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CIVIC – AND CIVIL – ENGAGEMENT

Arneson Pledge needed more than ever

In February Ohio Wesleyan students, faculty, and staff gathered in Gray Chapel to continue a tradition that originated on this campus in 1884: Mock Convention. Consistent with past practice, Mock Convention replicates the national convention of the party not currently occupying the White House.

home state of Arkansas, where Melissa and I were joined by OWU Trustee and Delaware County Commissioner Jeff Benton and a group of students.

Delegates heard from Congressman Pat Tiberi, who encouraged them to engage with issues of interest and to probe deeply to ensure that they are not

reasoned reflection. Students and faculty deliberated with one another and shared the convention floor as equals.

Ohio Wesleyan has a long history of educating citizens who are prepared to engage our civil society and advance the interests of our democracy. While Mock Convention dates from 1884, the



This year's convention was a gathering of the Republican Party. It was a showcase of the robust civic engagement that has long been treasured at Ohio Wesleyan—and a clear reminder of the desperate need in our society for deep but civil public debate and participation.

The delegates to Mock Convention engaged in spirited debate about the rules that would govern their work, the policies that would drive their campaign, and the candidates who would represent the Grand Old Party in the fall of 2016. They worked late into the night, and they were back early Saturday morning to complete their task. I had the pleasure of chairing the delegation from my

misled by loud voices that too often are misinformed and/or simply unwilling to speak truthfully. Former Ohio Speaker Jo Ann Davidson, who will serve as co-chair of the Republican Party Convention in Cleveland this summer, spoke to the delegates about the many issues that surround preparation for a national party convention. Commissioner Benton gave a primer on the importance of local government in the lives of every citizen.

Notably absent from the proceedings were angry tirades, blistering personal attacks, stinging insults and polemics irrelevant to the purpose of the gathering. The convention turned loud at times, but all in the spirit of informed debate and

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commitment to preparation for public service often is associated most clearly with Ben Arneson, who served on the Ohio Wesleyan faculty for 36 years and in 1947 founded the Institute for Practical Politics and Public Affairs, which now bears his name. Arneson was fond of quoting Thomas Jefferson, who called on “better minds for better politics.”

Ben challenged his students to prepare for lives of public service by asking them to sign cards that became known as the Arneson Pledge. On the

cards were written these words: "With a view to serving the public interest and regardless of the nature of my future vocation I pledge that, upon leaving college, I will devote a portion of my time to active and definite participation in public affairs."

Among the many students of Ben



Ben Arneson, founder of the Institute for Practical Politics and Public Affairs, challenged students to prepare for lives of public service.

Arneson who made an impact on our larger world was Arthur Fleming. Arthur Fleming graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1927 and returned to his alma mater to serve as president before later presidencies at the University of Oregon and Macalester College. His work in academic life was complemented by a lifetime of public service. He served as secretary of health, education and welfare in the Eisenhower administration and later as chairman of the Civil Rights Commission and chairman of the White House Conference on Aging. He was the second layman to be named president of the National Council of Churches. He received two Presidential Medals of Freedom. Arthur Fleming fulfilled the Arneson Pledge in extraordinary ways.

As I sat in Mock Convention I could not help thinking about the values reflected in Arneson and Fleming and echoed again in Gray Chapel this winter and their contrast with the noise that characterizes the political process in our country today. Now more than ever, our country hungers for individuals who are prepared to engage in a thoughtful and civil manner with the most pressing issues of our time. Now more than ever, our world needs leaders who have more interest in bridges of unity than walls of separation even as we confront the profound threats to liberty and human dignity that are so prominent. Now more than ever, our society needs individuals whose values are shaped and whose intellects are honed by the successors of Ben Arneson who teach on campuses like Ohio Wesleyan.

This may be the most important contribution of liberal arts education as we move toward the middle of the 21st century in a world that is increasingly divided and plagued with violence. We need thoughtful leaders who are prepared to engage in a civil society and to make the world a better place and who are committed to "active and definite participation in public affairs."

Those of us on campus today have the privilege of serving an institution with a heritage that is strong, a mission that is noble, and a future that is bright. That heritage is reflected in the likes of Ben Arneson and Arthur Fleming and is renewed among our faculty and students every day. As you read about Mock Convention and about other news from campus, I welcome your thoughts on our work together and on its impact on our larger society. ■

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Rock Jones".

Rock Jones
President, Ohio Wesleyan University

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CORRECTIONS: We regret that in the Winter 2016 issue two people were misidentified in photographs. On page 8, in the story about Dr. Rolland Dickson, pictured are Susan Dickson and Rolland Dickson. At the bottom of page 32, Don Wagner '62 was misidentified as Don Morgan. We apologize to these individuals and to our readers for these errors.



National Moot Court award winners Katherine Berger (left) and Rhiannon Herbert discuss a case.

OWU earns top-5 finish in national moot court competition

When the final verdict was handed down, seniors **Katherine Berger** and **Rhiannon Herbert** earned an OWU-record-setting, top-5 finish in the American Collegiate Moot Court Association's national championship, held in January in Long Beach, CA.

Pre-law advisor Michael Esler, Ph.D., coach of OWU's moot court team, notes that Ohio Wesleyan was one of the two



Representing OWU at the national championship were (from left) **Forest Dearing**, **Rhiannon Herbert**, **Katherine Berger**, **Chloe Dyer**, and advisor **Michael Esler**.

smallest schools in the country to advance a team as far as the tournament's round of 16.

Berger, who has been participating in Moot Court since her freshman year, called the annual competition "the defining experience of my college career."

"The adrenaline that you feel when you are standing in front of established legal professionals and being battered with questions, yet have the confidence that you know the answers and can hold your own, is incredible," says Berger, a resident of Sunbury, OH, who will pursue a future career as litigator at the trial or appellate level.

Herbert, who began competing as a junior, said the competition has significantly sharpened her public-speaking skills and her overall comfort in being in front of an audience.

"The most rewarding part of moot court is seeing all of the hard work you have poured into your outline and preparation pay off when you win a round against a

team you didn't think you would beat," says Herbert, a resident of Mentor, OH, who hopes to become a state prosecuting attorney.

In addition to Berger and Herbert, Ohio Wesleyan junior Forest Dearing of Louisville, KY, and sophomore Chloe Dyer of Guysville, OH, also advanced from regional competition to the national finals.

"Neither had competed prior to this year, so to reach the finals was remarkable," Esler says.

The American Collegiate Moot Court Association is the premier moot court competition for undergraduates, Esler says, simulating an appellate court hearing in which teams of two "attorneys" argue constitutional issues before a panel of lawyers and judges who portray Supreme Court justices. This year's issues involved the free exercise of religion and equal protection rights of undocumented persons in the country illegally. ■

Ohio Wesleyan Education Department earns national honor

Ohio Wesleyan University's Department of Education is one of 35 at colleges and universities across the nation recently recognized for "effectiveness in preparing future teachers for knowledge in their anticipated subject areas."

The honor comes from the Washington, D.C.-based National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ), a nonpartisan research and policy group committed

to "modernizing the teaching profession based on the belief that all children deserve effective teachers."

NCTQ examined 800 schools and chose to recognize 35 with an "A" grade for meeting its "high school content standard," which involved a review of Ohio Wesleyan's course content offerings, degree plans, and admissions selectivity.

Amy McClure, Ph.D., chair of the OWU Department of Education, says the university is committed to "preparing teachers who are ready to step into the classroom and teach effectively from day one. Our education majors spend more than 450 hours in local classrooms observing and assisting teachers and teaching lessons based on ideas they developed in methods courses." ■

Building a 'Learning Bridge'

Miranda Anthony '18, an English major and education minor, created a program to connect OWU's future teachers with Delaware children who lack stable housing to encourage the children's academic success.

"I wanted to enrich these children's lives holistically," Anthony says, "by creating a safe environment, both emotionally and physically, for them to do homework and, therefore, succeed in school."

Anthony created the Learning Bridge after-school program after becoming involved over the summer with Family

Promise of Delaware, a nonprofit organization that works to help homeless families achieve lasting independence.

"Ever since this summer, Delaware has begun to feel like home to me," says Anthony, who hails from nearby Mansfield, OH, "so I don't feel like I'm serving, I just feel like I'm growing further into the Delaware community." ■

Miranda Anthony '18 (center) with volunteers **Michael Mora-Brenes '17** and **Cynthia Hastings '17** and their young learners.



Ohio Wesleyan faculty develop online summer courses

Whether they are working in Washington, researching in Rome, or interning in India, Ohio Wesleyan University students soon will have the opportunity to take online summer courses taught by OWU professors from anywhere in the world. Ohio Wesleyan faculty will offer up to six online courses in summer 2016 as part of a two-year pilot project supported by a gift from **David P. Miller '54**, of Chagrin Falls, OH.

Kyle Smith, associate professor of psychology, said the hardware and software obtained to support these classes also will be available for use in traditional classes, potentially benefiting "flipped classrooms" in which students watch lectures outside of class and use class time for discussions, problem sets, or other interactive activities.

"Most importantly, it lets OWU

students take OWU courses from OWU professors," says Smith. "Each class is limited to 10 students, so the courses will maintain the close student-faculty interaction that is a hallmark of OWU. It will also open up the summer experience to more of our students."

Faculty selected to teach the courses in May and June will participate in spring workshops funded by the Miller gift to help them prepare for the pedagogical shift.

Miller, an economics major who graduated with honors and is president and CEO of Cleveland-based Columbia National Group Inc., says he's pleased to help students advance their Ohio Wesleyan educations even while they are away from campus.

"I am confident this initiative will enable students to keep learning during

the summer while they work, complete off-campus internships, and continue to build successful futures," he says.

Thanks to Robert Bauman '53, the Bauman Family Foundation Endowment also provided support for the program, including enhancements that offer affordability and access for students.

President Rock Jones says the University is committed to ensuring that an Ohio Wesleyan education is accessible to the widest student population possible and that students are able to graduate on time, or even early, while still experiencing a top-notch liberal arts education.

"I commend our faculty and thank our generous donors for supporting such initiatives." ■

Ideas, insight, and imagination—in three minutes

In February, a standing-room-only crowd witnessed 10 professors deliver meaningful lectures with fascinating and important content in only three minutes.

The lively mini-lectures—called I³ (I-Cubed)—showcased great teaching and the breadth of expertise on the OWU campus. Lecture topics ranged from the flying rivers of Brazil and ancient conflicts in the Middle East, to medieval Yodas and cutting-edge music composition. The lectures demonstrated the power of combining the traditional liberal arts with

practical experience, which is the hallmark of The OWU Connection.

“I really enjoyed the lectures,” says **Julianne Zala '17**. “They allowed me and the OWU community to learn about topics across disciplines and gauge what professors research and teach. I think the event is helpful for freshmen who are undecided because it might spark their interest in a particular program or department.”

Video of the event was broadcast live on the social media site Periscope,

allowing several alumni to watch from across the country, and OWU students participating in field research at a nature preserve even tuned in.

Videos of each of the lectures are being used in marketing to prospective students and their families, giving them a taste of the great teaching they can find on our campus.

The videos of each lecture are available at owu.edu/academics/i-cubed-lectures. ■



Melanie Henderson, assistant professor of psychology, delivers a quick lecture called “Interviewing 101: Who is that Chameleon in the Mirror?”





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SHAKE WITH THAT CHEESEBURGER?

The Hamburger Inn, established in 1932, is much more than a well-known burger joint—it's an Ohio Wesleyan student tradition that **Ben Miller '16** calls “the heart and soul of OWU.” Just as the Local Farmers Coffee Club gathered to share a cup of brew in 1944 (above), groups of friends today still go there to share coffee—and milkshakes! From left (below): **Michael Durfee '17**, **Miranda Ames '16**, **Natalie Geer '16**, and **Maha Shahid '18**.

The restaurant underwent renovations in



Vintage photos courtesy of The Hamburger Inn

December 2013, in which the floors in the dining area and bathrooms were replaced and a new patio and two new bathrooms were built. Kitchen equipment was added and updated, the front windows were replaced, and new heating and cooling was installed. The front door and facade of the building were both restored to original condition. Despite all the spit and polish, however, these restorations don't take away from the diner's atmosphere, a proud tradition that has lasted 84 years.

GLOBAL LEARNING, FIRST-GEN EXPERIENCE SPARK GIVING

Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustee member **Nicholas “Nick” E. Calio ’75** recalls his first visit to the campus as a senior in high school when he was being recruited by Bishops football coach **Jack Fouts ’48**. “I fell in love with the campus and the people were so nice,” he says, but being the first in his family to attend college, financial aid was going to be deciding factor.

Eighteen-year-old Calio was crestfallen to learn OWU did not offer athletic scholarships, but Fouts sent Calio to speak with



Nicholas “Nick” ’75 and Lydia ’77 Calio

Fred Pollock ’50, then head of financial aid. Pollock told the young man from Cleveland that if he wanted to come to OWU, the school would find a way. Calio applied and was granted academic scholarships and on-campus jobs in a dining hall and as a security guard to help him through school.

“The man told me, ‘You can pay what you can afford, but when you’re here, we want you to feel like any other student,’” Calio recalls. “Ohio Wesleyan did everything it could for me, and I’ve never forgotten that.”

LIFELONG LEARNING THE HEART OF GIVING

Beeghly Library was a special place for **Joellen Brown ’75** and her sister, **Janet Brown ’79**.

“The library had a spirit,” Joellen recalls. “It was the locus of the University, and even with the transition from card catalogs to computers, I suspect that’s the same today. I spent a lot of time there, and so did Janet.”

A Phi Beta Kappa student who earned the Slocum Prize recognizing the outstanding graduate in the humanities, Joellen went on to complete a master’s degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania and taught at several Philadelphia-area colleges.

Janet, who had set her sights on a career in library sciences ever since she was a little girl, earned a master’s in library science at Syracuse University. Joellen says her sister completed the program despite complications from multiple sclerosis, diagnosed when she was still at OWU. Janet passed away in 2003, before she could realize her dream.

To honor her sister, Joellen established the Janet L. Brown ’79 Endowment in Support of Libraries. The fund symbolizes Janet’s and Joellen’s lifelong interest in and commitment to education and the important role libraries play in a student’s life.

“Janet loved Ohio Wesleyan and her experiences there,” Joellen Brown says. “It was important to me to help extend her personal investment in



Joellen Brown ’75

“Janet loved Ohio Wesleyan. It was important to me to help extend her personal investment in libraries through this endowed fund, and ensure she makes a lasting contribution to the library sciences.”

—Joellen Brown ’75

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Joellen says her sister, along with her brother, **Stephen W. Brown ’72**, who was a history major and who died in 2013, followed different paths but had meaningful OWU experiences. “We were all drawn to the intimacy of the educational experience at Ohio Wesleyan, the personal relationships between faculty and students, and the room we each had to become our own person,” she says.

In a successful career as a corporate speechwriter and now as executive director of communications for Verizon in Philadelphia, Joellen says giving back to higher education is an important part of her philanthropy.

Toward that end, she also has made a generous provision in her estate plan to establish The Joellen Brown ’75 Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide student scholarships.

