

# OWU

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR OHIO WESLEYAN



SPECIAL ISSUE CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

More than 1,000 alumni and friends returned to campus Oct. 19-22 to mark 175 years during Homecoming and Family Weekend, including the all-campus noon celebration at which the Board of Trustees formally voted to enter the public phase of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign.



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**ON THE COVER:** A planned OWU Career Connection Center in Slocum Hall will help further realize the University's commitment to providing pathways to meaningful work after graduation.  
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## Charting our bold path forward: CONNECT TODAY, CREATE TOMORROW

In 1842, the Rev. Adam Poe and a group of Delaware, Ohio, visionaries imagined the formation of a university that would bring education to a new spot on the American frontier. One-hundred-and-seventy-five years later, Ohio Wesleyan University is the heir to a legacy that has prepared transformational leaders who have

the accomplishments in response to those values, and to acknowledge the countless people who have shaped this institution throughout its storied past. The dedication of the Gillespie Honors House and the recognition of nine individuals and families for induction into the Founders' Circle reminded us of the more recent legacies that sustain and

us cannot even imagine.

This is a season when the values of a liberal arts education are more important than ever. And it is a season when our society, more than ever before, hungers for a new generation of moral leaders for a global society. In short, it is a season that calls for the values inherent in an OWU education, and for the leadership characteristic of OWU alumni.

It is toward these high purposes that our celebratory weekend turned its attention from a historic milestone to a course for Ohio Wesleyan's future and to the resources necessary to achieve its destiny. The Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign is the largest fundraising campaign in OWU history. As its name suggests, this campaign will lead Ohio Wesleyan into the dynamic and rapidly changing world of the future, allowing OWU to fulfill its high calling as a premier undergraduate university that educates leaders for every sector of our society.

Throughout its history, the heart and soul of Ohio Wesleyan has been reflected in the strength of its teaching faculty. We must ensure that we continue to recruit and retain the very best faculty, faculty who are devoted to students and to the enterprise of teaching, who ensure excellence in our curriculum, and who have the courage and vision to innovate in ways that respond to the changing needs of our time.

Central to this vision is The OWU Connection, Ohio Wesleyan's signature program pairing rigorous classroom instruction with robust, practical, real-world experiences. Through The OWU Connection, students are challenged to think big (learning to solve complex global problems with intellectual versatility), go global (developing the capacity for international engagement) and get real (gaining hands-on experience through internships and

undergraduate research). Toward this end, we will add significantly to our new OWU Career Connection and guarantee that every student has the opportunity to complete a robust internship or research experience in preparation for a meaningful job and a fulfilling life.

Our democratic society is built on the proposition that education is the ladder of opportunity and should be accessible to all qualified students. With family incomes stagnant and with dramatic

academic buildings and athletics facilities, and enriching the residential campus where the students spend the largest amount of time.

I am thrilled with and humbled by the early results of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign, which surpassed the \$140 million mark before our public launch and was nearing \$145 million as this issue went to press. (For the latest on campaign progress and priorities, visit [owu.edu/campaign](http://owu.edu/campaign).)

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demographic changes in our society, the single largest element of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign is endowments to provide financial assistance for academically talented students whose families simply are unable to fully fund a college education. This commitment serves our students; it also advances the common good.

Our physical campus is our laboratory for learning. While the digital age offers important opportunities for learning through technology, there remains no substitute for the experience of engaged, face-to-face learning in the period of transition from late adolescence to full adulthood. The college campus is one of America's most important treasures. We must continue to invest in our campus, preserving our magnificent historic

More importantly, I am inspired by the lofty vision shared by our Board of Trustees and faculty. It is this vision for the future that drives our campaign, and it is this vision that allows Ohio Wesleyan to retain its historic position as a beacon of hope for an increasingly complex, interrelated, and interesting world.

As you read this issue of *OWU Magazine*, I invite you to consider your place in this legacy, and I invite you to join us as, together, we Connect Today, and Create Tomorrow. ■



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President Rock Jones (center) chats with **Cara Harris '18**, who traveled to Uruguay on a Theory-to-Practice Grant in May and will serve as president of Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs in 2018. Pictured behind, from left: **Ahmed Hamed '19** and **Ben Whitbourn '19**.

changed the world. Consistent with the language of our charter, our mission today calls us to offer an education grounded in the liberal arts, accessible to all qualified students, and designed to serve the public good.

In October, more than 1,000 alumni and friends of OWU returned to campus to celebrate the 175th anniversary of our founding and the public launch of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign. As with any historic anniversary, the occasion gave us an opportunity to look back, to recall our founding values, to celebrate

advance our historic commitments.

While we celebrate the rich history we inherit, this ultimately is a time for looking forward. Today we look to a future that retains our historic values and offers an education that prepares students for leadership in the middle of the 21st century. Today's students will enter a workplace that will be transformed by artificial intelligence and big data. They must graduate with both the skills requisite for their first job and the capacities necessary to adapt and grow as the job landscape changes and they ultimately work in settings most of

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### Running circles around the big guys

Your “Bishop Battles” article about the cross country team of the late 1940s brought back a lot of fond memories. After **Quentin Brelsford '48** won the national championship, he almost became a folk hero with his collegiate success.

He was a sportswriter’s dream: returning war hero, almost too humble, the little college runner against the big university boys. He and his beautiful new wife lived in “Vet Village” with their classmates from Ohio “what?” University from “where?”

The pressure was on our track coach and athletic director, George Gauthier, to showcase this new self-taught phenomenon to the track world. Our coach had to parade Quent in front of the world at the big indoor meets of the Midwest. He was running against the big boys.

