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### **An Afternoon to Remember: The Bishop Champion Games**

Members of OWU's athletic teams and others from the community came out to cheer for participants in the third annual Bishop Champion Games at Selby Stadium on April 15. Hosted by the OWU Athletic Council, the games were designed for special needs athletes and open to children and young adults aged eight and older. The athletes chose from among several events, and each person received a competition t-shirt. An awards assembly following the completion of each event gave the athletes an opportunity to stand on or around the awards podium in the places they had finished. All who participated—athletes and other community members—experienced an afternoon they will fondly remember.

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# Soul of a College: The Liberal Arts at OWU

**THE MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK (OR THE SUNDAY EVENING SPORTS TALK SHOW HOST) CAN BE A FOOTBALL COACH'S MOST NAGGING CRITIC AND CAN CREATE DISTRACTIONS THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE COACH TO SUCCEED.**

But any honest coach will acknowledge that there are times when those on the outside offer perspectives that are worth considering.

It's a bit like that for college and university presidents these days. It seems that everyone, from elected officials to columnists, bloggers and talk show hosts, has found a new interest in the world of higher education. There is good reason for this interest. There are significant concerns about the escalating cost of higher education, the role of technology, and the extent to which college graduates are ready to succeed in the work force. Increasingly, these concerns are accompanied by questions about the value of the liberal arts and the role of a liberal arts education in the 21st century. These are important questions that merit careful attention as well as thoughtful response.

For me, this conversation calls all of us to consider again the mission of Ohio Wesleyan University as a premier liberal arts college. While there are many important features of a liberal arts education, I am drawn to the context in which this education is offered. It is the context of a pedagogical environment characterized by professors who are engaged in teaching and students who take an active role in learning. At Ohio Wesleyan, we expect our faculty to be productive scholars and to participate in the life of the academy. But we expect our professors to place primary emphasis on teaching.

Our students are expected to participate actively in all aspects of their education. The classroom is a dynamic space in which students interact rigorously with their professors and with one another. While students learn the content of courses, perhaps the more important lessons occur as students are challenged to analyze the material that is presented, form their own conclusions, and submit their findings both in oral presentations and in written work. Then they must respond to the questions and critiques of both their instructors and their fellow students.

Professors actively challenge students to sharpen their positions, hone their arguments, and expand their intellectual horizons by considering issues from multiple perspectives and with the benefit of multiple disciplines. In the process, students acquire the passion and skills for lifelong learning, as they claim ownership of their educational objectives. These skills will serve them well, far beyond their college years.

Outside of the classroom, students take responsibility for their education by pursuing internships and apprenticeships, undergraduate research, service learning, artistic creativity, cross-cultural experiences, and study travel. Typically, these experiences are planned in close consultation with a professor or with a member of the administrative staff. Here, students learn to make connections between the theoretical lessons of the classroom and practical experiences in the real world. In the process, students develop the capacity to navigate through the rich complexities of a diverse world and to prepare themselves to function well among individuals and

within organizations of very different cultures, histories, and identities. These are essential capacities for leadership in the 21st century.

Closer to home, each summer, our students participate in a variety of programs in which they gain experience in their fields of study. The Summer Science Research Program is one such experience and includes about three dozen students. Each Wednesday one of the laboratories presents its work to all participants in the program. Earlier this summer, I heard an OWU student senior present his research on the impact of physical activity on the likelihood of colorectal cancer in laboratory mice. He presented the purpose of the study, the methodology being used, the implications for understanding and treating human disease, and the findings to date. He answered with remarkable ease and precision piercing questions from his fellow students and from members of the faculty. I was impressed with the quality of his research, the strength of his presentation, and his ability to discuss multiple aspects of the research and its implications, both for scientific understanding and for the quality of human life. He understood both the science and the humanity of his work.

I am more enthusiastic than ever about the importance and relevance of a liberal arts education. A liberal arts education gives students both the ability to master content and the capacities needed to utilize that content in ways that enhance the quality of the human experience. A liberal arts education inspires students to understand that asking the right questions always precedes the opportunity to find lasting answers. A liberal arts education teaches students to understand and live with the complexity of nuance and to see the patterns of relationships among different areas of knowledge and different ways of being. A liberal arts education challenges students to examine the moral implications both of their own actions as well as the organization of the social order. A

liberal arts education challenges students to develop habits of the mind and of the heart that lead to lifelong learning and provide the foundation for empathetic leadership in a rapidly changing, ever shrinking, increasingly complex and interconnected world.

Ohio Wesleyan remains deeply committed to the value of a liberal arts education. We enhance that value by complementing classroom learning with real world experience. Like all institutions of higher education, we have challenges. We are keenly aware of the need to contain costs on campus and increase the financial assistance available for students. Our tuition increase for next year is among the bottom quartile in the Great Lakes College Association, and our financial aid budget is among the top three in the GLCA. While we work vigorously to contain costs, we cannot compromise the fundamental pedagogy that is grounded in deep relationships of teaching and learning between faculty and students.

Ohio Wesleyan embraces technology as a valuable tool for teaching and learning. This summer, with the benefit of an estate gift designated for classroom and performing arts facilities, we are refurbishing the teaching spaces in Phillips Hall, including the addition of technologies that allow professors to access and present much more information via the Internet as well as to host conversations for students with guests from anywhere in the world. While technology can have enormous impact on providing information to students, it is not likely that content delivered by a professor who will never see, know or work with the students will ever substitute for the pedagogy of direct, active engagement between students and their professors in the pedagogical context of a liberal arts education.

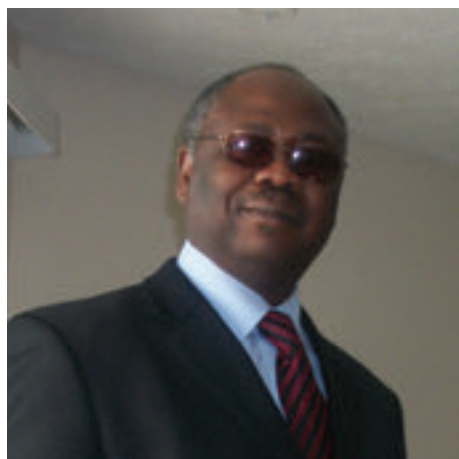
Our program of internships and apprenticeships has prepared students to be competitive in job placement. This summer, our division of Student Affairs has reallocated existing resources in order to enhance our

Office of Career Services. We will provide additional staffing to support career advising, internship placement, and job placement as we seek to demonstrate even more powerfully, the benefit of an OWU education.

With a new curricular initiative adopted this spring that challenges students to connect theory to practice throughout their OWU experience, with a remarkable increase in opportunities for students to expand their intellectual horizons with international and cross-cultural experiences, and with a faculty more committed than ever to the enterprise of undergraduate education and to the success of our students, these are good days at Ohio Wesleyan University. In this issue of the Magazine, you will read about the ways that values of the liberal arts are reflected in the stories of today's students and in the life journeys of selected alumni. And you will read about what some of our faculty are saying about cognitive learning and the implications for pedagogy of engaged teaching and active learning.

After four years at Ohio Wesleyan, I am convinced that the soul of this university is found in its abiding commitment to the liberal arts and to making that commitment relevant in new ways in each succeeding generation. Thank you for your support of Ohio Wesleyan and for being a champion for the importance of the liberal arts in preparing the next generation of moral leaders for a global society.

Rock Jones  
*President of Ohio Wesleyan University*



## Professor Quaye to study health care financing in East Africa

Associate Professor of Black World Studies Randy Quaye was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach courses and conduct research at the University of Dar Es Salaam in Tanzania. His courses will be tied to his specialties: the sociology of health and illness and the sociology of the black experience. His research will continue his interest in the nature of health care financing in East Africa.

“The goal is to evaluate the recently introduced social health care insurance program in Tanzania,” says Quaye of his planned research. “It will allow me to explore the broader goals of health care access, equity, and efficiency in health care delivery systems in Tanzania. This opportunity will allow me to present American society to a foreign audience, and my own African background would prove invaluable in the classroom.”

## Ping Award: Eighth in a Row for OWU Students

Senior Iftekhar Ahmed Showpnil, a biochemistry and biology double major from Dhaka, Bangladesh, was honored for his

leadership and community service contributions by receiving the Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award for 2011-2012. Just a few of Showpnil’s many efforts include raising funds to address issues of world hunger; tutoring and mentoring inner-city schoolchildren; building sheds for Habitat for Humanity; volunteering at Delaware’s Grace Clinic and Common Free Store; participating in river clean-ups; and serving as an initiating leader of the Ohio Wesleyan University-Better Together campaign (a nationwide effort to promote interfaith tolerance through cooperation.

“Iftekhar has the heart of a servant leader,” says OWU President Rock Jones. “In spite of his challenging coursework and his commitment to academic excellence, Iftekhar continually devotes himself to the needs of others. He is a quiet, humble, and inclusive leader.”



Tom Goodman '76, President and CEO of Goodman Media International

## Talking with Marketing and Business Pros

OWU students had an opportunity to hear from and discuss career planning with two prominent marketing and communications professionals during their April visits to campus. Former Kellogg and ING marketing executive Thomas Fink was the Woltemade Center’s Executive-in-Residence during the week of April 9. During his campus stay, Fink lived in the Bigelow-Reed

House and spoke to classes and student groups each day, including members of the OWU Marketing Club. He met with students individually to help them with their career plans. Later that week, Tom Goodman '76, returned to campus to share his knowledge and experience with students. Goodman is president and CEO of Goodman Media International, a leading public relations agency in New York City. During his visit, Goodman met with students in the Bigelow-Reed House to discuss the changing world of public relations in our era of social and digital media. He also offered advice to students about possible internship and job opportunities.

“What an incredible opportunity it was for our students to interact with these two accomplished veterans in the fields of marketing and public relations,” says Alice Simon, co-director of the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business, and Entrepreneurship and the James Heisler Professor of Economics.

*Other Visitors of Note:* John Luikart '71, President and CEO of Bethany Advisors L.L.C. in San Francisco, and Robert Clutterbuck '72, owner of The Clutterbuck Funds, visited campus on April 24 and 25 to meet with students and sit in on economics management and economics classes. Luikart and Clutterbuck also had dinner with several economics students including those who reside in the Bigelow-Reed House to answer questions and discuss career possibilities. Clutterbuck formerly was CEO of McDonald & Co., an investment firm that merged with Key Bank. Luikart served as CEO of Sutro & Co. from 1995-2002, serving before that as General Partner and Executive Vice President at Prescott Ball & Turben in Cleveland, and Chairman of Wedbush Securities, Inc. since 2006.

Also visiting OWU during spring semester was Peter Scholtz '74, President of Scholtz and Co., LLC. Speaking in Professor Alice Simon’s Monetary and Fiscal Policy classes about the current economy and predictions for the future, Scholtz focused on the housing market, unemployment, the fiscal cliff, and Hauser’s Law, which, as Simon explains, reveals that regardless of tax rates, revenue as a percentage of GDP remains constant. Scholtz also interviewed potential interns and employees for his investment firm while on campus.



## Greg Moore '76 Elected Co-Chair of Pulitzer Prize Board

OWU's Greg Moore '76, editor of *The Denver Post*, and Thomas Friedman, bestselling author and foreign affairs columnist for *The New York Times*, were elected co-chairs of the Pulitzer Prize Board. Both have served on the board since 2004. Moore and Friedman will share responsibilities for one year.

At the Denver newspaper since 2002, Moore previously worked at *The Boston Globe* for 16 years, serving the last eight years as managing editor. He was a reporter at the *Dayton Journal Herald*, and was a reporter, state political editor, and day city editor at *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland.

Under Moore's editorship, *The Post* won Pulitzer Prizes for Feature Photography in 2010 and 2012 and for Editorial Cartooning in 2011. The newspaper was a finalist for both Breaking News Reporting and Investigative Reporting in 2007. Moore was named Journalist of the Year by the New England Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists in 1996. He also is a former member of OWU's Board of Trustees.

## OWU Newsbytes

### Mexican Migration Subject of Vogel Lecture at OWU

Economics professor Bob Gitter presented "La Travesia a Delaware y Columbus—The Journey to Delaware and Columbus: A Look at Mexican Migration to Central Ohio," at OWU's 28th Joseph and Edith Vogel Lecture on April 12. Sponsored by the history department, the Vogel Lecture is made possible by the generosity of their son, Ezra Vogel '50, the Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences Emeritus at Harvard University. Gitter talked about historical migration patterns of Hispanics in the United States and turned to research involving why people migrated to Ohio. Among those factors are cost of living, job opportunities, and safer living environment. Gitter offered demographic information about Hispanics living in Central Ohio as well as challenges they face.

### Professor Ezra Vogel Discusses Book about Deng Xiaoping

Delaware native Ezra Vogel '50, the Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences Emeritus at Harvard University and former director of Harvard's Fairbank Center for East Asian Research and the Asia Center, discussed his critically acclaimed new book *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China* on April 11 in OWU's campus center. Praised as a "masterful new history of China's reform era, the 928-page biography examined the Deng regime, that led the People's Republic of China from 1978-1992. Vogel's presentation was sponsored by Ohio Wesleyan's Woltemade Center for Economics, Business, and Entrepreneurship and by the East Asian Studies Program.



# HOMECOMING

## W E E K E N D

### Ohio Wesleyan University

**Come home to OWU for Homecoming on October 26-28.** It will be a weekend of fun, celebration, reunions with friends—and even a bonfire on the Hill! Many exciting events and activities await, including:

- Young Alumni and International Alumni career panel discussions
- Soccer celebration and pre-game tailgate
- '67 Football Team Reunion
- Reunions of SUBA, swimming and diving teams, Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Fall theatre production
- OWU Athletic Hall of Fame inductions
- Greek and small living unit open houses
- Performing Arts Series production, and more.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. SEE YOU AT OWU!**

# Hats Off to the Class of 2012!



“Here at OWU, you learned to examine complex problems from the perspective of multiple disciplines of knowledge toward the aim of developing lasting solutions.”

OWU President Rock Jones

**PERIODIC SPRINKLES OF RAIN DIDN'T DAMPEN THE SPIRITS OF OWU'S CLASS OF 2012 AS PHILLIPS GLEN BECKONED HER NEWEST GROUP OF GRADUATES, THEIR FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS TO THE ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION HELD APPROPRIATELY, ON MOTHER'S DAY.**

Welcoming everyone, OWU President Rock Jones spoke about the sizeable growth of OWU during the past four years—expansion of campus programs, new and renovated buildings, research and learning possibilities made possible by The OWU Connection and myriad Theory-to-Practice, Travel-Learning and other off-campus learning opportunities, and OWU's Course Connections—and even a national men's soccer championship.

“You have witnessed economic challenge in the world and have observed complex interdisciplinary problems and challenges ... you learned

to care deeply for those closest to you and those you don't know,” said Jones, noting the fact that he and the 2012 graduating class arrived at OWU together four years ago. “You learned so much ... in your classes, laboratories, libraries, and around the world.” Of great importance at this time, advised OWU's Commencement speaker, Dr. Mae Jemison, is that new graduates take time to reflect on all that they have accomplished while at Ohio Wesleyan.

Jemison, a physician, scientist, engineer, educator, and former NASA astronaut, urged the graduates to use what they have learned about the world.

“Ask yourselves, ‘What difference does it make if I have a place at the table?’ You need to bring your perspectives along with questions you ask and solutions you offer. You each have a role to play. It's a matter of how you use your tools and knowledge.” The future, Jemison said, never just happens. “It is created.”



