

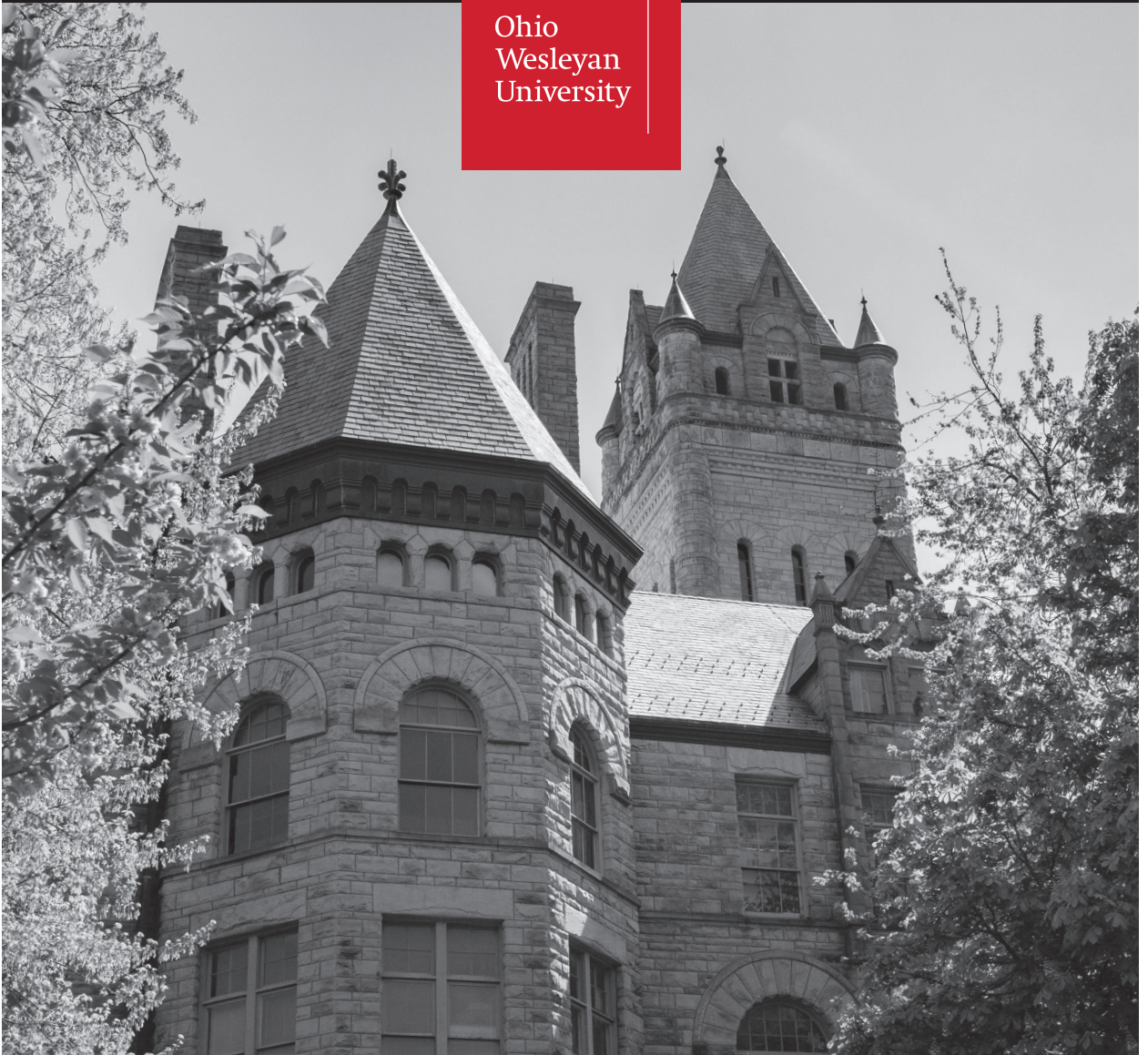
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Rises our hymn of praise for thee alone;
Heaven re-echoes it, loud let it ring,
Ohio Wesleyan! Loyal hearts sing.

Ohio Wesleyan! Proud is thy crown.
Rarest of laurels e'er Vict'ry has known;
Noblest achievements have hallowed thy name,
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Beverly Jane King
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Alameina Annajh White
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MEEK LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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Dylan Paul Hays

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Bridget Cecilia Roddy

Brandon Richard Jeffery Stevens

SLOCUM PRIZES

Classics: Caroline G. Shaffer

Literature: Anthony Edward Padget-Gettys

Music: Ni Dong

Science: Claudia Rose Kelly

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Brianna Kristine Sten

Reilly Marie Wright

2020 DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS AND PRIZES

ANCIENT, MEDIEVAL, AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES

AMRS Senior Book Prize – Capri Ana Pappas, Katherine Rosalie Werner

BOTANY/MICROBIOLOGY

Jane Decker/Allan Ichida Award for Highest Senior GPA – Hanna Katherine Cordes, Claudia Rose Kelly

Esther Carpenter Awards – Claudia Rose Kelly

Burns Shirling Award – Aiden Garrick Shumaker

CHEMISTRY

Ralph E. Hall Fellowship – Madeline Rose Meyer, Samuel Alan Miller, Nolan Richard Norman, Julianna Lynn Theado

