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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTIETH
COMMENCEMENT

Sunday ↻ *May 11* ↻ *2014*
1:00 P.M.



PROGRAM

President Rock Jones Presiding

PROCESSIONAL	Ohio Wesleyan Brass Ensemble
NATIONAL ANTHEM (Please Rise)	
INVOCATION	Jon R. Powers, B.A., M.Div. <i>University Chaplain</i>
WELCOME	Rock Jones, B.A., M.Div., Ph.D. <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE DANIEL E. ANDERSON AWARD For Service Based on Commitment to the Common Good	Michael G. Long '66, B.A., J.D. <i>Chairperson, Board of Trustees</i> Charles L. Stinemetz '83, B.A., M.S., Ph.D. <i>Provost</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE WELCH AWARD FOR SCHOLARLY OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT	Mr. Long and Dr. Stinemetz
PRESENTATION OF THE SHERWOOD DODGE SHANKLAND AWARD FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF TEACHERS Endowed by the late William H. and Frances Shankland Ryan, '29	Mr. Long and Dr. Stinemetz
PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP HERBERT WELCH MERITORIOUS TEACHING AWARD Provided by the Greater New York Alumni Association	Mr. Long and Dr. Stinemetz
RECOGNITION OF RETIRING FACULTY Edward H. Burt, A.B., M.S., Ph.D. presented by Ramon Carreno, Ph.D. Joseph F. Musser, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. presented by Martin Hipsky, Ph.D.	Dr. Jones
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Stephen A. Ollendorff, B.A., J.D., Founder and President, <i>The Ollendorff Center for Human and Religious Understanding Counsel to K&L Gates, LLP</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2014 AND CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES IN COURSE	Shelly A. McMahan, B.S., M.S. <i>University Registrar</i> and Dr. Jones
REMARKS BY THE SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT	Anthony M. Peddle '14, B.A.
BENEDICTION	Dr. Jones
ALMA MATER	Ohio Wesleyan! Sweetly and strong. Rises our hymn of praise for thee alone; Heaven re-echoes it, loud let it ring, Ohio Wesleyan! Loyal hearts sing. Ohio Wesleyan! Proud is thy crown. Rarest of laurels e'er Vict'ry has known; Noblest achievements have hallowed thy name, Ohio Wesleyan! Deathless thy fame.
RECESSIONAL	Ohio Wesleyan Brass Ensemble
AUDIENCE WILL REMAIN SEATED UNTIL FACULTY AND GRADUATES HAVE RECESSED	

**Candidates for the Degree
of
Bachelor of Fine Arts**

Hannah Price Appelbaum
Challen Michelle Brown
Jae Min Chung
Ha Thu Le
Ngoc Bich Le
Madelaine Cara Mavec
Alex James Michener

Sonja Petermann
Katasha Jeanne Ross
Suzanna Marie Stephens
Tyler D. Travis
Melissa Ann Ward
Elizabeth Irene Warner
Matthew Cole Wasserman

**Candidates for the Degree
of
Bachelor of Music**

Joshua David Boggs
Rebecca Jenné Marie Larkin
Rachel Lauren Parfenchuk

Cory Ellis Poulton
Candace Olutoyosi Rembert

**Candidates for the Degree
of
Bachelor of Arts**

Naomi Abigail Abrams
Allison Afua Sokkia Adda
Jordan A. Alexander
Marissa Christine Alfano
Timothy Paul Alford
Mohammed AL-Issa
Shelby Lanee Alston
Jaclyn Rose Amanna
Karli Jane Amstadt
Nora Margaret Anderson
Sean David Anthony
Christopher Matthew Badenhop
Marilyn Anne Baer
Caitlin Elizabeth Bailey
Henry Christopher Balay
Brianna Lee Barnes
Hayden Corinne Barns
Hazel Barrera
Tatiana Lynne Barry

Jacob Wilson Beach
Sarah Michelle Bechtel
Jacob D. Becker
Melodie Jane Beeman-Black
Haley Lynn Beffel
John Charles Bieniek
Alexandra N. Bigham
Caroline Dora Block-Wilkins
Caitlin-Marie Joyce Bobb
Jonathan R. Bocanegra
Jason Robert Bogdany
Lauren Michelle Boisseau
Bryan Wallace Bowling
Kelsey Alexandra Brewer
Glenn Alexander Briggs IV
Karena A. Briggs
Lauren Elizabeth Bross
Rowland A. Brown
Maxwell George Bruch

