to which many women in underdeveloped countries lack access. "Sports can help to develop these characteristics in women in an unparalleled way," she explains. "That is the message we want to share. That is what we want to offer women around the world."

As Learn Director at Women Win, Murray is hands-on in sharing these ideas globally. "My job is amazing. I focus on traveling around the global south to connect leaders with each other and build tools to accelerate this work." She points out that leaders in areas of gender violence and inequality are rarely connected with leaders interested in using sports for development. "I work to make connections between these amazing people and help them to see how their goals relate and connect."

Specifically, Murray has helped develop international guides to building sports programs for women, aiming to build a body of knowledge about how and why sports can support the development and empowerment of women. She also runs workshops around the world sharing the philosophy of Women Win with leaders

and communities.

"It's endlessly eye-opening – the people that I meet and communities I come into contact with," Murray comments. "Comparatively, a lot of girls in the United States have relatively good access to sports. But traveling around the world, I've found so many girls who absolutely need the efficacy that sports could provide. It's survival-based. It's critical."

And Murray means it. She frequently visits areas where women are disenfranchised and marginalized, but that's only the beginning. "I recently took a trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo where women are victims of rape as a weapon of war. Soldiers are raping women to demoralize enemies, and the women have no say in their fate. They are strong women with the misfortune of being born where they were born." Murray met women who suffered as a part of the genocide in Rwanda, women who watched their children be raped and killed. And so her stories continue.

"But there's so much hope," she urges. "There's so much hope, and here's why: I met these women because they joined a sports organization, and somehow they are feeling a sense of power and social inclusion because of their sport. I am experiencing human conditions I could never have imagined, meeting girls who would never consider themselves leaders, and then I'm watching them lead teams and communities. And I'm watching

parents and communities change their opinions because of what these girls accomplish through sport.”

Clearly, Murray’s passion for her work runs deep, and she’s had that passion since her days at OWU. In fact, she wrote her senior honors thesis on gender equality in sport, laying the foundation for the path of her career. “I had so many strong female mentors at OWU who prepared me for this sort of work,” she also comments, mentioning politics and government professor Joan McLean, lacrosse coach Linda Strapp, and soccer coach Margie Shade.

“Nothing about Sarah’s experiences since graduating from Ohio Wesleyan surprises me,” says McLean. “It was evident from working with her on her honors project that Sarah already understood the impact sports could have on women and girls. She argued persuasively that if nurtured and given the

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same resources as male athletes, female athletes would learn leadership skills and teamwork and develop the drive and discipline to succeed in other areas of their lives as well.” Murray credits McLean, her coaches, and OWU friends for, as she says, “being part of who I am and why I do what I do.”

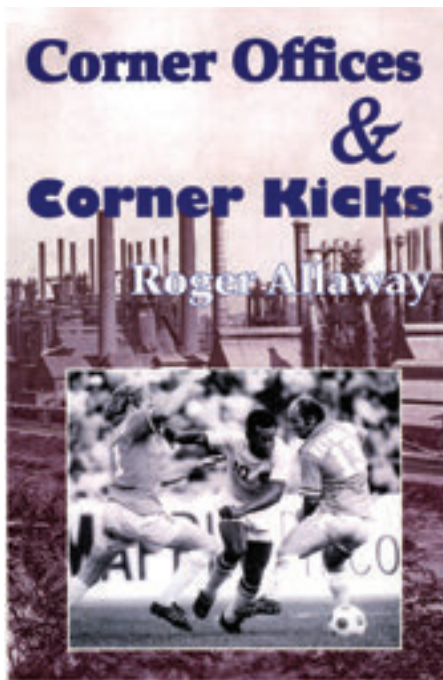
And why does Murray do it? It’s not because she feels she can “sweep in and fix things” with her own skills, as she puts it. It’s because she

knows the women she meets have strength of their own, if only they are allowed to access it. “I see the power and genius of these women, and I see myself helping facilitate that in them and helping them be the agents of change in their communities. I want to share knowledge, because I believe in the leadership of girls, and the wisdom that these brilliant people have. They just need the opportunity to make something of it.”

For more information on Women Win, go to www.womenwin.org to read about the organization’s mission and hear first-hand stories of female empowerment through sports.

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ROGER ALLAWAY '67
*Author, historian
 promotes soccer
 legacies*

It was a phone call in 1991 from an inquisitive reporter at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* that served as the impetus for Roger Allaway to write his most recent book, *Corner Offices and Corner Kicks*. The reporter asked a history question about the U.S. men's national soccer team, and it took Allaway, a retired *Inquirer* reporter, far longer than he expected to find that answer. Clearly, he thought, there was a need for more information.

"I view that phone call in 1991 as a crucial event for me," Allaway says. "I decided that I needed a better reference volume on the history of the national team. After about a month of looking for one, I realized that no such book existed, and that if I wanted to have that information, I was going to have to compile it myself."

The context for *Corner Offices and Corner Kicks* revolves particularly around the early history of the iron and steel industry and the steel-making process, and the financial

machinations that surrounded the corporation that owned the New York Cosmos soccer team. Both the Bethlehem Steel soccer team of the early 1900s and the New York Cosmos of the late 1900s were alike in many ways, particularly in that they were owned by major corporations.

In Allaway's previous book *Rangers, Rovers and Spindles*, that context revolved around the 19th-century New England textile industry and 19th-century immigration to the United States from Britain, Ireland and Portugal. Allaway needed to understand this historical backdrop before he could do a proper job of telling these soccer stories.

"The obscurity of the subject that *Corner Offices and Corner Kicks* deals with was a motivating factor in a way," he says. "While I considered the story that *Corner Offices and Corner Kicks* tells, particularly the tying together of the Bethlehem Steel team and the New York Cosmos, to be a very interesting one, I knew that if I didn't write this book, no one else was going to. In a counterintuitive way, that was a motivating factor."

Allaway's connection to soccer before the 1990s was relatively slim. He went to his first pro soccer game in 1960 when he was 14 years old, and he was hooked from then on. But though he wrote the occasional soccer column at the newspaper, he never played or coached soccer himself. Allaway credits his high school on Long Island and Ohio Wesleyan with impressing upon him that "soccer was considered just a normal sport, something that ordinary people did, not something strange or threatening the way it has been in some American places. I don't know that I would have become as big a soccer fan as I did if not for the atmosphere in those two schools." He also credits OWU and legendary Professors Libby Reed Hon. '90 and Verne Edwards with helping him learn to write.

Corner Offices and Corner Kicks is eight chapters long. The first and last chapters are introductory and epilogue materials. The story of the two teams is the middle six chapters. Chapters two, four and six are the rise, the peak and the decline of the Bethlehem team. Chapters three, five and seven are the rise, the peak and the decline of the Cosmos.

"The reason why the book exists in the first place is the two peaks of maybe the two greatest soccer teams the United States had seen," he says. "To my surprise; however, I found that with both

teams, the rise and the decline were much more fun to write about than the peaks."

Allaway says he hopes that readers gain an understanding of America's long soccer history.

"I suspect that some American soccer fans, particularly younger ones, are under the impression that soccer in America goes back about 20 years, maybe 40 years," he says. "I wonder how many of them know that the first soccer game in the United States was in 1866, that the first league here was formed in 1883, and that one of the teams in the first World Cup in 1930 was the United States.

