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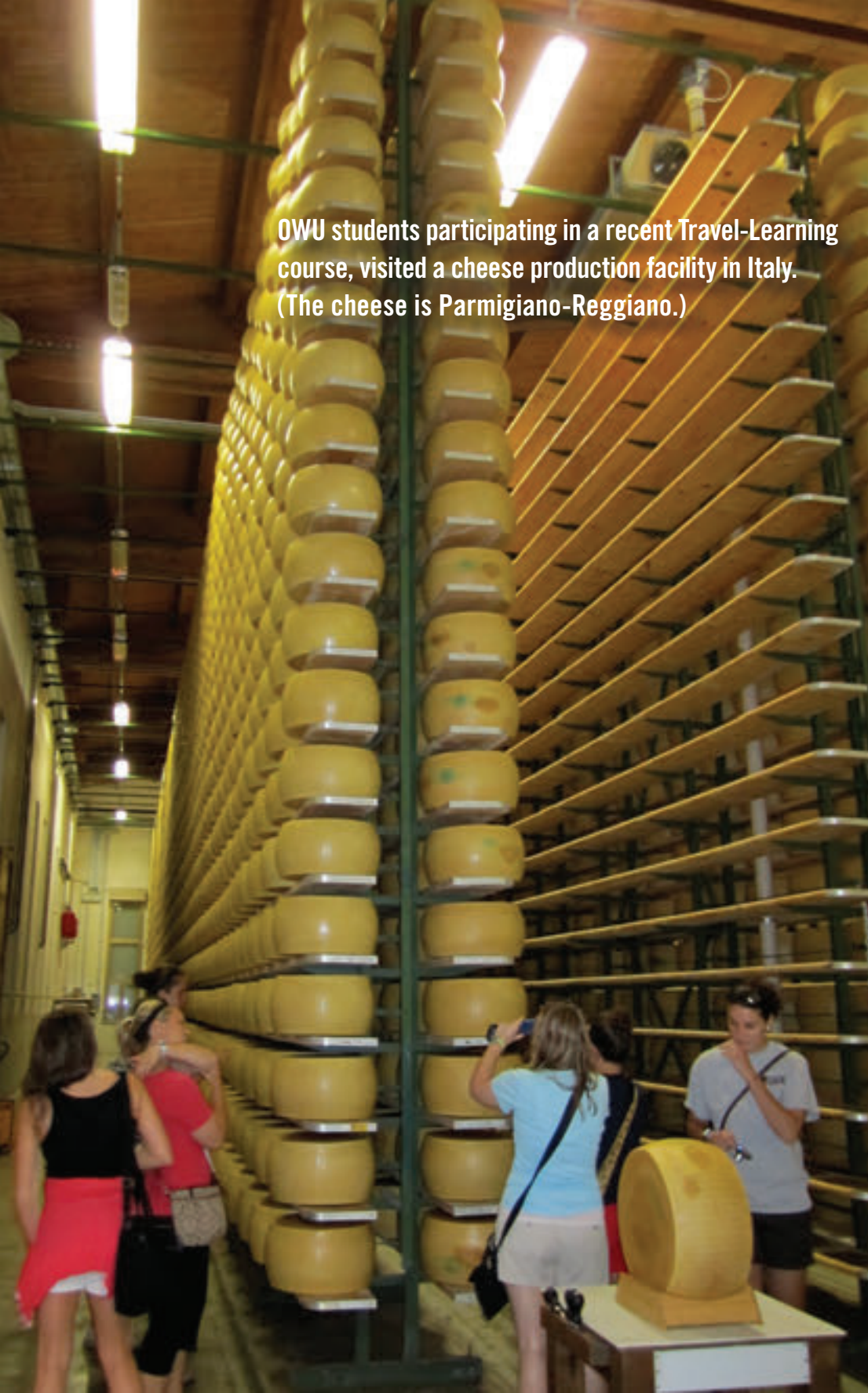
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# Celebration and Challenge: Food in the 21st Century

LAST FALL, AS PART OF THE SAGAN NATIONAL COLLOQUIUM'S CONSIDERATION OF THE TOPIC OF FOOD, OHIO WESLEYAN HOSTED PROFESSOR ANJALI BHATIA OF LADY SHRI RAM (LSR) COLLEGE IN NEW DELHI, INDIA. Professor Bhatia is a sociologist whose research focuses on the impact of fast food on the youth culture in India. While she was on campus, she asked for the opportunity to gather with students from OWU who visited LSR last spring and to engage them in assisting her in preparing a traditional Indian festival dinner. The group gathered in our home at 1 p.m. and began to work under the direction of Professor Bhatia, who guided us until more than six hours after preparation began, we sat to a sumptuous feast. Along the way, we learned about various elements of traditional Indian cuisine, the variations that exist in different parts of the country, and the relationship between food and the culture, traditions, and habits of the people and families of India. It was a memorable day through which food provided a host of new insights and understandings of a culture and its people.

Food is a universal human need. Food nourishes the body and gives us strength

to live and work. But food is much more than a source of physical nourishment. Every culture has its own practices related to food, reflecting the physical setting and the foods that can be grown in that setting, and the role of food in defining the society and its people. Many of the most significant occasions in the course of a human life are marked by the sharing of food, often in ways that are prescribed by the culture and its customs. Religions around the world have a variety of sacred traditions through which food offers a way of responding to the human longing for an experience of the divine. When families reunite after periods of separation, a meal often serves as the centerpiece of the reunion. The presence of food marks the passages of human life, the structures of human society, and the practices of religious faith. To share a meal is to share a life.

At the same time, the absence or scarcity of food presents one of the most vexing challenges faced by our world today. The images of hunger and starvation haunt us, reflecting the harsh realities of poverty and inequity in the allocation of the planet's scarce resources. The inability of our global

society to provide sufficient nutrition for all people represents one of the greatest failures of our time. The presence of food often marks great celebration; the absence of food even more powerfully marks the needs of a hurting and broken world.

The curriculum at Ohio Wesleyan is designed to create opportunities for students to explore complex global challenges, from the perspective of multiple disciplines, in search of lasting solutions. This is essential in the education of the next generation of moral leaders for a global society.

It is not surprising that food has emerged as a topic of interest and importance. Food represents one of the great challenges faced by our world while at the same time preserving some of the richest expressions of the human experience. Food is reflected in our literature, our art, our cultures, our customs, and our history. The scarcity of food requires consideration from disciplines as varied as public policy, sustainable agriculture, global education, public health, economics, and the biological sciences, among others.



*Chopping, steaming, and stir-frying their ways to healthy eating, OWU students are analyzing the nutritional content of meals they cook in Professor Chris Fink's personal health class.*

In this issue of the *OWU Magazine*, we share stories of campus conversations and explorations regarding the topic of food in the 21st century. We reflect on a curriculum that includes a course connection network devoted to “Food: How Production and Consumption Shape Our Bodies, Our Cultures and Our Environment”; a Sagan National Colloquium titled “Bite! Examining the Mutually Transformative Relationship Between People and Food”; and faculty and student research across several disciplines that explore both the rich cultural traditions and the profound global challenges brought about by the presence and absence of food. You will note that Ohio Wesleyan faculty are engaged in important research related to food and global climate change, poverty/malnutrition, and local and international government policies in places such as Sub-

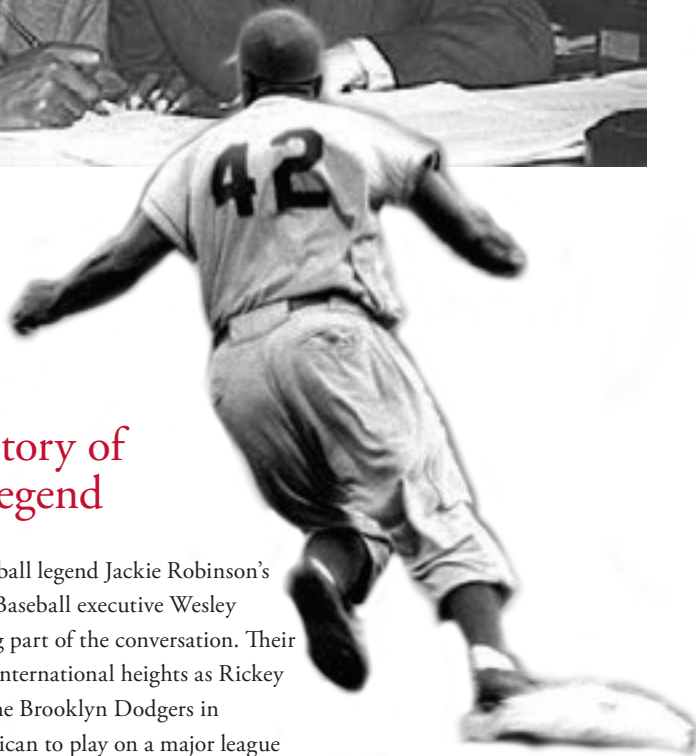
Saharan Africa.

We also share stories of alumni who have devoted significant portions of their lives to the issue of food, from an elected leader whose public service has included leadership in fighting hunger, to individuals who volunteer their time and leadership to provide food for those who otherwise are hungry, to a creative chef who partners with sustainable agriculture to create an exquisite dining experience. We introduce another aspect of the Healthy Bishop Initiative, in this case a campus effort to encourage our students to develop healthy dietary habits that will strengthen them for a lifetime of leadership for which an Ohio Wesleyan education prepares them.

Food frames both our greatest celebrations and our most significant challenges. It is in the nuance of celebration and challenge that the liberal arts graduate stands apart in preparation for leadership

in a global society. As always, I am struck by the quality of the work happening on campus among faculty and students, and by the quality of contributions being made by alumni across the country and around the world in relation to this important global issue. To those whose stories are shared in this edition of the *Magazine* and to the countless others whose lives are concerned in one way or another with this great issue, thank you for exemplifying the longstanding commitment of Ohio Wesleyan to an education for leadership and service.

Rock Jones  
*President of Ohio Wesleyan University*



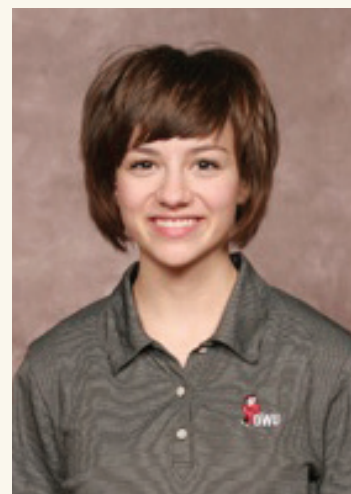
## '42: The True Story of an American Legend

One cannot mention baseball legend Jackie Robinson's name without Major League Baseball executive Wesley "Branch" Rickey (1904) being part of the conversation. Their partnership was propelled to international heights as Rickey signed Robinson to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947—the first African-American to play on a major league team. Their commitment to strive for equality and human dignity and challenges they faced along the way are powerfully documented in a new Warner Brothers film, *42: The True Story of an American Legend*, scheduled to premiere in Macon, Georgia, on April 12.

As this edition of the *Magazine* goes to press, several campus events are being planned to celebrate the film, in addition to the opportunity to view the movie at Delaware's Strand Theatre on April 12. *42: The True Story of an American Legend*, stars Harrison Ford as Rickey and Chadwick Boseman as Robinson. Learn more about Branch Rickey at [rickeycollection.owu.edu](http://rickeycollection.owu.edu) and <http://rickeyrobinson.owu.edu/videos.html> and view the powerful movie trailer at [42movie.warnerbros.com](http://42movie.warnerbros.com).

## From Hookstown to Taiwan

Growing up in what she calls the "Hookstown Bubble," Pennsylvania native Alison Falk '14 was determined to break out of that bubble and "experience the rest of the world." Since coming to OWU, the International Studies/East Asia Studies major has participated in several Travel-Learning courses in Korea, China, and Taiwan, and most recently, has received a Freeman Foundation Grant enabling her to spend this semester



in Taiwan. She is studying international business and perfecting her language skills at the National Chengchi University in Taipei.

The foundation's main objectives involve strengthening relationships between the United States and countries of East Asia and encouraging greater appreciation of Asian cultures, history, and economy.

"During our stay at the university, we sign a language commitment stating that we will only speak Mandarin, unless we cannot find the words to express ourselves properly," says Falk. Awaiting those who otherwise break the commitment is an array of pre-selected repercussions, ranging from sit-ups to extra writing assignments.

"I am thrilled that Alison has received the prestigious Freeman Foundation Grant to support her semester of study in Taiwan," says OWU President Rock Jones. "Alison has taken full advantage of the opportunities presented by Ohio Wesleyan to make connections between theory and practice in a global context. Her study of international business and East Asia has been enriched by travel to Korea and China, in addition to her semester in Taiwan. She continues a long line of Ohio Wesleyan students, dating back to the late nineteenth century, who have developed interest in the people and cultures of East Asia."

## Stand Together, Live Together *Celebrate MLK's Vision Year-Round*



Dr. Albert Paul Brinson grew up right around the corner from the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the King family in Atlanta. Brinson, the retired Associate General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., spoke with words of deep respect for King, his friend and colleague, while the 300-plus members of his audience listened and celebrated the birth and life of one of the nation's great civil rights heroes. Over coffee, juice, and scrambled eggs served in the Benes rooms at the annual Delaware County MLK breakfast, friends caught up with each other's lives and viewed a film clip of King's "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered 50 years ago.



"We want to walk in here this morning and walk out, somehow changed," said Brinson. Also part of the 2013 MLK celebration was an afternoon worship service in Delaware and evening lecture by OWU's Professor Emmanuel Twesigye about President Obama's second inauguration in the context of King's dream.

"Today, we are moving closer to not having to think only of race as we stand together to do the living of these times together," Brinson observed. He spoke of the need for our dreams to include others. "Our lives, after all, are to be lived for each other."

## Cleaning the Pipes of the Magnificent Klais

From the smallest fingertip-length pipes producing high, almost inaudible, sounds to the sturdy 16-foot baritone groaning metal and wood pipes belonging to OWU's Rexford Keller Memorial Organ, a new—and cleaner—day is dawning. The 4,522 pipe organ, housed in Gray Chapel since its purchase in 1980, is undergoing a thorough cleaning and restoration and only its second complete tuning in 30 years.

Overseeing the project from the German manufacturer, Orgelbau Klais, are Andreas Brehm Klais, the organ voicer and son of organ builder Hans-Gerd Klais, and Klais apprentice George Stahlmann. The two began disassembling the organ in early January, once University funds had been raised for the \$525,000 restoration. With the exception of several hundred pipes including those in the organ's ornate façade that were sent to Germany for rebuilding and revoicing, the rest were carefully laid out on Gray Chapel's stage area, according to the four types of pipes: flute, oboe, reed, and trumpet. An air compressor was used to blow out the dust from each pipe. The restoration process is on schedule for an April completion date.

"We are looking forward to hearing the organ's fresh sound of 30 years ago, with more dynamic power," says Robert Griffith '62, professor emeritus of music at OWU and organ teacher, who has been working closely with the Klais organ specialists.

Read more about the restoration of the largest Klais organ in the United States at [magazine.owu.edu/organ](http://magazine.owu.edu/organ)

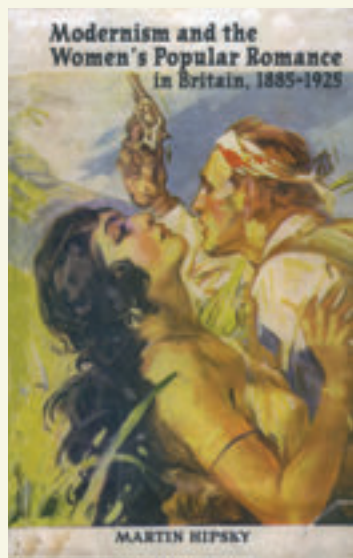




## OWU Welcomes New VP

“The future belongs to institutions that can see it, influence it, and shape it to their advantage.” So believes Dan Hitchell, Ohio Wesleyan’s new vice president for finance and administration and treasurer of the University. Arriving on campus from his previous position as associate vice president for resource planning and budget at Webster University in St. Louis, Hitchell also has worked at St. Louis University as manager and later director of financial planning and budgeting. At those institutions, his responsibilities were many fold, including budgeting, operational and strategic planning, risk management, financial analysis, facilities operations, construction management, capital projects and financing, and real estate management.