“I have admired the work the University has done to distinguish itself and to reinvent that liberal arts experience,” she says. “But the future of liberal arts universities is by no means guaranteed. I’m happy to do something that will offer this special experience to a new generation of students and help strengthen Ohio Wesleyan in the changing environment.” ■

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—Nick Calio '75

Today Calio and his wife, **Lydia '77**, serve on the Campaign Leadership Committee of Ohio Wesleyan’s Connect Today, Create Tomorrow Campaign and have committed a \$600,000 gift to fulfill that same dream for other students. The Calios’ commitment is the first donation recorded in response to Ohio Wesleyan’s major gift-match program, and benefits the annual fund, supports the President’s Circle, and creates a new endowed student scholarship.

When describing their commitment to fellow trustees at a board meeting, Nick gave an emotional testimony, saying, “This gift is one of the most satisfying things I’ve ever done in my life. It really feels good.”

Nick emphasizes that the theory-to-practice grants and The OWU Connection offer students, especially those “who were like me, a major opportunity for a solid grounding with their education and the ability to apply it to their lives so they can go on to be leaders and do good things.”

During their years at Ohio Wesleyan, Nick, an English major, and Lydia, an English and Fine Arts major, studied abroad for one

semester in England. “It was one of the most meaningful experiences I had, and I realized just how much it can change a student’s life,” Lydia says.

Nick went on to receive a law degree at Case Western Reserve University, and was in private practice before he worked at the White House, once as assistant to the president for legislative affairs for President George H.W. Bush, and later as President George W. Bush’s principal liaison to Congress. He is now president and CEO of Airlines for America, an industry trade group.

“We really believe in where the school is heading, especially under Rock’s leadership,” Lydia says, citing the college’s global experience and “solid liberal arts education.”

“That’s why we gave the scholarship,” says Nick. “We believe in what the campaign leadership is doing, what the school is doing, and we want to be a part of it.”

“We’ve always been active in our giving because Ohio Wesleyan gave us a lot.” ■

PARENTS FIND OWU WELCOMING

Laura Heaney '18 and her father Steve first visited Ohio Wesleyan on an orientation trip, flying in from their home in Los Angeles in 2013. The trip was the start of Lauren’s journey.

“There were a lot of things that immediately drew Lauren to Ohio Wesleyan,” Steve says, “the global learning opportunities such as The OWU Connection, the beautiful campus, friendly students, and the genuine welcome people gave her.”

Lauren’s final decision wasn’t hard. “They really made me feel at home,” she told her parents, Steve and Hope.

Along the way, Steve and Hope were transformed, too. The OWU welcome sparked the Heaneys’ interest in becoming active with the University through the Parents Leadership Council, a community of OWU ambassador parents who participate in educational, social, and fundraising outreach programs to engage other new and prospective OWU parents.

Council members visit campus twice a year to meet with students, faculty, other parents, and administrators. They also participate in gift giving through the Parents Fund.



Steve and Hope Heaney

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—Hope Heaney

“We recognize that tuition and fees don’t cover all the great liberal arts programs, and it’s our way of helping the school offer opportunities to all students,” Steve says of the Parents Fund. He and Hope feel their contributions can help create an affordable OWU to make a difference in meeting the full financial needs of admitted students, holding down student debt, and recruiting talented, high-need applicants.

Hope appreciates OWU’s outreach to parents through the Parents Leadership Council, including hearing from OWU administrators about issues facing the school. “OWU feels so accessible,” she says. “It’s wonderful that they engage parents and exchange ideas. It’s clear our opinion matters—they’re listening.”

Lauren, an English and creative writing major who is the youngest of the Heaney’s three children, plans to spend spring semester abroad in Ireland in Spring 2017.

Hope and Steve encourage other parents to participate in the council and to support the Parents Fund. “It’s a great way to connect with your child’s education,” says Steve. ■

Mike Plantholt

● Selby Stadium

Men's Lacrosse Head Coach Mike Plantholt has quickly made his mark at Ohio Wesleyan. In his first season (2011), the Battling Bishops won a share of the NCAC championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs. By 2015, his team was setting school records, winning their first 18 games, advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament, and achieving a .947 winning percentage, the best in OWU history.

He says, "I've focused my whole life the past five or six years to make this one of the top lacrosse programs in the country."

He's succeeding. In Coach Plantholt's first five seasons, his teams are 64-20 and have twice won the NCAC tournament. They regularly compete

in the NCAA playoffs. And he has twice been named NCAC Coach of the Year.

Mike's comfort zone is on the sideline in historic Selby Stadium. It's no wonder. In four out of Mike's first five seasons, the Bishops have lost no more than one home game. Last year they were a perfect 9-0 in Selby.

With a degree in psychology from Gettysburg and an MBA from Mount St. Mary's University, Mike stresses the importance of academic success for his players.

"My goal as a coach is to help our student-athletes grow so that over the course of four years they become better students, better lacrosse players, and better people. I want them to succeed everywhere."

1 LAX Standout

Mike grew up playing in Baltimore, Maryland, where he says lacrosse is the unofficial state sport. He learned the game from his father, and when he reached Gettysburg College, he had an outstanding career. He was a 2-time All-American and 3-time all-conference selection. In his senior season, 2001, he was named Division III Defenseman of the Year after leading the Bullets to their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III national championship game.

2 A Passion for Liberal Arts

Mike attended a liberal arts college because, "I didn't want to get lost in a big school. I wanted to go to a college where I'd get the full student experience and the full athletic experience. And I wanted to go to a place where the alums cared about the students." He says those same characteristics hold true for OWU.

3 East Coast Roots—Replanted

"Being an East Coast guy my whole life, I thought I'd never want to make a move to the Midwest. But when I came here, I fell in love with the place. My wife (Dawn) and I both really love the community here and the sense of family the department and alums provide."

4 Historic and Raucous Selby

Mike says the great history and tradition—and the large seating capacity—make Selby one of the most unique D-III stadiums. "On game day, when our stands are packed, you can feel the energy. The atmosphere our students create in this stadium makes it a great venue. Our guys love playing here."

5 Team Psychology

Mike says he grew up wanting to be a psychiatrist, and he majored in psychology at Gettysburg. "Psychology made sense to me," he says. Now, he puts his training in team psychology to use keeping his players focused. He says early in his coaching career, he'd always try to prepare a great pregame speech, "something that would get the guys really fired up." Now, he does that in practices, but not on game day. "I don't want them to get too emotional. I want them to keep their eyes on the prize and stay focused."

6 Family Man

Coffee is an essential for the father of a newborn boy (Michael Jr., born in February) and a 3-year-old daughter (Mary).

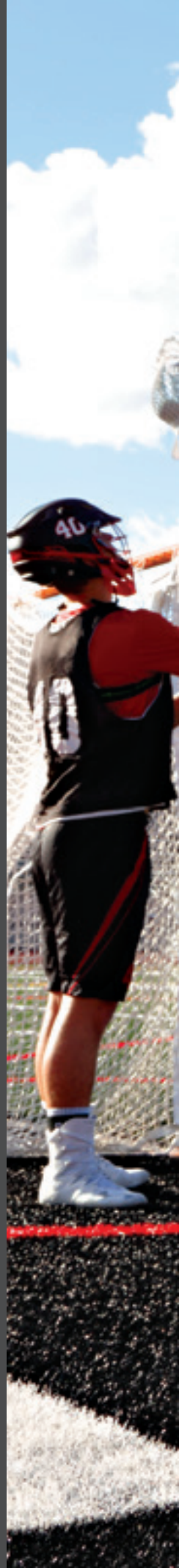
7 All Points of the Compass

Mike and his assistant coaches log long miles in recruiting season. They focus heavily on the East Coast but span out across the continent. The current roster includes players from 18 states and provinces, from Cape Cod to California, Ontario to North Carolina.

8 The Alumni Have Our Backs

Mike says the support of alumni has been crucial in helping to provide assistant coaches who can help in recruiting. "The OWU lacrosse alums have been very good to the program. We wouldn't be where we are without their support."

—Will Kopp





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BREAKING



BOUNDARIES

Biology Professor Laurie Anderson is on a quest to solve 21st-century problems, and her students are part of the solution.

By Abby Hanson '16

“When I first got the actual letter,” Professor Laurel “Laurie” Anderson says about receiving her award notification, “I thought, ‘Why did they bother to send the rejection letter Federal Express?’”

Anderson, a professor of botany-microbiology at Ohio Wesleyan since 2001, may not have imagined that she would be selected the 2015 Ohio Professor of the Year, a prestigious award sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). But her students and colleagues weren’t surprised. Anderson’s talent for presenting class content clearly to science majors and nonmajors alike, her belief in treating students as research partners, and her dedication to research inside and outside the classroom created a dynamic learning environment.

A SCIENTIST IN THE CLASSROOM

Nathan Madonich '16 says Anderson is the reason he became a botany major as a freshman. She opened his eyes to how “plants are helpful on an ecological level and how humans are able to use their various attributes.” Since taking the Organisms in their Environment class with Anderson, Madonich has developed a keen interest for a subject he hadn’t considered before coming to OWU.

Developing student interest in the

field, goes beyond simply lecturing, Anderson believes. It requires creating an environment in which students are scientists in the classroom. She explained her approach in her award essay as one in which she “didn’t see students, instead, I saw research partners.” Anderson embeds research into her classes so students learn to practice ecology instead of just hearing about it.

President Rock Jones says Anderson “sets the ultimate example of structuring a research agenda that advances her own work while also creating extraordinary opportunities for undergraduate students to share in that research and to develop their own scholarly habits.”

Several students can attest that Anderson helped them grow significantly as scientists through their collaborative research. **Blake Fajack '16** worked with Anderson in an independent study project to make a documentary from footage he took in the Galápagos. He says the most striking thing about working with Anderson is that he “very much felt that [he] was working *with* her and not as her student.” Their work was symbiotic; he knew the necessary film-related parts to include, and Anderson “knew the necessary research components.”

Adrian Pekarcik '14 succeeded



with Anderson’s help as well. After a presentation he gave in her Plant Communities and Ecosystems class, Anderson suggested Pekarcik pursue a research project based on the presentation. With Anderson’s help, Pekarcik was able to earn an OWU Student Individualized Project grant and help introductory botany students restore two plantings on OWU’s campus.

He identified the local arthropod communities from three habitats on campus, successfully defended his research as an honor’s thesis project, and was awarded the Burns-Shirling Award for Outstanding Achievement in Botany & Microbiology.

Pekarcik says his time with Anderson also prepared him for his job with the National Park Service and for graduate school at Auburn University.

Lauren Blyth '06 completed a two-semester independent study with Anderson that turned into a published research paper. Blyth says Anderson is “realistic and down-to-earth—and not just in the soil labs.” She says Anderson taught her the importance of setting goals, but also of not being too hard on herself. Blyth says she considered Anderson an “equal collaborator” in their study of deer-dispersed seeds.

Anderson stresses the importance of not only treating students as research partners to enhance their learning experience, but also of showing them that faculty are people who are also always learning. One of her mottos is, “How can I learn more about the world and communicate that to other people?”

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

With funding from the National Science Foundation, Anderson, along with other faculty from undergraduate colleges across the nation, founded the Ecological Research as Education Network (EREN). The network’s mission is to create and test models for collaborative, publishable ecological research involving faculty and undergraduate students coordinating data collection in different sites from across the United States and the world.

“Ecologists at small colleges usually collect data with their students, but rarely do they collaborate at this large scale,” says Anderson, who is the EREN coordinator.

EREN has grown from its start in 2010 to include more than 300 faculty members from over 200 colleges nationwide. According to a 2015 survey of EREN faculty, over 4,000 students have been involved in EREN projects in some way.

Anderson explains that many ecologists do fieldwork with students, but collecting a little bit of data at a single site often is not useful scientifically. However, through the vast network created by EREN, collecting “a little bit of data” at a lot of different sites can lead to new discoveries in ecology.

Anderson says EREN is not only a

great scientific research tool but also helps students think on broader scales. For instance, instead of focusing on how a forest ecosystem works at only one site, students can compare data from different forest sites and see that forests can vary in their responses to stresses such as pathogens and human disturbance based on the climate, soil type, and surrounding landscape the forest occurs in.

EREN also allows students to learn to categorize and share data effectively. For example, Anderson says, what if one person places a species name in a column labeled “Species,” but someone else calls it “Name of Plant”? “When you try to merge those in a computer program or database, it doesn’t work,” she says. “Because of this difficulty, professors in EREN try to teach students essential techniques for sharing data among multiple sites and scientists.”

“WICKED” PROBLEM SOLVERS

Anderson believes a liberal arts education is the key to solving “wicked problems,” a term first coined in 1972 by social science theorists Horst Rittel and Melvin Webber. She defines these problems as “so complicated and multi-faceted that they appear almost unsolvable,” such as poverty or global climate change. To solve these problems, she says, the next generation needs a “diverse intellectual toolset.”

Ohio Wesleyan, Anderson says, is the perfect place to foster this type of toolset. Students here learn “cultural sensitivity, quantitative skills, critical thinking, and communication skills” — all essential to solving these 21st-century problems.

A graduate of Colby College in Maine, Anderson has been dedicated to liberal arts from the start. She recalls an early experience: “I was in a Mexican restaurant, and a student came up and said, ‘Dr. Anderson I just wanted to tell you that I used to never pay attention to environmental articles that I read in the newspaper, but now after your class, I do. I look at them all the time and I think

about those things a lot.’ I said, ‘Well that’s great. What’s your major?’ And she said, ‘Finance.’ I was so pleased to think that somebody going into finance would have some perspective on environmental issues.”

The incident inspired Anderson to teach at a college like Ohio Wesleyan.

“I find it really satisfying to teach at a liberal arts college and educate not only the next scientist, but also the next business person, artist, or writer about ecology.”

After 15 years, then, how does Anderson develop diverse toolsets for solving these wicked problems? She believes interdisciplinary studies are a



great starting point. This year Anderson and Karen Poremski, associate professor of English, were selected to participate in a multi-institution grant from the Great Lakes College Association focused on creating interdisciplinary courses.

Anderson and Poremski plan to develop a course linking ecological science and literature at a grant-funded workshop this summer. The fundamental idea, Anderson says, is to have students read both scientific papers and literature on the same topics taken from nature, and compare and contrast different ways of knowing and exploring the natural world. The course will be submitted for review by Ohio Wesleyan’s Academic Policy Committee in Fall 2016, with plans to offer it to students in Spring 2017.



Professor Anderson explores green spaces inside and outside the classroom with her students.

“I find it really satisfying to teach at a liberal arts college and educate not only the next scientist, but also the next business person, artist, or writer about ecology.”

—Laurie Anderson



Anderson also develops problem toolsets through her travel-learning courses. Even though it is a single class and subject, Anderson's plant ecology course in Brazil is multidisciplinary in its own way. While studying the ecology of Brazil, students also learn about other aspects of the country from local guides, such as how poverty affects the environment. Understanding tropical forest ecology requires some perspective on human interactions with the ecosystem, says Anderson.

Her students have fond memories of these travel-learning courses, considering

Anderson not just as a professor, but also a fun and interesting peer. Madonich says he was surprised to find out that along with ecology, Anderson is interested in music and is an "art aficionado." But, most notably, he says, "she plays ukulele and does a great rendition of Stairway to Heaven."