Erica Lynn Bryan
Paolo Vincent Bucci
Breane Gerette Budaitis
Maya Justine Buening
Cameron Benjamin Burger
Megan Jessie Buys
Amber Carolyn Callen-Ward
Kay Henley Cantwell
Tyler H. Carney-DeBord
Alyssa Ruth Carothers
Amanda Kathleen Caserta
Shannon Marie Caskey
Kelsey Elizabeth Celleggin
James Cooper Certo
Emmy Lin Chien
Stephanie Nicholle Childers
Caitlin Lucille Clark
Malcolm Jordan Clark
Martin Christopher Clark
Rebecca Elizabeth Cmar
Adam Jesse Coles
Erinn Colmenares
Ayana Cheyenne Colvin
Hayley Nicole Cook
William Michael Cooper
Michael Richard Cormier
Stephen William Coyne
Eleanor Day Creigh
Sophie Elizabeth Crispin
Tasha Cruz
Jenna Erin Culina
Patrick Donald Cummings
Andrew James Daigneault
Alexander Martin D'Amore-Braver
Tyler James Dasch
Alyssa Ann De Robertis
Cara Marie DeAngelis
Sanwal Deen
Christopher E. Demecs
Nicole Marie-Chantal Dianzumba
Andrew Frank Diehl
Gabrielle May Dinkin
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Vincent Anthony Donofrio
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Jija Dutt
Jenna Kathryn Dworetzsky
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Zachary Keaton Ford
Holly Elizabeth Fouch
Cassandra Leigh Fowler
Hillary Layne Fowler
Cori Faye Fraizer
Warren Perry Freed III
Jennifer Marie Frey
Anne Fiorenza Frissora
Laurel Danielle Fuller
Mariah Elizabeth Gese
Olivia Nicole Gillison
Leonard Anthony Gleaves
Kristie Diane Goughenour
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Margaret Ellen Greff
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Danielle Lynne Haley
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Jessica Ruthanne Halsey
Juliet Ann Harrison

Sarah Claire Hartzheim
Annaliese Gabrielle Harvey
Haneya Hasan
Amanda Michelle Hatfield
Sanaa Hazartjee
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Sammi Gabriella Heffron
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Elizabeth Anne Herder
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Leah Rachel Hively
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Myriem Ibourk
Roger Bradley Ingles
Peter Newton Jacobi
Alexander John Jacobs
Maria Aeliya Jafri
Matthew Alexander Jamison
Sarah Rose JanTausch
Sarah Katherine Jilbert
Tabitha Ann Johnsen
Katharine J. Johnson
Nola Channel Johnson
Brianna Lynn Johnston
Antoinette Marie Jolliff
Christopher Taylor Jones
Travis Eric Jones
Daniel Jeffrey Kaplan
Richard William Karban
Erika Jean Kazi
Mackenzie Clarion Keffalos
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Michaela Jin Kim
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Alexandra Noriko Kirchberg
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Katalyn Hillary Kuivila
Ooreoluwa Damilola Ladipo
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Madeline Mary Lank
Jack Vernon Lawson
Duong Thuy Le
Madeleine Roschelle Leader
Haley Renae Leber
Jaeho Lee
Amy Kristine LeFebvre
Christa April Lehecka
Zachary Lee Lenat
Ryan Ferrill Lenfest
Emily Marguerite LeTourneau
Benjamin G. Letson
Kate Louise Lewis-Lakin
Katharine Crane Lipetz
Christopher Joseph Litzler
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Tamra Lynn Londot
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Bethany Jane Miller
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Charles Gagnon Mitchell
Jennifer Christine Morris
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Tam T. Nguyen
Mary Martha Nilan
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Gyeongrae No
Ian Zachary O'Keefe
Timothy Michael O'Keefe Jr.
Paul Joseph O'Loughlin
Jenna E. Ortega
Michael Patrick Otten
Thomas Henry Thieken-Owings
Seung-Wan (Andrew) Paik
Erin Elisabeth Parcells
Ellysa Joy Pastor
Krina K. Patel
Kenda Cosette Patterson
Cameron Wesley Pavey
Cody Addison Pearce
Anthony Michael Peddle
Adrian Joseph Pekarcik
Emily Sarah Perry
Yuki Phan
Kathryn K. Pickens
Megan Lauren Pinto
Erik Bryan Poicon
Colton Allen Poncsak