Julian Higley Prize – Juliana Michelle Freisen, Madeline Rose Meyer

Kim A. Lance Prize – Samuel Alan Miller, Joshua A. Queener

Charles H. And Magdalen Schafer Scholarship – Juliana Michelle Freisen, Madeline Rose Meyer

Chemistry Faculty Prize – Juliana Michelle Freisen

Special Chemistry Prize – Camryn Sinclair Davis

CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award – Claudia Rose Kelly

Senior Members of Chi Gamma Nu – Juliana Michelle Freisen, Madeline Rose Meyer, Samuel Alan Miller, Nolan Richard Norman, Julianna Lynn Theado

CLASSICS

Classics Senior Book Prize – Samantha Kay Wurster

Dorothy Herbst Prize in Classics – Caroline G. Shaffer

Dwight Robinson Prize in Classics – Mackenzie Ann Steitz, Samantha Kay Wurster

Senior Members of Eta Sigma Phi – Caroline G. Shaffer, Mackenzie Ann Steitz, Samantha Kay Wurster

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Comparative Literature Senior Book Prize – Aimen Nawaz Shah

Comparative Literature Writing Award Senior Prize – Giulianna Kent Meltzer

Comparative Literature Spirit Award – Tempie Ann Whitcomb

Dwight Robinson Graduate Fellowship in Comparative Literature – Capri Ana Pappas

Comparative Literature Student Board – Giulianna Kent Meltzer, Tempie Ann Whitcomb

ECONOMICS

Accounting Fellows – Kiersten Cierra Bender, Nicholas Mark Braydich, Ahmed Ibrahim Hamed, Antonio Marco Pietro Romanelli, Brandon L. Solomon, Morgan Elizabeth Tierney, Madison Taylor Vasel, Louis Tyler Yank, Adam F. Yingling

Alice Empkey Batchelor Graduate School Scholarship – Ahmed Ibrahim Hamed

Allen D. and Ruth C. Theis Scholarship – Madison Taylor Vasel

Blaine E. Grimes Summer Grant Program – Avianna Bella Carmoega (SUI 8), Binyam Legesse Teklegiorgis (SUI 9)

Christian Kamm Scholarship Award – Sophia Aamir Ahmed, Alameina Annajh White

Corns Business and Entrepreneurial Scholars Program – Mary Ellen Haskett, Connor William King, Gregory Alexander Margevicius, Austin Lazaar Moore, Angela Suzanne Munroe

Economics Management Fellows Program – Sophia Aamir Ahmed, Nicholas Mark Braydich, Duncan Spencer Copeland, Aunders William Erickson, Speridoula Elea Karras, Caroline Wilkins Kermode, Beverly Jane King, Connor William King, Gregory Alexander Margevicius, Emily Erin McKinley, Heber Aidan O'Rourke, Marie Elisabeth Nadine Overing, Antonio Marco-Pietro Romanelli, Svitlana Yakim, Louis Tyler Yank, Adam F. Yingling

Joann Harvey Accounting Award – Ahmed Ibrahim Hamed

Norman Taylor Scholarship Award – Austin Lazaar Moore

OUTSTANDING MAJORS:

Accounting: Ahmed Ibrahim Hamed, Andrew Kirk Riggle, Madison Taylor Vasel

Business Administration: Meghann Kathleen Dunning, Speridoula Elea Karras

Economics: Jack Finbar Dugan, Syeda Ramsha Shah, Brianna Kristine Sten, Madison Taylor Vasel

Finance Economics: Duncan Spencer Copeland, Aunders William Erickson, Caroline Wilkins Kermode, Gregory Alexander Margevicius, Nicole Annabelle Peak, Antonio Marco-Pietro Romanelli

Management Economics: Sophia Aamir Ahmed, Julia Anne Caple

International Business: Angela Suzanne Munroe

ECONOMICS *(continued)*

Senior Members of Omicron Delta Epsilon – Sophia Aamir Ahmed, Julia Anne Caple, Duncan Spencer Copeland, Jack Finbar Dugan, Caroline Wilkins Kermode, Gregory Alexander Margevicius, Christopher G. McDermott

Senior Members of Sigma Beta Delta – Sophia Aamir Ahmed, Kiersten Cierra Bender, Julia Anne Caple, Duncan Spencer Copeland, Meghann Kathleen Dunning, Alysia Jill Grindlinger, Mary Ellen Haskett, Caroline Wilkins Kermode, Gregory Alexander Margevicius, Angela Suzanne Munroe, Katherine Frances Wallrabenstein

Woltemade Prize – Julia Anne Caple

EDUCATION

Senior Members of Kappa Delta Pi – Eden Clare Bonar, Jordan Anne Brandt, Bryn Alexis Kate Deibert, Katrina Janell Guerrero, Cheyenne Renee Hall, Ariana Taylor Pantoja-Hyc, Madeline Ann Penn, Taylor Price Shinaberry, Jessica Adam Sprague, Austin Darrel Strayer, Alexandria Keirsten Welch

ENGLISH

Ernest F. Amy Prize – John Philip Keller

The Laureate Award for Expository Writing – Benjamin Willis Arnold

The Emma Sparks Memorial Prize – Anthony Edward Padget-Gettys

The Edward J. Wheeler Poetry Prize – Giulianna Kent Meltzer

Class of 1870 Memorial Prizes – Jack Finbar Dugan, Charlotte Elizabeth Gross, Anthony Edward Padget-Gettys, Capri Ana Pappas, Caroline Madison Williams