After considering all of Anderson's incredible teaching and research accomplishments, **Marissa Witkovsky '15** says she knows what makes her mentor most deserving of the Ohio Professor of the Year award. "Sometimes professors put pressure on 'exceptional' students to

succeed on a certain set path," Witkovsky says, "but Laurie has always simply listened to my struggles and questions and has given me honest advice about everything—careers, life, etc. Of course she would love to see students do big, amazing things, but it means a lot to me that she says nothing I do will ever disappoint her." ■

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"How can I learn more about the world and communicate that to other people?"

—Laurie Anderson



Dr. Anderson develops and leads OWU Connection Travel-Learning courses to Brazil, where students study the human-environment interaction.





“She plays ukulele and does a great rendition of Stairway to Heaven.”

—Nathan Madonich '16



U.S. Professor of the Year Award

Dr. Laurie Anderson is the second OWU professor to earn the prestigious Ohio Professor of the Year honor. Zoology Professor Edward H. “Jed” Burt Jr., now retired, was named the 2011 Ohio Professor of the Year.

The U.S. Professor of the Year Awards Program is the only national one of its type that celebrates the accomplishments of undergraduate teachers and mentors. Sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, which started the program in 1981, and the Carnegie Foundation for the

Advancement of Teaching, the program recognizes excellence in teaching and teachers’ positive influence on the lives and careers of students

Using stringent criteria, the program each year awards winners at the national and state level. Applications are judged by three panels based on impact on and involvement with undergraduate students, scholarly approach to teaching and learning, contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community, and profession, and support from colleagues and former undergraduate students.

—Abby Hanson '16



President Rock Jones congratulates Laurie Anderson at a collegewide reception in her honor at Merrick Hall.



2011 Ohio Professor of the Year Edward H. “Jed” Burt Jr., is Professor Emeritus of Zoology and an acclaimed ornithologist.



**OHIO WESLEYAN'S MOCK CONVENTION
HAS BROUGHT REAL POLITICS AND DEBATE TO
CAMPUS FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY.**

*By Emily Feldmesser '16 and magazine staff
Photographs by Mark Schmitter '12*

During a cold two days in February, Gray Chapel was a place of fiery political oratory and pageantry. With colorful signs and speeches dominating the proceedings, some 400 student delegates and other participants at Ohio Wesleyan University's Mock Convention gathered to choose the Republican nominee for U.S. president. The choices came down to Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Ohio Gov. John Kasich. Neither candidate had enough delegates to handily win the nomination, which meant a second vote was needed. ★ The winning candidate needed at least 139 delegates to be the nominee. In the final run-off, and to the applause of many in the crowd, Kasich pulled ahead with 173 delegates, overtaking Cruz's 100 delegate count. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley was nominated for vice president.





Congressman Pat Tiberi addresses OWU's 2016 Mock Convention from the stage of Gray Chapel.



★ **MOCK STATS** ★

- ★ 402 DELEGATES
- ★ 2 DAYS
- ★ 19 SPEAKERS
- ★ 6 AWARDS
- ★ 3 MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS
- ★ 2 MEALS
- ★ **NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT: JOHN KASICH**
- ★ **VICE PRESIDENT: NIKKI HALEY**

★ A SPIRITED TRADITION ★

One of the oldest and most beloved of OWU traditions, Mock Convention is held during presidential election years, and is limited to the current out-of-power political party. Since 1884, and except for some nominating cycles when the event wasn't held, Ohio Wesleyan students have run the mock conventions—bargaining and boasting, debating and dealing, pounding the podium and championing their candidates.

President Rock Jones, who participated along with students, faculty, and staff, says Mock Convention is “the ultimate example of opportunities for students to connect theory to practice as they experience firsthand the dynamics of a national political party convention, including adopting rules for the convention, debating and adopting a platform, and nominating candidates for president and vice president.

“This year’s convention included spirited and thoughtful debate on many of the most pressing domestic and international issues facing this year’s candidates,” he says. “I was impressed by the participation of our students, and they

had great fun along the way.”

Mock Convention Faculty Advisor Ashley Biser says Mock Convention is a unique and practical learning experience for students across the academic spectrum, helping students not only learn about the political process, but also learn about making an argument to appeal to people with whom they might disagree.

“I was particularly impressed by the students from Amy Downing’s conservation biology class, who made some great arguments for environmental protection designed to appeal to Republicans,” she says.

Convention organizers also gain valuable experience, Biser adds. “The process provides an opportunity [for students] to learn how to organize a big event, as well as to educate and mobilize their peers. The biggest organizational challenge is figuring out how to appeal to students who don’t even know what conventions are.”

Biser says organizers had a few fun mishaps, such as initially ordering blue pens for a Republican convention.

Jon Peterson '76, Treasurer of Delaware County, makes a call to order before nominations begin.

Senior Emma Drongowski '16, co-executive director of the event.



Ana Borish '19, Chris Dobeck '18, and Taylor Golden '16 during the Speed Dating the Candidates session.



“On the whole the students organizing the convention did a tremendous job. I was particularly excited to have so many faculty from different disciplines participate.”

★ **PROCEDURES AND PLATFORM** ★

OWU’s convention runs along the lines of a brokered convention, with no candidate having the majority before the nominating convention. Typically, the national conventions have set nominees, with the number of delegates already allocated during primaries.

The Mock Convention also addresses the party’s platform. Members of the executive committee draft the platform, and delegates are encouraged to make changes. Delegates must learn to follow political procedure and work through red tape, completing a system of amendment forms and obtaining a number of signatures. Any delegate who proposes changes to the platform advocates for the revisions, and the moderator opens the floor to oppose or support the proposal. The delegations then vote “up or down.”

“It was a really great way to learn more about the political process,” says **Lee LeBoeuf ’17** a psychology major. William Louthan, OWU professor of politics and government, has participated in every convention since 1976.

He joined the faculty in June 1972, soon after that year’s convention.

“I heard a lot about it because it was a big, gigantic thing that people were interested in—just so many students and faculty were participating...But I had to wait four years to experience it.”

Louthan, the parliamentarian since his first convention, displayed his political expertise and years of experience at the 2016 convention when the Texas delegation motioned to secede from the Union. Louthan said he would allow it only if Texas understood that its delegates would lose all voting rights if the state succeeded. A laugh erupted in Gray Chapel as the Texas state chair rescinded the motion.

Louthan believes students made the most impressive selection in the 1984 convention, when they nominated a



Left, the delegates put their rhetorical skills to work.



Michael Crum ’17, Shelli Reeves ’16, Dennique Corbett ’16, and Kaila Johnson ’16 discuss candidate Kasich.



Corey Bottensek ’16, a state chair, takes the floor.



Megan Hoffman ’12, community affairs coordinator at City of Upper Arlington, OH, returns to campus for the proceedings.



Shannon Schlater ’17, majoring in zoology, confers with her fellow state delegates.

Mondale/Ferraro ticket.

“We nominated Walter Mondale. Now that might not have been surprising because he had been vice president previously. But for our convention here, in the spring of 1984 to nominate [Geraldine] Ferraro, the first and only woman to run on a major party ticket for president or vice president...and for it to actually happen in the real world, that’s pretty impressive.”

Craig Ramsay, a former professor of politics and government and former chair of the department, agrees with Louthan’s assessment of the Mondale/Ferraro ticket.

“We got that one exactly right. Every time I think of both positions that have been correctly predicted by our Mock Convention, that’s what I think of.”

Ramsay’s most memorable delegation, however, was 20 years ago when the Kentucky delegation, headed by Marty Kalb, now a professor emeritus of fine arts, arrived at the

proceedings outfitted in Jack Daniel’s hats, vests, and signs obtained from the whisky retailer’s corporate headquarters. OWU’s Mock Convention always aligns with the political party not occupying the White House, making this year a Republican Party event.

Both Louthan and Ramsey say there is little difference in the number of students participating whether it is a Democratic or Republican convention.

“We have always been able to get the students, no matter what their personal partisan and ideological preferences may be, to find a role they can play in that convention,” Louthan says.

Ramsay notes Ohio Wesleyan used to have a moderate Republican student body, but thinks it’s changed to more Democrat-leaning. OWU students, he says, are “good at playing the role of the party that happens to be out of the White House.”



MOCK CONVENTION

Who is James G. Blaine?

Today, that could be a winning “answer” on Jeopardy.

But 132 years ago, James Blaine was big news. He was the Republican presidential candidate in 1884, narrowly losing the election to Grover Cleveland. It marked the first time since 1860 that a Republican did not win the White House.

More significantly to Ohio Wesleyan, James Blaine was the first presidential candidate nominated at OWU’s Mock Convention. His selection marked the first of nine times (so far) that the OWU students’ selection matched the nominee chosen at the national convention. For vice president, OWU nominated

Robert Todd Lincoln, the eldest son of Abraham Lincoln and the secretary of war at the time.

Mock Convention brings together Ohio Wesleyan students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the Delaware community for a two-day educational and social experience. Participants learn about the upcoming election’s candidates, important national issues, and more about the political process. Previous political experience is not required.

From the first Mock Convention through 1968, all but the 1932 convention aligned with the Republican Party. Beginning in 1972, OWU decided to hold conventions for the party not currently in office. The 1980, 1996, 2012, and 2016 conventions

1988 - *The political oratory has yet to begin as student delegates enter Gray Hall for the convention.*



1976 - *Ohio U.S. Sen. Howard Metzenbaum commandeers the convention floor.*

★ **SPURRING AN INTEREST IN POLITICS** ★

Jai Chabria '99, who studied politics and government and English at OWU, participated in the 1996 convention as a freshman in the Michigan delegation, and returned by request to the 2000 convention.

Now a senior advisor to Governor Kasich, Chabria wasn't sure about going into politics when he first participated in the convention. He says the convention helped spur his interest in politics, and provided a good entry into what life in politics is like.

"It wasn't the sole driving force," he says, "but

it was a really fun way to portray something that is a part of Americana and that you take part in it."

Chabria has attended three national Republican conventions since he entered the world of politics. He notes that even though the Mock Convention is quite different from national conventions, the event is a good introduction into real-life politics. He considers OWU's Mock Convention to be a "nod to what conventions at one point were like," but adds, "Who knows, maybe [the 2016 GOP] convention will be more like it [a brokered convention]." ■

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Left: Faculty convention advisor and Associate Professor of Politics and Government Ashley Biser and **Robert Crum '17**, associate director of the program, greet U.S. Congressman Pat Tiberi (R-OH). Right: Crum, who interned in Tiberi's district office, introduces the congressman.

AND REAL HISTORY

were Republican, and the conventions in 1972, 1976, 1984, 1988, 1992, 2004, and 2008 were Democratic.

The complete history of Mock Convention is detailed in a paper, "Mock Presidential Nominating Conventions at Ohio Wesleyan, 1884-2008," by Professor Emeritus Earl Warner and updated by Craig Ramsay, professor emeritus of politics and government.

Warner notes that the most contentious Mock Convention may have occurred in 1924, when OWU failed to nominate a candidate. He writes that the "convention was carefully planned under the auspices of the Republican, Social Science and Liberal clubs." However, 60 delegates favoring Sen. Robert

LaFollette, R-WI, left the convention, making it impossible for any candidate to win the requisite number of votes. The 60 delegates banded together to form the 'Liberal Party of America,' and nominated LaFollette. (At the Republican National Convention held later that year in Cleveland, the nomination went to Calvin Coolidge, with 1,065 delegates to LaFollette's 34 delegates.)

Only once did OWU students correctly predict both the presidential and vice presidential candidates. This happened in 1984, when OWU nominated former Vice President Walter Mondale and Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro.



1988 - Student delegates are fired up for Rev. Jesse Jackson and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.



1984 - U.S. Sen. Gary Hart (D-CO) won the nomination in the mock Democratic convention.



1980 - Student delegates chose George H. W. Bush for president and Howard Baker for vice-president at the mock Republican convention.

Art & Artifice

Two of Ohio Wesleyan's theatre luminaries—professor and former student—take center stage as they reunite to bring the award-winning play "Artifice" to campus.



Photo: Spenser Hickey '15

By Lisa Lopez Snyder

On a balmy mid-February weekend this year, laughter permeated the Studio Theatre of Chappellear Drama Center. The comedic play “Artifice” had the audience smiling throughout its four-performance sold-out run.

The story centers on East Coast elite wannabes who attend a private art reception at the home of an art dealer’s upstate New York home. When the eccentric characters are snowed in, the guests—egotistical artists, conniving dealers, and vengeful wealthy patrons—become entangled in a tale of mistaken identities, secret schemes, jealous lovers, and financial ruin.

The scenario had all the makings of ploy and pretense, but for its director and writer, the performance had a very real and special behind-the-scenes significance: The play marked the reunion of its director and Ohio Wesleyan theatre professor **Bonnie Milne Gardner ’77** and her former student and theatre major **Anne Flanagan ’87**, who wrote the award-winning play. The occasion also celebrated the OWU theatre alumni and faculty connection.

CREATING ART AND CONNECTIONS

For Gardner, the George and Louise Peters Professor of Theatre & Dance, and Flanagan, both award-winning playwrights, the opportunity to work together again after so many years was a fitting tribute. Gardner retires this year from the Department of Theatre and Dance after 31 years teaching playwriting, American drama, and theatre education. “Artifice” marks her final production as an OWU faculty member. The play opened on February 18, and Flanagan was brought back to campus as a guest artist.

“Having Anne here for the packed houses meant so much to the cast and crew,” Gardner says. “They loved hearing her stories of the journey from acting on the OWU stage to getting her work performed on multiple continents.

“I’m so grateful that the department’s Hunter-Eyssen-Crosby Guest Fund for guest artists enabled us to make that happen. It is an endowment created by theatre alums to honor

three wonderful professors who built our program in the mid 1900s.”

Flanagan says, “Not only did I have the pleasure of watching my play performed incredibly well, but I was able to meet with the delightful theatre students and hold a Q&A about my show biz experiences, which I hope was more informative than depressing,” she laughs.

“It was wonderful to reconnect with Bonnie and the uber-talented Glen Vanderbilt (OWU professor of theatre), plus the performances were completely sold out. We were a hot ticket!”

The students participating in the production were equally thrilled. Sarah Shulman, who played one of the leading roles, calls it “an incredible experience.”

“The rehearsal process was both fun and educational,” she says. “Professor Gardner emphasized parts of the rehearsal that brought both an inward character focus as well as an outward reaction toward the rest of the cast. I couldn’t be more grateful for the opportunity to act under Prof Gardner’s direction, and even more so for the opportunity to be a part of her last show!”

AWARD-WINNING WORK

Gardner has had more than 20 scripts produced by professional, community, and educational theatres in Alaska, California, Florida, New York, Ohio, and Virginia. A member of the Dramatists Guild, she has worked professionally as a director and arts administrator. She also has been an active dramaturg, an arts advocate who creates links between artists and institutions, and institutions and their communities.

Among Gardner’s many accolades are two awards for Excellence in Playwriting from the Ohio Arts Council, and in 2011 she was awarded the Welch Meritorious Teaching Award. She was named a finalist at the Edward Albee Playwriting Conference and at San Diego’s Human Rights Theatre Festival. In 2001 she published *The Playwright-Director in American Theatre*.