“Dan’s expertise will be invaluable as we continue to work strategically to refurbish and expand our residential facilities and build our endowment,” says President Rock Jones. “Ohio Wesleyan is rich with potential, and Dan will help us to realize this potential and achieve our goals of providing a positive, life-changing educational experience for all OWU students.”



## Martin Hipsky Modernism and the Women’s Popular Romance in Britain, 1885-1925

“BRITISH MODERNISM IS A SUBJECT THAT’S BEEN MUCH WRITTEN ABOUT,” SAYS PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH MARTIN HIPSKY. William Butler Yeats, Virginia Woolf, D.H. Lawrence, T.S. Eliot (even though he was an American who became a naturalized British subject), and others are well-known examples of what we might call high modernism.

“During the same period,” Hipsky continues, “British women were publishing bestselling popular novels, but there’s been very little written about them—a few scholarly articles, but not a book.”

For ten years, “summers actually,” Hipsky says, “because it’s very difficult to do sustained scholarly work during semesters,” he studied the novels these women wrote and their relationship to the modernist literature of the period. Traveling to London three times, he conducted extensive research at the British Library. “I always show my students pictures of the British Library and

its proximity to King’s Cross Station, which, of course, is the home of the famous Platform 9¾, well-known to readers of Harry Potter.”

What Hipsky discovered was that both highly experimental modernism, perhaps best exemplified by Eliot’s “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock” and Joyce’s *Ulysses*, and the popular romances of the time were responses to the literary realism “that was perhaps *too* effective at mirroring class strata and the loss of community,” he says. “Realism was pessimistic, and both the modernists and the popular women novelists provided ways for readers to transcend the rigors of day-to-day existence. For [both these groups of writers], meaning lay elsewhere than in daily life. It was instead found in a psychic interiority: a secular vision that was neither traditional nor religious.”

The romances of the period were not formulaic. “The ‘romance’ genre hadn’t hardened, so the books were quirky and idiosyncratic,” Hipsky says. “These books were considered both a form of pleasure and edification.”

The women’s romances Hipsky examined might today be considered “middlebrow.” At the same period, other writers were cranking out what were called ‘Penny Dreadfuls’—inexpensive books generally sold in places such as train stations. They were ephemeral, not meant to last. “Here today, gone tomorrow, and pretty lowbrow,” Hipsky says.

“The popular women’s romances were different,” he explains. “They sold very rapidly and many of the authors, such as Marie Corelli, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and Elinor Glyn, gained credible reputations, and, especially in Corelli’s case, considerable wealth. Today, the elitism of the modernist period has somewhat drained out, and that’s good. Retroactively, we’re looking at works that 40 years ago we would have ignored because of that elitism. These women in a sense democratized the modernist movement and are quite worthy of study.”

For Hipsky, writing is a sort of “harvesting, harvesting, harvesting of information, ideas, and facts from the archives. Then it becomes a sifting process in which patterns begin to emerge.” He works from an outline, but “sometimes one idea



leads to another that wasn't in the outline. It was E.M. Forster who said, 'How can I know what I think until I see what I say?' and I find that to be somewhat true."

Hipsky's next project is a book on a writer he calls "a definitely highbrow modernist: Rebecca West."

*Modernism and the Women's Popular Romance in Britain, 1885-1925* is available at amazon.com and from Ohio University Press.

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## David Caplan Observances

DAVID CAPLAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, HAS BEEN AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS EMILY CLARK BALCH PRIZE FOR POETRY BY THE *VIRGINIA QUARTERLY REVIEW* FOR SPRING 2012. One of the country's most distinguished literary journals, the *Virginia Quarterly Review* honors writers with this award who contribute the very best work

to their publication each year. Caplan's winning sequence of poems, "Observances," explores the portrayal of traditionally observant Jews in a way that is innovative and unique within American literature today.

Central to "Observances" is a visit Caplan made to Tiferes Bachurim, a yeshiva (residential institution devoted to Jewish learning) in Morristown, New Jersey. "This project began with my interest in the way that contemporary American literature depicts traditionally observant Jews," explains Caplan. "They're sometimes depicted, but they often don't seem quite as real as other characters; they are treated more as caricatures. I wanted to present these people living real lives and capture the fullness of their character."

After Caplan had written a few poems with this inspiration, the *Virginia Quarterly Review* sent him to Tiferes Bachurim accompanied by the photographer Noah Rabinowitz. "The journal often likes to do spreads of poems alongside photographs," says Caplan. "It turned out to be an educational and inspirational experience to work with a talented photographer and see things from the perspective of a visual artist."

At Tiferes Bachurim, Caplan immersed himself in the culture of Jewish learning, finding poetic inspiration from a variety of places as he did so. "One thing I paid attention to was things that might strike people as contradictory. For example, there's a poem where I described students studying the Talmud, an important Jewish text written in Aramaic, and looking up words on a smart phone. In the journal, it was published with a picture of someone looking at his phone. It may seem contradictory to someone outside the group, but the students use phones for the same purpose of understanding the text. It was a moment ready for poetry."

Throughout "Observances," Caplan uses different kinds of verse lines to capture elements of his experience. One poem depicts a sense of "lively energy" and is accompanied by a photograph of people linking arms and jumping up and down. Another poem reflects the physical endurance that comes with intense learning and concentration for long periods of time. In both

cases, Caplan focuses on treating his characters as profoundly real, expressing their very human frustrations and accomplishments.

Caplan says a project like "Observances"—and his own poetry in general—can contribute to a helpful dialogue with his creative writing students. "I talk about my own writing with my students, not as a model of accomplishment, but because I'm a fellow poet working through issues similar to what students may experience."

It's important, Caplan says, to discuss the writing process with students, and examples from his own writing can help them to work through difficulties. "For instance, I'll often encourage students to picture their characters in a room, as this will provide material that they can use in the poem. Many scenes in 'Observances' took place in the study hall, and I frequently looked around that room to identify what poetic resources might be there. I share this with my students in hopes that it can give them a tool for their writing."

For Caplan, "looking around the room" for poetic resources is important. In fact, his own life and experiences are the primary inspiration for his poetry. "In many ways, I'm inspired by the sum total of the poetry I've read—both good and bad," he explains. "As I've read, I've found many American poets are writing from their own lifestyles and experiences, and I've had to trust my own life experiences as being equally valuable to draw on for my writing."

Caplan is currently working on poems that he plans to add to "Observances," a welcome addition to his powerful and award-winning sequence. His forthcoming book, *Rhyme's Challenge*, is under contract with Oxford University Press for publication in the coming year.

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## A Life Well Lived



Aaron Riley '11

### The Tower Society Opportunity

**PART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM FOR PAST OWU PARENTS SHAWN RILEY AND SHAROLYN (SHARI) GREGORY WAS TO SEND THEIR SON, AARON RILEY '11, TO OHIO WESLEYAN.** “It was a milestone, to be sure,” says Shawn, a professor of natural sciences at Michigan State University. Shari shares her husband’s love for the environment as a specialist in wildlife ecology, as well as his fond memories of Aaron’s remarkable experiences at Ohio Wesleyan. “Like all college parents, we were pulled between the emotions of pride and worry,” they recall.

That worry was more intense because their son, an international studies and economics double major, was challenged by epilepsy. It was an accidental drowning believed to be related to an epileptic seizure that caused Aaron’s death while swimming on a summer day in 2011. It was, however, Aaron’s well-lived life before, during, and after OWU that inspired his parents to, as Shawn says, “honor Aaron’s dream of encouraging others with epilepsy to experience all that a place like Ohio Wesleyan—and life—have to offer.” His parents say he lived that dream in classes and with

his professors, with his Chi Phi fraternity brothers, studying abroad in Ireland, climbing mountains around the world, and enjoying “anything outdoors.” Following his graduation from OWU, Aaron secured an internship with the USA Rice Federation in Arlington, Virginia, where he quickly contributed to projects focused on sustainable agriculture.

“Aaron was such a delightful presence; his enthusiasm was contagious,” shares OWU Chaplain Jon Powers, recalling how Aaron liked playing his fiddle on the knoll west of the Benes rooms. “That’s why we planted his tree nearby that spot.”

“Aaron never wanted to be held back by epilepsy, nor did he try to conceal it,” says Shawn, explaining his son’s desire to reduce the feelings of isolation and seclusion that people living with epilepsy often experience, and why, as parents, he and Shari wanted to do something special and lasting for Aaron and his alma mater.

“OWU reached out to us in meaningful ways, and we saw some special out-of-the-ordinary sides to the University.” The window into their son’s

college proved to be both enlightening and a source of comfort.

“We worked hard and saved (and had some luck) to get where we are now,” says Shawn. “We both believe it is critical that we contribute something back to a society that provided us with opportunities to succeed. At the same time, we believe higher education is a foundation on which strong and just societies are built.”

Aaron’s dreams and enthusiastic spirit are being realized through Shawn and Shari’s support for the Ohio Wesleyan Tower Society, as well as by a scholarship they created for an OWU student enrolling this fall who identifies as living with the disease of epilepsy.

“By contributing to OWU, we simultaneously honor our son’s life while helping to make liberal education more accessible for others.”

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



# Building Bridges

*Ezra Vogel '50 continues support for global learning*

EZRA VOGEL '50, THE HENRY FORD II PROFESSOR OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES EMERITUS AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, HAS DEVOTED HIS LIFE THROUGH TEACHING, WRITING, AND SPEAKING, TO BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE FAR EAST AND THE UNITED STATES. His latest gift to Ohio Wesleyan reflects Vogel's commitment to his life's work as well as his desire to encourage future generations of OWU students to strengthen those important ties. Vogel is establishing a permanent endowment to support Ohio Wesleyan students engaged in international study including research and travel involving East Asia.

Vogel's donation to OWU of all the proceeds from the mainland China printing of his critically acclaimed book *Deng Xiaoping and the Transformation of China* is expected to yield at least \$500,000 for the Ezra Vogel '50 Student Support Endowed Fund for East Asia. The 928-page biography examines the legacy of Deng, who led the People's Republic of China from 1978-1992.

"This [gift] is classic Ezra," says OWU President Rock Jones. "It's smart and it's spot-on. This is the type of transformative gift that will create limitless dividends for Ohio Wesleyan students."

Vogel is a native of Delaware, Ohio. He studied sociology/anthropology at Ohio Wesleyan and established the Joseph and Edith Vogel Lecture series in honor of Vogel's parents.



*Connections That Matter—  
San Diego*

## Sharing OWU's Progress at CTM

OWU's Connections That Matter (CTM), a series of tours initiated by President Rock Jones, began last September in Chicago. Now, more than 20 tours later, Jones is close to completing these gatherings with OWU alumni and friends around the country who are eager to learn more about "OWU Today"—new programs and curricular initiatives such as Ohio Wesleyan's Course Connections networks, Travel-Learning Courses, and Theory-to-Practice projects. Lively dialog and sharing of opinions have enabled alumni to become both more informed and more engaged in important conversations about OWU's future and the progress that has been made since Jones began his presidency in 2008. Beginning his "Rock Tours" of the country shortly after he started at OWU, Jones encouraged alumni with whom he met to tell him about their hopes and aspirations for Ohio Wesleyan. Four years later, there has been much to share about OWU's many achievements and goals for the coming years. Read more about Connections That Matter at [community.owu.edu](http://community.owu.edu).





From digging irrigation trenches for sustainable gardening in Tanzania, studying global change ecology and environmental sustainability in the Amazon rainforests of Brazil, and experiencing the relationship between food and culture in Italy, OWU students and their professors sank their teeth into food, complemented by this year's Sagan National Colloquium theme about food. In the mix are myriad Theory-to-Practice and Travel-Learning course opportunities—and even healthy cooking classes with culinary experts on campus! OWU's Healthy Bishop Initiative, in which healthy eating and physical activity play major roles, is promoting the importance for us to make healthy and responsible decisions about our health. It's as simple as increasing the hours of the Fitness Center, or creating a more structured intramural sports program. But beyond our own doorstep lies a world whose people don't know where their next meals, clean water, or crops are coming from. And the OWU community feels their pain and knows it is through education and traveling outside of comfort zones, that real learning and contributing to problem solving occur. Shown here are several of many such learning experiences that are shaping our students' lives and futures every day.

# People and food.

The relationships between them can be transforming, puzzling, nourishing and nurturing, but all too often, in today's world, dismal.

Where we live and who we are can determine the differences between health and illness, war and peace, and life and death. And the challenges continue to grow.

Feeding a world population that is expected to soar to nine billion people by 2050 means producing twice the food volume as all too often, crop-killing droughts, soil disease and erosion, torrential rains, and climate change do their damage. Many of us are shielded from the levels of food shortages faced by people fighting for sustenance in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. That is, unless we step outside our comfort zones to heighten awareness of what it's really like to be hungry, malnourished, and homeless; unless, as Gandhi expressed, we are the change we wish to see in the world.

Members of the OWU family are those agents of change, as they immerse themselves in researching how climate change affects crop growth, digging irrigation trenches in Tanzania, joining the Food course connection, and encouraging passage of a Congressional bill to improve international agricultural trade and production.

Here's to all of them, and to their continuing efforts to focus on sorely needed solutions to the fascinating albeit frustrating relationships between food and people.

A group of young children are gathered around a wooden garden bed filled with dark soil. They are wearing colorful winter coats and hats, looking intently at the ground. One child in the foreground has blonde hair, while another to the right has brown hair. The background shows more children and a pink fence.

OHIO WESLEYAN'S EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER CULTIVATES

# Budding Gardeners

By Claire Paniccia '13

WHEN YOU WALK INTO OHIO WESLEYAN'S EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, YOU SEE ALL THE TRAPPINGS YOU MIGHT REMEMBER FROM PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN DAYS: TINY CUBBIES; TINY BACKPACKS; TINY CHAIRS AND TABLES; AND LOTS OF COLOR. In the back yard, though, is something not so typical. Scattered here and there are what right now look like wooden troughs filled with dirt. What they actually are is more exciting. The children are growing vegetable gardens of their very own.

"One of the big things for us is teaching children about the food cycle. Our kids really do think that food comes from cans or the store," explains Kellie Hall, main supervisor at the Early Childhood Center. "The other thing is the concern that children are playing outside less. There's this desire to get children back outside in their natural environment to discover the joy and curiosity there."

The kids at the Center are learning how to be true gardeners, taking ownership of the project from painting the raised beds, filling them with soil through a bucket brigade, and planting the bulbs themselves. "They've been very hands on," Hall explains. "We want them to feel like it's theirs."

From the beginning of the project, the Early Childhood Center has been closely collaborating with the OSU Master Gardeners organization. With the help of the organization, the teachers have been able

to learn exactly how to execute the project, what plants are most kid-friendly, and have even acquired most of the materials necessary through donations from the Master Gardeners.

"Our mission is to educate the public," says Susan Liechty, OSU Master Gardener Volunteer for the Delaware Extension. The organization has done several projects with kids in area schools and churches, she explains, and also holds a community garden plot by the Community Market.

"It's really been a huge collaborative effort with lots of different groups," Hall explains. Such groups include the children and staff at the Early Childhood Center, parents, Delaware Master Gardeners, OWU students from the Tree House, and the Health and Human Kinetics department. Of the collaborations, Hall says, "It's been fabulous. It's expanded and been even better than anticipated."

Parents in Delaware are now finding themselves with children who ask why their families don't have a vegetable garden and who are now partial to lettuce. The success of this project might point to a change in the tide for the traditionally mac-n-cheese-filled childhoods of America, but is definitely the beginning of what hopefully will be a long-term tradition at Ohio Wesleyan's Early Childhood Center.