Ülle Lewes Prize for Non-Fiction Writing – Erin Michelle Brady

Marie Drennan Prize – Anthony Edward Padget-Gettys

Frederick L. Hunt Prize – Anthony Edward Padget-Gettys, Megan Elisabeth Tyhurst

Lucy Hall Gordon Memorial Poetry Prize – Anthony Edward Padget-Gettys, Rebecca Anne Porter

Sagan Writing Award for best Senior Application for Graduate School or Extramural Funding

First Place: Kathleen Diane Tuggle

Second Place: Dylan Paul Hays

Honorable Mention: Amanda Leigh Hays, Michaela Swain Rice, Sarah-Faith Alexis Strait

Senior Members of Sigma Tau Delta – Daniela Patrice Thecla Black, William Roger Bowen, Sarah Marie Gielink, John Philip Keller, Anthony Edward Padget-Gettys, Brandon Richard Jeffrey Stevens, Megan Elisabeth Tyhurst, Kaitlynn Marie Welch, Caroline Madison Williams

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

The Richard B. Alexander Award for Excellence in Environmental Studies – Allison Rose Smith

The Hawthorne Family Award for Community Engagement – Dustin Scott Braden, Janelle Lynn Valding

FINE ARTS

The Susan Conwell Memorial Arts Award – Iain Thomas Anderson

The Dorothy Getz Fellowship – Iain Thomas Anderson, Rory Brynne Gleeson, Mia Isobel Smith

The Paul W. Hawks Memorial Art Award – Iain Thomas Anderson, BréAnna Taylor Cotton, Mia Isobel Smith

Sallie Thomson Humphreys Art Award – Iain Thomas Anderson, BréAnna Taylor Cotton, Michaela Marie Fown, Cheyenne Renee Hall, Cameron Stanis Jaudzems, Jesse Von Sailer, Mia Isobel Smith, Kami Lynne Stofflinsky, Sarah-Faith Alexis Strait

The Molly LaRuc Memorial Art Award – Michaela Marie Fown, Moira Elizabeth Meehan, Mia Isobel Smith

The Annie Rogers Rusk Prize in Art – Sarah-Faith Alexis Strait

The Fairhurst Memorial Scholarship – Kami Lynne Stofflinsky

The Fine Arts Recognition Award – Moira Elizabeth Mechan

GEOLOGY/GEOGRAPHY

Robert E. Shanklin Distinguished Scholar Award in Geography – Kayla Michaeline Adolph

Robert E. Shanklin Distinguished Scholar Award in Geology – Cheyenne Morgan Munson

Senior Members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon – Jayson Dreshon Blankenship, Tommy James Jacobson, Jasen Paul Klingaman, Cheyenne Morgan Munson

HEALTH AND HUMAN KINETICS

Health and Human Kinetics Major(s) of the Year Award – Abigail Patricia Bowman (Nutrition)

Harriet Stewart Health and Human Kinetics Award – Megan Elise Sievers (Exercise Science)

NCAC Scholar-Athlete Award – Jamie Paige Grant, Ahmed Ibrahim Hamed

HISTORY

Hastings Eells Prize – Amanda Leigh Hays, Lauren Elizabeth Mangold

Anna Rusoff Memorial History Award – Amanda Leigh Hays

Senior Members of Phi Alpha Theta – Keionna Zhane' Badie, Jordan Anne Brandt, Jody Forman, William French, Stephen Liam Gagne, Amanda Leigh Hays, Cyril James Hicks, John Philip Keller, Lauren Elizabeth Mangold, Madeleine Rose Matos, Hayley Mees, Paris Zhardai Norman, Heber Aiden O'Rourke, Mark Andrew Romero, Katherine Rosalie Werner

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Corinne Lyman Award for Academic Excellence – Bridget Cecilia Roddy

Outstanding Achievement in International Studies – Alexander Iram Sanchez Claudio

Senior Members of Sigma Iota Rho – Alexander Iram Sanchez Claudio, Bridget Cecilia Roddy, Benjamin Alexander Kiely Woodburn

JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION

William R. Diem Award to the Outstanding Journalism / Communication Graduate – Lauren Marie Kocsis, Reilly M. Wright

Gilson Wright Award – Madeleine Rose Matos, Tiffany P. Moore, Erin Marie Ross, Reilly M. Wright

Helen Beal Woodward Award for Outstanding Writing in Journalism – Reilly M. Wright

Academic Achievement Award – Morgan Gayle Marie Freyhof, Lauren Marie Kocsis

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Florence Leas Prize – Michael Francis Manero

Robert L. Wilson Prize in Computer Science – Luke Nathaniel Walsh

Senior Members of Pi Mu Epsilon – Jenell Marie Betts, Canyon Ray McWilliams, Samuel Alan Miller

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Academic Achievement in French – Brandon Richard Jeffery Stevens

Academic Achievement in Spanish – Kathryn May Wood

Advanced Proficiency in Italian – Alanna Ashley Williams, Antonio Marco-Pietro Romanelli, Kaitlyn Marie Welch

Advanced Proficiency in Japanese – Rebecca Smith Lipster, Andrew James McFarland

Leadership Award in French – Alexander Iram Sanchez Claudio

Leadership Award in Japanese – Rebecca Smith Lipster

Leadership Award in Spanish – Brayams Dante Ayala Ramos

Phi Sigma Iota Award for Highest Academic Achievement in French – Caroline G. Shaffer

Phi Sigma Iota Award for Highest Academic Achievement in Spanish – Sarah Marie Gielink