The first connection between Gardner and Flanagan came in 1985, during Gardner’s first year as a professor at OWU, and in her first production, “The Art of Dining,” a culinary comedy



by Tina Howe. The play starred then-OWU junior Flanagan, who played the role of Ellen, a chef whose husband eats almost all the food before she can serve it at their gourmet restaurant.

In order to prepare Flanagan and her “husband” Cal, played by **Eric Winzenried '88**, for the part of gourmet restaurant owners, Gardner arranged for chef **Kent Rigsby '75**, then a chef at Lindey’s Restaurant & Bar in German Village, to instruct the young actors on culinary cues such as how to prepare a meal, pour wine, and hold a knife. A famed chef, Rigsby went on to operate the iconic Columbus restaurant Rigsby’s Kitchen for 29 years.

Flanagan, who also majored in journalism and minored in psychology, recalls the fun she had with her “Dining” character. “I love comedy that comes out of character,” she says. “As an audience member, I find it really enjoyable, and as an actor, it’s incredibly fun to play.”

“The Art of Dining” remains one of her favorite plays, she adds, because of the food and the social issues and gender politics in it. Still, she says, “For as much as I think plays can and should challenge people, there is also room for a play that simply makes people laugh.”

COAST-TO-COAST CAREER

For Flanagan, who lives in Los Angeles, coming back to Delaware to see Gardner direct her play was an exciting opportunity to celebrate and reconnect with her mentor.

“Bonnie brought a refreshing, positive energy to the department,” she says. “She focused on female playwrights, and she helped me find my voice. Plus, I was thrilled to have a female professor.”

Flanagan remembers Gardner’s guidance as she prepared her one-woman senior project production. “That project was a big leap for me,” she says. “Bonnie really helped me see it through.”

Flanagan moved to New York City after graduation to pursue acting, primarily improvisational comedy. In 1992 she



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—Bonnie Milne Gardner



moved to Los Angeles, where she found film and television work. She landed small parts in several major films in 1994, including the thrillers *The Last Seduction*, starring Linda Fiorentino and Bill Pullman; *Disclosure*, featuring Michael Douglas and Demi Moore; and *White Mile*, with Alan Alda and Peter Gallagher.

After a few years the Delaware native says she “got stuck” at a certain level as an actress. “I kept getting boring ‘girlfriend parts’ and there was a lot of just sitting around,” she says, so she started writing plays.

She wrote monologues for herself and friends to perform, short plays, and eventually full-length scripts. Her work went on to win a number of awards, including the Bloomington Playwrights Project/Reva Shiner Comedy Award (for “Artifice”), the Julie Harris/Janet and Maxwell Salter Playwrights Award, the McLaren Memorial Comedy Award, the Mountain Playhouse Comedy Award, and the Playwright’s Theater “Plays for the 21st Century” Award, among others.

Her latest play, “Lineage,” is a finalist for the Strange Sun Theatre’s Greenhouse Project and was a finalist for the Henley-Rose Award in 2015.

Gardner says Flanagan sent her an early draft of “Artifice”

a number of years ago. Flanagan revised the draft several times from 2006 to 2010, before it premiered at the Bloomington Playwright’s Theatre. The theatre sent the play to a publisher, which published it in 2012. “Artifice” has since been performed throughout the United States, Canada, and as distant as New Zealand. Inspired by her love of Agatha Christie, Flanagan says she always saw “Artifice” as “an ensemble piece where everyone is a strong character.”

Gardner came across “Artifice” in 2014 when she was looking for her last play to direct as a faculty member—one “with good roles for women.”

“I got a copy of the published form and loved it.”

ALL IN THE “ART” FAMILY

“Artifice” also has reunited former “The Art of Dining” castmates and theatre faculty, including theatre professor D. Glen Vanderbilt Jr., who created the set design in the 1985 production and assisted with the props and set dressing for the 2016 show.

Brad Sadler ’04, who teaches part-time in OWU’s theatre department, played the role of Mick and choreographed the fight scenes; **Zoe Crankshaw ’15**, who is technical director for theatre at the Columbus School for Girls, designed the lights; and Emeritus Fine Arts faculty Marty Kalb provided original abstract art works to be used on the set. Gardner says she took Kalb’s two-dimensional design course in her first semester as a student in fall 1973.

As if the OWU “theatre family” link couldn’t go any further, Gardner in 1987 directed the play “Volleys,” written by OWU Emeritus Professor of English Robert Flanagan, Anne’s father, in the same black box theatre where she’s directing his daughter’s play.

In between playwriting jobs, Flanagan teaches theatre

part time for the Los Angeles Unified School District, and she is CEO of Health Education Advocates, LLC, a company that teaches medical students patient care techniques. For over 10 years, she worked as a freelance private investigator, a job where she learned “a lot about public records, not-so-public records, and sneaking around LA’s back alleys.”

As for Gardner’s future, she plans to spend more time

writing. She adds that leaving Ohio Wesleyan and moving out of state with her husband, Bruce, will be bittersweet, since three generations of her family have attended OWU, where she’s made lifelong friends.

“I’ll definitely miss the fabulous students,” she says. “They have taught me more than I can say, and served as inspiring collaborators over the years. There’s only one thing I love more—writing—and I look forward to days filled with nothing but!

“Bruce and I plan to simply run away from home.” ■

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Anne Flanagan ’87 as Ellen in the 1985 production “The Art of Dining”, matches culinary grit with humor alongside Cal, played by **Eric Wizenried ’88**.

2015 Grad Takes One-Man Show to New York Stage

Disability and sex.

These themes may not appear to be related to most people, but for **Ryan Haddad ’15**, a gay man with cerebral palsy, they are as real as the braces on his legs.

The Parma, Ohio, native, who majored in theatre and creative writing at Ohio Wesleyan, now lives in New York City as an actor and writer, working as a licensing representative for Samuel French, Inc., a major publisher of musicals and plays. His senior capstone one-man production, “Hi, Are You Single?” which he continues to perform, explores his own take on the complicated intersection of romance and disability as a single gay man.

His solo performance earned him Ohio Wesleyan’s 2015 Excellence in Performance Award, and he has since gone on to perform the show at New York’s Dixon Place and to sold-out performances at the Hot! Festival, a prominent LGBT theatre festival.

The Huffington Post has called the performance “a stirring work of theater, replete with both heartrending and deliberately hilarious moments.”

“I feel so strongly that the media, and people in general, have completely desexualized disability,” says Haddad, who recently had a small guest

role on the Netflix series “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt.” He aims to challenge that preconception, as well as the lack of representation in the media and the arts, of people with

disabilities living full lives. Haddad says he never had to confront his cerebral palsy until he started trying to date. “Ninety-five percent of men don’t look at me because of the braces and walker.”

At OWU, Professor of Theatre Edward Kahn cast Haddad in “Ring Round the Moon” when Haddad was a freshman. One of his favorite roles was in “A Little Night Music,” where he played the role of the grandmother. He wrote short plays, including “Art Unfinished,” which became an American College Theater Festival regional finalist.

Haddad credits a weeklong OWU master workshop with acclaimed Los Angeles-based performance artist Tim Miller as the springboard for his work. Miller’s mentorship led Haddad to develop a full-length piece about his own experience. “That was the really defining part of my time at OWU,” he says. “I was on this new path to find my own voice as a writer and performer.”

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BASKETBALL, TRACK & FIELD CAPTURE LEAGUE TITLES

By Mark Beckenbach '81

Three North Coast Athletic Conference championships, two career coaching milestones, and a trio of All-America selections highlighted the winter sports season at Ohio Wesleyan.

The men's basketball team shared the NCAC championship with a 15-3 record, repeating as conference champion for the first time since the 1987-88 team won the last of four consecutive NCAC titles.

Ohio Wesleyan received an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III tournament, the Bishops' fifth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance, and hosted the first and second rounds at Branch Rickey Arena.

The Bishops defeated Pitt-Greensburg, 114-68, in the first round. For head coach **Mike DeWitt '87**, the win was his 284th at Ohio Wesleyan, giving him more wins at OWU than any other men's basketball coach.

In the second round, OWU defeated Lynchburg 97-94. Sophomore guards **Nate Axelrod** and **Seth Clark**, and junior post **Ben Simpson** scored 22 points apiece, and senior wing **Claude Gray** added 20 points, giving the Bishops their first ever quartet of 20-point scorers in a game.

The Bishops advanced to the sectional semifinals (final 16 teams) for the first time since 2008, but lost 97-84 to eventual

national runner-up Benedictine. OWU finished the season with a 25-5 record, the second-highest season win total in school history.

Axelrod was named NCAC Player of the Year, the Bishops' fourth NCAC Player of the Year selection in the last five seasons. Clark and Simpson also were first-team all-conference selections, and Gray was a second-team All-NCAC pick.

Axelrod was named Great Lakes Region Player of the Year by D3hoops.com and received second-team All-American laurels from D3hoops.com and third-team All-America honors from National Association of Basketball Coaches. He ranked fifth in the NCAC in scoring with an average of 17.2 points per game and led the league in assists with an average of 5.6 per game. He also led the league in assist/turnover ratio (3.8).

The women's track & field team won its 10th consecutive NCAC championship, outscoring Oberlin, 171-131½ in the conference championship meet. Individual honors included:

Senior **Abbey Warth** was named Most Outstanding Middle Distance/Distance Performer after winning the 800-meter and mile runs in respective times of 2:16.86 and 5:04.61.

Junior **Sarah Fowler** won an NCAC title and set school and meet records, winning the 5000-meter run in 17:17.65 to break her

TRACK & FIELD COACH SETS NCAC CAREER RECORD

By Zane Kieffer '16

The Ohio Wesleyan men's and women's track & field teams have given head coach Kris Boey a remarkable career milestone. When the Battling Bishops swept the men's and women's indoor titles at the North Coast Athletic Conference championship meet in March, the two championships increased Boey's career total to 25 (both men and women's indoor and outdoor), making him the all-time leader among NCAC track & field coaches.

Now in his 14th season at Ohio Wesleyan, Boey has helped produce 161 NCAA qualifiers, 37 All-Americans, 37 NCAC Athlete of the Year selections, and 995 All-NCAC honorees. His student-athletes have broken 157 school records. Boey's peers have voted him NCAC Coach of the Year 25 times. He also has received Regional Coach of the Year honors 10 times since 2007.

"This is an accomplishment that I take great pride as a milestone in my career, but it really means that we have had exceptional student-athletes who dedicated themselves to being part of something bigger than themselves and worked hard to win these team championships," Boey says.

Boey says the teams' spirit and culture set them above the competition. "I believe that we have created an outstanding team culture, but around the team concept. That can be a difficult thing to accomplish in an individual-team sport."

With so many celebrated athletes in his 14-year tenure, Boey says, "We look to recruit students with the best combination of character, scholarship, and athletic ability. It's important to consider the person first. Just because a person is talented doesn't mean that they will be a good fit in our program. We will take chances on developing athletes if they really want to be a part of the team and University. Often times these student-athletes will grow to become difference makers in our program and on our campus."

Boey says his most important mentor has been longtime OWU coach (1960-97) Marv Frye. "Marv has reinforced the value in doing things the right way, not just what will best serve us in the short term. He's become like family to me and I've learned more about the sport from him than anyone else."

He adds, "I've also learned a great deal from my coaching

own school record of 17:46.27 and the NCAC record of 17:19.23.

Freshman **Alyssa Acevedo** won an NCAC title and set a school record, winning the long jump with a leap of 18-2¾ to break the school record of 18-1 set by **Emily Brown** the previous week.

Meanwhile, the men's track & field team outscored Wabash, 223-183½, giving the Battling Bishops their first NCAC indoor title since 2010. Individual honors included:

Seniors **Ahmed Abdel Halim** and **Adam Turner** were named Most Outstanding Performers. Abdel Halim was named Most Outstanding Field Events Performer after winning the triple jump (46-4½), finishing second in the long jump, and placing fifth in the high jump. Turner was named Most Outstanding Sprints/Hurdles Performer after winning the 200- and 400-meter dashes in respective times of 22.83 and 50.12.

Five Bishops qualified for the NCAA Division III championship meet, with Abdel Halim and Fowler winning All-America honors. Abdel Halim finished sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 47-4½. Fowler finished eighth in the 5000-meter run in 17:13.13 to win her first All-America citation in track & field and continue her outstanding 2015-16 year. Fowler won All-America honors in cross country in November, finishing 24th to become Ohio Wesleyan's third All-American in women's cross country. Her time also broke the school record of 17:17.65 she set earlier in the season. ■

Mark Beckenbach '81 is associate director of media relations and sports information director at Ohio Wesleyan.



OWU sophomore and Battling Bishops point guard **Nate Axelrod** was named to the All-Great Lakes District team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

colleagues in the department, as well as my coaching staff. They should get as much credit as the head coach."

Though his teams have 25 titles, Boey is a coach who doesn't follow the "winning is everything" philosophy.

Boey says his work ethic comes from his parents. "I learned from them that things may not always come easy, but they're still worth it."

He's also grateful to his wife, Leslie, and children, Abbie, Alex, and Avery, for their "support and understanding in allowing me to do what I need to do on behalf of our student-athletes. "Winning a team championship is always a goal, and an accomplishment that we all can enjoy together, but it is not the ultimate goal," he says.

"While our accomplishments have been fun and rewarding, it doesn't mean we've failed if we don't win. I cherish my first four years at OWU when we were chasing the championship title just as much as I've enjoyed the last 10 years. As long as our students are growing and preparing for the next chapter in their lives, we have been successful."

With the outdoor track & field season underway, the Bishops look to continue their success under their unquestioned leader, Coach Kris Boey. ■

Zane Kieffer '16, a major in Health and Human Kinetics with a concentration in sport and exercise management, is a sports information intern with Ohio Wesleyan University Athletics.



Track coach **Kris Boey**, talking strategy with All-America high jumper **Emily Amburgey '14**.

REIMAGINING HIS ROOTS, EAST AND WEST

Salman Toor '06 still remembers when his teenage passion for art grew even stronger, during his first art history class at Ohio Wesleyan with Carol Neuman de Vegvar, Frank L. & Eva L. Packard Professor of Fine Arts.

"I knew a terribly interesting new door was opening for me," Toor says of the experience. "Western Art History began to ignite my imagination, and I fancied myself an apprentice to the masters of European painting such as Giovanni Bellini and Titian."

Toor graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from OWU and went on to receive his MFA in painting from New York's Pratt Institute in 2009. Born in Lahore, Pakistan, in 1983, he now lives in Brooklyn, creating art that explores the ambiguities of living in the East and West.

He views himself as a wanderer, travelling between boundaries. Toor is inspired by the dissonance, understanding, and confusion of leaving his community of origin.

From October to December 2015, Toor displayed his second solo show at the Aicon Gallery in New York City. This exhibition, entitled "Resident Alien," mostly comprises large-scale paintings.

Hyperallergic, a forum for radical perspectives on contemporary art and culture, noted the exhibit's paintings

"envision the possibility of a new world that comingles the East and the West and projects a third space of harmony."

Toor is working on a new body of work for an exhibition in Karachi, Pakistan. He is also illustrating a graphic novel entitled *The Electrician* with his friend, Alexandra Atiya, a writer. The novel, immersed in the supernatural, follows the inner lives of a middle-class family in Lahore over the course of a week, displaying the social conflict in contemporary Pakistani life.