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*Kathi Sisterhen Warnock '76 explains a planting technique to the children.*



*Alex D'Amore-Braver '14 and the OWU Cookbook*

## OWU Cookbook Creations

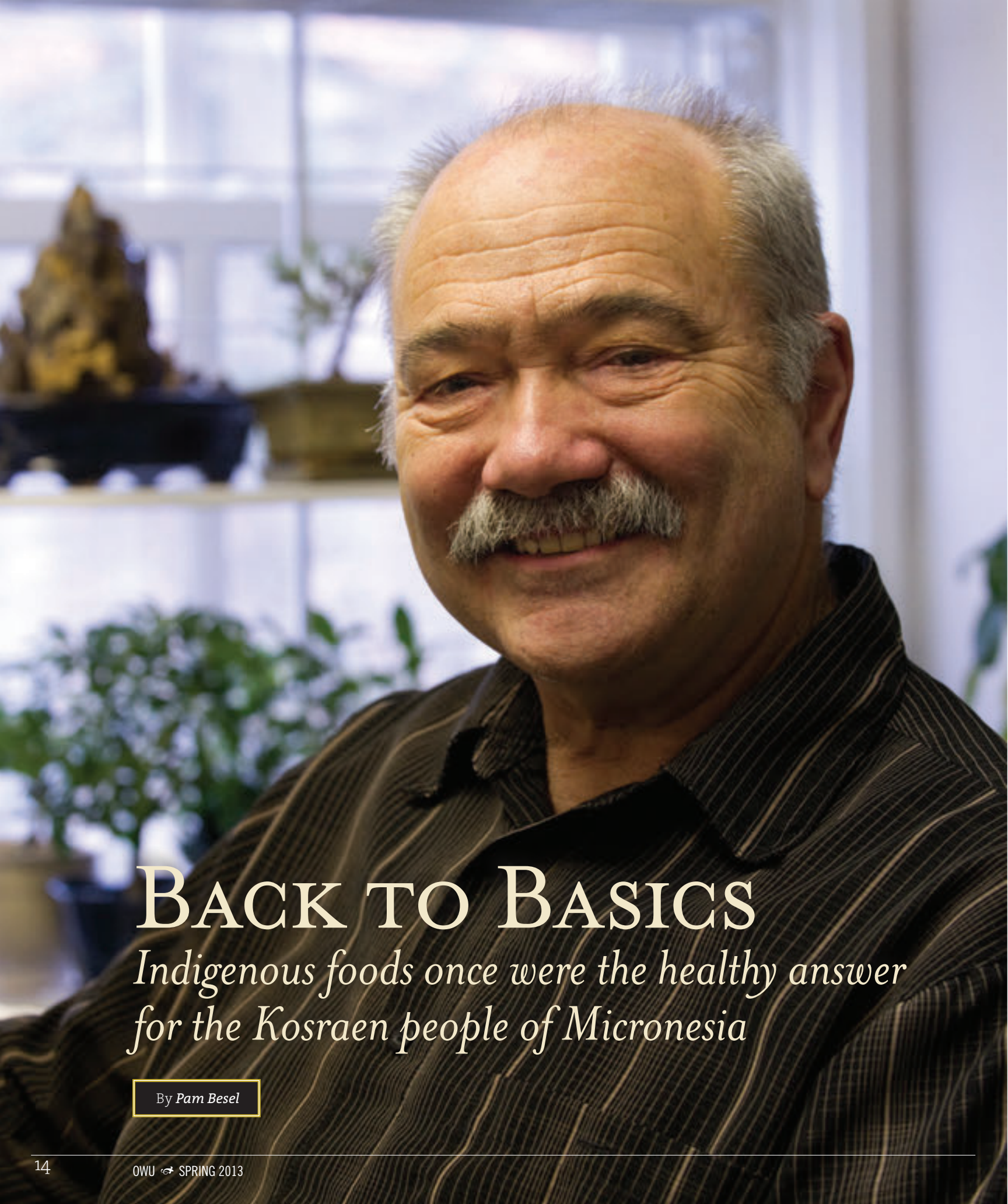
*Cold Cucumber Soup. Mexican Mac and Cheese. Vegetarian Pan Fried Noodles. Seven Layer Cookies.*

These are just a few of the more than 50 recipes in the OWU Cookbook developed by Alex D'Amore-Braver '14 and Maxwell MacKenzie '16, and the authors hope these dishes will inspire even novice cooks to give it a try. What makes it even more enticing is that the recipes were sent in by OWU students and faculty members.

"The cookbook originally was created as the house project we had to complete as residents of the House of Thought small living unit," explains D'Amore-Braver. But after taking sociology-anthropology professor Mary Howard's class on "The American Way of Eating," in which she talked about the decrease of culinary skills among Americans, D'Amore-Braver thought about other uses of the book. Promoting the advantages of eating local food, trying vegetarian recipes, and helping out the Delaware Community Market along the way were appealing to him. Seventy-five copies of the cookbook were printed and sold for five dollars each, with the start-up funds provided by the Wesleyan Council of Student Affairs through the newly formed Vegetarian Club. Proceeds totaling \$375 were donated to Local Matters, a food security and urban startup group in nearby Columbus.

"We're now discussing the possibility of having Chartwells create food dishes from our cookbook for a week in the fall, and possibly expanding the cookbook" says D'Amore-Braver.

View the OWU Cookbook at [blog.owu.edu/cookbook](http://blog.owu.edu/cookbook) or contact D'Amore-Braver at [amdamore@owu.edu](mailto:amdamore@owu.edu).



# BACK TO BASICS

*Indigenous foods once were the healthy answer  
for the Kosraen people of Micronesia*

By Pam Besel



Sustainable agriculture was practiced by the people of Kosrae (pronounced Ko-shrai) island of Micronesia and led to a well-nourished population, says OWU sociology-anthropology professor and director of OWU's East Asian Studies Program Jim Peoples. His anthropological field research on this 42-square-mile island has focused on the impact of American subsidies on the island's economy and the health of its people.

PEOPLES STUDIED LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES AND THE INDIGENOUS STAPLE FOODS OF THE ISLAND, WHICH INCLUDE STARCHY ROOT CROPS SUCH AS TARO, PACIFIC YAMS, AND MANIOC, ALONG WITH TREE CROPS SUCH AS BANANAS, PLAINAINS, COCONUTS, AND BREADFRUIT. The productive lagoon and surrounding ocean provided fish, crabs and seaweed. The first Western explorers brought pigs to Kosrae in the 1820s and pork became a mainstay that soon was necessary at most public feasts.

"With remarkably little work, these crops provided a good balance of carbohydrates, protein, vitamins, and fat," says Peoples. He explains that the Kosraens knew from long experience where and how to plant their crops. For example, the breadfruit tree—about the size of an oak tree—grows both in the wet lowlands and on drier mountainsides. Its roots pump nutrients from the soil, and when the leaves fall and are recycled they help nourish the taro and bananas that grow underneath in more sunny areas. The scattered islands of Micronesia became a trust territory of the United States in 1947, after American forces captured the small islands from their former colonial power, Japan. For about 30 years, the United States did little to develop the islands, leading one publication to call Micronesia "America's Rust Territory," after the sunken ships and military hardware left behind by the Japanese. "Because not many jobs existed, Kosraens mostly continued their traditional diet and growing practices until around 1970," says Peoples. Then in the 1960s the United States wanted to do more for Micronesia, out of a complex mixture of altruistic motives and political strategies. Schools were built, public workers were hired, health services were upgraded, and infrastructure was improved. All this funding by the United States required hiring many local people, resulting in a mass expansion of public sector employment.

"The amount of money in people's pockets doubled in just a few years, and doubled again a few years later, and they spent nearly all of it on imports." Stores sprang up to turn Kosraen wages into imported goods from the world market. In addition to motor vehicles and building materials, imports included 50-pound bags of rice and canned meats and fish such as sardines, mackerel, tuna, "Spam," and corned beef. Frozen chickens and turkey tails ("which are just what you think," Peoples said) became especially valued foods for those families who had jobs. All these foods have been incorporated into the diets of the Micronesians. For many families, such imports have largely substituted for indigenous foods, partly because of preferences and partly because more and more people have so little time to farm and fish. Today the Kosraens have one of the world's highest rates of



Peoples with former Kosrae island couple now living in Honolulu. Elsie (left) needs medical attention for her diabetes that developed because of an inadequate diet.

obesity. Hundreds suffer from diabetes and many die from the disease.

Reflecting on how he decided to conduct his research on Kosrae island, Peoples explains that it was while he was a graduate student that he knew he wanted to work on a Micronesian island researching the topic of "agricultural development," for his dissertation.

"I wanted the island to be a larger one and fairly isolated so that it was relatively unaffected by the outside and relatively unstudied, so as not to repeat the work of others," he says. Peoples explains that he made a good choice of his research location, "But the U.S. already had poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into the island since the mid-1960s, so I changed my research topic to the impacts of American dollars on the island's general economy and agricultural system." That was, for Peoples, a more relevant topic for the time and place.

On Kosrae island in the twenty-first century, people are connected to the world via the Internet and satellite phones. Peoples, who recently applied for an OWU Theory-to-Practice Grant to take three OWU students to Kosrae this summer to update the research, suspects that younger Kosraens no longer have the subsistence knowledge of their parents and grandparents, even should they need or want to return to their old ways. "Perhaps that's one of the dark sides of development."

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# Global Environmental Change: What Does It Mean for Food Production?

By *Gretchen Hirsch*

Global change is more than warming temperatures, says Professor of Botany/Microbiology Laurie Anderson. “Plants are part of the food web, and they are affected by temperature, carbon dioxide, water, and nutrients in the soil. As the earth warms, it changes all the other factors. Worldwide environmental changes are related not just to climate warming.”

Environmental changes are complex and interrelated, Anderson says. “For example, as the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide increases in the atmosphere, plants that use C<sup>3</sup> photosynthesis are benefited more than others. These plants include many types of foods, but also a wide variety of weeds that flourish with more carbon dioxide,” Anderson says. “On the other hand, plants that use C<sup>4</sup> photosynthesis, such as corn, may do less well in those conditions. And warmer winters can create a problem with more aggressive pests. All these factors have impacts on crop growth. Weeds and pests could become much bigger problems, and certain kinds of food production may be threatened by them.”

Rain, or the lack of it, is another factor affected as the global environment shifts. “One set of studies suggests that rain-fed agriculture in Africa may decrease by as much as 50 percent by 2020,” Anderson says.

Climate change brings not only scientific, but also ethical, moral, political, and economic challenges, she explains. “Some populations will be severely affected. Those who are not will have to deal with the suffering of who are. Solutions will be painful and expensive. Already some islands are threatened by seas that are rising more rapidly than might have been anticipated. And we’ve all seen the effects and the human toll of long droughts in Africa, which is dependent on rain-fed agriculture.”

In Brazil, where Anderson and her students have studied recently, “the rainforest has a huge impact on agriculture—and vice versa,” she says. “The southern edge of the rainforest is under intense pressure from soy farming and cattle ranching. When you clear the tropical forest, you usually change the water cycle. Less cloud formation means less water. If the current level of deforestation and the rate of climate change continue, more and more of the area may be converted permanently from forest to savanna [areas of coarse grasses and few trees].”

In her work with students, Anderson finds a diverse set of viewpoints about the issues, “but OWU students truly are service oriented. They really want to make a difference, and they understand that their choices



*Anderson and her students studied the impact of the rainforest on agriculture in Brazil.*

have consequences.”

Take beef production, for example. “The raising of beef has a high carbon footprint,” she says. “Should the grain that feeds cattle feed people instead? Many of our students wrestle with ethical issues about what they eat and are coming to understand that making environmentally responsible choices can be challenging. They’re asking themselves, ‘How often should I consume certain foods and how much of them should I eat?’ The routine consumption of meat by our large and growing population has an impact on our environment, and students are thinking about that. It’s rewarding to see them learn about the complexity of environmental issues.”

The carbon footprint related to providing food grows with each stage of production. “We need to think about the energy and fossil fuels we use as we generate food,” Anderson states. “We grow it, often using heavy machinery that consumes fuel. We fertilize it, and making commercial fertilizer is very energy-intensive. Then there’s the energy required to harvest it. Add to that the fuels required to ship it, sometimes vast distances across countries or oceans. It’s a significant amount of energy and a lot of carbon going into the atmosphere—and what’s disheartening is that an estimated 40 percent of global food production is wasted. It ends up in landfills, where it creates methane, which is a potent greenhouse gas.”

Anderson says she doesn’t feel a sense of imminent doom, but “it will take money, time, and a great deal of effort for people throughout the world to adapt to new conditions. If climate change weren’t moving so rapidly, societies would have more time to adjust.”

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*Feeding  
a Hungry World*

By Pam Besel

**MARY HOWARD AND SIX OF HER OWU STUDENTS SPENT ALL OF LAST SPRING SEMESTER STUDYING IN TANZANIA.** There, they volunteered at a food and water organization that promotes sustainable forms of gardening and animal husbandry in the Kilimanjaro region. Howard, an Ohio Wesleyan sociology and anthropology professor, and the students pumped water from fish ponds, distributing it to the fields for crops. They shoveled manure into trenches to enrich the soil for those crops, and spent time with Maasai women who were residents at the organization. The women, who cooked a traditional meal and fed the students, were all widows caring for orphan children—two vulnerable statuses among Maasai herders. As a periodic break from the hard work during the hottest time of the year in Tanzania, Howard and her students trekked to local markets to see how women were involved in purchasing and sales of auctioned fish and other food items. In the span of four months, their study-abroad experiences brought to life all that they were learning about in Howard’s classes, “Health and Illness” and “African Peoples.”

Howard’s professional specialty as a medical anthropologist was shaped in part by more than 17 years of applied work in the mental health field before, during, and after receiving her doctorate from Michigan State University. She had worked as a hospital psychiatric social worker, developed a halfway house for mentally ill clients in Michigan, and while in Africa helped develop village-based mental health care and a nutrition education and rehabilitation program at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center. Howard arrived at OWU to teach in 1985, with the ambition always to include a practical component in her teaching and research. She hoped to show the unmistakable connections among poverty, illness, malnutrition, and while in the United States, homelessness. Her book *Hunger and Shame* focuses on poverty and child malnutrition on Mt. Kilimanjaro and is based on her dissertation from her five years of life and research in East Africa.

A former student of Howard’s best describes her teaching and research philosophy:

“Students will tell you that Professor Howard does more than teach from a book or lectern; whenever possible, she lets the world speak for itself.”

### **What was a breakthrough moment in your teaching and research at OWU?**

It was in the mid-1980s, when during a discussion about the impact of stress on health, a student in my medical anthropology class said something like, “When you’re poor, you don’t have much stress in your life. For example, like having to worry about making a payment on your BMW.” I realized that we needed to move from the superficiality of that mindset to world realities of poverty. It was then that I decided to bring students to the Open Shelter in Columbus, to meet its director, Kent Beitel, and the shelter’s residents, who are in need of the shelter’s services and who face the daily challenges of not having enough food to eat or a warm place to stay. Students came back from their experiences at the shelter and gave powerful class presentations about the stresses of being poor and its negative impact

on impoverished people’s health status. To this day, the Open Shelter provides multiple services including reducing hunger by handing out bag lunches, donating food to people living in camps, and preparing dinners for hundreds at a nearby church several times a week.

Malnutrition seems to have multiple causes. The number one correlate for malnutrition in the U.S. and elsewhere is poverty. In developing nations such as Tanzania, poverty results from the combination of rapid population growth, climate change, and economic fluctuations in commodity prices such as coffee. When made destitute by these conditions, rural people migrate to urban areas in search of work. Developing world cities are unable to absorb the influx of migrants and provide them with adequate employment. This combination of factors results in urban malnutrition in squatter settlements with their lack of clean water, poor sanitation systems, contagious diseases, and insufficient food for people to eat.

In the food crisis in the rural Kilimanjaro region during the mid-1970s, coffee prices collapsed while world inflation left households without the cash to purchase food, and thousands of families experienced deaths of their children. This is only one example of the many costly consequences of globalization of food production. The local people who stayed on the mountain began to uproot some of their coffee crops and plant food crops instead. In 2011, with crises similar to the 1970s environmental and economic triggers, people said there was little if any child malnutrition and claimed it was because parents could feed their children from their own gardens.

