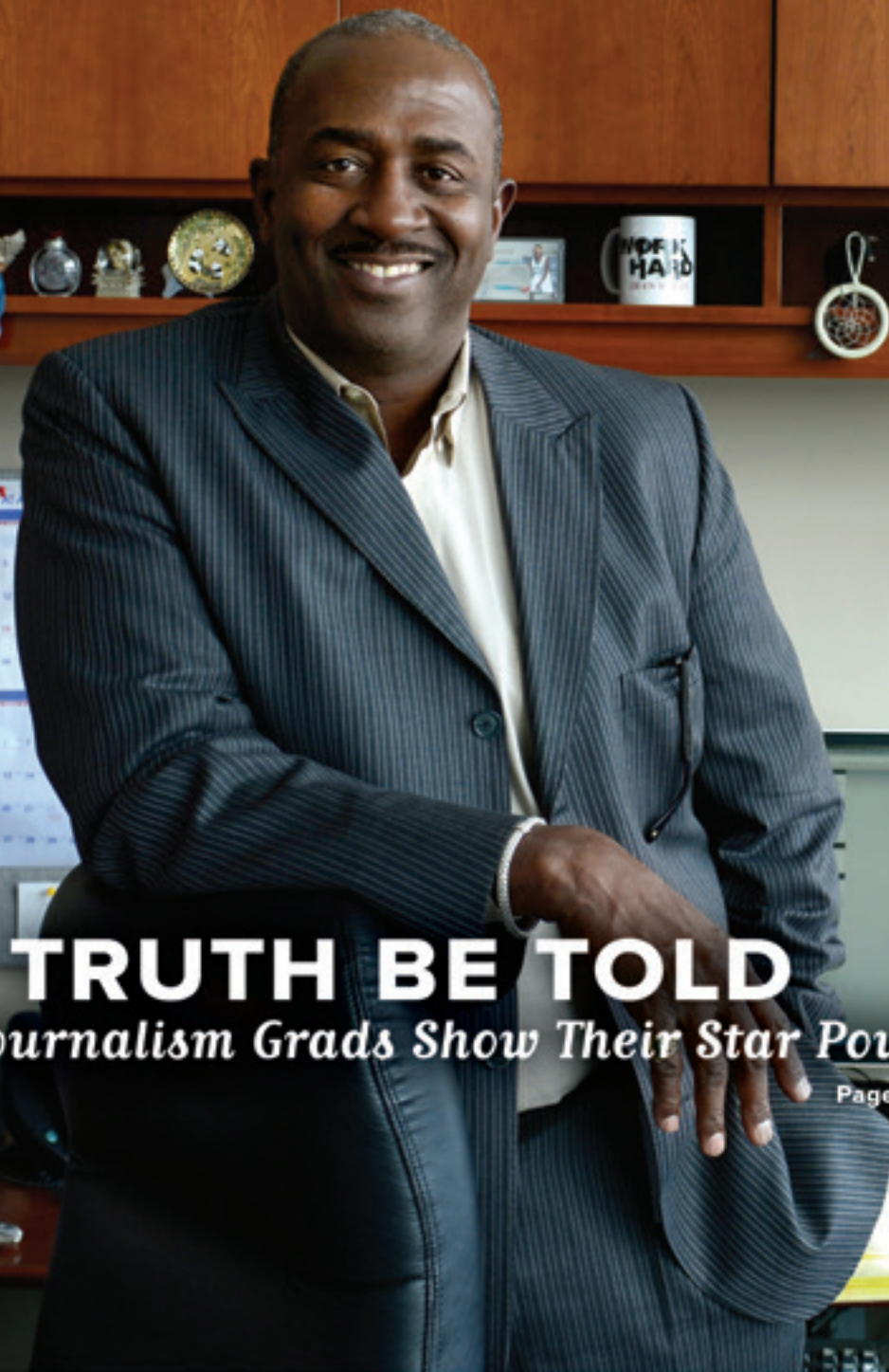


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Cover photo courtesy of The Denver Post.

HUMAN CONNECTIONS BIND OWU COMMUNITY FOR YEARS

And lead to well-being, success

Over the past few months Ohio Wesleyan has experienced an unusual number of losses of longstanding and iconic members of the OWU family. These losses remind us of the human relationships that serve as the fabric binding together the OWU community.

Jim Leslie came to Ohio Wesleyan in 1960 as our first full-time university chaplain. He served for 28 years. He helped the campus navigate some of the most turbulent times of social change in our nation's history. He carried both the voice of a prophet and the heart of a pastor. His ministry touched the lives of thousands. One alumna wrote, "Dr. Leslie saved my life . . . literally." Another wrote, "Jim was an instrumental force for good on the OWU campus when all hell was breaking loose after the Kent State Massacre. Our years at OWU 1969–1973 were tumultuous, exciting, exhilarating and somber all at the same time. Jim Leslie helped all of us survive."

Verne Edwards taught a generation of some of this nation's most accomplished journalists, including Pulitzer Prize winners and a future co-chair of the Pulitzer Prize Board. Verne was known for his rigorous insistence on integrity and accuracy in journalism. His standards were always high. One alumnus wrote, "Verne indeed was a giant in our minds. Over 32 years of writing newspaper stories, Verne's iconic red pencil and his insistence on conciseness and proper word usage has never left my mind."

Libby Reed Hon. '90 taught English for 32 years. She was best known for her Report Writing class. One alumnus wrote me, "I proudly wear the OWU Red Badge of Courage, having taken and

earned a "B" in Libby's Report Writing. (That was in 1957!) I swear she must have purchased several extra red pens just for my submissions." An alumna wrote, "I took a fantastic class—Women in Literature. While under her professorial wing I gained a greater appreciation for myself as a woman!"

John Reed Hon. '04 served for 32 years as the university's archival librarian, starting in Slocum Library and helping plan and execute the move to Beeghly Library. One alumna recalled John's assistance in her senior thesis: "John spent countless hours searching the archives for "political cartoons" during her senior year. He took pictures of the Hanna-era cartoons (a Cleveland "Boss" when those types ran big cities), which allowed me to have a very professional submission." Additionally, he was Faculty Adviser to the Ohio Delta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, where he had a profound impact as a mentor to men in the fraternity.

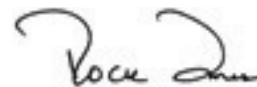
John and Libby Reed shared nearly 70 years of marriage. While each was formidable as an individual, they were equally important to friends at OWU as a couple, continuing to mentor and nurture former students long after their graduation. Former U.S. Congressman **David Hobson '58** wrote, "Once I had a tough war vote so I called for their thoughts, which they gave. Reinforced my decision. They were always available. I will miss them! They exhibited the best of what made OWU special to so many of us."

Recent studies by the Gallup Organization have found that individuals who report high levels of workplace engagement and well-being in life are far more likely than others to have

shared the following experiences in college: 1) a professor who excited me about learning, 2) a professor who cared about me as a person, 3) a mentor who encouraged me to pursue my goals and dreams, 4) a project that took a semester or more to complete, 5) an internship or job that allowed me to apply what I was learning in the classroom, and 6) extremely active participation in extracurricular activities and organizations.

Jim Leslie, Verne Edwards, Libby Reed, and John Reed established these kinds of relationships and facilitated these kinds of experiences for students. They were not alone. Rather, they were representative of faculty and staff who for nearly 175 years have devoted their lives to helping students become more than they could have ever imagined, preparing them for meaningful lives with extraordinary impact. Their legacies continue in the faculty and staff on campus today, who provide the same opportunities in equally robust ways.

In this issue of *OWU Magazine*, we share stories that reflect the impact of relationships students share with faculty and staff who become their mentors and help them do far more than acquire an education; they help students build lives of meaning, purpose, and impact. As you read these stories, I invite you to recall those who had similar impacts in your lives as well as to celebrate the legacy that lives on campus today.



Rock Jones
President, Ohio Wesleyan University

Lingering Legacy

I was so pleased to read in the Winter 2014 *OWU Magazine* the “Why Not?” piece in the Final Word section, with Dr. Leslie’s June 1968 Baccalaureate address. “Jim,” as he was known to us, and I, at nine, met circa 1948 at YMCA Camp Morgan in Washington, NH, during his earliest days as chaplain there. He inspired me every day even then. I can remember clearly, as if it were yesterday, his stories of World War II events from only a few years prior. This was as we sat together on Mount Washington, while cruising on Lake Winnepesaukee and when he shared his special Swiss Army knife. It was Jim who carried me on his shoulders off a mountain, after picking blueberries, because I was experiencing chronic nosebleeds. An ice cream cone following a doctor’s visit topped off a memorable day.

It was just prior to graduation in 1962 when we surprised each other in a Chapel hallway; we seemed to both be in such a hurry. I have always regretted not having the time to talk at some length then. The piece in *OWU Magazine* provides a welcome bit of closure after 67 plus years.

—David St. L. Cox ’62

I loved the “Life-Changing Legacies” article on Jim Leslie. My husband (who I met after graduating) is retired chaplain at Grinnell College and knew Jim well from the National Chaplaincy meetings.

—Thomsa (“Tommy”) Stewart Haas ’56

Remembering Verne Edwards

I was deeply saddened to read about the passing of Verne Edwards in the Winter edition of *OWU Magazine*. Students in his classes called him “Verne” or “Mr. Edwards.” Verne has extremely large arms; he took each of his journalism students under his wings, never hesitating to praise or scorn us.

With internships for summer approaching, Verne listed potential names and companies. We were to search and contact one of these during spring break. Had I read the list further down, I would have seen the warning: “Make sure to tell me who you are meeting with so I can arrange the interview.” I met with the CEO of an international shipping company in New York. She was a good friend of Verne’s, who also was a very prestigious and important member of the Board of Trustees at OWU. After spring break, Verne called me into his office after class. If you ever took the family car without permission AND wrecked it, you know how the conversation went. With tail tucked under me as I left, Verne said: “At least you showed moxie. That’s what makes a good journalist.” I will always remember that day.

—Gary Levine ’81

Your OWU Magazine

Dear Readers,

These days we must continually look for ways to reduce costs while providing a world class education to our students and great service to our loyal alumni.

Over the past few years, many of our peer institutions have reduced the frequency of their alumni magazines, and most now publish three times a year; some produce only two issues a year. With rising publication and printing costs, we must join most of our peers and move to three issues a year. You will now receive *OWU Magazine* about every four months, as we publish spring, fall, and winter issues.

We will continue to strive to make *OWU Magazine* a publication that you look forward to receiving, that you enjoy reading, and that you are proud to share with others. Please keep in touch and let us know what’s new in your world, and tell us what you think of the articles you read in *OWU Magazine*. Thank you.

Will Kopp | Chief Communications Officer

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Their Days in Court

For the fourth consecutive year, Ohio Wesleyan qualified a team for the American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Championships held in January in Miami. And this year, for the first time, more than one OWU team qualified to compete.

The association sponsors the annual competition, providing a moot (fictitious) case that raises two constitutional issues. This year's issues focused on whether a set of regulations passed by the state of "Olympus" created an "undue burden" on the right to abortion, and whether those regulations constituted a violation of free speech rights of abortion providers. Teams of two students prepare and deliver a legal argument for both sides of those issues to a panel of judges.

"Students base their arguments on a number of actual court decisions that relate to the issues," explains politics and government professor and team adviser, Mike Esler. He also advises OWU's Pre-Law Studies program and is especially pleased with the performance of this year's teams.

Both OWU teams performed well, and one—**Katherine Berger '16/Rhiannon Herbert '16**—finished higher than any other OWU team that has qualified. Of the 80 teams competing in this year's championships, the Berger/Herbert team finished 17th in the nation, missing the "Sweet 16" round by just a handful of points, says Esler. This team was one



Pictured from left: **Lidia Mowad '15, Jordan Bernstein '15, Professor Mike Esler, Rhiannon Herbert '16, and Katherine Berger '16.**

of only six that won all six ballots in the qualifying rounds.

"Although they were upset in the second elimination round the next day, they scored high enough to finish as the top team in the round of 32," says Esler. "Also for the first time, one of our students, junior Katherine Berger, placed in the top 20 for individual honors." Berger was named the ninth best individual orator out of 160 participants.

The **Lidia Mowad '15/Jordan Bernstein '15** team also was strong, missing qualification for the elimination rounds by one ballot.

Both OWU teams qualified for the nationals by their prior performances

in regional competition in November. Just under 400 teams competed in 10 regionals across the country, with the top 20 percent from each regional qualifying for the national tournament

"Beyond our top teams, OWU Moot Court had its strongest year," says Esler. More teams than ever before were fielded, and, says Esler, "More advanced to elimination rounds at regional tournaments.

Everybody worked hard and pulled their weight. They supported each other in developing and presenting arguments and were a great group of students." ■



Wil Haygood to Speak at Commencement

Distinguished journalist and author Wil Haygood will speak at this year's Commencement ceremony, beginning at 1 p.m. on May 10. He was born in Columbus, Ohio and graduated from Miami University.

Soon after, Haygood decided to pursue what would be a successful journalism career, including his work for 30 years at two premiere newspapers, *The Boston Globe* and the *Washington Post*. Author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Butler: A Witness to History*, Haygood was associate producer on the film

adaptation of the book,

The Butler, directed by Academy Award-nominated director Lee Daniels, featured Forest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey, Jane Fonda, Vanessa Redgrave, Robin Williams, and Cuba Gooding Jr. During the ceremony, Haygood will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in recognition of his scholarly and personal achievements.

The full Commencement ceremony will be streamed online at <http://stream.owu.edu>. ■

Power Numbers | Money Magazine's New Rankings



The good news is out for prospective and current OWU students and families. The university is listed among the nation's "Best Colleges for Your Money" in Money Magazine's new rankings.

Here's why.



30% of students earn merit aid each year



97% of OWU's 1,750 students receive either merit or need-based aid each year



\$12 million in University grants and scholarships were awarded to this year's incoming class

REPORTS FROM OWU'S CLASS OF 2014



97% Employed or in graduate schools



81% Work in the fields of their choice



95% Acceptance rate into graduate schools

Class Acts | Fab Four Freshmen

OWU's new freshmen continue the tradition of bringing an array of talents and accomplishments to the campus; their achievements represent years of commitment and hard work polishing skills as debaters and dancers; writers and musicians; actors, artists, and athletes who understand the true meaning of the adage, "practice makes perfect."

Here are four of those amazing freshmen, Colleen Chernowsky, Jake Chernoff, Ellen Sizer, and Harper Toney.

Compiled by Pam Besel



Role Play | HARPER TONEY '18

Hometown: Lexington, Kentucky

First Semester Synopsis: "OWU teems with possibilities and opportunities for students."

Theater Awakening: High school for me was a school for the creative and performing arts in Kentucky, where I majored in theater. I also was involved with a lot of community theatre and professional companies around town. I was cast in an ingénue sort of role in OWU's fall production of *The Merchant of Venice*. I enjoy every role; you could be playing the most despicable characters, but you have to find a way to make them your own and love them. I'm learning you have to ground yourself and expand your horizons. I love going to my botany class and then heading to the Theatre department afterwards. It's rewarding to know that you can be both an artist and an academic. Once I got to OWU, there was no doubt in my mind that this was where I belonged.

Jammin' in Chi-Town | JAKE CHERNOFF '18

Hometown: Downers Grove, Illinois

First Semester Synopsis: "New people, new classes, new me!"

Blues Fest Performer: I've always loved music, and began taking lessons and playing the bass guitar during my sophomore year in high school. Through our local guitar shop, I became involved with Garage Band U and was introduced to other musicians. Several of us played at tailgate gatherings and other shows. After one of our gigs, some people who run the annual Chicago Blues Festival, the largest free blues festival in the world, asked us to perform, which we did this past June. We played live in front of thousands of people in Grant Park. When it came time to look at colleges, my family and I liked OWU's small size and the number of academic majors offered here. My first semester at Ohio Wesleyan was fun, and I'm leaning toward an international studies major.

**High Definition | ELLEN SIZER '18****Hometown:** Mariemont, Ohio**First Semester Synopsis:** "Teachers really care about what and who they are teaching."

Wired to Create: I am self-taught and began photographing when I was 12. Looking back, my mom and dad always were interested in photography, which naturally led to my passion to be the person behind the camera. Sharing my work is something I can do with the gallery I developed while I was in high school. It is an online gallery (ellensizer.crevado.com) and features not only my photos, but also my paintings, sculptures, and some sketches. Since coming to OWU, I've fallen into a busy life with classes and activities. Professors want you to learn about what they've spent the majority of their lives researching and studying, which is pretty cool. I'm so glad I chose OWU. I love it here.

Feis On | COLLEEN CHERNOWSKY '18**Hometown:** Flint, Michigan**First Semester Synopsis:** "I am realizing each day that I still have so much to learn."

Reel OWU: When people ask me why I started Irish dancing, I tell them it is just in my blood. My mom and older sister danced, and I began taking lessons when I was three years old in Windsor, Canada, with the Goggin Carroll School of Irish Dance. I competed for 15 years all over the Midwest, Canada, and a few overseas competitions in Ireland and England and won a medal at the Great Britain Championships last year. I retired in April following the World Championships in London. I loved my first semester at OWU—opportunities for undergraduate research, and enjoying the independence I have here. College life so far is what I expected it to be.

MAKING THE BEST EVEN BETTER

The Tower Society Opportunity

OWU's Homer C. Lucas University Professor of Psychology **David Robbins Hon. '08** believes in that synergistic relationship so strongly that in 1973 he decided to leave Bethesda, Maryland, and a research directorship position at the Eye Research Foundation for something that had been missing from his life: the opportunity to share his knowledge with college students.

Hearing esteemed OWU psychology professor and mentor Harry Bahrack describe Ohio Wesleyan as a university that values a balance of great teaching and research, Robbins decided to make OWU his "university of choice" for what has been more than 40 years.

Robbins' academic journey began at Lycoming College, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in biology and psychology, and then moved on to the University of Delaware for his master's and doctorate degrees in physiological psychology, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in Bethesda. His research focuses on the adverse effects of intense laser light on the physiology and function of the primate visual system.

"My applied research has involved developing safety standards for the use of lasers to see how they impact the photosensitive part of the retina, while my basic research involved the neural basis of the encoding of visual images in the brain," says Robbins. His students, many from the honors tutorial program over the years, were there to assist him during the academic year, summers, and even after graduation, gaining valuable experience along the way. Support for his research came from numerous grants and contracts that Robbins has received from various funding agencies. His superb teaching skills were recognized as he won both the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award and the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for the Encouragement of Teachers. Robbins' service to OWU has, however, extended well beyond the classroom and lab, as chair of the psychology department for more than 20 years, coordinator of the Summer Science Research Program, and director of the Neuroscience Program.