"In the real world, to be an artist doesn't just mean one can stay in one's garage, hidden away from the world, painting," says Toor. He believes that artists, despite their usual daydreaming nature, must be able to plan their futures and engage with the world.

Toor likes not knowing exactly what he is going to do next in his work, so he makes decisions quickly during composition. In his lively, colorful paintings that are both intimate and intensely relatable, Toor blends the meditative element of painting with the element of risk.

"With every painting I feel like I finally have the hang of it, but I begin anew every single time," Toor says. ■

—Julia Stone '16



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DISCOVERING DON FAUSTO

Not all Galápagos tortoises are the same. At least that's what zoologist **Gregory Watkins-Colwell '91** recently discovered. Watkins-Colwell and a team of scientists identified a new species of Galápagos tortoise that previously went under the radar because scientists assumed that all of the Galápagos tortoises shared the same genetic makeup.

Watkins-Colwell says that it is always important not to make assumptions, which is a rule he learned at Ohio Wesleyan.

Watkins-Colwell is the collections manager at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, one of the world's oldest and largest university natural history museums. He says when colleagues in the lab across the hall studied the Galápagos tortoises using molecular techniques, they quickly realized that the molecular makeup of the reptiles actually differs significantly. Digging deeper, they found that the differences lie mostly in the DNA sequences, and slightly in the shell morphology.

Watkins-Colwell, who majored in pre-professional zoology, was selected to examine the skull, describe its morphology, and photograph it. He says that the skull is now the "holotype" of the species, which means it is the specimen used as the basis for the description and name of the new species.

According to scientists, the new species of Galápagos tortoise lives on the Santa Cruz island in a lowland known as Cerro Fatal



Top: Gregory Watkins-Colwell '91 at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. Bottom: Gregory during a 1990 Island Biology class trip to Galápagos with Professor Emeritus of Zoology Jed Burt.

or "Deadly Hill." This new species is uniquely named "Don Fausto" after a 75-year-old park ranger who dedicated his life to helping the endangered tortoises. Watkins-Colwell also helped identify a new species of leopard frog in 2014.

When not making impactful scientific discoveries, he manages the research specimen collection of amphibians, reptiles, and fishes. It's a career path that started at the Ohio Wesleyan University Museum of Zoology, he says. "[That] was the first time I worked in an academic museum collection, and now I do it every day!"

As part of his job, Watkins-Colwell travels the world to do field work. "A couple years ago I went to Brunei to participate in a rapid assessment of the biodiversity of a mountain," he says. He participates in several professional

organizations, including the Society for the Study of Amphibians, previously known as the Ohio Herpetological Society.

Watkins-Colwell also serves as an adjunct faculty member at OWU. This usually involves hosting OWU interns and externs at the Yale museum where he works.

Watkins-Colwell and his wife, Kellie, have two children who he says keep them busy, but he still finds time to keep captive geckos and read science fiction. ■

—Abby Hanson '16

OWU Alums Celebrate the Holidays Coast to Coast



More than 760 alumni celebrated the holidays with their Ohio Wesleyan family at parties in 10 cities in December.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

The following is a listing of OWU alumni events around the country. These events offer alumni, families and friends opportunities to network with fellow Bishops and to reconnect with OWU near your hometown.

To RSVP for an event, please visit www.owu.edu/alumni or call (740) 368-3325.

MAY 2016

May 12 | On-Campus
Founders' Circle Induction

May 13-15 | On-Campus
Alumni Weekend

JUNE 2016

June 16 | Western, CT
Shakespeare on the Sound

June 18 | Cleveland, OH
Summer on the Cuyahoga
Opening Reception

JULY 2016

July 23 | Northern MI
Luncheon, Walloon Lake
Country Club

SEPTEMBER 2016

September 16 | Sunbury, OH
Team OWU Golf Outing

September 16-17 | On-Campus
Women of Ohio Wesleyan (WOW)

OCTOBER 2016

October 6-7 | On-Campus
Board of Trustees

October 7-8 | On-Campus
Homecoming/Family Weekend;
various affinity reunions
Celebration of Endowments/
Scholarships

DECEMBER 2016

DECEMBER HOLIDAY EVENTS

December 1 | Chicago, IL;
Denver, CO

December 4 | San Francisco, CA
December 7 | Boston, MA;
Philadelphia, PA

December 8 | New York, NY
December 14 | Columbus and
Cleveland, OH

December 15 | Washington, DC

May 17-19, 2017 | On-Campus
Alumni Weekend

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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& friends**

Come Home for Alumni Weekend '16!

Join us on campus May 13-15 for Alumni Weekend. Each year we welcome back more than 800 alumni for a weekend of reminiscing and fun! While alumni graduating in years ending in "1" and "6" will celebrate reunions this year, we encourage all OWU alumni to attend. Visit owu.edu/alumniweekend2016 to register, and to see a full schedule and who is attending!

Weekend highlights include:

- Celebrating Ohio Wesleyan, an event that recognizes alumni with professional accomplishments, and/or outstanding service to humankind. Recipients include the following individuals:
Alumni Awards: **Evan Corns '59, Robert Gillespie '66, Michael Long '66**
Distinguished Achievement Citations: **Carol Jane Galante '76, Randall Griffin '66, Gregory Moore '76, James Oberg '66**
Honorary Alumni Status: Jed Burt, Emeritus Professor of Zoology
Young Alumni Award: **Driss Sekkat '06 and Meghan Feran Sexton '06**
- 50th Reunion Welcome Luncheon for the Class of 1966
- Blues & BBQ Kick-off Dinner and Reunion dinners

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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SAVE THE DATES
Alumni Weekend
2016 May 13-15

**Homecoming/
Family Weekend**
October 7-9,
2016



Lecturer in Theatre & Dance

Jill Becker taught Delicious Movement, a class combining the anatomical principles of Thomas Myers with dance improvisation. She also performed a solo dance contrasting private and public parts of oneself at the Body Mind Centering Association Conference at Reed College in Portland, OR, in June 2015.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography Nick Crane

is part of a research team that received support from the Institute for Human Geography for a project called "Breaking Consent, Making Space for Racial and Economic Justice."

Professor of Botany & Microbiology Jerry Goldstein

published three research articles in 2015 co-authored by current and former OWU students: "Sodium Fluoride Enhances T2 Bacteriophage Yield," co-authored by **Jazmine Quinn '15**, was published in *Research & Reviews: A Journal of Biotechnology*; "Garlic and Onion Extracts Enhance the Yield of T2 Bacteriophage in E. Coli," co-authored with **Owen Kelling '16**, **Gregory Serpa '15**, **Karli Sturgill '15**, and **Madeline Vroom '16**, also published in *Research & Reviews*; and "Comparison of the Keratinase Gene Sequences of Fast and Slow Feather Degrading Strains of Bacillus licheniformis," co-authored by OWU graduates **Patricia Celestino Soper '05**, **Allison Morrell Bailey '05**, and **Sara Fitzgerald-Butt '00**, published in *Research & Reviews: A Journal of Microbiology and Virology*.

Professor of Physics & Astronomy Robert Haring-Kaye

published "Coexisting Single-Particle and Collective Excitations in 70As" in *Physical Review C*, the premier domestic journal for nuclear physics research. The article resolves several uncertainties surrounding the underlying structure of a particular isotope of arsenic that have remained a mystery since this nucleus was first studied in the 1970s. The article was co-

Musser Performs at Seoul Celebration to Honor Horace Allen

Joseph Musser, **Helen Whitelaw Jackson University Professor and Benjamin F. & Margaret Cessna Professor Emeritus of English**, and an organist, performed his own composition, "Namdaemoon Celebration," in Seoul, South Korea, in June 2015, to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the Namdaemoon Presbyterian Church.

The church traces its founding to a small service held by medical missionary **Dr. Horace Allen, Class of 1881**, and his wife Frances Ann Messenger of Huron, OH, in 1885 in their home in Korea. Allen's contributions advanced Western medicine in the country and helped establish the first hospital and medical school in the Chosŏn region.

Rebuilt in 1904 with a major contribution from Louis H. Severance of Cleveland, the hospital became known as Severance Hospital and the medical school as the Severance Medical School. Today the hospital is considered one of the top medical facilities in Asia, and Allen went on to serve the first American ambassador to Korea.

To mark the anniversary, Musser incorporated into his composition American and Korean folk tunes to symbolize both cultures' confluence in Allen's life and work, as well as the continuing relationship between the Namdaemoon Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Delaware.

Louise Musser, emeritus professor of education and associate dean of academic affairs, read a congratulatory letter from President Rock Jones written on behalf of Ohio Wesleyan.

authored by **Robert Elder '15**, a mathematics and physics double-major at OWU and current graduate student studying nuclear physics at Michigan State University.

In November, the Quince Contemporary Music Ensemble premiered **Assistant Professor of Music Jennifer Jolley's** Pussy Riot-inspired song cycle "Prisoner of Conscience" at Constellation Chicago.

Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Glenda Y. Nieto-Cuebas

received the OWU Presidential Award for Racial and Cultural Diversity. This year she taught a Theory-to-Practice course in Spain where students researched how Spanish classical theater plays are adapted and produced for contemporary audiences. She also co-authored an annotated edition of the Spanish early modern play *Amazonas en las Indias*, and co-translated the Spanish comic play *Interlude of the Witches*.

Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Eva Paris-Huesca

had several pieces published in 2015, including three book chapters: "Intersección de miradas femeninas y voces andaluzas en el cine de Pilar

Távora" in *Mujeres directoras en el cine español de los orígenes de la construcción de la propia Mirada*; "(Re)apropiación de la novela detectivesca: la violencia de(l) género en *Las niñas perdidas* de Cristina Fallarás" in *Tras la pista. Novela criminal escrita por mujeres*; and "En busca de un pasado perdido: Sé quién eres y los nuevos discursos de la memoria" in *El género eterno: Estudios sobre novela y cine negro*. She also published the peer-reviewed journal article "Pilar Miró y el revival del noir en los noventa: *Beltenebros* y la femme fatale en proceso de de(con)strucción" in *Lectora. Revista de mujeres y textualidad 21*.

Emeritus professor of zoology, Wendell Patton

authored "On the Natural History and Functional Morphology of the Clam Shrimp Lynceus Brachyurus," published in *Journal of Crustacean Biology*. Patton details the results of a long-term study on the biology and life cycle of a small crustacean that lives in temporary woodland pools south of Delaware.

Assistant Professor of Education Campbell Scribner

authored the book, *The Fight for Local Control: Schools, Suburbs, and American Democracy*,

forthcoming in May by Cornell University Press. Scribner explains how 1970s suburban conservatives used the legacy of the one-room schoolhouse to change educational law, and shielded themselves from racial desegregation and tax equalization. He also explores why conservatives have begun to abandon local control as a political cause.

Professor of Physics and Astronomy Brad Trees '86

will be a named contributor in the first digital edition of the world's leading college physics textbook, originally authored by Halliday and Resnick. The new work will be marketed as *Fundamentals of Physics* (digital edition), by Jearl Walker with Interactive Simulations by Brad Trees. Publication is forthcoming in January 2018.

Professor of Botany & Microbiology Chris Wolverton

was elected to a three-year term on the governing board of the American Society for Gravitational and Space Research at its annual meeting in November 2015. He continues to work toward a 2017 launch of his experiment on the International Space Station, and the project's budget has been increased to support development for flight.

CLASSnotes

1940s

William Farragher '49, creator of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube trademark, gave a presentation called "Memories of a Lifetime" for the William Holmes McGuffey Historical Society of Youngstown, OH, in October 2015.

1950s

Richard Jackson '53 published *The Rules*, a book of tips for those beginning their careers.

Ted Pollard '55, of Middletown, OH, retired from the news business (Cox Newspapers Ohio and *The Kansas City Star*), and

was honored to have his two-act play, "Grant's Wish," stage-read by actors in a performance at Cincinnati's Aronoff Center under the auspices of the Cincinnati Playwrights Initiative and the Cincinnati Arts Association. A number of OWU grads attended the event. It was Ted's first try at playwriting, and he hopes the work will be produced at the high school or college level.

John "Larry" Hill '57, a semi-retired surgeon and professor emeritus of surgery at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University, was named Professional of the Year by the International Association of Who's

Who for exemplary achievements in the fields of health care and education.

1960s

Gloria Fox Wendel '60 was featured by the *Times Bulletin* in Van Wert, OH, for her 55-year tenure as the organist at First United Methodist Church.

Sandra Walker Kelly '61 received the Indiana Achievement Award for Distinction in Community Leadership.

Paul Schimmel '62 was elected to the National Academy of Inventors, a distinction

recognizing academic inventors who demonstrate a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development, and the welfare of society. Paul is a professor in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology at The Scripps Research Institute.

Flora Cunningham '64, director of the Oneonta's City of the Hills chapter of Sweet Adelines International women's barbershop singing group, was selected as the group's 2015 "Sweet Adeline of the Year." She was awarded a certificate and pin in September at the 2015 Vocal Fest music education weekend in Albany, NY.

Edward Miller Jr. '64 was elected to the board of directors for EnGeneIC Ltd., a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company.

Herbert Cady Jr. '65 retired in December 2015 from a 41-year career as a pediatrician. He now plans to spend more time learning how to write fiction.

Carl Good '66 presented on the Rotary International's drive for the total eradication of polio at the Wellesley Community Center in Wellesley, MA, in October 2015. Carl has participated in polio eradication missions in Bangladesh, Kenya, and Nigeria, and he is the Polio Project chairman for his Rotary district.

MORE THAN 90 YEARS OF ART HONORED



Carol Kane Simerly '47 was the featured artist at the Payson Art League ARToberFEST Fine Art & Fine Craft Show & Sale in October of 2015 in Payson, AZ. At the age of 91, Carol has been an oil and sculpture artist for 35 years, often showing her work in galleries near her home in Payson. At ARToberFEST, Carol exhibited her Southwestern art collection, including Tonto Apache portraits, Native American bronzes, and wall sculptures. Carol is pictured here with her full-sized paper mâché saguaro cactus.

"It was a wonderful experience at 91 years to be so honored," Carol says of her ARToberFEST feature. "I would like my classmates to know there can be life after 90."

In addition to receiving her bachelor of fine arts degree from OWU with honors, Carol studied at The Art Students League of New York. In 2006, she completed a children's book started by her late aunt titled "The Insect Wonderland." Carol assumes the persona of "Lady Dragonfly" during book signings, appealing to children who have come to love the insects featured in the book. The book is in its third printing and will soon be sold at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

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James Hammann '67 performed in an organ recital at St. John's By the Campus church in Ames, IA, in November 2015.

Nancy Peace '67 was named to President Obama's Presidential Emergency Board No. 249, a group intended to help resolve an ongoing dispute between the New Jersey Transit Rail and some of its employees. Until 2014, Nancy was executive director of the Massachusetts Education Partnership.

1970s

Jo Lynn Davidson Andrews '70 celebrated 41 years as a speech language pathologist in Sheridan, WY. She retired from her position at the Child Development Center in August 2015.

Jan Witold Baran '70 published the sixth edition of his book *The Election Law Primer for Corporations* in September 2015.

Geoffrey Greif '71 published his newest book, *Adult Sibling Relationships*, with Columbia University Press. This is his third book focusing on horizontal relationships. Geoffrey is a professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

Ivan Owen Jr. '71 was named Salesperson of the Year by Consumers Interstate Corporation of Norwich, CT.