### **What was the most difficult observation for you during your recent trip to Tanzania?**

I hadn’t seen the capital city, Dar es Salaam since 1975. Towering high-rises, an increase in population density, traffic jams, and thousands surviving in the informal economy visible alongside the streets, was a new pattern of life. Money to build high-rises came in from multinational corporations who wish to access Tanzania’s resources and cheap labor. In the 1970s, there weren’t any street children and there had been less crime and drug use. Seeing the growing rift between affluent housing for the wealthy Tanzanians and slums of the poor was shocking and hard to witness.

### **What was most important lesson for your students to learn?**

I want my students to appreciate the commonality of all humans. We share the same makeup, hopes for a good life, and investment in our families. By having students experience different environments, they learn to appreciate cultural differences that so often stem from adapting to environmental challenges. I also hope they will become interested in understanding the causes of poverty and in searching for humane solutions that challenge blaming the poor for their conditions.

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# Food Security:

*Editor's note: Chair of Ohio Wesleyan's Black World Studies department and director of the OWU in Tanzania semester-abroad program, Randolph Quaye is currently in Tanzania on a Fulbright Scholarship conducting research and teaching at the University of Dar es Salaam. As he teaches courses on the sociology of health and illness and the sociology of the black experience, Quaye's goal is "to evaluate the recently introduced social health insurance program in Tanzania. It will allow me to explore the broader goals of health care access, equity, and efficiency in health care delivery systems in Tanzania." Since food and health are inextricably linked, writer Gretchen Hirsch sought Quaye's perspective on this issue by email interview.*

# Politics and Policies

By Gretchen Hirsch

**GH:** You have indicated that government policies, both international and local, have contributed to hunger and starvation throughout the world. Can you provide some examples of these types of policies?

**RQ:** Sub-Saharan Africa is the only region on the African continent where per capita food production has declined in the past two decades. Much of this situation can be attributed to the colonial and post-colonial legacies of encouraging cash crop production at the expense of food production.

Since cash crop exports such as cocoa in Ghana and tea and coffee in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda account for more than half of the total foreign exchange of these countries, African governments have provided extension services and have subsidized farmers to grow cash crops rather than food.

As [academic and political writer] Dr. Ali Mazrui rightly stated, "Africans produce what they do not consume and consume what they do not produce." This is the sheer reality of agricultural policy in Africa.

Other factors have included decades of military conflict, such as in Sudan and the Congo, and political instability in parts of southern Africa. When much-needed resources are diverted to support such senseless wars, it reduces Africa's ability to invest in the agricultural sector. A nation at war cannot devote resources to food production. Farmers cannot work in their fields because of security issues. Displacement, especially of women, compounds the problem.

Further, 15 African countries are landlocked, which means that political disturbances in other countries have a negative impact on food security and access. Deforestation and desertification are increasing. Africa is experiencing the encroachment of the Sahara desert, and the region referred to as the Sahel has experienced persistent droughts in such countries as Niger, Mali, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Somalia.

Additionally, government policy on land tenure has traditionally tended to favor men, though women contribute 60 to 70 percent of agricultural work. Above all, The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund prescription for expanding the cash crop sector has undermined Africa's ability to feed itself.

**GH:** We often hear about food aid not reaching those who most desperately need it. Why does this happen? Government corruption? Lack of access because of lack of infrastructure? Acts of terror? All of the above?

**RQ:** All of the above. We should also mention that food has been used as a weapon of war and control by African leaders as well as Western countries. When some Africans refuse to be dictated to by the West, the latter may use food aid as a carrot to get them to change their policies. Some nongovernmental organizations also have, in some cases, discouraged effective and sound food security policies, and some countries thus end up dependent on food aid. The subsidies that Western farmers get from their respective governments make it difficult for African countries to be able to compete in the world market. The African Growth and Opportunity Act passed by Congress seems to have worked to create a more even field for Africa's exports.

**GH:** What other underlying issues affect hunger?

**RQ:** Some have pointed to population growth as another cause of hunger. While the fertility rate in Africa has declined over the years, the average family is likely to have at least 5 children. Large families can be attributed to many factors: high mortality rates, the premium placed on children, and children seen as insurance against old age.

**GH:** When it comes to food security, what does Africa need most?

**RQ:** Too often, well-intentioned people and governments go awry. For example, in the Seventies in Ghana, Canadian foreign aid, which took the form of combined harvesters and tractors, led to further erosion in the African country because the heavy machinery that was imported was unsuitable for the porous soil in Ghana. The project was done without adequate feasibility study to ascertain the practicality of introducing such technologies to these countries. E.F. Schumacher noted in his book *Small is Beautiful* that what African governments need is simple, effective technology that can be used by farmers, most of whom produce at the subsistence level.

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By Pam Besel

# Pushing for Progress

*Former Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson '72 made a lasting difference in the lives of farm families of southern Missouri.*



**GROWING UP IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND, JO ANN EMERSON '72 GAVE LITTLE THOUGHT TO ONE DAY BECOMING A MEMBER OF CONGRESS—OR TO THE DIFFERENCE SHE WOULD MAKE IN THE LIVES AND WELFARE OF FARM FAMILIES AND OTHERS IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI'S EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.** But Emerson found herself doing exactly that, as she succeeded her husband, Bill Emerson, following his death in 1996, to become the first Republican woman to represent Missouri in Congress. She became a leading advocate for farm families in her agriculturally diverse district—and a key supporter of the promotion of U.S. agriculture, hunger relief, access to safe and affordable prescription drugs from foreign countries, and expanding free trade opportunities with Cuba. Continuing her commitment to promoting rural policy, she recently has accepted a new position as CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association—a service organization for more than 900 not-for-profit rural electric co-ops and public power districts. She leaves behind many legislative accomplishments during her 17 years in Congress as a member of the Appropriations Committee and chair of one of its key subcommittees, at a time when she admits, “It’s harder these days to get legislation passed, for several reasons.”

As she pushed for passage of a bill early in her career to open up agricultural production and trade with Cuba—“very controversial at the time,” she notes—Emerson did her homework, putting together a coalition of Democrats and Republicans to build an amendment. Rice, a staple food in Cuba, is one of that country’s most important imports, and Emerson and her team wanted to help farmers find markets for their products. The bill passed in the Senate. Then came the Data Quality Act, requiring all government departments or

agency personnel to post peer-reviewed research on their websites to “keep them honest.” The Good Samaritan Act, initiated by her late husband, supports the donation of leftover food in restaurants as well as grocery stores, corporate events or conferences, concerts, and sporting events to food pantries. “I later passed the second part of that act, removing liability from the federal government,” says Emerson. Her success over the years is due in large part to hard work, persistence, and great determination to work across party lines.

“I didn’t grow up on a farm, so I decided to start farm tours to learn about their issues,” she says. From milking cows to planting rice and herding cattle, Emerson and her staff visited 20 farming operations in Missouri annually from 1997 to 2012. “There’s no substitute for listening to gain an awareness of our farmers’ agricultural challenges,” she notes, and then carry those concerns of her rural constituents to Washington. “Not only did those weeks allow me to see the actual production of food, livestock, timber, and other crops in southern Missouri, but I was also able to visit with entrepreneurs who were using those products in value-added enterprises—from algae being used in biofuels to dairy products being used in ice cream bars.” On a larger stage, Emerson points out that agriculture plays a huge role in national and world security.

“When bags of grain and other food items arrive in war-torn, oppressed, or isolated places around the world, it has an immediate effect,” she says. “And when the American flag is on those provisions and it says ‘Gift of the People of the United States,’ the minds of the people in those places open



*Emerson: “I have tried to never forget the people I represent.”*

up a bit. We start to win hearts and minds, and we can demonstrate that there is more to our American society than the stories told by the local warlord, or the Taliban, or al-Qaeda that they use to recruit.”

Food security, says Emerson, also plays a vital role around the world in making sure educational opportunities are available to girls as well as to boys. “Not only do properly nourished children learn better in school, but in many cultures, the girls in families don’t ordinarily attend school. When a meal is served at the school, the families will send the girls, too.”

Remembering one of her favorite OWU professors, Arthur Peterson, Emerson, who majored in politics and government, shares how he taught her to look at all angles of a problem and gain as much knowledge as possible about the issue at hand, before deciding a solution or position.


“I’ve always believed that public service is about making government work best for those who are less fortunate. I have tried never to forget the people I represent.”

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FROM HOWARD GREENSTONE'S '83 TABLE TO THE WORLD

# *Taking a Bite Out of Hunger*

By Amanda Zechiel '99



*Howard Greenstone '83 (right) and  
Top Chef Master, Jonathan Waxman,  
add their creative touch to the menu  
at Rosa Mexicano.*

**HOWARD GREENSTONE '83 MAKES HIS LIVING THROUGH FOOD—AND FOOD IS ALSO THE LENS THROUGH WHICH HE VIEWS THE WORLD.**

A career-long restaurateur, Greenstone is the President and CEO of Rosa Mexicano, an upscale Mexican restaurant with 16 locations around the country. But his humble origins in the food industry started when he was merely a teen, and his perspective on the value of food extends far beyond the profits of a successful restaurant.

“I studied history at OWU, with plans to join my father’s law practice after graduation,” he recounts. “But all through high school and college, I was working in food service, and I was actually the Sunday cook at Delta Tau Delta, my fraternity.” Upon graduation from OWU, while preparing to head off to law school, Greenstone worked nights as a cook at an Italian restaurant. “It just finally hit me that this was what I wanted to do,” he says. And that’s when he decided not to attend law school and became fully committed to a career in the restaurant industry.

Greenstone’s career took off, beginning with a position at the Grand Hyatt in New York City. After five or six years with Hyatt, he moved on to work with a Scandinavian concept, then an Italian restaurant, and next the Dry Dock Restaurant in New Jersey, which he ran for 7 years. Finally, Greenstone landed at Rosa Mexicano, where he’s helped grow the company from only two locations to the 16 that it boasts today.

As he achieved this success, Greenstone came to see food as a cornerstone of our society—and he felt the urgency of providing it to those in need. “It has always been natural to me to support food-related causes, simply because I’m in the food business. The reality is that it’s ridiculous for people in America to go hungry, but they do. There are so many great organizations out there that help to fight hunger, and it’s been important to me to be a part of that.”

And be a part of it he has. Greenstone was one of the founding trustees of Table to Table, an organization in New Jersey that collects



*Greeting guests in Rosa Mexicano restaurant.*

excess food from restaurants and other food service facilities. It donates the food to pantries and relief organizations that provide it to those in the surrounding counties who need it. “This was really inspired by one woman’s vision to feed the hungry and homeless, and that was probably 15 years ago now,” Greenstone comments.

He is also a trustee for STREETS International, a unique organization operating in Hoi An, Vietnam. Founded in 2007 by Neal Bermas, cooking school professor at the Institute of Culinary Education in New York City, STREETS International is a culinary school and restaurant that offers free enrollment to students in great need. “Because of the deep poverty in the area, the school interviews hundreds of students for an average of 15 spots each year,” says Greenstone. “They look for those who are in the most desperate need and also show potential to succeed, and they give them a free spot in the culinary school.”

Through the program, underprivileged Vietnamese citizens get the training they need to work in the food service and hospitality industries, and they often land jobs in the top hotels in the country. The first program of its kind, STREETS International combines hands-on experience with housing to truly change the lives of its participants. “It’s such a blessing, since these people are now able to support their families in a way they otherwise could not have,” Greenstone says.

He sees supporting organizations that he’s passionate about as an integral part of success—in business and in life. “I think at some point in our lives, we all want to be able to give back,” he reflects. “I especially like the idea of supporting local groups. My company does a lot with City Harvest in Manhattan, which is also very similar to Table to Table. It’s just nice to see the work you put in directly help people in local communities.” In fact, each of Rosa Mexicano’s 16 locations is affiliated with local charities. “When I was growing up, I always saw that it was the corporate community’s responsibility to invest in their communities, and I think we’re doing a lot less of that today than we should. So we want to do what we can, even though we’re relatively small.”

Moreover, Greenstone knows that hunger-related issues truly can be solved with the right time and effort, in contrast to some other social problems. “Hunger is so transparent. It’s right there. It’s not like chasing solutions to tough health problems like cancer or heart disease. What these people need is food, and our society has food. All it takes is dedicated people to make sure that they get it.”

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# Season to Remember:

## OWU Winter Sports Wrap-up



**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** Ohio Wesleyan finished the regular season with a 19-5 record, then defeated Denison, Kenyon, and Wooster to win the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament and claim the NCAC's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Division III tournament. It marked the first time that Ohio Wesleyan had advanced to the NCAA tournament in consecutive years, as well as the first back-to-back 20-win seasons for the Battling Bishops. A boisterous crowd of 1,850 at Branch Rickey Arena saw the Bishops win their first home playoff game since 1988 with an 84-75 win over St. Vincent, but the Bishops were edged, 84-81, by 2012 national runner-up Cabrini in the second round. Senior guard Andy Winters was named Player of the Year in the NCAC, Great Lakes Region by D3Hoops.com, and Great Lakes District by the NABC. He was joined on the all-conference teams by junior guard Taylor Rieger and senior post Marshall Morris.

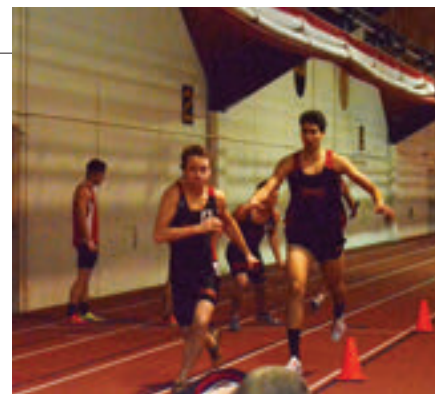
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Bishops finished the regular season with an 8-17 record after dropping a 55-54 heartbreaker to Wittenberg. Ohio Wesleyan was the No. 6 seed in the NCAC tournament and played third-seeded Allegheny to the wire before the Gators scored the final 3 points in a 67-64 decision. Sophomore guard Sarah

McQuade represented Ohio Wesleyan on the All-NCAC teams.

**MEN'S SWIMMING:** Sophomore Matthew Mahoney had Ohio Wesleyan's best individual finish at the NCAC championship meet, making the championship final of the 100 breaststroke and finishing eighth in :58.65. He also won the C final of the 200 breaststroke, finishing 17th, and placed 19th in the 200 IM. Junior Sean Anthony also stood out for the Bishops, finishing 10th in the 400 IM in a clocking of 4:12.26, as well as finishing 13th in the 200 breaststroke and 21st in the 500 freestyle. Ohio Wesleyan was ninth in the final team standings.



**WOMEN'S SWIMMING:** Freshman Jessica Ward will compete in three events at the NCAA championship meet on March 20-23 at Conroe Natatorium in Shenandoah, Texas. Ward will compete in the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes as well as the 200-yard individual medley. At the NCAC championship meet, Ward won All-NCAC honors, broke three individual records, and helped three relay teams set school marks. Ward won all-conference honors with a third-place finish in the 200 backstroke in 2:05.14. Her time of 2:04.71 in the preliminaries swamped her previous school record of 2:09.25. She also finished fifth in the 100 backstroke in :57.74, and was 10th in the 100 butterfly in :58.29. Her time of :58.23 in the



preliminaries of that event broke her own school record of :59.24 set earlier this season.