OWU's Class of 2012 included 63 cum laudes, 35 magna cum laudes, and 23 summa cum laudes, and one graduate with a perfect 4.0 grade point average: Ellen Graham Platt.

Receiving honorary degrees from OWU this year were Helen Crider Smith '56 and Gordon V. Smith '54; Terrance G. McGuire, and Mae Jemison. Adam Poe recipients were retiring professors Craig Ramsay (politics and government), Sandra Harper (modern foreign languages), Harvey Freeman (psychology), and Margie Shade (health and human kinetics) who contributed a total of 141 years of service .

More about Commencement 2012 at [links.owu.edu/commencement](http://links.owu.edu/commencement)





# 2012 Teaching Awardees Lauded

As part of the 2012 Commencement, two Ohio Wesleyan professors were recognized by their peers with teaching awards. History Professor Michael Flamm, who also chairs the department, was honored with the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award. Assistant Professor of Biology David Markwardt received the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for the Encouragement of Teachers. The professors, who combined, have taught 23 years at Ohio Wesleyan, were surprised and awed to receive the award so early in their respective careers.

Flamm is in his 14th year at Ohio Wesleyan. He is a scholar of modern U.S. political history, teaching specialized courses on America and Vietnam, Crime and Punishment, Women and Gender, Historical Fiction, and America in the Sixties, among others. He has served as a consultant to the National Endowment for the Humanities and the College Board, and is the

author or co-author of five books. Being honored with the Bishop Herbert Welch award came as a huge surprise to him.

“In my experience, this award tends to go to people who are finishing their career at OWU, who are considerably older than I,” he says in jest. “It is, however, a great honor because the award was given to me by colleagues, by my peers who clearly recognize and respect the work I am doing. It is very meaningful that it comes from them.”

Flamm says he enjoys teaching all of his courses and appreciates that Ohio Wesleyan gives him the freedom to create courses and explore new areas. “I have a personal and professional attachment to virtually everything I teach at OWU,” he says. Students have responded well to his courses and seem to be hungry to learn about modern U.S. history, particularly history since World War II and the 1960s. His course Crime and Punishment in America is part of OWU’s Course Connections,



*Professor Michael Flamm*

a curricular initiative with networks of courses centered on a theme, providing a multi-disciplinary approach to a topic. Flamm says his course and the Course Connections initiative have enhanced the learning experience.

Aside from the freedom to develop his courses, Flamm says he enjoys working with

## HONORING THE OWU LEGACIES





Assistant Professor David Markwardt

students, getting to know them well, and seeing them grow as people and as students during their four years at OWU. At Ohio Wesleyan, he is able to track the growth of his students the way he couldn't at a larger institution, he says. "I value the relationships I have built with students over the years and follow them in their careers after

they leave OWU and become potentially future historians," he says.

Flamm received his bachelor's degree from Harvard University and his master's and Ph.D. from Columbia University. He lives in Columbus, Ohio, with his wife, Jennifer, and their children, Austin and Alexandra.

Markwardt joined Ohio Wesleyan in 2003. He teaches courses in cell biology, cell and molecular biology, and immunology. His research focuses on the biomolecular mechanisms that underlie a cell's ability to modulate the expression of genes in response to changing environmental conditions. He also teaches seminars in cancer biology, molecular biology of aging, and psychopharmacology. Being honored with the Sherwood Dodge Shankland award was humbling, Markwardt says.

"When Dr. Robbins announced that I had won, I was momentarily confused," he says. "It simply hadn't occurred to me that I might win the Shankland Award, and when he said my name I thought for the briefest moment that he was talking about someone else with my name. There is a rich tradition of teaching here at OWU and a list of amazing people who have won this award. Having my name on that list

is very special; it makes me want to work all the harder to justify my colleagues' decision."

Markwardt says he enjoys all his courses, but particularly enjoys the upper level labs. "It's in lab that I really get to know the students, and that is the setting where they see how science is actually done," he says.

He hopes that when students leave his courses they do so with a new or renewed interest in the subject and a clear understanding of the many ways that cell and molecular biology affect their lives and the lives of those that they care about. He also hopes they have acquired the tools to continue learning on their own.

"It is one thing for students to go to class, take notes, and write papers and exams," he says. "It is quite another to be able to find out answers to questions on their own and to be able to organize their thoughts and approach to self-study. I hope that my students want to continue to learn after leaving my class."

Markwardt received his bachelor's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He lives in Worthington, Ohio, with his wife, Rachel, and their two children, Henry and Anna.

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## Humanities-Classics Department boasts three published authors in 2012

While it can take years in academia to have one's research and ideas published, three faculty of the Department of Humanities-Classics have succeeded in being published, all within a matter of months. Don Lateiner, Lee Fratantuono, and Sally Livingston reveal a range of topics in their books, all published in 2012.

While these three authors did not plan to have their books published at the same time, the occasion illustrates not only how the department's faculty is always thinking about research and how it can connect with their teaching, but also how seriously it takes the teacher-scholar model, says Anne Sokolsky, professor and chair of the humanities-classics department. For a relatively small department of five full-time faculty, this is quite an accomplishment, she says.

"Our job as professors has many layers," Sokolsky says. "The most public or obvious layer is what we teach in the classroom, but I am not sure our students always realize that there is another side to our job, which is to do research and write articles and books about our research."

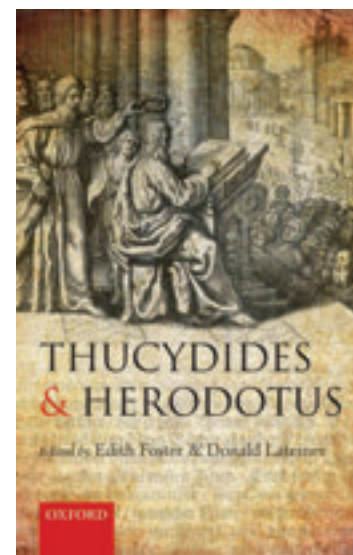
Professor Lateiner is the most senior colleague in the department and his publishing record is intimidating but inspirational, setting the bar very high for the rest of the department, Sokolsky says. Lateiner now adds *Thucydides & Herodotus*, which he authored with Edith Foster. The book, scheduled to publish in May by the Oxford University Press, is composed of 12 essays that examine connections and divergences between the two first historians and their methods of recording the past and its relationship to the present.

"For all of us, our research is connected with our classes," Sokolsky says. "For example, Sally Livingston's next book project is about fairy tales and money. This is something she discusses in her version of OWU's course on Myth, Legend, and Folklore. In my classes, I have used my own articles when appropriate in lecture. Lee Fratantuono has been great about getting his students advanced enough in Latin to help co-write an article with him."

Fratantuono, associate professor of humanities-classics and professor of Latin, will publish *Madness Triumphant: A Reading of Lucan's Pharsalia* in July with Lexington Books. The book offers the most detailed and comprehensive analysis of Lucan's epic poem of the civil war between Caesar and Pompey to have appeared in English.

"In our department, while we are specialists of different parts of the world, what is similar about our research is that we have to cull material from archives, often very obscure archives, read the material in the original language, think about it, and then formulate a research question to discuss in detail," Sokolsky says. "This is very private, often done in dusty libraries in other parts of the world, or in one's study at home."

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## Thucydides and Herodotus

A three-year labor of love, the concept for which took shape during a professional meeting of the American Philological Association in 2009, resulted in a 12-chapter book, *Thucydides & Herodotus*, co-edited by OWU Professor of Humanities-Classics Don Lateiner, and Ashland University Professor of History Edith Foster. The book was published this May by Oxford University Press.

"We wanted to focus on the relationship between the younger Greek historian, Thucydides, and the Father of History, Herodotus," says Lateiner. One explained the Hellenic world's greatest achievement, the other, its disastrous self-defeating mutually assured destruction beginning only 50 years later. Most of the panelists who participated in the conference revised their papers and wrote chapters for the book, he notes, adding that other distinguished scholars from Germany, Great Britain, Canada, and Switzerland also were invited to contribute. Once Lateiner and Foster found the missing link—their scholar to write about Homer and the historians—the 12-person cast was complete.

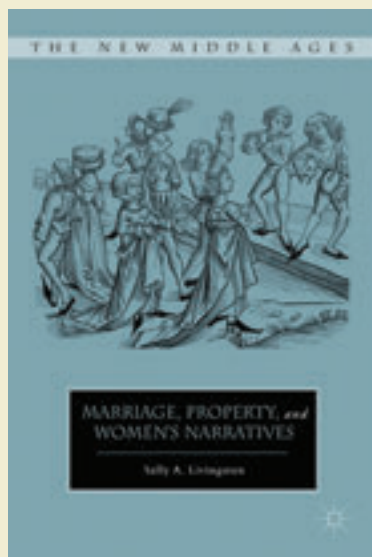
The first part of the book is about methods of presenting speeches, the uses of statistics, and parallel structures in the two prose writers. "Part Two addresses common themes and how the two historiographers treat comparable crises, battles, diplomatic procedures, and

other ethnic groups,” Lateiner says. His chapter is about oaths—when individuals and states decided to use them, what constitutes an oath, and conditions determining when historians reported or included oaths in their works. “The last three chapters [of our book] focus on the influence of the first historians, Thucydides and Herodotus, on later Greek and Roman writers,” says Lateiner, such as the Greek Xenophon, Aristotle in his *Rhetoric*, and authors in the Roman Republic, such as Sallust and the orator Cicero.

“Homer’s epics, the oldest narratives in Greek literature, thought by the Greeks to be ‘historical,’ are filled with oaths,” says Lateiner. “The very number of oaths show a growing lack of trust between the Greeks—Athenians and Spartans—and between Greeks and Persians. Oaths lost meaning and power in Thucydides’ Peloponnesian War, as states and individuals became more dubious about the gods’ enforcement of them and readier to risk legal penalties for forswearing them.” Foster closely compares Herodotus’ account of the Persian attack at Thermopylae in 480 to Thucydides’ detailed account of the Battle of Pylos in 424—the first a Spartan moral victory (despite the annihilation of Leonidas’ 300 Spartiates), the second a defeat in all respects and a shock to the Hellenic world. The Spartans’ defeat and surrender at Pylos in their own Peloponnesian territory shattered their “do or die” reputation. Thucydides modeled his account on his predecessor’s and ironically echoes him in his very words.

*Thucydides & Herodotus* is directed, Lateiner says, at scholarly audiences including researchers and graduate students. “All chapters could be published in professional journals,” he says, noting a trend in academic publishing toward collections of essays on a common subject or theme. “It’s nice to have these related studies between two [book] covers, as opposed to searching for them dispersed in twelve separate journals.” *Thucydides & Herodotus* is available from any local bookstore who orders it (the Beehive in Delaware, for instance), from Oxford’s website, or from Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com.

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Sally A. Livingston, Assistant Professor of Humanities-Classics  
**Marriage, Property, and Women's Narratives**

*Palgrave Macmillan, The New Middle Ages Series, April 2012*

The idea for Sally Livingston’s book, *Marriage, Property, and Women’s Narratives*, was in her head for 25 years before it found its way to the written page. Her book stems from the questions she asked herself during her 20-year career as an investment advisor working primarily with wealthy women clients. She was surprised by how many women exhibited a fear of money. She decided she needed to find out why, revising the question Virginia Woolf posed in *A Room of One’s Own*: “Why are women poor?” Livingston asked a related question: “Why do women *think* they are poor?”

Livingston’s research took her back to the Middle Ages, a time, she says, when women in many parts of Europe lost the right to own property in their own names. In the process of research, she ended up back in graduate school

and earned her Ph.D. in comparative literature from Harvard in 2008. Her dissertation titled “Owning Property, Being Property” formed the basis for this book.

“Drawing from three different time periods and three distinct legal models of female property ownership, I investigate how women writers frame their responses to both owning property and being property within the context of marriage,” Livingston says. “I trace the loss of women’s economic rights and argue that literary narratives allow these writers to take possession of property they would not otherwise be able to own.

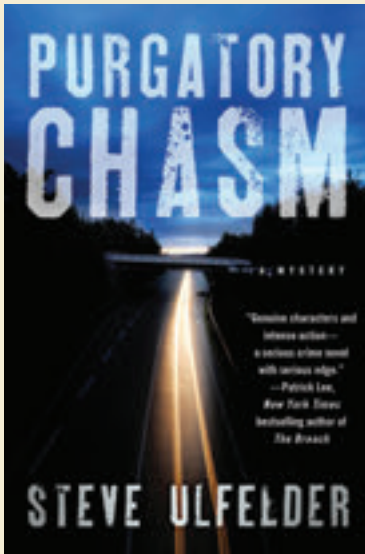
“To return to my original question, I conclude that over the course of the last 900 years women have conflated being the property of their husbands with owning property themselves. Being owned, it is impossible to own.”

Livingston’s investigation began her very first year in graduate school, continued through the dissertation stage and an additional three years. While she was a lecturer on history and literature and on comparative literature at Harvard, she revised her dissertation for publication. Her final rewrites were completed this fall when she began teaching at Ohio Wesleyan as an assistant professor of humanities-classics.

She is hopeful that readers of the book will begin to read women’s literature more critically. “It is not only the marriage plot that forms the basis of their narratives,” she says. “Rather, they are deeply critical of the institution of marriage precisely because it constricts their control over their economic lives.”

*Marriage, Property, and Women’s Narratives* can be found at Amazon.com.

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## Purgatory Chasm

*First in a series of four books*

After decades as a business and technology journalist, Steve Ulfelder '83 decided to abandon his career to follow his heart. Ultimately, that decision took him in two directions. He pursued his love of race cars and founded Flatout Motorsports Inc., while also writing the mystery novel he had always wanted to pen. That novel, *Purgatory Chasm*, published in May 2011, earned him a nomination for an Edgar. Presented by the Mystery Writers of America, the Edgar, named in honor of Edgar Allan Poe, is given for distinguished work in the mystery genre and is considered one of the nation's most prestigious writing awards. Ulfelder's book was entered in the Best First Novel category.

Although *Purgatory Chasm* did not win the award, the book recently was honored as Best First Mystery of 2011 by RT Book Reviews. It also has received praise from notable publications, including *The New York Times*.

*Purgatory Chasm* is the first in what will be a hard-boiled mystery series of four books, the second of which, *The Whole Lie*, was published in May 2012 with Minotaur Publishing, an imprint of St. Martin's Press.

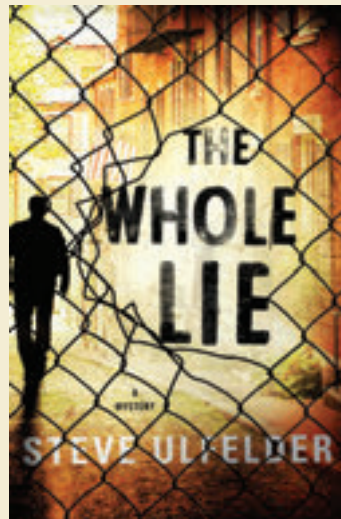
"Series mysteries have always been my favorite books," Ulfelder says. "In such books, your first job is to write a good whodunit. But you must also write characters that readers want to revisit year after year."

On the surface, Ulfelder says, Conway is a pretty straight shooter, but beneath that "there's an ongoing story of a man seeking redemption for sins committed long ago—sins for which he can't forgive himself."

At Ohio Wesleyan, Ulfelder studied English and creative writing, though he admits he had to brush up on his novel writing before embarking on his first book. He says that English and Humanities-Classics professors Robert Flanagan, Ülle Lewes, Donald Lateiner, and Charles Weis remain important figures in his life today, nearly three decades after he graduated. "I treasure my memories of OWU and the education I received there," he says. Today he works from his home in Worcester, Massachusetts, and spends his weekends with Team Flatout racing his Honda S2000.