There was a problem, though. How does little Ohio Wesleyan University afford to send Quent all over the country? Here’s the solution: OWU fills up the station wagon and takes along three other guys to run the mile relay against the other small-college relay teams. At the races, the public-address system announcers even blasted out, “And now, the mile relay team event featuring Ohio Wesleyan University,



**Quentin Brelsford '48** on Oct. 21, when his 1946 men’s cross country team was honored as part of the inaugural Team of Distinction. Brelsford is wearing his original school cardigan.

anchored by the great national cross country champion Quentin Brelsford!”

I ran in the No. 3 spot because I was the slowest of the four of us. But I handed off the baton to “the great Quentin Brelsford.” We won a lot of races. We got a few medals and we got our egos inflated, all because of “the great Quentin Brelsford.” We also gave sportswriters a lot of material to write about that little college in Ohio. Quent put us on the map!

The other runners on that mile relay team were **Gene Blackburn '48**, the Ohio Conference 440-yard dash champion from Delaware, Ohio; **Dick Hiler '49**, the Ohio Conference 800-yard champion; and me, **Bob Gardner '51**, the Ohio Conference 100-yard and 220-yard champion. We were pretty good, but the star of the show was Quentin Brelsford. No ifs, buts, or doubts about it.

**Bob Gardner '51**  
Dublin, Ohio

### 70th reunion a highlight

You are surely to be congratulated on the magazine of OWU. In May, my daughter drove me to my 70th class reunion. It was one of the highlights of my life. I got to head the parade of classes in a golf cart with my daughter in the back seat. I was the only one there from my Class of 1947. You and the rest of OWU really rolled out the red carpet for all the alumni. I am very proud of OWU and glad to be an alumna of it. Thank you, OWU.

**Marilyn S. Nelson '47**  
Joy, Illinois

### Spirit of community lives on

I just wanted to take a minute to tell everyone involved in this magazine how much I enjoyed the Fall edition. My son **Jax Harville '20** is a sophomore at OWU. We love the history, community, and lifestyle more than we can explain.

Thank goodness he is already going there; after reading the “OWU I Do” and the “Dear older me...” articles, we all would have deeply regretted any other choice. This school is so special, and your magazine does an incredible job of explaining why. Thank you for the excellent read.

**Jodi Harville P '20**  
Marion, Ohio

### Six degrees of OWU

Since my husband, **Bruce Griffith '78**, and I are one of the many couples to meet at OWU, I read your recent “OWU – I Do” feature with interest. I was perusing the story of **Janet Wallace Lapp '55** and **Robb Lapp '54**, when I was brought up short. The surprising sentence simply stated, “On Saturday (1955), we were married by my father in Littleton, N.H., in the Methodist church he served.” As it happens, Bruce and I were married in that same church in 1978!

I was born in 1956 in Littleton and lived there until my marriage. My family attended the Littleton Methodist Church, where my mother was the organist for over 30 years. Although I have no personal memory of Rev. William Wallace, I remember his name from conversation. My much older sister suggests that unless the Lapps had an organist friend who played at their wedding, it is extremely likely that my mother (Mary Roberts) did the honors, and that Rev. Wallace almost certainly performed my infant baptism the next year!

**Elaina Griffith '78**  
Greer, South Carolina



The Griffiths in their senior yearbook picture, taken in the fall of 1977 on the lawn of University Hall, and today.



Entrepreneur Daymond John of TV’s *Shark Tank* addressed a packed Gray Chapel on Oct. 19 for OWU’s 2017-2018 Milligan Family Leaders in Business Lecture sponsored by the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship. John, the founder and CEO of the FUBU clothing brand, discussed “5 Shark Points: Fundamentals for Success in Business and Life.” ■



Patrons enjoy the public art exhibit “The Shadows We Cast,” featuring architectural-scale video projected nightly onto the façade of the Ross Art Museum, Sept. 20 through Oct. 31. The continuously looping 12-minute video used a montage of archival documents to explore changes to labor and leisure practices at two different periods in U.S. history. Artists Tiffany Carboneau and Susanna Crum used materials culled from the archives of the Delaware County Historical Society and the OWU Historical Collection. ■



The House of Black Culture hosted an all-campus cookout on Aug. 26. To read about plans for renovating the house, see Page 21. ■

Leading up to the public kickoff of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign on Friday, Oct. 20, students were invited to join the celebration with a series of events designed to draw attention to the priorities of the campaign. (Giant hamster balls were involved.)



### Monday: Scholarships

To highlight the scholarship component of the campaign, **Charlie Lennon '18** (right), a theatre and dance major, played the interrogator for a “Bishop on the Street” video that asked students if they could identify Kevin Paskavan (center) and correctly name his role as director of financial aid to win \$1. See the video at [owu.edu/magazine](http://owu.edu/magazine)



### Tuesday: Professors

The third annual i<sup>3</sup> (i-cubed) mini-lecture series featured 10 professors selected by students to give three-minute presentations with ideas, insight, and imagination on a topic of their choosing. With standing-room-only crowds in the Benes Rooms, the event is a bigger draw each year. Featuring topics such as “How theatre can change the world,” by Ed Kahn (right), professor of theatre and dance, it’s a showcase for OWU’s talented faculty. Watch the videos at [owu.edu/i3](http://owu.edu/i3).



### Wednesday: Capital improvements

A putt-putt course with holes representing the various capital improvement priorities of the campaign filled the lawn outside Beeghly Library, fostering appreciation for the campaign and inviting some friendly competition.