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MARY ANNE LEWIS CUSATO

Associate Professor of Modern Foreign Languages

Mary Anne Lewis Cusato earned her Ph.D. from Yale University Department of French in 2013 and immediately joined Ohio Wesleyan University. She teaches French language courses and upper-level courses on cultural phenomena in the French-speaking world. Dr. Lewis Cusato publishes and presents her research regularly and currently is pursuing a book project on multiculturalism in France. In addition, she co-founded and co-directs OWU's Global Studies Institute and the Palmer Global Scholars Program and is dedicated to helping students access transformative study-abroad experiences. Each year, Dr. Lewis Cusato mentors students in several OWU Connection projects and has supervised over 50 signature projects, many of which have culminated in grants supporting student research and travel-learning. Dr. Lewis Cusato is committed to connecting the curriculum and the workplace and in 2019-2020 worked with faculty colleagues to help them train students to recognize and articulate transferable skills for potential employers.

2020 BISHOP HERBERT WELCH MERITORIOUS TEACHING AWARD

BARBARA ANDERECK

Professor of Physics & Astronomy

Barbara Andereck joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Ohio Wesleyan in 1985. She taught a wide range of physics and astronomy courses, as well as her popular tutorials/seminars on the concept of time. Her Socratic pedagogical approach and interactive exercises engaged students' curiosity and imaginations. In 1994, she was presented with the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award, and the following year she was promoted to full professor. In addition to teaching, Dr. Andereck served on many faculty committees in her first two decades, and she coordinated Ohio Wesleyan's accreditation and assessment efforts from 2006-2019 as a half-time academic administrator. Her areas of research included theoretical condensed matter physics of liquid crystal phase transitions, synchronization of mechanical and astronomical systems, and the exploration of archeoastronomical sites in the Four Corners region. She models the breadth of experience she promotes among her students.

2020 WELCH AWARD FOR SCHOLARLY OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT *(posthumously)*

SEAN KAY

Professor of Politics & Government

Sean Kay, who joined OWU in 1999 and died unexpectedly in 2020, was a renowned scholar in the field of international relations. He published more than 40 articles or chapters and nine books, including a research monograph on NATO; a textbook on global security; a book on Ireland, the birthplace of his wife, Anna Marie; and his final book examining how rock 'n' roll changed the country and the world. Dr. Kay directed OWU's International Studies Program, and he contributed more broadly to the University and community by organizing numerous lectures presented by prominent leaders in academia, government, and the military. In his final years at OWU, Dr. Kay rekindled an interest in environmental politics that first developed when he was a river guide with his father, who campaigned to preserve the Stanislaus River in California.

RECIPIENTS OF THE ADAM POE MEDAL



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CYNTHIA CETLIN

Professor of Fine Arts
1987-2020

Cynthia Cetlin began teaching jewelry and metals at Ohio Wesleyan in the fall of 1987, retiring in 2020 after 33 years of service to the University. A native of Massachusetts, Professor Cetlin received her B.A. in art history from Barnard College and her M.F.A. in jewelry/metals from the State University of New York, New Paltz. While at OWU, Professor Cetlin served for many years as the campus liaison to the New York Arts Program. She planned and led several travel-study programs abroad, taking students to Ireland and Portugal to study with notable artists.

ELANE DENNY-TODD

Professor of Theatre & Dance
1992-2020

Elane Denny-Todd, M.F.A., C.L.C., served as a professor of performance in the Department of Theatre & Dance at OWU from 1992–2020. She was chairperson of the department from 2008–2010 and served as chairperson of the Committee on Admission & Financial Aid for three terms. She received the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for teaching and served on various university committees and university searches for faculty and administrators. She served as an EEO Compliance Officer for the university in recent years. Elane directed main season theatre productions and supervised senior projects in the department every year.

MARTIN HIPSKY

Professor of English
1995-2020

In his career at Ohio Wesleyan, Marty Hipsky has been an inspiring teacher, respected scholar, and dedicated participant in the administration of the university. He earned his Ph.D. in English at Duke University, and the OWU Department of English selected him for a position teaching modern and contemporary British literature before he left the Duke campus. Dr. Hipsky taught a number of courses in his early years, from the First-Year Writing Seminar to the advanced seminar in critical methods. Later, having published on popular television shows such as *The Sopranos*, he was instrumental in constructing the film studies major.

DAVID JOHNSON

Allen Trimble Professor of Botany/Microbiology
1989-2020

“The trip to the Smokies was amazing! I can’t believe all the plants we saw and learned. I don’t think anything can stop Dr. Johnson, not even the shutdown of the entire United States government!” (from a fall 2013 student). Indeed, nothing could stop David Johnson or his research collaborator and wife, Dr. Nancy Murray, after their arrival at OWU in 1989. For 31 years, Dr. Johnson was a favorite professor of countless students, teaching introductory classes in botany and organismal biology and upper-level classes in plant biodiversity, plant morphology, the biology of the fungi, and tropical biology.

EDWARD KAHN

Professor of Theatre

2004-2020

Ed Kahn – educator, scholar, artist, activist – created a lasting mark during the 16 years he served this University community. His quiet but cheerful demeanor belies a deep compassion for the arts, justice, diversity, and learning. A versatile artist and scholar, Dr. Kahn’s primary expertise at OWU was directing, but he also taught acting, theory, theatre history, and political theatre. As a teacher, director, administrator, advisor, and colleague, Dr. Kahn inspires community wherever he goes, bringing out the best of every stakeholder. His greatest tribute will certainly be the enduring gratitude from years of students who thrived in his sphere.