**MEN'S TRACK & FIELD:** Senior Ethan Freet and senior Silas Jolliff each won a pair of All-America citations at the NCAA Division III championship meet. Ohio Wesleyan scored 18 points in the meet, good for seventh place among the 63 teams that scored in the meet. The seventh-place showing is the best-ever national finish by an Ohio Wesleyan indoor track & field team. Freet finished third in the 400-meter dash in a clocking of :48.56, while Jolliff placed fifth in the event, winning his heat in :48.93. The duo teamed with sophomore Brian Cook and senior Matt Martin to finish second in the 1600-meter relay. The unit's time of 3:16.72 was a second off the national championship pace. Also representing the Bishops was sophomore Matt Hunter, who finished ninth in the heptathlon. His score of 4820 points broke his own school record of 4731 points. Earlier, the Bishops placed second at the NCAC championship meet, with Jolliff winning NCAC Sprinter/Hurdler of the Year honors.

**WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD:** Senior Emily Amburgey won All-America honors at the NCAA Division III championship meet. Amburgey tied for sixth place in the high jump, clearing 5-5. Her sixth-place tie gave the Battling Bishops 2½ points in the team standings, good for 54th place among the 64 teams that scored in the meet. Earlier, Amburgey was named Field Event Performer of the meet and senior Hannah Benzing and freshman Sara Johnson set conference records in leading Ohio Wesleyan to the team title at the NCAC championship meet. The conference championship was Ohio Wesleyan's seventh in a row, and head coach Kris Boey received NCAC Coach of the Year honors.



# WHEN More IS BETTER

FOUR GENERATIONS OF OWU MORRISES. THREE GENERATIONS OF OWU BASKETBALL-PLAYING MORRISES. IN TOTAL, MARSHAL MORRIS '13 IS THE 16TH MORRIS TO ATTEND OHIO WESLEYAN.

“My dad always said I have to try to break his record,” jokes Marshall, whose team just clinched the NCAC tournament championship as this *Magazine* went to press. The economics management and Spanish double major from Tulsa, Oklahoma, remembers visiting Ohio Wesleyan several years ago and feeling a good fit. So, like the 15 family members before him, Marshall became a Bishop and never looked back. His grandfather, Edward '45, shared his thoughts in a 2009 edition of the *Magazine*. A radiologist by profession, Edward shared his pride of the legacy that he and his family have created at OWU. “Our lives have been enriched by the OWU experience.” Other members of the Morris legacy family include Ned’s aunt, Carrie Fissel 1902, mother, Catherine Fissel Morris 1912, Edward F. '45, his four sons, John '70, a neurology professor at Washington University’s School of Medicine; Chris '81, a radiology professor at the University of Vermont School of Medicine; Ned '83, a cardiologist in Tulsa; and Eric '73, a school teacher in an Eskimo village in Alaska, and two grandchildren, Victoria “Tori” '12 and Marshall. His uncle John is in OWU’s Athletic Hall of Fame for his wrestling accomplishments.

Playing the forward position on OWU’s team, Marshall says it is nice to see that all of their hard work is paying off.

“We’re a tight unit with great chemistry,” he adds. “My dad encouraged me to stick with sports, but time management is an important part of that.” President last semester of his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, and WCSA treasurer, Marshall believes that by involving himself in campus organizations as well as in a recent study-abroad experience in Costa Rica, he’s been able to maximize his time at OWU.

“Understanding the true experience of OWU is contingent on how much you want to immerse yourself academically and with good friends at campus and athletic events. It doesn’t get any better than that.”

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



*Photos left to right: Edward Morris '45, Ned Morris '83, Chris Morris '81, and Marshall Morris '13 during a home game against Wittenberg earlier this year.*

A man with short brown hair, smiling, stands in front of a stadium scoreboard. He is wearing a dark blue zip-up jacket with red piping on the sleeves and a white collared shirt underneath. The jacket has the "OWU FOOTBALL" logo on the left chest. The scoreboard behind him displays "OHIO WESLEYAN" at the top in red letters. Other visible text on the scoreboard includes "3 sports team", "THE NEW OWU", "BALL ON", and "DOWN".

# High **Watt**age Success

# Surround yourself with good people

— a philosophy that sounds simple in principle, but can have far-reaching impact, especially in the context of sports.

By *John Shimer '05*

## FIRST-YEAR OHIO WESLEYAN HEAD FOOTBALL COACH TOM WATTS IS CERTAINLY A BIG BELIEVER IN THE MOTTO.

How could he not be? Watts comes from a family of great football coaches — his great-grandfather, grandfather, and father each held a legacy of coaching football at the collegiate or high school level in northern Ohio.

“I’ve grown up around the game my whole life, and I had a pretty good mentor in my dad,” said Watts. “My dad kept me watching from day one. He taught me how to interact with kids, how you teach and how you get people around you to do things that you’re trying to get them to do.

“I guess I’m just fortunate that I’ve been around it my whole life,” explains Watts, whose family left an indelible mark at Baldwin-Wallace, the school he previously served before taking the reins at OWU. “I’ve only been coaching for 10 years, but I feel like I’ve got a little bit more of an advantage. I like to tell people I’ve been coaching for 32 years because that’s how long I’ve been on the sidelines. And my dad always told me, ‘Whatever you do, make sure you surround yourself with good people.’”

Given added financial backing to the football program by Ohio Wesleyan — something previous head coaches had not had — Watts was able to put together a staff worthy of a championship success.

Notably Pat Delaney P’12, an 18-year vet of the OWU football staff, stayed on as

defensive coordinator. Ian Formaz and Mike Ward ’07 split the offensive coordinating responsibilities. And Keith Rucker ’92, perhaps the program’s most iconic alum as a former three-time Division 3 All-American and seven-year vet of the National Football League, returned as defensive line coach.

Like the desired small student-to-teacher ratio that has proven to be a formula for success in the classroom, the OWU coaching staff was able to give its players great individual attention because of its player-to-coach ratio. What kids saw on game film of opposing teams was planned for accordingly and therefore very little was a surprise come game day. As a result, the Battling Bishops often were more prepared than their counterparts.

“The biggest thing is we were able to hire enough coaches that the kids felt like they got coaching individually for themselves,” Watts says. “We have five full-time coaches and four interns, which allows us to have nine guys in house accompanying the kids 24/7.”

Star quarterback Mason Espinosa says the difference was quantifiable.

“Having nine or 10 coaches on the field helped tremendously for everyone’s individual game because there’s a coach right there teaching you one-on-one, and that made all the difference in the world,” says the NCAC Offensive Player of the Year. “There weren’t coaches out there trying to do two or three things at once trying to pull practice altogether. Even for just the 15 or 20 minutes, that brought it all together and you could tell it sharpened us up.”

If imitation is one of the sincerest forms of flattery, then Watts and his staff may be blushing. After garnering a share of the NCAC championship, his staff have fielded numerous calls from competitors hoping to ascertain the answer to the question: how can we replicate your success?

“I don’t think there’s any question we’re set up very well to do well,” Delaney states. “I know other programs are already calling and asking about how we’re set up and how we do what we do, people are already copy-cattin’. That’s the way it goes, but I think we’re set up for success and to possibly do even a little better for a long time running.”

“Now we’re the example that everyone wants to be or could be or hopes to be,” says Watts.

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*The OWU football team, cheerleaders, and coaches enter Selby Stadium.*



By Amanda Zechiel '09

# NEVER SAY NEVER

## Joining the Peace Corps at 80. **Why Not?**

At 80 years old, Carl Harris '56 entered the Peace Corps. Really. He joined 71 others on a plane to the Philippines, underwent three months of intensive training, and is currently in the middle of his 24-month commitment in Luzon, the largest island of the Philippines. A little bit surprising? Yes. A dream come true for Harris? Absolutely.



THROUGHOUT HIS LONG CAREER, HARRIS HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ON MANY OCCASIONS, A SERIES OF INTRODUCTIONS THAT ULTIMATELY LED TO HIS STRONG DESIRE TO JOIN THE PROGRAM.

“In 1962, I was a member of the Washington Athletic Club in D.C., a place where I was introduced to Sargent Shriver. At the time, he was the first director of the Peace Corps, a fact that escaped me, and the brother-in-law of President John F. Kennedy, of which I was also unaware,” he remembers.

From 1968 to 1969, during the Vietnam conflict, Harris was a member of a combined military and U.S. Agency for International Development advisory team. Of the 20 civilians on the team, Harris recalls, 10 were former Peace Corps volunteers. “They were the best performers of all, since they were fluent Vietnamese speakers and experienced agricultural specialists.”

When he worked as a Foreign Assistance Inspector for the Department of State ten years later, Harris was charged with completing an audit of the Peace Corps program in Ghana. After spending a week in Ghana with field volunteers, he “again found the high quality of young people” that he had in Vietnam. And from 1977 to 1984, working at the Department of State in the Bureau for Refugee Programs, he met a dozen returned Peace Corps volunteers, all demonstrating the same work ethic, language skills, and cultural sensitivity he had found in the others he had met.

Harris’s mind was made up. “I knew that I had to experience the Peace Corps as a volunteer from the inside,” he says.

In July 2012, Harris and his fellow volunteers arrived in the Philippines for a three-month training program focused on language instruction, cultural orientation, and education skill training. On Harris’s 80th birthday in August, they traveled to the American Embassy in Manila to be sworn in as volunteers by the American ambassador. “At this time I learned that I was not even close to being the oldest Peace Corps volunteer to serve,” he points out.



*Carl Harris '56, followed his dream to join the Peace Corps.*

“That distinction belongs to Arthur Goodfriend of Honolulu, who completed his service in Hungary in 1994 at the age of 87.”

From there, Harris dove into his two-year assignment as a “teacher of English language fluency” at the Subic National High School, where he teaches junior and senior high school. “I’m very fortunate to have a teaching counterpart working with me, too—Efron Fiao-ag—who is a very creative instructor, using music, art, film, and dance in the classroom. There is good chemistry between us and we work well together because of a shared sense of humor,” he comments.

Harris also recounts time spent at the student canteen each day, drinking coffee and

reading the local newspaper. “Curious students join me for unstructured conversations, and it has become one of the most pleasant times of my day. There is much good-natured joking about my attempts at speaking Tagalog, the language of the Philippines.”

Only at the beginning of his time as a volunteer, Harris knows there will be many more stories and lessons to come from the experience in the months to come. For now, he’s proud to be among the 8,700 Peace Corps volunteers currently working in 77 countries to promote peace and friendship through increased training and mutual understanding.

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**Save the Date! May 17-19, 2013**

# Alumni Weekend



OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



## REMEMBERING LOLLY



LAURA “LOLLY” NEWMAN’S ’46 LOVE AFFAIR WITH OHIO WESLEYAN BEGAN WHEN SHE WAS FIVE. It ended with her death on December 4, 2012.

Born in 1924 to Christine and Lauren Gnagi of Lima, Ohio, Lolly accompanied her parents on a business trip to Delaware during the summer of 1929. She recalled years ago her mother saying how wonderful it would be if

Lolly one day came to Ohio Wesleyan. Wishful thought became reality as Lolly enrolled at OWU in the fall of 1942.

Lolly shared memories of living in Stuyvesant, Austin, and Monnett Halls; of professors such as Ben Spencer, Chad Dunham, and Ben Arneson. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1946 with a major in journalism, Lolly worked at the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* as a stenographer and then moved on to the Cleveland Museum of Art, editing a quarterly journal. Her love of travel propelled her to the State Department, where she eventually accepted a post with the Foreign Service in Cairo. Then it was on to duty in Bonn and Hamburg, Germany, and in Ethiopia, where she met and married Magness Newman in 1958, and where their daughter, Christine ’81, was born. In the summer 1993 *OWU Magazine*, Lolly recalled wanting very much to finally settle down with her family in a small college town like Delaware, when a vacancy in OWU’s alumni office came up.

“When I was offered and took the job as alumni relations director in 1969, I wanted our

faculty and staff members to view the alumni as more than people who wear raccoon coats and wave pennants,” said Lolly. Introducing an educational elements into all alumni programming was her goal, as she developed Summerweek, suitcase seminars, and OWU Learning Experiences, to the delight of OWU alumni. Also important to Lolly was recognizing capable and talented women and encouraging them to accept leadership roles at OWU as alumni Trustees and Alumni board directors. Her untiring support of women’s issues and rights in the campus community was admirable—and just. Lolly’s most treasured responsibility was honoring OWU’s Distinguished Achievement Citation award winners each year—people across career disciplines who had made significant contributions to the world. She received the Alumni Award in 1993. Lolly joined the OWU volunteer ranks as she retired in 1993, after having written a chapter about OWU alumni for one of Ohio Wesleyan’s two newer history books, *Noble Achievements: The History of Ohio Wesleyan from 1942-1992*.



# SPRINGTIME IN ITALY!

Northern Italy is rich with food traditions like these, and you can experience even more if you join us for an exclusive Ohio Wesleyan trip in May, 2014. We will visit some famous places (and some roads less traveled) as we explore food traditions and culture, guided by Slow Food principles and with a focus on artisan food production and sustainability.

With your host, OWU Professor Christopher Fink, you will visit the regions of Emilia Romagna, Veneto, Lombardy, and Trentino-Alto Adige, including stops in the cities of Parma, Reggio Emilia, Verona, Milan, Bergamo, and Trento.

Explore the historic, cultural, and gastronomic features of traditional balsamic vinegar, culatello and prosciutto, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, various regional wines, as well as artisan honey and other regional food production. So much to savor and discover!

Travel information is being finalized as this edition of the *Magazine* goes to press, and detailed information on costs and specific dates will be available very soon. For more information, contact Chris Fink at [cfink@owu.edu](mailto:cfink@owu.edu) or Brenda DeWitt at [bedewitt@owu.edu](mailto:bedewitt@owu.edu).

*Ciao!*



**Did you know that literary references to Parmigiano-Reggiano (Parmesan) cheese date back to 1348? Or that its production is all contained in an area that is roughly the size of the Columbus, Ohio, metropolitan area?**

**Do you know the differences in history and production between the balsamic vinegar that you enjoy on your salad and the type**

**that has been aging in barrels since the Reagan administration?**

**Are you interested in tasting culatello, a pork product cured for 8 to 12 months in cellars between the Po river and the Apennine Mountains, where the mists and winds are just right for creating a product so specialized that it is not exported to the United States?**



# *The Business—and*

## ***Patrick Gharrity '91***

Sous Chef, La Casa Sena  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Described as “new American West cuisine,” the menu at La Casa Sena has the creative touch and vision of executive chef Patrick Gharrity, a self-proclaimed Midwesterner who was transported to the Southwest and started as the restaurant’s pastry chef 14 years ago. Gharrity, a fine arts major and the son of emeritus economics professor Norm and gourmet cook Katherine, describes how he developed his skills by working with other chefs, reading anything culinary, and experimenting—a lot. With more than 300 restaurants in Santa Fe, Gharrity quickly discovered the benefits of collaborating with his fellow chefs, despite the competitive atmosphere in such a tourist-oriented town, and also of changing things up just a bit.

Once a hacienda surrounded by a beautiful courtyard, the restaurant seats 180, and an additional 100 on the outdoor patio. One of the two dining sides features roving waiters and waitresses singing Broadway show tunes and jazz. Recently revamping what had been two separate menus into one, complemented by the biggest wine list in Santa Fe, Gharrity describes a more casual, playful atmosphere and “healthy food that won’t raise your blood pressure.” A favorite menu item of Gharrity’s and his customers is a grilled salmon dish dusted with mocha cocoa powder, coriander, and cumin, and served with white quinoa, mango relish, and yellow mole sauce.

“I find that the more I experiment, the more I learn,” says Gharrity. And the more he wants





**Mike Hamra '91**  
 President and CEO,  
 Hamra Enterprises  
 Springfield, Missouri

# Pleasure—of Food

to share his knowledge with his community.

Through Santa Fe's Cooking with Kids program, chefs in the area volunteer to teach elementary public school students, their parents, and designated culinary employees in these schools about healthy food preparation. Another of Gharrity's interests is the Farm to Restaurant program, which he initiated in an attempt to encourage farmers' market food delivery to the back doors of area restaurants at reasonable prices. With the help of a government grant, area chefs and farmers are coming together at farm markets where large amounts of food is ordered—a win-win situation for everyone.

"We promote these healthy ingredients on our menus," says Gharrity. "People are willing to pay a little more for the quality."