Ulfelder's books are available at Barnes & Noble Booksellers and Amazon.com, and most other major bookstores. He hopes to have them available at the OWU Bookstore as well.

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In a world where health care is one of the hottest topics around, **Kara Trott '83** wants to change the conversation in a big way. As CEO of Quantum Health in Columbus, Ohio, Trott has dedicated her career to making health care simpler, more approachable, and even more affordable for patients.

By *Amanda Zechiel '09*

WHILE TROTT'S GOALS MAY SOUND AT FIRST LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN INDUSTRY BUZZWORDS, HER COMPANY'S APPROACH TO ACHIEVING THEM IS INNOVATIVE IN CRITICAL WAYS. The work of Quantum Health is not to offer treatment or to sell insurance coverage; it is exclusively to help patients manage the health care process in

a way that makes sense to them. Quantum's clients, usually large employers who self-fund their employees' health plan, hire Quantum to coordinate care management for their employees. And the way Quantum does this, rooted in a philosophy Trott spent years developing, makes all the difference.

After a successful early career in retail planning and law, Trott stumbled upon the field

of health care. It was when she was a lawyer doing strategic consulting for health care organizations that she began to gain insight into issues of this complex system.

"I began to pick up on the fact that many issues in the health care world are consumer behavioral issues, based in the fact that the process of receiving health care is just not very friendly to go through, especially during an





Trott and Dyann Byrd review a patient's profile in Quantum's proprietary system.

inevitably emotional time for patients," she explains.

Trott considered the many things patients must go through when seeking treatment—benefit plans, treatment options, various doctors, payment structures, and the list goes on. And all of this, of course, while processing fear, stress, and anxiety at often unprecedented degrees. This constellation of factors, Trott believed, was what made health care such a difficult thing: a system that ignores what it's really like to be a human being navigating through a very complex situation. To that end, Trott theorized that profound implications could result from managing health care through the lens of the human experience.

"If you can understand the consumer, you can organize the process virtually in a way that makes sense and create a 'Walmart greeter' to walk patients through the process. To help them get exactly what they need when they need it. To free people up to have a positive experience at what is a very difficult time in their lives," she says.

Trott says that fixing the experience means saving money, too. Pulling from her retail background, she knew that a better experience increased store sales. A better health care experience, she postulated, would mean more money in the pockets of everyone involved. Trott spent two years leading a study, diving into her theory. And it paid off. At the end of the study in 1999, she had data to support her ideas and companies interested in seeing their employees benefit from them. Trott and her business partner led the effort to manage customer service and care management for

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three companies that had participated in the study and believed in the difference an innovative approach to care could make. Just like that, Quantum Health was born.

"Putting the ideas into practice, the focus was on forming relationships with patients and opening up the dialogue. By this transparent approach, we could help the patient make the best decisions for their trajectory of care, improve the experience, and eliminate unnecessary expenses along the way," Trott explains.

*It worked.* By 2002, the company was thriving and Trott knew it was time to spread the word. Just a few years later, Quantum had a national strategy and sales staff, which has been the key to its booming business ever since. Quantum is recognized as the industry leader in this type of health management, and the company's approach is often referred to industry-wide as "The Quantum Model." Of course, Trott and her team aren't stopping now. They plan to have 400 employees by the end of the year, and Quantum recently was

rated one of the top 50 businesses in the nation owned or led by women. Consistently ranked one of the best places to work in central Ohio, Quantum cares about people, and that caring attitude continues to be Quantum's core value, whether for employees, clients, or patients.

For Trott, it's a dream come true to be able to apply her talents to work she knows is making the world a better place. And central to her ability to do so, she says, is the foundation laid by her liberal arts education.

"The number one thing I learned at OWU is *how* to think—not what to think," she points out. "Plus, I was encouraged to be creative enough to explore things that aren't necessarily stated up front." She remembers fondly the way her courses at OWU opened her eyes to different perspectives and ways of viewing the world. Certainly, Trott's capacity for imagining a different way of doing things is what has made Quantum Health an organization that is changing what it means to receive health care.

"Reframe the problem, forget everything you know, forget the conventional wisdom," Trott says. "Ask yourself: what is the essence of the problem? Reorder how you do things. When you do that, new possibilities become real."

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“The connections are everywhere—  
once you start looking for them.”

Ellen Arnold  
*Assistant Professor of History, Ohio Wesleyan University*

# MyWorld.Connect

With six Course Connections topics in place, OWU students and faculty are practicing cross-disciplinary thinking as never before.

By Pam Besel

**Food.** It's a multi-billion dollar industry. It's necessary for life, a cause for celebration, and part of ceremonial occasions in every religion and culture.

Yet as important as food is to every aspect of our existence, we often don't think about the issues that surround it: Where does our food come from? Who has too much and who doesn't have enough? How can we produce more and still promote safe, sustainable farming practices? How do we deal with issues as disparate as famine and obesity? How do we solve the problem of malnutrition and feed more than seven billion people worldwide?

All these important food-related topics were the focus of a group of students and faculty who participated in *Food: How Production and Consumption Shape Our Bodies, Our Cultures, and Our Environments*, one of Ohio Wesleyan's six new Course Connections. These networks of topical courses are a rich opportunity for students to study a theme in depth by taking selected courses across a variety of disciplines and divisions, all the while learning about the importance of thinking more expansively and critically about important issues. Course Connections represent a more intentional way of learning in a liberal arts environment, where students and faculty from myriad academic disciplines, majors, ages, scholarly and personal pursuits, and mindsets venture together into parts unknown.



**“Our Course Connection turned anxiety of the unknown into joy of pursuing and discussing important questions.”**

PROFESSOR ED KAHN **THEATRE & DANCE**

**“I’ve turned into the food policewoman! I find myself interjecting comments to my friends as they eat, saying, ‘Do you know where that came from?’”**

ERICKA KAZI '14

*Students in Professor Chris Fink’s health and human kinetics personal health class learn about food nutrition.*

Professor of Botany-Microbiology Laurie Anderson and Associate Professor of Psychology Vicki DiLillo are co-coordinators of the Food Course Connection. The group formed out of a workshop for interested faculty, and more than a dozen professors teaching courses in the English, health and human kinetics, philosophy, zoology, history, and sociology-anthropology departments decided to join and become part of the discussions and programs. Students majoring in disciplines including botany-microbiology, sociology/anthropology, environmental studies, and music theory rounded out the group this past year. Students participating in a Course Connection must complete four designated network courses between fall 2011 and spring 2013, representing three different academic divisions in humanities/literature, social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics and computer science, the arts, and health and human kinetics—each including specific assignments on food. One blog assignment for each chosen course is required, so that students have an ongoing record of their thinking and intellectual growth on the topic of food. Selecting a minimum of six films, lectures, and other events (one per semester during the two year period), students submit one blog assignment per event. Lastly, participation in three of the four end-of-semester banquets brings students, professors, and cultures together. For example, the Fall 2011 banquet focused on an African theme. All agree that one of the most valuable parts of the Course Connection experience is coming together as a group to share insights with, as Erika Nininger '14, a music theory major, says, “people you normally wouldn’t get to know here.” Students weren’t the only ones who appreciated those interactions.

“One of the most interesting events for me was listening to a professor from Yale University talk about food history and then hearing our students’ thoughts afterwards,” says DiLillo. For Ellen Arnold, assistant professor of history and an environmental historian, the opportunity



to have interdisciplinary conversations about academics with her peers and students also was very important.

“Once we start looking, the connections are everywhere,” she says. That also is apparent in the many courses students can select to fulfill their Course Connections requirements.

As a student in Anderson’s “Ecology and the Human Future” class, Alex D’Amore-Braver '14 wrote about the use of genetic modification of crops to increase agricultural productivity while also engineering them to withstand harmful insecticides, pests, and viruses. “But in addition to education and science, we need the fields of economics, politics, psychology, and sociology on board to fully create and execute a plan for efficient, sustainable agriculture,” wrote D’Amore-Braver, adding the need for government policies to enforce ecologically safe farming practices.

Other recent programs and field trips attended by Food Course Connection members focused on everything from medieval seasonal cuisine ideas to controversial issues associated with production of corn to an examination of alternative options for the treatment of industrial farm animals, to the Delaware CROP Hunger Walk, a lecture on food policy in Africa, and apple picking at an orchard in Marion, Ohio.

Ericka Kazi '14, a sociology-anthropology major who visited a dairy farm not far from Delaware as part of her environmental ethics class, observed how organic farmers can help the environment. “I came away from this [experience] deciding to stray from eating meat,” she says, adding that it was enlightening to learn about methods involved in producing food.

Both Kazi and D’Amore-Braver recall being

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## Beyond the Silos

“Looking at things from different perspectives forces students to engage with knowledge as more than a set of facts,” says Assistant Professor of Psychology Sarah Bunnell as she talks about the benefits of Course Connections. “For example, if students look at the idea of consciousness from the standpoints of neuroscience, psychology, philosophy, and physics, they are forced to recognize ideas as fluid concepts. Knowledge is not absolute; it is contextual, and what we take from any idea is selective.”

Bunnell says students are enthusiastic about this new way of teaching and learning. “We hear from students that they feel empowered by these classes because they are encouraged to engage with the material in a different way,” she says. “When they look at a concept through multiple lenses, they see the role they themselves play in constructing knowledge.”

A perhaps unexpected benefit of the Course Connections is that students come to view their major coursework differently. “They say that these courses help them in their major fields as well because now they are more able to see the connections between their discipline-specific courses and other courses they may be taking to meet distribution requirements,” Bunnell says. “Course Connections intentionally model the liberal arts [ways of thinking]. Students are internalizing those modes of thinking and using them in other contexts.”

Course Connections also change the dynamics between teacher and student, Bunnell says. “The active, integrative learning approach required in the courses also forces the faculty to stretch, to be explicit about their own ways of thinking. Teachers, after all, are processors of knowledge, not just purveyors of information. As faculty wrestle with thinking beyond their own disciplines, they become more transparent to their students and invite students to process knowledge with them. It makes for wonderful relationships between faculty and students.”

Bunnell sees a bright future for Course Connections. “I think this idea will grow on campus because, as a liberal arts institution, we are actually practicing what we preach,” she says. “We are thinking outside our disciplines, and that type of learning is deeper than what occurs if we’re embedded in our own disciplinary silos all the time.

“Students coming to liberal arts institutions are expecting exactly this kind of engaged, interactive, integrative experience,” Bunnell continues. “I would say that Ohio Wesleyan is in the vanguard of offering this type of liberal arts program. Many liberal arts institutions are trying other sorts of learning models, but we’re in relatively new waters here. We’re taking a really good idea, modeling it, and collecting data on the outcomes. There’s a lot of positive momentum.”

Both students and faculty are having positive experiences. “Faculty members are excited, not only in the classroom, but also among themselves. Dealing with a specific topic opens the floodgates to wonderful kinds of conversations and great ideas about teaching,” Bunnell says. “Teaching can be a somewhat private enterprise, and this helps us understand our own disciplines in new ways.

“The Course Connections framework gives us opportunity to model how and why the liberal arts approach works, not just for four years, but over a lifetime.”

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## COURSE CONNECTIONS... AHA! THOUGHTS AND MOMENTS

"I've expanded the way I talk about food in the courses I teach and have a new understanding about the way food is produced. I also have a different understanding about environmental impact for farmers, and what further determines how food gets from plate to mouth."

PROFESSOR VICKI DILILLO  
PSYCHOLOGY

"WE HAD THE ABILITY TO INTERACT AS INTELLECTUAL EQUALS, NOT WITH AN AGENDA OR SYLLABUS...AND HAD MORE FREEDOM TO FOLLOW TOPICS INTO NEW AREAS."

PROFESSOR ASHLEY BISER  
POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

"Real-world problems, such as the ethics of our food and agriculture practices, don't fit neatly into any one discipline, but are necessarily interdisciplinary. Thus, when my environmental ethics class studied food and agriculture, it was great to have students in the class who had studied food issues in their biology and anthropology courses and could bring those scientific and cultural perspectives to our discussion."

PROFESSOR SHARI STONE-MEDIATORE  
PHILOSOPHY

pleasantly surprised about how much they liked the interdisciplinary approach to their Course Connection.

"I didn't know what to expect," admits D'Amore-Braver. Kazi agrees. "I didn't think I would come away from this experience with such intense friendships with our professors." They also felt the impact of being in a new, more intimate learning environment.

"Many of the problems and challenges involving food require an interdisciplinary understanding in terms of why people make the choices they do as they grow, produce, eat, and distribute food," says Anderson.

"Students and professors benefit from participating in Course Connections. Those who represent different academic disciplines approach the study of subjects in varying ways, bringing their own practices, ways of thinking, and biases. There are advantages to looking at a topic from many directions, and we have to wrestle with different concepts and ideas... Answers don't come in neat little boxes."

PROFESSOR BARBARA ANDERECK PHYSICS

"A recurring theme of our discussions had to do with ignorance—that we often choose to ignore that which is before us, and choose to turn away from unpleasanties."

ANDREW ROSSI '13

"I had several 'take-away' experiences resulting from our Food Course Connection. The first was a rethinking of my course on Human Ecology, which I refocused, so that most of the course deals with the impacts of different ways of acquiring food and of the implications of changing ways of food acquisition for sociocultural evolution. Most evidence suggests that the development of agriculture (as opposed to earlier hunting and gathering) led to the worsening of nutrition and health. I also thought about when the Europeans colonized the Americas, they brought diseases to the Indians, leading to the death by disease of an estimated 80 to 90 percent of Indians. New diseases—smallpox, influenza, measles—had jumped from livestock to people, becoming serious killers with widespread epidemics, then settled down to become endemic."

PROFESSOR JIM PEOPLES SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY

## MODERN LIVES. Seven professors. Five registered students. And an OWU Course Connection called *Modern Life and Its Discontents*.

Throughout spring semester, Modern Life Connection members—mostly juniors and seniors—representing academic disciplines and majors such as philosophy, sociology/anthropology, politics and government, theatre & dance, geology, English, women's and gender studies, and botany-microbiology, pondered the meaning of modernity.

"Within each of these disciplines, we considered the designations of 'modern art,' 'modern science,' 'modern philosophy,' and so on," says Ashley Biser, assistant professor

of politics and government and coordinator of the Modern Life Connection. "We sensed that something has changed over the years." Members of her network met together for weekly capstone seminars. Students also were required to complete four courses in three different academic divisions; in many cases, they already had taken those classes before the seminars.

"We looked at the world and considered how all of these [academic] disciplines connect," says Ed Kahn, associate professor of theatre & dance. "We discussed, for example, how globalization has changed our lives and the problems resulting from our increasingly interconnected world." Along those lines, issues involving power, fairness in terms of resource allocation, and the ramifications of genetic modification of crops were heartily debated.

There were, as Kamila Goldin '13 describes, additional friendly rivalries during these weekly roundtable discussions when professors and students talked in earnest as eager learners and participants.

"I brought in two articles: one on modernism in Japan," says Goldin, a philosophy and women's and gender studies double major, "and the other about Japanese Buddhist women who were trying to make teachings more inclusive."

Course Connection members thought about how modernism translates globally and to the point of challenging traditions and narratives that have existed for thousands of years. Students and professors also took their own academic interests outside of the Course Connection, linking them to the idea of modernity as they traveled to the Creation Museum in Cincinnati, attended the OWU theatre productions of Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler* and Barrie's *Dear Brutus*, and continued working on their final portfolio projects.