JAMES KREHBIEL

Nancy La Porte Meek Professor of Fine Arts

1986-2020

James Krehbiel retired in May 2020 after 34 years at OWU. Hired in 1986 to teach printmaking and drawing, Professor Krehbiel also developed the computer imaging component of the fine arts curriculum and for 21 years served as chair of the Department of Fine Arts. Professor Krehbiel received his M.F.A. in printmaking in 1984 from Indiana University, graduating with distinction. His B.A.A. in painting and sculpture is from Montana State University, where he graduated with honors in 1978. He also studied in 1977 at L’Universite’ des Lettres et Sciences, Avignon, France.

KEITH MANN

Professor of Geology and Geography

1998-2020

Keith Olin Mann retired after 22 years on the faculty. Dr. Mann taught courses focused on earth history, paleontology, stratigraphy, and hydrogeology. He pursued research within these fields, often with students, and edited a much-referenced monograph on stratigraphic techniques that help elucidate details of mass extinctions and climatic change rates in the geologic record. Prior to joining OWU, Dr. Mann was a research geologist with the Iowa Geological Survey and earned tenure at Juniata College. Dr. Mann’s breadth of experience and deep concern for students provided them with skills and knowledge to pursue their dreams.

CAROL NEUMAN DE VEGVAR

Frank L. & Eva L. Packard Professor of Fine Arts

1988-2020

A native New Yorker, Dr. Neuman de Vegvar received her B.A. in art history from Bryn Mawr College and her Ph.D. in art history from the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to teaching art history at OWU, Dr. Neuman de Vegvar and the late and much-missed Dr. Sally Livingston co-led a travel-learning class, “Italian Renaissance Art and Thought” to Siena and Florence, and Dr. Neuman de Vegvar initiated the History of the Book course for the Ancient, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program. Her research centered on early medieval art and archaeology in England and Ireland.

JEFF NUNEMACHER

Parrott Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

1985-2020

Jeff Nunemacher graduated from Oberlin College with a B.A. in mathematics. He earned his M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Yale University, where he specialized in the area of several complex variables under the direction of Yum-Tong Siu. Dr. Nunemacher had academic appointments at the University of Texas at Austin, Kenyon College, and Oberlin College before joining Ohio Wesleyan in 1985. He has broad mathematical interests and taught courses covering the entire range of undergraduate mathematics and many courses in computer science. He was awarded the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award in 2018.

KAREN POREMSKI

Professor of English
2002-2020

Karen M. Poremski – a beloved teacher, mentor, and scholar – did much to diversify the curriculum within and beyond the classroom. Dr. Poremski received her B.A. from the University of Maryland-College Park, M.A. from San Francisco State University, and Ph.D. from Emory University. At OWU, Dr. Poremski regularly taught courses in early American, 19th-century American, and women’s literature, and she swiftly established herself as an exceptional – and exceptionally dedicated – teacher, receiving the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award in 2006. Her impressive run of teaching awards culminated in 2011, when the United Methodist Church bestowed its national Exemplary Teacher Award upon her.

JUDYLYN RYAN

Associate Professor of English
1998-2020

Judylyn S. Ryan is the first African American woman to be awarded tenure at Ohio Wesleyan. She received her A.B. from Georgetown University and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Ryan brought a broad and rich academic experience to OWU, having taught at Hunter College, the Divinity School at Harvard University, and Rutgers University-New Brunswick. At OWU, she taught a wide array of courses in 19th- and 20th-century African American literature and film, African diasporic literatures and cinema, and Black women’s literature and film. She broadened OWU’s curriculum to embrace Caribbean and African diasporic cultural production.

MARK SCHWARTZ

Beatrice K. McDowell Professor of Mathematics
1986-2020

Mark Schwartz graduated from the University of Colorado with a B.A. in mathematics. He completed a Ph.D. in mathematics at Northwestern University, specializing in probability theory under the direction of Alexandra Bellow. At OWU, Dr. Schwartz’s teaching and research interests varied from the continuous to the discrete, and spanned virtually the whole of the mathematics curriculum, and some of computer science. In encouraging his students to learn through curiosity and reflection, in challenging himself to renew his courses through new discovery, in discovering deep connections between seemingly disparate subdisciplines, his teaching and scholarship truly personified the liberal arts tradition.

DALE SWARTZENTRUBER

Professor of Psychology
1992-2020

Dale Swartzentruber received his Ph.D. in experimental psychology from the University of Vermont and joined the OWU Psychology Department in 1992 to teach research methods, learning theory, and introductory psychology. He served on numerous faculty and university committees and took on increasing administrative responsibilities, eventually becoming OWU’s Associate Provost for Institutional Research. His research focused on the mechanisms through which organisms form associations between events they experience. He is perhaps best remembered by students for his “rat lab” in the Research Methods in Psychology course. OWU psychology alumni frequently cite that lab as one of their most memorable college experiences.

D. GLEN VANDERBILT, JR.

Professor of Theatre
1983-2020

Glen Vanderbilt – educator, designer, director – was born in Hawaii but grew up in Michigan and Ohio. He earned his B.A. at Heidelberg University and M.F.A. at Northwestern University. For 37 years, Professor Vanderbilt taught and worked in all areas of theater at OWU, while primarily anchoring the design and technical needs of the department: scenic design, lights, costumes, sound, props, and stage management. He was instrumental in developing and maintaining the facilities in Chappellear Drama Center, created most of the departmental publications, and developed a digital archive for a century of production photos and events.