Commitment to students and to the university about which he cares so much, led Robbins into academic administration as he became provost in 2005, advancing OWU's academic initiatives and leading the faculty. And when the university needed him to provide much-needed transition and stability as interim president in 2007, he accepted that responsibility. Though a more enjoyable



"I believe teaching and research go hand-in-hand."

-DAVID ROBBINS

experience than he had expected, Robbins again found he missed his frequent daily contact with students within the classroom.

These days, Robbins is back in the classroom, teaching introductory psychology and courses in neuroscience and gerontology. And as usual, his thoughts are never far from giving even more back to students and OWU.

"I'm committed to the liberal arts mission and to Ohio Wesleyan," he says. "That's why my wife Jan and I thought that joining OWU's Tower Society many years ago was the obvious thing to do." Members can establish planned gifts to benefit Ohio Wesleyan and its future generations of students in what Robbins believes is a "meaningful and enduring way." More recently, the Robbins decided to earmark their commitment

by establishing a permanent endowed fund for additional faculty and students to participate in the OWU Summer Science Research Program—for them, a top priority-turned-reality. As students progress from freshmen tutorial experiences, they later have opportunities to conduct research with faculty members known both for their exceptional teaching and quality research—as well as with faculty at research universities, government laboratories, and private research institutions. Each fall, students present their summer research findings at a campus symposium, and often at professional conferences throughout the year. Robbins notes that it is getting progressively more difficult for our students to get accepted at top research universities without this type of educational experience. "It also provides the student additional information for making a decision of whether or not to go on for a graduate degree from a research-oriented program." Planned gifts such as David and Jan Robbins' help to strengthen and preserve OWU's legacy of teaching and research excellence today and for generations of students to come.

"This fits perfectly with OWU's theory-to-practice opportunities for students and is consistent with my idea of balancing teaching and research," Robbins says, thankful for being able to support a program of such meaning and enduring value. "You give because you want to do so. There is tremendous joy in giving back and helping to ensure the future of such a great university." ■

- Pam Besel

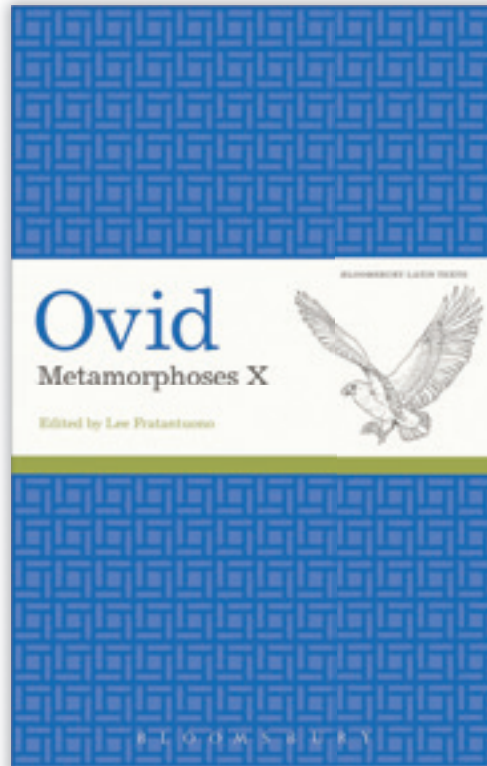
Ovid, *Metamorphoses X*

Lee Fratantuono, the William Francis Whitlock Professor of Latin, and Associate Professor and Director of the Classics Program at OWU, recently published *Ovid, Metamorphoses X*, with Bloomsbury Academic. The book provides an overview of *Metamorphoses*, a 15-book narrative poem that is one of the most influential works in Western literature. It tells the stories of more than 250 myths that span from the creation of the universe to the death and deification of Julius Caesar.

The book contains the Latin text as well as detailed commentary and notes that provide language support, explain unfamiliar words and phrases, highlight literary features, and supply background knowledge, according to Bloomsbury's summary of the book. The introduction provides an overview of Ovid, historical and literary context, a plot synopsis, and a discussion of the literary genre, with particular attention to the historical circumstances of Augustan Rome.

Metamorphoses was written by Publius Ovidius Naso (a Roman poet better known as Ovid), born in 43 BCE in Sulmona, Italy, to a wealthy family.

Fratantuono says his book is geared in particular toward college and graduate students, and provides scholarly reflections on the reception of earlier Latin epic poetry in Ovid.



Lee Fratantuono
BLOOMSBURY ACADEMIC

"Any lover of Latin and of Ovid will love Fratantuono's sharp and lucid exploration of the text and its background," says John Godwin, from the Moreton Hall School in Oswestry, United Kingdom, and author of *Ovid: Metamorphoses III*. "His secondary reading is exhaustive but never exhausting, and he shows a sharp eye for detail as well as a judicious ear for poetry. He deserves our deepest gratitude for this inspiring book, the first edition in English of Met 10 and the perfect guide for anyone interested in reading this superb Latin poetry in the original. He makes the Latin come alive and helps the reader to see the sheer delight in Ovid's work."

Fratantuono has published several other books, including *Madness Unchained: A Reading of Virgil's Aeneid*, published in 2007, which is a comprehensive study of Virgil's epic masterpiece, as well as *A Commentary on Virgil, Aeneid XI*, published in 2009, which is a revision of Fratantuono's dissertation.

Learn more about Fratantuono's book at www.bloomsbury.com as well as

his other works at www.owu.edu/classics ■

-Andrea Misko Strle '99

CLASSICLY OWU

"These are exciting times for Ohio Wesleyan Classics," says Professor Lee Fratantuono, director of the Classics Program. Study in the Classics at OWU—the study of ancient Greece and Rome—dates back to the University's founding in 1842, and Fratantuono points out that enrollment has swelled in recent years in advanced Greek and Latin, as well as courses in the history and literature of the Greek and Roman worlds.

And recent graduates are thriving at such prestigious graduate schools as the University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, Brown University, and the University of Vermont, to name a few.

Sidney Kochman '13, a graduate student at the University of Indiana, says, "OWU did a great job of getting me ready for graduate school."

Classics major **Jacob Kirchner '16** says the Classics, "by its nature," ties into Ohio Wesleyan's multidisciplinary approach, enriching and being enriched by areas across the academic spectrum. Indeed, many of OWU's Classics majors are double majors in a variety of areas.

Kirchner, a geology minor, says, "One cannot fully understand and appreciate Pliny's account of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius without tapping into geological studies."

Kristina Bogdanov • A World of Art

Within the inner sanctuary of Kristina Bogdanov's 3-D studio in Haycock Hall, creative concepts are born, inspired by the OWU fine arts professor's most precious gifts: her family, students, and inner passion to make beautiful and meaningful art. In Kristina's special Comfort Zone—her office— she displays creations of former students, many who now are in graduate schools.

"I need my art as inspiration," Kristina says. "I can escape here to think and create."

Now in her eighth year at OWU, Kristina teaches 2-D and 3-D art. And her work and concern for others extend far beyond Delaware, as she has played a key role in Potters for Peace efforts to create and supply impoverished countries with ceramic water filters.

The art work adorning the walls, shelves, and even hanging from the ceiling in Kristina's office, are constant reminders of advice she gives to her students: "Go forward, do the best you can, and always raise the bar a little higher."

1 Tradition...Tradition

Kristina used a grant to study Deruta pottery in Italy, produced using a technique from the early Middle Ages. "It's interesting to see how tradition still shapes consumer habits today," she says. And now she is teaching her OWU students how to come up with their own designs using the Deruta technique, which first surfaced in the hills of Umbria, Italy.

2 World Fame and Acclaim

Out of a field of 1,700 artists from around the globe who competed in the 5th World Ceramic Biennale in Korea, Kristina's "The Chromosome Chain" was among just a handful of art works selected to receive an honorable mention and become part of the sponsor's permanent collection. The work consists of 46 porcelain block-made forms capturing old photos of her family's history through photo lithography transfer. "I can honor the memory of my heritage, making me aware of who I am and what I can pass on."

3 A Beautiful Mind

"It is through a student drawing such as this one entitled "Silent Conversations," by **Danielle Muzina '13**, that I can understand her thought processes as she created this art," Kristina says. Now an MFA graduate student at Miami University, Muzina's drawing was part of her honors thesis at OWU.

4 Have Sketchbook, Will Travel

Always thinking about art, Kristina carries her sketchbook wherever she goes. "I might draw something or write out an idea as I travel. It keeps me alert and connected to ceramics."

5 Preserving a Moment

Gazing at photographs of her oldest daughter and husband one day, Kristina thought of how better to preserve the images and create art. By transferring the photos to ceramic tiles and adding a few elements around them, Kristina says, "I could capture my husband in timeless thinking about something—forever."

6 A Link to Her Roots

This 100-year-old Serbian spindle reminds Kristina of home and rests in her OWU Comfort Zone.

7 I've Just Seen a Face

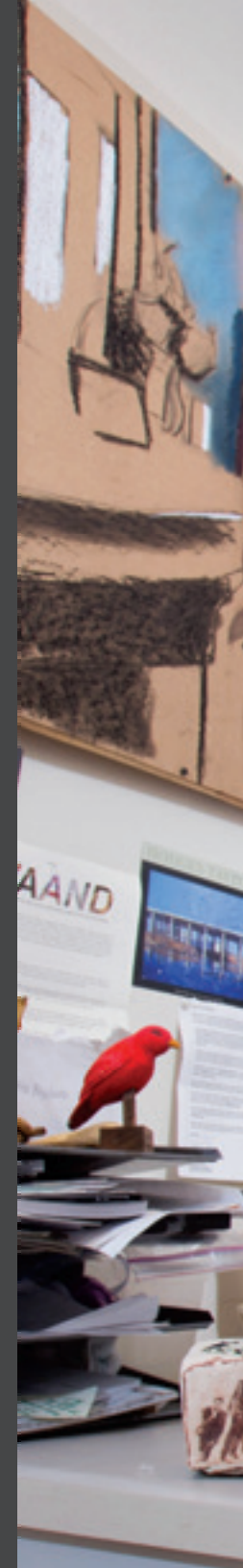
Part of her chromosome chain art, this cube incorporates an old photograph of Kristina's father and friends posing as The Beatles. "There is a permanency in using clay, and I also can transfer photos that are in bad shape via photo lithography to these blocks to preserve the past."

8 Desert Island Book

Kristina likens her favorite book—*Dictionary of the Khazars: A Lexicon Novel*, by Milorad Pavić—to "the way I create my pieces. There first is an idea, and from it come choices, some not predictable. For me, things happen by process, but there are important signs along the way that I must follow."

9 Coffee Break

When Kristina has her morning coffee, she likes to look at her special gift from former student, **Andrew Wilson '13**, an MFA student at the University of California, Berkeley. "I've always loved his photographs, and I am the proud owner of a couple of his jewelry pieces. Teaching is about learning as well; you give to your students and they give back to you".





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OWU JOURNALISM PROS SHOW THEIR STAR POWER.



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Greg Moore '76



Gordon Witkin '77



Tom Goodman '76



Byron Pitts '82



Zan Hale '79



Phil Meek '59



W. Joseph Campbell '74



Tom Jolly '77

Pulitzer Prizes, Emmy Awards, national and international media awards, editorships at many of the nation's most prestigious and influential newspapers and media outlets—Ohio Wesleyan's legacy in the fields of journalism and public relations is mind boggling.

Our alumni comprise an all-star team of journalists and communicators across the nation. They have helped shape the field of American journalism—and their influence continues today. Indeed, over the past 40 or 50 years, there have been few major national or international news stories that have not been covered by journalists educated and trained at Ohio Wesleyan. One legendary Ohio Wesleyan professor served as the common link for hundreds of these journalists. Though he died late last year, Verne Edwards continues to be a voice in their ears.



Pictured here interviewing Congressman John Lewis, Byron Pitts '82, an Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist, remembers Verne Edwards with fondness: "Verne loved a scoop as well as the next person, but he was adamant, first, about being accurate."

We caught up with 10 of Professor Edwards' former students to hear about their experiences and the incredible impact Ohio Wesleyan has made on this industry and on how we all receive the news. Most talk about their love for writing and their sense of curiosity; others share their passion for journalism as public service in a world badly in need of critical thinkers who can communicate clearly, accurately, and fairly. These alumni completed their studies and—particularly for many of those heading out to the work force in the mid- to late-1970s—were inspired by the investigative reporting of the Watergate era.

"I wanted to change the world the way (Bob) Woodward and (Carl) Bernstein did," says **Greg Moore '76**, editor-in-chief of *The Denver Post*. "I had stardust in my eyes and believe to this day, our mission is noble and worthwhile. Idealistic,

I know, but Verne Edwards was like that."

Moore loves his job—and is very good at it. "I love the freedom to tell the stories of the region, shine light on wrongdoing and inequities, and to help our readers understand and celebrate why we live where we do."

Under his leadership, *The Denver Post*, Colorado's largest newspaper, has won four consecutive Pulitzer Prizes, and in 2012, Moore received the Benjamin C. Bradlee Editor of the Year Award from the National Press Foundation. He was co-chair of the Pulitzer Prize Board, and he was inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges Hall of Excellence in April. Former managing editor of *The Boston Globe*, with reporting stints at the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* and *Dayton Journal Herald*, Moore recalls a recent story about a contract being awarded to the airport in Denver. The reporter suggested including a

paragraph about a contractor who “enjoyed close ties with the former mayor” without further elaboration. Queried Moore, “Can we prove that a relationship has led to the questionable practices we are alleging?” Following Moore’s question, the reporter agreed it was a bit of a reach, and the passage was removed.

“I learned always to challenge assertions, and most times, I am right,” says Moore.

Similarly, **Byron Pitts ’82** clearly remembers September 12, 2001, standing on the pile of what had been the Twin Towers in lower Manhattan. He then was reporting for CBS News and recalls that at least one cable network was claiming rescue teams had found survivors.

“I was getting pressure from producers and eventually, from a vice president at CBS News, to report the story,” says Pitts, now chief national correspondent for ABC and a co-anchor of *Nightline*. He said he didn’t have multiple sources needed to confirm the accuracy of the story. “I felt the pressure, but remembered Verne’s words.”

Hours later, that cable network was forced to retract its story.

“One person had mistakenly taken rescue workers pulling other workers out of holes in the pile as evidence that they had found survivors,” Pitts says. “There were no survivors. Eventually, the vice president called back to apologize. Verne Edwards loved a scoop as well as the next person, but he was adamant, first, about being accurate.”

For **Zan Hale ’79**, it’s the Edwards journalistic principles that have made the most lasting impression: honesty, the highest professional and ethical standards, curiosity, creativity, and a thirst for new knowledge.

“These have served as my guideposts throughout my career,” says Hale. Edwards advised her to accept the *Dayton Journal Herald’s* offer of a sports writer’s job during her senior year, and the return to her hometown, she recalls. “I didn’t fully realize how lucky I was to start my career at a mid-major daily and be among the wave of first female sports reporters covering national events.”

In 1988, while at the *Columbus Dispatch*, she received the Sportswriter of the Year Ohio Associated Press award. Today, she is the managing editor for the marketing department of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, the nation’s top-ranked children’s hospital for the past 12 years according to *U.S. News & World Report*. “What am I most proud of these days? As the role of marketing at CHOP has grown, so has the number of publications,” says Hale. “It’s challenging and rewarding to



Professor Edwards’ trips to The Transcript office were few and far between while each edition was in the production phase.

juggle 50-plus newsletters, annual reports, event programs, and specialty publications for a variety of clients, written for a variety of audiences.”

BLOOD, SWEAT, AND TEARS: THE TRANSCRIPT

The training ground for OWU journalists was—and continues to be—*The Transcript*. Now into its 147th publishing year, it is the oldest independent student newspaper in the nation.

“*The Transcript* was printed in black and white, but by Thursday afternoon it was, indeed, red all over,” jokes **Chip Visci ’75**, referring to Edwards’ heavy duty edits of the newspaper post publication. As senior strategist for Barnett Cox & Associates, a California public relations and marketing firm, Visci develops strategic communications for companies and institutions typically seeking government or voter approval for an initiative. He also lectures at California Polytechnic State University and Cuesta College in journalism. For more than three decades, Visci worked in the newspaper business, as managing editor of the *Detroit Free Press*, publisher of the *San Jose Mercury News* and the *San Luis Obispo Tribune*, and vice president of operations for Knight Ridder.

“We all sweated to produce that paper at OWU,” says Visci. “I wanted to make a difference for my community and country, so I enrolled as a political science and journalism double major, with plans for law school.” Then came Edwards’ introductory journalism course.

“His no-nonsense lecturing style and insistence that we gain real-work experience through *The Transcript* or WSLN radio station really hooked me. His lessons were large as he taught us not only the craft of journalism—aggressive reporting, shrewd editing, impeccable ethics—but also the art of critical thinking. It wasn’t just about writing better headlines or leads, but whether we really understood the subjects, had interviewed knowledgeable sources, and examined the facts rigorously.”

Tom Goodman ’76 agrees. The president and CEO of Goodman Media International, Inc., a leading public relations agency in New York City, says Edwards’ unbridled enthusiasm and passion drew him to journalism, and Edwards recommended him for his first job at *The Delaware Gazette*.

Goodman’s journalism career included stints at ABC and CBS, where he worked on major news events such as the U.S. invasion of Haiti, the Chinese student uprising in Tiananmen



“I had stardust in my eyes, but I believe to this day that our mission is noble and worthwhile.”

-GREG MOORE '76

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-ZAN HALE '79



Square, and the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. At CBS News, Goodman directed public relations campaigns for *CBS Evening News with Dan Rather*, *60 Minutes*, and *Sunday Morning*, to name a few, and was CBS News' primary spokesman.

"Verne never criticized me for switching from newspaper reporting to public relations," says Goodman who also worked at J. Walter Thompson on national media campaigns before launching his own company. Goodman Media International Inc., represents major companies and organizations in media and entertainment, retail and consumer products, health care, law and professional services, transportation, business and trades, arts, education, and advocacy. Goodman points to the launch of his company as a very special moment in his career.

"My first client, British Airways, hired me, even though I had no staff, office, or client track record," he recalls. "As my BA client David Charlton later said with a smile, 'We had no idea that Goodman Media was just Tom; to be honest, he didn't offer that information, either!' Luckily, that first assignment was a huge success and the rest is history."

LEARNING BY OSMOSIS

Edwards' teaching persona coupled with an opportunity to work at *The Transcript*, occasionally attracted non-journalism majors like **Phil Meek '59**, an economics major who says his first love at OWU was working on *The Transcript*.