"Maybe more fans than I realize understand things like this. I hope they do. I hope the things I've written have helped to increase the number of them. I don't have any illusions that any of them are going to become interested to the sort of fanatical degree that I am, but just having more of them be aware that that history does exist would be good."

Allaway spent many hours sifting through old newspapers on microfilm for this book and his previous books. In the course of compiling that information, Allaway started getting to know people at the National Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, New York, about 200 miles from Philadelphia. Those contacts and the time that he spent over the years burying himself in the Hall of Fame's archives also convinced him he could write this book. Allaway has since gained the honor of historian for the Hall of Fame, a volunteer position he is enjoying in his retirement. He also created and maintains a website: www.BigSoccer.com, which claims 190,000 members, where he writes about soccer.

Corner Offices and Corner Kicks is published by St. Johann Press of Hayworth, New Jersey.

— *Andrea Misko Strle '99 is Class Notes Editor of the OWU Magazine and a freelance writer in Columbus, Ohio.*

OHIO MACHINE OPENS SEASON AT OWU IN MAY

OHIO'S NEW MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE TEAM, THE OHIO MACHINE, WILL OPEN ITS HOME SCHEDULE AT OHIO WESLEYAN'S SELBY STADIUM ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, AT 8 P.M. The game can be seen on ESPN3, the network's online streaming service. All of the Machine's home games can be seen live on ESPN3 except for the July 4 game against Denver and the season finale on August 11 against Boston, both of which will be televised live on the CBS Sports Network (available to 98 million households across the country via local cable and national satellite providers).

Ohio Wesleyan is one of only four college stadiums to host an MLL team, and the only NCAA Division III school to host a team. The

others are the United States Naval Academy's Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (Chesapeake); Harvard Stadium (Boston); and Hofstra University's James M. Shuart Stadium (Long Island).

"We are proud to share such great company as the home of Ohio's Major League Lacrosse team," said Ohio Wesleyan President Rock Jones. "OWU's rich history in intercollegiate athletics, especially the strong heritage of our lacrosse program, makes this a partnership that will be to the mutual benefit of the team, the University, and the greater Central Ohio community."

For ticket information, please visit the Ohio Machine's website at: <http://www.theohiomachine.com/tickets>.

2012 OHIO MACHINE SCHEDULE		
Saturday, May 5	7 p.m.	@Chesapeake Bayhawks
Saturday, May 12	7 p.m.	@Charlotte Hounds
SATURDAY, MAY 19*	8 P.M.	ROCHESTER RATTLERS
Friday, June 1	7 p.m.	@Long Island Lizards
SATURDAY, JUNE 9	7 P.M.	DENVER OUTLAWS
SATURDAY, JUNE 16	7 P.M.	LONG ISLAND LIZARDS
SATURDAY, JUNE 23	7 P.M.	CHARLOTTE HOUNDS
Wednesday, July 4	9 p.m.	@Denver Outlaws
Friday, July 13	7:30 p.m.	@Hamilton Nationals
SATURDAY, JULY 14	7 P.M.	HAMILTON NATIONALS
SATURDAY, JULY 21	8 P.M.	CHESAPEAKE BAYHAWKS
Saturday, July 28	7:30 p.m.	@Rochester Rattlers
Saturday, August 4	7 p.m.	@Boston Cannons
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11	7 P.M.	BOSTON CANNONS

* Alumni Weekend at OWU

OWU Names New Football Coach



Tom Watts, assistant football coach at Baldwin-Wallace College, has been named head football coach at Ohio Wesleyan.

"Tom has a great pedigree," says Roger Ingles, athletic director. "He was a huge part of turning Baldwin-Wallace's program around, and he has experience in recruiting, special teams, and defense. Pairing Tom's connections and success in Ohio recruiting with the experience of our coaching staff members, Pat Delaney and Mike Ward, makes the future at Ohio Wesleyan a bright one."

For the last three seasons, Watts has served as special teams coordinator, defensive backs coach, and recruiting coordinator at Baldwin-Wallace. He helped the Yellow Jackets compile records of 8-2 in 2011 and 7-3 in 2010; his defensive backs earned five All-Ohio Conference citations during those two seasons, and the team ranked third in the nation in kick returns in 2010.

"Tom came with glowing recommendations," says OWU President Rock Jones. "His energy level and organizational skills are outstanding, and we are confident in his ability to lead our football program."

Read more about OWU's new football coach at www.battlingbishops.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a listing of OWU alumni events around the country. These events offer alumni, families, and friends opportunities to network with fellow Bishops and to reconnect with OWU near your hometown. To RSVP for an event, please visit www.owualumni.com or call (740) 368-3325.

APRIL

April 10 — Grove City, OH

Quarterly Bishops Service Night at Mid-Ohio Foodbank

April 12 — On Campus

Norman Vincent Peale Public Lecture

April 17 — Cincinnati, OH

A discussion of the 2012 Presidential Election with OWU Professor Craig Ramsay

April 19-20 — On Campus

Alumni Board of Directors

April 20-22 — On Campus

Phi Union

April 21 — Westerville, OH

Columbus Monnett Club - Central College and the Underground Railroad

April 24 — Cleveland, OH

A discussion of the 2012 Presidential Election with OWU Professor Craig Ramsay

April 28 — Nashville, TN

Alumni Event at Vanderbilt Baseball Game featuring Coach Tim Corbin '84

MAY

May 18-20 — On Campus

Alumni Weekend 2012

May 26 — On Campus

2nd Annual Marv Frye 5K benefitting Team OWU

JUNE

June 15-16 — Greenwich, CT

Audubon Society Event with OWU Professor Jed Burt

SEPTEMBER

September 14 — Delaware, OH

"W" Association/Team OWU Golf Outing

September 28-30 — On Campus

Parents & Family Weekend

OCTOBER

October 14-21 — Various Locations

OWU Bishops in Service Week

October 26-28 — On Campus

Homecoming 2012

- Men's Soccer Celebration Honoring Coach Jay Martin HON '08
- Athletic Hall of Fame
- Men's and Women's Swimming Reunion
- Kappa Kappa Gamma Reunion
- SUBA Black Family Reunion

For event information go to:

www.owualumni.com/events

Summer Send-Off Picnics Scheduled

Summer Send-Off Picnics for current and incoming students and families will be held in the following locations:

Columbus

Cleveland

Chicago

Cincinnati

Northern New Jersey

Washington DC



If you are interested in coordinating an event in your city, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (740) 368-3325 or e-mail alumni@owu.edu

SAVE THE DATE:

25th Cluster Reunion for the classes of 1987, 1988, and 1989 during Homecoming 2013.

For event information go to:

www.owualumni.com/events

DATE TO REMEMBER:

ATTENTION GOLFERS

Mark your calendars for the OWU "W" Association/Team OWU golf outing set for September 14.

LIFE After OWU

They're out there and they are working. A good number of OWU's 2011 graduates—at least the ones who have notified Ohio Wesleyan's Office of Career Services—are putting their college educations to the test. Here is just a sampling of a few of our newest Bishop alumni, who are “out there” and enjoying themselves.

Bobby St. Clair '11

Map Developer,
Three Scale Strategy
Columbus, Ohio
OWU Major: Geography

“Three Scale Strategy specializes in interactive mapping. We design and add interactive features to maps for visitor bureaus, colleges and universities, parks, shopping centers, and other activity centers. As a map developer, I add the interactive features to the maps, although I also am tasked, at times, to design the maps. When I'm not designing and making interactive maps, I do research on tax population trends in Ohio, the United States,

and the world, and then integrate that research into maps.