### Thursday: OWU Connection

Students were invited to take The OWU Connection theme of “Think Big, Go Global, Get Real” literally and participate in human hamster balls on the JAYwalk. Merrick Mentors were on hand to answer students’ questions about the program (read more on Page 14). Think big, indeed. **Kari Lynn Seymour '18** goes for a roll.



### Friday: Celebrating 175 years

Students joined members of the Board of Trustees, Alumni Board, faculty, and staff for a free campus-wide lunch to celebrate 175 years. They had cake, and ate it too.





# CONNECT TODAY

## *create tomorrow*

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR OHIO WESLEYAN

**M**ore than 175 years ago, Ohio Wesleyan University began educating young minds. A lot has changed since then.

But what hasn't changed, what remains a constant and steadfast demand, is the need for Ohio Wesleyan graduates – those women and men who are ready to tackle global challenges – to form new and lasting connections that shape their lives and strengthen our communities, our nation, and our world.

To continue moving forward, Ohio Wesleyan seeks to enhance its historic commitment to a liberal arts education with new programming and spaces reflective of the changing ways in which students learn, the world in which today's students will live and work, the role of technology in education, and the economic realities of our time.

Together, we will enhance our great University to create a new level of global, positive impact while creating life-changing opportunities for students of today and tomorrow.

Through the seven-year \$200 million Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign, we seek to ensure continued **scholarship support** for the 97 percent of our students who rely upon it, enhance the global and practical experience of **The OWU Connection**, recruit a new generation of **talented faculty** while encouraging the professional development of our current professors, create or **revitalize iconic structures** across campus, and support **Annual Giving**, which makes up approximately 10 percent of our operating budget each year.

For more on the campaign and to see our latest progress, please visit [owu.edu/campaign](http://owu.edu/campaign).

# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

*A weekend 175 years in the making*

To formally kick off the public phase of the seven-year Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign, we invited everyone. The kickoff's timing on Oct. 20 during Homecoming and Family Weekend was designed to encourage as many alumni, family, friends, and faculty and staff to take part in the festivities as possible. After the Board of Trustees' noon vote to take the campaign public (see inside

cover, Pages 7, 29) the big moment came that evening when the total raised in the three-year leadership phase of the campaign was revealed during a party in Edwards Gymnasium. The party also featured the debut of a special four-minute campaign video, which can be viewed at [owu.edu/campaign](http://owu.edu/campaign).



President Rock Jones had some help from the students of the Ohio Wesleyan University Student Alumni Association to reveal how much had been raised toward the \$200 million campaign goal during the three-year "quiet" leadership phase of the campaign: \$140,001,129, as of October 2017. For updated progress, visit [owu.edu/campaign](http://owu.edu/campaign)



Maribeth Amrhein Graham '55, a life trustee, greets Bob the Bishop, who is dressed in formal wear for the kickoff party.



Susan Palmer (left), who along with her husband Thomas Palmer '69, endowed a fund for The OWU Connection, enjoys the balloon "tunnel" from the Founder's Circle ceremony to the kickoff party in Edwards Gymnasium, along with Colleen Garland, vice president for university advancement.

# WENDIE MALICK '72 RETURNS FOR KICKOFF HOSTING DUTIES

*Noted actress also took time to talk shop with students*

For one of the biggest events in recent Ohio Wesleyan history, one of its biggest stars lent her wattage.

Actress **Wendie Malick '72** returned to campus for the first time in 12 years to help kick off the public portion of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign, serving as emcee at two events.

And, although she flew in on a redeye from her home outside Los Angeles on a Friday morning and had to return 36 hours later, she paused during her Delaware whirlwind to sit down with a group of theatre and dance students to share career advice, the importance of getting politically involved (civily), and her guiding principle "never forget to have fun."

After graduating from OWU, Malick moved to Washington, D.C., and worked for Jack Kemp, the congressman from her home state of New York, during the height of the Watergate scandal.

"It was fascinating, but I knew I did not want to go into politics," she recalled.

Instead, her "gradual ascent" to stardom included waitressing in New York and traveling the world for five years as a Wilhelmina model, before eventually being cast on a soap opera. She has been working steadily for decades since, starring on the television series *Dream On*, *Just Shoot Me*, and *Hot in Cleveland*, among

Ares Harper '19, a theatre and dance major, shared emcee duties with Malick for the "Spotlight OWU" program about the University today and plans for the future.



many others.

In October, Malick wrapped a four-week run of *Big Night*, a play by Paul Rudnick about chaos in a nominated actor's life on Oscar night, in Culver City, California. She said there's no comparison to the thrill of stage acting, although she noted with her trademark throaty laugh that film and television are the reasons she has a ranch with horses and donkeys. But no matter the setting, acting is "an opportunity to play with your friends and tell stories."

She discussed change, including in Delaware ("I can't believe you have an olive oil shop!") and in the business, where casting



Malick stuck around after her hosting duties for an informal Q & A to talk about her career and path after OWU.

agents now factor in an actor's social media following (she's a reluctant tweeter).

She remembered her early days of protesting for women's rights on campus and urged students to "find issues that are important to you and make your voice heard – in a calm way."

Malick's co-host for "Spotlight OWU," an informal program that highlighted some of the areas of emphasis for the campaign, was **Ares Harper '19**, a theatre and dance major who recently concluded a starring run in *Fahrenheit 451* on campus. Harper said the experience of sharing the spotlight with Malick was "surreal" and a reminder that "no matter where one's life takes you after you graduate, OWU stays with you."