After graduating with honors in economics, Meek, retired senior vice president of Capital Cities/ABC and a Life Trustee at OWU, received an MBA from Harvard Business School. He joined the central finance staff at Ford Motor Company and in 1968, was asked to go on loan to help create a coalition of the top 50 businesses in Detroit. Consequently, he was named the first president of the Economic Development Corporation of Greater Detroit.

Soon after, Meek accepted an offer to become publisher of *The Oakland Press*. He later moved on to run the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, which, under his leadership, ran a hard-hitting investigative series that "led to the paper receiving the granddaddy of all the Pulitzers—the gold medal—awarded to a newspaper for distinguished public service," recalls Meek. The series alleged, he says, "that the then-second largest employer in Fort Worth had been manufacturing helicopters for a number of years that had a design flaw, and that over 240 Army servicemen had been killed as a result."

Meek describes the ensuing chaos, as the company's president insisted on an apology for and retraction of what had been written. "I responded, telling him his precipitous actions to bring unwarranted pressure on the newspaper precluded any dispassion on my part, and we would continue to pursue the story to the end," says Meek.

"Although I never took a journalism class at OWU, I

learned from Verne Edwards by osmosis, working on *The Transcript*, and reading his weekly markups with that famous red pencil," Meek says. "His standards and his influence were pervasive."

Today, the connection of Phil Meek and his wife **Nancy LaPorte Meek '59**, to OWU is stronger than ever. This year, they celebrated as granddaughter **Jordan Larkin '18** became the fourth generation in the family to attend Ohio Wesleyan.

THE EDWARDS MYSTIQUE AND THE BIRTH OF JOURNALISTS

W. Joseph Campbell '74 has reflected in great length about the qualities and attributes that have gained his former OWU professor great esteem across generations of students for so many years—and incredible success for his former students. Campbell says "His mystique was rooted in a deep and abiding interest in students, and a dedication to staying in touch with them."

A tenured journalism professor at American University's School of Communications, Campbell earned his doctorate in mass communications at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has reported for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Hartford Courant*, and for the Associated Press overseas. Campbell dedicated his fifth book, *Getting It Wrong: Ten of the Greatest Misreported Stories in American Journalism*, to Edwards. The book debunks 10 prominent media-driven myths about or by the news media that are widely believed, but which under scrutiny, are improbable or wildly exaggerated, explains Campbell.

"I sought to align in the book a central objective of newsgathering—that of seeking to get it right—to set the record straight by presenting reappraisals of some of the best-known stories American journalism tells about itself," says Campbell.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

"The thing that took me years to realize was that Verne Edwards' expectations for us as students were no different than the expectations our newsroom bosses would later have of us," says **Tom Jolly '77**, associate masthead editor at the *New York Times*, who is responsible for overseeing the news report in print and on digital in the afternoon and evening. "I like being involved in all aspects of our news coverage in print and digital presentation, making decisions on how to adjust news developments, tracking the news around the world, monitoring other news sites, and working with our news departments to make sure our coverage is thorough and fair."

After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan, he worked for a state senator until he was ready to try a career in journalism. Edwards arranged an interview at *The Delaware Gazette*. "I was

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“I wanted to make a difference for my community and country, so I enrolled [at OWU] as a political science and journalism double major.”

-CHIP VISCI '75



quickly hired, solely because Verne vouched for me.” This was Jolly’s springboard to his 20-year career at the *New York Times*.

“So many of my fellow graduates have made important contributions to journalism,” observes Jolly. He remembers the night in 1980 when John Lennon was murdered and Howard Cosell interrupted Monday Night Football to interview **Jim Henke ’76**, then the music reporter for *Rolling Stone* magazine. “That really opened my eyes about the talent of people I worked with in college. Just four years earlier, Jim had been my editor at *The Transcript!*”

Susan Headden ’77 is another OWU Pulitzer winner, capturing the prize while working at the *Indianapolis Star* in 1991 for a series about medical malpractice, specifically, about several Indiana doctors who continued to practice medicine and maintain their hospital privileges after they had lost multiple large lawsuits. “We worked on the series for nearly a year, and the interviews were exhausting,” she says.

Headden spent the bulk of her 30-year career at *U.S. News & World Report* in a number of top editing posts. In her current position as senior associate for public policy engagement at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in Washington, DC, Headden writes about educational policy issues.

“I try to make important topics come alive for lawmakers and others who make vital decisions about these topics. I have much to offer them by showing how academic prose can be far more accessible and engaging to more readers.” Though she misses newspaper and magazine journalism, Headden is confident of her skills. “I bring journalistic principles, sensibilities, and style to everything I write, every piece I edit, and every speech I give. As a former student of Verne’s, I know I have lasting value in the marketplace.”

A CHANGING LANDSCAPE

How we gather, disseminate, and receive our news and information has changed greatly in the past decade. And traditional newsroom staffs have suffered severe cutbacks. Journalists are increasingly expected to do more with less.

“The 24-7 news cycle has corrupted and cheapened journalism,” says Headden. “It has poisoned even the best media outlets, forcing them to compete to get the story quickly, allowing them little time for real reporting, analysis, synthesis—all hallmarks of the craft when it is practiced as it should be. Another of my worries about journalism today is that we are losing investigative teams, now seen as a luxury.”

Nevertheless, she remains optimistic about the future of journalism. “All that said, much of journalism has never been



R. Joseph Campbell ’74, journalism professor at American University’s School of Communications, caught up with Verne and Dolores Edwards following a recent campus book signing for Campbell’s fifth book, *Getting it Wrong: Ten of the Greatest Misreported Stories in American Journalism*, dedicated to Edwards.

better. The Internet has given reporters access to a far greater variety of sources than they once had and easier ways to reach them. It allows the good stories (as well as the bad ones, alas) to find audiences they never would have had.”

OWU journalism graduates have charged to the forefront of these digital-age changes.

“The influence of the Internet has yielded radical changes for the journalism field—many wonderful, some not so wonderful,” observes **Gordon Witkin ’77**. As executive editor of the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit investigative news outlet, he runs the newsroom and supervises reporting and editing for 35 staff members.

One of his most challenging ongoing

reporting issues during the past 27 years is about guns.

“I am proud of having done that in an in-depth, factually based way that drew some surprising conclusions, added to the understanding of the issue, and garnered at least a bit of grudging praise from both sides,” he says. Witkin also helps create project partnerships with mainstream media organizations such as *NBCnews.com*, *Slate*, the *Daily Beast*, *NPR*, *Politico*, and the *Washington Post*.

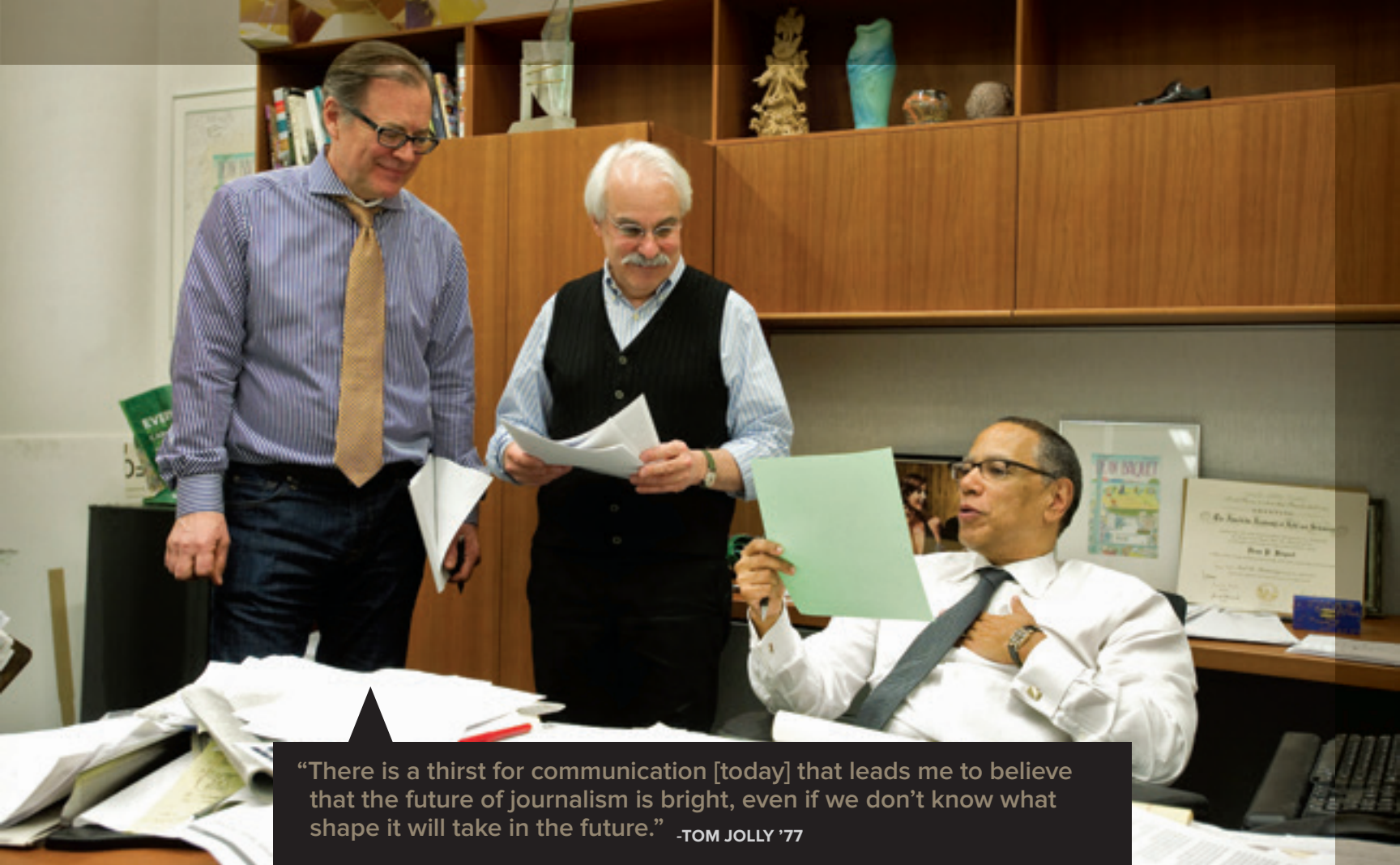
“We have so many more journalistic voices and outlets—video, podcast, interactive data visualization, to name but a few. At the same time, attention spans are shorter, so we need to think harder about how to present complicated in-depth stories.”

Witkin, whose career began at the *Indianapolis Star* and included 26 years at *U.S. News & World Report*, offers this advice to college journalism majors today: “The more skills they have in photography, video production, digital presentation, designing interactive graphics, coding, in addition to great reporting and writing, the more marketable they will be.”

Jolly also reflects on the state of journalism in 2015: “For better or worse, the old saying that you should never pick a fight with someone who owns a printing press no longer holds true. Anyone can blog, tweet, Instagram, or otherwise report the news, at least in its most basic form.” But, says Jolly, “it also has exposed a thirst for information that leads me to believe that the future of journalism is bright, even if we don’t know what form it will take in the future.”

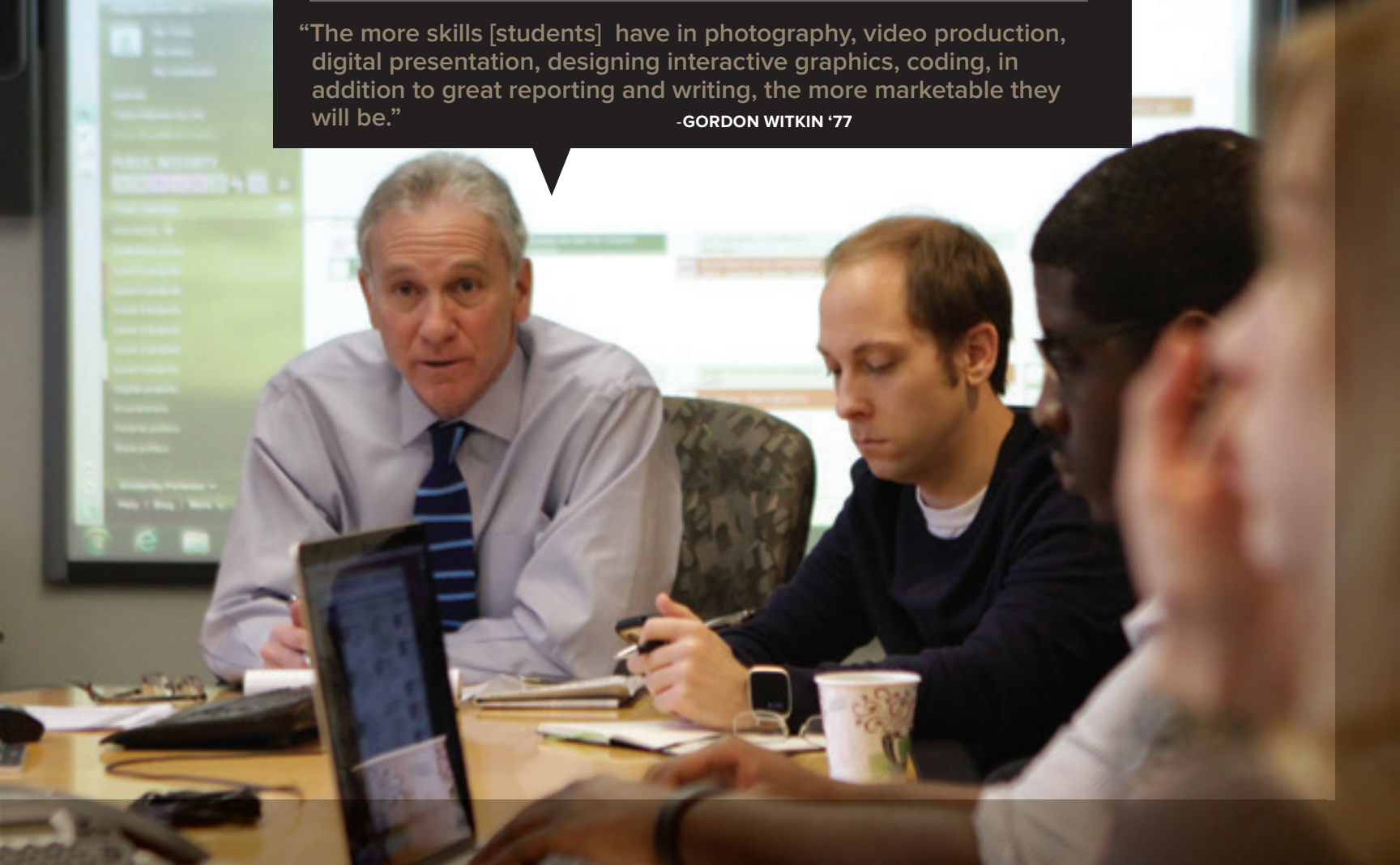
Yet, all agree that the traditional journalistic skills they learned at OWU—along with their strong liberal arts background—will continue to be the foundation of their profession. “I think about the importance of fairness, accuracy, real reporting, and taking no shortcuts,” Witkin says. “That means we were and still are well prepared as journalists and communicators.”

Pam Besel is editor of OWU Magazine and senior writer in the Office of University Communications.



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Three Little Pigs *and the* Path to Delaware

A \$115 LOAN MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE FOR AMINA MENDEZ '12 AND HER FAMILY.
NOW SHE'S MAKING SURE OTHERS HAVE THE SAME CHANCE TO SUCCEED.

Beth Lindsmith



A microfinance loan helped the Mendez family start a swine farm in the Philippines.



Amina Mendez hated algebra when she was in high school, so when it came time to select a college major, she chose... mathematics. Feeling flummoxed by the subject rankled her more than doing the extra work to bring up her grades.

"I started studying really hard just to prove that I could do it," she says, "and along the way I just fell in love with it."

A proud owner of a BA in mathematics from Ohio Wesleyan University, Mendez is one of those people who rarely follows the path of least resistance. She says conquering calculus was nothing compared to her greatest challenge: growing up poor in the Philippines, the daughter of day laborers who earned \$2 a day working on farms near her rural village of Nueva Ecija, Northern Philippines. Her parents could barely afford her high school tuition; college was out of the question. She was frustrated by having a very clear vision of what she wanted to do—study mathematics at the University of the Philippines—but no resources to see it through.

The answer came in the form of a \$115 microloan, just enough to buy a trio of piglets and start a little swine farm that ultimately lifted the family from poverty. Mendez's mother, Remy, obtained a loan from Opportunity International, a large global network of microfinance institutions, or MFIs, which lend an average of about \$100 at a time to clients around the world. About 90 percent of recipients are women; many, like the elder Mendez, become agricultural entrepreneurs while others might set up a small shop, a street-side food cart, or a tailoring service.

The family's MFI, ASKI, or Alalay Sa Kaunlaran, Inc., just happened to offer scholarships for clients' children, and when Mendez passed the qualifying exam, she says, it felt like a miracle.

"I had been so depressed—knowing what I wanted, having this intense motivation to go to college but being stopped by things that were out of my

control. Suddenly getting support like that, seemingly out of the blue, was—well, it was just amazing."

When she entered the University of the Philippines in 2008, it was the first time she had traveled beyond her archipelagic country's northernmost cluster of islands. But she would journey even farther thanks to OWU graduates **Helen '56** and **Gordon '54 Smith**, who established Opportunity International's KILOS program: Knowledge for Inspiring Leadership Opportunities and Spirituality. KILOS, which means "move" or "act" in Filipino, allows a select number of outstanding ASKI scholarship students to study at OWU during their final two years of college.

"It was one of the most comprehensive scholarships I've ever heard of—it provided tuition, room and board, books, a clothing allowance, and even stress- and time-management classes." Mendez, who had barely allowed herself to think about college at all, says that "going to Manila was the realization of my dreams. But then I got to study in the United States, and that was way beyond anything I could have imagined."

Although thrilled to be headed to Ohio Wesleyan, Mendez says she was a bit anxious about college in the United States.

"In addition to the typical worries about moving to a new

country, I had heard horror stories about American roommates. Plus, I had seen the movie *"American Pie."* I really wasn't sure what to think." She was fluent in English but accustomed to hearing it in a Filipino accent—she recalls a bewildering exchange with a UDF cashier her first week that left her feeling a little panicked about her language skills. Some communication glitches continued, though, even after she adjusted to local speech.

"Everyone kept asking, 'How are you doing?' and I'd respond with a detailed account of my day. They always gave me weird looks until I realized that was just something people say—they didn't really



Mendez and her mother, Remy.



Heather Ferguson, from the Chartwells staff and Mendez celebrate at Commencement festivities.



Dorota Kendrick and Darrell Albon from the International and Off-Campus Programs office congratulate Mendez.



With her mother, Remy, by her side, Mendez was a featured speaker at the 2014 Opportunity International Summit in Chicago.