"I'll always remember sitting in the Crider

"Modernity is a qualitative, not a chronological, category."

Theodor Adorno

Lounge and talking with wonderful professors and students for two hours after *Hedda Gabler*," says Anne Flowers '12, a theatre & dance and biology major. "We discussed the play from different perspectives, and it was interesting to see how people from other academic disciplines viewed things." Similarly, Andrew Rossi '13, a theatre & dance and geology double major, enjoyed hearing perspectives from other students and professors he might not otherwise get to know. As part of his Modern Life Playwriting class, Rossi wrote several science-related plays, one for production on campus.

"In our group discussions, there was no right answer, but rather, a best observation or solution for which we hoped," says Rossi. "This Course Connection has opened my eyes to learn about other topics. I'm going into the future with a better sense of what modernity is."

At the end of the Modern Life capstone seminar, students revised work they previously had done in one of their courses, with an eye toward modernity, and completed their portfolios, explaining how each course supplemented ideas on modern life. Students also shared thoughts with the group about what they had learned. For Anni Liu '13, next year means yet another Course Connection, this time, about food. She admits coming away with more questions than answers after this year's experience, while feeling very good about what she has learned.

"It's all about living and learning and discovering what it means to be a scholar," says Liu. I think it is liberal arts learning at its best."

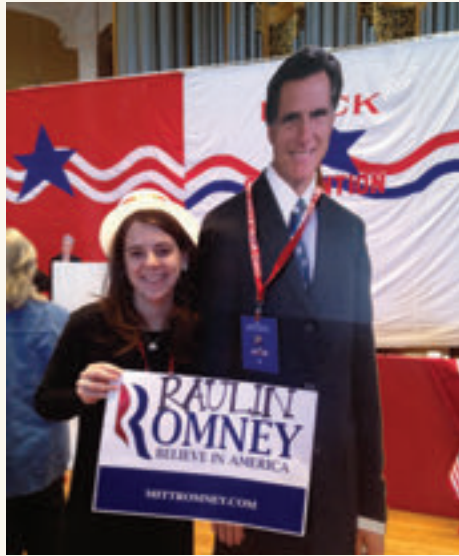
View a full description of OWU Course Connections at [links.owu.edu/courseconnections](http://links.owu.edu/courseconnections)

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# Toward Global Citizenship

## ...Reflections of a Recent Graduate

At 10 a.m. on August 24, 2008, I sat down in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center Benes Room to attend a worship service led by Chaplain Powers and the newly inaugurated President Jones. While I was there partly to be able to tell my mother I went to a church service even in college, little did I know that the message President Jones gave that day would shape and be the basis of my education and experiences at OWU. The message was simple, yet something important that challenged me to put into practice every day: the realization that while we all have our unique differences, strengths, and weaknesses, we are all human beings, equal in both value and worth.



Throughout the past four years, I was surprised at how frequently my experiences emphasized this concept of equality and how applicable it is to being an engaged global citizen. During my sophomore year, I spent spring break in Chicago on a mission team learning about interfaith movements and Muslim-Christian dialogue. I remember a meeting where I sat next to a Muslim-American woman wearing a hijab. I noticed how different we looked on the outside.

What I took away from that interaction wasn't our differences, but our similarities, and while we practiced different religions, we both believed in the fundamental values of respect and love. My religion did not make me superior or inferior as a person.

This concept of equality was really put to the test when I traveled to Bangladesh for three weeks as part of a Travel-Learning Course on Global Poverty. Although Bangladesh is a beautiful country filled with rich colors and culture, it was impossible not to notice the intense poverty that surrounded us. It was uncomfortable at times, and after a while I began to feel immune to the poverty.

I caught myself one day reflecting on the service that morning in August 2008, and I realized that socioeconomic status did not matter. Each person I interacted with is an individual with unique characteristics and not worth any more or less than me or anybody else. So, instead of brushing off beggars and ignoring the stares of people on the streets, I started giving each person a smile and

respect—as each person was a part of our global community just like me.

Back on campus this past year, I was fortunate to be part of the executive committee of the 2012 Mock GOP Presidential Convention. At the convention, more than 250 students served as delegates to create a party platform and nominate a president and vice president for the GOP ticket. On Friday night and early Saturday morning of the convention, students formed opinions, collaborated with one another, and debated today's most critical issues—all while having fun in the process. Students of all types of political backgrounds participated, and it was an incredible experience to see people with such a variety of beliefs and views come together and have dialogue over the issues.

The opportunities Ohio Wesleyan has provided these past four years have been unbelievable. While impossible to mention all of them, I am grateful that OWU has given me the chance to travel the world, develop leadership skills, meet inspiring alumni, and make amazing friendships that will last a lifetime. I have felt so fortunate to be part of an institution that constantly promotes and enforces the importance of being, not just an engaged individual, but an engaged global citizen. The OWU experience is truly a privilege, and in my experience, starts literally on Day One. Now that I can say I am officially an alumna, I cannot wait to see how I can use this privilege to make a positive impact on the world!

*Kate Raulin '12*





*Top photo: Dr. Charlesworth, fourth from the left, with leading archeologists at Horvat Omrit on the Golan Heights with Upper Galilee in the background.*



*All the artifacts are from the Charlesworth Collection. Coins [left to right]: mystical box with serpents, portrait of Nero, serpents and caduceus*

# Called to Qumran:

## Lively Conversation About the Dead Sea Scrolls with James Charlesworth '62

By *Gretchen Hirsch*

WHEN JAMES CHARLESWORTH WAS GROWING UP IN FLORIDA, TWO PHENOMENA WERE DOMINATING THE PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS THERE: FLYING SAUCERS AND THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS, a treasure trove of documents discovered in caves near the site of Khirbet Qumran between 1947 and 1956. The scrolls contain Biblical manuscripts, which are copies



All the artifacts are from the Charlesworth Collection left to right:

1. Clay pot with serpents eating from trees, circa 1500 BCE

2. Clay serpent with cow, Jerusalem; late Roman period

3. Bronze mirror found in Jerusalem; early Roman period

of texts that were included in the Hebrew Bible; Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha, which are texts ultimately excluded from that Bible; and non-Biblical manuscripts that shine light on community rules and other aspects of life of the time. Some of the texts predate what were thought to be the oldest records by as much as a millennium.

For Charlesworth, it was not UFOs, but the Dead Sea Scrolls that claimed his attention, although he says, "I never dreamed they would become a unifying force in my life."

Charlesworth's father and grandfather were Methodist ministers, "so there were powerful influences around me, but my interest was always in Jesus himself and less so in the institutional aspects of the church. I have always been fascinated by Jesus and his 'obsession,' if you will, with God." The scrolls offered a window into the times in which Jesus lived and a rich source of study for a young scholar who wanted to know all about the man "who walked out of the hills of Nazareth and into world culture," as Charlesworth says in his book *The Historical Jesus: An Essential Guide*.

Charlesworth's fascination led first to Ohio

Wesleyan, and, inevitably, years later, to working directly with the scrolls themselves. "One reason I went to Ohio Wesleyan University from Florida," Charlesworth says, "was that my uncle, Les Hamilton '26, graduated from there. I wanted to major in religion and Ohio Wesleyan's religion department was known to be strong—and it had a course in the Dead Sea Scrolls."

Following graduation, Charlesworth continued on to Duke University to earn a B.D. and Ph.D. Following that period, he traveled to Edinburgh as a Fulbright Scholar. It's clear that he didn't spend all his time in the library; he also played on the University basketball team, earning All-East, All-Scotland, and All-Great Britain [second team] honors, and receiving the highest award from the Royal and Ancient Academy of Sports at Edinburgh University.

In 1968, he won the Thayer Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research and came under the mentorship of Roland de Vaux, who led the team that initially worked on the Dead Sea Scrolls and was director of the École biblique, the famous biblical school in East Jerusalem. "I wrote my dissertation under de Vaux," Charlesworth says. "It received the highest award ever given."

Duke University called him to become a professor in 1969, and Charlesworth taught at Duke until 1984, when he was offered the prestigious chair at Princeton Theological Seminary, the George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature. One year later he became director and editor of Princeton's Dead Sea Scrolls Project. "If I have a problem, it's that I've never had to apply for a job," he says with a smile.

With a background as distinguished as his, Charlesworth probably needn't worry about those job applications. In his current position, he specializes in the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old and New Testaments, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Josephus, Jesus research, and the Gospel of John.

As director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Project, he has worked on the Qumran scrolls with more than 50 Jewish and Christian international specialists to make available accurate texts in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek; textual notes; an English translation; and an introduction. He has excavated at Migdal, Bethsaida, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Khirbet Beza, Qumran, and elsewhere.

Charlesworth also has worked with JPL, the West Semitic Research Institute, Xerox, Kodak, and Rochester Institute of Technology, as well as the Israel Antiquity Authority, to obtain



*Dr. Charlesworth with the Hoffmans visiting Qumran.*

computer-enhanced images of the 2000-year-old scrolls.

In addition to his professorships in the United States, Charlesworth also has served as a Lady Davis Professor at Hebrew University and Annual Professor at the Albright Institute, both in Jerusalem. Three times he has been honored by the University of Tübingen in Germany. He served as distinguished visiting professor at Naples University and McCarthy Professor of the Pontificia Università Gregoriana in Rome. His list of accolades is extensive: two honorary doctorates and honors from around the world, including the medal from Brancoveanu Monastery in Sâmbăta de Sus in Romania; the Comenius Medal from Charles University, Prague; and the Pentecost Medal, presented by His Beatitude, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, Theophilus III. He also has been awarded Ohio Wesleyan Distinguished Achievement Citation.

In addition, Charlesworth has written more than 65 books, some of which have been named “best books” in various categories, and 400 articles or reviews. World-renowned as a scholar and lecturer, he is also an ordained Methodist minister.

“Suppose scholars had ever discovered just one page of the library at Alexandria,” Charlesworth said in his Alumni College

lecture at Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Weekend in May. “What a find that would have been! But here we have found a library itself—966 scrolls—from the time of Jesus, Gameliel, Hillel. Writings we knew nothing about and that now inform all Biblical scholarship—Jewish and Christian. We’re all one.” And, says Charlesworth, while work continues with all the scrolls discovered so far, we may have found as little as 10 percent of the total that once existed in the area near Qumran.

As one of the few people in the world who has handled the scrolls themselves, Charlesworth is aware of their ephemeral nature and of the need for digitization and other techniques to protect their further destruction. “They’re very fragile. I’ve seen a fragment evaporate into dust—or liquefy—just from being touched. You can only slow down the process of decay to a limited extent, so photography and technology are very important. There’s virtually no aspect of science we aren’t using to preserve what we have. In the beginning, the scrolls were basically hermetically sealed, under pressure, away from light and the effects of weather, and then they were taken from the lowest place on Earth—the Dead Sea area—up to Jerusalem and opened. That wasn’t conducive to preservation.”

It’s clear that Charlesworth has answered a

lifelong vocation that continues to be fulfilling. “People are afraid to use the word ‘calling’ anymore, but certainly people are called to all sorts of things. I think our task as teachers is to share our love for what we do with our students so they can find their own callings. So often when you ask people why they have chosen a specific career, they will respond with ‘my teacher.’ At Ohio Wesleyan, we had brilliant teachers, dedicated to the community and to what they loved. The greatest joy is to learn something new. If you keep learning, you never burn out. [Life] is about being who you are, being honest, and learning to ask honest questions.”

Reflecting on his Golden Key Reunion at Ohio Wesleyan, Charles says, “I’ve spoken before the U.N. and in China, Australia, South America, South Africa—all over the world, really, and sometimes I think there’s just no hope. But hope doesn’t reside in institutions. It lives in the heart of good people, and there are lots of good people in the world, and many of them—very, very good people—are here this weekend.”

The most important thing Charlesworth has learned from his work with the Dead Sea Scrolls is this: “Think about the people of Qumran,” he says. “As the leading priests in Jerusalem’s Temple, they had the best food. Afterwards, they ate wild locusts and honey. They once owned the most beautiful clothes, wore sapphires and other jewels. Afterwards, they owned only one garment, and that might be tattered. They once received the highest honors. Afterwards, they had no prestige. Everything was taken from them.

“And so what did they do?” Charlesworth asks. “They wrote a hymnbook, exhorting the community to praise God ‘when I go out and come in, sit and rise, and when lying down on my couch ... and before I lift my hand to enjoy the delights of the world’s produce.’ They saw that everything can be taken away—except the most important thing—and that is ‘thank you.’

*To read an article about Charlesworth’s research on an ancient passage from Deuteronomy, found in one of the scrolls, go to [links.owu.edu/charlesworth](http://links.owu.edu/charlesworth). He has dedicated the article to George Conrades ’61 and Kathe Law Rhinesmith ’64, for their service and devotion to Ohio Wesleyan.*

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# Making the Best Even Better

## The Tower Society Opportunity



**TOLEDO-BORN LYMAN LEATHERS GREW UP ON A FARM FOUR MILES NORTH OF NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO.** Talking with him, one can't help but notice a sparkle in his eyes and softness in his voice as he describes his childhood years on the farm with his parents, and his plans to study agriculture in college, return one day to run the family farm, and (borrowing the 4-H Club's motto) 'Make the Best Better.'

What turned out to be a circuitous career journey for the future OWU English and Humanities-Classics Emeritus Professor included an unexpected bout of polio, and resulting career shift toward academe and away from the farmlands of northern Ohio. At Cornell University, Leathers received his bachelor of arts degree in American Studies and then moved on to the University of Pennsylvania for a Master's in American Civilization, followed by two years of further graduate work at Harvard University and two more of teaching at Northeastern University.

"As I first stood in front of my class, I knew that was what I was supposed to do," he recalls. Leathers soon after began teaching at Ohio Wesleyan in 1961—Ph.D. work in progress—

and received his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania in 1963. Not intending to make OWU his career "destination," Leathers, however, found his niche at the University, because of his great students and colleagues, and continued teaching until his retirement in 1994. He is especially devoted to the arts and literature, sharing his mother's firm belief in the breadth of education, as young Lyman took lessons in piano, dance, organ, and voice. Leathers recalls being 12 years old and raising a calf that eventually grew to be a steer on the farm. Once the steer was sold at the market, the proceeds went to buy tickets to the Metropolitan Opera on tour in Cleveland. "This was the first of a series of annual trips to Cleveland until I graduated from high school," says Leathers, observing how, all too often, the study of the arts and literature is regarded as non-essential to our lives.

"Wouldn't life be bleak, though, without them?" he adds, noting how his current work with the *Delaware Gazette* as arts critic enables him to keep up with his writing as well as with various community shows and events.

A winner of both the OWU Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award and the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for the

Encouragement of Teachers, Leathers especially liked teaching Intermediate Composition classes, adding an extra dimension by asking students to keep journals, read challenging textbooks, and of course, write papers to "pull everything together," he says. Hired at OWU by legendary English Professor Ben Spencer, Leathers was appointed the Rebecca Brown Professor in 1984 and also held the Benjamin T. Spencer Professorship in Literature for two years—both great honors, he acknowledges.

Another honor of which Leathers is proud is his membership in OWU's Tower Society, which enables alumni and friends to establish planned gifts to benefit Ohio Wesleyan and its future generations of students. His top priority is giving to OWU while making sure his cherished assets fall into good hands.

"I feel I got a lot out of my undergraduate education and I hope OWU alumni feel the same way," says Leathers. "If you do," he adds, "ask yourselves, 'Don't I owe something to my alma mater?' The answer is 'yes.'"