"To be able to hold my own on stage and in the presence of an award-winning actress, bonding over our Bishop pride, was like no other experience," he said. (Read about Malick's latest honor on Page 37.)

President Rock Jones expressed his appreciation for Malick's willingness to help make an important weekend in OWU history that much more special. "That someone as busy as Wendie – not to mention the thousand-plus other alumni and friends who returned for our big weekend – joined us to kick off our campaign speaks to the lasting impact of the OWU experience," Jones said.

Malick, for her part, said she was happy to do it. And although she was at ease and charming in her onstage OWU roles, she happily admitted of the opportunity to meet with current students: "It was my favorite part!" ■

**Wendie Malick '72** and her "Gathering of Old Friends (GOOF)" who have remained close since OWU recently established the GOOF Endowed Scholarship. The endowment provides unrestricted scholarship support in recognition of the profound lifetime impact of an OWU education.

# MAKING OWU ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

Support for students is the single biggest area of emphasis in the campaign because students are the single biggest area of emphasis in everything we do. Attracting talented students with exclusive opportunities and ensuring that deserving students with limited or modest means have access to OWU has been and always will be a priority. This is possible only through donor support.

CAMPAIGN PRIORITY | *Scholarships and financial aid* | GOAL: \$50 million

For details and progress, please visit [owu.edu/campaign](http://owu.edu/campaign)

## ECON FELLOWS ON BUSINESS FAST TRACK

While the rest of campus is returning from winter break and preparing to tackle the next semester, **Lyndsay McMullen '19** will be going to work in a downtown Columbus office building and getting course credit. Her internship with Pricewaterhouse Coopers during the busy tax season is the continuation of a trajectory she began as a first-year student when she was



At the annual Donors and Scholars Brunch, a chance for those who have established endowments to meet the beneficiaries, (from left) **Kevin McGinty '70** and Nancy Collinson McGinty visited with the Economic Management Fellows their gift supports, including: **Lyndsay McMullen '19**, **Sophia Ahmed '21** and **Turner Johnson '21**.

selected as an Economic Management Fellow (EMF).

The highly selective EMF program offered through the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship was created in 2008 and accepts only 15 to 20 first-year students each year, many of whom also receive merit-based scholarships. Fellows are introduced to the resources of the Economics Department through a seminar exclusive to them and travel on

a fully paid trip to New York City with faculty to visit the Federal Reserve and meet with alumni in business and government.

"It's just awesome to see the opportunities you get from EMF," McMullen says.

"I've gotten to meet so many amazing alums who are excited to talk to us and just help in every single possible way they can."

Count **Kevin McGinty '70** and his wife Nancy Collinson McGinty among the supporters who are finding multiple ways to increase opportunities for today's students. The couple from Moreland Hills, Ohio, are serving as co-chairs of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign and made a \$500,000 campaign gift that includes an endowment for the EMF program, in recognition of Kevin McGinty's long-standing service on the Alumni Advisory Board of the Woltemade Center and as a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

"I'm a real advocate in making sure that we marry what's being taught in the classroom with what takes place in the world," McGinty says.

"Particularly in the field of economics and business, it's becoming increasingly important to have that knowledge while students are still being instructed."

**Turner Johnson '21** is enjoying the in-depth introduction to the field. "I think EMF has done a great job of showing so many aspects of business that I'll get a great view of what's out there," he says.

Johnson and his parents met the McGintys at the annual Donors and Scholars Brunch during Homecoming and Family Weekend in October, in which endowment fund donors or contacts have the opportunity to meet the students and faculty who benefit from their gifts.

Turner's mother, Julia Johnson, says, "It's so fun to see how excited the McGintys are about the program...which I think is another thing that differentiates OWU: You can just tell from the very beginning how passionate they are about helping the students beyond their college time." ■

## CRAIG LUKE '85 CREATES ENDOWMENT FOR FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

**Craig Luke '85** grew up, as he describes it, in the inner city of Cincinnati, the youngest of six children. His grandparents were sharecroppers and his parents weren't able to attend college, but they were determined that their children would.

"For me, coming to Ohio Wesleyan was a big deal," he says.

Luke came to OWU sight unseen on the basis of scholarship support and, after pledging Delta Tau Delta, formed friendships that have lasted decades. He majored in accounting and literature and went on to earn his master of business administration degree from the Scheller College of Management at the Georgia Institute of Technology before going into a successful career in banking supervision and regulation. He's now group vice president with Sun Trust Bank.

Through the years, he has volunteered extensively for OWU, including serving as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors; he's also a member of the Board of Trustees.

Luke reflected on his own experience in making a \$100,000 gift along with his wife, Eloise, to create an endowment to support first-generation college students. "I want to help them come here and thrive, as I did," he says.

"We all know transitioning to college is challenging for any

student, but for first-generation students it's even more challenging," he says, pointing to a lack of resources or even just the lack of someone to offer guidance about time-management, studying, and budgeting.

"I think it's very important that first-generation students have that opportunity, and (my hope is) this scholarship can help alleviate some of that financial need they have.

"(Alumni) are all so passionate about this place because we know what it's done for us and want others to experience that as well," Luke says. ■



**Craig Luke '85** talks about the scholarship he created during Spotlight OWU on Oct. 21.



**97%** of OWU students receive some form of financial aid

### TYPES OF SUPPORT

#### NEED-BASED AID

Of our 2017-18 first-year class, 22 percent of students come from families earning less than \$40,000 annually, another 15 percent come from households earning less than \$70,000 a year – creating an enormous challenge for parents who still must pay an average of \$9,521 in tuition and other expenses each academic year.