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2021 SHERWOOD DODGE SHANKLAND AWARD FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF TEACHERS

KIRA BAILEY

Assistant Professor of Neuroscience and Psychology

Kira Bailey is an outstanding instructor who constantly strives to improve her teaching based on student and peer feedback, continuing education, and advances in research on student learning. She presents material to students in an engaging manner that emphasizes application. She is a devoted mentor to students in research and independent work, and she has mentored students in the Summer Science Research Program each year since she arrived at OWU. Dr. Bailey is adept at using technology in her teaching, and she mentored several colleagues when they made the rapid transition to remote instruction in March 2020. Dr. Bailey also served as co-director of the free and open online course on COVID-19, which attracted more than 1,100 students of all ages in the summer of 2020. Kira Bailey is an accomplished classroom teacher, inspiring research mentor, highly productive scholar, and generous colleague.

2021 BISHOP HERBERT WELCH MERITORIOUS TEACHING AWARD

AMY DOWNING

Professor of Zoology

Amy Downing's students describe her with words like awesome, enthusiastic, and stimulating. She is an innovative educator who offers rigorous courses that incorporate up-to-date content on the science of ecology and lab exercises that build student skills in experimental design and data analysis interpretation. She expects great work from her students, and she provides them with tools and support to help them succeed. Collaborating with Dr. Craig Jackson, Dr. Downing developed an exciting cross-disciplinary course linking marine biology and mathematics. Dr. Downing, who earned her Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Chicago, has supervised many independent research students, and some of them completed work that has been published in peer reviewed journals. Her contributions as co-director of the Honors Program have been substantial. Dr. Downing is a highly respected professor, esteemed colleague, outstanding scholar, inspiring campus leader, and dedicated mentor and advisor to students.

2021 WELCH AWARD FOR SCHOLARLY OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

ANNE SOKOLSKY

Professor of Comparative Literature

Anne Sokolsky has been a remarkably productive scholar since she arrived at Ohio Wesleyan in 2006. She published a well-received book, *From New Woman Writer to Socialist: The Life and Selected Writings of Tamura Toshiko 1936-1938*, and a second book, *The Art of Divorce Through the Voices of Japanese Women Writers from Ancient Times to the Present*, is under review. Dr. Sokolsky edited this essay collection and contributed the introduction and one chapter. She also has published seven peer-reviewed scholarly articles, translations, and book reviews, has given 15 scholarly presentations, and has served as an editor for the *Journal of Japanese Language and Literature*. Her latest project seeks to deepen our understanding of the mid-century cultural and political milieu by examining one of its major figures, her grandfather, the columnist George Sokolsky, who the *New York Times* called "the high priest of anti-Communism."

RECIPIENTS OF THE ADAM POE MEDAL



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BARBARA S. ANDERECK

Jacob S. Zook Professor Physics and Astronomy
1985-2021

In August 1985, after earning her Ph.D. at Rutgers University and completing post-doctoral work at the University of Texas at Austin, Barbara Andereck joined OWU's Department of Physics and Astronomy, where her passion for teaching and high level of adaptability served her and OWU well. She taught practically every course the department offers, and her honors course On Time has been popular for decades. Her peers have recognized her teaching effectiveness with multiple accolades, including the Shankland Award for the Encouragement of Teachers (1994), the Bishop Francis Kearns Award (2008), and the Welch Meritorious Teaching Award (2020).

NANCY GAMSO

Professor of Music
1991-2021

Born in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and raised in the South, Nancy Gamso earned a D.M.A. in woodwinds performance from the University of North Texas and joined the OWU faculty in 1991. Over the course of her tenure, Dr. Gamso taught applied woodwinds and other woodwind-related courses, music appreciation, Western music history, and jazz history. She remained a triple-threat teacher and performer on the flute, saxophone, and her principal instrument, the clarinet. Her dedication to teaching earned her early promotion to both associate and full professor, as well as the Shankland Award for Encouragement of Teachers in 2002.

LARRY GRIFFIN

Professor of Music
1986-2021

Larry Griffin studied trumpet and earned his D.M.A. from the University of Minnesota. At OWU, he has been honored with the Welch Award for Scholarly or Artistic Achievement and the Libuse L. Reed Endowed Professorship. He has conducted OWU's Symphonic Wind Ensemble (1986-2018), Brass Choir, Trumpet Ensemble, and Jazz combos. Dr. Griffin enjoyed an outstanding trumpet studio and taught Instrumental Conducting. He toured extensively as a soloist and clinician, including two solo China and three solo Switzerland tours. He has performed with many orchestras and played at Aretha Franklin's final public performance in New York, Nov. 7, 2017.

LYNDA HALL

Professor of Psychology
1985-2021

Dr. Harry Bahrack hired Lynda Hall as associate director of a National Science Foundation research project in 1985. Dr. Hall became a full-time faculty member in the Psychology Department four years later, teaching courses on cognitive psychology, behavioral statistics, research methods, and memory. Her research with Bahrack culminated in their 2013 book, *Lifetime Maintenance of Knowledge*, co-authored with Melinda Baker. She received the Shankland Award for Encouragement of Teachers in 1999. In her final years at OWU, Lynda assumed administrative responsibilities, first as chair of the Psychology Department and then as the Associate Dean for Academic Performance.