I found my job through geography professor John Krygier, who also was my advisor at OWU. I talked with him about securing an internship opportunity somewhere, and he suggested that I apply for an internship at Three Scale Strategy. I applied, got the internship, and now it's a full-time job. Many thanks to Dr. Krygier. My advice to members of the Class of 2012: Talk to your advisors! They know a lot about careers and internship opportunities in your area of study. And try not to limit yourself to where you want to live and work. Your flexibility could lead to what turns out to be the best job and place to live!”

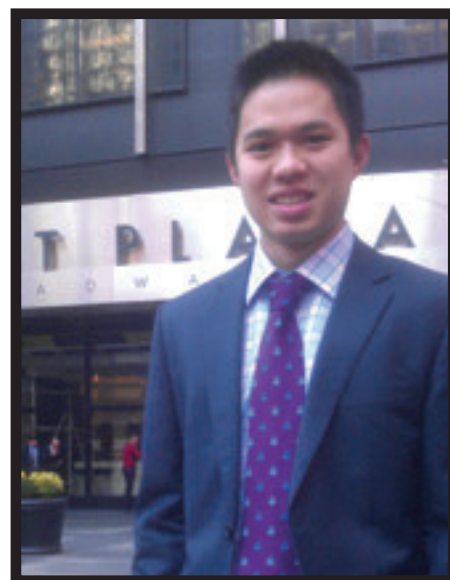


Kyle Sjarif '11

Personal Financial Planner,
AXA Financial Services, LLC
New York, New York
OWU Majors: Economics and
Journalism

“I interviewed for financial positions in New York last April and returned to New York after graduation to get my job at AXA Financial Services. As a financial planner, I meet with people to help them plan for college and retirement. My company is the ninth largest in the world with offices in all 50 U.S. states and 56 countries. There are 150 employees in my building and many are OWU graduates.

While it is a tough job market these days, it's been fun for me. When I interviewed with my boss, we discovered that we both are in the same fraternity, and our interview lasted for more than an hour. Networking and making connections help while job hunting. Five OWU Sigma Chis are here in New York now and I live with three of them! Anyone looking for jobs should consider talking with people in recruiting firms, but social media including LinkedIn helps to connect people. I try to help [OWU] students who email me because so often, finding jobs is about who you know.”





Sean Williams '11
Ph.D. Candidate,
Department of Zoology
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan
Major: Pre-professional Zoology

“Ohio Wesleyan has certainly prepared me for the rigors of graduate school at Michigan State. I am expected to be independent in designing my research project, which already is developing in this first year. I will be studying the ecology of mixed-species flocks in South America. This summer, I will travel to South America to establish a field site where my project is to be conducted. Each year at OWU

I helped teach the ornithology course, a skill that will be called upon next fall when I teach here. I miss Ohio Wesleyan dearly, especially since Michigan State has 50,000 students. However, the adjustment is typical, since many of my fellow graduate students come from small liberal arts schools.”

Where a Few Other 2011 Graduates Are...

Patricia Troy, lab technician,
Advanced Testing Laboratories,
Ohio

Katelyn Schroeder, marketing
associate, Broadway Asia
Company, New York

Carol Wright, scientist, Roxane
Laboratories, Ohio

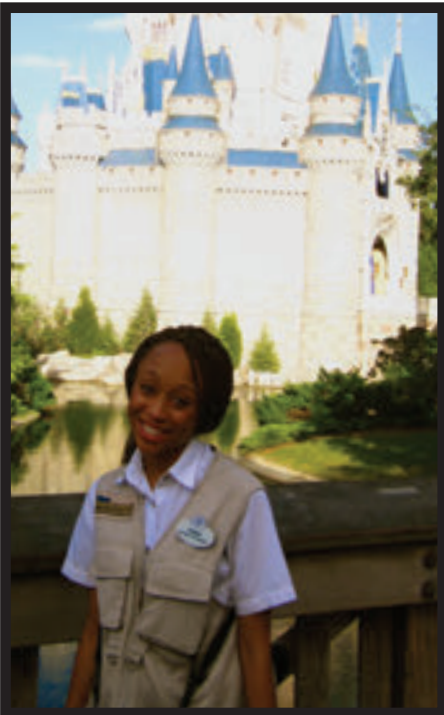
Vagif Baratov, senior application
developer, Nationwide
Investments, Ohio

Rebecca Brinkman, keeper's
assistant, Columbus Zoo and
Aquarium, Ohio

Alex Howe, Ph.D. program,
astrophysics, Princeton University,
New Jersey

Anna Kinzar, Ph.D. program,
clinical psychology, Ohio
University, Ohio

Bibhav Ghapagain, staff auditor,
Ernst & Young, Washington, D.C.



Kara Saulsberry '11
Photographer,
Walt Disney World Resort
Disney Internship
Orlando, Florida
OWU Major: Fine Arts

“I’m part of a six- to eight-month internship program at Disney World that could lead to a full-time or part-time position. Only 30 of us from all over the country are part of this program, which includes training for day and night photography with specialized cameras, as well as for how we interact with our customers – and even our clothing selection for our jobs.

I’m assigned to work in the Magic Kingdom, where I take photos of people from all over the world with some of our Disney characters. A photo I took recently of Tinker Bell with a small child won a Photo of the Month Award here, and is in the running for Photo of the Year. I view this experience as an important job in my career journey, and while being at Disney World in sunny Florida is nice, I am here to work and learn more about photography. “

CLASS NOTES

1945

Merlyn Clifford Gilchrest sold her home in New Jersey and moved to Guilderland, New York, to be close to her daughter's family. She belongs to two book discussion groups at the local library. She has three grandchildren who enjoy skiing and sailing. Merlyn stays in contact with **Bertie Barta Lesko '45**, who was her freshman college roommate.

1959

Jill Shanks Eliot, director of The Imagining Dramatics Company, has written a new play with music, "Kids, Courage and The Civil War." The play focuses on the voices of children, their thoughts and views during the war between the states. The play will premiere at the Kelton House and Museum in Columbus as a 200Columbus Bicentennial Event. The play and cast performed at Ohio Wesleyan in March 2012.

1960

Larry G. Spees was inducted into the University of Rio Grande's Educator's Hall of Fame on Nov. 12, 2011. Larry was a professor at the university for 29 years when he retired in 1992.

1961

Fred Manske's book *Core Strategy for Success: How to Lead the Pack in a 'Dog-Eat-Dog' World* was released on Jan. 10, 2012. He spoke to economics management students at OWU on March 22.

1964 and 1998

Rob Eastman '64 has been named chairman and chief executive officer, and **Erik Eastman '98** has been named vice president by the board of directors, of Eastman Outdoors, a leading outdoor lifestyle manufacturer.



OWU Cookout

Several alumni gathered at a cookout in Florida in November 2011, hosted by **David Cromer '57** and Betsey Cromer, and organized by **Dot Frey Alexander '53**, **Lincoln Annas '54**, **Phoebe Grassman Lombardi '54**, **Bill Steinbrenner '57** and Mary Steinbrenner. Also in attendance were **Andy Anderson '60**, **Mahlon Hamilton '43**, who was celebrating his 92nd birthday, and **John Annas '26**, Ohio Wesleyan's oldest living alum, who turned 107 years old on Oct. 1, 2011.