#### MERIT-BASED AID

In the competitive higher education landscape, scholarships for high-achieving students can be the deciding factor when choosing a school. Ensuring that OWU can compete for these students, with scholarships and rigorous academic options, helps to raise the intellectual bar on campus as a whole.

#### RETURNING STUDENT AID

A family's financial situation can change. A parent might lose a job or a sibling might go off to college, prompting an enrolled student to struggle with bills. Helping OWU students remain on track through graduation is a critical emphasis of the campaign, and a daily focus of everyone who works with students on campus.



# CONNECTING 2 THE WORLD

*OWU's signature program lets students create their own adventures*

The OWU Connection is a distinctive four-year program that offers students a clear connection to the life they want after graduation and helps them find that direction when it isn't quite clear.

Students can craft a personalized degree plan from more than 90 majors and will leave OWU better prepared to enter the workforce thanks to The OWU Connection's signature, guided experience: a guaranteed, and often funded, opportunity to gain real-world skills through an internship, service project or original research project, and robust options to study abroad — all of which connect ideas to meaningful actions.

These real-world projects are supported with Theory-to-Practice Grants and other funding opportunities, making the

program distinct in its support for students' unique ideas and skills. The Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign seeks to expand student and faculty access to these funding opportunities and experiences. Campaign co-chairs **John Milligan '83** and **Kathie Bradford Milligan '83** made a \$5 million gift to support the program when the campaign began three years ago. Their gift, along with those of many other donors, helped create 54 Travel-Learning Courses and other Connection experiences.

The planned development of the OWU Career Connection Center in Slocum Hall (a \$10 million campaign goal, Page 26), will help fully realize OWU's commitment to a practical liberal arts education with a center dedicated to fostering pathways from the classroom to meaningful employment after graduation.

## TURNING AN INTERNSHIP INTO EMPLOYMENT

**Trey Olsen '18** decided to come to Ohio Wesleyan to pursue two very specific interests: soccer and finance. He was impressed by the history of the soccer program under Coach Jay Martin and was quickly interested in the Economic Management Fellows program.

"Financial services fits for me. It's super fast-paced, super competitive, it's constantly evolving; that's something I really enjoy," Olsen says.

As a benefit of being in the program, in the fall of his junior year, Olsen was invited to apply for an internship at Makena Capital Management LLC in Menlo Park, California, a \$19 billion global-endowment-style investment firm whose client base includes five of the world's largest sovereign wealth pools, high profile family offices, and academic-affiliated endowments. In other words, the big leagues.

The paid internship typically attracts students from top universities, such as Stanford and Yale, and has included a student from Ohio Wesleyan for the past five years, thanks to **Kevin McGinty '70**, a member of the OWU Board of Trustees and a co-chair of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign, who has a relationship with the folks at Makena and urged them to consider OWU students.

Olsen was excited to secure one of the nine intern spots offered and traveled to Menlo Park, about a half-hour south of San Francisco, this past summer.

The 10-week program was intense. "It wasn't just intern busywork off to the side. You were working directly for the analysts and partners, and that allowed you to get different exposure to different asset classes," Olsen says.

In between the 12-hour days there was time for a few intern happy hours, a San Francisco Giants game, and a cable-car ride. "I made an effort to meet as many people as possible," he says. "I was grabbing partners, analysts, anyone I could, for coffee or lunch several times a week to make sure I could pick their brains."

As much as he loved his time there, Olsen was

allowed to cut short his experience, leaving after six weeks to join the soccer team on its once-every-three-years trip to Germany.

He knew that two other OWU students, **Mainza Moono '15** and **J. Graham Littlehale '17**, had turned their Makena internships into job offers, but he tried not to get his hopes up. But after returning to campus for his senior year, Olsen got the call and accepted full-time employment after graduation as an analyst for Makena.

So while his friends are reviewing their resumes and working on interview prep, Olsen has been able to focus on other things, like soccer, exactly as he intended when he came to OWU.

"I try not to use the word 'perfect,' but it's a very ideal start for me," he says. ■



Trey Olsen '18



Chloe Dyer '18 on a trip to the Plaza de España in Seville, Spain, during her study abroad in February 2017.

## CROSSING NEW BORDERS

Chloe Dyer '18 knew she wanted to study abroad when she was looking at colleges. She knew it would be somewhere Spanish-speaking so she could hone her fluency in the language, and she was interested in Ireland, where her great-grandparents were

from, but her direction was vague.

Then she learned about The OWU Connection.

Based on the global and real-world opportunities available through the program, after being accepted to the honors program and receiving the prestigious Schubert Scholarship for exceptional first-year students, Dyer chose to come to Ohio Wesleyan. The freedom, flexibility, and faculty support offered by The OWU Connection allowed

Dyer to craft a course of study that linked Ireland to Mexico, with visits to both countries and to Spain, Arizona, and Tanzania in between. Her experiences and related coursework helped her discover and pursue her interest in questions of nationalism and national identity, sociopolitical imagination, migration, diaspora, and how we define, justify, and view ourselves.

Dyer's OWU Connection experience began as a freshman when she enrolled in the 300-level English Travel-Learning Course "Slouching Toward Empire: The Literary Politics of Ireland," taught by associate professor of English Nancy Comorau, who says: "Working with students like Chloe is the reason I work at a small liberal arts college."

Dyer's class traveled to Ireland and Northern Ireland to explore the places they had studied. "Just to be in Dublin and read James Joyce's *Ulysses* and then walk and be literally retracing the steps of the character in the book ... It fulfilled everything we learned about in the classroom," she says.