Paul Greve Jr. '73 completed six years of Anglican theology studies and was ordained as a transitional deacon in the Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne, IN, in July 2015. Classmate Rev. James M. Long was the homilist. He was ordained early this year to the priesthood, serving as an assistant priest at Trinity Church in Fort Wayne.

Gael Bissell '75 was named conservation manager at Vital Ground Foundation. She will lead the organization's land conservation efforts to protect and restore grizzly bear populations in Montana, Idaho, and other parts of North America.

Winona "Winnie" Wellman Zimmerlin '75 moved her law office to Manchester, CT, from Hartford. She focuses on disability and education law. Her son Russ joined her practice, focusing on disability, criminal, and real estate law.

Deborah Brautigam '76 published her latest book, *Will Africa feed China?* Deborah is a professor and director of the China Africa Research Initiative in the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Theresa Cropper '76, chief diversity officer at Perkins Coie law firm in Chicago, has been named to the Hall of Fame of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association.

Anne Kleindienst '76, a shareholder with the national law firm Polsinelli in its Phoenix office, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America 2016* in the categories of Corporate Law and Franchise Law. *Best Lawyers* is regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence.

Gregory Moore '76, former editor of *The Denver Post*, was a speaker at the 23rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration breakfast in Delaware, OH, in January.

Jon Peterson '76, county treasurer of Delaware County, OH, and pastor of Zion United Church of Christ, leads a volunteer-run men's shelter called A Place of Warmth in Delaware. **Michael Newcomb '73** volunteers at the shelter; the two men have been friends since meeting as fraternity brothers at OWU 40 years ago.

Jack Salerno '76 is now executive vice president of Triton Systems Inc., a business development company.

Ted Daniels '77 was named editor of *Mansfield News Journal*.

Jill Ewing Freeland '77, lead real estate agent of Freeland Marketing Group, opened her



OWU ALUMNI CELEBRATE 30 YEARS IN BUSINESS TOGETHER

Ken Schlinger '78 (left) and **Scott Bedson '81** never met during their time at OWU—but after connecting post-graduation, they built a career together that would last a lifetime. After each receiving their physical therapy degrees, the duo opened ProFitness Physical Therapy in 1986 and are now celebrating their 30th anniversary, with two locations in New York City and Brooklyn.

The business partners say compromise and willingness to listen openly to each other has been central to their successful practice over the decades. "Respect for each other and each other's beliefs has facilitated our long friendship, and that too plays a role in our successful business," Ken says.

Their milestone anniversary gives them a chance to pause and celebrate how far they have come together. "Helping people is at the root of what we do day to day," Scott says. "However, it is also rewarding to create something bigger than the two of us—the ProFitness Physical Therapy brand. This brand now represents quality healthcare in a world where quality keeps getting squandered for the bottom line. Keeping this focus for almost one-third of a century means a lot to both of us."

own brokerage, Freeland Realty Group. Her "boutique" brokerage specializes in executive and luxury real estate. Jill has been a realtor for over 15 years in the affluent suburbs surrounding Columbus. She works with her CPA husband, David, and one of her three sons, Stephen.

Tom Jolly '77 was named associate managing editor for newsroom print operations for *The New York Times*. In announcing Jolly's appointment, Dean Baquet, the executive editor of *The Times*, said: "As night editor for four years, he was instrumental in expanding the news desk's role beyond print. As sports editor, he began a run of creative sports coverage that continues unabated, including our landmark coverage of concussions in sports. I'm excited that Tom will now be a key player in the next step of our evolution."

Thomas Rosenberg '77, a partner in Roetzel's Columbus,

OH, office, has been named a 2016 Ohio Super Lawyer in the field of Construction Litigation by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine.

Christina Smith '77 joined the structural engineering firm Nishkian Monks as administrative assistant in Bozeman, MT. Smith previously spent over 30 years working for Prugh & Lenon Architects PC as a business manager.

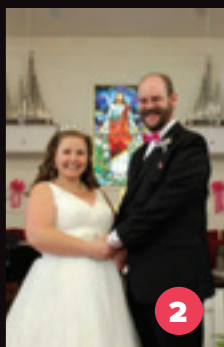
Gail Wendt Hutton '79 was appointed head of lower school at Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills, MD. Garrison Forest School is an independent K-12 all-girls day and boarding school with a coed preschool, located outside Baltimore, MD.

1980s

Morton Bouchard III '80 received the honorary doctor of science degree from the State University of New York Maritime College in January.



1 | Making history in Centerville
Ohio Wesleyan friends gathered in May 2015 to celebrate **Seth O'Loughlin's '12** graduation from Michigan State College of Law in Northville, MI. Pictured from left to right are: (front row) **Ellen Platt '12, Seth O'Loughlin '12**, (second row) **Paul O'Loughlin '14, Samuel Meisterman '12, Mackenzie Schroeder '15, Delaney Drew '12**, (third row) **Dustin Green '12, Rob Williams '12, Colin Moore '15, and Conor Golden '16**.



2 | Sweeney-Cook wedding
Meghan Lindsey Sweeney '03 married John Michael Cook on May 31, 2014, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Indian Land, SC. Alumnae in attendance were **Sarah Miller Watkins '02** and **Crystal Kay Meade '02**. The ceremony included a children's sermon and was dubbed the most "fun" wedding ever held at Pleasant Hill UMC. Meg is now serving as a provisional elder in the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church where she is the pastor at Epworth Children's Home in Columbia. John is currently teaching physics at The University of South Carolina.



3 | Caught on camera with "The Golden Jet"
Jerry Lasky '76 is pictured at a Chicago Cubs playoff game with Bobby Hull, "The Golden Jet," who played with the Chicago Black Hawks.

4 | Hazratjee- Nomani wedding
OWU alumni (from left to right) **Hannah Appelbaum '14, John Rux '12, Priyanka Venkataraman '14, Alex Kerensky '14, and Kelsey Ullom '14** gathered in Houston, TX, on November 28, 2015, to celebrate the marriage of **Sanaa Hazratjee '14** and Ahmad Nomani.



5 | Friendships that last a lifetime
In the fall of 1945, four sophomore roommates struck this playful pose in front of Austin Hall. On the left top, **Rachel Yeck Diem '48**; left bottom, **Pan Stone Whitman '48**; on the right top, **Jayne Bodenbender Dayer '48**; right bottom, **Ruth Yeck Parks '48**. Ohio Wesleyan friendships last a lifetime. Seventy years later, in November 2015, the three living roommates joined to celebrate Ruth and Rachel's 90th birthdays. Jayne's place in the photograph was taken by Rachel's daughter, **Ruth Diem '72**.



6 | Villa-Bowman wedding
Bride **Heather Villa (Bowman) '12**, groom **Pablo Villa '13**, and friends gather outside Merrick Hall to toast the occasion. Pictured: **Jake Kohr '11, Michael Cartier '13, Wes Barnes '13, Ryan Klein '15, Jordan Grammer '14, Eric Tiffit '13, Tori Schlaudt '13, Justin Ernest '13, Adam Dettra '13, Jess Brewer '15, Derek Smith '13, Adrian Pekarcik '14, Amy Siemon '13, Rebecca Muhl '13, Michaela Kim '14, Michael Yontz '13, Ali Maurice '12, Katelyn Eilebeck '12, Katilin Tiefenthal '12, Shane Wepprich '12, Blair Kisker '12, Lena Knoffler '12, and Kirsti Julian '12**.

UPCOMING 3RD ANNUAL MAINE ALZFEST & OWU REUNION



The alumni enjoyed Friday night lobster dinner in the rough. From left to right: **David Hazard '80, Greg Altnauer '81, Jeff O'Sullivan '81, Steve "KJ" Kjellman '82, and Gil Goetz '80.**



Alumni are pictured ready to begin their bike ride at mile marker 1, reaching the second of eight iconic Maine lighthouses. From left to right: **Steve "KJ" Kjellman '82, Gil Goetz '80, Greg Altnauer '81, Jeff O'Sullivan '81, and a non-alumni friend.**

Sigma Chi **David Hazard '80** and Phi Psi **Greg Altnauer '81** came together two years ago to organize a reunion of OWU classmates from the late '70s and early '80s in the Portland, ME, area. The alumni invited classmates to the Cape Elizabeth area in late September for what became known as the First Annual Maine Alzfest & OWU Reunion. The event will be back this year for the third time, hosted September 9-11, 2016.

"The gathering is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our friendships at OWU and relive and recount those glory days, all while creating some new and lasting memories," David says. The three-day weekend includes a Friday golf tournament, dinner and cocktails on the coastline of Maine, and an early

wake-up call so all involved can participate in the annual Maine Lighthouse Ride, an annual 25- to 100-plus-mile cycling event up and down the southern coast of Maine). A party at Greg's home caps off the weekend, followed by a cycling awards dinner and a night out on the town.

The group has increased with each passing year, and David and Greg hope to welcome upwards of 50 people in the next few years. Interested alumni are invited to join in the fun this year, whether for all or part of the weekend. Simply email David (dlhazard@gmail.com) or Greg (galtz@yahoo.com) to get involved.

Gregory Cielec '80 published the novel *A Poem on a Bar Room Wall*, which is available at <http://gregcielec.com>.

Dan Dupee '81, chairman of the Coalition for Christian Outreach in Pittsburgh, PA, published *It's Not Too Late: The Essential Part You Play in Shaping Your Teen's Faith* (Baker Books).

Howard Eberly '80 will retire from his position as a coach and teacher at Southeast High School in Bradenton, FL, at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Bridget Donnell Newton '80 was reelected mayor of Rockville, MD, in November 2015.

Wendy Weinheimer Graeb '81 was named executive director at The Connection for Women and Families in Summit, NJ.

Robert Hanna '81 was recognized as an Ohio Super Lawyer for 2016. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained

a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Gregory Johnson '81 was the featured artist at Salt Pond Visitor's Center in Cape Cod, MA, in February.

Byron Pitts '82, co-anchor for ABC's "Nightline," spoke to students at North Carolina State University about race in America in January.

Carson Reider '82 was named director of administration for the Neuroscience Research Institute at The Ohio State University. Carson and his wife have three sons and reside in Upper Arlington, OH.

Alberto Schlageter '82 was appointed to the board of directors for Canacol Energy Ltd., an exploration and production company.

Stephen Tull '82 presented a lecture on the United Nations as a part of the 2016 Great Decisions Community Discussion Series in Delaware, OH.

Jay Vidovich '82 was named the new head men's soccer coach at the University of Pittsburgh.

Thomas F. R. Claerson '83 was selected as the 2014 recipient of the George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg Award from the American Library Association, recognizing his career in cooperative/collaborative preservation initiatives. Thomas is senior consultant for digital and preservation services at LYRASIS, the largest U.S. cultural heritage network. He consults nationally and internationally on preservation, disaster preparedness and recovery, digitization, special collections/archives, remote storage, funding, and advocacy.

John Doody '83 is the founder of Piada, a fast-casual Italian food chain based in Columbus, OH. The company announced a new round of investment to fuel its growth from Greenwich, CT-based Catterton Partners, a private equity firm.

John Milligan '83 was named CEO of Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Steven Ulfelder '83 appeared in the author/celebrity series at Marlborough Public Library in Marlborough, MA, in November 2015. He is the author of four mystery novels.

Rocco Donnino '84 is executive vice president of corporate development at AppRiver, a leading provider of email messaging and cloud security solutions, which has confirmed its first distributor agreement in France. Professional software distributor Watsoft has agreed to add AppRiver's entire security suite to its portfolio. In addition, the nonprofit Rocco founded, Cow Harbor Warriors, recently donated \$75,000 to Northport, NY, area veterans' charities for the second year in a row. The organization also provided a service dog to a Marine Corps veteran through their partnership with Paws of War. Veteran Frank Giarmida was presented the dog at a Patriots-Giants NFL game in November.

Dean Hood '86 was named assistant head coach and tight ends coach for the Charlotte 49ers.

Bob Fernandez '87 published *The Chocolate Trust: Deception, Indenture and Secrets at the \$12 Billion Milton Hershey School*, a book about the troubled history and questionable care at one of the world's richest child care philanthropies, financed by the profits of Hershey chocolate and Reese's peanut butter cups. He is a long-time business writer with the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and lives in Yardley, PA, with wife, Mae, and three sons, Zack, Luke, and Seth.

Anne Flanagan '87 is the author of "Artifice," a play that OWU's Department of Theatre and Dance performed in February. Anne participated in an audience discussion at OWU following one of the performances.

Darrel Gibson '87 is now senior director of development at Georgetown University Medical Center.

Tracie Winbigler '87 is now chief financial officer of REI, an outdoor specialty retailer in Seattle.

Terri Bigio Fraser '89 displayed her work at the Art Space at the Somerset County, NJ, Warren Township library branch in January. The exhibit was titled "The Light from Behind."

1990s

Alaska Black Hults '90 defended her dissertation in June 2015 and graduated from Pennsylvania State University in August. She then joined the faculty of Brigham Young University as assistant professor of teacher education in the TESOL K-12 program. Her dissertation is titled "The Dialogic Construction of Bilingual Literacies, Disability, and Inclusion by Content-Area Teachers."

Todd Showalter '91 was named a managing director at Wells Fargo Advisors in Chicago, IL.

William Day '93 was featured in *ARTCHASER Magazine's* second volume.

Victoria Hawes Gearity '93 was featured in *River Journal Online* for her work as mayor of Ossining, NY.

Jessica Battle '94, who recently stepped down as Coronado High girls' lacrosse coach in California, was named one of 22 coaches of the year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Kevin Manzel '95 is the director of innovation at The Teaching Company (Chantilly, VA), where he leads the market and customer research efforts for audio- and video-learning series The Great Courses.

Thomas Hughes '96, lead pastor of Christian Assembly Church in Los Angeles, CA, has published a book titled *Curious: The Unexpected Power of a Question-Led Life*.

Mindy Alexander McCall '96 was hired as vice principal of Lincoln Elementary School in New Brunswick, NJ.

Adam Rosen '97 is now executive vice president of Casamigos Spirits Company, a new importing company from the team behind Casamigos Tequila.

Joy Twesigye '98 joined Baltimore Healthy Start as executive director. Baltimore Healthy Start is committed to reducing infant mortality by improving the health and well-being of women and their families through the provision of comprehensive, supportive services offered in the communities where they live.

Mark Wade '99 was featured in *The Newark Advocate* on December 13, 2015, for his many affiliations as a musician.

2000s

Joseph Bishara '00 directed Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" at The Ohio State University Mansfield campus in November 2015.

Eric Weldele '00 is now a partner at Capitol Partners, LLC, in Cleveland, OH.

Greg Mack '02 was named to the "2015 Top 10 Stylish Male Scientists" list by future-ish.com.

Ramon Pitter '03 is now vice president of corporate and business development for Seacorp Holdings, a shipping and logistics group based in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Rachel Choto '04 is now director for student support services at the University of Chicago, where she helps undocumented, first-generation, and low-income students.

Jada Hamilton '04 was named to Stony Brook University's 2015 "40 Under Forty" list. Jada is an assistant attending psychologist in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

John Schlegel '05 joined real estate firm Transwestern as executive vice president of Tenant Advisory Services.