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# Celebrating the Contributions of the Classes of '57 and '62

THIS YEAR MARKED THE 55TH AND 50TH ALUMNI WEEKEND REUNIONS FOR THE CLASSES OF 1957 AND 1962—MADE EVEN MORE SPECIAL BY DEDICATION CEREMONIES THAT WERE HELD TO CELEBRATE THEIR RECENT CLASS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY.

The Class of 1957 spearheaded the renovation of the Stuyvesant Hall bell tower. Jennifer Roberts, OWU's director of annual giving, says the project was led by Larry and Charlotte Hill, both members of the class of 1957. Renovating the bell tower will add to the rich heritage of the building, says Roberts. "The carillon chimes haven't worked for years and being able to have them work again in the historical building will be a very special part of the campus." So far, 117 classmates have made donations, says Director of Alumni Relations, Brenda DeWitt.

The new fountain on the JAYwalk was a special project of the Class of 1962.

"The fountain is one part of a long-term strategic renovation of the central part of campus and the next phase of the University's master plan for the JAYwalk," says DeWitt.

There are many benefits to having a fountain as a central feature on the JAYwalk. "It will help unify the architectural features and continuity of the campus. It will also improve student satisfaction and play a role in recruitment of prospective students," says Roberts. DeWitt adds, "The fountain will provide a great gathering space for students, and there is natural seating because of the way it was designed. It also adds an aesthetic improvement to campus." A plaque will be placed on the fountain with the names of all those who contributed to the renovation. A total of 163 class members contributed to the fountain, with Lloyd Ferguson '62 and Tom Grissom '62 serving as co-chairs for the Class of 1962 reunion committee and helping to lead the project.

When it comes to donating to Ohio Wesleyan, DeWitt and Roberts both agree that alumni donations are of the utmost importance to the



continuing success of the University.

"Much of their giving is to perpetuate the student experience that they had when they were here and to help support the student experience. Giving back to The Ohio Wesleyan Fund allows their contribution to go to the area of most need," says DeWitt. "A lot of our alumni have a sense of gratitude, and alumni understand that their experiences were a result of alumni who came before them," adds Roberts. "No matter the size, every gift and contribution matters."

*Kelsey Kerstetter '12*





## OWU Scholar-Athletes Honored at Dale Bruce Dinner

OWU's Sharif Kronemer '12 won the highest honor at the eighth annual Dale Bruce Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner, held on April 19 in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center's Benes rooms. A member of the men's cross country and track & field teams, Kronemer received the Presidential Award, which recognizes the University's top athlete and student. Criteria such as academic excellence, athletic ability, character, leadership, and involvement in campus activities are important in the selection process for this award. This is Kronemer's second consecutive year to receive the award.

Receiving Top Ten Awards were Kale Booher '12, Tim Brady '12, Mackenzie Conway

'12, James DiBiasio '12, Kat Enders '12, Tamra Londot '14, Rebecca Madison '12, Alyse Marotta '12, Erika Reese '13, Abby Walsh '12, and Chad Williams '12. This award is voted upon by the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Council and is based upon the student-athletes' impact on their families, teams, the University, and the Delaware community.

Also recognized were OWU's top 50 student-athletes by cumulative grade point averages.

The Dr. Jay Martin Award honoring the top male senior student-athlete went to Travis Wall '12, a member of OWU's national championship men's soccer team. The Nan Carney-DeBord Award recognizing the top female senior student-athlete went to Emma Lisull '12, a member of the women's

track & field and cross country teams. The Mary Parker Award recognizing the highest cumulative grade point average among top female student athletes went to Lisull as well. The Bob Strimer Director's Cup, awarded to the OWU team with the highest cumulative grade point average went to the women's cross country team. Finally, the Town-Gown Award from OWU's athletic department was given to Amato's Wood-Fired Pizza, recognizing the longstanding relationships with and support of Ohio Wesleyan student-athletes and athletic programs.



Left to right: Sharif Kronemer '12 and Track & Field Coach Kris Boey



Left to right: Sally Livingston, Nicole Laurrett '12, President Rock Jones, and Pat Huber '62



Left to right: Cross Country Coach Matt Wackerly, President Rock Jones, and Pat Huber '62

# Got Golf?

## GET INTO THE SWING AT OWU'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL "W" ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14 AT NORTH STAR GOLF CLUB

([www.thenorthstargolfclub.com](http://www.thenorthstargolfclub.com)), 1150 Wilson Road, in Sunbury, Ohio. Start the day with registration and breakfast at 8 a.m. Carts depart at 9:15 a.m. with a four-person team scramble and 9:30 a.m. shotgun tee-off. The entry fee is \$135 per golfer (\$540.00 per foursome) and includes 18 holes of golf including carts, use of the driving range, awards and auction, and a cookout and cocktail reception following the outing. With a \$40,000 fundraising goal targeted for Team OWU, the event's 2012 honorees are the sibling trio of Dan DiBiasio '71, Tony DiBiasio '74, and Bob DiBiasio '77.

"We hope to have at least 100-120 players at this event," says John Guy '60, who is chairing the

golf outing. "Proceeds will supplement OWU's athletics budget and Team OWU." As President of the "W" Association, Pat Huber '62 knows well the importance of raising funds for OWU's student-athletes.

"They contribute so much to Ohio Wesleyan, and we need to provide them with the best opportunities," he says. "We appreciate any and all support for this great fundraiser and need sponsors and contributions to make this event even more successful. Better yet, come join us on September 14 for a fun day with friends and fellow alumni!"

To register online, become a sponsor, or donate an item to the live or silent auction, visit <http://community.owu.edu/2012OWUgolf>. For more information, contact Emily Winnenberg at 740-368-3944 or at [ehwinnen@owu.edu](mailto:ehwinnen@owu.edu).

## Honorary Coaches Day Set for Sept. 29

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 29—the 14th annual OWU Football Honorary Coaches Game Day experience to be held at 7 p.m. in Selby Stadium. OWU alumni from the past six decades will spend the day with this year's team as OWU plays Hiram College.

The Honorary Coaches will be introduced to the current team by Head Coach Tom Watts and will join team members in their pre-game meal. It gives "the old guys" an opportunity to see up close and personal details of the current OWU football program and offers current players a view of the proud tradition that is OWU football.

After the meal, the Honorary Coaches will join the players in the dressing room for

pre-game activities and once on the field will participate in the coin toss to start the game. Honorary Coaches will be in the locker room for halftime and again after the game.

Larry Fisher '64, one of the 2009 alumni coaches, values the time he spent with the team.

"I was particularly impressed with the athleticism of the current team members," he recalls. "I now see how much the game has changed since my days at OWU." For Coach Watts and his team, the connection between students and alumni is valuable.

"The Honorary Coaches Game Day experience helps link current OWU football student-athletes with the outstanding people and players of the past who established the OWU tradition of excellence," he says.

This year's Honorary Coach participants include Bob Morrill '59, Roger Lockwood '60, Eric Eisenberg '89, Nathan Osborn '09 and Preston Osborn '09.

*John Kercher '63*



## OWU Fraternities and Sororities Stats and Facts 2011-2012

**Fraternity and Sorority Life** – Current members: 629  
(36 percent of OWU student body)

### ◆ Successful Panhellenic recruitment

- Approximately 100 women registered for recruitment
- 76 bids to distributed by our 5 Panhellenic chapters
- Quota per house this year was 14 women, in comparison to 19 per house last year
- All chapters continue to increase their membership

### ◆ Men's recruitment successful

- Nearly 200 men showed interest this year in getting involved with fraternities on campus
- 109 bids were accepted from men of our 8 chapters

### ◆ Expansion Update

- Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) re-colonized at OWU in February 2012
- 38 founding fathers
- Average GPA = 3.29
- The group is on target to receive its charter in the 2013 calendar year

### ◆ Celebrating Lifetime Membership

- Alumnae Panhellenic hosted its third annual gathering in April
- Event for senior affiliated women to meet, mingle and network with affiliated women of OWU faculty, administration, staff, and alumnae

### ◆ Greek Awards

- Order of Omega hosted the Greek Awards on March 6, 2012
- At the request of the students, the 2012 Greek Awards was more formal than in years past

- Awards were reviewed and presented by OWU faculty and staff

### • Awardees:

#### ◆ Chapter Excellence:

- Alpha Sigma Phi
- Delta Gamma
- Delta Zeta
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Kappa Kappa Gamma

#### ◆ Chapter Advisor:

- Dan Sharpe '06, Sigma Chi
- Betsy Yates-Long, Delta Delta Delta

#### ◆ Chapter Involvement:

- Delta Zeta
- Sigma Chi

#### ◆ Chapter Philanthropy:

- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Sigma Phi Epsilon

#### ◆ Community Service:

- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Alpha Sigma Phi

#### ◆ Tom Courtice Award (Outstanding New Member):

- Martin Clark, Sigma Chi
- Carrie Thompson, Kappa Kappa Gamma

#### ◆ Bishops Trophy:

- Tim O' Keefe, Sigma Chi
- Megan Cook, Delta Zeta

#### ◆ Fred Myers and Carolyn Tarbell (Outstanding Greek Athlete):

- Chad Williams, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Molly Curry, Delta Delta Delta

### ◆ Greek Man/ Woman of the Year:

- Ann Merrell, Kappa Kappa Gamma
- James DiBiasio, Sigma Phi Epsilon

### ◆ Outstanding Fraternity and Sorority Scholar:

- Megan Cook, Delta Zeta
- William Pierce, Chi Phi

### ◆ Alumni/ae Relations:

- Kappa Alpha Theta

### ◆ Robert K. Marshall Award (Faculty Support):

- Dr. Greg Mack '02

### ◆ Program of the Year:

- "Mr. OWU" by Kappa Alpha Theta

### ◆ Developing Leader:

- Anthony Lamoureux, Chi Phi
- Allyson North, Kappa Alpha Theta

### ◆ Greek Alumni Weekend Activities

- Greek Alumni reception
- All seven men's fraternity houses on 'The Hill' and all five sorority houses hosted Open Houses

### ◆ Alumni Interfraternity Council (AIFC) and Alumnae Panhellenic Council (APHC)

- AIFC and APHC presented two educational sessions for all fraternity and sorority members
- Representatives served on the Expansion Committee

For more information, please contact Dan Sharpe '06 regarding Alumni IFC at [sharpe.dan@gmail.com](mailto:sharpe.dan@gmail.com) and Joni Manos Brown '78 for Alumnae Panhellenic at [jmbkkg@aol.com](mailto:jmbkkg@aol.com)



# Alumni Weekend 2012

Celebrating great friendships and lifelong education...



Hundreds of OWU alumni whose class years end in “2” or “7” came back to their alma mater for Alumni Weekend on May 19-21. While there was plenty of time to catch up with dear friends, the weekend included a flurry of activities, from campus tours and thought-provoking alumni college sessions to alumni recognition programs, reunion dinners, and the traditional Parade of Classes. Offering an ideal setting for everyone to re-engage with Ohio Wesleyan and connect with classmates, the excitement, says Alumni Weekend coordinator Emily Roudebush, assistant director of alumni relations, was shared by the campus community as well.





# OWU Mourns the Loss of a Scientific Pioneer

By *Andrea Misko Strle '99*

**HE COULD SAY HE LITERALLY TOUCHED THE LIFE OF EVERYONE IN THE WORLD.** He could say that he brought nations together, and he could say he saved the world from possible environmental crisis. Famed chemist and Nobel Prize winner F. Sherwood “Sherry” Rowland ’48 lived the life that no other man has, and he left a legacy made for the history books.

“We often say Ohio Wesleyan strives to educate moral leaders for a global society,” says Ohio Wesleyan President Rock Jones. “I believe this is another way of saying we work to educate the Sherry Rowlands of the world – people with intelligence, integrity, and vision.”

Sherry, as he was known by friends, was a native of Delaware, Ohio. He was the son of past Delaware mayor and former OWU Mathematics Professor Sidney Rowland, and later attended the University after graduating from high school at age 15. In many ways, Sherry remained a real small-town Midwesterner with high principles

and a sense of community even after his career took him to the West Coast, according to his two children, Ingrid D. Rowland and Jeffrey S. Rowland. He had a wide-ranging sense of humor, was strong-willed, and “absolutely upright” never smoking or swearing, and only drinking once in his life when a Russian handed him vodka and said “To peace,” Ingrid says.

Sherry passed away on March 10, 2012, at his home in Corona del Mar, California, at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Richard “Dick” Rowland ’51 and R. Sidney “Sid” Rowland ’42, and is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joan Lundberg Rowland, and their two children.

Ingrid, who is a professor at the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture, Rome, Italy campus, was very close with her father and describes him as “a good man” and “a perfect gentleman.” Jeffrey, who is in real estate in Encinitas, California, says his father, who loved sports and the opera, was extraordinarily generous

with his time and wealth, trustworthy, and honest.

“My father’s mind worked obliquely as well as in a straight line; this is what made him an extraordinary scientist,” Ingrid says. “Like many people in his family, he had a phenomenally retentive memory, but he also had an unusual ability to see around problems, or to see them from another vantage. He had the brain of a survivor: inventive, good at improvisation and seeing through to solutions.”

## **A monumental discovery**

Sherry was a pioneer in science. Nearly 40 years ago, he and postdoctoral student Mario Molina made a shocking discovery: a single chlorine atom byproduct from aerosol hair sprays, deodorants and other popular consumer products could destroy 100,000 ozone atoms in the stratosphere. The stratospheric ozone layer, 12 to 30 miles above Earth, screens the sun’s harmful ultraviolet rays protecting life on the planet from harsh solar radiation.

Jeff, who was in high school at the height of his dad's ozone research, clearly remembers his father working late into the night. Sherry's home office was right next to Jeff's bedroom. "I could hear his typewriter at all hours," says Jeff. "He would be the last one to sleep and the first one up in the morning. I don't know when he slept."

With their research, Sherry and Molina campaigned in the 1970s for a ban on consumer products with these chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and despite hostility and personal attacks from the multi-billion dollar CFC industry, Sherry persevered, crusading to convince everyone what was at stake. It took many years until an international treaty – the Montreal Protocol – was signed prohibiting the sale of these harmful chemicals. Today, 196 nations have signed that treaty and production and use of ozone depleting substances has been reduced by more than 95 percent.

Ingrid, who was just finishing up college at the time of her father's pivotal research, reflected on those days in her father's life. "My mother phoned one afternoon in the fall and said 'Daddy's finding out ominous things about the atmosphere,'" Ingrid says. "For a young person, his research unleashed a terrible sense of dread and a passionate attachment to all the beauties of this world; I often wondered what point there was to studying ancient Greece when the world might end tomorrow. My father was always an optimist by nature, and his serenity made a crucial difference in finding a solution to the problem--he made a solution seem possible. But he also stuck to his convictions no matter what the consequences might be, and the consequences were severe."

In 1995, Sherry received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, alongside Molina and Paul J. Crutzen, for his groundbreaking work. In his Nobel banquet speech, Sherry noted human's long fascination with the atmosphere. But it was his curiosity and perseverance that saved the world from a potential environmental crisis. The Nobel Prize was an affirmation of tremendous importance to Sherry, Ingrid says, "It gave a meaning to his years of struggle."

### Remembering his roots

At Ohio Wesleyan, Sherry made an impression. At 6 feet, 5 inches tall, he was a



successful athlete and student. He later earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. He was a nuclear chemist and worked at Princeton University, then the University of Kansas, and finally the University of California, Irvine, where he became the school's inaugural chairman of the chemistry department in 1964. He taught there until he was 80 and remained connected to Ohio Wesleyan despite the distance.