“Amina’s unfailing optimism, energy, and cheerfulness were always welcome. It’s great to see her continuing success and contributions to the lives of others.”

-Darrell Albon, Director of International and Off-Campus Programs

expect me to answer.”

Ohio’s climate, cuisine, and culture offered greater diversity than she had ever experienced back home. Warm, familiar weather of a new autumn semester gave way to bitter cold and snowstorms that, to her, seemed impossibly exotic.

“In the Philippines, we think 70 or 80 degrees is pretty cool, so a Delaware winter was a bit of a shock. But my first snowfall was amazing. My friend and I were running around like little kids, trying to catch snowflakes on our tongues. Winter actually became my favorite season.”

In the campus dining halls she discovered an almost inconceivable abundance. Back home, pizza was a luxury most poor farming families could not afford, and she was delighted to find it offered every day at OWU.

“There was a pizza bar, and ice cream bar—all kinds of things. I gained a lot of weight that first year. It was the first time in my life I had to go to the gym.” Both on and off campus, she sampled many new ethnic foods—Italian, Mexican, Japanese, Korean, and more. “I come from Asia,” she says, laughing, “but I had to go to Delaware, Ohio, to try sushi and kimchee for the first time.”

Such variety extended to the people she met, too: Filipinos are about 90 percent Catholic, she explains, and “when I first arrived, I felt different in a way I had never experienced before. My country’s attitudes and behaviors are far more uniform than in America.” She remembers a “huge diversity in people’s beliefs” at OWU, and while it was overwhelming at times, she found that “beneath the layers of various cultures was the same passion to do good.” Her closest friend was a Moroccan Muslim woman who also had come from a poor family, and although each had strong beliefs, they never fell into religious debates. “Instead, we’d always stay up really late talking about our families and how we wanted to help them.”

Mendez returned to the Philippines after finishing her degree in 2012 and now works in corporate planning for ASKI, the MFI that gave her mother her first loan.

“It was hard to come home after graduation and be a bum. I couldn’t relax after such an intense semester. I had to do something.” ASKI had approached her about possible employment while she was still in the United States, and within 30 days of returning home, she had landed a job in product and policy development.

Poverty, she says, is a complex problem that money alone can’t solve. Clients need capital to start their businesses, of course, but they also need financial education. Many are caught in a vicious credit cycle, borrowing emergency cash at punishingly high rates then taking out a second loan to pay off the first.

“There’s a history of abuse in the lending industry, especially when it comes to the poor. A mother will do anything to get care for her sick child, even if it means an effective interest rate of, say, 500 percent. It perpetuates poverty, and a main goal of microfinancing is stop that cycle.”

Mendez helped create a highly successful program for ASKI that provides solar lamps to families who either don’t have or can’t afford electricity. At 3,000 pesos, or about \$68, the lights are too expensive for most families to purchase outright.

“That amount can buy two or three large sacks of rice—enough to feed four people for as long as five months. If people have to choose between lights and eating, of course they’re going to pick the rice.” They pay off the lamps over several months, and ASKI sets the weekly amortization below the cost of using kerosene and gasoline-powered lights, which are both hazardous and unsustainable.

“That way clients have motivation to use the renewable—and ultimately much safer and cheaper—solar lamp.

And when it’s paid off, they have free, long-term, dependable lighting. You’d be surprised what a huge difference one light can make. A client told us with tears in her eyes that although her grandchildren were going to school, they had never been able to study at night because kerosene was too expensive. A \$68 solar lamp has changed their lives.”

In her senior year, she had planned to go to graduate school in the United States rather than return home and look for work. But as she took the GRE exam and explored mathematics programs, she began to feel uneasy.

“I’ve always wanted to do something big—not just for myself, but for others as well. When I looked at my reasons for wanting to go to graduate school, I realized it was mostly because I didn’t want to let go of this very comfortable country. I was running away from where I came from. Not very noble motives, I’m afraid.”

Mendez describes feeling peaceful when she finally decided to go back to the Philippines and knew that’s where she is meant to be.

“My Filipino friends asked why I would return to a country with fewer opportunities, but I learned important lessons about poverty when I was growing up and important lessons about humanity at Ohio Wesleyan. Maybe the best use of my talents, I thought, is to honor everybody—to honor Helen and Gordon who sent me to school, to honor my parents, and to honor my God—by serving others. People in the Philippines need help far, far more than the United States needs another mathematician.” ■

Beth Lindsmith is a freelance writer living in Columbus.

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—Amina Mendez ‘12

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Amanda Zechel-Keiber '09



ALEXANDRA WEBB'S FIRST TRAVEL-LEARNING COURSE TOOK HER TO TAIWAN, AND PUT HER ON THE PATHWAY TO THE PRESTIGIOUS BOREN SCHOLARSHIP.

“I just want to stay in America.”

That was **Alex Webb's** mindset when she entered OWU as a freshman in 2011: Keep it simple, stay close to home, and get her degree in politics. Just a few years later, she was awarded a prestigious national Boren Scholarship, funding a unique, semester-long immersion study in Taiwan. Needless to say, things had changed.

If you ask Webb, she'll say she never saw it coming—an adventurous spirit with an appetite for global travel seemed a stretch for the Tipp City, OH, native who traveled only a few hours from home for college. Though she had studied some Chinese language before coming to OWU, it wasn't until she began taking a variety of classes in the Modern Foreign Languages department that she realized her interest in Chinese could turn into something much bigger. When Webb—a Politics and Government major—enrolled in her first Travel-Learning course with Dr. Ching-Hsuan Wu, she reached a turning point.

OWU Travel-Learning courses provide students the opportunity to travel with their professor and classmates for one or two weeks in connection with the course's subject matter—extending it from theory into practice. A variety of courses are offered each semester across the academic spectrum. Enrollment is limited, and at Dr. Wu's urging, Webb decided it was worth applying.

“My first Travel-Learning course was also my first time leaving North America,” Alex says. “I was a freshman, and even the idea of traveling with a group was a big deal to me.” The course was an exploration of Chinese language and Taiwanese history. “We learned a lot about how the modern Taiwan state was formed, its government, and the tense dynamic it has with

mainland China. Then we traveled to Taiwan to experience it first-hand,” she says.

LEARNING THE LANGUAGE

During the seven-day trip, OWU students spent mornings in the classroom at National Taiwan University, widely regarded as the world's leading institution for immersion studies in the Chinese language. In the afternoons, students completed tasks using what they learned in the morning.

“After my first Travel-Learning course, I knew I had a true passion for the eastern Asia region,” Webb says. So she signed up for another two-week Travel-Learning course in China. In conjunction with a Chinese literature course, Webb and the rest of Dr. Wu's class traveled to different “poetic sites” in China, such as Sichuan, Shanxi, Yellow Mountain, Yellow Crane Pagoda, and The Three Gorges in Yangtze River—allowing them to learn more about the literature they had read.

By then, Webb was hooked. She was especially excited about studying the China-Taiwan region and the complex relationship that mainland China and Taiwan share. That's when Dr. Wu suggested that Webb apply for the competitive Boren Scholarship.

Boren Scholarships are funded by the National Security Education Program, and they provide opportunities for U.S. undergraduates to study in world regions that are critical to U.S. national security interests—particularly those that are underrepresented in study abroad programs, such as Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Boren Scholarship winners represent a wide range of academic interests, but they each have a focus on less commonly taught languages.

BACK TO TAIWAN U.

To apply for the scholarship, Webb submitted a proposal that included the program at which she wanted to study and a statement of her goals. Webb knew exactly where she wanted to go—back to National Taiwan University. Her impressive application—featuring her theory-to-practice connections at OWU—earned her the 2014-2015 David L. Boren Award for International Study, a \$10,000 scholarship to study for one semester in Taiwan. Out of nearly 870 applications, Webb was one of only 165 undergraduates nationwide selected for the scholarship.

“Am I surprised that Alex was awarded the Boren Scholarship? Not at all. She is so, so deserving,” reflects Dr. Wu. “She is diligent, respectful, humble, and one of the hardest working students I have ever had.” Dr. Wu remembers talking to Webb as she prepared her application for the scholarship. “We knew that going back to National Taiwan University would be a great fit for Alex. The program is extremely rigorous, and Alex is a great fit for that challenge.”

With the prestigious scholarship to her name, Webb returned to Taiwan from June to December of 2014. She describes the setting at National Taiwan University as dorm-like, with a wide range of ages and nationalities sharing the space.

“During my semester in Taiwan, I spent three to four hours a day participating in intensive in-class language studies. Students were not allowed to speak their native language, and we really focused on improving listening comprehension. In the evenings, I would have another three to five hours of work to complete,” she says.

On the weekends, however, Webb got out and about in Taiwan.

“One of my favorite parts was the night market. It’s a place where locals and tourists alike will come together in almost a carnival-like setting. There was fried food everywhere you looked. That’s where many people frequently came for their dinner.” She also visited local museums, traveled regionally, and joined other students in group excursions and activities.

CULTURAL PRIDE

Living in Taiwan, Webb soaked up first-hand insight into the political dynamics between mainland China and Taiwan.

“It was especially interesting to talk to my Taiwanese friends and hear this generation’s perspective on the China-Taiwan relationship,” she explains. “Students my age are very focused on their Taiwanese identity. They are proud of their culture, and they value their independence.”

Webb also had the opportunity to be in Taiwan during their recent government elections. “Political campaigns are very festive in Taiwan—everyone gets excited about it, and it felt very different than the U.S.”

“My teachers at OWU inspired me so much to go beyond simply what I had planned for. They helped me to see what I was truly capable of. As students, we are genuinely encouraged to have a global perspective—no matter what we study—and to get out of our comfort zone.”

-Alexandra Webb '15

After graduation, recipients of the Boren Scholarship are required to work for at least one year in national government in an area of national security interest.

“I hope to find a position in which I can focus on U.S.-China-Taiwan relations,” Webb says. “This will be a great way for me to apply the language skills I’ve learned, as well as the political and cultural knowledge I have of the Asia-Pacific region.”

While she doesn’t know exactly what type of a role she will land, she has an open mind and a positive outlook.

“If I’ve learned anything, it’s that

you never know what will come your way or where you will end up—and that’s a good thing.”

Beyond her political interests and career aspirations, Webb’s travel-learning experiences—both through OWU courses and the Boren Scholarship—have opened her mind and worldview in ways she could never have anticipated.

“Through my travels, I have been able to meet so many people from all over the world. We’ve exchanged ideas, and I’ve been able to explore different ways of thinking and living. I’ve questioned things I always thought to be true, and I’ve truly expanded my mind.”

Dr. Wu agrees with Webb and is a firm believer in the power of exploring classroom concepts in the real world.

“One of the most important perspectives I hope my Travel-Learning students walk away with is that it’s okay to be different,” she says. “Moreover, we should respect and value things that are different from what we are used to. It’s part of the journey of global learning and being a global citizen.”

Webb feels grateful to have built relationships with faculty at OWU who have pushed her toward global learning—something that she might not have stumbled upon on her own.

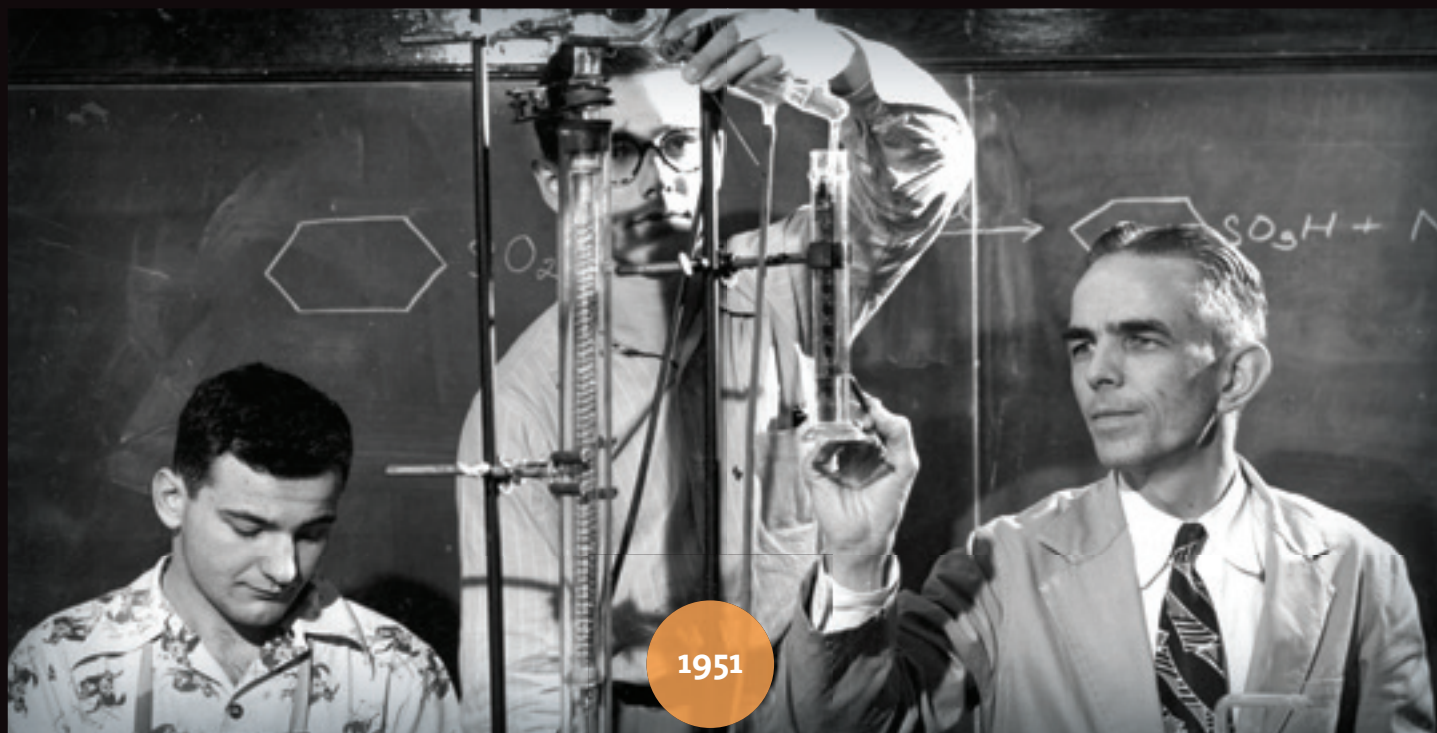
“My teachers at OWU inspired me so much to go beyond simply what I had planned for. They helped me to see what I was truly capable of. As students, we are genuinely encouraged to have a global perspective—no matter what we study—and to get out of our comfort zone.”

Alex’s biggest takeaway from OWU? Exploring the world is a priceless experience. And her experience is only beginning. ■

Amanda Zechiel-Keiber '09 is a freelance writer living in Columbus.



Professor Ching-Hsuan Wu and Webb during a Travel-Learning course in China



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THE CONSTANCY OF SCIENCE

A walk through OWU's science classrooms and laboratories, yesterday and today, proves the adage that science is a dialogue between mankind and nature. One might imagine discussion, as the late organic chemistry professor Roy Bossert and students **Gust Kookootsedes '51**, left, and **Allan Emery '51** in the photo above, experimented with fractional distillation of what could have been a complicated separation of liquids. Nobel Prize-winner **Dr. F. Sherwood Rowland '48** also was a student of this beloved professor.

When OWU received a new Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) in 1997, faculty members such as environmental microbiologist Laura Tuhela-Reuning rejoiced. She and students like **Cailee Smith '12** pictured above, worked together on imaging such parasites as *Pulchrocephala*, seen here. In 2011, OWU received an NSF grant for a new SEM Atlas Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope (STEM), which can image slices of material that are only nanometers thick. "It is very rare that undergraduates anywhere have access to a STEM, let alone, the opportunity to operate it," says Tuhela-Reuning.

REMARKABLE SEASONS FOR BATTLING BISHOPS

The Bishops wrapped up another successful winter season of NCAC and national competition. Says OWU athletics director Roger Ingles, "I am constantly reminded of just how privileged we are to have such successful student-athletes representing Ohio Wesleyan." Hats off as well, say Ingles, to a great group of coaches who motivate, energize, and bring out the best in our student-athletes.

Especially noteworthy are the men's soccer and basketball teams, as well as OWU's women's indoor track and field team. Here's how they fared:



THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

finished the season with a 22-6 record, winning their first NCAC championship since the 1987-88 season. The men ended conference play with a 16-2 record, claiming the regular season championship, and made their fourth consecutive NCAA Division III tournament appearance before falling to St. Olaf College in the first round of the national tournament.



THE WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

won their ninth straight NCAC title with five NCAC individual champions and 22 All-NCAC selections. Seven school records were set by the women this season. In addition, juniors, Sara Johnson and Abbey Warth competed in the NCAA Championships in the mile run and 60-meter hurdles, respectively.



THE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

finished the season with a 17-5-4 record. The men won the NCAC championship with an 8-0-1 record. This was the Bishops' seventh straight NCAC title and 23rd title in 31 seasons of NCAC competition. The team made its record 37th Division III playoff appearance and advanced to the semifinals for the 10th time.

OMG!

STUDENT MARKETERS IMPRESSING
CLIENTS ACROSS DELAWARE

Spenser Hickey '15



Members of OMG were asked to conduct a social media assessment and offer suggestions for the Strand Theatre while also considering web development alternatives and strategies for marketing and advertising. Several OMG members pictured here are, left to right, **Kristen Nooney '18**, **Lautero Cabrera '15**, **Sarah Sanders '15**, and **Patricio Plazolles**.

One of Delaware's innovative marketing agencies has no full-time professionals—it's made up entirely of Ohio Wesleyan students. Together with Patricio Plazolles, program officer with the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business, and Entrepreneurship, the Ohio Wesleyan Marketing Group (OMG) is scoring high points with its Delaware clients.

Most of OMG's large-scale marketing, web design, and social media projects have been for outside clients like Delaware County's Economic Development office, the Alpha Group of Delaware, Central Ohio Symphony, the Arts Castle, and the Strand Theatre.

"(OMG) benefits all students across the campus by providing hands-on experience in marketing with local businesses," says Professor Alice Simon, director of the Center.

It all started in 2007, when Plazolles worked with **Hersey**

Liu '09 to set up a student organization to develop marketing and leadership skills. Success, they determined, hinged on the degree to which students would dedicate their time and efforts. Members have to be very committed to stay in OMG, Plazolles explains, and it has a tremendous impact after graduation.

"There's a very high success rate for members getting marketing jobs, usually after the first interview."

Recent graduates include **Tom Newman '14**, now with GreenTech Automotive in Washington, D.C.

"If it weren't for the leadership and communication skills I learned with OMG, I would probably not have gotten the job," Newman wrote in a recent Woltemade Center newsletter article. "But since I had professional experience, and was able to articulate confidently, I was offered the job and started the very next day after my interview."