Brian Small '05 was named Dartmouth assistant men's lacrosse coach. He worked as an assistant coach at OWU from 2008 to 2009.

Kristen Cemate '06 is now an associate attorney at the Segal McCambridge Singer and Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago office.

Salman Toor '06 was featured on artnet.com for his work as a contemporary painter. His recent exhibition, "Resident Alien," was displayed at Aicon Gallery in New York.

Pooja Dutt '09 was interviewed by Be Your Own Muse, a website dedicated to telling stories of inspiring women, in October 2015.

2010s

Hanwen Bai '11 completed Ph.D. research that was published in *Nature Genetics*, the most prestigious research journal in genetics. Hanwen explored how

benign brain tumors become malignant and presented his research at an international conference in Canada in February.

Meredith Dargusch '11 had an exhibit of her art displayed at Kendal in Granville, OH, in January and February.

Kristen Lear '11 received a 2016 Ecological Society of America Graduate Student Policy Award.

Emily Yaksic '11 made her directorial debut as director of "Charlotte's Web," which ran at the Marion Palace Theatre in Marion, OH, in February.

Jillian Ristau '12 joined the Kind Mind Center in Hibbing, MN, as a therapist.

Michael McLean '13 is now senior legislative assistant for congressman Pat Tiberi.

Andrew Rossi '13, a theater and geology major at OWU, was hired by the Wyoming Ad Council and has partnered for an advertisement for the latest Pixar film.

Andrew Winters '13 is now interim head coach of Capital University's men's basketball team.

Jason Bogdany '14 was promoted to development associate at Cleveland Play House, America's first professional regional theatre and recipient of the 2015 Regional Theatre Tony Award. Jason completed a summer internship at CPH as his senior capstone experience at OWU and is a former marketing apprentice and operations assistant with the company.

Sophie Crispin '14 was featured in *The Gargoyle*, the magazine of the University of Wisconsin Law School, as the recipient of the Stearns-Shaw Scholarship.

Jamie Richardson '14 is now head cheer and dance coach at Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, KS. Jamie was a

health and human kinetics major and an OWU cheerleader for four years.

Ryan Haddad '15 was the star actor in a solo show called "Hi, Are You Single?" at Dixon Place in New York City in November 2015. The show explores the issues of sex, love, and disability in the gay community.

Victoria "Buzzy" Biddinger '15, former cheerleading captain at OWU, is now a cheerleader for the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball team.

Marriages

1970s

Debbie Force '75 was married to Gilles Morin on August 14, 2015, in New York City.

2000s

Tory Lee '09 was married to Hugh Churchill II on November 14, 2015, in Worthington, OH.

Births

1990s

David Martz '95 welcomed a son, Oscar Guerrero Martz, on January 26, 2016.

Eimile Tansey '98 and **Michael Nagro '96** welcomed a son, Hawk Tansey Nagro, on January 4, 2016.

Jennifer Walker-Feheley '99 and her husband Brendan welcomed Teagan Allette Feheley on December 29, 2015.

2000s

Courtney Fry Camillus '00 and **John Camillus '98** welcomed a daughter, Lucy Madeleine Camillus, on January 6. Also celebrating is aunt **Heather Fry '99**.

Mollie McCready Holleran '00 and her husband Michael welcomed twin boys, Alexander and Cooper, on December 4, 2015. Mollie and Michael also have a 2-year-old daughter, Madison.

Stephen Loppnow '00 and his wife Erica Wernsmann welcomed a daughter, Wren Elizabeth Loppnow, on January 31. Also celebrating is aunt **Sara Loppnow Bellisario '97**.

Nicole Farrell '03 and her husband Chris Tsitouris welcomed daughter Grace Sloane Tsitouris, on October 3, 2015. Also celebrating are aunt **Whitney Deel Farrell '10**, uncle **Drew Farrell '10**, and aunt **Wendy Farrell Yoder '07**.

Jamie Laudenslager '04 and her husband Greg Leimbeck welcomed a son, Drew Leimbeck, on January 3.

Dae Won Goldenbaum-Yang '05 and his wife Laura Goldenbaum-Yang welcomed a son, Drew Goldenbaum-Yang, on December 15, 2015.

Lindsay Hansen Jones '05 and her husband Luke welcomed a son, Caleb Benjamin Jones, on December 29, 2015.

Brooke Coale Krapf '05 and her husband John Krapf welcomed a son, Freddie Krapf, on November 26, 2015. Also celebrating are grandmother **Sharon Smithey Coale '72**, aunt **Brittany Coale '07**, uncle **William Coale '02**, great-aunt **Deborah Smithey Durham '74**, and cousin **Courtney Durham '12**.

Blaire Hayden Bartish '07 and her husband Dave Bartish welcomed a son, Louis "Louie" Edward Bartish, on December 1, 2015.

Amanda Brumenschenkel '07 welcomed a son, Taylor Allen Cabana, on November 26, 2015.

2010s

Jason Mojzer '11 and his wife Jamie Mojzer welcomed a son, Hank Michael Mojzer, on December 24, 2015. Also celebrating are aunts **Heidi Griffith Romero '97** and **Lisa Lublin Foster '95**.

Kale Booher '12 and his wife Morgan Booher welcomed a son, Cade Michael Booher, on January 7.

In Memoriam

1930s

Rachel Lindley Jameson '38, of Hendersonville, NC, October 27, 2015, at the age of 99.

Gordon Hill '39, of Ashtabula, OH, January 15 at the age of 98. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Marilyn Peavey Hill '41**, brother **Robert Hill '37**, sister **Catherine Hill Townsend '31**, and three cousins, **Raymond Harley '35**, **Rowland Harley '31**, and **Alfred Hill '32**. Gordon was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

1940s

Josephine Townsend Herron '41, of Centerville, MD, January 8 at the age of 96. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Don Herron '42**, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Frances Fearheiley Johnson '41, of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, November 16, 2015, at the age of 95. She was preceded in death by her sister **Elizabeth Fearheiley Jacobson '44**, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Mabel Bersuder Monguillot '41, of New Orleans, LA, December 5, 2014, at the age of 95.

Virginia Todd Kneeland '42, of Crosby, MN, January 23 at the age of 96. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Emagene Forsyth Neasse '43, of Scottsdale, AZ, October 7, 2015, at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her father, **Harry Forsyth '21**. She is survived her husband of 71 years, **Robert Neasse '43**. She also is survived by daughters **Angela Neasse Layton '67** of New River, AZ, Christine Pytlar of Scottsdale, AZ, and Tamora Clay Bauserman of Marysville, OH. She was the grandmother of four and was to become a great-grandmother in March. Emagene was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. *Please see a longer version of this obituary online at <http://blogs.owu.edu/magazine>.*

Rosemary Cook Norrick '43, of Indianapolis, IN, December 1, 2015, at the age of 92.

Elizabeth Dreisbach Vogt '43, of Marblehead, OH, November 30, 2015, at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by husband **Carl Vogt '43**, mother **Ara Frazer Dreisbach 1911**, and cousin **Dorotha Diehlman Keene '34**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Dale Walrath '43, of Manhattan, NY, December 31, 2015, at the age of 94. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Howard Dawson '44, of Cincinnati, OH, December 14, 2015, at the age of 93. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Margaret Bell Dawson '44**, and son **Daniel Dawson '75**. He was a member Delta Tau Delta fraternity and The OWU Tower Society.

Marion Kramer Hatfield '44, of Naples, FL, December 7, 2015, at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Lyman Hatfield '44**, and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Lucile Hatton Gregg '45, of Columbus, OH, November 7, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Richard Gregg '47**, and cousin **Rachel McCarty Dodd '35**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Martha Henry Lowery '45, of Missoula, MT, January 1 at the age of 92. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Marjorie McFeely Miller '46, of Cypress, TX, October 25, 2015, at the age of 91. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Janet Smith Cederquist '47, of Wheaton, IL, January 31 at the age of 91. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Martha "Mickey" Dowler Diem '47, of Bay Village, OH, February 13 at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William Diem '45**, mother **Aveline Dowler '21**, brother **Hugh Diem '44**,

uncle **Kirk Thomas '21**, and cousin **Harlan Kirk '28**. She was survived by three sons, **James Diem '74**, **John Diem '70**, and **Bill Diem '69**; daughter **Priscilla Diem '78**; granddaughter **Jenny Kirsop '08**; grandson **John Kirsop '10**; and niece **Ruth Diem '72**. Proud of her Ohio Wesleyan affiliation, Mickey was the fourth generation of women in her family to graduate from OWU; her daughter Priscilla became the fifth, her granddaughter Jennifer the sixth. She was elected to several terms as alumni trustee of the university and named a life trustee in 2000. *Please see a longer version of this obituary online at <http://blogs.owu.edu/magazine>.*

Elizabeth Sidner Timmons '47, of Huntsville, OH, October 30, 2015, at the age of 89.

Mary Jo Buvinger Wolters '47, of Columbus, OH, November 20, 2015, at the age of 90. She is survived by daughter-in-law **Carol Dittrick Wolters '73** and by Carol's mother, **Catherine "Kitty" Urton Dittrick '42**, with whom she shared lunch and dinner for several years in their Columbus retirement home. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Mary Jo was a lifelong resident of Dayton, OH, until moving to Columbus in 2012. She was an elementary school teacher in the Dayton Public Schools for 22 years. Mary Jo is survived by her sons, John and Scott Wolters, Scott's wife Beth, a daughter, Martha Patton, Martha's husband Michael, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Sally Rickey Copp '48, of Lebanon, OH, October 17, 2015, at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Carl Copp '47**, brother **Frank Rickey '42**, brother-in-law **Ralph Copp '43**, and three sisters, **Frances Rickey Griffin '33**, **Julia Rickey Peebles '35**, and **Josephine Rickey Copp '44**. She is survived by nephew **Charles Hurth '58**.

John Gherlein '48, of Pepper Pike, OH, January 7 at the age

of 89. He is survived by his wife, **Rachel Mills Gherlein '47** and daughter **Ann Gherlein Vaughn '74**. John was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Ezra Luessen '48, of Wyoming, OH, January 31 at the age of 93. He was preceded in death by sister **Evelyn Luessen Sargent '39**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Richard Mead '48, of Brookside, NJ, December 19, 2015, at the age of 91. He is survived by his wife, **Lois Hawley Mead '50**.

Paul Taylor Jr. '48, of Surprise, AZ, August 9, 2015, at the age of 89. He was preceded in death by brother **Edwin Taylor '38**, and is survived by sister **Miriam Taylor Hyde '41**. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Homer Timson '48, of Richmond, IN, January 6 at the age of 89.

Patricia Clarke Braun '49, of Bolivar, OH, October 5, 2015, at the age of 87. She preceded in death by her husband **Alan Braun '50**, and is survived by cousin **Martha Clarke Lindberg '52**. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Virginia Colbeth '49, of Ridgewood, NJ, November 25, 2015, at the age of 88. She is survived by sister **Evelyn Colbeth Plunkett '52** and niece **Susan Plunkett Fasano '78**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Mary Jo Miller Cox '49, of Cridersville, OH, November 11, 2015, at the age of 89. She is survived by her husband, **Jack Cox '48**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Robert Hall '49, of Hayesville, OH, December 17, 2015, at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Marie Bruce Hall '49**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Martha Tuttle '49, of Urbana, OH, November 23, 2015, at the age of 88.

1950s

Arden Duwe Parrish '50, of Rocky River, OH, January 23 at the age of 87. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Milton Robinson '50, of Ashtabula, OH, January 16 at the age of 88. He is survived by three daughters, **Erica Roberson Mitchell '78**, **Mary Roberson Pera '80**, and **Amy Roberson '83**; son-in-law **Richard Pera '77**; two granddaughters, **Whitney Mitchell '08** and **Anne Mitchell '12**; and niece **Paige Roberson '02**. Milton was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Ned Speasmaker '50, of London, OH, January 25 at the age of 89. He is survived by cousin **Mary Jo Jones Kennedy '50**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Jean Branscomb Williams '50, of Winston Salem, NC, January 14 at the age of 87. Jean was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

James Edwin Wyant '50, of Lancaster, OH, July 16, 2015, at the age of 88. He was preceded in death by brother **Robert Wyant '50** and is survived by son **Daniel Wyant '89**. Jim was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and was a banker for over 40 years. Jim was an avid golfer; he grew roses, did woodworking, collected antiques, and loved chocolate.

Eleanor Henderson Doelling '51, of Greenville, SC, January 14 at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by mother **Marion Beetham Henderson '24** and sister **M. Carol Henderson Barrows '62**. She is survived by sister Helen Lou **Henderson Amos '55**. Eleanor was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Harlin "Tom" Hamlin '51, of Kettering, OH, October 29, 2015, at the age of 88. He was preceded in death by his wife,

Phyllis Hazelwood Hamlin '52, and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Walter Johnson '51, of Palm Harbor, FL, December 29, 2015, at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by brother **William Johnson '55**. He is survived by daughter **Gloria Johnson '71**. Walter was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

John McConnell '51, of Minneapolis, MN, December 12, 2015, at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Margaret Murphy McConnell '51**, and is survived by a sister, **Barbara McConnell Hull '42**. John was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Alice Backman Westfall '51, of North Lewisburg, OH, November 1, 2015, at the age of 85. She is survived by her husband, **John Westfall '51**, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Forrest Brower '52, of Skillman, NJ, October 1, 2015, at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Mary Coulter Brower '52**. He is survived by daughter **Catherine Brower Zettler '78** and nephew **Nathaniel Barber '12**. Forrest was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Kermit Darkey '52, of Westminster, CO, December 29, 2015, at the age of 85. He was preceded in death by brother **Robert Darkey '51**, and is survived by sister **Louise Darkey Walbridge '54**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Edward Evans '52, of Marysville, OH, December 25, 2015, at the age of 85. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Barbara Wright Fisher '52, of Charlottesville, VA, October 8, 2015, at the age of 85.

Lois Lindsay Gerken '52, of McCandless Township, PA, November 7, 2015, at the age of 85. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Richard Logan '52, of Galion, OH, January 18 at the age of 87.

Helen Simester Long '52, of Saint Simons Island, GA, on November 20, 2015, at the age of 85. She was preceded in death by father **Ralph Simester '23** and two aunts, **Elsie Simester Garden '23** and **Edith Simester Roeder '24**. She is survived by her husband, **Thomas Long '51**; two sons, **Ross Long '78** and **James Long '81**; daughter **Lucy Long '79**; and granddaughter **Alicia Long '07**. Helen was a former member of the OWU Board of Trustees and Alumni Board of Directors, as well as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Jane Lindenmeyer McGinnis '52, of La Jolla, CA, November 6, 2015, at the age of 85. She is survived by her husband, **Robert McGinnis '52**, son David McGinnis, and daughter Sharon McGinnis DaSilva.

Marilyn Newman '52, of Wolcottville, IN, January 9 at the age of 86. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Richard Paxton '52, of Valparaiso, IN, December 16, 2015, at the age of 87. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Charles Wagner '52, of Arlington, MA, January 11 at the age of 86.