1967

Chip Feazel retired in 2010 after more than 35 years with ConocoPhillips and opened Feazel GeoConsulting LLC, which helps companies exploring for oil and natural gas by reducing subsurface uncertainty, assessing exploration risk, and evaluating acreage and producing fields worldwide. His wife, **Jan Smith Feazel '68** serves as vice-president.

Caren Goldman's newest book *Restoring Life's Missing Pieces: The Spiritual Power of Remembering and Reuniting with People, Places, Things and Self* has been named a Best Spiritual Book of 2001. The book was published by Sky Light Paths Publishing. Find more information at www.carengoldman.com



Barbara Patten Unverferth was featured in the Fall 2011 issue of *The Ohio State University's Impact Magazine* for spearheading the creation of the Unverferth House near the OSU Medical Center in 1989. The house, which Barbara created in honor of her late husband, Donald, offers a haven for hundreds of families each year while their loved ones are being treated at the medical center.

1968

Connie Clark, licensed psychotherapist and founder of JoyWorks seminars and retreats for women, has published the book, *Joy After Fifty: A Woman's Guide to Passion, Purpose and Lasting Happiness*. For more information, visit www.joyafterfifty.com. Connie is based in Sausalito, California, and would love to hear from OWU friends: connie@joyafterfifty.com.

1970

D. Scott Gantt has been selected by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to receive the Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award for 2012. Ten individuals are chosen from more than 8000 individual program directors. Scott is a professor of medicine at Texas A&M University and has been the program director of the cardiology fellowship training program for the past 20 years, as well as the director of the interventional cardiology program since 1995.

1971

Geoffrey Greif has recently published a book, *Two Plus Two: Couples and Their Couple Friendships*. It is his 11th book. Geoff is a professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

1972

JoAnn Verburg, a famed photographer whose work hangs in museums around the world, recently released a new collection of images as an iPad application. JoAnn's studio is in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is working with the publishers at Location Books.

1974

Theodora Higgenbotham recently published the book, *This Little Pin Dot*, a novel in which she recounts her life journey as a woman of faith. She currently resides in Delaware, Ohio. Her book can be found at amazon.com.



Serving the World

Tom Trumble '68 attended a dinner in November hosted by former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn. Invited guests were volunteers who left to build homes in Haiti the next day. Trumble, a guest at the president's table, has been involved with Habitat for Humanity for many years, raising money, serving on the board, and traveling to build homes in Mexico, South Africa, India, and Thailand.



Connie Clark '68

Happy Birthday, Jean!

Turning 80 years of age late in December, **Jean Carper '53** is pictured with **Evan Corns '59** and 80 red roses in the background. The best-selling author, columnist, and leading authority on health and nutrition celebrated with friends at her home on New Year's Eve.



Jack Hanson '58 Honored

On February 11, **Jack Hanson '58** was the designated honoree at the Special Love Gala held at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. He was recognized for his devotion to the organization as a board member, but also for his recruiting, event planning, and fundraising success that is helping children and families facing the hardships of pediatric cancer. Hanson also has been a strong supporter of Ohio Wesleyan, most recently as a Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother and of the Bigelow-Reed House. A cadre of folks from Ohio Wesleyan was there to help him celebrate this honor. Back row, left to right: **Larry Hill '57**, Paul Williams, Heidi Grolig, John Reed, **Jack Hanson '58**, **Janis Green Hanson '57**, **Dick Hottel '58**, **Annie Griffith Seiler '75**, **Dave Hobson '58**. Front row, left to right: **Charlotte Patterson Hill '57**, Libby Reed HON. '90, **Jack Batty '59**, **Marjorie Keller Hottel '60**.



Kaye Fritz Ridolfi '83



Steve Ulfelder '83

1976

Michael E. Hall, a board certified career management fellow, conducted "Left Behind: Survivors of Traumatic Workforce Reduction," and "Caught in the Middle: Defusing High-Conflict Parent-Practitioner Interactions" at the 26th Annual Careers Conference, Jan. 30- Feb. 1, 2012, hosted by The Center on Education and Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Michael and his wife, **Barbara Jackson-Hall '77**, have resided in Charlotte, North Carolina, since 2001.

Greg Moore, editor of *The Denver Post*, has been appointed Central Editor for Digital First Media. He will be responsible for newsgathering in Colorado, Texas, New Mexico and Minnesota.

David Wetherell recently was appointed by Burrill Venture Capital Group as managing director. David is a veteran entrepreneur and venture capitalist. He has spent 20 years as a CEO in high-tech, as well as 17 years in venture capital, the last seven of which have been dedicated to biotech and life sciences.

1977

Donald C. Brey, of the law firm Chester Willcox & Saxbe, LLP, has been named among the "Ohio Super Lawyers 2012," by Super Lawyers, the leading attorney rating system for consumers.

1982

Dave L. Armbrust has published the book, *Bat Mummies in the Furnace Flue* with Tate Publishing. The book takes place in Delaware County, Ohio.

1983

Kaye Fritz Ridolfi has joined the Cleveland Foundation as senior vice president of gift planning and donor relations, with direct responsibility for all fundraising activities. Kaye comes to the foundation from Case Western Reserve University, where she served as associate vice president of institutional development. She also worked at Ohio Wesleyan in 1990s as director of the annual fund and later as director of alumni

development. Kaye received her master's degree in public policy and management from The Ohio State University.

Steve Ulfelder's *Purgatory Chasm*, published in 2011, was named a finalist for the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Award in the Best First Novel category. His second novel, *The Whole Lie*, will be published in May.

1985

Mildred E. "Mitzi" Ring Probert has published a children's book, *Esther's Miracle at the Manger*. Find more information on the book's facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/esthersmiracle>, and on amazon.com.

Kevin Reichert has been named vice president of the CTL Engineering of Ohio Inc. He has been with the company for 25 years. He has been a certified professional geologist since 1995.

1986

Steven P. Brey has been named dean of arts and humanities at Methodist University. He has served as department chair and professor of religion, with specialization in the early church, Biblical studies and the history of Christianity.

1987

Phillip Morris a columnist for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* was inducted into The Press Club of Cleveland Hall of Fame on October 28, 2011.

1989 and 2004

Jennifer Koch Bingham '04 and **Vera Vujovich Farnen '89** have partnered up. Jennifer owns South Tampa's Cru Cellars, a boutique wine bar, and is working with Fruit of the Vine Organics, owned by Vera, to offer customers organic fruits and vegetables. The two women met at an Ohio Wesleyan University alumni event held at Cru Cellars in September 2011. Find out more at www.crucellarstampa.com.

1991

Peter Eastwood, president and CEO of the U.S. and Canada for Chartis, will also now assume responsibility for Latin America and Bermuda.

1994

Doug Haas has been selected as the new Wooster, Ohio, High School football head coach.

1996

Rachel Biedenbach, M.D., has opened a new practice, Wadsworth Eye Clinic, in the same location as her former practice, Excellence in Eye Care of Wadsworth, in Wadsworth, Ohio. She is a graduate of the University of Toledo College of Medicine. She is board-certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Trent B. Collier has joined Southfield, Michigan-based law firm Collins, Einhorn, Farrell & Ulanoff, P.C.'s appellate practice group. Trent's practice focuses on federal and state appeals, primarily in defending medical and legal malpractice actions, insurance claims, and general commercial lawsuits. Trent received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

1997

Debbie O'Dee Bradney was named Educator of the Year by the Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association. She spent the last 10 years teaching Athletic Training at Lynchburg College. The person who nominated her, a fellow teacher, calls her an exceptional professional dedicated to improving athletic training not only for her students, but for all students.