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Current members also are benefiting from their OMG work. Vice President **Sarah Sanders '15** was offered, and accepted, a paid internship with the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation department immediately after her first interview, due to her OMG experience. The group's president, **Lautaro 'LC' Cabrera '15**, also has received multiple job offers.

"I think that, in a tangible way, OMG provides real work experience," Cabrera says. "That's something that I think a lot of college students may lack." Sanders adds that the group's small size provides a much greater connection among themselves and with Plazolles.

"Patricio really invests in our growth, and even though we have 10 to 15 members, he invests in every one of us, and that's very important," says Sanders.

Thanks to OMG's work with the Strand Theatre and Delaware County, group members will be receiving an

professionalism," Plazolles says.

Name recognition drives groups to pitch projects to Plazolles, who decides whether they can be tackled by the students. In eight years, he's only had to reject one proposal, because the project required full-time work commitment. Once a proposal becomes a possibility, the entire group hears the presentation and discusses whether it meets their focus area and they want to accept it. Then, they vote.

"It's like a democracy, so everyone shares their own input on what happens," says freshman **Jenna Chambers**, a new OMG member. She joined during her first semester but hadn't been very involved until the Strand Theatre project, where she managed social media and marketing.

It was a complex but rewarding project. As a group, OMG was tasked with redesigning the website, offering advice on Facebook and Twitter strategies, and creating an Instagram platform for the theatre. They also recommended a new, more



◀ **Katherine Romeo '18** offers observations about ways to heighten awareness of The Strand Theatre.

At the end of their group assessment, members of OMG presented their suggestions to The Strand Theatre Board of Directors. ▶



economic investment as well. For the first time, they charged a fee for their commissioned projects, and the money will go to professional development courses, design software, and cameras. Some of these earnings also were used for the members to attend an American Advertising Federation of Columbus awards dinner the day after their Strand Theatre presentation.

OMG entered their project for the Alpha Group in the Federation's ADDY Awards competition and went up against full-time professionals from around the area. They didn't make it to the finals, but it was a valuable opportunity to network with the other attendees.

NET RESULTS

In Delaware, the group has had considerable networking experience with local businesses and government officials, based on the work they've done and the response they've received.

"I remember when we were presenting to the Alpha Group board in the industrial park; there was an OWU professor on that board who said it was the first time in her academic career that she saw a student presentation with that level of

modern logo. Strand Theatre board member Tom Homan, Delaware's city manager, was very impressed by the work provided.

"The University is a resource of young students here who I think can provide new ideas, fresh ideas," says Homan. "They're very conversant in social media—the language and use of social media, and we can benefit from that type of expertise."

As each project ends, OMG members gain more practical experience as well as respect from their clients.

"I had met staff members from the Alpha Group and saw OMG's excellent work on their website and on branding," says Jenna Jackson, economic development coordinator in Delaware County. OMG students were asked to develop a cutting-edge marketing video for Jackson. "I knew they would provide an innovative video unlike those used by other communities." The new video is being used to provide information to potential businesses looking to locate in Delaware County.

"I'm very impressed that it was put together by college students, but I wasn't surprised," reflects Jackson, adding, "Significant creativity and innovation come from students." ■

Spenser Hickey '15, a journalism major at Ohio Wesleyan, is a student assistant in the Office of University Communications.

MAPPING OUT *an* ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE



DUMPSTER DRIVE | OWU geology and geography professor John Krygier and students from left, **Michelle Smith '15**, **Cindy Hastings '17**, and **James Ormerod '17**, relax in a dumpster full of refuse headed to the landfill. Thanks to a \$10,000 award from the Delaware, Knox, Marion, and Morrow Joint Solid Waste District, OWU is working with Goodwill Industries to sort and separate reusable or recyclable waste generated by students toward the end of spring semester, and arranging for transport to Goodwill's sorting center in Delaware.

John Krygier teaches students to create a more sustainable campus environment while getting their hands dirty in the process.

Andrea Misko Strle '99

At a well-worn table at the end of a north Columbus hotel pool, John Krygier, in his flannel shirt, blue jeans and tousled hair, hunches over his MacBook. He works diligently, ignoring the splashes of his daughter's synchronized swim team practicing a few feet away. Krygier, OWU professor of geology and geography and chair of environmental studies, could be working on any number of projects he's juggling, but on this particular day, he's editing the third edition of his wildly popular book on making maps, which has made the topic entertaining to the general public and informative for aspiring cartographers.

First published in 2005 by The Guilford Press, the latest edition of *Making Maps: A Visual Guide for Map Design in GIS* will be published early next year, and Krygier says it's filled with new maps, data, and stories and takes on a whole new look. He's pretty excited.

"It's nerdy and fun," says Krygier, an OWU geography professor.

Coauthored with cartography iconoclast Denis Wood, it's an unconventional map book that illustrates the many ways maps can be useful, from linking areas of long-standing poverty in the United States and regions of significant social injustice, to mapping the number of tweets during an earthquake to determine the quake's location.

"This is a liberal arts textbook," Krygier says. "It was inspired by the kind of institution Ohio Wesleyan is. It is showing maps in that broad context."

The guide is complemented by Krygier's blog "Making Maps: DIY Cartography," with its more than one million hits. Averaging about 10 posts per year, his blog (www.makingmaps.net) appeals to a vast audience with its clever content. He calls it "a labor of love."

MAPPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Krygier's mapping work reaches beyond the pages of his book and blog. He has been working tirelessly with students and faculty to help map the future of sustainability at OWU. As chair of the environmental studies program and a member of the campus Sustainability Task Force, Krygier has helped lead the charge to create a sustainable campus. For Ohio Wesleyan, this has many meanings, from growing community gardens on campus to reducing energy consumption, and from recycling to reducing water usage.

In his more than 15 years on campus, Krygier has observed that student interest in sustainability projects ebbs and flows. "Students have a lot of enthusiasm, and they go gangbusters on a project, and then they graduate and they leave and the project dies," he says.

To help organize campuswide sustainability efforts, Krygier developed a practicum course, Geography 499, to create a campus sustainability plan. The class met for the first time in mid-January, and by semester's end will have a sustainability plan to present to the Sustainability Task Force and, ultimately, to OWU President Rock Jones. The class represents theory-to-practice at its best.

"We are starting to see things connecting, and it is magical," he says. "It was an open-ended project, not controlled or scripted, and the students are taking charge. They are finding their strengths and contributing. It feels to me like a situation where the process is going to do just as much good as the end product."

MASTER COLLABORATOR

John also is a well-practiced collaborator. Along with Nathan Amador, assistant professor in OWU's geology and geography department, Krygier has collaborated with Geoporter,

a nongovernmental mapping and community geography organization headed by alumna and geography major Amy Work '04. She has more than five years of experience working with the people of Bahia Ballena-Uvita, Costa Rica, and surrounding communities. As part of a Travel-Learning geography course—Environmental Alteration—students will work with Geoporter this fall in Costa Rica, collecting environmental data on water quality, stream characteristics, temperature

and rainfall; assessing the impacts of human behavior on the local environment; and generating suggestions for local-scale changes and mitigation.

The research will be aided by a remote-controlled quadcopter that can hold a camera and provide high-resolution images from as high as 1,000 feet.

Meanwhile, Krygier also has been collaborating with the City of Columbus on the Engaging Columbus project, which began in 2010 with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in collaboration with the Five Libraries of Ohio and the City of Columbus, Ohio GIS Department. The grant enabled Krygier to scan and digitize three atlases of Columbus created in 1899, 1910, and 1920 for real estate title searches. Krygier is thrilled that the information gathered for the project has been used in urban geography classes at OWU and Denison University and is available to the public at <http://engagingcolumbus.owu.edu>.

"Maps help provide perspective," Krygier says. "It's about using maps to understand phenomena, and gain historical and cultural insights." ■

"We are starting to see things connecting, and it is magical,"

- Professor John Krygier

Andrea Misko Strle '99 is a freelance writer living in Columbus.

OWU's
Battling Bishop Legend

QUENTIN BRELSFORD '48

John Shimer '05



Quentin Brelsford, a 1948 Battling Bishop alumnus, is a living reminder of why the “greatest generation” was THE greatest generation.

The World War II veteran became Ohio Wesleyan’s first-ever national champion of any kind—individual or team—when he conquered the field at Michigan State in the 1946 NCAA cross country national championship race.

The Birmingham, MI, native was poised for a great collegiate athletics career, after finishing high school undefeated in the half-mile and setting a state record in 1938 that would stand for 23 years.

However, Brelsford’s 1946 triumph was remarkable for two specific reasons.

First and foremost, he went four years between competitive races at Ohio Wesleyan. From 1941 to 1945 he served in the Air Force during World War II as an airplane engine repairman in northern Africa and Europe. When the war ended, he returned to OWU as a junior.

Additionally, Brelsford was not competing against Division III colleges only, as the Battling Bishops do today. There was no divisional competition in 1946.

“To win a national championship, that was really something, because it was at Michigan State, just two hours from (my home),” recalls Brelsford, who chose to attend Ohio Wesleyan based on the advice of a neighbor at home in Birmingham, spurning the chance to join his brothers at the University of Michigan or his sisters at Michigan State University.

Brelsford nearly repeated the feat a year later, and perhaps with a better pair of running cleats, would have if not for an ill-fated slip-and-slide in the snow.

Nevertheless, he was able to return to OWU and attain his degree for free, thanks to the GI Bill.

Like so many other OWU alums, Brelsford’s Ohio Wesleyan story is also a love story, one that started the fall of his freshman year when he happened to stumble upon a pretty redhead named Betty Conway in the library. They were together more than 60 years.

“In the fall of 1941 I was a freshman working on a paper in the stacks of the library at OWU and I ran out of paper, so I walked to the stacks to find someone to borrow paper from,” Brelsford recalls. “Over in one corner was this redhead working all alone, so I borrowed paper from her.” After that fortuitous meeting,



they started dating.

“The funny thing was after classes, I brought her to a local dairy and we would get (chocolate) milkshakes. She could never finish hers, so I always got one-and-a-half milkshakes. She claims that’s why I married her.”

Their romance would last through Brelsford’s four years in the war as the pair sent each other love letters every week. Betty was also actively doing her part on the home front during the

war as a Red Cross ambulance driver for injured veterans who returned to the central Ohio region.

When Brelsford arrived home, the couple wasted no time and married in the fall of 1945. Although Betty soon graduated, she did not have to move far to obtain a job at Ohio Wesleyan as a secretary for the Dean of Women, until her husband graduated in 1948.

The pair would then travel through South America for the next 20 years together after Brelsford was hired by Ford, then later Chrysler, based on his extensive mechanical knowledge and because he spoke Spanish. Years later they settled in Mount Dora, FL, where Brelsford still resides. Betty recently passed away.

More than six decades since leaving OWU, he is remembered fondly by his alma mater.

Current Ohio Wesleyan Director of Track & Field and Cross Country Kris Boey says Brelsford is a Battling Bishop athletic legend and a man who has lived a distinguished life.

“The national championship was Ohio Wesleyan’s first. Quentin was an extraordinary student-athlete. Having been here as student, then served in war, and then came back to OWU—that in and of itself is remarkable. So many veterans didn’t finish their educations, but he came back, he graduated, met his wife here, won a national championship, and nearly a second.”

Boey adds, “You don’t see people cut from that mold these days. Quentin persevered from tough times, to come back and triumph. The sum of his life and professional accolades is really incredible.” ■



OWU’s Director of Track & Field and Cross Country Kris Boey presented Quentin Brelsford with a congratulatory letter from President Rock Jones at the November Rotary Club of Lake County Golden Triangle’s salute to nanogenerians.

John Shimer ’05 is Head Men’s and Women’s Soccer Coach at Pine Manor College in Massachusetts.

Come Home for Alumni Weekend '15!

Join us on campus May 15-17 for Alumni Weekend. Each year, we welcome back more than 800 alumni for a weekend of reminiscing and fun! Alumni graduating in years ending in "0" and "5" will celebrate reunions this year. But we encourage all OWU alumni to attend! Visit the Alumni Weekend web page at **community.owu.edu/aw2015** for the weekend schedule, to see who's attending, and to register.

Weekend highlights include:

- Celebrating Ohio Wesleyan: Presentation of DAC, Alumni Awards, Young Alumni Awards, and Honorary Alumni status
- Special Performance, Flamenco Intimo, by the Siudy Garrido Dance Company. A special event sponsored by the Class of 1965. www.owu.edu/siudy
- Reunion Dinners for classes ending in "0" and "5"
- Celebrating the Legacy of Libby and John Reed--a celebration in Gray Chapel, starting at 10:30 a.m., followed by a reception in Beeghly Library



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**.

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

MAY 2015

May 2 | On-Campus

Track & Field Reunion following the NCAC Conference Championships

May 120 | Live, Online Video Chat with President Rock Jones

May 15-17 | On-Campus Alumni Weekend 2015

May 15-16 | On-Campus Luttinger Family Tennis Center Tennis Center Dedication and Reunion

JUNE 2015

June 6 | Cleveland, OH Summer Soiree Gala

June 9 | Columbus, OH Central Ohio Breakfast Series

June 18 | Rowaton, CT Shakespeare on the Sound

June 19 | Washington, D.C. OWU Night with the Nationals Baseball Game

June 20 | Philadelphia, PA OWU Night with the Philadelphia Phillies

June 20 | Boston, MA OWU Networking Harbor Cruise

JULY 2015

July 12 | Philadelphia, PA Gathering at the Philadelphia Art Museum

July 25 | Torch Lake, Northern MI Red and Black Gathering

SEPTEMBER 2015

September 8 | Columbus, OH Central Ohio Breakfast Series

September 9 | On-Campus Alumni "W" Association Meeting

September 11 | Sunbury, OH Team OWU Golf Outing

OCTOBER 2015

October 2-4 | On-Campus Homecoming/Family Weekend (Delta Gamma Reunion, OWU Athletic Hall of Fame Induction, SAE Reunion, Dedication of the Simpson-Querrey Fitness Center)

October 11-17 | Various Locations Bishops in Service Week

October 17 Boston MA Head of the Charles Regatta

October 22 | Greenwich, CT OWU Gathering at the Bruce Museum

NOVEMBER

November 20 | Washington, D.C. Group Tour of the Washington Monument

DECEMBER 2015

December 15 | Columbus, OH Central Ohio Breakfast Series

Tentative Holiday Event Schedule

December 2 | Boston and Philadelphia

December 3 | New York City

December 6 | San Francisco

December 8 | Washington D.C. and Columbus

December 9 | Cleveland, OH

Don't Be a Stranger!

If you are interested in becoming involved in your regional chapters, please contact us at one of the following email addresses:

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CLASSnotes

1930s

Donald Williams '38 was featured in *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland, OH for his long-standing tenure in the local Kiwanis Club in Berea, OH. At 100 years old, Donald has what the club considers to be perfect meeting attendance, and he still attends most of the club's meetings with devotion.

1940s

David Chenoweth '43 was recently presented with the Purple Heart he earned on Iwo Jima during World War II, but had never received. David's family arranged for the presentation to be made during his surprise 93rd birthday party on November 8, 2014.

1950s

E. Rolland Dickson '55 was the winner of a 2014 Mayo Clinic Distinguished Alumni Award, announced this past fall. Rolland is an emeritus professor of medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, MN, a clinician investigator in the Department of Internal Medicine, and a supplemental consultant in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Jean Whiteside Hodges '55 was named the new board president of PFLAG National in October of 2014. Jean co-founded the Boulder, CO chapter of the organization and previously served as its president.

Sue Goetz Doody '56 was featured in the December 2014 edition of *Columbus CEO* magazine.

James Green Jr. '58 was recently featured in the book "Timeless Expressions: The Rediscovered Art of James Green Jr.," a large-format coffee

table book that pays tribute to his creativity as well as his unique battle with mental illness. The collection spans 26 years and represents the entire span of James's artistic work.

Curtis Ormond '58 celebrates a great 2014, during which he placed well in the Bolder Boulder 10K and established a new record in the Colorado Springs Garden of the Gods 5K (over 75 age group). After that, his 3.0 tennis team made it to the USTA National finals in Rancho Mirage, CA, where they took 4th place out of 300 teams. At age 78, Curt was honored as the oldest person ever to play in the over-40 age group finals. During his time at OWU, Curt was the co-captain of the swim team under coach Dick Gordin. He also graduated from the University of Chicago in 1960, and is a three-time Olympic Trials competitor, in swimming, water polo, and sailing.

Evan Corns '59 was recently presented with the David Hamilton Smith Award by the Order of Omega, a leadership honor society for members of fraternity and sorority organizations. The award is given to an outstanding Greek alum who has given time, talent, and treasure to Ohio Wesleyan both during his or her time on campus and as an alumna/us. Evan's name will be added to a commemorative plaque in the Hamilton Williams Campus Center at OWU.

George Rice '59 and his wife Betty Rice celebrated 50 years of marriage on November 8, 2014.

1960s

Robert Wells '60 was awarded the Legacy Laureate Award from the University of Pittsburgh on October 24, 2014. He was nominated by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

in 2014 for his outstanding lifetime accomplishments; the Legacy Laureate Award is the highest honor that the university can bestow on an alumnus. He received the award at a ceremony conducted by Chancellor Patrick Gallagher.

Marilyn Ellis Haas '61 was awarded the Ron Porter Achievement Award from Downtown Boulder Incorporated (DBI) on February 12, 2015. Marilyn was the first executive director of DBI, a position she held for over 13 years. After retiring in 2001, she continued to support downtown and the city of Boulder, CO by serving as a consultant on many downtown projects, and from 2008 to 2010 she was the city's sesquicentennial director.

Shirin Siddiqi Tahir-Kheli '61, who is a U.S. Ambassador and previously served Condoleezza Rice as senior advisor for women's empowerment, spoke at Bradley University on November 13, 2014, discussing the importance of supporting Muslim women and overcoming Muslim misconceptions. Shirin is currently a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University.

William Poist '62 recently won the 2014 Alfredo Trullenque ITF Seniors tennis tournament in Santiago, Chile, leading him to the International Tennis Federation world number one ranking in the 75+ age division. William helped lead Ohio Wesleyan tennis teams to successive conference and NCAA regional titles during his time at OWU.

Paul Schimmel '62, professor and member of the Skaggs Institute for Chemical Biology at the Scripps Research Institute, was part of the team that recently uncovered a new, fundamental

mechanism for the known beneficial effects of resveratrol, an ingredient in red wine.