Marissa Kathryn Popeck
Dylan Mougey Porter
Brandon David Proctor
Quinn Rader-Morse
Saar Rajpuria
Aaradhana Ramesh
Samantha Kathleen Rammaha
Amelia Bass Randall
Jenna Elaine Reeger
Cody Richard Reinsel
Pedro Reveles
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Because Ohio Wesleyan University has only one Commencement exercise each academic year, the listing of degree candidates in some categories includes names of some students who will receive their diplomas after completing summer or fall courses.

PROGRAM NOTES

Retiring Faculty

EDWARD "JED" H. BURTT, JR.
Cincinnati Conference Professor of Zoology
1977-2014

Jed Burtt was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, in 1948 and grew up in West Simsbury, Connecticut, and Weston, Massachusetts, before leaving for college. His family always had bird feeders around the house, and the neighbors in Weston also had feeders. He eventually met Charlotte Smith, who worked as a secretary at the Mass. Audubon research facility, in 1963, and she encouraged Jed to participate in Christmas Counts and to do Breeding Bird Censuses, which he published in Audubon Field Notes while in high school. By then, he was determined to make birds part of his career, but did not know how.

Jed enrolled at Bowdoin College in 1966 and soon became actively involved in curating an ornithology collection, as well as taking a role as an undergraduate instructor in comparative anatomy and ornithology. As a sophomore, he attended his first scientific meeting and decided he would be an ornithologist. After receiving his A.B. at Bowdoin in 1970, he enrolled at the University of Wisconsin and completed his M.S. degree in 1973 with the thesis title "Parent-chick individual recognition in Barn and Tree Swallows." The summer after his first year in graduate school, Jed returned to an island in the Bay of Fundy, where he had carried out research as an undergraduate in order to finish the project on parent-chick recognition that had become his Master's research. That was the summer he met Pam, who was also working on birds. They were married a year later and spent the summer studying Black-legged Kittiwakes on an island off the coast of Newfoundland. He received his Ph.D. at Wisconsin with the dissertation title "Coloration of wood warblers (Parulidae)."

Jed was hired at Ohio Wesleyan in 1977, and as assistant professor, he taught human biology, animals and their environment, entomology, ornithology, and island biology. Eventually, he added a scientific writing course (English Department), research tutorial, and tropical biology to the list of courses for which he has been responsible. Well-rounded biologists who have developed expertise far beyond their original research interests as graduate students have become rare, but Jed's passion for biology and contagious enthusiasm for the various courses that he has taught are well remembered by many zoology alumni, including many in recent years who have, through his tutelage at OWU, also chosen to pursue careers in ornithology or similar disciplines. In 2001, Jed was appointed Cincinnati Conference Professor of Zoology.

Jed's research on birds made many student opportunities possible as he has worked on many different facets of avian biology. In addition to research on birds, Jed was also able to engage many students in other interests including work on bats, insects, and reptiles. In the 1990s, he developed a research direction involving microbiology and feathers. This work provided many more possibilities for student research. Most of Jed's students were able to work in the field to collect samples, gaining valuable experience in field techniques. Many of these students will remember the many visits to Jed's house where he and Pam hosted the students with a hearty meal after a cold or early session in the field. The students were also able to work in the laboratory using advanced microbiological approaches in collaboration with members of our Botany-Microbiology Department. Students were also able to work in our state-of-the-art scanning electron microscopy facility, a facility that Jed has been active in maintaining with research opportunities for students as well as in helping to acquire funding from the National Science Foundation for our recently upgraded Zeiss electron microscope. An expectation for Jed's students has always been to have them present their work at scientific meetings, and the list of student-authored, peer-reviewed publications from Jed's lab is high. All of these accomplishments are part of his complete dedication to the success of our students by exposing them to the many perspectives in the world of science beyond a research project.

In addition to his teaching and research, Jed worked hard to contribute to making our program strong. He served as chair of the Zoology Department twice, and was elected to and chaired the OWU cross cultural committee (the current Teaching, Learning and Cross Cultural Programming committee). In recent years, he worked tirelessly as one of the directors of our Honors program to recruit top students to the university and to keep them here by offering many possibilities for challenging opportunities that are seen in the Honors program today.