Trent B. Collier '96

Cindi Galaty Galabota was awarded the Habitat for Humanity of Colorado Executive Director of the Year Award in 2011. She has been the executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County since 2007. Also in 2011, Cindi and her husband, Scott, welcomed a daughter, Corinna Ann. She joins Donovan, 5.

1998

Erik Eastman (Please see entry under class of 1964)

Sara Xayarath Hernandez currently serves as the director of diversity programs in engineering at Cornell University. Her office recently was named a 2011 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science Mentoring.

2001

Jason Morrison recently was named first-ever Alumnus of the Year by the information architecture and knowledge management program at Kent State University, where he received a master's degree in 2007. Jason lives in Mountain View, California, and is a support engineer on the Search Quality Team at Google.

Adam White was elected in November 2011 to serve on the Olentangy Local School District board of education. He resides in Lewis Center, Ohio, with his wife and two children.

TKE get-together

A core group who met freshman year, pledged the TKE house together, and have remained close friends met at Andy and Laurel Chasan's house in Boise, Idaho, over the July 4 holiday. Pictured from left to right: Gus A. Platas '72, Amy LaMay, William Gerl '74, Laurel Bahner Chasan '74, Andrew Chasan '72, David Fernstrum '72, and Marilyn Waite Fernstrum '72.



2002

Edward Canterbury has been elected a stockholder for the Florida law firm Henderson Franklin. Edward concentrates his practice in all areas of real estate law. He received his law degree from Ohio Northern University.

Kim Faler is among 23 artists recently selected by DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln, Massachusetts, to exhibit her art throughout the museum and the community. The 2012 deCordova Biennial remains non-thematic but aims to reflect the dynamism, variety, and quality of art-making in the New England region.

2004

Stephen Morrow recently had some success with his television film pilot *Productive Addictions*, which was picked as one of 10 finalists in the 2010 Bing “Decisions” Project contest at the New York Television and Film Festival last year.

2005

Jay Clark’s debut novel, *The Edumacation of Jay Baker*, recently was published by Henry Holt Books for Young Readers.

Nathanael Jonhenry is an attorney with Squire Sanders law firm in Cleveland. His practice focuses on legislative counseling, government relations, election law, campaign finance, and public and infrastructure finance. Prior to joining Squire Sanders in 2009, Nathanael worked as a legislative aide in the Ohio House for then Representative Tom Patton. Nathanael is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Ohio Lobbying Association.

2011

Jeremy Horne was named to the newly created position of communications director in the cabinet of the Findlay, Ohio, mayor. Jeremy is a lifelong resident of Findlay.

DEADLINES FOR CLASS NOTES

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1988 Girls Weekend

Friends from the class of 1988 met in Florida in February 2011 for a girls weekend. Despite some unseasonably cold weather, the friends had fun remembering great times at OWU in the late 1980s and many days since. Pictured are (left to right): **Shannon West Russo '88**, **Cathy Strong Mitchell '88**, **Julie MacMillan '88**, **Ellen McCann Kimura '88** and **Daina Stankevics Strong '88**. They are already planning the next weekend and can't wait to head back to OWU for their 25th Reunion.



Fiji reunion in Jackson Hole

Members of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity gathered in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, over Labor Day 2011. From left to right: **Noah Robertson '94** (wife Amanda not pictured): with children Addie and Rufus; **Bill Reber '96** and wife Annebelle with child Gus; **Katie Payne Confer '96** and **Matt Confer '96** with children Ann-Dallas and Payne; **Will McGinness '96** and wife Airin with children Pie, Louise, and Benjamin; **Pete Blackwood '96** and wife Jen with children Chip and Andy; and **Hunter Frobouck '96** and wife Molly with children McCullough and Quintin.

Marriages

1982

Dana Max married David Bala (Wagner College) in December 2011. The following OWU graduates participated in the wedding: **Cindy Reinhard Bondio '82**, **Pam Gaderick Kiggen '81**, **Julie Jenner '82**, **Mary Bilotta McGrath '82**, **Lisa Lineberger George '82**, and **Gail Smith Johnson '82**. The couple resides in Quakertown, New Jersey, with their five children.



2004

Tiffany Treni Schifano '04 was wed to Vincent Schifano Jr. on April 16, 2011, at the Highlawn Pavilion in West Orange, New Jersey. Pictured are: (back row, left to right): **Morgan Treni '12**, **Kelly Pesce Cassaro '04**, **Susanne Schifano**, **Alexa Laub '04**, **Annie Grilli Drummond '04**, **Kristen Vasan '04**, **Hannah Phillips Thomas '04**; and (front row, left to right): **Ashley Treni**, **Hailey Schifano**, **Tiffany Treni Schifano '04**. Tiffany and Vincent also celebrated the arrival of a daughter, Addison Jeanne, on Nov. 12, 2011.



2005 and 2006

Bryan Asmus '05 and **Brittany Hicar '06** on their wedding day, July 3, 2011, in Aurora, Ohio, joined by Ohio Wesleyan friends (first row, left to right): **Cara Thomas Steinmetz '05**; (second row): **Katie Meholick '05**, **Sean McGree '05**, **Emily Book McGree '04**, **Greg Morganoff '05**, **Meghann Kerr Hilgert '05**, **Jennifer Blystone '05**, **Denise Sabo Brenner '00**, **S. Marie Gudz '06**, **Cheryl Miller Khylllep '06**, **Mallory Martin '06**, and **J. Brian Zupancic '05**; and (third row) : **Leslie Early Cellar '05**, **Joe Cellar '03**, **Dan Hilgert '05**, **Jeff Tegtmeier '05**, **Mike Brenner '99**, **Neal Andrew Boone '05**, and **Austin Steinmetz '05**.

**WE NEED
YOUR
PHOTOS FOR
HERITAGE
DAY 2012!**

Each year, Heritage Day honors an aspect of Ohio Wesleyan's rich history. Heritage Day 2012 will focus on the places that students have liked on campus, and the Heritage Day Committee is looking for photos of on-campus living spaces that are especially memorable to OWU alumni. Photos will be accepted throughout the 2011-12 school year in an effort to collect photos that capture each stunning season. Photos can be taken indoors or out and may include people. If you have some great shots, send your photos to heritageday@owu.edu with a short description that includes the OWU residence building featured in the photo. Selected photos will be featured in the 2012 Heritage Day book.



2006

Marian Homan Dickinson '06 and **Jimmy Dickinson Jr.** on their wedding day, July 23, 2011, in Cincinnati, Ohio. They are joined by (from left to right): **Melissa Herman Snow '06**, **Naina Sood '06**, **Katharina Schilling**, **Jason McElroy '06**, **Corey Strinka '08**, **Rosie Pignataro '07**, **Marian Homan Dickinson '06**, **Adrienne Scott '08**, **Jimmy Dickinson Jr.**, **Daniel Meisterman '08**, and **Eric Brockfield '09**.