William Batchelder '64 was featured in the December 2014 edition of *Columbus CEO* magazine. He stepped down from his role as Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives on December 17, 2014, after more than 38 years in the legislature. Bill was also recently appointed executive-in-residence at Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Joel Daunic '65 was recently inducted into the Manhattanville College Athletics Hall of Fame. Joel was the college's first athletic director and was influential in the development of its intercollegiate athletics.

Philip Overholt '66 was recently named an IEEE Fellow, recognizing him for leadership in the development and deployment of synchrotron technology. The IEEE is the world's leading professional association for advancing technology for humanity.

David Colby '67, vice president for policy at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, recently co-edited "To Improve Health and Health Care: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Anthology Vol. XVI San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2015." He previously edited Volumes XI through XV.

Branch Rickey III '67, president of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, received the 31st annual Warren Giles Award from Minor League Baseball on December 7, 2014, which honors outstanding service as a league president. Branch also won the award in 1998, his first year as the league's president.

Lawrence Robinson '69 recently published *Mirror, Mirror: Reflections of Self*, a book intended to help its readers change and better their lives through his 35 years of experience as a counselor.

1970s

William Vartorella '71 has had a successful career spanning news, film, magazine, and currently, next-generation satellites. Highlights of his career include two national journalism awards, a media deal with the History Channel, and lecture opportunities worldwide. Recently, he was the keynote speaker at a satellite-broadband professional conference.

Robert Clutterbuck '72 was recently appointed to the board of directors of Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

Greg Wilson '74 recently published a new Civil War biography, "Jonathan Roberts: The Civil War's Quaker Scout & Sheriff." For more information, visit <http://civilwarquakerscout.com>.

Robert Brown '75 was recently appointed vice president of engineering at i-Human Patients Inc., a company that develops virtual medical training products and services in Sunnyvale, CA.

Thomas Goodman '76 was featured on Fishbowl NY, a blog from *Adweek* magazine, on October 29, 2014. In the interview, Tom discussed his work as founder of Goodman Media International, a New York City-based public relations firm he founded in 1996 after working for two decades in corporate public relations.

Michael Hall '76, PhD of counseling & consulting, now provides group facilitation and individual coaching for the "Called and Gifted to Lead" leadership development program of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He also began conduct-

ing the professional development seminar "What's in Your Personality? Transforming Stress into Ministry Success" at the Davidson Clergy Centre (Davidson, NC) in October of 2014. Principal of a solo practice in counseling psychology and consulting, Michael resides in Charlotte, NC, with his wife **Barbara Jackson-Hall '77**.

Sally Christiansen Harris '76 was featured in the December 2014 issue of *Serendipity* magazine.

Anne Kleindienst '76 was recently selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers of America* 2015 list in the categories of Corporate Law and Franchise Law. Best Lawyers is regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Anne is a shareholder of the national law firm Polsinelli and practices in its Phoenix, AZ office.

Gregory Moore '76 was inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) Hall of Excellence in April 2015. Gregory, editor of *The Denver Post*, will be the 10th Ohio Wesleyan graduate to be inducted into the Hall of Excellence, which honors distinguished alumni from OFIC-member colleges.

Robert DiBiasio '77, vice president of public relations for the Cleveland Indians, addressed the Rotary Club of Hudson, OH on December 3, 2014.

Douglas Kridler '77 was featured in the December 2014 edition of *Columbus CEO* magazine, where he was interviewed for his work as president and CEO of The Columbus Foundation in Columbus, OH.

Deborah McColloch '77 was recently appointed to the Philadelphia Land Bank board of directors. Deborah is currently the director of the Office of Housing and Community Development for the city of Philadelphia.

Joseph Glatthaar '78 presented a lecture, "The Destructive

Civil War 1864-1865," at Hamilton College on November 11, 2014. Joseph is an author and the Stephenson Distinguished Professor of History at University of North Carolina, where he focuses on topics in early American and Civil War history.

Alexandra Almy Herger '78 recently joined the current board of directors of Tortoise Capital Advisors' closed-end funds. Alexandra most recently served as interim vice president of exploration for Marathon Oil, before retiring in 2014.

Jill Lederer Hicks '78 is the CEO of the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce. She received her MBA from Pepperdine University in 1992 and sold her small business, a 10-store Domino's Pizza franchise, six years ago. She and her husband of 27 years, Stephen Hicks, have homes in Moorpark, CA and Holden Beach, NC.

1980s

Bridget Donnell Newton '80 was honored this past fall with an Excellence in Government Award for her work as mayor of Rockville, MD.

Chuck Greanoff '81, a social studies teacher at Lakewood High School in Lakewood, OH, has written a chapter that is included in the recently published book *Why We Teach Now*. The book is edited by Sonia Nieto and published by Teachers College Press of Columbia University. It features 22 teachers from across the nation that "dare to challenge current notions of what it means to be a highly qualified teacher a la No Child Left behind, and demonstrates the depth of commitment and care teachers bring to their work with students, families and communities." Dr. Greanoff's chapter is entitled "Teaching in Invisible Spaces."

Robert Hanna '81, an attorney at Tucker Ellis LLP, was recently named to the "Ohio Super Lawyers" list for 2015.

Kurt Shisler '81 was featured in the Portland Press Herald on November 2, 2014. He was profiled for his work as founder, director, and project manager of the Mainstreaming Project, a nonprofit in Maine that promotes the use of local food, especially at large institutions such as hospitals, colleges, and beyond.

Jeffrey Long '82, University of Arkansas athletic director and College Football Playoff committee chairman, was featured on "Bleacher Report" on November 18, 2014 for his well-known Twitter presence.

Byron Pitts '82 was tapped in December 2014 by ABC News to replace Dan Abrams as one of "Nightline's" three co-anchors.

Bruce Tall '82 was recently hired as defensive line coach for the West Virginia University football team. Bruce has served as defensive coordinator for the Charlotte 49ers for the past four years.

Jay Vidovich '82 was recently chosen as head coach for Timbers 2, a USL (men's professional soccer league) team based out of Portland, OR. He will also be an assistant coach for the Portland Timbers, the city's Major League Soccer team.

Ralph Kohnen '83, an attorney at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, was recently named to the "2015 Leading Lawyers" list by *Cincy* magazine.

Timothy Corbin '84, Vanderbilt baseball coach, was recently named the Tennessean Sports Person of the Year. Last year, Timothy led the Vanderbilt team to a College World Series title, Vanderbilt's first NCAA men's team title in school history.

Rocco Donnino '84 is president of Cow Harbor Warriors in Northport, NY, a nonprofit organization founded to honor and enable wounded veterans and veterans in need from post-9/11 wars. September 5-7, 2014 was Cow Harbor Warrior Weekend, an event organized to thank and help en-



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1 | Alumni reunite at UVA

A group of alumni recently gathered at the University of Virginia for family weekend to visit their children, all members of the UVA class of 2018. Pictured from left to right are: **Dennis Gillespie '81**, **Jim Long '81**, **Molly Simpkins Long '83**, and **Gib Chapman '83**.

2 | Bigelow-Ramsey wedding

Emily Bigelow Ramsey '08 and **Jason Ramsey '07** were married on August 16, 2014 at a beach-side country club in the bride's hometown of Darien, CT. Joining in the celebration were, from left to right, front row: **Matt McNeal '08**, **Kate Elwell McNeal '09**, **Colleen Byers '07**, **Amanda Zechiel-Keiber '09**, **Joey Yost '08**, and **Paul Krog '07**; back row: **Erika Fox '07**, **Amy Sultzbach '09**, **Lynne Albers Lees '08**, **Kelly Neff Shoffstall '09**, **Emily Bigelow Ramsey '08**, **Jason Ramsey '07**, and **Kim Leary '09**.

3 | Shockley-Mercuri wedding

Kristen Shockley Mercuri '00 and **Joseph Mercuri** were married on May 3, 2014 at Hardy Farm in Fryeburg, ME. Participating in the ceremony and celebrating with the couple were best friend of the bride, **Heather Hover Seddelmeyer '00**, her husband, **Joe Seddelmeyer '01**, and their three children.

4 | Breakfast in Columbus

Alumni gathered at the Athletic Club of Columbus, OH over breakfast on

December 16, 2014 to hear retired Ohio House of Representatives Speaker **Bill Batchelder '64** speak. Pictured from left to right are **Katie Nunner '17**, **Hon. David L. Hobson '58**, **Liz Long Downey '06**, and **Laurie McGregor Connor '77**.

5 | Alumni gather at art exhibit

The Columbus Monnett Club met at the Wexner Center for the Arts in Columbus, OH to view the exhibit "Transfigurations: Modern Masters from the Wexner Family Collection" on Sunday, November 2, 2014. Pictured are, from left to right, front row: **Marge Werstler Horrocks '56**, **Suzanne Sutter Sumner '75**, **June Snow Moncur '49**, **Judith Hudson McDowell '62**, **Liz Long Downey '06**, **Sara Olinger McKinley '68**; back row: **Laurie McGregor Connor '77**, **Ginny O'Grady Shipps '70**, **KayAnn Taylor Rutter '90**, **Jason Downey '02**, **Diane Hall Bassett '73**, and **Mary Jo Napoli**.

6 | New York Holiday Party

The annual OWU alumni holiday party brought alumni from across the country together to celebrate the season. Pictured from left to right are: **Cathy Strong Mitchell '88 (Dover, MA)**, **Daina Stankevics Strong '88 (Sarasota, FL)**, **Julie MacMillan '88 (Argyle, TX)**, and **Ellen McCann Kimura '88 (Hockessin, DE)**.

7 | Wenger-Pyle Wedding

Elyse Wenger Pyle '12 was married to **Bradon Pyle** on June 28, 2014 in Cincin-

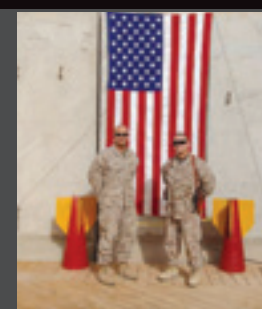
nati, OH. OWU alumni attending with their significant others were, from left to right: **Marissa Hassee Walter '12** with husband Tyler Walter, **Addie Hemmon Melvin '12** with husband Matt Melvin, **Julia Grimsley '14**, **Pam Quigney '11**, and **Kelsie Bahmer '12** with fiancé Justin Kovach.

8 | Flood-Struble Wedding

Meg Flood Struble '08 was married to **Matt Struble '10** on August 2, 2014, in Columbus, OH. Many OWU alumni joined them in the celebration; pictured, back row, left to right, are: **Britton Lombardi '07**, **Rachel Shanks '08**, **Krista Lambo '07**, **Amy Sultzbach '09**, **Eriq Jamiel '09**, **Emily Foster Whittaker '08**, **Justine Bryar '09**, **Meg Flood Struble '08**, **Greg Vasami '09**, **Matt Struble '10**, **Brian Coupe '12**, **Steve Ruygrok '10**, **Dave Pace '10**, **John Harvey '10**, **Morgan Hall '13**, **Sarah Harvey '10**, and **James DiBiasio '12**; front row, left to right: **Allison Hillow '08**, **Sam Duplessis '08**, **Ariel Haytas '09**, **Brittany Coss Pace '09**, and **Brandon Sega '13**.

9 | Chizmar-Pence Wedding

Sarah Chizmar Pence '12 was married to **Robert Pence '10** on July 18, 2014 in Delaware, OH. OWU alumni in attendance were, back row, from left to right: **Jennifer Schmitt '12**, **Bridget Fahey '11**, **Kelsie Patton '10**, **Jessica Kyler Brubaker '10**, **Jennifer Federer '12**, **Samantha Lichtenberger '13**, **Michelle Meyer '12**, **Sarah Chizmar Pence '12**, **Robert Pence**



Captain Joe Costabile '76 was recently featured in the journal MD Advisor for his work as a physician in the military. Joe, U.S. Navy Reserves-4th Medical Battalion/4th Marine Logistics Group, went to Kuwait in 2005 and was assigned to the Expeditionary Medical Facility-DALLAS to help the critically injured; in 2008, he spent eight months in Iraq.

Joe is passionate about the role of physicians in the military—and he is proud and humbled to be among them. “Serving as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy is clearly a privilege—it is an honor to serve our country and our military personnel. Being deployed to the combat zone in the middle east twice has given me the opportunity to be part of a team that has helped to save lives and return our military home to their families.”

He also describes his service as a rewarding experience. It has given him greater perspective on life, and it’s meaningful to know he has provided help to those who have sacrificed the most. “Their lives in many cases have been altered dramatically due to their injuries, but they are home alive with their families, and the reward of that outcome is awesome. I look at my experience with the Navy as one of the high points of my life, and a way to give back to this great nation.

'10, Dr. Amy McClure '72, and Dr. Rusty McClure '72; kneeling in front row, left to right: **Paul Gruber '12, Kevin Fahey '10,** and **Adam Fleischer '16.**

10 | Hot Chocolate 15K

Three alumni ran the 15K Hot Chocolate Run in Columbus, OH on November 16, 2014. Representing OWU with pride were, from left to right, **Andrew Coutts '08, Brittany Coss Pace '09,** and **David Pace '10.**

11 | A California Reunion

A group of alumni from the classes of 1974 and 1975 recently gathered in San Diego for a mini-reunion, celebrating a visit from **Kevin Brown '75,** in town from Australia with his 7 year old daughter. Pictured from left to right are: **Dick Kelley '75, John Glascott '75, Susan Corbin Houser '74, Kevin Brown '75, Chip Visci '75,** and in front, **Reggie Brown.**

12 | Jolly-Janiak Wedding

Rachel Jolly Janiak '09 was married to **Brian Janiak '12** on January 9, 2015 in Hopetown, Elbow Cay, Abaco, Bahamas. Many OWU friends and family were in attendance. Pictured from left to right are: **Tom Jolly '77,** father of the bride, **Jane Gumley Janiak '78,** mother of the groom, **Laura Small Boyd '08, Mark Boyd '05, Gary Kleinman '77, Maureen Curran Kleinman '78, Steve Meinsen '77** and **Christopher Janiak.** The couple resides in North Quincy, MA.

13 | Simon-Sloan Wedding

Samantha Simon Sloan '14 and **Andrew Sloan '13** were married on September 6, 2014. Their wedding brought together many OWU alumni, and it even featured a red signature cocktail called the “Battling Bishop.” OWU alumni pictured are, back row, from left to right: **JR Osborne '11, Brandon Marker '14, Marshall Morris '13, Spencer McGlade '14, Alexander Briggs '14, Dave Hunter '11, Will Stone '13, Flynn Skidmore '12, Nazar Zhdan '14, Michael McLean '13, Tim Alford '14, Max Novak '13, Zach Bott '13, Alec Swiecinski '13, and Steve Skarsten '13;** middle row, from left to right: **Sophie Kiendl '14, Lauren Salustro '14, Marilyn Baer '14, Jenna Morris '14, Sadie Slager '14, Meg Greff '14, Kathleen Sloan '16, Mary Shinnick '13, Gabrielle Dinkin '14, Mariah Konrath '16, Katherine Watson '14,** and **Calina Hilyard '13;** front row from left to right: **Margaret Bagnell '13, Tori Morris '12, Caroline Marini '14, Samantha Simon Sloan '14, Andrew Sloan '13, Anne Frissora '14, Jane Suttmeier '15, Liza Bennett '13, Elise Pitcairn '15, Maria Urbina '15,** and **Kelsey Caspersen '15.**

able local veterans to advance past their injuries, including brain injuries and post-traumatic stress.

Bill Ponzani '84 is serving as choir director at Christian Academy in Japan (CAJ), his sixteenth year at the school. He continues as founding director of the CAJ Handbell Ensemble, and was recently made music department chairman and fine arts coordinator for the school. Bill is also choirmaster at St. Alban's Anglican/Episcopal Church in Tokyo and assistant conductor for the Tokyo Embassy Choir and Tokyo Chamber Singers. He will be traveling to Truro, Cornwall, UK this summer to sing as a member of the Keble Choir at Truro Cathedral.

John Kahl '85 was featured in *Smart Business* magazine on November 1, 2014 for his work as CEO of ShurTech brands.

Jonathan Silva '85 was recently appointed president of the Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) Solutions business unit at The Merex Group. The Merex Group is a global provider of comprehensive support for U.S. manufactured legacy defense platforms including aircraft, helicopters, and their respective engines.

Tara Trafton '86 recently joined NBT bank's commercial banking team in New Hampshire as senior vice president and senior commercial banking relationship manager. Tara has 28 years of financial services experience, most recently serving as senior vice president and relationship manager at Citizens Bank.

Tamara Daily '88, professor of psychology at the University of Mount Union, presented at a faculty research forum on November 20, 2014. Tamara's research interests include the stigma associated with mental illnesses and the use of first-person narratives in teaching psychology.

Robert Gordon '88 recently joined the Berkshire Hathaway office in Boulder, CO as a realtor.

2015 marks Robert's 20th year in Boulder real estate.

Gregory Nickoli '88 was recently named superintendent of Pioneer Career and Technology Center in Shelby, OH. He was previously the director of operations at the school.

W. Scott Kerry '89 was elected to the board of directors for the Orleans, MA Chamber of Commerce in October 2014. Scott is president of Kerry Insurance Agency, and he received his MBA from Suffolk University in 2000.

1990s

Gregory Watkins-Colwell '91 co-authored a paper, published on October 29, 2014 in the journal PLOS ONE, describing a new species of frog from the New York City area.

Kersten Milton Rivas '93 was featured in *Adweek* magazine in October 2014, where she discussed her new role as president of Source Marketing in Norwalk, CT.

Todd Hobgood '94, a plastic surgeon in Scottsdale, AZ, volunteered with his office staff at the seventh annual TRI-2-UNIFY triathlon on November 2, 2014 in Scottsdale. The event included a sprint portion, which raised money for Special Olympics Arizona, and a unified triathlon featuring Special Olympics athletes competing on the same relay team with partners who are without an intellectual disability.

Jonathon Hollister '94 recently became medical director at the Sarah Moore Community in Delaware, OH, an assisted living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation community. He earned his medical degree from Wright State University Medical School in Dayton, OH.

Mark Knall '94 was named vice president and general manager of Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation's facility in Appleton, WI on December 9, 2014. Gulfstream Aerospace

Corporation designs, develops, manufactures, markets, services, and supports the world's most technologically advanced business-jet aircraft.

Trent Collier '96 was recently elected partner at Collins Einhorn Farrell PC, a leading defense litigation firm in Michigan.

Sara Xayarath Hernández '98 currently serves as the director of diversity programs in engineering at Cornell University and was recently named associate dean for inclusion and student engagement for the graduate school.

Joy Twesigye '98 recently became director of CARE (Community Access Resource Exchange)—also known as the Health Enterprise Zone initiative—for Bon Secours Health System in Baltimore, MD.