Jed has also worked to enhance many interests of the greater Delaware community. He founded the Delaware County Bird Club in 1986, and visitors from all over central Ohio regularly drop by to meet with Jed to discuss questions on birds, wildlife, and related topics. The annual Christmas Bird Count was one of the highlights for the bird club that Jed also initiated here, and I have had the pleasure of traipsing through the snow and wind with him to seek out and to tabulate birds from dawn to dusk, culminating in a meeting of all of the census teams at the science center for dinner and lively discussion to put the data together. His active involvement with the Central Ohio Symphony has also benefitted our community, as many performances have been held at OWU, including an annual Fourth of July concert.

Jed has received many honors throughout his illustrious career at Ohio Wesleyan. He and his students have received extensive financial support from the Howard Hughes Biomedical Foundation and the National Science Foundation. He is a Fellow of several scientific societies, served as president of the American Ornithologists' Union, and is internationally recognized for his scientific achievements as well as his immense career-long service to ornithological and other scientific societies. In 2006 he won the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award. In 2011 he was honored as Ohio Professor of the Year, awarded by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Last year he received the Margaret Morse Nice Medal of the Wilson Ornithological Society for lifetime contribution to ornithology.

Jed's other achievements throughout his career at Ohio Wesleyan are too numerous to list here in a satisfactory fashion. Beyond all of this success is a true role model for the university, one who has overcome many challenges to dedicate his life to our students and to the success of Ohio Wesleyan. The Zoology Department will miss Jed as someone who was always willing to chat, had a great sense of humor, and who was kind-hearted in his interactions with colleagues. Someone of this character, who has at the same time also been able to accomplish so much in his career that he will stand as one of the great science faculty in our university's history, is truly a rarity on anyone's life list.

Ramon A. Carreno, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Zoology

Retiring Faculty

JOSEPH F. MUSSER

The Helen Whitelaw Jackson University Professor
The Margaret Cessna Professor of English
1977-2014

Joseph Musser was graduated cum laude from Union College with a major in English in 1966, and earned his M. A. in English from the University of Virginia in 1967. He went on to achieve the doctorate in English at UVA in 1971. He joined the faculty at Ohio Wesleyan in the autumn of 1977, after having taught at both the University of Virginia (1969-70) and the University of Kentucky in Lexington (1971-77).

Professor Musser has been recognized by both students and fellow colleagues as a truly superlative teacher – even by Ohio Wesleyan's high standards – since his arrival on campus thirty-seven years ago. His teaching interests include English composition at the first-year, intermediate, and advanced levels; British literature of the period 1660-1800 (“the long eighteenth century”); the genre of the novel; rhetoric in fiction and poetry; and comedy and satire. He is especially well remembered among his students for the bracing demands of his intermediate-level writing courses, English 260 (Writing Essays) and English 265 (Style and Rhetoric). Particularly when it comes to writing instruction, he has always modeled a work ethic that has served as both a challenge and an inspiration to his students. In the words of one veteran colleague from the English Department, Professor Musser has always been “a master of the blackboard – at the end of class with Joe, you know where you've been.”

As a result, Professor Musser has received all three of the most prestigious teaching awards that are granted at Ohio Wesleyan: He was honored with the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for the Encouragement of Teachers in 1981; the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award in 2010; and in 1996, the Bishop Francis Emner Kearns Teacher of the Year Award for outstanding faculty scholarship, service, and leadership, both within the classroom and in the community, which exemplifies the historic mission of Ohio Wesleyan University to offer “a quality of scholarship, leadership, and service that enriches for Church and society.” He served from 1988 to 1992 as the Benjamin T. Spencer Professor of Literature and was appointed to the Helen Whitelaw Jackson University Professorship in 2004.

As a scholar of eighteenth-century British literature, Professor Musser has presented at many conferences and has published essays on Aphra Behn, Alexander Pope, William Cowper, Sir Joshua Reynolds, scientific theorist Thomas Kuhn, and the paradigm for nerve research in late eighteenth-century medicine. He has also been a distinguished composer of numerous musical compositions for the organ, other instruments, and choirs. He once built his own harpsichord. A remarkably talented organist, he wrote and played two processions for organ, brass quintet, and tympani at the inauguration of OWU President Rock Jones in 2008.