2010

Alexandra Pfeister '10 and **Adam Koorn '10** on their wedding day, July 16, 2011, in Hudson, Ohio, with Ohio Wesleyan friends: (back row, left to right): **Curry Wilson '10**, **Katie McGarr '10**, **Lindsay Dunbar '11**, **Nathan Eckersley '12**, **Ellen Duran '11**, **Aaron Soltis '10**, **Devon Rayasa '09**, **Jeremy Horne '11**, **Matt Kaste '12**, and **Elizabeth Doyle '10**. (middle row, left to right): **Lori Durham '10**, **Emily Teach '09**, **Leanna Bucceri '10**, **Alexandra Pfeister '10**, **Adam Koorn '10**, **Zach Taft '11**, **John Romano '10**, and **Grant Daniels '09**; and (front row, left to right): **Kaitlin Moran '09**, **Sarah Bruno '10**, **Zandra Casto '12**, and **Alison Kennedy '09**.

Births/Adoptions

1994

Karen Stockstill Cahill and her husband, **Josh**, welcomed a daughter, **Emma Rose Cahill**, on May 11, 2011. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 ½ inches long. She was welcomed home by big sister **Maggie**, 3. The family resides in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Robert H. Nellson and his wife, **Stefanie**, and big brother **Robbie**, 3, are proud to announce the arrival of the newest addition to their family, a son, **Ethan James**, born Sept. 26, 2011, at 8 pounds, in Hartford, Connecticut.

Timothy "Ted" Sengpiel and his wife **Jen** welcomed their second son, **Charlie Glen Sengpiel**, into the OWU family on Dec. 1, 2011.

1997

Carrie Kraly Freed and her husband, **David**, welcomed their first child, **Sydney Peyton Freed**, on Aug. 12, 2011. She was 8 pounds, and 19 ½ inches long.

2002

Martin R. McGann and his wife, **Elizabeth Newman**, welcomed their first child, **Marin Reese McGann**, on Dec. 9, 2011. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 18 ½ inches long. The family lives in Cleveland, Ohio.



ALUMNI WEEKEND

MAY 18-20, 2012

<http://community.owu.edu/aw2012>

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Online registration opened February 1 and continues until May 11, 2012.

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In Memoriam

OWU alumni may submit full obituary information for posting online on the myOWU Web site at <http://community.owu.edu>. Please continue to submit your information to our Class Notes Editor, Andrea Strle, at amstrle@owu.edu. This modification of In Memoriam will allow for more comprehensive information sharing.

Alumni

1931

Martha I. Smith Smith, of Willow Street, Pennsylvania, died on Oct. 11, 2011, at the age of 101. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

1933

Mary Olive Banfield Harris Bailey, of Erie, Pennsylvania, died on Jan. 19, 2012, at the age of 100.

Charlotte Snyder Baltzly, of Wellington, Ohio, died on Nov. 6, 2011, at the age of 100. Charlotte was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

1935

Virginia "Ginny" Brown Wager, of Monclova, Ohio, died on Nov. 22, 2011, at the age of 98. Ginny was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

1936

Laura Koski Burchard, of Ashtabula, Ohio, died on Dec. 23, 2011, at the age of 97.

1937

Dorothy Gilroy McDonald, of Memphis, Tennessee, died on Oct. 26, 2011, at the age of 96. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

1938

Dorothy Stokes Peppe, of Naples, Florida, died on Jan. 6, 2012. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

1939

Mary Elise Clark Anderson, of Madison, Indiana, died on Dec. 21, 2011, at the age of 92. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

1940

Ruth Nolze Cobb, of Ashdown, Arkansas, died on Jan. 6, 2012, at the age of 93.

Evelyn Foit Holland, of Kenton, Ohio, died on Nov. 29, 2011, at the age of 92. She was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

Gladys May Sterns, of Arlington, Virginia, died on Dec. 29, 2011, at the age of 94. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

1941

Harry G. Arthur Jr., of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, died on Dec. 10, 2011, at the age of 92. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Charles L. "Lee" Liggett Sr., of Houston, Texas, died on Dec. 1, 2011, at the age of 93. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

1942

Arlene J. Parks Bateman, of Rochester, Minnesota, died on Dec. 27, 2011, at the age of 91. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Ruth Isabel Grimm Giese, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died on Jan. 24, 2012, at the age of 91.

She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

John Lovell, of Santa Monica, California, died on Feb. 11, 2011, at the age of 90. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

John J. Stewart, of Strongsville, Ohio, died on Dec. 3, 2011, at the age of 90. John was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

1943

Eleanor Sawtell Hubbard, of Sunderland, Massachusetts, died on Oct. 30, 2011, at the age of 90. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Shirley J. Boteler Loney, of Phoenix, Arizona, died on Jan. 4, 2012, at the age of 89. Shirley was a Delta Gamma.

Donald A. Needham, of Springfield, Virginia, died on Dec. 21, 2011, at the age of 81. Don was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

1944

Dorothy Skinner Bechtol, of Coshocton, Ohio, died on Jan. 14, 2012, at the age of 89.

Janet Collins Campbell, of Hudson, Ohio, died on Dec. 17, 2011, at the age of 89. Janet was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Jean C. Henke, of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on Oct. 24, 2011, at the age of 89.

Norma Jean Hall Sumner, of Gastonia, North Carolina, died on Nov. 7, 2011, at the age of 89. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Alumni Happenings >>

1945

Lois Irene Poirier Dawson, of Novi, Michigan, died on Nov. 19, 2011, at the age of 88. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Mary Alice Schleich Greenwood, of Williamsport, Ohio, died on Oct. 9, 2011, at the age of 88.

Robert H. Seeley, of Lancaster, Ohio, died on Nov. 23, 2011, at the age of 89. Robert was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

1947

Alan Bruce Clark, of Medina, Ohio, died on Jan. 21, 2012, at the age of 88. Bruce was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Marion Rott DeBell, of Lakewood, Ohio, died on Oct. 20, 2011, at the age of 86.

1948

Jean C. Humphreys Blakeslee, of Delaware, Ohio, died on Nov. 5, 2011, at the age of 86.

Malcolm C. Crew, of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, died on Dec. 16, 2011, at the age of 84. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Edwin L. Heminger, of Findlay, Ohio, died on Nov. 30, 2011, at the age of 85. Ed was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and was a university trustee.

Members of the OWU community are mourning the loss of **F. Sherwood "Sherry" Rowland**, who died at his home in Corona del Mar, California, on March 10. The Nobel laureate's prize-winning research focused on the damage done to the earth's protective ozone layer by chlorofluorocarbons from aerosol propellants. A founding faculty member at the University of California-Irvine, Dr. Rowland is thought to have saved the world from major catastrophe. The summer edition of the *Magazine* will include more about Dr. Rowland's life and accomplishments. Our condolences to his wife Joan, his children Jeff and Ingrid, and his two grandchildren.

George S. Wallis Jr., of Southwick, Massachusetts, died on Jan. 24, 2012, at the age of 86. George was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

1949

Carol Jean Willeke Glass, of North Port, Florida, died on Nov. 18, 2011, at the age of 83.

Edwin "Ned" C. Rogers, of Mundelein, Illinois, died on Dec. 20, 2011, at the age of 85. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Alvin "Al" C. Stapf, of Parma, Ohio, died on Aug. 22, 2011, at the age of 86. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

1950

James "Jim" Robert Barnhouse, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, died on Dec. 10, 2011, at the age of 86. Jim was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Margaret "Peg" Calhoun Dresser, of Richmond Heights, Ohio, died on Dec. 30, 2011, at the age of 83.