2000s

Jessica Sprajcar '00 recently left her position with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to take a job as senior analyst with the environmental consulting firm Marstel Day, located in Fredericksburg, VA. In this role Jessica oversees communications and engagement work related to a variety of Air Force projects, as well as helping the company seek out sustainability-focused work within the private sector and state and local governments. She is excited for this new opportunity and looks forward to exploring Virginia and the D.C. area, along with meeting OWU alumni in the region.

Julie Freyermuth '01 recently published "NORBERT – What Can Little Me Do?," a children's story about a therapy dog. Julie's mother is the book's illustrator.

Sean Gibson '01 recently published his first novel, "*The Camelot Shadow*." It is available in all e-book formats, and more information can be found on Goodreads and on his blog: <http://seangibsonauthor.blogspot.com/>.

Erin Huffman-Richard '02 was recently named assistant executive director of the Delta Gamma Fraternity executive offices in Columbus, OH. She will also retain her position as director of education and development.

Kevin Blair '03 was recently elected partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. Kevin works as an attorney in the firm's Lansing, MI office, and he received his law degree from American University Washington College of Law.

Katie Yates Carullo '03 recently opened a veterinary practice in Cincinnati, OH. She welcomed her first patients to Cincinnati Hills Animal Clinic in August 2014. Katie is a 2010 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Stephanie Shaw '04 completed her PhD in fisheries and aquatic sciences at the University of Florida in the summer of 2014. She is currently working as a biological scientist for the University of Florida.

Megan Sanders Ellis '05 was recently hired as administrative director of The Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Ahsan Butt '06 published an online opinion article in the *New York Times* on December 18, 2014, titled "Don't Expect to See Much Change in Pakistan." Ahsan is an assistant professor at the School of Policy, Government and International Affairs at George Mason University and a Stanton Nuclear Security fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

Sarah Ottney '06 was promoted to editor-in-chief of the *Toledo Free Press* newspaper in October 2014. Sarah was formerly managing editor of the publication, and she began her tenure with the organization four years ago as a staff writer.

Anusha Lalwani '08 currently designs clutches in Mumbai, India. After graduation, she worked for a Mumbai-based fashion magazine's photo department, and she now collaborates with her mother on designing clutches that she sells both in stores and online at <http://www.anushalalwani.com/>.

Michael Tornifolio '08 was recently named the new assistant track and field coach at the College of Charleston. Previously, Michael coached at Buffalo and Illinois State University.

Connor McGowan '09 was hired in November of 2014 as the inaugural men's lacrosse head coach at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Mostly recently, Connor was assistant men's lacrosse coach at Birmingham-Southern College.

2010s

Eric Francis '10 recently joined Black McCuskey law firm in northern Ohio as an attorney. Eric earned his law degree from Capital University Law School in 2014.

Kellie Gross '12 presented research titled "Interactions between estradiol and group 1 mGluR signaling influence dendritic spine density in the female rat nucleus accumbens" at the International Congress of Neuroendocrinology in Sydney, Australia during the week of August 17-20, 2014. Prior to the

Congress, she was selected as one of 30 doctoral candidates worldwide to attend the 2014 Techniques in Neuroendocrine Research Workshop at the Centre for Neuroendocrinology at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. This week-long workshop brought together top students and researchers from around the world to work on new and emerging research techniques. Kellie is entering her third year in the neuroscience PhD program at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Amina Mendez '12 gave a presentation with her mother, Remy Mendez, at the Opportunity International National Summit, October 2-2, 2014 in Chicago, IL. Opportunity International is an organization that provides access to savings, small business loans, insurance, and training to people around the world who are working their way out of poverty. At the summit, Amina and her mother spoke about receiving an agricultural loan and training from Opportunity International.

Heather Kuch '13 completed her first marathon, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Marathon in Columbus, OH, on October 19, 2014.

Mason Espinosa '14, former quarterback for the Ohio Wesleyan football team, recently signed with the Erie Explosion, a member of the Professional Indoor Football League. The league's 2015 season began in late March.

Marriages 2000s

Sam Farnum '02 was married to Thalia Attinger on December 13, 2014, at the Half Moon in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Mikaela Ebitz-Linville '07 was married to Tim Linville on April 12, 2014 in Silver Bay, NY, and **Katherine Janca '07** was the maid of honor.

Joshua Sulser '09 was married to Morgan Reeves on September 20, 2014, at Dawes Arboretum in Newark, OH. The couple lives in Iowa City, Iowa.

Births 2000s

Sarah Campana Hughes '01 and her husband, Johnny Hughes, welcomed a daughter, Gwynn Alicia, on October 2, 2014. Gwynn joins big sisters Maris and Paige.

Melissa Schaub Voeller '01 and her husband Mike Voeller welcomed their second daughter, Marilla Pearl Voeller, on April 11, 2014. Also celebrating are big sister Mabel (3 years old) and cousins **Kayla Henderson '13**, **Hannah Henderson '16**, and **Alanna Henderson '18**. The family moved this past year from Chicago, IL to Dublin, OH.

Elizabeth Shipps Yeater '01 and Ryan Yeater celebrated the birth of a daughter, Ella Elizabeth Yeater, on November 14, 2014. Ella joins her younger brother, Will Yeater. Also celebrating are grandparents **Mark Shipps '70** and **Virginia O'Grady Shipps '70**, uncle **David Shipps '99**, aunt **AnnMarie Sorrentino Shipps '99**, and cousin **Madeline Shier '13**.

Khadija Garrison Adams '04 celebrated the birth of a daughter, Annie, in October of 2014.

Stephanie Dawson Everett '05 and **Randy Everett '05** welcomed a daughter, Zoe Olivia Everett, on October 29, 2014.

Adam Kramer '05 and his wife Amy welcomed a daughter, Vivian Rose, on November 7, 2014. Vivian's grandmother was **Carol Ryan Marks '61**, who passed away in 2009.

Emily Lawrence '05 gave birth to a daughter, Eloise Lockett Long, on November 10, 2014.

Marie Gudz Gerecke '06 and her husband Matt celebrated the birth of their first child, a daughter, Beatrice Robin Gerecke, on May 3, 2014.

Julia Prince Hatfield '06 and **Cody Hatfield '08** welcomed a baby boy, Owen Robert Hatfield, on September 2, 2014.

Leanne Lamusga Karrigan '06 and her husband Brian Karrigan welcomed daughter, Lily, on October 24, 2014.

Jessica Morris Lieberth '06 and her husband Jason, who were married on October 10, 2010, celebrated the birth of their first child, Juliana Rose, on September 5, 2013.

Natalie Pearson '06 and **Christopher Fischer '03** welcomed a son, Topher Fischer, on November 17, 2014. Also celebrating is Topher's uncle, **Craig Pearson '02**.

Kristen Houser Sluss '06 and her husband Phil welcomed their first child, Silas Philip Sluss, on May 12, 2014.

Dana Reznik Gerken '07 and William Gerken welcomed Gwendolyn Grace Gerken, 7 pounds 4 ounces and 19 inches long, on October 20, 2014.

Stephanie Schroeder '08 and **Clint Evans '05** welcomed a daughter, Harper Reese Evans, on November 28, 2014. Other alumni celebrating are grandfather **James Schroeder '60**, great-aunt **Sandra Evans Roby '71**, and great-uncle **Frank Veneziano '82**.

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In Memoriam

1930s

Patricia Dann Spencer '33, of Whitehall, PA, died on November 8, 2014, at the age of 103. She is survived by a son, **William Spender '72**, and a cousin, **Hilary Holmes Cessna '09**. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

E. Marian Valentine '34, of South Charleston, OH, died on October 30, 2014, at the age of 101.

Dorothy Seiller Baldwin '36, of Columbus, OH, died on December 18, 2014, at the age of 99. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Eleanor Seiller Tarbutton '39**, daughter, **Jane Hartman Leighninger '62**, and a niece, **Nancy Tarbutton Aman '65**. She is survived by a niece, **Diane Hall Bassett '73**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and was a former member of the OWU Alumni Board of Directors.

Arlene Clark Schauss '38, of Willits, CA, died on December 23, 2013, at the age of 97. She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Ivan Hall '39, of LaVale, MD, died on December 4, 2014, at the age of 97. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1940s

George Davidson Jr. '40, of North Canton, OH, died on November 1, 2014, at the age of 96. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Richard Hartley '40, of Lakeside, OH, died on October 22, 2014, at the age of 96. He is survived by his wife, Dorothea Heckman Hartley '41, two daughters, **Doranne Hartley Coad '67** and **Sandra Hartley Geiger '70**, and a sister, **Helen Hartley Kuntz '41**. Richard was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Hazel Traster Miller '41, of Cleveland, OH, died on December 10, 2014, at the age of

95. She was preceded in death by a brother, **Earl Traster '37**. She is survived by a granddaughter, **Jennifer Bongorno '98**, a nephew, **William Traster '77**, and a niece, **Mary Traster Underwood '68**.

Jane McIntosh Allen '42, of Gaithersburg, MD, died on October 20, 2014, at the age of 93. She is survived by a son, **Robert McIntosh '74**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Jay Ankeney '43, of Bainbridge, OH and Naples, FL, died on December 24, 2014, at the age of 93. Jay is survived by a nephew, **John Willoughby '70**. He received an OWU Distinguished Achievement Citation, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

James Geesey '43, of Montgomery, AL, died on October 31, 2014, at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife, **Helen Geesey '44**, and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Jeanne Baker Harrelson '43, of Troy, OH, died on October 25, 2014, at the age of 93. She is survived by a sister, **Doris Baker Blackmore '50**, and a nephew, **James Blackmore '81**. Jeanne was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Lois Lewis '43, of Red Wing, MN, died on October 30, 2014, at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Benjamin Lewis '41**, and is survived by a son, **Gary Lewis '67**, a daughter, **Melia Lewis '75**, a niece, **Ann Sperry Parke '72**, and a nephew, **Joseph Sperry '68**. Lois was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Marcella Kemp Pace '43, of Akron, OH, died on January 12, 2015, at the age of 93. She is survived by a son, **Hugh Pace '74**, and a grandson, **Hugh M. Pace '06**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Jean Kendall Gordon '44, of Notre Dame, IN, died on November 8, 2014, at the age

of 92. She was predeceased by a daughter, **Carolyn Gordon '69**, and a sister, **Ruth Kendall Gardner '47**. She is survived by two sons, **David Gordon '77** and **John Gordon '85**, and a grandson, **John Fiquett '14**. Jean was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Elizabeth Lynd Scott '44, of Lorton, VA, died on October 22, 2014, at the age of 93. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Doris Beesley Wyman '44, of Port Lavaca, TX, died on January 1, 2015, at the age of 90. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Dorothy Hills Beesley 1913**, and is survived by a cousin, **Elizabeth Hills Smelker '43**.

Donald Sparks '45, of Ocean Park, ME, died on December 13, 2014, at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Nancy Weir Sparks '46**, and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Frank Barnwell '46, of Purcellville, VA, died on October 30, 2014, at the age of 89. He is survived by a daughter, **Jean Barnwell Damon '86**, and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Kathryn "Kay" Obrovac Liggett '47, of Marysville, OH, died on January 7, 2015, at the age of 90.

Florence Martineau Long '47, of Cleveland, OH, died on December 11, 2014, at the age of 89. She is survived by a daughter, **Dianne Long Coolidge '79**, and a grandson, **Scott Aughenbaugh '03**. Florence was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Robert "Bob" Simonds '47 died on December 21, 2013, at the age of 89. Bob was sent to OWU in 1945 as part of the U.S. Navy's V-12 unit. He was the President of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at OWU, and later served as ATO National President. He is survived by a son, **Thomas Simonds '72**.

Mary Lorenz Smailes '47, of Coshocton, OH, died on November 9, 2014, at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her mother, **Estella Clark Lorenz**

1909. She is survived by a son, **James Smailes '70**, and a niece, **Barbara Sauvary Potter '59**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Rachel Roudebush Wascher '47, of Las Vegas, NV, died on November 22, 2014, at the age of 88. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Eunice Rockey Roudebush 1914**, a sister, **Charlotte Roudebush Little '52**, three aunts, **Lois Rockey Atkins 1910**, **Esther Rockey Bradley 1917**, and **Helen Rockey 1919**, and an uncle, **Clement Rockey 1909**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Ralph Beattie '48, of Chagrin Falls, OH, died on January 3, 2015, at the age of 89. He was predeceased by his wife, **Lois Gruhler Beattie '48**, and a cousin, **Gretchen Beattie Swartwout '49**. He is survived by a sister, **Lucy Beattie '51**, two daughters, **Rebecca Beattie Reed '79** and **Martha Beattie Bistriz '81**, a cousin, **Gertrude Beattie Mayne '47**, a nephew, **J.B. Raftus '82**, and a granddaughter, **Lindsay Reed '15**. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Lawrence Brown '48, of Plymouth Meeting, PA, died on January 5, 2015, at the age of 89. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Lois Peters Kleefeld '48, of Elyria, OH, died on January 6, 2015, at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her sister, **Eunice Peters '46**, and was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Evelyn Long Mauck '48, of Worthington, OH, died on November 2, 2014, at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Dorothy Crates Long '22**, and two brothers, **Albert Long '51** and **William Long '51**. Her husband, **Robert Mauck '48**, died just over a month after her passing. She is survived by a daughter, **Cynthia Mauck Groupe '80**, a son, **Robert Mauck '77**, a brother, **Thomas Long '51**, a sister-in-law, **Helen Simester Long '52**, two

nephews, **James Simester Long '81** and **Ross Long '78**, a niece, **Lucy Long '79**, and a grand-niece, **Alicia Long '07**. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Theta sorority.

Robert Mauck '48, of Worthington, OH, died on December 13, 2014, at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Evelyn Long Mauck '48**, his father, **Stanley Mauck 1916**, and a brother, **Donald Mauck '49**. He is survived by a daughter, **Cynthia Mauck Groupe '80**, a son, **Robert Mauck '77** a brother-in-law, **Thomas Long '51**, a sister, **Helen Simester Long '52**, two nephews, **James Simester Long '81** and **Ross Long '78**, a niece, **Lucy Long '79**, and a grand-niece, **Alicia Long '07**. Robert was a former member of the OWU Alumni Board of Directors and Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Barbara Putnam Rush '48, of Coshocton, OH, died on November 30, 2014, at the age of 88. She is survived by her husband, **Donald Rush '49**, and a sister, **Grace Putnam Schantz '46**. Barbara was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Dennis Whittle '49, of Ithaca, NY, died on December 28, 2014, at the age of 86. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1950s

William Glass '50, of Georgetown, TX, died on November 5, 2014, at the age of 89. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Donna McFarland Krick '50, of Dublin, OH, died on December 10, 2014, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John Krick '49**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Martha Sponsler Patterson '50, of Mason, OH, died on December 23, 2014, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by an aunt, **Ina Sponsler '23**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and the OWU Tower Society.

Mary Bell Rhodes '50, of Kensington, MD, died on January 9, 2015, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Mary Ryder Bell '23**, and an aunt, **Lilian Bell Conine '23**. She is survived by a daughter, **Mary Rhodes Metzler '79**, and a granddaughter, **Marina Metzler '12**. Mary was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and the OWU Tower Society.

Merna Wilson Balthaser '51, of Toledo, OH, died on October 15, 2014, at the age of 85. She is survived by her husband, **Donald Balthaser '51**, and she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Donferd Berg '51, of Putney, VT, died on December 3, 2014, at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Joan Somerville Berg '52**, and is survived by a daughter, **Amelia Berg '93**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Guy Buell '51, of Erie, PA, died on November 3, 2014, at the age of 85. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Nancy Kriger Harper '51, of Peoria, AZ and Sun City West, AZ, died on January 13, 2015, at the age of 85. She predeceased by her husband, **Wesley Harper '51**, and is survived by a sister-in-law, **Elinor Harper Spiller '56**, and a brother-in-law, **Earl Spiller '56**. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Alice Nicola Powers '51, of New Albany, OH, died on November 26, 2014.

Dale Bruce '52, of Hilton Head, SC, died on November 15, 2014, at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife, **Maralyn Savage Bruce '55**, and a son, **Steven Bruce '81**. Dale was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, as well as the OWU Alumni Board of Directors and the Athletic Hall of Fame.

L. Wallace Cross '52, of Poughkeepsie, NY, died on October 20, 2014, at the age of 84. He is survived by a daughter,

Nancy Cross Watroba '80, and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He was also inducted into the OWU Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

Frederick Hibbert '52, of Toledo, OH, died on November 30, 2014, at the age of 84. He was predeceased by his mother, **Gladys Harbage Hibbert 1918**, and two aunts, **Lois Harbage '21** and **Eleanor Harbage Wilson '31**. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Wintermute Hibbert '53**, two daughters, **Helen Hibbert Kirk '79** and **Cynthia Hibbert Smithy '84**, a son-in-law, **Phil Kirk '79**, and a sister, **Martha Hibbert Boice '53**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

John Kerr '52, of Columbus, OH, died on October 31, 2014, at the age of 84. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Marilyn Jones Reeder '52, of London, OH, died on December 3, 2014, at the age of 84. She was a member Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Carolyn Wetherholt Roderick '52, of Richmond, VA, died on January 1, 2015, at the age of 84. Carolyn was predeceased by her husband, **Evan Roderick, '51**, her father, **Dwight Wetherholt '28**, and a cousin, **Manning Wetherholt '50**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Janet Howe Townsley '52, of Lexington, MA, died on November 8, 2014, at the age of 84. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Robert Drake Jr. '53, of Berea, OH, died on December 18, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Patricia Carr Drake '54**, and was a member of a Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Allen McMahan '53, of Miamisburg, OH, died on December 8, 2014, at the age of 83. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta sorority.

Mary Ziegler Musselman '53, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio and Ft.

Myers, FL, died on December 16, 2014, at the age of 83. She was predeceased by her husband, **Dale Musselman Jr. '52**, and is survived by a daughter, **Carrie Musselman Bickford '80**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

David Seiple '53, of Tipp City, OH, died on December 17, 2014, at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by an aunt, **Edith Turk Seiple '38**, and is survived by a brother, **Adelbert Seiple '54**. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Albert Spangenberg '53, of Farmington Hills, MI, died on December 9, 2014, at the age of 83. He was predeceased by his wife, **Carolyn Ziegler Spangenberg '54**, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Felix Bachman '54, of Aurora, OH, died on October 28, 2014, at the age of 82.