President Jones reflected on Sherry's 2006 visit to the OWU campus and the impact he had on the students he met. One of those students, Dan Albert '07, wrote after the experience, "The chance to have a personal conversation with a pioneer in chemistry is one that I will cherish. One of the messages I took away was that it is of utmost importance to be continually vigilant in life, because we can never know when the opportunity to make a discovery will be in front of us. This conversation also further pushed me into striving for my goals and not being easily deterred by others who do not find them possible."

Ingrid says her father was extremely loyal to Ohio Wesleyan. "He felt secure and supported at Ohio Wesleyan, as a student and as an alumnus, and made sure that his own students (at UC, Irvine) felt a similar sense of support."

Longtime friend of Sherry and OWU Chemistry Department Chairman Kim Lance said he is hard-pressed to find someone who has had a greater impact on humankind than Sherry.

"I think part of his personality allowed him to persevere," Lance says. "He was not one to get angry or be boastful about things. He had this real calm sense about himself ... this quiet confidence. He had a really genuine love for people. I think that's why he worked as hard as he did on the work that he did, because he genuinely loved people."

Ingrid shared the same sentiment. "My father worked with people on the basis of their abilities," she says. "He treated women as equals and enjoyed their company. He once told me that he had no idea how strong my mother was when he married her, but he had come to depend on that strength, and he expected a similar strength of me. He was an unfailing source of encouragement and ideas. I admired his kindness, his conviction, and the sheer scope of his intelligence, and depended on his support. He loved his family as much as he loved science, and I miss his company."

### Endless accolades

Over the years, Sherry was honored with dozens of memberships and awards too copious to list. He served as president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was a longtime member of the National Academy of Sciences. He remained active at UC, Irvine and until earlier this year continued working in his campus office at Rowland Hall, which is named for him. As the Donald Bren Research Professor of Chemistry and Earth Science, he traveled widely to lecture and consult on environmental issues and prodded younger researchers in the Irvine chemistry department.

Among his awards, was the Distinguished Achievement Citation awarded to Sherry by Ohio Wesleyan in 1981. According to the citation: "The world owes Dr. Rowland its gratitude not only for his discovery of the ecological 'time bomb,' but also for his persistence in demanding that we take action to protect ourselves. His blend of intellectual curiosity and fortitude stands as an example of the scientific community's potential to preserve, as well as serve, humankind." Sherry also was the honorary chair of OWU's Schimmel/Conrades Science Center renovation/construction project a decade ago.

"Sherry Rowland exemplifies Ohio Wesleyan University," says OWU President Jones. "His Nobel Prize-winning scientific research into the dangerous depletion of the earth's ozone layer has improved life for every person on the planet. Sherry Rowland showed us what was possible and will forever inspire us. He is an Ohio Wesleyan institution."

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## 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 <http://community.owu.edu/events> or call (740) 368-3325.*

### JUNE

#### June 27 — Columbus, OH

Young Alumni Event at the Columbus Clippers Game

#### June 28 — Greenwich, CT

Shakespeare on the Sound

### JULY

#### July 7 — Burlington, VT

Red & Black Event with Rock Jones at the Essex Inn

#### July 14 — Charlevoix, MI

Red & Black Event with Rock Jones at Castle Farms

#### July 15 — Ludington, MI

Rock Jones will speak at Epworth Assembly Service

#### July 15 — Ludington, MI

Red & Black Luncheon at the home of Ted '64 and Linda Detrick '64 Leibole

### AUGUST

#### August 2 — Washington, D.C.

Young Alumni Event at the Washington Nationals Game

#### August 10-11 — On Campus

OWU Volunteers Weekend

### SEPTEMBER

#### September 14 — Delaware, OH

"W" Association/Team OWU Golf Outing

#### September 15 — Cape Cod, MA

Biennial Cape Cod Clambake

#### September 15 — Cleveland, OH

Young Alumni Event at the Cleveland Indians Game

#### September 28-30 — On Campus

Parents & Family Weekend

#### September 29 — On Campus

Honorary Coach Game Day

#### September 30 — Columbus, OH

Alumni Gathering at the 2012 Gordin Golf Invitational

### OCTOBER

#### October 14-21 — Various Locations

OWU Bishops in Service Week

#### October 20 — Boston, MA

Head of the Charles Regatta

#### October 20 — Far Hills, NY

The Hunt

#### 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
- '67 Football Team Reunion

### NOVEMBER

#### November 28 — Boston, MA

Boston Holiday Event

#### November 29 — New York, NY

New York City Holiday Event

### DECEMBER

#### December 4 — Columbus, OH

Central Ohio Holiday Event

#### December 5 — Chicago, IL

Chicago Holiday Event

#### December 6 — Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. Holiday Event

### FEBRUARY 2013

#### February 8 — Sarasota, FL

Red & Black Event with Rock Jones

#### February 9 — Naples, FL

Red & Black Event with Rock Jones

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](mailto:alumni@owu.edu)

#### February 10 — Palm Beach, FL

Red & Black Event with Rock Jones

## Summer Send-Off Picnics Scheduled

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

#### Boston

AUGUST 12

#### Columbus

AUGUST 5

#### Cleveland

JULY 29

#### Cincinnati

JULY 31

#### Washington, D.C.

JULY 29



## SAVE THE DATE:

**25th Cluster Reunion** for the classes of 1987, 1988, and 1989 during Homecoming 2013, October 4-6.

For complete event information go to: <http://community.owu.edu/events>

# CLASS NOTES

## 1948

**Hildreth Houston Spencer** received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Adrian College at its commencement this spring for her long history with Adrian College and her philanthropic contributions to the college and other organizations. She is the daughter of the former director of Adrian's music department, James Spencer. She continues to take an interest in many aspects of the college particularly relating to music. She received the Honorary Alumni Award from Adrian College in 2009.

## 1953

**Robert Wood**, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, recently was inducted into his hometown's Hall of Honor for his generous scholarship support of Martins Ferry, Ohio, students over the last three decades. He has also been recognized for his volunteer efforts with the American Cancer Society in Grand Rapids.

## 1958

**Bill Williams** was honored on Jan. 24, 2012, with the Wayne Hilborn Lifetime Achievement Award by the Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner. Bill is the CEO of Williams Insurance Agency in Delaware, Ohio.

## 1960

**Joseph W. Carney's** first book, *To My Lady... and Other Poems*, has been self-published as an e-book and is now available through Amazon.com. The paperback and hardcover versions will be available soon via Amazon.com, Joseph reports.

## 1964

**Betsy Thornton** has authored seven mystery novels, all but one featuring her main character,



## **Don '62 and Linda Wagner**

*Don Wagner '62 and wife Linda Wagner, OWU Tower Society members, combined their love for bicycling and OWU by traveling from Cincinnati to Delaware. Part of a unique fundraising effort, the Wagners' trip supported the \$800,000 goal for the Class of 1962. For more about their trip, visit <http://links.owu.edu/biking>*

Chloe Newcomb. In 2008, Betsy's sixth novel, *A Song for You*, was nominated for the Simon & Schuster Mary Higgins Clark Award. Betsy lives in Bisbee, Arizona, and at one time was the director of Cochise Fine Arts, a community arts center, which sponsored among other things, the Bisbee Poetry Festival. She also worked for 15 years with the Cochise County Attorney's office as an advocate for crime victims.

## 1965

**Gerry Doan** has been conducting the Cincinnati Community Orchestra in Ohio for 30 years. He recently conducted the orchestra in its 200th performance. He also has conducted the Cincinnati Junior Strings for 33 years. Gerry is a University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music professor emeritus.

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## ALEXA VON DER EMBSE '11 TEACHING IN RURAL HONDURAS

Alexa is spending a year abroad at the Mayatan Bilingual School in the western highlands town of Copán Ruinas in Honduras. Most foreigners come to see the beautiful Mayan ruins there, but Alexa is a volunteer dedicated to English-language education in Honduras. She wakes to roosters in the morning and lives by candlelight in the evenings due to frequent power outages. She continues to work on her Spanish and has enjoyed exploring the culture and the land. She says her education at OWU has prepared her well for the adventure of living abroad and teaching 7th- and 9th-grade English. The Mayatan School has grown to serve many children and will graduate its first class this year. Alexa says the goal is to keep expanding the school so that more children can benefit from a world class education.

*Alexa with a local bird at the bird park near the school where she teaches in Honduras.*

*Alexa learns how to make empanadas, a traditional Honduran food, during the school's Folklore Day celebration.*



*Betsy Thornton '64*



*Victoria King Heinen '70*

## 1967

**Susan Stettner Shafer** recently was appointed senior pastor at Asbury First United Methodist Church in Rochester, New York. Susan also was named Distinguished Alumna of the Year, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School.

**Melissa Long Goers** lives in the Washington DC area and is the market access manager for a pharmaceutical manufacturers' agent, CareMetx LLC.

## 1968

**Craig S. Lappen** was appointed in April 2012 to the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education, which oversees the state's four state

universities and 12 community colleges. Craig is president of 21st Century Financial Advisors in Manchester, Connecticut.

## 1969

**Jean Fitzwater Bussell, PhD**, recently was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award by the Preble County (Eaton, Ohio) Chamber of Commerce for her leadership in securing nearly \$800,000 for construction of an outdoor amphitheater at the Preble County Historical Society's historic farm museum and environmental center. Last year, Jean and her husband, Harold, were recognized as Volunteers of the Year by the Preble County Historical Society for their work on the project.

## 1970

**Victoria King Heinen** has been conferred by Walden University with an Ed.D. specializing in teacher leadership. The title of her thesis is "The Effectiveness of Training Substitute Teachers." Victoria has been a substitute teacher with Port Clinton City Schools in Ohio since 2003. She is an active member of Cleveland West Shore Delta Gamma sorority, where she serves as secretary. She released her second book, *Ghosts and Legends of Lake Erie's Northcoast*, in 2010. She plans to pursue a career in education at the university level.

## 1976

**Michael Jordan** of Jordan Resolutions, LLC, recently spoke to the American Health Lawyers





**The Experience of Eight '55 Grads** A unique mini-reunion of eight women from the 1955 graduating class of Ohio Wesleyan University was held April 30-May 4, 2012. This group of energetic ladies decided to “beach it” and convened at Sunset Beach, North Carolina, for a week of laughter, songs, stories, stimulating conversations, and fellowship shared over delicious meals. Coming from near and far, the group found their days filled with opportunities to renew old friendships and make new ones, since not all the ladies had been in regular contact over the past 57 years. Barbara Ross Earnhardt drove from Gerton, North Carolina, while Jan Schadler Welch came from Greenville, South Carolina. Boulder, Colorado is now home to Jean Whiteside Hodges. Opal Wong came from East Lansing, Michigan, and Charlotte Culbertson Hott came from Keyser, West Virginia. Phyllis Huffman Mayne now lives in Dayton, Ohio, and Mary Jett Dimlich Woodring lives in Westborough, Massachusetts. Jean Edwards Jackson now resides at The Pines in Davidson, North Carolina.

Front row, from left; **Barbara Ross Earnhardt, Jean Whiteside Hodges, Opal Wong, Charlotte Culbertson Hott.** Middle; **Mary Jett Dimlich Woodring.** Back row, from left; **Phyllis Mayne, Jan Schadler Welch, Jean Edwards Jackson.**

Association Labor & Employment Practice group in Orlando, Florida, on “Alternative Dispute Resolution: Obtaining Maximum Benefit from the Process.” He subsequently participated in a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the American College of Legal Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana, on the subject of “Making ADR Work for You.”

## 1977

**Ellen C. Brown** has joined the Waller, Smith and Palmer law firm in New London, Connecticut. She received her law degree from Western New England College School of Law.

**Debra L. Schweikert Parsons** joined the FDIC Office of Inspector General in October 2011. She now serves as the assistant inspector general for management.

## 1979

**Shirley Lampman Johnson** was recognized earlier this year by the Portage Rotary Club in Michigan with its 21st Annual Community Service Award for her long list of community achievements, including serving as president of the Portage Public Schools Board of Education.

## 1982

**Scott Herring's** collection of photographs that capture 40 years of the life and times of the anthracite coal fields in Pennsylvania are now part of the Hardcoal Chronicles Fortieth Anniversary, which will be launched in January 2013. It will debut in Scott's hometown of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania. Scott has used his photos to tell the story of the Pennsylvania Coal Region.

**Doug Milner** has been named president and chief executive officer of Active Power, a manufacturer of continuous power and infrastructure solutions. Most recently Doug served as chief operating officer at Aquilex Corporation, a global provider of critical maintenance, repair, and industrial cleaning solutions to the energy services sector.

## 1987

**F. Douglas Powe Jr.** recently published a new book *New Wine, New Wineskins: How African American Congregations Can Reach New Generations*. The book can be found at Amazon.com.

**Sahil Srivastva** has been appointed vice president of business development and sales for Hooper Homes. Sahil recently was with Iron Mountain, a world leader

in information management services. Sahil received his MBA from University of Miami, Coral Gables.

## 1992

**Andre Barbins** was named 2012 Capital Athletic Conference Women's Swim Coach of the Year. This is his fifth overall CAC Coach of the Year award (men's in 2011, women's in 2004, 2008, and 2009). Andre has been head coach and director of aquatics at St. Mary's College of Maryland since 1999.

## 1994

**Lorey Callihan** is among the founding partners of a new law firm, Rodenberg Callihan Davis Lohr & Syracuse, located in

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Include your name (birth name too!) and class year as well as a daytime phone number, should we need to reach you. Submitted information may be edited for space. In addition, you also can send your Magazine class notes information to our alumni web site at [www.owualumni.com](http://www.owualumni.com) for posting online.

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Left to right; **Laura Pierce Bump '58**, **June Snow Moncur '49**, **Lillian Flickinger Bernhagen '38**, **Marge Werstler Horrocks '56**, **Carol Johnson Bowling '61**.

North Charleston, South Carolina. The practice focuses on personal injury, criminal defense, worker's compensation and medical malpractice.

## 1995

**Kara Dickinson Allison** has been appointed by Hull & Associates, Inc. as a new shareholder. Kara directs Hull's corporate communications and government and community relations initiatives, where she specializes in state and federal environmental policy and legislative issues, community outreach, media strategy, and crisis communications. Kara is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America, and a registered lobbyist in Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

**Benjamin Bunsold** recently made his Los Angeles debut, singing the lead male role, Emil Bergson, in the world premiere of Philip Westin's opera, *Marie's Orchard*, for Center Stage Opera. He returned to Los Angeles as a guest artist in a concert of Operatic Masterpieces. Other notable 2011 performances included tenor soloist in *Messiah* for the Kalamazoo Symphony and at Heidelberg University, tenor soloist in Bach's Christmas Oratorio at Denison University, tenor soloist in Mozart's *Requiem* with the Westerville Symphony, guest artist with the Opera Columbus Summer Concert Series, and Alfred in *Die Fledermaus* with St. Petersburg Opera.

**Amy Jackson Pinson** recently was promoted to banking officer within the consumer loan department at Century National Bank in Zanesville, Ohio.

## 2001

**Jenny Barnes Gatze** recently was inducted into the Westfall High School Athletic Hall of Fame in Chillicothe, Ohio. She was a member of school's class of 1997. She was active in volleyball, basketball, cross country, and track. She is currently a graphic and website designer for A&C Networks. Jenny and her husband, Chris, reside in Canon City, Colorado, with their two dogs.