Donna Jean Grener Freeman, of Willowick, Ohio, died on Nov. 14, 2011, at the age of 83. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Richard Allen "Brownie" Gerlinger, of Toledo, Ohio, died on Nov. 23, 2011, at the age of 83. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Wilmer B. Hoge III, of Muncie, Indiana, died on Jan. 12, 2012, at the age of 85. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Douglas R. Pickett, of Black Mountain, North Carolina, died on Dec. 1, 2011, at the age of 82. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

John Raine Sr., of Charleston, South Carolina, died on Jan. 6, 2012, at the age of 84. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1951

Margaret "Peggy" Stauffer Estill, of Millersburg, Ohio, died on Nov. 17, 2011, at the age of 81. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

JoAnn Dee "Jody" Griffith Olson, of Columbiana, Ohio, died on Dec. 10, 2011, at the age of 82. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Susan Moore Segelken, of Ashland, Ohio, died on Nov. 9, 2011, at the age of 82. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Carl Robert "Bob" Webster, of Greensboro, North Carolina, died on Oct. 18, 2011, at the age of 82. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Greta K. Furseth Wigham, of Wooster, Ohio, died on Jan. 11, 2012, at the age of 82. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

1952

Alan F. Geyer, of Bethesda, Maryland, died on Nov. 28, 2011, at the age of 80. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

William "Bill" L. Kelly, of Hampstead, New Hampshire, died on Nov. 18, 2011, at the age of 81. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Irwin Hla Shwe, of Canyon Country, California, died on Jan. 27, 2012, at the age of 82.

Edwin R. Thomas, of Fort Myers, Florida, died on Jan. 8, 2012, at the age of 81. Ed was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

1953

David N. Denison, of Arden, North Carolina, died on Feb. 4, 2012, at the age of 80.

Fredrick D. Reese Jr., of St. Cloud, Minnesota, died on July 4, 2011, at the age of 80. Fred was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

William Dodds Shellenberger, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, died on Jan. 6, 2012, at the age of 81. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

1954

Verne C. Bechill, of Alma, Michigan, died on Oct. 24, 2011, at the age of 79. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

1955

John H. Geer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on Oct. 22, 2011, at the age of 78. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Phyllis Abernethy Hendry, of Harding, New Jersey, died on Dec. 8, 2011, at the age of 77. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Elinor K. Williams Hooker, of Nashua, New Hampshire, died on Jan. 27, 2012, at the age of 78.

Thomas W. Kiger, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on Dec. 31, 2011, at the age of 78.

John B. Merrill, of Tucson, Arizona, died on Feb. 22, 2011, at the age 78. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

J. Thomas "Tom" Mills, of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, died on Nov. 20, 2011, at the age of 78. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Dorothy James Porter, formerly of Chester Township, Ohio, died on Dec. 16, 2011, at the age of 78. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

1956

William C. Branche Jr., of Washington, D.C., died on Jan. 3, 2012, at the age of 77. Bill was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Joel E. White Jr., of Durango, Colorado, passed away at his home on July 6, 2011, at the age of 76. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

1957

Stewart Phillips Gardner, of Huntersville, North Carolina, died on Dec. 4, 2010, at the age of 75. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Marlene Johnson Morgan, of Riverside, California, died on July 3, 2011, at the age of 75. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Ann Browne Whisenhunt, of Rockville, Maryland, died on Oct. 5, 2011, at the age of 77. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

1958

Ruth-Anne Spurrier Gallinger, of Harford, Pennsylvania, died on Nov. 17, 2011, at the age of 76. She was member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Barbara Birsinger Markhus, of Needham, Massachusetts, and Sanibel, Florida, died on Nov. 12, 2011, at the age of 74. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

John H. Williams, of Penney Farms, Florida, died on Dec. 7, 2011, at the age of 74. John was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Mary Jane Mikesell Younkman, of West Liberty, Ohio, died on Nov. 10, 2011, at the age of 75. Jane was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

1959

Terrence L. Williams, of Cleves, Ohio, died on Nov. 11, 2011, at the age of 74. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

1960

Betty Gast Grogan, of Cleveland, Ohio died on Nov. 21, 2011, at the age of 73. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

1961

Robert "Bob" Maxwell, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, died on Dec. 15, 2011, at the age of 72. Bob was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Judith Hill Rothrock, of Mount Desert, Maine, died on Oct. 19, 2011, at the age of 71.

1962

James T. Planicka, of McLean, Virginia, died on May 17, 2010, at the age of 70. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

1963

Mary Gretchen Meier Hilborn, of Richmond, Virginia, passed away on Dec. 28, 2011, at the age of 70. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Ellen Courtenay Kinney Johnson, of Naperville, Illinois, passed away on Jan. 2, 2011, en route to Southeast Asia, one of her favorite parts of the world. She was 69 and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

1967

William E. Baird, of Boston, Massachusetts, died on Oct. 21, 2011, at the age of 66. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

1971

William B. Rodie, of San Antonio, Texas, died on Oct. 18, 2011, at the age of 62. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

1972

Mary "Tucky" Mitchelson Thompson, of Southern Pines, North Carolina, died on Jan. 26, 2012.

1976

Charles B. Small, of Brooklyn, New York, died on Oct. 15, 2011.

1979

Daniel "Digger" Hartzler Wise, of Annapolis, Maryland, passed away on August 7, 2011, at the age of 54. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

1985

Tomlinson Craig, of Williamstown, Massachusetts, died on Jan. 4, 2012, at the age of 48.

Faculty/Staff

French L. Alkire died on Jan. 14, 2012, at the age of 94. French worked at OWU for 20 years as the personnel director. French was retired from the U.S. Navy where he served for 30 years and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Pam Anderson, who began her 36-year career at Ohio Wesleyan in 1974 working in the purchasing and accounting offices, passed away on Oct. 23, 2011. Pam retired in January 2011. She is survived by son, **Christopher Anderson '98**, and daughter, **Kylie Anderson '01**.

Susanna Strickland Bellocq died on Nov. 27, 2011, at the age of 71. Sue came to Ohio Wesleyan in 1971 as a professor of modern foreign languages. For 40 years, she incarnated French at Ohio Wesleyan, instilling her passion for French and French literature to countless Ohio Wesleyan students. She obtained her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State University and a PhD from the University of Illinois. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Margaret Rachel Fete, passed away on Dec. 24, 2011, at the age of 65. A professor of modern foreign languages, Margaret came to Ohio Wesleyan in 1970 and taught generations of students introductory and advanced language, civilization, and literature courses in French and introductory language courses in Spanish. She also was actively involved in the Black World Studies and Women's and Gender Studies

programs at the University. She served briefly in the 1980's as the Director of Academic Advising and Director of the Paris Semester Abroad Program. Margaret received her undergraduate degree at The University of Colorado-Boulder, her Master's Degrees at Wesleyan University, and her PhD. at The Ohio State University. She completed post-doctoral studies at the University Paris-Sorbonne. She is survived by her children, **Tatiana** and **Will**, both of whom attended Ohio Wesleyan.

Charles William Keller Sr., professor emeritus of music, died on Dec. 27, 2011, at the age of 81. Charles spent 35 years at Ohio Wesleyan teaching courses in music of the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and 20th Century periods. He initiated new courses in jazz history and music in world cultures. Charles was a pianist who took pleasure in sharing his appreciation for music, playing with friends, many of whom were former students and faculty fellows, until June 2011, when he was hospitalized. Charles received his bachelor's degree from Hamline University, Masters in music from the University of Michigan, and a doctorate from The Ohio State University. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

Thomas R. Walton died on December 9, 2011, at the age of 63. A U.S. Army veteran he was a Calvary Scout/Drill Sergeant serving in the Army for almost 20 years. Most recently he had worked on the grounds crew at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Sympathy

Megan Radebaugh Demolina '97 and **Abigail Radebaugh '00** for the loss of their grandmother, Marie C. Radebaugh, who passed away Jan. 16, 2012.