"We are in the food business but really, the people business." The words of Mike Hamra, President and CEO of Hamra Enterprises, reflect his company's overarching emphasis on quality and customer service. Hamra, who practiced law in Washington, D.C., for eight years and worked in the Clinton administration's Department of Commerce, decided he wanted to move to the food service industry, and in 2001, got into the restaurant business. He and his father became franchisees in Panera Bakery Café, and today own 50 stores in Chicago and Boston as well as 28 Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger stores in southwest Missouri. Hamra manages the business strategy, operations, and real estate development efforts of his company.

"Our primary challenge is to stay relevant to the consumer and encourage people to keep coming into our restaurants," says Hamra. That translates to good operations management, quality food, and exemplary customer service. And asking people what they want from their dining experiences.

"Panera's research department is strong," says Hamra, noting the use of focus groups that look at various restaurant categories. Located at the bottom of customer receipts is a survey that generates report information for Panera management to read. In addition, Panera employees monitor social media, giving them helpful data, indicating as Hamra explains that customers think the food and service quality is high. The chicken is fresh and hormone free and produce is managed and monitored by personnel employed by Panera. "We bake all of our breads and pastries in store, rather than buying from a centralized location." And at the end of the day, leftover food is taken to community partners such as food pantries.

"We support each other and the people who run our business," says Hamra. "We want our employees to be passionate about their work and industry."

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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.*

### MARCH

#### March 19 — On Campus

Columbus Monnett Club, Tour of Stuyvesant Hall

#### March 22-24 — On Campus

110th Annual FIJI Pig Dinner and FIJI Re-Chartering Ceremony

### APRIL

#### April 4 — Cleveland, OH

Connections That Matter Tour Event

#### April 6 — Columbus, OH

Columbus Monnett Club

#### April 6 — Delaware, OH

Phi Psi Golf Outing at Oakhaven Golf Club

#### April 11 — Cincinnati, OH

Connections That Matter Tour Event

#### April 12-13 — On Campus

Parents Leadership Council

#### April 18-20 — On Campus

Alumni Board of Directors Meetings

#### April 19-21 — On Campus

9th Annual Phi Delta Theta "Phi Union"

#### April 25 — Cincinnati, OH

Cincinnati Young Alumni and Families Tunes & Blooms Event at the Cincinnati Zoo

#### April 30 — Boston, MA

Connections That Matter Tour Event

### MAY

#### May 2 — Northern, NJ

Connections That Matter Tour Event

#### May 17-19 — On Campus

Alumni Weekend 2013

#### May 23 — London, England

Alumni Event with Current Students

### JUNE

#### June 20 — Rowayton, CT

Shakespeare on the Sound

#### June 22 — Columbus, OH

Columbus Young Alumni Service Event at Furniture Bank of Central Ohio

#### June — Denver, CO

Alumni Reception and Colorado Rockies Game

### JULY

#### July 11 — Columbus, OH

Columbus Young Alumni Social and Columbus Clippers Game

#### July 25 — Sacramento, CA

OWU Alumni at the Sacramento River Cats Game

#### July 26 — Lakeside, OH

Alumni Luncheon at Lakeside

### SEPTEMBER

#### September 13 — Sunbury, OH

Annual Team OWU Golf Outing

#### September 18 — Columbus, OH

Columbus Young Alumni Wine Tasting

### OCTOBER

#### October 19 — Boston, MA

Head of the Charles Alumni Event

#### October 19 — New Jersey

The Hunt Alumni Event

### NOVEMBER

#### November 8-9 — On Campus

Honorary Football Coaches Event

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)

## Family Weekend 2013

September 27-29, 2013

## Homecoming 2013

October 4-6, 2013

### Affinity Reunions at Homecoming 2013:

- 25th Cluster Reunion for the Classes of 1987, 1988, and 1989
- Alpha Sigma Phi – 150th Anniversary
- Small Living Units (SLUs)
- Athletic Hall of Fame
- SAE Reunion



# CLASS NOTES

## 1951

**Wesley J. Vesey** retired from Mount Union College in 1990, where he was a professor of courses in religion for 27 years. He also was Chaplain of the College, chair of the department of religion, and interim dean. He did graduate work at Boston University School of Theology, Edinburgh University, Goettingen University, and Tuebingen University. Subsequently, he served as a United Methodist Minister in parishes on Cape Cod and Medford, Massachusetts.

## 1954 and 1955

**Jack E. Short '55** and **Mary Carol Creswell Short '54** established an endowed fund in the education department at Ohio Wesleyan for faculty professional development. In addition to this endowment, the Shorts also have funded a new multimedia lab in Phillips Hall for the benefit of education students in honor of their family legacy at OWU.

## 1956

**Howie Lederer '56** recently made his annual January visit to **Jim Metzger '56** and **Hope Hainer Metzger '59** in Sarasota, Florida. Howie, retired from IBM, and Jim, retired Episcopal clergy, have been best friends since 1952, and this visit helps maintain this wonderful friendship.

## 1957

**E. James Dickey** published the book *The Secret of the Bible* in Spring 2012. According to the book, "the way to embrace the totality of scripture and unlock the mystery therein is through biography." More information can be found at [www.westbowpress.com](http://www.westbowpress.com)



## Lunch Date

**Lynn McConachy Peachey '69, Diane Howland Rainka '70, Cindy Clarke St. John '70** recently met in Philadelphia for lunch. Cindy and Lynn were roommates at OWU, and Lynn was in Diane's wedding in 1970. Even though the women had kept in touch, they had not seen each other since the 1970s.

# Alumni Happenings >>

**Rich Young** recently retired after 13 years as an executive recruiter from Chaloner Associates, Boston, Massachusetts. Prior to that, Rich worked for 38 years in public relations, corporate communications, and employee communications for Raytheon Company and Digital Equipment Corporation. Recently, Rich established a Web site for job searchers ([www.enrichyourresume.com](http://www.enrichyourresume.com)) and offers a free resume review service for OWU students and alumni.

## 1959

**Jill Shanks Eliot** is the founder of Imaginating Dramatics, which provides classroom training and performances for children between the ages of 5 to 18 who are enrolled in public or private school districts in Central Ohio. She founded the group in 1985. Jill has performed with the Prairie Players and Vaud-villities, and she teaches music and directs at Jones Middle School in Upper Arlington.

## 1967

**David C. Colby** has been named vice president of public policy for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. David is a health care expert and joined the foundation in 1998. Prior to joining the foundation, David spent nine years in the federal government, first with the

Physician Payment Review Commission, then as deputy director of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

## 1969

**Don Paterson** has been appointed interim president by the board of trustees of the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Don has been chief financial officer of the Science Center since 2008 and was asked to step in as president last July while a national search for a permanent CEO was conducted.

## 1972

**Lynne E. Martin Bowman** was *The Comstock Review's* 2009 National Chapbook Contest Winner for her chapbook *Water Never Sleeps*, published in 2011. She was also one of only three finalists for the 2011 *Crab Orchard Review's* national Poetry Prize. Her work can be seen in the current issue of *Crab Orchard Review* and her chapbook is available through the *Comstock Review's* website.

**Jo Ann Hermann Emerson**, who last fall won her ninth term as a member of the U.S. House from the state of Missouri, planned to leave her post to take on a new job as CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Jo Ann is

a former trade association executive who became a member of the House after she won a special election in 1996 to finish the term of her late husband, Bill Emerson.

## 1974

**Theodora Higgenbotham** has published a book *This Little Pin Dot*, stories of God's grace and her family's life changing encounters with the "Living God." Learn more at <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/2043497999/my-book-title-is-this-little-pin-dot>

**William "Bill" Iovino**, who was NCAA discus champion his senior year at OWU in 1974, will participate in the National Senior Games in Cleveland, Ohio, this summer in the same event. Bill has won the event in the Pennsylvania Senior Games several times and won again in 2012, qualifying him for the national games, which take place July 19 through August 1, 2013. Bill says he is competing today against some of the same athletes he did 40 years ago.

**Carol Harnois Potter** has been named the president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties in Ohio. Most recently, Carol served as the financial development and marketing director for the YMCA of Youngstown. She lives in Canfield, Ohio, with her husband, John.

## 1976

**Isidro A. Amigo** is being honored for his exceptional success in the osteopathic surgery community by Leading Physicians of the World and the International Association of Healthcare Professionals. With nearly 30 years in practice, Isidro is currently a physician at Magruder Hospital located in Port Clinton, Ohio. He has distinguished himself through excellence in weight-loss surgical techniques and being a

## Phi Kappa Psi Reunion Upcoming

Members of the Ohio Alpha of Chapter Phi Kappa Psi, seen here, gathered in their September 2011 Biennial Reunion, Hilton Head, South Carolina. This Sept. 19-23, the group will hold its 7th biennial alumni reunion in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. All brothers who attended OWU and their spouses and companions are invited. For more information contact: **Bill Knoble '61** at [wfknoble@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wfknoble@sbcglobal.net) or **Larry Lays '60** at [llays@rochester.rr.com](mailto:llays@rochester.rr.com).



## DEADLINES FOR CLASS NOTES

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strong advocate for continuing medical education. Isidro also dedicates his time to being a clinical associate professor at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine and West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**John C. Gordon** has been named chairman of the board of directors for Skyland Trail, a nonprofit treatment facility for adults with mental illness. John is president of Gordon Document Products, Inc. and managing partner of its sister company, Perfect Circle Renewable Energy. He also serves as president of the Mt. Paran-Northside Neighborhood Association, is the founder and chairman of Friends of English Avenue, and just completed his second term as a member of the Ohio Wesleyan University Board of Trustees.

**Gregory L. Moore** has been honored by the National Press Foundation with its 2012 Benjamin C. Bradlee Award as editor of the year for leading his paper, the *Denver Post*, in coverage of the Aurora theatre shooting, which occurred at midnight after the paper had gone to bed and relied almost exclusively on social media to inform the community of the horrific events that evening.

**Chad Small** will retire as headmaster of Rumson Country Day School at the end of this school year after 25 years at the post. During his tenure, the school's student body has more than doubled. Chad received his master's degree in education from the University of Virginia and his doctorate from Seton Hall University.

## 1977

**Joost Hiltermann** was appointed chief operating officer of the International Crisis Group in its Brussels headquarters in January 2013. The International Crisis Group ([www.crisisgroup.org](http://www.crisisgroup.org)) is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to preventing and resolving deadly conflict.

## 1978

**Frank Henson** received the inaugural Dr. Joseph R. Kidd Excellence in Teaching Award at St. Luke's School in New Canaan, Connecticut. The award is given to a member of the faculty at St. Luke's School who best exemplifies the ideals of St. Luke's through excellence in the classroom, service to the total community, and dedication to the well-being and growth of St. Luke's students.

## 1982

**David A. Cook** has been named senior vice president/chief financial officer at Parma



## Alums Gather on the Greens

A few OWU graduates got together for a golf outing in Florida in February 2013. Pictured at the Floridian Golf and Yacht Club in Palm City, Florida, are (from left to right): **Jerry Lasky '76**, **Dick Ames '77**, and **Darrell Austin '76**.

Community General Hospital in Ohio. David has 28 years of management experience, serving most recently as a vice president of finance for University Hospitals Health System's community hospitals. He has worked in financial management at hospitals throughout the region, from MetroHealth Medical Center in the 1980s and St. Luke's Medical Center in the '90s to 14 years in various financial capacities at EMH Regional Healthcare System in Elyria, Ohio, where he served as chief financial officer for four years. David lives in Strongsville with his wife and three children.

**George Cox** is the owner of IP & Business Law Counseling, LLC, a law firm founded in 2010, which provides legal assistance to companies focused on the development and commercialization of biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and other life sciences products and services.

## 1985

**Mark D'Onofrio** was named senior vice president for commercial lending at Scituate Federal Savings Bank in November. Most recently Mark

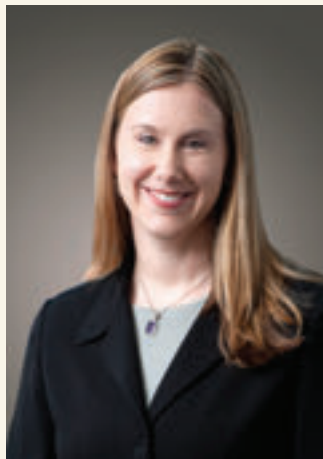
worked at South Coastal Bank as the vice president for commercial lending. In his new role, he manages the operations of the bank's commercial lending portfolio.

## 1986

**Todd Fitch** has been named wide receivers coach at Boston College. Todd is a veteran with 26 years of coaching experience. He comes to Boston College from South Florida, where he served as offensive coordinator. Prior to South Florida, Todd spent three seasons as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at East Carolina.

## 1987

**Scott C. Hall** has been named the senior vice president of operations at Global Growth Trust. Scott is the president and owner of a private consulting firm based in Orlando, Florida, where he serves various real estate investment and development projects. Previously he served as a consultant to CNL Global Growth Advisors, LLC. Scott received his M.B.A. from Rollins College.



*Gretchen Heinze Townshend '01*

## 1988

**Michael W. Shields** is a clinical psychologist with a full-time, private practice treating adolescents, adults, and couples. He has been in the mental health care field since his OWU graduation, working in hospitals, schools, and outpatient clinics. His doctoral research studied the association between young males' relationship with their fathers and attachment behaviors. Mike lives in Sandwich, Massachusetts, with his wife, Jennifer, and their two daughters, Olivia, 10, and Ellie, 7. He can be reached at [mshie35498@aol.com](mailto:mshie35498@aol.com).

## 1991

**David A. Saylor** has been chosen by Miami University to serve as its new director of athletics. Previously, David led the athletics department at the University of South Dakota and senior executive athletic director at Rice University for four years.

## 1993

**Shannon Leary Knall** recently was sworn in as a newly appointed selectman for Simsbury, Connecticut. Shannon received her master's degree in organizational behavior from University of Hartford. She is the founder and executive director of Well Served Tennis Academy. She is the Connecticut advocacy chair for Autism Speaks.

**Sara M. Sheets** is an urban planner who has worked on community development projects across the city of Madisonville, Ohio. She recently was named executive director of the Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corp.



## 40th Birthday Celebration

*In September 2012, OWU graduates gathered at Jennifer Montgomery Burgess's house in Florida to celebrate their collective 40th birthdays with a night out in Tampa. Movies, pool time, eating, and laughing filled out the perfect weekend together. Pictured are (front row, left to right): **Alison Martin Turner '94, Molly Kuhlman Habermusch '94, and Kimberly Boggs Hull '94.** (Back row, left to right): **Shandelle Wertz Girdley '94, Emily Barber Bowman '94, Lisa Norman Klemeyer '93, Jennifer Montgomery Burgess '94, and Amy Prosenjak-Guy '94.***

## 2001

**Gretchen Heinze Townshend** has been promoted to partnership level with the law firm McGuireWoods LLP. Gretchen focuses on health care transactional and corporate work and regulatory compliance matters. She represents a variety of health care providers, concentrating primarily on hospitals, health systems, ambulatory surgery centers and dialysis facilities.

## 2003

**Kevin M. Blair**, an attorney, has joined Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP's litigation department. He is located in the firm's Lansing, Michigan, office. He earned his law degree from American University, Washington College of Law. Kevin is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Virginia and his admittance to practice in Michigan is pending.

**Jeffrey N. Hollway**, of Carrollton, Texas, has been named the new head football coach



## OWU Christmas

OWU alumna **Eileen Callahan '83** offered some OWU students a place to stay over the Christmas break. The students say they are very appreciative. From left to right are: **Amy Wong '14**, **Dasom Yang '13**, **Eileen Callahan '83**, **Eri Takeuchi '13**, and **Guanyi Yang '13**.

at Wyoming Seminary. He also was named associate director of athletics and associate director of admissions. He will start in his new positions in July. Previously, he served as head football coach, head lacrosse coach, and physical education teacher at Greenhill School in Addison, Texas, since 2005. Jeff is a fourth-generation football coach. His father, **Mike Hollway**, recently retired after 25 years as the head football coach at OWU.