Virginia Carter McClintock '54, of Charlotte, NC, died on December 26, 2014, at the age of 82. She is survived by her husband, **Richard McClintock '53**, and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

MaryAnn Tomlinson Pretzinger '54, of Dayton, OH, died on October 27, 2014. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Sally Kimmel Young '54, of Cleveland, OH, died on December 15, 2014, at the age of 82. She was predeceased by her husband, **James Young '54**, and a son, **Jeffrey Young '84**. She is survived by two sons, **Gregory Young '88** and **James Young '82**. She was a former member of the OWU Board of Trustees and Tower Society, and was a recipient of the Alumni Award. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Louis Sandoz '55, of Venice, FL, died on January 13, 2015, at the age of 82. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Myrna Prestien Sandoz '55**, and is

survived by a daughter, **Elizabeth Sandoz '87**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

J. Allen Vlerebome '55, of Lancaster, OH, died on February 11, 2015, at the age of 81. He was preceded in death by his father, **Arthur Vlerebome '26**, and is survived by his wife, **Martha Rinehart Vlerebome '57**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Joan Heyman Whitemore '55, of York, PA, died on November 1, 2014, at the age of 81.

Heather Duncan Berry '56, of Boynton Beach, FL and West Harwich, MA, died on December 17, 2014, at the age of 80. She is survived by her husband, **James Berry '54**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Joel Smith Poetker '56, of Jackson, OH, died on October 27, 2014, at the age of 80. He is survived by a granddaughter, **Morgan Johnson Vihlidal '03**, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Ronald Vidmar '56, of Delaware, OH, died on December 12, 2014, at the age of 80. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

James Barnett '57, of Norton Shores, MI, died on October 25, 2014, at the age of 79. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Ann Sharp Beatty '57, of Southern Pines, NC, died on December 9, 2014, at the age of 79. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Charles "Chuck" Craig '57, of Ann Arbor, MI, died on August 18, 2014, at the age of 79. Chuck was preceded in death by a brother, **Harold Craig '56**. He is survived by a daughter, **Mary Craig Shea '84**, a sister, **Mary Lou Sykora '62**, and a niece, **Elizabeth Sykora Kirchner '92**. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Paul Israel '57, of Sun Lakes, AZ, died on December 20, 2014, at the age of 79. He was predeceased by an uncle, **Clyde Stanley 1914**. He is survived by his wife, **Carol Morley Israel '58**, and a sister, **Barbara Israel Plinke '51**. Paul was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Patricia Brown Kropp '57, of Maumee, OH, died on December 2, 2014, at the age of 79. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, **Howard Brown '29 Sally Kimmel Young '54, Helen Janney Brown '30**. She is survived by her husband, **Kenneth Kropp '57**, two sons, **Kenneth Kropp '80 Sally Kimmel Young '54, Bradley Kropp '83**, a brother, **Howard Brown '62**, and a niece, **Kristine Brown Mahar '88**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Joan Merrill '57, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died on November 1, 2014, at the age of 80. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Barbara Reeder Vandersall '58, of Indianapolis, IN, died on December 11, 2014, at the age of 78. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, **David Vandersall '57** (a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity), and her sons, **John Vandersall '00** (a member of Phi Delta Theta), Mark Vandersall, and Dan Vandersall. Barbara was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Nancy Martin Wilkins '58, of Findlay, OH, died on December 28, 2014, at the age of 78. Nancy was preceded in death by her mother, **Isabel Lucas Martin '29**, and an aunt, **Winnifred Lucas Pope '31**. She is survived by her husband, **James Wilkins '55**, a brother, **Robert Martin '55**, a niece, **Hayley Winslow '14**, and a cousin, **E. Fred Carlisle '56**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Jackson Hammitt '59, of Rapid City, SD, died in early January 2015, at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife, , and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

1960s

Sandra Norman Corbett '60, of Rome, ME, died on January 15, 2015, at the age of 76. She was preceded in death by a brother, **Roger Norman '64**, and an uncle, **George Search '36**. She is survived by a sister, **Karen Norman '67**, and a niece, **Christine Norman Gentry '99**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Raymond Pond '60, of Woodridge, OH, died on December 26, 2014, at the age of 74. He was preceded in death by a brother, **George Pond '59**. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity. *Please see longer version of this obituary online.*

R. Janet Thomas Blackburn '61, of Columbus, OH, died on August 31, 2014, at the age of 75. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Ann Hutchins-Case '61, of Zionsville, IN, died on October 27, 2014, at the age of 75. She is survived by a son, **Edwin Case '89**, and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta.

Jane Ogden Garcia '63, of Skysville, MD, died on December 4, 2014, at the age of 73. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Linda Merkle Neumann '63, of Brevard, NC, died on November 20, 2014, at the age of 73. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Linda Alexander Harston '64, of Pepper Pike, OH, died on December 16, 2014, at the age of 72. She was predeceased by her husband, **John Harston '62**, and an aunt, **Lura King Thomas 1911**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Dwight Pettay '64, of Annandale, VA, died on December 10, 2014, at the age of 72. He is survived by a cousin, **Margaret Pettay With '65**. Dwight was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

David Demchak '65, of Marysville, OH, died on December 22, 2014, at the age of 71. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Edwin Seaberg '65, of Tulsa, OK, died on October 20, 2014, at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife, **Ann Bird Seaberg '65**, and two sons, **Eric Seaberg '00** and **John Seaberg '99**. Edwin was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Stanley Bissell Jr. '66, of Savannah, GA, died on December 20, 2014, at the age of 70. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

1970s

Stephen Wartella III '73, of Fogelsville, PA, died on November 18, 2014, at the age of 63. He is survived by a brother, **Bradley Wartella '76**.

David Bucurel '74, of Mentor, OH, died on November 16, 2014, at the age of 63. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

William McNeese '74, of Cincinnati, OH, died on October 24, 2014, at the age of 62. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

John Stewart '74, of Saylorsburg, PA, died on November 20, 2014, at the age of 62.

Frederick Nelligan '76, of Oak Grove, OR, died on November 12, 2014, at the age of 61. *Please see longer version of this obituary online.*

Stephen Wilson '76, of Ravenna, OH, died on October 29, 2014, at the age of 60. He is survived by two brothers, **Bruce Wilson '79** and **Greg Wilson '74**, and a cousin, **Holly Jones Beazley '65**. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Amy Warburton Wise '78, of Williston, VT, died on November 11, 2014, at the age of 58. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

1980s

Charles Louria '82, of Mendham, NJ, died on November 13, 2014, at the age of 53.

Jeffrey Smith '82, of Grand Rapids, MI, died on October 23, 2014, at the age of 54.

1990s

Jennifer Lynch-Bonvino '96, of Ellicott City, Maryland and Westlake, OH, died on December 15, 2014, at the age of 38.

Samantha Parke Lichman '98, of West Kingston, RI, died on December 18, 2014, at the age of 40. She is survived by a brother, **Christian Hale '00**, and was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Richard Martin '98, of Richmond, IN, died on December 21, 2014, at the age of 39. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

2000s

Joey Riley '09, of Grove City, OH, died on November 24, 2014, at the age of 27, while serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Faculty/Staff

Louis Feno Carozza Jr., of Port Orange, FL, died on January 12, 2015, at the age of 72. He was formerly assistant to the head track coach, Mary Frye, at OWU.

Betty Freshwater, of Lakeside Marblehead, OH, died on November 5, 2014, at the age of 92. Betty was a professor emeritus at OWU.

Marilyn Hammond, of Marion, OH and a former secretary at OWU, died on December 19, 2014, at the age of 82.

Margaret Hibbard, of Minneapolis, MN, died on December 9, 2014, at the age of 100. Margaret worked as secretary to the academic dean at Ohio Wesleyan, where she met her future husband, violinist and music professor Thomas Hibbard.

Aldyth Meyer, of Delaware, OH, died on December 2, 2014, at the age of 89. Aldyth was a former employee of the OWU infirmary and student health center. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John Meyer '49**, and is survived by two daughters, **Judith Meyer Clancy '74** and **Cynthia Meyer Schlichting '77**.

Helen Trefz, of Cardington, OH, died on January 18, 2015, at the age of 83. She was a former member of the food service staff at OWU.

Frank Truitt died on December 21, 2014, at the age of 89. Frank was a former basketball coach at Ohio Wesleyan.

Janet Patrick Van Nuys, of Phoenix, AZ, died on December 25, 2014, at the age of 76. She was a former secretary at Ohio Wesleyan.

Barbara Jean Wyatt, of Westfield, OH, died on December 15, 2014, at the age of 76. She was a former cook at Ohio Wesleyan.

Sympathy to

Jane Williams Murphy '50 on the passing of Leo Murphy, her husband of 63 years, on August 26, 2014.

Beverly Hart DuVal '62 for the loss of her husband, retired Army chaplain John DuVal, on October 19, 2013 in Sun City, AZ.

Belinda Brown Fouts '73 for the loss of her mother, Ruth Brown, on November 28, 2014, at the age of 100.

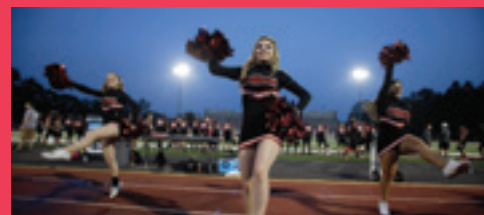
Jean Anne Cipolla '83 for the loss of her father, Frank Cipolla, on October 24, 2014, at the age of 91. Frank is also survived by his wife of 62 years, Grace Cipolla, and his son Frank Cipolla.

Tricia Meggison Kalinowski '83, Justin Kalinowski '08, and Kristen Kalinowski '11 for the death of Glynn Meggison, Tricia's father and Justin and Kristen's grandfather, in October of 2013.

The deadline for receiving Class Notes submissions for the Fall OWU Magazine is June 5, 2015.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND OCTOBER 2-3, 2015

Plan a fall weekend at OWU! We'll dedicate the new Simpson Querrey Fitness Center, tailgate before the football game against Denison, Munch and Mingle with OWU alumni and students, salute new inductees to the Athletic Hall of fame, and much more! Check our website at community.owu.edu for more information in coming weeks.



LIFE-CHANGING LEGACIES

Libby and John Reed inspired great minds and futures

Libuse “Libby” Reed

For more than three decades, Libby Reed (Hon. '90) taught Ohio Wesleyan students to, as she once said, “Do your best work and always expect more of yourselves.”

This was the mantra that hundreds of her former students took out into the world while building successful lives and careers. The beloved Emerita Professor of English and honorary OWU alumna who taught from 1952 to 1984 died March 11, at the age of 91, following a short hospital stay.

“Libby’s former students vividly remember her red pen and the rigor of instruction in writing, particularly in her popular course in report writing that prepared students in every major for leadership in virtually every sector in our society,” says OWU President Rock Jones. “In recent weeks, I have heard alumni who were her students in the 1950s and in the ’80s talk about the impact of that course and of Libby on their lives. They listed Libby among the people with the greatest influence on their professional lives.”

After all, taught Libby, effective writing is, and by rights should be, an integral part of post-graduate life.

“Libby Reed was certainly one of the most influential people in my life,” recalls Pastor **Susan Panek Polizzi ’78**. “She was a challenging instructor, a wise and invested advisor, and an unflagging cheerleader as her students went out into life.” Libby’s students, says Polizzi, listened and worked hard.

“Aside from the infamous red pen, what I remember most about Libby Reed was that she was cheerful and helpful to those of us who were not the best writers in her class. Her careful instruction helped me immeasurably in graduate school,” says **Tom Switzer ’64**.

Originally from Cleveland, Libby was a graduate of Heidelberg College and received her master’s degree at the University of Michigan. She married John in 1945, and they first visited OWU while he interviewed for a reference librarian position. Libby was asked to have tea with the Chair of OWU’s English department, and as it turned out, both she and John were hired at about the same time, starting their combined 64-year careers at Ohio Wesleyan.

So beloved by her students was Libby that they established scholarships in both the English and Geology and Geography departments in her name, and garnered support in 2003 for a chair in her honor: The Libuse L. Reed Endowed Professorship.

“Libby not only challenged her students and influenced our future lives, but she also cared for students, faculty, and OWU dearly,” says **Peter Birch ’78**.

A video interview with Libby Reed conducted by OWU Emerita Professor Louise Musser, can be viewed at heritageday.owu.edu/awardwinners/ReedLibuse.php. It is part of the Heritage Day celebration series recognizing past winners such as Libby, of the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award. ■



John Reed

Through his ongoing commitment to preserving knowledge and sharing information with members of the Ohio Wesleyan family, John Reed (Hon. '04) earned the title of “Keeper of the Flame.” That flame burned brightly during his 32 years as OWU’s archival librarian, and for many years after his and wife Libby Reed’s retirement from the university in 1984.

“John created a wonderful legacy during his time at Ohio Wesleyan and all throughout his life,” says OWU President Rock Jones. So remarkable were his accomplishments and the ways in which he touched the lives of so many, that John was awarded honorary alumni status in 2004.

John, who passionately served his country, Ohio Wesleyan, and the love of his life, Libby Reed, died January 15, at the age of 92, in Columbus. Libby’s death came but two months later.

“I was blessed when the Reeds found that I planned to leave OWU for a state school due to finances, even though I was on an academic scholarship,” recalls **Amy Hazeltine Roebuck, ’77**. “They took me to Bun’s for lunch one day to say they wanted to pay my living expenses for the following year, if it would keep me at OWU. They did and it did. We never lost touch.”

Born in Owasso, MI, John graduated from Heidelberg College and went on to receive his master’s in library sciences at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He proudly served as a U.S. Army Ranger during World War II and was decorated for his service in numerous European encounters such as the Battle of the Bulge.

It was this heroic service that earned him the special admiration of **Dick and Ann Colson Cassell**, from OWU’s Class of 1964, as they came to know him better by working with the Reeds and the University to create the Fallen Heroes Memorial in 2011, says Jones. The Cassells chose to honor John by creating an endowed scholarship in his name for deserving students.

Serving as chapter advisors for Sigma Alpha Epsilon for many years, the Reeds developed close ties with several of the fraternity’s members who, upon SAE’s departure from the University, wanted to renovate the building and create a new living and learning environment for students with an interest in business, economics, and entrepreneurship. The Bigelow-Reed House today honors John and **William Bigelow**, a 1905 alumnus.

“I spent an academic year working with John on a Mellon Foundation grant to explore OWU’s history in the context of Victorian times, which resulted in a wonderful exhibit,” recalls **Kathy Geer Root ’75**. “John was kind, caring, thoughtful, and thought-provoking and one of the finest men and mentors I have ever been privileged to know. Despite my grief, I am happy to believe John and Libby are once again together, forever.” ■

Graduate Gratitude

“I was so thankful that Libby Reed offered a scholarship opportunity to OWU geography majors. My geography classes truly allowed me to be in the position that I am in today, and I love it. I learned that geography is a major that one can study and also make a career of.”

—Amy Work ’04
Manager, GIS education coordinator, Geoporter Costa Rica

Celebrate the lives of John and Libby Reed during Alumni Weekend Convocation on May 17 in Gray Chapel.

Contributions can be made to the John H. and Libuse L. Reed Endowed Scholarship Fund, Ohio Wesleyan University, c/o Mowry Alumni Center, 16 Rowland Avenue, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

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Fairy Tale Turnips

AND THE Economic Imagination



Dr. Sally A. Livingston

As a member of the Department of Comparative Literature, I compare literary texts across time as well as linguistic traditions and work at the intersection of literature, history, and economics.

I ask my students to consider how the imagination can be economic, or, how economics is imaginative. They may appear to be contradictory: Does one not dwell in the concrete and the other in the realm of the mind? The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “economics” as “the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.” Their entry under “imagination” contains multiple meanings, among them, “creative ability, ability to confront and deal with a problem.” If we combine these definitions there emerges a synergy to the two words, a way that economics can find meaning through the problem-solving nature of the imagination.

In my current book project, *Subversive Narratives: Fairy Tales, Fables, and Frame Stories*, I use the example of a medieval fairy tale, the *Rapularius* (“*The Turnip’s Tale*”), to illustrate how society in the Middle Ages used literature to work through its anxiety about the vast economic changes that

were occurring in Western Europe. Written around 1200, the *Rapularius* is a deceptively simple story of two brothers. The elder has inherited the family land as a result of the new practice of primogeniture and is rich; the other has been forced into the peasant class, working as a farmer to support himself. He grows an enormous turnip, the likes of which no one has ever seen. He asks his wife what he should do with such a wonder, and she replies that it is so marvelous it should be given to the king as a gift. The king is delighted, and as was common in societies that practiced gift exchange, he gives the poor brother many riches.

Upon his return to his village, his brother is furious; the poor farmer is now richer than he is! He thinks that if a lowly turnip could generate such wealth, then surely if he gave all of his own riches to the king, they would be multiplied a hundred-fold. The elder brother has already begun to think in the new economic paradigm in which wealth multiplies wealth, where a killing can be made through investment. The strategy backfires, however; when the king asks his wife what he should give as a return gift, she responds that the knight is as rich as the king, so a gift in kind would be unwelcome.

Rather, she declares that the king should give him a rare gift—the turnip!

This fairy tale is, I believe, about the dangers of the new economy with its concomitant greed. It reflects the anxieties of the time and helps us to understand that there were indeed human reactions to economic changes.

What may be most interesting, however, is its subsequent history. Discovered by the Brothers Grimm in the 19th century, they rewrote it to create a sense of German national identity based on the valorization of the countryside. The poor brother becomes a farmer not as a last resort, but so that he might prosper. Even today, the turnip’s tale exists in numerous versions from several countries, mainly meant for children. The turnip is pulled out of the ground only when everyone, from the father to a field mouse, helps; it is later eaten in a community meal.

If fairy tales do indeed absorb the concerns of the society in which they are re-created and told, I will leave it to you to decide how this contemporary version reflects our own economic imagination. ■

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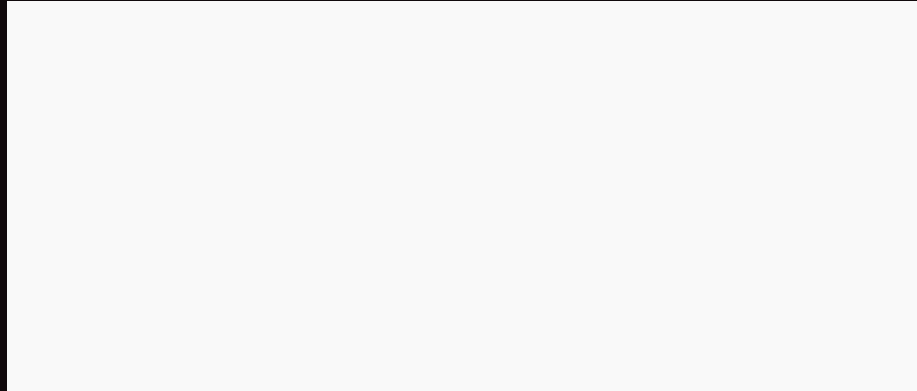
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