Kathy Kain Ivanoff '85 for the loss of her brother, Stevie "Jake" Kain, who died on Nov. 25, 2011.

Ann "Annie" Wise Nations '78 for the loss of her brother, **Daniel "Digger" H. Wise '79**, who passed away on Aug. 7, 2011.

William "Bill" Nutting '76 and **Angela Nutting Farwick '82** for the loss of their father, Charles Frank "Chuck" Nutting, who died on Dec. 16, 2011, at the age of 83.

Louise Tilton O'Connor '47 for the passing of her husband, Terry O'Connor, of Sept. 25, 2011.

Anne Page '72 for the loss of her mother, Kay, on Jan. 16, 2012.

Amanda Laux Pry '05 for the loss of her grandmother, Nancy M. Laux, who died on Dec. 9, 2011.

Cailee Smith '12 for the passing of her mother, Debra Smith, who passed away on Nov. 10, 2011.

Crafting a Career

By *Heather Goss '00*

TEN YEARS AFTER GRADUATING FROM OHIO WESLEYAN, THE ECONOMY TANKED AND I WAS SUDDENLY LAID OFF FROM MY JOB AS AN ATTORNEY. I could look for another legal job, but instead, I found myself overwhelmed with relief. This was my cue: Change careers now or never.

After college I'd stumbled into a job as a legislative aide at the Ohio Statehouse, and quickly developed fantasies of speechwriting on Capitol Hill ... but whatever aspiration I had when I decided that this meant going to law school was abandoned in the face of the astronomical six-figure loan I took out to pay for it. I'd signed away my right, at least temporarily, to be picky about anything, and was lucky to be hired as a litigation attorney for a big firm in downtown D.C.

I couldn't let this go on forever, though, numbly working in a career with the sole purpose of paying down the debt that got me there, like some bizarre shell game. I struggled to remember: what had I wanted to do instead?

I thought about the day I took the bar exam. I should have been stressed and nervous, like most of my classmates, but I walked into the test excited and ready to ace it. That day in July I had awakened early – not to go over my flashcards one last time (well, I did that, too) – but to watch the broadcast of the space shuttle launch scheduled an hour before my exam.

And I thought about that single impetus that sent me to law school: my love for writing. This is one of the passions I had discovered at OWU, where I'd earned a degree in non-fiction writing but also minors in physics and astronomy. I may have hated

the math, but there was nothing I loved more than running the Student Observatory, where I explored the universe and shared it with others. Yes, that was it: science and communication. How had I gotten so off course?

I couldn't leave the law yet, but I could spend my free time getting back to those pursuits I loved. Just as I was starting at the firm, an up-and-coming local news website, DCist, was looking for arts writers. Even though it wasn't my area of expertise, I signed on. Arts writing turned out to be a lot like science writing; the challenge was to take something mysterious and even intimidating and translate it in a way that's informative and intriguing.

At the time I didn't see it as my ticket out of law; it was just something interesting to do and a way to meet people and get to know the city. But I was also developing skills, such as how to cover a beat and what it took to run an online publication during a time when they were really coming into their own. Within a year, I was the arts editor; within two I was the site's managing editor, and our readership was booming.

The increasing amount of time I was investing in DCist was creating other opportunities, and I rarely said no. Washingtonian Magazine wants a weekly column on my home renovation experiences? Absolutely. A new photo festival needs someone to run its online outreach? I'm on it. Not to mention my idea for what I thought would be a small, one-off photography contest called DCist Exposed that, six years later, has turned into one of the biggest annual art events in the city. Its success became the driving force of Ten Miles Square, my venture that takes promising local artists and exhibits them at alternative venues.

Meanwhile, I deeply missed studying



science. So I decided DCist needed an astronomy column. Soon, an editor from an aerospace magazine came knocking: he was looking for a space blogger and a mutual friend had pointed him to my column. He sent me to Florida to cover a shuttle launch, and I added "aerospace correspondent" to my resume.

I loved it all – the opportunities to be creative, the people I was meeting, the escape from my day job – so it was worth the stressful juggling and sleepless nights to make it all work. And it became about more than trying to enjoy the moment. For five years I continued to practice law by day, but by night and every other free second of my time, I'd become an experienced writer, editor, manager, and science communicator, and had built relationships with amazing people who eagerly stepped forward to help when I was ready make my move.

By the time, I was laid off, I didn't have to search for another legal job. Smithsonian's Air & Space Magazine posted a rare opening for an editor, and I handed over a resume that was made to order. I had finally found my way back to those passions I discovered at OWU. I've had some lucky timing, for sure, but the experience has proved to me that putting effort into the things you love can be a lot more than its own reward.

Heather Goss '00 is an associate editor for Smithsonian's Air & Space Magazine in Washington, D.C.



C. Patricia Ferry '53

TOWER SOCIETY TALK

C. Patricia Ferry '53: Believing in Giving

THE DESIRE TO HELP FULFILL A NEED IS SOMETHING THAT IS ENGRAINED IN CAROLYN PATRICIA "PAT" FERRY '53. She has vivid childhood memories of her father helping those less fortunate. "He always made sure that if someone was in trouble and he could help, he would do it," says Pat from her apartment in Cleveland's University Circle. "My father was a straight arrow and he was very generous. He was just that kind of person."

Many years later, Pat and her parents created the Ferry Family Endowment with the hope of contributing some of their wealth to education. When the time came to begin distributing funds, Ohio Wesleyan was at the top of Pat's list. She has been a member of Tower Society for a handful of years, after committing to include OWU in her estate plans.

"I am pleased to have graduated from Ohio Wesleyan and to have been a part of doing something that might help the school in some way," says Pat.

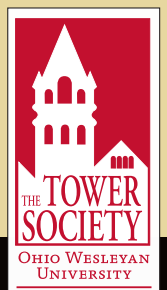
After starting college at the University of Michigan, Pat realized it wasn't the place for her. Just weeks before her sophomore year, at the suggestion of a friend, she decided to transfer to Ohio Wesleyan. It was a decision she never regretted.

"It turned out to be a wonderful experience," says Pat, who double majored in sociology and psychology. "I felt the education I got at OWU was a solid education. I made a lot of friends at OWU, and the professors were approachable and you could talk to them."

Pat had a successful career, a large portion of which was spent at Case Western Reserve University, and she says her education enabled her to get just about any job she wanted. Her career, and her inheritance, have put her in a position to help where there is a need.

"I really have enjoyed being able to do things when there is a need," Pat says. "It's just part of the giving back. I believe in this."

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Bishops on Base in Afghanistan

It all started with an article posted on OWU's Facebook page about a 1994 alumnus, Lt. Col. Howard Marotto, a successful Marine serving in Afghanistan.

"I saw this story and emailed the author, who forwarded my note to the Lt. Col.," shares Army Specialist Carl Harmon '07, who also is stationed in Afghanistan and, as it

turns out, on the very same base as Marotto. Two days later, these OWU alumni met for lunch! Holding an Ohio Wesleyan banner are (left) Army Specialist Carl Harmon '07 and Lt. Col. Howard Marotto '94. To read more about these special Ohio Wesleyan alumni, visit links.owu.edu/afghanistan.