**Charlie Solley** has been named director of government relations at Akron Children's Hospital in Akron, Ohio. In this role, Charlie represents the hospital's interest on a state and national level. He received his master's degree in public administration from Ohio University. Charlie lives in Stow with his wife and two children.

## 2004

**Alyssa Hanna** has been named service learning coordinator for Davis & Elkins College. Alyssa is pursuing her Ph.D. in biology

from West Virginia University. She has worked as an instructor of biology at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, and as a teaching assistant at WVU.

## 2008

**Elizabeth Griffith-Niemann** won the 2012 "Outstanding Person Working in a Program" from the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth for her work with Faces without Places.

## 2009

**Ruthie Goodell**, of Arlington, Virginia, is the executive assistant to the chief administrative officer and the general counsel at National Public Radio.

## 2010

**Stacey Venzel** presented at an international sea turtle conference in the Florida Keys in December 2012. The presentation covered types of therapy in the rehabilitation of injured/ill sea turtles, including case studies.

## 2011

**Zack Kaminski** is a corporate account executive for sponsorships for the Washington Wild Things Baseball Organization, located in Washington, Pennsylvania. His role is to evaluate client needs and develop sponsorship packages that create long-term relationships at CONSOL Energy Park. Zack also is in charge of gathering sponsorships for the 2013 Frontier League All-Star Game at CONSOL Energy Park. Previously, he worked as an operations assistant/coach for the Boston Red Sox Summer Baseball Camps. He lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Katie Tuttle** recently joined the publication *Golf Course Industry* as assistant editor. The publication is a monthly golf course management magazine based in Cleveland, Ohio.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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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.

**Deadlines:** Given our printing/production schedules, the deadlines for receiving submissions are May 3 for the Summer issue; and August 6 for the Fall issue.

## 2012

**Tyler Bryant** has been selected by Chillicothe, Ohio's, Unioto High School as its next boys' head soccer coach. Tyler graduated from Unioto. After graduating from OWU, Tyler played semi-pro soccer, including stops in Germany and England.

**Jabez Co** has received the Mu Phi Epsilon International Sterling Achievement Award, the highest honor awarded by the fraternity, an international professional music fraternity. Jabez has served in various positions, including vice-president and president of Mu Phi Epsilon; principal flutist and assistant conductor of the OWU Chamber Orchestra; and principal flutist of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. As a composer, Jabez has received recognition from the American Society of Composers (ASCAP). Currently, he is a member of the Columbus Symphony Chorus



*Jabez Co '12*

and associate flutist/piccoloist for the New Albany Symphony Orchestra. For more information about Jabez Co, visit [JabezSamuelCo.com](http://JabezSamuelCo.com).

**Kate Raulin** is working for U.S. Congressman Brad Wenstrup of the 2nd District of Ohio. She is a staff assistant, primarily responsible for coordinating tours of the U.S. Capitol, White House, phones, administrative tasks, and the intern program.

## Marriages

### 2003

**Brad McCain** married Jessica Burke on December 31, 2011.

### 2006

**Read S. Allen '06** and **Kathryn E. Holick Allen '06** were married on June 9, 2012. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio.



**Read S. Allen '06** and **Kathryn E. Holick Allen '06** on their wedding day, June 9, 2012, in Watchung, New Jersey. They were joined by (from left to right): **Mark Boyd '05**, **Laura Small '08**, **Sarah Gospodnetich '08**, **Vera Omidpanah '06**, **Jennifer Harrington '07**, **Daniel Gliha '06**, **Holly Allen '77**, **Ashley Pritchard Poling '06**, **Avin Assomull '06**, **Chad Poling '04**, **Jessica LeSure '07**, **Samantha Wallace Sharpe '09**, **Angela Joern Carmody '05**, **Dan Sharpe '06**, and **Steve Allen '77**.



**Brad McCain '03** and his bride, **Jessica Burke** (Berea College '08), on their wedding day, Dec. 31, 2011. From left to right: **Trent Marburger '03**, **Ben Hill '03**, **Alleyn Harned '03**, **Emily Flanagan Kaylor '03**, **Andrew Kaylor '04**, **Karla McCain '98**, **Jamie O'Brien '02**, **Brad**, **Chris Musbach '05**, **Carrie Churchwell Musbach '06**, **Jessica**, **Chris Moore '04**, **Victoria Hills '03**, **Evan Garver '04**, **Jeff Clapper '02**, **Jeff Sindelar '04**, **Christina Burfeindt Brown '06**, and **Chuck Brown '03**.

## Births

### 1997 and 1999

**Melissa Field Herbert '97** and husband **Grant Herbert '99** are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child, **Jack Field Herbert**, on Dec. 27, 2012. Jack, his siblings **Chloe**, 7; **Lily**, 6; and **Sam**, 4; reside in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

### 2000 and 2003

**Beth Anselmo Traylor '00** and **Zach Traylor '03** are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, **Cecelia Evelyn**. Cecelia was born Sept. 5, 2012 and weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 ¼ inches. She joins sister **Adeline**. The family lives in Bainbridge, Ohio.

**Zach** is doing medical research at Case Western Reserve University and **Beth** is a veterinarian in Macedonia, Ohio.

### 2000

**Greg Hoover** and his wife, **Amy**, welcomed a son, **John Douglas Hoover**, on Oct. 20, 2012. Also celebrating is grandfather, **Doug Hoover '69**.

### 2001

**Elizabeth Shipp Yeater** and her husband, **Ryan**, welcomed a son, **William Mark Yeater** on Friday, Jan. 25, 2013. William was 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and 20 inches long. **Mark Shipp '70** and **Ginny O'Grady Shipp '70** are the proud grandparents.

### 2003

**Kristen Riegler Caldwell** and her husband, **Rob**, welcomed a daughter, **Lillian Avery Caldwell**, on Nov. 14, 2012. Lily was 21 inches long and weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces.

### 2005

**Robert Quatkemeyer** and his wife, **Sherry Neckers Quatkemeyer**, welcomed daughter **Julie Elizabeth Quatkemeyer** on Nov. 7, 2012.

### 2007

**Shannon Fredebaugh-Siller** and **Brian Siller** welcomed their son, **Corbin Mark Siller**, on Sept. 21, 2012 in Urbana, Illinois. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 20 inches long. The couple was married June 13, 2009.

## In Memoriam

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

## Alumni

### 1928

**Ethel Richards Tingley**, of Washington, DC, passed away on Jan. 11, 2013 at the age of 106. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

### 1932

**Louise Headley Hill**, of Rochester, Minnesota, died on Jan. 5, 2013, at the age of 102. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

### 1933

**Marjorie Eldred Hallock**, of Walnut Creek, California, died on Nov. 25, 2012, at the age of 101. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

### 1934

**Margaret Kellum Northrup**, of Pittsford, New York, passed away on Jan. 2, 2013, at the age of 100. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

### 1936

**Dorothea Wells Dial**, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, died on Jan. 28, 2013, at the age of 98. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William R. Dial '36**, and is survived by her daughter, **Joyce Dial Ubi '62**.

### 1937

**Elaine Sheets Maley**, of Columbus, Ohio, died on Feb. 1, 2013, at the age of 97.

**James W. Newman**, of Austin, Texas, died on Jan. 15, 2013, at the age of 97. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

### 1938

**Neva Lucas Humphreys**, of Akron, Ohio, died on

Sept. 29, 2012, at the age of 95. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John R. Humphreys '39**, and her son, **John W. Humphreys '70**. She is survived by daughter-in-law **Connie Keegan Humphreys '70**.

**Nevin S. Scrimshaw**, of Plymouth, New Hampshire, died on February 8, 2013, at the age of 95. A world-renowned nutrition researcher, he dedicated his career of almost seven decades to the alleviation of world hunger and malnutrition. Dr. Scrimshaw is survived by his wife of 71 years, Mary W. Scrimshaw, five children, Susan C. Scrimshaw, Norman S. Scrimshaw, Nevin B. Scrimshaw, Steven W. Scrimshaw, and Nathaniel L. Scrimshaw; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. His brother, Norman C. Scrimshaw, was killed in action in France in 1944, during World War II. (*The Magazine will include more about Dr. Scrimshaw in the summer edition.*)

**Howard W. Wilhelm**, of Sebring, Ohio, died on Dec. 3, 2012, at the age of 96. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Howard was preceded in death by his sister, **Helen Wilhelm Meanor '35**.

### 1939

**Audrey Wilcke Evans**, of Gahanna, Ohio, died on Dec. 26, 2012, at the age of 95. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She is survived by her sister, **Frances Wilcke Erskine '42**.

**Ellis W. Gallant**, of Delaware, Ohio, died on Aug. 25, 2012, at the age of 96. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. Ellis was preceded in death by his parents, **Ellis F. Gallant 1907** and **Blanche Walker Gallant 1906**. He is survived by his siblings, **Charlotte A. Gallant '39**, and **Thomas F. Gallant '50**.

**Donald A. Peppard Sr.**, of Canton, Ohio, died on Oct. 29, 2012, at the age of 95. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

**Loris Gross Tower**, of Chatham, New Jersey, died on Dec. 31, 2012, at the age of 94. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She is survived by her son, **Harry L. Tower III '68**, and granddaughter, **Betsy L. Tower '96**.

### 1940

**Carolyn Ernhout Barley**, of Liberty, New York, passed away on Feb. 3, 2013, at the age of 95. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

**Barbara Mackay Janson**, of Williamsburg Landing, Virginia, died on Jan. 31, 2013, at the age of 94. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Barbara was preceded in death by her brother, **John W. MacKay '39**. She is survived by her daughter, **Janey W. Janson '72**.

### 1941

**Mary Grindlay Courtney**, of Canfield, Ohio, died on Nov. 11, 2012, at the age of 94.

**Mary White Deeley**, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died on Dec. 13, 2012, at the age of 93. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Mary was preceded in death by her brother, **Charles A. White '39**.

**Eleanor Lacher Hawk**, of Columbus, Ohio, died on Jan. 6, 2013, at the age of 93.

**John W. Mackey**, of Xenia, Ohio, died on Dec. 17, 2012, at the age of 93.

**John E. Maier**, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, died on Oct. 27, 2012, at the age of 93. John was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**Lois Davidson Wallace**, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, died on Jan. 21, 2013, at the age of 94.

### 1942

**Mildred J. Roush**, of Columbus, Ohio, died on Dec. 11, 2012, at the age of 92. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**W. Frederick "Fred" Stein**, of Tucson, Arizona, died on Sept. 13, 2012, at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Elizabeth Cassells Stein '21**, as well as his brother, **James E. Stein '46**. He is survived by his wife and three children, including son, **James D. "Jim" Stein '65**.

### 1943

**Patricia Persinger McArthur**, of Washington Court House, Ohio, passed away on Nov. 24, 2012, at the

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Margaret Weaver Krull '74

age of 91. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Patricia is survived by her brother, **Jessee Persinger '54**.

**Mary "Bette" Lape Wilson**, of Richmond, Indiana, died on Nov. 23, 2012, at the age of 91. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

## 1944

**Betty Conway Brelsford**, of Mount Dora, Florida, died on May 29, 2012, at the age of 91. She is survived by her husband, **Quentin M. Brelsford '48**.

**Frederic E. Morr**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on Oct. 20, 2012, at the age of 89. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

## 1945

**Jack L. Caldwell**, of Richfield, Minnesota, died on Jan. 24, 2013, at the age of 89. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

**Katherine Davis Foster**, of Hanover, New Hampshire, died on Oct. 6, 2012, at the age of 88. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She is survived by her sister **Elizabeth A. Davis '54**.

**Mary Swanson Grummon**, of East Lansing, Michigan, died on Dec. 10, 2012, at the age of 89. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Mary is survived by her brother, **Elliot Swanson Jr. '53**.

**Janet Moss Heil**, of Marysville, Ohio, died on Dec. 29, 2012, at the age of 89. She is survived by her sister, **Ruth Moss Park '40**.

## 1946

**Jean Guild Fritzen**, of Tacoma, Washington, died on Dec. 5, 2012, at the age of 87.

**Kathryn Motz Hunter**, of Silver Lake, Ohio, passed away on Dec. 8, 2012, at the age of 87. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband, **John B. Hunter '44**, and two sisters, **Jean Motz Lutz '50** and **Clarene Motz Wharry '53**. (Please see Kathryn's full obituary online.)

**Helen Haas Lawrence**, of Piqua, Ohio, died on Feb. 19, 2012, at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her brother, **Harold M. Hass '50**.

**Laura "Lolly" Gnagi Newman**, of Delaware, Ohio, died on Dec. 4, 2012, at the age of 88. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is survived by her daughter, **Christine Newman Stohman '81**.

**Joy Gillis Norton**, of Lakewood, Ohio, died on Oct. 15, 2012, at the age of 86. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Joy was preceded in death by her brother, **Harry A. Gillis '42**.

## 1947

**Eleanor Holmes Bean**, of Westerville, Ohio, died on Nov. 21, 2012, at the age of 87. She is survived by her granddaughter, **Laura Lown '13**.

**Pauline Kohn**, of Canton, Ohio died on Nov. 27, 2012, at the age of 87. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Pauline was preceded in death by her sister, **Tressa Kohn Yellig '45**.

## 1948

**William M. "Bill" Benge Jr.**, of Kettering, Ohio, died on Dec. 27, 2012, at the age of 90. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

**Thomas S. DeLay**, of Jackson, Ohio, died on July 30, 2012, at the age of 89. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. (Please see Thomas' full obituary online.)

**Constance Loren Foster**, of Westerville, Ohio, died on Nov. 14, 2012, at the age of 86. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Roger O. Gilruth**, of Akron, Ohio, died on Nov. 12, 2012, at the age of 87. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**Betty O'Rourke Hepler**, of Maumee, Ohio, died on Dec. 11, 2012, at the age of 86. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She is survived by her husband, **Clay P. Hepler '48**.

**Ann Wiedemann Kline**, of Dublin, Ohio and formerly Marion, Ohio, died on Nov. 3, 2012, at the age of 86. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Ann was preceded in death by her husband, **Morris E. Kline '54**.

**Richard D. "Dick" Williams**, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, died on Nov. 15, 2012, at the age of 86. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Dick is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Carol Lee Francis Williams '50**. (Please see Dick's full obituary online.)

**Mary Lander Wilson**, of Quechee, Vermont, passed away on Sept. 15, 2012, at the age of 85. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, **Robert E. Wilson '48**.

## 1949

**Mary Agle Flax**, of South Charleston, Ohio, died on Dec. 11, 2012, at the age of 84. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**Richard "Dick" Mayer**, of Orange, New Jersey, died on Jan. 19, 2013, at the age of 86. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, **Sidney A. Mayer '19** and **Dorothy Mead Mayer '19**. He is survived by his sister, **Margery L. Mayer '45**, and brother, **Ronald W. Mayer '51**.

**Jean Berry Racin**, of Washington D.C., died on Dec. 19, 2012, at the age of 84.

## 1950

**John M. Bahner**, of Boise, Idaho, died on Nov. 4, 2012, at the age of 86. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. John is survived by his sister, **Ann Bahner Murray '47**, his brother, **Joel Murray '53**, his daughter, **Laurel Bahner Chasan '74**, and his granddaughter, **Kimberly Chasan-Shrewsbury '05**.

**Alvin E. Bills Jr.**, of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, died on Nov. 29, 2012, at the age of 86. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**Jeanne Dunathan Harrington**, of Worthington, Ohio, died on Dec. 11, 2012, at the age of 84. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Lowell "Pete" Dunathan '24** and **Madale Dennis Dunathan '27**, and her brother **John "Jack" Dunathan '54**. She is survived by her husband, **Carl Harrington Jr. '48**.

**Theodore "Ted" Urbanowicz**, of Parma, Ohio, died on Nov. 16, 2012, at the age of 84. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

## 1951

**Edgar A. "Ted" Gathany**, of Sun City West, Arizona, died on April 22, 2012, at the age of 82. (Please see Edgar's full obituary online.)