Professor Musser's record of devoted, disciplined service to Ohio Wesleyan University is exemplary. Over the years, he has been that rare faculty member who has at one time or another served on all – without exception – of the university's most labor-intensive, high-responsibility faculty committees: University Governance Committee, Faculty Personnel Committee, Academic Policy Committee, Executive Committee of the Faculty, Committee on Admission and Financial Aid, Faculty Reappointment Appeals Committee, and the Trustee-Faculty Liaison Committee. He also served on presidential search committees on three occasions – in the 1980s, in the 1990s, and in the 2000s. Moreover, he served as chair of the English Department – one of Ohio Wesleyan's largest and most labor-intensive chairing assignments – for a remarkable twenty-four consecutive years, from 1983 to 2007. In addition, he has been president of Ohio Wesleyan's Phi Beta Kappa chapter for more than twenty-five years.

Professor Musser has also served for ten years on the board of trustees at the prestigious Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York, where he has also played the organ and has sung in several choirs. He is married to OWU Professor Emerita Louise Musser, who chaired the Education Department and served as the OWU Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for thirteen years. He has two adult daughters and a new grandson. In retirement, Joe plans to write musical compositions, do lots of reading, and spend time with his family.

Martin Hipsky, Ph.D.
Chair, English Department

Retiring Faculty

David H. Hickcox
Professor of Geology-Geography
1978-2014

David H. Hickcox, Professor of Geology-Geography, joined the Ohio Wesleyan faculty in 1978 having received his B.A. from the University of Colorado, M.A. from the University of Montana, and Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. In 1968, Hickcox was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served three years of active duty, two in Germany during the Cold War, and one in Vietnam, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, the famed "Screaming Eagles." He was awarded a Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal among other decorations for his service in Vietnam. He remained in the Army Reserve for several years, retiring with the rank of Major. Hickcox was instrumental in establishing OWU's Environmental Studies program in 1979, the first of its kind at any private college in Ohio. He served as its director from 1979 until 2012. Over the course of his 36-year career at OWU, Dr. Hickcox taught courses in Physical Geography; Energy Resources; Weather, Climate, and Climate Change; and Environmental Alteration. He worked hard to keep the courses relevant for his students. If you asked his former students, they would say that he was a tough and demanding professor; they would also tell you that his rigor paid off in the long term as his students found themselves well-prepared for the challenges of post-OWU life. More than one former student has commented that before taking his Weather, Climate, and Climate Change course, they usually looked down at the ground as they walked; after taking the course, they looked up at the sky and clouds. His colleagues credit him with attracting many students to the study of geography over the years, and he has maintained close contact with these alumni following their graduation from OWU.

In addition to serving as the director of the Environmental Studies program, Dr. Hickcox actively participated in the faculty governance system at OWU. He served on the Academic Policy Committee, (including a term as committee chair), Executive Committee, and Academic Status Committee, and he chaired the first Committee on Assessment and was instrumental in developing OWU's assessment program. He was also among a small group of faculty who developed the first two annual National Colloquium series. He also frequently served as an unofficial advisor for OWU students interested in military service, and, at times, officiated at the post-graduation commissioning ceremonies held on the front steps of University Hall. Perhaps his most important service to OWU was predicting weather for the Commencement ceremonies, normally held outdoors in Phillips Glen. Over the past 36 years, there have been several close calls with rain and severe weather, but Hickcox's forecasting skills kept graduation ceremonies outside in all but a few years.

Dr. Hickcox's research has focused on water resources, energy resources, and weather and climate. He has published several articles on ground water usage, water rights, and energy development in southeastern Montana. In the late 1980s, Dr. Hickcox organized an international symposium on the Great Lakes and edited the symposium proceedings, *The Great Lakes: Living with North America's Inland Waters*, for the American Water Resources Association. For many years, he collected climate data for the United States that formed the foundation for 20 annual articles in *Weatherwise* on the daily temperature extremes in the United States. A summary of these articles was featured yearly in various media throughout the United States. He also authored three articles in *Focus in Geography* about the causes and impacts of the Great Flood of 1993 in the upper Mississippi River Basin. Dr. Hickcox has written several articles and seven books about railroads in the United States., focusing especially on the Great Northern Railroad. He also served as a consultant to the National Geographic Society and was one of a small number of geographers who created the first National Geography Bee, including both writing the questions for the Geography Bee and serving as a judge during the national finals in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hickcox's passion encompasses numerous aspects of the geography of the United States and Canada, especially the American West, the Great Lakes and his native Vermont. He uses photography extensively, both professionally and as a hobby, and can often be found in the landscape with his cameras and notebook, especially along railroads and waterways. When not otherwise engaged, he can be found reading and relaxing in Vermont's "Northeast Kingdom."