## 2002

**Shawn Starlin** has been named project manager for the Wayne Economic Development Council in Wayne County, Ohio. He previously served for four years as executive director at the Holmes County Economic Development Council. Shawn lives with his wife and two children in Wooster, Ohio.

## 2006

**Meggie A. Feran** has published a book, *To the Moon and Back: A Daughter/Mother Journey of Eating Disorder Recovery*, which provides an up-close and personal look at life with an eating disorder. The book was published in March 2012. Meggie currently resides in Columbus, Ohio, and works at a non-profit

## MONNETT CLUB • APRIL 21

The topic of the Columbus Monnett Club meeting held at Central College Presbyterian Church was the "Underground Railroad in Westerville and Southern Delaware County." Presenter was Sue Williams Bauer '74. Her cousin, Ann Eliot-Naille '85, pianist, accompanied Stephen Grinch, the Otterbein University archivist, who sang *Darling Nelly Gray* by Benjamin Hanby. Twenty-two members were present.



Front row; **Karen Askren Campbell '57**, **Jan Kaye Fritz '57**, **Jeannie "Dusky" Johnson Reider '51**. Back row; **Sue Williams Bauer '74** and **Ann Eliot-Naille '85**.

while pursuing her Ph.D. Read more at [www.createspace.com/3757607](http://www.createspace.com/3757607).

## 2009

**Kyle J. Adams** recently was awarded the Premier New Advisor Award by Wells Fargo Advisors. Kyle is a financial advisor in the firm's Wooster office. He is a chartered retirement planning counselor. He has been a financial advisor for two years. He joined Wells Fargo Advisors in 2009. Kyle also is a member of Kiwanis International and resides in Wooster, Ohio.

## 2011

**Sean Patrick** is a full-time 4th grade teacher at West Franklin Elementary in South-Western City Schools in southwestern Columbus. Sean also is coaching high school track at Delaware Hayes High School in Delaware, Ohio.



## OWU vs. SALISBURY Spring 2012

More than 100 OWU lacrosse fans came to cheer on the Battling Bishops as they took on Division III Champions, Salisbury University, during the Bishops' annual spring trip to the east coast.



## Philadelphia

Six alumni gathered in Philadelphia in April 2012 to see fellow alumna Ellen Tobie in the historical Walnut Street Theater production of *Doubt*. She played Sister Aloysius. It was particularly meaningful for Dr. Bonnie Milne Gardner who lectures on the 200-year-old Walnut Street Theater, the oldest in our country, in her "American Drama and Theatre" class. Pictured left to right are: **Sally Christiansen Harris '76**, **Betsy Tobie Irvine '75** (mother of current student Sam Irvine '13), **Ellen Tobie Gilberti '73**, **Ellen Simpson '77**, OWU Theatre and Dance Professor **Dr. Bonnie Milne Gardner '77**, and **Deborah McCulloch '77**.



## 100 Years to Celebrate

Family members gathered from eight states in Concord, New Hampshire, to celebrate the 100th birthday of **Margaret Marion Haney '32**. Ohio Wesleyan Alumni attending were **Barbara Breig Haney '63** and **Frederick Marion Haney '63** of Palos Verdes Estates, California; **Kathi Beibers Haney '67** and **Douglas George Haney '67** of Boxborough, Massachusetts; **Eleanor Haney MacLellan '73** of Bow, New Hampshire; and **Hilary Holmes Cessna '09** of Concord, New Hampshire. Front Center: **Margaret Marion Haney '32** of Concord, New Hampshire.

The event, hosting more than 38 relatives (four generations), and numerous friends, was held at Havenwood Retirement Community's Great Room, and featured a buffet luncheon, 100-candle birthday cake, and prayers and speeches by the assembled family, plus letters of congratulations from a multitude of officials and groups, and was highlighted by Margaret's thank you comments, and warm welcome to her party.



Top photo: Members of the OWU tennis teams, back row from left to right: **John Russell '14**, **Richie Karban '14**, **John Rissell '13**, **Ryan Leslie '12**, **Matthew Swaim '13**, **Conor Breen '15**. Front row from left to right: **Mackenzie Conway '12**, **Lydia Tritschler '15**, **Becky Simon '12**, **Jordan Leslie '14**, **Alex Webb '15**, **Whitney Lonnemann '15**, **Abby Killorin '15**, **Emily Kiourtsis '12**. Crouching in foreground: **Will Thiemann '13**

Photo on right: Standing from left to right: **Alex Jacobs '14**, **Chris Janiak '13**, **Malcolm Clark '14**, **Sam Newman '12**, **Martin Clark '14**, **Robin Steiner-Malumphy '14**, **Evan Huddleson '12**, **Michael Davidson '12**, **Wilson Land '12**, **Gene Mehaffey** (former OWU Men's Basketball and Tennis coach). Front from left to right: **Joni Manos Brown '78**, **Jane Gumley Janiak '78**, **Preston Marks '15**, **Phillip Forsgren '12**, **Anthony McGuire '13**

## Spring Break in Hilton Head

OWU men's and women's tennis teams, Sigma Chis, and alumni gather for a cookout at the home of Peter and **Joni Manos Brown '78** on Hilton Head Island while on spring break in March 2012. The event was co-hosted by Peter and **Jane Gumley Janiak '78** and their son **Christopher Janiak '13**.



## DEADLINES FOR CLASS NOTES

FALL MAGAZINE  
DUE AUGUST 6, 2012

WINTER MAGAZINE  
DUE NOVEMBER 7, 2012



*Jennifer Hoffman White '04 and her husband, Matthew White, on their wedding day, August 27, 2011.*

## Marriages

### 1978

**Sally Tollis Strouse** was married on November 19, 2012, to Jim Strouse, at T'ikvat Y'Israel Messianic Synagogue in Lyndhurst, Ohio. Sally works at Comfort Keepers, a home care agency.

### 2004

**Jennifer Hoffman White** and Matthew White were married on August 27, 2011, at Trinity Episcopal Church on Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio.

### 2007 and 2008

**Carly Palmer Jean '07** and **Jesse Jean '08** were married on June 25, 2011, in Cleveland, Ohio.

### 2008

**Elizabeth Urmston Boham** and Garrett Boham were married on July 30, 2011, in Rocky River, Ohio. The couple currently resides in Westlake, Ohio.

### 2009

**Jenna Sroka Smith** and Trevor Smith (Denison University '09) were married on May 21, 2011, in Cleveland, Ohio.

*Carly Palmer Jean '07 and Jesse Jean '08 on their wedding day, June 25, 2011, in Cleveland, Ohio. They were joined by many Ohio Wesleyan alums, (Back row, left to right), Chelsey Sutter '06, Steffi Graf Yoder '08, Ryan Yoder '08, Brandon Bianco '07, Kelli Lester Rudegeair '08, Dustin Rudegeair '08, Casey Teeters '08, Mitch Noggle '09, Megan Downing '09, Elliot Kaple '08, and Ralph Daugstrup. (Front row, left to right), Leslie Ranz '07, Jaime Douce '08, Brittany McDaniel Bianco '07, Carly Palmer Jean '07, Jesse Jean '08.*



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*Elizabeth Urmston Boham '08 and Garrett Boham '08 on their wedding day, July 30, 2011, with their many OWU friends and family. Front row (left to right): Lauren Frizzo '09, Candace Griffith '09, Allie Cozzone '09, Linda Urmston Stoesser '64, Matthew Boham '01, Garrett Boham '08, Elizabeth Urmston Boham '08, Rita Boham '00, Bruce Stoesser '64, Martha Davis '09, Alexandra Rodda '09, Kate LeFurgy '08, Laura Fumich '06. Back row (left to right): Amanda Matthews '08, Avin Assomull '06, Jessica LeSure '07, Laura Sinclair '07, Erin Sonenstein '06, Matthew Ward '00, Tracy Boham Ward '00, Craig Urmston '69, Alexandra Lesser '09, Emily Steger '09, Eriq Jamiel '09, William Fumich '73.*



*Jenna Sroka Smith '09 and Trevor Smith on their wedding day, May 21, 2011, joined by OWU friends (left to right): Melody Maxwell '10, Chioke Barkari '08, Megan Evans '09, Dana Reznik Gerken '07, Trevor Smith, Jenna Sroka Smith '09, Amanda Winter Covey '09, Nancy Betts Bowman '59, Rachael Survoy Hanagan '01, and Lauren Smith '09.*

## 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 Sirle, at [amstrle@owu.edu](mailto:amstrle@owu.edu). This modification of In Memoriam will allow for more comprehensive information sharing.

## Alumni

### 1935

**Richard L. Firestone**, of Powell, Ohio, died on February 13, 2012, at the age of 98. Richard was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Ruth Barr Firestone '35**. He is survived by his grandson **Reed Fogle '12**.

### 1937

**Anne V. Schlabach Burkhardt**, of Bennington, Vermont, died on March 11, 2012, at the age of 96. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Anne is survived by her sister, **Marian Schlabach Ramlow '41**, and was preceded in death by her sister, **Margaret Schlabach Dalzell '38**, mother **Eleanor Hugus Schlabach 1908**, and father **Otto Maxwell Schlabach 1907**.

**Marjorie Wolfe Warfel**, of Getzville, New York, died on January 27, 2012, at the age of 96. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Marjorie was preceded in death by her sister, **Ruth Wolfe Harley '41**.

### 1938

**Esther A. Tennant Shaw**, of Pullman and Seattle, Washington, passed away on January 29, 2012, at the age of 96. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. Esther was preceded in death by her husband, **Charles Gardner Shaw '38**. She is survived by her sister, **Judith Tennant Haines '40**.

### 1939

**Jane Wisenall Sexton**, of Berea, Kentucky, died April 17, 2012, at the age of 96. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Jane was preceded in death by her husband, **Claude Sexton '38**.

**Mary Annette McFarland Liggett**, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, died on March 23, 2012, at the age of 93. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

### 1941

**James E. Kuntz**, of Madison, Wisconsin, died on April 4, 2012, at the age of 92. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. James is survived by his wife, **Helen Hartley Kuntz '41**.

### 1942

**John Quincy Adams Jr.**, of Zanesville, Ohio, died on February 19, 2012, at the age of 91. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. John is survived by his son **John Quincy Adams III '68**. John was preceded in death by his sisters **Edna Adams '40** and **Erma Adams Myers '40**.

**Virginia McAfee Cox**, of Springfield, Ohio, died on March 26, 2012, at the age of 91. Virginia was preceded in death by her sister **Jean McAfee Wuest '48**.

**Charlotte Bushfield Patterson**, of Columbus, Ohio, died on March 23, 2012, at the age of 91. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband **Chase Patterson '40**. She is survived by her sister **Sue Bushfield Marr '39**.

**Ernest "Paul" Snedeker**, of Columbus, Ohio, died on March 31, 2012, at the age of 91. He is survived by his daughter, **Susan Snedeker Bobson '84**.

### 1943

**Lucile Browning Blackman**, of Amherst, New York, died on February 11, 2012, at the age of 90.

**J. Hugh Webb**, of Toledo, Ohio, died on April 19, 2012, at the age of 90. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Hugh was preceded in death by his brother, **J. Roger Webb '49**. He is survived by daughter **Susan Webb Lawrence '75**, son **James Richard Webb '78**, and grandson **Benjamin Lawrence '04**.

### 1944

**Janet Collins Campbell**, of Hudson, Ohio, died on December 17, 2011, at the age of 89. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is survived by daughters **Christine Campbell Walters '73** and **Cecily Campbell Eldridge '69**.

**James R. Milligan**, of Salem, Ohio, died on April 27, 2012, at the age of 89.

**Mary Christine "Chris" Paullin Morr**, of Columbus, Ohio, died on April 3, 2012, at the age of 89. Mary was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

### 1947

**D. Kenneth Morgan**, of Gallipolis, Ohio, died on Feb. 8, 2012, at the age of 86. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

### 1948

**William Robert Brown**, of Estero, Florida, passed away on October 9, 2011, at age 85. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He was preceded in death by his daughter, **Ann Brown Nutt '76**, and is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Dorothy Curtis Brown '49**.

**Lois Chambers Dilatush**, of Durham, North Carolina, and previously of Denver, Colorado, died on March 16,

2012, at the age of 85. Lois was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Jack D. Fouts**, of Punta Gorda, Florida, died on March 1, 2012, at the age of 86. Jack was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Jeanne Mayer Fouts '47**, who died in 1974. He is survived by his children **David Fouts '73** and daughter-in-law **Belinda "Binney" Brown Fouts '73**, **John Fouts '79**, **Jill Fouts Chappuis '75** and son-in-law **Rob Chappuis '74**, and granddaughter **Julia Fouts '08**.

**Edmund L. Naber**, of Lambertville, Michigan, died on February 15, 2012, at the age of 87. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**Jean Anne Herbert Pigg**, of Columbus, Ohio, died on April 18, 2012, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her parents, **W.B. Herbert '18** and **Helen McDowell Herbert '20**.

**Margaret "Peggy" E. Allison Wills**, of Memphis, Tennessee, died on March 13, 2012, at the age of 88. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband **Roland "Rollie" Wills '50**.

### 1949

**Benjamin O. Boals**, of Mansfield, Ohio, died on May 1, 2012, at the age of 86. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Ben is survived by his son, **John Boals '72**.

**Joyce E. Ziegler Costigan**, of Rochester, Minnesota, died on February 25, 2012, at the age of 84. Joyce was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

**Elizabeth Lindsley LoPresti**, of Veneta, California, died on April 18, 2012, at the age of 84.

**Mark J. Schaeper**, of Washington Court House, Ohio, died on April 23, 2012, at the age of 87. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

**Nancy Sower Thoole**, of Irvine, California, died on March 16, 2012, at the age of 84. Nancy was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

### 1950

**Starr F. Schlobohm**, of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, died on February 3, 2012, at the age of 83. Starr was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He survived by his son **Starr F. Schlobohm Jr. '79**.

### 1951

**Robert P. Hardman**, of Dayton, Ohio, died on April 21, 2012, at the age of 82. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He is survived by his sons **James Hardman '80** and **Kenneth Hashimoto '99**.

**Donn B. Miller**, of Beverly Hills, California, died on March 20, 2012, at the age of 82. He was a member

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of Sigma Chi fraternity. Donn was preceded in death by his mother, **M. Ernestine Biddle Miller '28**, and his sister, **Marjorie Miller Allen '57**. He is survived by his daughter, **Karen Miller Wicke '85**, brother **Arthur Miller '55**, and nephew **J. Geoffrey Allen '82**. Donn was a retired partner from the law firm O'Melveny & Myers and a leading corporate practitioner. In 1954, Donn served as an attorney in the office of the United States Air Force General Counsel in the Pentagon. He later moved to Los Angeles, California, and joined the firm in 1959.

**Donald R. Wedge**, of Clermont, Florida, died on April 20, 2012, at the age of 82. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Don is survived by his brother, **John Wedge '55**. Don was a referee for college football and NCAA basketball, and an NFL referee for 24 years. He was also a national sales manager for Hobart Brothers Corporation and a sales manager for Miller Valentine Real Estate. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, American Legion, and the Ohio Wesleyan University Athletic Hall of Fame.

## 1952

**William K. Brown**, of Fearington Village, North Carolina, died on March 8, 2012, at the age of 82. He was a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

**Walter F. W. Lohnes**, of Sunnyvale, California, died on February 8, 2012, at the age of 87. Walter was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

## 1953

**David N. Denison**, of Arden, North Carolina, died on February 4, 2012, at the age of 80. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. David is survived by his daughter, **Julie Denison Reinhardt '91**.