**Richard "Dick" Hindman**, of Grove City, Ohio, died on Jan. 28, 2013, at the age of 87. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Richard was preceded in death by his first wife, **Mary Jean Fauver Hindman '48**.

## 1952

**Charles S. Weber Jr.**, of Upper Arlington, Ohio, died on Jan. 21, 2013, at the age of 83. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Charles is survived by his wife, **Juanita Bennett Weber '53**.

## 1953

**Robert E. Hager**, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on Jan. 6, 2013, at the age of 82. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Robert is survived by brother **Tracy E. Hager '54**.

**Martha DeLong Leach**, of Beavercreek, Ohio, died on Oct. 29, 2012, at the age of 81.

**Conrad L. Pickett**, of Hot Springs, South Dakota, died on Nov. 12, 2012, at the age of 81.

## 1954

**Charles R. Beckley**, of Washington DC, died on Jan. 22, 2013, at the age of 80. Charles was a member of the Beta Sigma Tau fraternity

**James K. Faile**, of Bay Village, Ohio, died on Jan. 7, 2013, at the age of 80. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. James was preceded in death by his sister, **Annabel Faile Kanastab '41**.

**Dorothy J. Richards Hendershot**, of Avon Lake, Ohio, died on Dec. 23, 2012, at the age of 80. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

## 1955

**Arthur Caliandro**, of New York, New York, died on Dec. 30, 2012, at the age of 79. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Arthur was preceded in death by his brothers, **Bruno L. Caliandro '53** and **Ernest V. Caliandro '58**. *(Please see Arthur's full obituary online.)*

**Ronald D. Glosser**, of Akron, Ohio, died on Nov. 2, 2012, at the age of 79. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. *(Please see Ron's full obituary online.)*

**Shirley Gresham Smith**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, died on Jan. 8, 2013, at the age of 79. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Shirley is survived by her brother, **Noah O. Gresham '54**, and sister, **Jane Gresham Norman '56**. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William E. Smith '53**.

**William E. Turley**, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Jan. 23, 2013, at the age of 79. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

## 1956

**James "Jim" Davies**, of New Providence, New Jersey, died on Jan. 10, 2013, at the age of 78. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. *(Please see Jim's full obituary online.)*

**Eugenie "Genie" Church Mayo**, of Dedham, Massachusetts, died on Jan. 1, 2013, at the age of 78. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

**Margaret "Peggy" Fuller Sandberg**, of Toledo, Ohio, died on Jan. 24, 2013, at the age of 78. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, **Fred E. Fuller Sr. '23** and **Isabelle Beetham Fuller '23**, her siblings, **Anne Fuller Boyd '47**, **Fred E. Fuller Jr. '50** and **Bess Fuller Brownell '51**. She is survived by her children, **Isabelle Sandberg Skoe '81** and **Fred F. Sandberg '85**.

**Sandra J. Smith**, of San Antonio, Texas, died on Oct. 23, 2012, at the age of 78. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

## 1957

**Mary Rush Bollinger**, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, died on Oct. 27, 2012, at the age of 77.

**Kathryn Ross Peterson**, of Grand Blanc, Michigan, died on Jan. 12, 2013, at the age of 77. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

## 1958

**Frank G. Frazier**, of Lebanon, Ohio, died on Jan. 11, 2013, at the age of 76. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Frank was preceded in death by his brother, **John P. Frazier '49**. He is survived by brother, **William M. Frazier '50**.

**David "Michael" Geehan**, of Houston, Texas, died on Nov. 7, 2012, at the age of 75. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Mike is survived by his wife **Elizabeth "Betty" Andrews Geehan '58**.

## 1959

**James H. Peak**, of Clarkesville, Georgia, died on Oct. 3, 2012, at the age of 75. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is survived by his wife, **Janith "Jan" Root Peak '59**.

## 1960

**Jonathan "Jon" Blakely**, of Painesville, Ohio, died on Dec. 7, 2012, at the age of 74. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity. Jon was preceded in death by his father, **Thomas H. Blakely '28**. He is survived by his brother, **Thomas H. Blakely Jr. '62**, and his son, **Jonathan P. Blakely '86**.

**Sabra "Fred" Andrews Fischer** of Lexington, Michigan, died on Oct. 16, 2012, at the age of 74. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

**Donald L. Jones**, of Columbia, South Carolina, died on Dec. 27, 2012, at the age of 74. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Donald is survived by his wife, **Susan Haas Jones '60**.

**Edward W. Metz**, of Asheville, North Carolina, died on Feb. 3, 2013, at the age of 74. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

## 1961

**Cynthia D. Allen**, of Culver, Indiana, died on Dec. 27, 2012, at the age of 73. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**Sally Redick Mitchell**, of Glenview, Illinois, passed away on Jan. 5, 2013, at the age of 72. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is survived by her husband, **John H. Mitchell '61**, and daughter, **Lynn Mitchell Owen '85**. *(Please see Sally's full obituary online.)*

## 1963

**Peter T. Dawson**, of Hallowell, Maine, died on Dec. 19, 2012, at the age of 71. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. Peter is survived by his wife, **Judith Henry Dawson '63**, and daughter, **Sarah Dawson Carr '92**.

**Elliot O. Foster III**, of Meredith, New Hampshire, died on Jan. 6, 2013, at the age of 71. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

**Charles E. Wilson Jr.**, of Aiken, South Carolina, died on Oct. 27, 2012, at the age of 70. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

## 1964

**Louis A. Ebersold**, of Avon, Ohio, and Potomac, Maryland, died on Jan. 14, 2013, at the age of 70. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Louis was preceded in death by his sister, **Diane Ebersold Tull '62**.

## 1968

**Susan Allison Hackman**, of Millersville, Maryland, died on Dec. 20, 2012, at the age of 66. She is survived by her brother, **Robert C. Allison '71**. *(Please see Susan's full obituary online.)*

## 1971

**James "Skip" Rogers Jr.**, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, died on Dec. 15, 2012, at the age of 63.

## Faculty/Staff

**Edgar A. "Ted" Gathany '51**, of Sun City West, Arizona, died on April 22, 2012, at the age of 82. Ted was the Ohio Wesleyan University sports information director from 1954 to 1964. He covered the 12-varsity-sport intercollegiate athletic program for *The Delaware Gazette*,



and wrote a weekly column for the paper. He helped to start the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame, inaugurated the Athlete of the Week program, assisted in OWU radio sports broadcasts, and was one of the originators of the Downtown Coaches, a local booster organization. In 1959, Ted started and ran the Ohio Conference Sports Bureau. He also served as president of the Ohio Conference Sports Publicity Association and was a member of all the national sports writers associations. He did freelance work as well. Ted is survived by his wife, Marjorie, a son, three daughters, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Robert W. “Bob” Meyer**, of Delaware, Ohio, who was OWU’s former vice president of business affairs, died on Jan. 9, 2013, at the age of 92. Bob retired in 1986, but while at Ohio Wesleyan, Bob supervised the purchase of 20 homes to create space for both Beeghly Library and Chappelle Drama Center. He also witnessed the construction of Phillips Hall and Branch Rickey Arena. Bob joined the OWU family in 1948 and taught accounting for 10 years before joining the administration. He became controller in 1958 and vice president of business affairs in 1964. He was elected president of the National Association of College and University Business Officers in 1974. Bob proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He graduated from Southern Illinois University and received a master’s degree from Iowa University. He is survived by his wife, Bette, and three sons, Paul, John, and Tim.

**Laura “Lolly” Gnagi Newman ’46**, of Delaware, Ohio, died on Dec. 4, 2012, at the age of 88. Lolly served for 25 years, from 1969 to 1994, as Ohio Wesleyan’s director of alumni relations. She was the first woman to hold the position. In 1993, Lolly was recognized with a Distinguished Achievement Citation for her “sustained and devoted service to Ohio Wesleyan and its Alumni Association.” The citation noted Lolly’s strong commitment to education and to award-winning programming that both “enriched and inspired the University’s alumni program.” The citation also rightly proclaimed Lolly to be “a legend in the world of alumni relations.” She organized or attended more than a thousand alumni events and wrote the chapter on alumni for the University’s sesquicentennial history book, *Noble Achievements: The History of Ohio Wesleyan from 1942 to 1992*. After graduating from OWU, Lolly worked in foreign service, spending time in Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, and other locations. She was preceded in death by her husband. Lolly is survived by her daughter, **Christine Newman Stohlman ’81**.

**Luevenia B. “Lou” Nichols**, of Delaware, Ohio, who retired in 2010 after 21 years of service at Ohio Wesleyan, passed away on Jan. 13, 2013, at the age of 64. She worked in the admissions department as well as the accounting department. Lou’s kind spirit and hard work made a positive impact on the OWU campus that continues to be felt. She enjoyed shopping, listening to Gaither gospel music, and spending time with her four grandkids. She is survived by her husband, Henry; son, Hank; and daughter, **Sara Nichols Wilson ’03**.

**John R. Tillman**, a retired professor of geology and paleontology at Ohio Wesleyan, died on Jan. 7, 2013, at the age of 82. He retired in 1997 from OWU after 36 years of teaching. John served as chair of the geology/geography department from 1990 to 1997. He is remembered as a caring teacher who loved to teach in the field and was a respected researcher who published in the *Journal of Paleontology* and the *Ohio Journal of Science*. He was invited to contribute to the book *Fossils of Ohio*, published by the Ohio Division of Geological Survey in 1996. Upon retirement, John was a devoted caregiver to his wife, Jocelyn, until her death in October 2007. He received his PhD from the University of Michigan. He loved fishing and gardening. He is survived by his children, Gretchen Tillman Rannebarger, **Megan Tillman Richard ’81**, Alexander Tillman, and **Heidi Tillman Radford ’84**, as well as his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

**William F. Waber Jr.**, a longtime resident of Delaware County, Ohio, and most recently of Columbus, Ohio, died on Jan. 28, 2013, at the age of 87. William taught philosophy at Ohio Wesleyan for more than three decades, from 1963 to 1997. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he earned a B.A. from Ashland University and an A.B. from Kenyon College. He later received an M.A. and PhD in philosophy from John Hopkins University. In addition, William worked for 10 years with incarcerated people in three Ohio correctional institutions, encouraging prisoners to get college degrees and change their lives once they had served their sentences. William is survived by his wife, Eunice, his daughters, **Loyann Waber Brush ’80**, **Elise Waber Hays ’82**, and **Renee Waber Caserta ’85**, as well as granddaughter, **Rebecca Caserta ’15**.

## Sympathy

**Elizabeth “Beth” Carol Brown ’82** for the loss of her son; and **Carol Evans Brown Dodson ’60** and **Osborne “Skip” Dodson ’62**, for the loss of their grandson, Dylan Andrew Brown, on June 25, 2012. Dylan was preceded in death by his grandfather, **James W. Brown ’59** and his great aunt, **Jan Evans Buessem ’58**.

**Marilyn Klein Brown ’69** for the passing of her husband, Jack Leondas Brown Jr., on Jan. 26, 2013.

**Brian Fedorko ’95** for the loss of his wife, Megan Patrick Fedorko, who died unexpectedly on Nov. 29, 2012.

**Kathleen King-Gutierrez ’76** for the passing of her mother, Marion King, who died on Nov. 12, 2012.

**Claire Johnson Glove ’75** and **Corinne Johnson ’80** for the loss of their mother, Mary Jo Thorne Johnson, on Jan. 27, 2013.

**Deborah Jones Lupton ’76**, **Leslie Jones Brittain ’78**, **Geoffrey C. Jones ’81**, and **Elizabeth Jones Hall ’83** for the loss of their mother, Mary Philbrick Jones, who passed away on Nov. 9, 2012.

**Matthew D. McCord ’16** for the loss of his father, Andrew McCord, who died on Oct. 27, 2012.

**Megan Tillman Richard ’81** and **Heidi Tillman Radford ’83** for the loss of their father, John R. Tillman, a retired professor of geology and paleontology at Ohio Wesleyan, who died on Jan. 7, 2013.

**Mary Nouse Russell ’50** for the loss of her husband, Raymond W. Russell, who died on Oct. 31, 2012.

**Ashley Anne Winchester ’04** and **Renee Follett Winchester ’69** in the death of their grandmother and mother, Anne Statt Follett, on April 10, 2012.

## Food Connections – and Complexities

By Christopher Fink

**FOOD.** What a complex, connecting, extraordinary topic. And what a place OWU is for examining its wonderful intricacies.

Food has most certainly set my career on an unexpected and exciting trajectory. In the nearly six years since I arrived at OWU as a newly minted Ph.D., nothing has directed my work more than my examination of food. In many ways, it has demonstrated to me what it means to be an academic at a liberal arts institution. My focus throughout college and graduate school was primarily on physical activity and the broader areas of health behavior and health promotion. Recently, I have followed my passion into a broader examination of food. This has moved me into areas of inquiry that I would have never considered previously, such as food production and distribution, food-related cultural norms and values, food systems and policies, and food traditions, all in addition to the behavioral and health-oriented work from which it all began. This has all been driven by a blend of curiosity and unique opportunity, further fueled by the intellectual freedom that comes with being on the faculty at OWU. I'd like to explore a few thoughts about what food means on our campus in the following paragraphs.

**FOOD IS COMPLEX.** I find myself continually amazed by the ways that one of life's most basic requirements can also be so fraught with its complexities: food can simultaneously bring about and protect us from debilitating disease, divide us along ideological lines yet connect us across cultures, and both serve as a multi-sensory creative outlet and represent the most mundane of daily tasks. Indeed, food is engaging, academically stimulating, and loaded with meaning. This past year, I had the good fortune of directing Bite!, the 2012 Sagan National Colloquium. This allowed for the escalation of the focus on food, as renowned experts from a variety of fields paid visit to our campus. We examined food and chronic disease with Dr. Walter Willett, food and Indian youth culture with Dr. Anjali Bhatia, food and social justice with Byrant Terry, food and farming with Joel Salatin, among many other topics. Students, faculty, and the broader community were



all part of the discussion, along with folks from afar who viewed the events on StreamOWU.

**FOOD IS COMMUNITY.** Through classroom and co-curricular work, we have been able to collaborate with groups who are working to improve access to and knowledge of healthful foods in communities where this has been difficult. We have had the opportunity to work with those who teach community members of all ages how to grow their own foods, and to develop policies and systems that help to improve the health of our community. We have even helped raise funds for a learning garden at the OWU Early Childhood Center. Recently, I have been working with our students to collect food memories and traditions from some incredible older adults from the area—all in an effort to preserve and learn from this valuable resource in our community.

**FOOD IS GLOBAL.** Our students have had the opportunity, through the curricular initiatives, to visit Italy to examine factors in the sociocultural and physical environment that influence food system issues. OWU students have also been able to work with students and professionals who are on the front-line of re-thinking the design and structure of our food system, and examining the unique difficulties of fostering access to healthy food for *all*, not just the most privileged.

**FOOD CONNECTS US.** The most visible example of this is our Food Course Connection curricular initiative, which has brought about the opportunity for faculty and students to learn together, from each other, across disciplines. So many on our wonderful faculty are examining food from their disciplinary perspective, and this gives us an opportunity to broaden that conversation in ways that were not previously facilitated. Beyond that, students have connected with internships, graduate school opportunities, and community resources through the wide range of food-focused work that is happening here at OWU. We're collaborating with Chartwells, our dining services provider, to bring about more chances for students to cook together, learn from each other, and connect with food and each other in the kitchen. The opportunities to connect seem to grow daily!

And food is so much more. There are many projects and programs across campus within which food is a critical component, including our sustainability program, the Healthy Bishop Initiative, and many others.

While my journey here is in its early stages, I feel confident in saying that OWU has brought about a breadth and depth of opportunity that would not be possible anywhere else. The combination of an engaged, academically strong student body, the tangible encouragement of interdisciplinary work through curricular initiatives, and the support for creative scholarship are unrivaled. Societally, the range of food-related issues is staggering, but I know that the thoughtful, critical, insightful citizens OWU is developing will be the leaders who will face these issues with the broad contextual consideration that was encouraged during their time here. I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunities that OWU has provided me to play a role in their development.

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