DAVID LEVER

Associate Professor of Chemistry
1994-2021

David Lever earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Utah. At OWU, his expertise extended beyond general and organic chemistry courses to topics that ranged from polymers, color and dye chemistry, and asymmetric organic synthesis. He was committed to undergraduate research, teaching, and the incorporation of extensive instrumentation training within the Chemistry Department's core curriculum. Dr. Lever was an active member of the OWU community through academic advising, recruiting, grant funding, committees, and countless other activities. Most important, Dr. Lever's dedication to OWU and his students will be his legacy.

BART MARTIN

Professor of Geology and Geography
1991-2021

Barton Sawyer Martin served as chair of the Geology & Geography Department and on committees including University Governance and Academic Policy. His greatest love was teaching students, in liberal arts style, about our planet in classes such as Physical & Environmental Geology and Volcanology, and he prepared geology majors well for myriad careers. He earned a Ph.D. at University of Massachusetts-Amherst, specializing in geochemistry, igneous petrology and volcanology. Columbia River Basalts of the Pacific Northwest became an enduring research focus. Dr. Martin is a Licensed Professional Geologist for Washington State and a Laboratory Fellow at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

ROBERT OLMSTEAD

Professor of English
2002-2021

Robert Olmstead is one of America's great authors. He has published masterful work in several genres: seven novels, a memoir, a short story collection, and a textbook for fiction-writing workshops. His brilliant books are internationally acclaimed. He is a writer's writer and was an inspirational teacher of writers at OWU for nearly two decades. He was known for his skillful, devoted mentorship of creative writing students. Professor Olmstead's many awards include an Ohioana Book Award, National Endowment for the Arts Fiction Fellowship, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, and OWU's Welch Award for Scholarly or Artistic Achievement.

ALICE SIMON

James Heisler Professor of Economics
1985-2021

Clearly, Alice Simon holds a place in Ohio Wesleyan's pantheon of great teachers. Students through the decades speak of the profound impact she has had on them as students, professionals, and, most important, people. This impact was a result of her hard work, clear lecture style, strict standards, and, especially, her caring. Dr. Simon's Monetary and Fiscal Policy and Principles of Economics classes were among the most popular at the University. Under her leadership The Woltemade Center for Economics, Business, and Entrepreneurship grew to better serve students, the University, and the broader community.

ANNE SOKOLSKY

Professor of Comparative Literature
2006-2021

After completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan, Anne Sokolsky joined the Peace Corps and taught high school English for two years in Morocco. Raised in a home filled with her grandfather's Asian art collection, she was inspired to teach high school English through Japan's exchange program. Enamored with the culture, she studied the Japanese language at the University of California-Berkeley, where she earned her Ph.D. At OWU, Dr. Sokolsky taught a wide range of courses, including Bad Girls of Japan and Literatures of the Silk Road. She also served as Fellowship Director for the Honors Program.

RICHARD SPALL

Cornelia Coles Fairbanks Professor of History
1984-2021

During his long tenure at OWU, Richard Spall taught a wide and diverse array of popular courses, including courses in British, European, and economic history. Dr. Spall was awarded both of OWU's prestigious teaching awards, the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for Encouragement of Teachers and the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award. Dr. Spall's research interests focused on Victorian Britain and the Empire, and from 1994 until 2019, he was the book review editor of *The Historian*, one of the world's largest scholarly history journals, publishing more than 300 book reviews a year and providing internships for students.

EMMANUEL TWESIGYE

Aden S. & Mollie Wollam Benedict Professor of Christian Studies
Sharp-Davis-Trimble Professor of Religion
1989-2021

Known affectionately by his students as "ET," Emmanuel Kalenzi Twesigye has mentored and inspired Ohio Wesleyan students for three decades. Born in Kambuga, Uganda, as the eldest son of an Anglican rector and tribal king, Dr. Twesigye is an ordained Anglican priest. He holds seven higher degrees culminating in a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt. Before coming to OWU, he served at Kyambogo and Makerere in Uganda and at Sewanee, Fiske, and Vanderbilt in Tennessee. At Ohio Wesleyan, he has taught broadly in global theologies and ethics while publishing nine books on religion, politics, theology, and millennialist cults in East Africa and globally.

DAN VOGT

North Ohio Conference Professor of Chemistry
1979-2021

After earning a Ph.D. in chemistry at Northwestern University, Dan Vogt brought his expertise in chemistry and biochemistry to OWU and built the biochemistry program from the ground up, building a successful biochemistry major that has served chemistry and pre-professional majors for many years. As part of this program, Dr. Vogt developed and taught General Chemistry, Biochemistry, and seminars in Neurochemistry and Mechanisms of Enzyme-Catalyzed Reactions. His commitment to teaching and mentoring students was a hallmark of his time at OWU, and he received the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for the Encouragement of Teachers in 1986.

PAULA WHITE

Ella Faye Schaaf Rodefer Professor of Education
2000-2021

Paula White was called to service in higher education by her recognition of the need for qualified teachers willing to teach in diverse settings. Serving as director of OWU's Middle Childhood Program and acting upon her belief that all students deserve excellent teachers regardless of their life circumstances, Dr. White dedicated the past 21 years to preparing OWU teacher education students to work with diverse students in diverse settings. Dr. White is the recipient of the Presidential Award for Racial and Cultural Diversity (2013), the Welch Meritorious Teaching Award (2014), and the Libuse L. Reed Professorship (2017-2019).