**Marjorie Gratz Hunerwadel**, of Dowling Park, Florida, died on March 18, 2012, at the age of 80.

## 1954

Gerald S. "Jerry" Dennis, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, died on April 7, 2012, at the age of 80. Jerry was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was preceded in death by his father, **Gerald S. Dennis '25**. He is survived by his brother, **W. Michael Dennis '58**.

**Bereneita "Nita" Heyman Devos**, of Monroeville, Ohio, died in March 2012, at the age of 79. Nita was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She is survived by her husband, **Richard Devos '54**.

**Mariana E. Gosnell**, of New York City, New York, died on March 23, 2012, at the age of 79. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Joyce Griffin Kurz**, of Sarasota, Florida, died on March 13, 2012, at the age of 80. Joyce was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Richard B. Kurz '53**. She is survived by her son, **Richard B. Kurz Jr. '74**.

**Thomas K. Millar**, of Osprey, Florida, and formerly of Fairfax, Virginia, died on February 8, 2012, at the age of 80. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**George J. Rudolph**, of Kettering, Ohio, died on February 14, 2012, at the age of 79. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

**Carolyn Ziegler Spangenberg** of Farmington Hills, Michigan, died on October 21, 2011, at the age of 79. Carolyn was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She is survived by her husband, **Albert Spangenberg '53**.

**David D. Wilson**, of West Union, Ohio, died on April 6, 2012, at the age of 80. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

## 1955

**Joan C. Thomas Barnes**, of Noblesville, Indiana, died on February 27, 2012, at the age of 78. Joan was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Leonard W. Treash Jr.**, of Bradenton, Florida, and Rochester, New York, died on March 7, 2012, at the age of 78. Leonard was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

## 1956

**James M. Mueller**, of Flagstaff, Arizona, died on February 18, 2012, at the age of 78. Jim was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Thomas K. Reed Jr.**, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, died on February 21, 2012, at the age of 80. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

**Janice Lindstrom Shisler**, of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away on February 19, 2012. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

## 1957

**Lucile Hittle Grassi**, of Winchester, Massachusetts, died on February 24, 2012, at the age of 77. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Lucile is survived by her daughter, **Christine Grassi Defenbaugh '88**.

**Jeanne S. Goubeaux Morris**, of Greenville, Ohio, died on March 28, 2012, at the age of 76. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Jeanne was preceded in death by her mother, **Generose Schreel Goubeaux '28**, and is survived by her daughter, **Mary Elizabeth Morris '86**.

**Sudhir Dave Vinjamuri**, of Greenville, South Carolina, died on March 24, 2012, at the age of 76. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

## 1958

**John Rinehart de Holl**, of Wilmington, North Carolina, died on March 24, 2012, at the age of 77. John was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

## 1959

**Harry Myers**, of Laurens, New York, died on February 25, 2012, at the age of 78. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

## 1962

**John S. Harston**, of Louisville, Colorado, died on February 15, 2012, at the age of 72. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. John is survived by his wife, **Linda Alexander Harston '64**.

**Max A. Schwindt**, of Groton, Connecticut, died on March 5, 2012, at the age of 71. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

## 1963

**Suellen Bowden Gornall**, of Placitas, New Mexico, died on January 7, 2012, at the age of 69. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She was survived by her brother, **Timothy Bowden '67**.

## 1965

**Tom Campbell**, of Augusta, Georgia, died on May 2, 2012, at the age of 68.

**Nancy Jean Hall**, of Bay Village, Ohio died on April 4, 2012, at the age of 68. Nancy was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

## 1966

**Shirley Elizabeth "Beth" Hanigan**, of Washington, D.C., died on September 19, 2010, at the age of 66.

## 1969

**Griffith R. "Dick" Brockunier**, of Jennerstown, Pennsylvania, died on February 16, 2012, at the age of 85.

## 1970

**Anne-Marie Begley**, of Heiskell, Tennessee, died on April 17, 2012, at the age of 63.

**Lynne Taggart Young**, of Rochester, New York, died on February 8, 2012, at the age of 63. Lynne was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

## 1971

**Margaret Rogers Guilford**, of Santa Rosa, California, died on March 26, 2012, at the age of 62. Margaret was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

## 1972

**Anne M. Graham Pepera**, of Northfield, Ohio, died on March 1, 2012, at the age of 61.

## 1977

**Rebecca A. McCreery Bargar**, of Maysville, Kentucky, died on February 26, 2012, at the age of 58.

## 1995

**Abram Wilson**, of the UK, died on June 9, 2012 at the age of 39. More to come about Abram's accomplishments in the Fall Magazine.

## 2003

**Adam S. Keefer**, of Maysville, Kentucky, died on February 26, 2012, at the age of 58.



**2013**

**Jeffrey Paul Austin Farkas**, of New Waterford, Ohio, died on March 30, 2012, at the age of 21.

**2014**

**Jakob F. Von Der Vellen**, of Medina, Ohio, died on March 16, 2012, at the age of 19. He was president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at the time of his passing.

**Faculty/Staff**

**Jack D. Fouts '48**, of Punta Gorda, Florida, died on March 1, 2012, at the age of 86. Jack was the head football coach at OWU in the 1960s and 1970s. His coaching career began at the high school level, serving 11 years as a coach in the Ohio school system. Prior to becoming head coach at Ohio Wesleyan in 1964, Jack spent five years as offensive line coach at University of Michigan. At OWU, from 1967-71 his football team was 33-12-1 overall and won two Ohio Athletic Conference championships in addition to one second place in the O.A.C. In 1967, he was named NCAA College Division Coach of the Year for District II after he led his OWU team to an undefeated season (8-0-1). In 1984 he became the Cornell University offensive line coach after 20 years as head coach at OWU. Jack is survived by his children **David Fouts '73** and daughter-in-law **Belinda "Binney" Brown Fouts '73**, **John Fouts '79**, **Jill Fouts Chappuis '75** and son-in-law **Rob Chappuis '74**, and granddaughter **Julia Fouts '08**. More to come about Jack's accomplishments in the fall *OWU Magazine*.

*Editor's Note: Although our spring edition of the Magazine included information about Susanna's passing, we wish to acknowledge several additional accomplishments, and regret prior omissions.*

**Susanna Strickland Belloccq** died on November 27, 2011, at the age of 71. A professor of modern foreign languages, Susanna came to Ohio Wesleyan in 1971. For 40 years, she taught French at OWU, instilling her passion for French and French literature in countless Ohio Wesleyan students. She received her undergraduate and Master's degrees from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. In addition to teaching students at the entry level of French, Susanna also taught memorable courses in film, the tradition of Perrault's tales in France and beyond and the modern prose tradition. She was instrumental in fostering the languages honorary, Phi Sigma Iota. Serving on the Executive Committee of the Faculty for a period of time, Susanna also participated on OWU's Honorary Degree committee. While at the University of Paris-Sorbonne, she worked toward a "licence d'anglais" in translation. Susanna is survived by her daughters Caroline and Helen, husband, Jean-Michel, sister,

Mary and brother-in-law, Kirby Holmes, several nieces and nephews, students, and friends.

**Sympathy**

**John Quincy Adams III '68** for the passing of his father, **John Quincy Adams Jr.** on February 19, 2012.

**John Boals '72** in the loss of his father, **Benjamin O. Boals '49** on May 1, 2012.

**Susan Snedeker Bobson '84** for the loss of her father, **Ernest "Paul" Snedeker '42** on March 31, 2012.

**Martha Hibbert Boice '53** for the loss of her husband; and **Fred Hibbert '52** and **Mary Dell Wintermute Hibbert '53** in the loss of their brother-in-law, William V. "Bill" Boice, who died on Jan. 27, 2011.

**Timothy Bowden '67** for the loss of his sister, **Suellen Bowden Gornall '63**, on January 7, 2012, at the age of 69.

**Dorothy Curtis Brown '49** for the loss of her husband, **William Robert Brown '48**, on October 9, 2011, at age 85.

**John G. Cumming III '72** and **Barbara Cumming Tiesi '77** for the loss of their mother, and **J. Barclay Richey '09**, for the loss of his grandmother, Olga H. Cumming, who died on March 29, 2012, at 90. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John G. Cumming Jr. '47**.

**Christine Grassi Defenbaugh '88** for the loss of her mother, **Lucile Hittle Grassi '57**, on February 24, 2012, at the age of 77.

**W. Michael Dennis '58** for the loss of his brother, **Gerald S. "Jerry" Dennis '54**, on April 7, 2012, at the age of 80.

**Richard Devos '54** for the loss of his wife, **Bereneita "Nita" Heyman Devos '54**, on March 11, 2012.

**Cassandra Cook Donofrio '77** for the loss of her mother, and **Vincent A. Donofrio '14**, for the loss of his grandmother, Ethel E. Cook, who died on November 16, 2011.

**Lynne Joanedis Doyle '75** for the loss of her mother, Sylvia Joanedis, on April 29, 2012.

**Reed Fogle '12** for the passing of his grandfather, **Richard L. Firestone '35**, on February 13, 2012.

**Matthew H. Gates '42** for the loss of his wife, and **Melissa Gates Walker '74**, **Clark Gates '70**, and **H. Matthew Gates Jr. '69**, for the loss of their mother, Alice Kirkby Gates, who died on January 5, 2012, at the age of 91.

**Judy Tennant Haines '40** on the death of her sister, **Esther Tennant Shaw '38**.

**James Hardman '80** and **Kenneth Hashimoto '99** for the loss of their father, **Robert P. Hardman '51**, on April 21, 2012.

**Linda Alexander Harston '64** for the passing of her husband, **John S. Harston '62**, on February 15, 2012, at the age of 72.

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**Julie Denison Reinhardt '91** for the loss of her father, **David N. Denison '53**, on February 4, 2012, at the age of 80.

**Keith Rozanski '99** for the loss of his brother, Nicholas Rozanski, who died in April 2012.

**Starr F. Schlobohm Jr. '79** for the loss of his father, Starr F. Schlobohm, on February 3, 2012, at the age of 83.

**Albert Spangenberg '53** in the passing of his wife, **Carolyn Ziegler Spangenberg '54** on October 21, 2011.

**Christine Campbell Walters '73** and **Cecily Campbell Eldridge '69** for the loss of their mother, **Janet Collins Campbell '44**, who died on December 17, 2011.

**John Wedge '55** for the loss of his brother, Donald R. Wedge, who passed away on April 20, 2012, at the age of 82.

**Karen Miller Wicke '85**, **Arthur Miller '55**, and **J. Geoffrey Allen '82**, for the loss of their father, brother, and uncle, **Donn B. Miller '51**, on March 20, 2012.

**Phil "Wynn Phillips" Wisnieski '65** for the passing of his son, Nathan, on January 1, 1999, at the age of 25.

## Lightning and Life's Journeys

By Glenn Entis '76

**MY CHOICE OF A CAREER CAME IN A FLASH OF LIGHTNING MY FIRST YEAR OUT OF OWU.** I was lucky; I was not on a traditional path to find my career.

I came to OWU intending to major in either fine arts or physics. I knew enough to know that a spread that wide meant “exploration” and a liberal arts education that would help me find and forge my own path. I figured that I would “follow my passion” and that lightning might strike when I needed it. It did. Two bolts struck in my first term at OWU. The first was a talk and demonstration by computer graphics pioneer Chuck Csuri in the Fall Symposium of 1972 (these were very early, black and white line drawing graphics), and the second was Dr. Daniel Anderson’s freshman colloquium in philosophy. I was hooked by both experiences, without regard for practicality (how can you be practical when you’re in love?), and my OWU education was defined by a passion for art, technology, and philosophy – how they intersect and how they inspire and challenge each other.

Graduating from OWU in 1976, I moved to the art world of New York City, and in the fall of that year I took a workshop in computer animation. Lightning struck again, this time hard. Up until that time, it hadn’t occurred to me that there were commercial possibilities, and actual studios, in that passionate intersection of art and technology. I loved art, I loved math, and I loved the philosophical implications of mixing them up, but seeing people making a living in that holy intersection was a moment that changed my life. I wrote a long letter to my parents that I had found the love of my life, and my career was set into motion.

Starting any career requires work hard and flexibility. I convinced Morgan Guaranty Trust to hire an art and philosophy graduate as a computer programmer, and enrolled in a graduate computer science program at night. Everything in my life was about computer graphics, and in that field I read everything, learned everything, and met everybody I could. And I went in search of new lightning.

I moved from my first programming job to a new job in Silicon Valley writing programs for office black & white graphics (Hewlett-Packard). From there, I took a job writing a program for *color* graphics for artists (Ampex, where I wrote software for AVA, one of the first commercial computer paint systems). From there, I moved on to *animated* computer graphics when I co-founded the pioneering computer animation studio Pacific Data Images in the early 1980s (none of the existing studios would hire me). PDI outlasted them all and went on to be acquired by Dreamworks Animation, where it is still going strong and has produced the films *Antz*, *Shrek* – and its sequels, *Madagascar* – and *its* sequels). From there, I moved on to *interactive* animated graphics in the form of video games and I was the founding CEO of Dreamworks Interactive. Our job was to build great games based on the creative vision of hardcore gamer Steven Spielberg, (who was wonderful to work for). When gaming giant Electronic Arts purchased Dreamworks Interactive in 2000, I stayed with the studio, and thrived at EA, capping my career there as SVP, Chief Visual and Technical Officer for EA’s 14 studios and almost 3,000 artists and engineers worldwide. Now I invest in computer graphics and digital media companies as co-founder and partner in Vanedge Capital, a Vancouver-based venture capital fund. And from this perch, I get to look at exciting companies and entrepreneurs in this field I love from all over the world.

Were my fine arts and philosophy degrees the most practical and linear ways to enter my career? No (“fine arts”, “philosophy” and “practical” should never again be allowed in the same sentence). Were they an essential part of the journey that I needed in order to find my way into a field that was just being invented as I entered it? ABSOLUTELY! My mentors at OWU challenged and inspired me to think and to create, to grab an issue and take it as far and hard as I could, and to realize that all real growth and learning starts and ends with self-knowledge. I needed a lot more after graduation to make it in my career, but OWU gave me the critical start I needed to find those next steps on my own.



We all live in a stormy world of lightning. The accelerating pace of change means that career paths are far less defined and certain now than they were when I graduated in 1976. And many of us look for lightning in our lives – that stroke of insight, career breakthrough, romantic spark – that is going to illuminate our path in life and help us understand where we came from and where we are going. But we cannot control the lightning. All we can do is build our personal best lightning rods with curiosity, passion, and commitment.

Is this personal approach to career ignoring the needs of the world? I don’t think so. There is a simple description of leadership: the ability to help people connect what’s most important to them, personally, to the goals and aspirations of the enterprise. Leaders don’t “inspire” or “empower” or “motivate” – each person has to do that for his or her own self. But a leader can help each member of the team, through demonstration and guidance, find his or her own personal sources of motivation and inspiration, and to then connect and invest those personal sources of motivation in the overall success of the enterprise. Leadership is deeply personal, and it has to start with leading yourself. A faster wheel needs a stronger center, and personal and authentic leadership is the center this fast world needs in young people starting their careers today.

*Glenn Entis '76 has been working in computer graphics, games, and animation over 35 years. Glenn is currently a founding general partner of Vanedge Capital, a Vancouver-based venture capital fund focusing on digital media. In 1998, he was awarded the Technical Achievement Award from the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences for his design and development work on PDI's animation system. Glenn is an honorary professor at Emily Carr University, an adjunct professor at the Masters of Digital Media program at Great Northern Way, and lectures at schools and conferences around the world.*

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