The Travel-Learning Course also opened her eyes to the possibilities of The OWU Connection. "I think that made me realize that these were really neat opportunities and I had access to them," she says. Dyer, from Guysville, Ohio, now works as a "Merrick Mentor," helping students chart their course through the Connection.

In many ways, Dyer represents the potential of the program, which allows for guided, personalized exploration of interests with a global lens. She is double majoring in Spanish and pre-law, with a politics and government minor.

On another trip as a freshman, this one for service to the U.S.-Mexico border, she learned about the San Patricios, a group of Irishmen who deserted the United States and switched sides in the Mexican-American War in the late 1840s. Dyer found connections from Irish literature and history to the effects of undocumented migration and border enforcement policies on border communities. She also explored similar concepts of migration and diaspora and their effects on national identity. She applied for funding through the small grant program and spent

**"Looking back now as a senior, that (Travel-Learning Course) basically informed the entire rest of my college career and what I want to do after college."**

Chloe Dyer '18

the summer after her freshman year back on the border, working with a humanitarian organization that provides water to people attempting the treacherous journey across the Sonoran Desert.

She pursued these themes further with the help of a Theory-to-Practice grant applied for in her sophomore year. She fulfilled her pre-college hopes of studying abroad by spending a semester in Granada, Spain, at the Centro de Lenguas Modernas, with additional grants before and after to continue her study of the San Patricios. She did all this while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

The culmination of her experiences was her Spanish senior honors thesis "A Line in the Sand: Personal Narratives of the U.S.-Mexico Border," which she presented at the Ohio Latin Americanist Conference in Columbus in October.

Juan Armando Rojas Joo, professor of modern foreign languages, says Dyer's presentation was very well-received. "Chloe's keen anecdotes about interviewing different border characters such as immigration agents, advocacy and humanitarian organization members, church volunteers, landowners, and human rights activists were well-accepted by national and international scholars, and graduate students were engaged and enjoyed listening to her research findings," he says.

Now, Dyer is applying for fellowships to attend graduate school, with hopes of going on to law school in a year or two. She wants to become a human rights lawyer, possibly with an emphasis on immigration issues. She draws a straight line to her future back to her first OWU Connection experience, saying: "Looking back now as a senior, that (Travel-Learning Course) basically informed the entire rest of my college career and what I want to do after college." ■

CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

*The OWU Connection*

GOAL: \$35 million

For details and progress, please visit [owu.edu/campaign](http://owu.edu/campaign)

# MAKING OWU THE BEST PLACE TO TEACH

No matter the era of attendance, every OWU student has a favorite professor – or two or three. Professors help connect students to their life’s passion and lead to new ways of thinking. But with one-third of our current professors approaching retirement age in the next decade, the need to attract new talent

and retain our existing faculty is vital to our shared future. Whether through endowed chairs that elevate professors and secure their positions in the OWU tradition, or through paid time off to pursue professional projects, campaign gifts help to ensure that OWU students learn from the very best.

To hear him tell it, **Herbert “Bert” DuPont ‘61**, an expert in the field of infectious diseases and holder of the Mary Kelsey Distinguished Chair in Medical Science at the University of Texas School of Public Health, barely made it through Ohio Wesleyan.

“I almost flunked out of the school; it was very close whether I was going to make it the second year. But the school stuck with me. I figured it out, I went on, and I’m appreciative of that,” he says.

He met **Margaret “Peggy” Wright DuPont ‘61** at OWU, and is appreciative of that, too.

For the DuPonts, philanthropy and giving thanks to the place that has meant so much in their lives was never a question. They established a scholarship in 1990 in honor of Peggy’s parents, both of whom also attended OWU, as did both her grandfathers.

For their recent campaign gift, they began with a simple idea: “We believe in people,” Bert says.

“We wanted to identify bright faculty who could have major impact on tomorrow’s leaders.”

They created the Herbert L. and Margaret E. DuPont Endowed Professorship in Biological Sciences with their campaign gift to realize that goal.

“We wanted to do all our gifting while we can enjoy it, we can see it, we can feel it,” Bert DuPont says, noting another benefit: “And we have tax advantages while we’re still working.”

They visited campus in April 2017 to participate in the formal program in which David Markwardt, associate professor of zoology, was named to their endowed professorship. Markwardt, who joined the OWU faculty in 2003, called it an honor for him and for the University. “I know (the DuPonts’) professors would be



(From left) President Rock Jones with **Margaret “Peggy” Wright DuPont ‘61** and **Herbert DuPont ‘61**, along with the holder of their newly endowed professorship, **David Markwardt**, associate professor of zoology, and **Markwardt’s wife, Rachel Dwyer**, at the formal installation dinner for the position in April.

so proud to see them giving back. Maybe someday I’ll be able to look at students who are giving back in the same way and think I had some small part of that,” he says. ■



## ELEVATING FACULTY WITH A PERMANENT GIFT

### ENDOWED CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIPS

The tradition of endowing positions goes back to 1502 in England with chairs in divinity at Oxford and Cambridge, created by Margaret, Countess of Richmond. At the time, the idea was to give endowed professors an elaborate chair from which to lecture. The first endowed chair in America was the Hollis Professorship of Divinity at Harvard, established by London merchant Thomas Hollis in 1721. Today, endowed faculty positions provide a means to attract and retain the very best faculty. For the professor, they provide a recognized mark of distinction.

### FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

With significant philanthropic investment, four faculty fellowships, one for each division, will be created to support professors at all levels as they explore their own academic areas of interest and professional development. Each three-year fellowship will allow the chosen faculty member time to complete work on a significant professional project. An endowment will help offset the salary and benefits of the holder and will also include a stipend to support his or her work.

### SCHOLARLY LEAVE

Just as students benefit from learning outside the classroom through travel abroad or internships, faculty are energized when provided the time to devote to significant work in their field. The endowed fund allows a faculty member a semester away from classroom responsibilities to complete work on an established professional project.

## 40 years later: Hundreds honor Benjamin Spencer

Benjamin T. Spencer was arguably Ohio Wesleyan University’s most beloved and respected professor at the time of his retirement in 1969, after teaching Shakespeare and American literature at OWU for 39 years. Spencer, who died in 1996 at the age of 92, was the first OWU professor to have an endowed chair established in his honor during his lifetime.

The Benjamin T. Spencer Professorship in Literature was created in 1978. Today OWU has 54 endowed chairs and professorships, including those in the names of David Jennings, professor of history, as well as Libby Reed and Charles



Portrait of Benjamin Spencer

Weis, professors of English; and many donors and their loved ones.

The Spencer professorship was fully funded with a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and gifts, pledges, life income gifts, and bequests chiefly from the students

who remembered and loved Spencer as a teacher and a mentor. Today there are 440 individual and organizational donors to the Spencer Professorship. Anyone can make a gift to an already established endowment. Endowed professorships and chairs recognize the achievements of the holder and help OWU maintain a high standard of excellence in teaching and research.

Under the terms of the Spencer professorship, a member of the English Department faculty is chosen to fill the chair for a two-year term, renewable once. The incumbent is to deliver a yearly public

lecture, which carries a stipend. The position is currently held by Karen Poremski, associate professor of English, who focuses on Native American literature, women’s literature, and American literature before 1900. ■

CAMPAIGN PRIORITY | **Recruit and retain the very best** | GOAL: \$25 million

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# TEAM PLAYERS

*Five professors examine data analytics from all sides*

**W**ith the creation of new majors and degrees to meet the shifting demands of today's incoming students, as well as the continued enrichment of The OWU Connection, our faculty continually demonstrate their forward-thinking academic creativity and curiosity.



*The professors tackling data analytics as a team talk shop. Back row from left: Scott Linder, Christian Fink, Sean McCulloch. Seated: Bob Gitter and Ashley Biser.*

in the new team-taught Introduction to Data Analytics course, five professors from five different departments apply five different perspectives to give one well-rounded introduction to the subject matter.

"We wanted to give students a sense of the breadth of the field, the way that data analytics manifests itself in multiple disciplines," says Ashley Noelle Biser, associate professor of politics and government.

Or, as mathematics and computer science associate professor Sean McCulloch explained, the class offers "a survey of all the different things you can do with data analytics, which is using vast amounts of data to solve problems in your specific field."

In addition to Biser and McCulloch, Bob Gitter is handling the economic implications; Scott Linder is tackling mathematics and computer science; and Christian G. Fink, assistant professor of physics, astronomy and neuroscience, is approaching the subject through his field's lens. The five instructors were also involved in the creation of the data analytics major, which is new this year.

Dale Brugh, associate dean for innovation and technology, worked with them to conceptualize the idea and help determine whether the university should and could offer it. "The use of data is becoming more and more important to our society," Brugh says. "There's a need for students to understand how to process the data and make decisions based on data."

Brugh felt that, as a liberal arts university, Ohio Wesleyan could offer students an aspect of the major that larger institutions might not: an understanding of the cultural, social and ethical impact of using data. "We want to produce graduates who start asking questions about where the data came from, is it free of bias, should it be used to make certain decisions," he says.

That's where the five professors from across campus come in.

In her lectures for the class, Biser addresses the social, ethical, and political questions surrounding data, its collection and how it is used. "I'm trained as a political theorist, and I was brought into this because I think a lot about the implications of technological progress," she says. "I'm working with students on the choices that are made in the collection of the data, in terms of areas like privacy and confidentiality. And then, what are the ethical and political implications of how that data is used?"

McCulloch gives students the nuts-and-bolts: basic background in how databases work, then some simple computer programming that could be used in data analytics.

Gitter is showing students how to use software programs such as Microsoft Excel to conduct data analytics as well as how to analyze survey data.

**"(Team-teaching) gives students the chance to study the same issue from different perspectives, and that's invaluable."**

Bob Gitter, professor of economics

"How could you use government-survey data about households to examine childhood poverty, for example?" he says. Later in the class, he'll show students how data can be misused.

"If you're constructing data analytics, what's your responsibility? That's what I want the students to wrestle with: how to use data analytics for good and not for evil."

Sophomore **Aidan Shumaker** is taking the class to see whether he'd like to pair data analytics with microbiology and have a double major.

"I like the fact that we have five professors a lot," says Shumaker, 19, of Loveland, Ohio. "Each one is teaching a different side of data analytics, and you get different viewpoints." He says the weekly rotation of professors keeps the class interesting and lively.

Sophomore **Austin Moore**, hasn't decided on a major but took the class because it counts as a science requirement for graduation and he's interested in how data can be used in society.

"We're being taught skills useful in the real world," says Moore, 18, of Los Angeles. "By having five professors, we're given a well-rounded background in the subject."

Moore would like to see more computer programming included in future years for the class, but expects such tweaks will come with time. "For the first time it's been taught, they're doing a good job of giving us a diverse experience," Moore says.