Bart S. Martin, Ph.D.
Professor of Geology-Geography

Ohio Wesleyan University Commencement Speaker

Stephen Ollendorff

“We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself the means of inspiration and survival.”
Sir Winston Churchill

The more that Stephen Ollendorff learned about his family history, the horrors of the Holocaust, and the tragic fate of several of his family members, the more grateful he became to a very special Delaware, Ohio couple. To avoid religious persecution, Ollendorff and his family fled Germany for England when he was just three months old. Separating for a year after their arrival in the United States, the family members decided that Ollendorff’s father, Ulrich, would move to New York to establish his credentials as an ophthalmologist, while Ollendorff and his mother, Anne, settled in Delaware, Ohio. There they lived with Ohio Wesleyan University professor Guy Sarvis and his wife, Maud. That is when the young Ollendorff observed—and fully experienced—humanity at its very best.

Through the understanding and acceptance of this OWU couple, Ollendorff, an attorney with K&L Gates LLP, was inspired to follow his life’s passions and interest in the law, as he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Columbia University and his Juris Doctor at Columbia Law School. But Ollendorff’s desire to honor and remember the courage and humanity of the Sarvises and the memories of all who suffered the horrors of the Holocaust and myriad other forms of intolerance, remained. In 2001, Ollendorff and his wife, Bjorg, founded the Ollendorff Center for Human and Religious Understanding based in Tenafly, New Jersey, a nonprofit foundation that works to promote tolerance among people of all faiths worldwide. The center has produced more than a dozen documentaries, one of which won a prize at The Venice Film Festival and another earned NBC an Emmy award.

In June 2013, the center contributed \$100,000 to Ohio Wesleyan to create the Dr. Guy Sarvis Endowed Travel/Research Grant, which supports cross-cultural understanding and tolerance. At the same time, Ohio Wesleyan created the Dr. Guy Sarvis Award to present annually to a student who, like Sarvis, has worked to foster acceptance. By immersing themselves in cultures different than their own, says OWU President Rock Jones, “students will gain a greater understanding of the diversity that enriches the world in which they live.”

If one asks about those role models and mentors who have impacted Ollendorff’s life, he cites Dr. Sarvis and mentor, Bert Sager, a successful attorney and entrepreneur, who, as Ollendorff shares, broadened his goals in trying to use law as a means to an end. Role model Herbert Tenzer, a former senior partner, was a successful attorney and businessman, but also a Congressman, Chairman of the Board of Yeshiva University, and active in many charitable activities. Says Ollendorff, “The one he was proudest of was trying to unite families who were separated as a result of World War II.”

Ollendorff has served as director of seven public companies, CEO of a public business development company, and as president of three charitable organizations. He and his wife, Bjorg, live in Tenafly, New Jersey, have two sons and four grandchildren, and will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this summer.

Parent Donor List

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NOTES ON ACADEMIC DRESS

The history of academic dress reaches back to the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra to wear gowns. In England during the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. It is still a question whether academic dress finds its sources chiefly in ecclesiastical or civilian dress. Gowns may have been considered necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings used by medieval scholars. Hoods may have served to cover the tonsured head until superseded for that purpose by the skull cap. The cap was displaced by a headdress similar to ones now recognized as “academic.”