Jack Young '52, of Portsmouth, OH, January 31 at the age of 85. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Benjamin Kistler '53, of Fredericksburg, VA, November 11, 2015, at the age of 84. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Mary Booth Murray '53, of Frankfort, MI, November 30, 2015, at the age of 84. She is survived by her husband, **James Murray '55**; son, **Robert Murray '82**; two nephews, **Glenn McCaslin '82** and **Ian McCaslin '14**; and niece **Nora McCaslin Alastra '94**. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Linda Rodee Recker '53, of Mount Pleasant, SC, December 23, 2015, at the age of 84. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Robert Wood '53, of Marco Island, FL, November 7, 2015, at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Orne Erwin Wood '18**, and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Virginia Buddie Harchol '54, of Irvine, CA, December 5, 2015, at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband, **Richard Harchol '54**, and sister **Dolores Buddie Smolan '58**. Virginia was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Geraldine Strother Wade '54, of Ft. Thomas, KY, October 18, 2015, at the age of 83. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

William Barnett '55, of Zanesville, OH, January 11 at the age of 83. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Edith Brush Barnett '26**, and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Milton Irvin '55, of Easton, MD, November 25, 2015, at the age of 82. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Judith Judge '55, of Sonoma, CA, November 27, 2015, at the age of 81. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

J. "Blair" Webster '55, of Maumee, OH, October 28, 2015. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

James Gest '56, of Bellevue, WA, November 21, 2015, at the age of 82. He is survived by a brother, **Neil Gest '57**, and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. *Please see a longer version of this obituary at <http://blogs.owu.edu/magazine>.*

Phyllis Hunter '56, of Chandler, AZ, December 26, 2015, at the age of 81. She was preceded in death by mother **Mildred Hunter, Class of 1916**, father **Robert Miller Hunter, 1917**, and brother **Robert Hunter '46**. She is survived by nephew **Burtch**

Hunter '90, cousin **David Huit '58**, and sister-in-law **Judith Bridge Hunter '58**. Phyllis was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Charles Irish '57, of Medina, OH, October 12, 2015.

William Morris '57, of Gallatin, TN, January 14 at the age of 79. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Jon Weingart '57, of Akron, OH, December 11, 2015, at the age of 80. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Frances Ledman Weingart '29**. He is survived by his wife, **Jane Hlavin Weingart '57**, and two brothers, **Ned Weingart '60** and **David Weingart '62**. Jon was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Ramon Jordan '58, of Jamestown, NY, September 25, 2015, at the age of 82. He was preceded in death by aunt **Maretta Jordan Rice '21**. He is survived by sister **Marianne Jordan Harrington '66** and son **Thomas Jordan '81**. Ramon was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Katherine Van Brimmer Stock '58, of Miami Township, OH, January 21 at the age of 79. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Judith "Judy" Davis Whitacre '58, of Arlington Heights, IL, October 29, 2015, at the age of 78. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

James "Jim" Wight '58, of Bluffton, SC, October 31, 2015, at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, **Barbara Baltzly Wight '58**, and daughter **Lisa Wight Dobinson '87**. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

John Gutknecht '59, of Beaufort, NC, November 3, 2015, at the age of 78. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dundas Grant Peacock '59, of Greenville, SC, December 21, 2015, at the age of 77. He is survived by two brothers,

Andrew Peacock '62 and **Alan Peacock '72**, and sister **Sheila Peacock Allen '65**. Grant was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

1960s

Joseph Banks '60, of Columbus, OH, October 25, 2015, at the age of 77. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Benjamin DeGraff Jr. '60, of Rockingham, VA, December 18, 2015, at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife, **Elizabeth Frey DeGraff '60**, and was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Richard "Dick" DeHaven '60, of Escondido, CA, October 26, 2015, at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife, **Bette Viall DeHaven '61**, and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Dick was a member of the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

William Nelson '60, of Murrells Inlet, SC, December 12, 2015, at the age of 78. He was preceded in death by two brothers, **Robert Nelson '61** and **James Nelson '61**.

Henry "Hank" Cramer '62, of New Salem, MA, October 16, 2015, at the age of 77. Henry was preceded in death by mother **Helen Madden Cramer '23** and brother **H. Leslie Cramer '52**. He is survived by two brothers, **Earl H. Cramer '50** and **Chester D. Cramer '63**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

George Nichols '62, of Colorado Springs, CO, January 3 at the age of 75. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Thomas Nims '62, of Westerville, OH, November 8, 2015, at the age of 75. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

George Speese '62, of Delaware, OH, January 9 at the age of 80. He was preceded in death by mother **Ruth Hamilton Speese '27** and son **George Speese '79**. George was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Franklin "Del Stumbo" Stambaugh '62, of Kettering, OH, January 4 at the age of 77. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Daniel Ellison '64, of Steamboat Springs, CO, October 3, 2015, at the age of 73. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Barbara Gibson Bates Smullen '65, of Rochester, NY, December 29, 2015, at the age of 72. She was preceded in death by her husband, **David Bates '63**, and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Paula Thomas Livingston '67, of Towanda, KS, January 27 at the age of 69. She was preceded in death by father **Paul Thomas '27** and uncle **Harold Thomas '25**. Paula was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Carol Graham Schellenger '67, of Bradenton, FL, January 20 at the age of 70. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Gary White '67, of Waxhaw, NC, November 20, 2015, at the age of 70. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

1970s

Martha Hart '70, of Aurora, OH, on January 18 at the age of 67. She was preceded in death by father **James Hart '37**. She is survived by son **James Hart '98**, brother **James Hart '73**, sister-in-law **Mary Ellen Hart '73**, and aunt **Elizabeth Hart Raup '51**. Martha was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

David Nelson '70, of Marion, IN, November 9, 2015, at the age of 67. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Douglas Noe '70, of Petersburg, VA, November 27, 2015, at the age of 67. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Lee Roblin '71, of Penfield, NY, January 3. He is survived by brother **John Wesley Robin III '67**, and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Carl Schroeter '73, of New York, NY, January 25. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Dennison "Denny" Griffith '74, of Columbus, OH, January 18 at the age of 63. He was preceded in death by father **Floyd Griffith '50**. He was survived by mother **Sally Kreidler Griffith '50** and sister **Anne Griffith Barrus '80**. Denny was a member of The OWU Tower Society and Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Philip Valenziano '75, of Colts Neck, NJ, December 12, 2015, at the age of 63. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Jeffrey Foerster '76, of West Stockholm, NY, November 23, 2015, at the age of 61. He was a member of the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Marilyn Miller '76, of Ashland, OH, December 3, 2015, at the age of 61. She is survived by sister **Maryjane Miller Hotaling '83**, brother-in-law **Clark Hotaling '83**, and nephew **Jackson Hotaling '17**. Marilyn was a teacher with Ashland City Schools for 35 years. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

1980s

Erik McWilliams '81, of Marina Del Rey, Santa Monica, and Topanga, CA, January 9 at the age of 57. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. *Please see a longer version of this obituary at <http://blogs.owu.edu/magazine>.*

Merilyn Wilber '86, of Little Compton, RI, December 12, 2015, at the age of 51.

1990s

Anthony Romanelli '92, of Galena, OH, November 20, 2015, at the age of 46. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

2010s

Brandon Segal '13, of Columbus, OH, on December 23, 2015, at the age of 25. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Faculty/Staff

Sydney Kay Durfey, of Delaware, OH, January 4 at the age of 74. She worked as secretary to the athletic director for 30 years.

Evelyn Hardesty Fisher, of Hilliard, OH, December 24, 2015, at the age of 80. She worked for Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Chloe Hedges, of Springfield, OH, November 2, 2015, at the age of 80. She worked for 23 years as a cook.

Paul "Tate" Holt, of Delaware, OH, November 11, 2015, at the age of 89. He was the manager of the OWU bowling lanes for several years.

Monique Lemaitre Leon, of Pittsburgh, PA, November 5, 2015, at the age of 81. She was a former professor.

Peggy Lusk, of Clarendon Hills, IL, April 27, 2015. She was a faculty member and a resident counselor in Austin Hall during the 1950s.

Peter Manicas, of Honolulu, HI, December 27, 2015. He was a former professor.

Martha Jean Wilson, of Radnor, OH, December 11, 2015, at the age of 96. She was retired from food service.

Friends

Judith Hall, wife of professor emeritus David Hull, January 6 at the age of 75.

Sympathy to

Marjorie Young Force '51 and **Debra Force '75** for the loss of Marjorie's husband and Debra's father, Frank Force, December 12, 2015, at the age of 90.

Ronald Mayer '51 for the loss of his husband of 52 years, Allen Fuller, August 9, 2014.

William Miller '61 for the loss of his wife, Alicia Miller, February 2.

Sue Seeger Wiemer '65 and **Elizabeth Wiemer Freeman '96** for the loss of Douglas Wiemer, Sue's husband and Elizabeth's

father, November 13, 2015, in Toledo, OH.

Celeste DeBold Cherol '73 for the loss of her son, Johnathan Conrad Cherol, October 28, 2015.

Beth Wittman '74 for the loss of her father, Howard Wittman, October 13, 2015, at the age of 89.

Cheryl Daniels Medley '76 for the loss of her husband, Charles Medley, January 19 at the age of 65.

Betsy Drew Dunn '78 and **Andy Dunn '79** for the loss of Andy's mother and Betsy's mother-in-law, Sylvia Guild Dunn, October 31, 2015.

Jane Gumley Janiak '78 and her sons **Brian Janiak '12** and **Christopher Janiak '08** for the loss of Jane's father, Irwin Gumley, January 27, at the age of 88.

Ellen Defenderfer '13 for the loss of her sister, Sarah Defenderfer, February 6.

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The deadline for receiving Class Notes submissions for the Fall OWU Magazine is June 13, 2016.



Leonard "Len" N. Russell, of Coldwater, MI, October 17, at the age of 93. During his 31-year tenure with OWU, Len was a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Since 1957 he directed the Summer Institutes of the National Science Foundation. He served many years as faculty marshal and as secretary of the faculty. A devoted teacher and scholar, Len received the Adam Poe Medal at his retirement in 1985 as professor emeritus. Len was a long-time active member of William Street United Methodist Church, serving in numerous capacities, including as a member of Bill's Bells, a hand-bell choir. At a 2015 lecture at OWU, **William Hsiao '59**, a preeminent economist at Harvard University, remembered how Dr. Russell mentored and advised him when he was a student. Others recall how Len lived a life based on the principles of humility, honesty, integrity, and compassion. He and his wife Lavon, who passed in 2009, are survived by two daughters, Linda Russell Kuivinen and Janet R. Messaros; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. *Please see a longer version of this obituary at <http://blogs.owu.edu/magazine>.*

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The MUSIC of Our OWU TIMES

By Paula M. Kalamaras '76

When I arrived at Ohio Wesleyan, I absorbed as much literature, history, science, languages, mythology, philosophy, and the arts as possible. Even music. In a recent *Huffington Post* article, I recollected how Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run" album, especially "Jungleland," changed my relationship with my distant grandmother. I also recalled how my classical music- fixated mother established a formula that required me to listen to two classical music selections for every rock song I heard—down to the minute. Most of the time, it was just easier *not* to listen to music, rather than do all the math.

By the time I got to OWU, I was like a palimpsest, ready to write a new chapter over the old ones and punctuated by the music of my own era.

Music has been part of the human experience since the dawn of time. Archaeologists have discovered primitive bone and ivory flutes from 43,000-year-old Neanderthal graves and even musical notations on a 4,000-year-old Sumerian clay tablet. Apollo and the Muses—from whom the word derives—glorified music during the classical world. Music is found in every country. It binds us to each other and gives us context no matter what our differences.

While I came late to the party, I lost no time catching up. Music became one of my primary ways of communicating. I was not particularly adept at expressing myself verbally (I'm still not), and song lyrics helped me express my feelings. Gordon Lightfoot's old standby "If You Could Read My Mind" actually got me through a nasty breakup. It may have been the coward's way out, but I didn't have the option of texting a breakup or even doing it via voicemail. In fact, Cheap Trick's "I Want You to Want Me" still resonates as one of my favorite ways to express myself.

On a less cringe-worthy note, whenever I hear Pink Floyd's "Money" track from "The Dark Side of the Moon", I vividly recall how during my first year, my roommate and I were hanging out in our room in Stuyvesant with our boyfriends



Illustration by Catie Beach '16

listening to the album. We were all just talking and eating brownies when we discovered we'd all been involved in productions of "Oklahoma!" in high school. Just hearing the sound of the cash register in "Money" summons an image of the four of us sitting on my top bunk, legs dangling, and belting out "O-k-l-a-h-o-m-a" as neighbors stood in our doorway and looked at us as if we were crazy.

Once during finals, one of the fraternity houses put speakers in their windows and blasted "Layla" from Derrick and the Dominoes loud enough to be heard all the way to Gray Chapel. I recall dropping books, standing close to my boyfriend, and slowly swaying to Nicky Hopkins' piano solo. It was a magical moment that lives in me always.

I even grew to appreciate all those hours of classical music and opera. In one of my humanities classes, we studied Wagner's *Ring der Nebelungen*. One evening at our professor's house, we discussed how the leitmotifs (recurring themes in the piece) gave the characters more depth and connected them within the entire cycle. I wasn't shy about contributing my own analysis of the musical connections throughout the cycle.

As Shakespeare wrote, "If music be the food of love, play on/ Give me excess of it." Other days and nights provide that excess in my memories. Whether it was arguing the nuances of guitar solos, or if music from previous decades was better than what we were hearing, music became the foundation of so many vibrant experiences. Even now, when I hear certain songs by Bruce Springsteen, David Bowie, Jethro Tull, The Moody Blues, The Clash, or The Eagles, I want to go through the looking glass and return to those halcyon days at OWU where I was young, and music surrounded and defined me. ■

"Even now, when I hear certain songs... I want to go through the looking glass and return to those halcyon days at OWU."

—Paula M. Kalamaras '76

Based in Cleveland Heights, Paula co-owns *Scribes Unlimited, LLC*. She has published eight books, seven of them nonfiction, and is currently writing a book series and short stories as "Paola K. Amaras." She contributes to *The Huffington Post* at www.huffingtonpost.com/paola-k-amaras/.

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Thank you, Professor!

They helped you understand, grow, and channel your natural curiosity and youthful idealism into the qualities that have made you you.

You may not have thanked them then—
but you can show your gratitude now.

Please offer a note of thanks to the Ohio Wesleyan professor(s) who made a difference.

Bo Rabby —
~~Thanks for challenging me and for~~
~~opening up my mind. You helped me~~
~~and opened me up to~~
Thanks for being such a hard ass.
You demanded more from me than I thought I
could muster. You made me more resilient and
more unquarrelled. And I owe much of
my growth as an actor to you.
x Wendie



Actress **Wendie Malick '72**



Bo Rabby,
emeritus professor
of theatre & dance

Dear Dr. McClure,

Sarah's experience at OWU stands out as a model of how a university department chair should interact with and guide a student. We want you to know just how much we appreciate everything you did for Sarah, both during college and after graduation. We are making this gift as a token of our appreciation!

All the best,

Sue and Matt Chizmar



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SPRING BREAK SERVICE

Jess Choate '17 (left) and **Doug Gibson '16** were among 56 OWU students who spent spring break volunteering as part of mission teams across the country and in Cuba. Jess and Doug's team spent the week working in New Orleans with the Saint Bernard Project, a disaster-recovery foundation led by **Zack Rosenberg '95**.