THOMAS WOLBER

Ohio Conference Associate Professor of Modern Foreign Languages
1990-2021

Thomas K. Wolber was born in Germany, where he completed his undergraduate studies at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg before coming to the United States in 1977. Pursuing his passion for German literature, culture, and civilization, he completed his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Since arriving at OWU, Dr. Wolber has always put his students first, providing numerous tutorials and small classes on a wide range of subjects in the German language and on German studies. He also has been an integral part of both the OWU and Delaware communities, dedicated to sustainability and the dissemination of community-related news.

IN MEMORIAM

SEAN I. KAY

PROFESSOR OF POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

SEPTEMBER 7, 1967 – NOVEMBER 13, 2020

Dr. Sean Kay was born in the San Francisco Bay area in 1967, during the Summer of Love. His family later moved to Ohio, and Sean attended Kent State University, where he earned a B.A. in political science in 1989. After earning an M.A. at Kent State in 1991, Sean moved to Brussels, Belgium, where he served on the staff of the North Atlantic Assembly and earned another M.A. in International Relations from the Free University of Brussels in 1992. He then earned a Ph.D. in political science at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1997.

Sean worked as a Research Fellow with the Institute for National Strategic Studies of the National Defense University. He then moved on to academic appointments with Dartmouth College and Rhodes College, before joining Ohio Wesleyan University's Department of Politics and Government in 1999. This represented a continuation of a family connection to OWU, as his grandmother and great-grandmother were Ohio Wesleyan alumni.

Sean rose quickly through the ranks at Ohio Wesleyan, with promotion to Associate Professor in 2002 and to Professor in 2006. He also was named the Robson Professor of Politics and Government.

Sean's main teaching responsibilities were classes in international relations, U.S. foreign policy, and European politics. His classes were popular, and he was well-known for motivating students to greater rigor in their research papers through a mixture of thorough critique and encouragement. Sean was awarded OWU's Bishop Francis Kearns Award for outstanding teaching and was the first recipient of the University's Libuse L. Reed Endowed Professorship.

Numerous tributes from his former students especially praise his mentorship. He gave generously of his time and encouraged them in their studies and careers. His former students have gone on to graduate studies in top universities and careers with leading academic institutions, government agencies, and international organizations.

Sean was the Director of the International Studies Program, through which he guided one of the most popular majors at OWU and contributed more broadly to the University and community by organizing numerous lectures presented by prominent leaders in academia, government, and the military.

Sean also became an internationally renowned scholar in the field of international relations, showing amazing breadth as he forged academic connections to diverse interests in his life. He published more than forty articles or chapters and nine books, including a research monograph on NATO; a textbook on global security; a book on Ireland, the birthplace of his wife, Anna Marie; and his final book examining how rock and roll changed the country and the world.

Sean himself was an accomplished musician, and his performances at The Backstretch were popular with faculty, students, and the Delaware community. Sean's voluminous scholarship was recognized with the 2020 Welch Award for Scholarly Achievement.

In his final years at OWU, Sean rekindled an interest in environmental politics that first developed when he was a river guide with his father, who campaigned to preserve the Stanislaus River in California. One of Sean's final publications was an article in *Boatman's Quarterly Review* in which Sean wrote about a rafting trip through the Grand Canyon, reflecting that the hardest part was missing his wife and three daughters, about whom he felt immense pride.

Sean died peacefully in his sleep of a heart attack on November 13, 2020. His time at OWU was cut tragically short, yet the contributions he made in just over two decades will live on through his scholarship and the memories of his colleagues and students.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie; their three daughters, Cria, Siobhan (a member of OWU's Class of 2021), and Alana; and his mother, Jennifer Kay.

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NOTES ON ACADEMIC DRESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL OF OFFICE AND THE ORIGINAL UNIVERSITY HANDBELL

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

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

PHOTOGRAPHY AT COMMENCEMENT

Ohio Wesleyan has several professional photographers and videographers in place at Commencement. Please remain in your seats during the ceremony to allow the professionals access to all areas. Family photos can be taken before and after the ceremony outside of Selby Stadium.

A professional photographer from Graduation Foto® will take a color photograph as Dr. Jones presents the diploma to each graduating senior. Each graduate will receive a photo proof approximately one week after Commencement, and may order prints directly with the studio or through GraduationFoto.com. There is no obligation to purchase prints, and graduates pay no charge unless prints are ordered.

Diplomas will be presented in alphabetical order as the names are listed in the Commencement program.

SPECIAL THANKS

FACULTY MARSHALS

Bradley R. Trees '86, B.A., M.S., Ph.D., Head Marshal
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PLEASANT STREET BRASS QUINTET

Dr. Larry Griffin, OWU Professor of Music, Trumpet and Conductor
Dr. Whitney Davis, Trumpet
Ms. Kimberly McCann, Horn
Mr. Jeremy Smith, Trombone
Mr. Eric Leday, Tuba

Family and friends are invited to share photos, videos, and other Commencement-related well wishes by tagging social media posts with **#OWUgrad** and **@ohiowesleyan**.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR COMMENCEMENT GUESTS

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

If you need medical assistance, EMS personnel are stationed adjacent to Selby Stadium.

A lost-and-found for personal property and for children is located at the Selby Stadium entrance gate.

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OHIO WESLEYAN
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