European institutions continue to show great diversity in their specifications of academic dress. However, when American colleges and universities desired to adopt a system of academic apparel a half-century ago, they worked out a system that all might follow. The code for academic costumes now in effect was approved by the Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies appointed by the American Council on Education in 1959. The following information is taken from that code.*

GOWNS. The gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, with the sleeve base hanging down in the traditional manner. The rear part of the sleeve’s oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. It may be worn open or closed. Bachelor’s and master’s gowns have no trimming, but the doctor’s may be faced on the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. If color is used, it is the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains, and it matches the edging or binding of the hood. For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors’ gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with different subjects are as follows:

Agriculture—Maize	Medicine—Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities—White	Music—Pink
Commerce, Accountancy, Business—Drab	Nursing—Apricot
Dentistry—Lilac	Oratory (Speech)—Silver Gray
Economics—Copper	Pharmacy—Olive Green
Education—Light Blue	Philosophy—Dark Blue
Engineering—Orange	Physical Education—Sage Green
Fine Arts—Brown	Public Administration—Peacock Blue
Forestry—Russet	Public Health—Salmon Pink
Journalism—Crimson	Science—Golden Yellow
Law—Purple	Social Work—Citron
Library Science—Lemon	Theology—Scarlet
Veterinary Science—Gray	

HOODS. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The binding or edging of the hood is a color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains.

CAPS. Mortarboards are generally worn as part of the academic costume. The long tassel fastened to the middle point of the cap’s top is either black or the color appropriate to the subject. It is customary for degree candidates to wear the tassel on the right side before degrees are conferred and to shift them to the left when the degrees are awarded. This custom is in some respects a substitute for the individual hooding.

*An Academic Costume Code and Ceremony Guide, American Universities and Colleges, American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL OF OFFICE AND THE ORIGINAL UNIVERSITY HANDBELL

The Seal of Office worn by Dr. Jones was designed by Mr. Reveley G. Beattie, a former trustee, and a member of the jewelry firm that made it. The seal symbolizes administrative responsibility and is suspended from a chain, the links of which are copied from a chain-mail surplice. A laurel wreath, ancient symbol of a chief executive, surrounds a replica of the official seal of the University and is quartered by keystones, representing the broad divisions of a liberal arts education. Two medallions are set in the chain above the presidential seal, one of which carries a replica of the tower of University Hall, surrounded by the motto: "Christ the Chief Cornerstone." The other seal is a reproduction of the globe with the inscription: "Serving All Mankind Worldwide."

The Commencement ceremonies will conclude with the ringing of the handbell first used in 1842 to call classes to order. It was presented to the University in 1941 by Nicholas Jones, grandson of the original owner, on the 100th anniversary of Founders' Day. It will also be used as a part of the opening Convocation in August.

PHOTOGRAPHY AT COMMENCEMENT

A professional photographer will take a color photograph as Dr. Jones presents each graduating senior with his or her diploma. The photographic studio, Graduation Foto[®], will e-mail a proof of the photo to each senior within approximately a week after Commencement, and at that time orders for prints may be sent directly to the studio. Graduates and family members may also order prints at GraduationFoto.com. There is no obligation to purchase prints, and they pay no charge unless prints are ordered. The photographer will be present if Commencement is held outdoors or in the Gordon Field House of the Branch Rickey Physical Education Center.

When Commencement exercises are held outside, part of the grassy area on the west side of the stage is roped off for the use of family photographers. Diplomas will be presented in alphabetical order as the names are listed in the Commencement program, and photographers are strongly urged to wait to enter the area until just before the time the name of the senior he/she wishes to photograph is called and then leave immediately after the photograph is taken. This procedure will give all photographers equal opportunity. When Commencement is moved to the Gordon Field House, extra space for guest photographers is not available because all floor area is needed to seat seniors and faculty. Photographs should be taken before and after the ceremony.

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Helpful Information for Our Commencement Guests

Public safety officers are on the grounds to answer your questions and assist you with directions.

If you need medical assistance, the first-aid station is located on the second floor of the Schimmel/Conrades Science Center.

A lost-and-found for personal property and for children is located near the first-aid station in the science center.

This Commencement ceremony is being simulcast live in the atrium of the Hamilton Williams Campus Center.

Video of the ceremony also is being streamed to the Web and will be archived there to allow our graduates to share this special day with family and friends who are not able to attend.

In observance of the formality of this occasion, please turn off all cell phones or silence the ringers prior to the beginning of the ceremony.

Congratulations to the Ohio Wesleyan Class of 2014.

We remember with fondness, JAKE VON DER VELLEN,
a member of Ohio Wesleyan's Class of 2014. Jake lost his life in
a tragic automobile accident on March 16, 2012. His life and
memory provide a source of inspiration, strength, and hope on
this celebratory Commencement Day.

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