Organizing what will be taught in the class and when it will be taught has been time-consuming. "I teach one-fifth of the

classes, but it's more work than teaching one-fifth of a normal class," Gitter says.

While team-teaching is not new to campus, the intro class is the first with five professors that anyone can recall at OWU.

McCulloch says communication has been key. "We all want to be on the same page, and that's taken a lot of work before the class started," he says.

As the University strives to encourage such faculty innovation through the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign – with \$12 million designated for that purpose – such an approach could become more common.

"If this is successful," McCulloch says, "I might put out a call to other departments to see if they're interested in similar classes."

Gitter hopes that happens; he already has some ideas about classes he'd like to team-teach with professors in other majors. "It gives students the chance to study the same issue from different perspectives, and that's invaluable," he says. "No one department or field has all the answers, and that's the beauty of a liberal arts education." ■

CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

*Faculty innovation*

GOAL: \$12 million

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# BRINGING HISTORY **OPEN** TOMORROW

*Capital improvements are transforming campus*

Anyone who has strolled the JAYwalk, or followed squirrels scurrying along the paths leading to the residence halls, or studied under the illuminating stained glass of the Slocum reading room knows just how beautiful, nurturing, and restorative the buildings and grounds of Ohio Wesleyan can be.

The capital improvement priorities of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign will ensure our historic campus is brought fully into the 21st century, ready to welcome the students of tomorrow.

Significant philanthropic support has already resulted in

dramatic additions to campus, such as the Gillespie Honors House and Simpson Querrey Fitness Center, with plans calling for overdue and vital updates to historically important structures such as Branch Rickey Arena and the House of Black Culture.

From new residential facilities to complete renovations of iconic campus buildings such as Merrick Hall, the improvements touch every area of campus, resulting in modern and inviting living and learning environments and revitalized and shared spaces of which we can all be proud.

CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

*Capital improvements*

GOAL: \$43 million

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## LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES SHINE

### Rowland Avenue: SLU-ville

Rowland Avenue has been transformed with the addition of three new small living unit (SLU) duplexes. These spacious, free-standing buildings offer full kitchens, common areas for house meetings, and a mix of single and double bedrooms. In an OWU concept dating back nearly 50 years, groups of 10 to 12 students come together around a theme to live together, participate in cultural and educational activities, and share their house's mission with the greater OWU community. The SLU communities must reapply to live in the Rowland Avenue SLU-plexes each year.

The Dittrick House opened in fall 2016, thanks to a \$1.5 million gift from **Doug Dittrick '55**, followed by the SLU-plex at 94 Rowland made possible by gifts from **Phil Meek '59**,

**Nancy La Porte Meek '59**, **Rich Alexander '82**, **Mike McCluggage '69**, and **Tim and Lisa Sloan P '13, P '16**.

The Jim and Eileen Dicke House opened in August, with a \$1.5 million gift from Jim and Janet Dicke in honor of Jim Dicke's parents.

**Charlie Lennon '18**, a theatre and dance major from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, is part of the Sexuality and Gender Equality SLU in the Dittrick House. "With us all together, the SLU community is just a hop, skip, and a jump away. We can talk to the other SLUs, interact with them more, and be able to have something beyond the family that's within our own house," he says.

"Now it's a home that's a block wide." ■

### Gillespie Honors House, 81 Oak Hill

**Robert W. Gillespie '66** and **Ann L. Wible Gillespie '67**, of Gates Mills, Ohio, returned to campus in October with their family for the dedication of the Gillespie Honors House, made possible with their \$2 million gift.

The 6,934-square-foot two-story house has living space for 27 sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are part of the University's Leland F. and Helen Schubert Honors Program, and seminar space to benefit all honors students.

**Cindy Huynh '19**, a genetics and pre-med double-major and a chemistry and sociology double-minor from West Chester, Ohio, is the moderator of the house. In that role, she is working with her housemates and the Student Honors Board to create educational events to host at the new residence.

"The Gillespie Honors House provides a space to foster a

community of students with bright minds who are passionate about learning," said Huynh.

**Sarah Watt '19**, a biology and pre-med major from Libertyville, Illinois, is also enjoying living in the latest addition to campus. "It really surrounds me with a community that supports me in all of my studies; I really enjoy all of the friends I've made here," she says. ■



The dedication of the Gillespie Honors House on Oct. 19.

### House of Black Culture, 65 Oak Hill

The additions to Oak Hill Avenue will continue in 2018 with the construction of a new House of Black Culture in the location of the current one. Since its creation in 1971, and subsequent renaming as the Butler A. Jones House of Black Culture in 1994, the house has served an important role as a community and meeting space for students of color.

**Genaye Ervin '19**, a business administration, communications, and sports management major from Cleveland, chose to live in the house to be around people with shared experiences. "I felt like I would grow more here because I'm around people that have

the same majors as I do or were brought up the same way I was brought up," she says.

A committee is leading the ongoing fundraising initiative for the house following a leadership gift by **Ed Haddock '69**, a member of the Board of Trustees, along with his wife, Edye, and son, Ted, through their Edward E. Haddock Jr. Family Foundation. The committee is co-chaired by **Morton "Pete" Smith '71**, one of the founders of the house and a former moderator; his wife **Barbara Smith '74**, Board of Trustees member **Aaron Granger '93**, and **Khadija Adams '04**, also a former moderator. To learn more or get involved, visit [owu.edu/hbcupdates](http://owu.edu/hbcupdates). ■



Rendering of the planned new House of Black Culture, courtesy Thomas & Marker Construction.

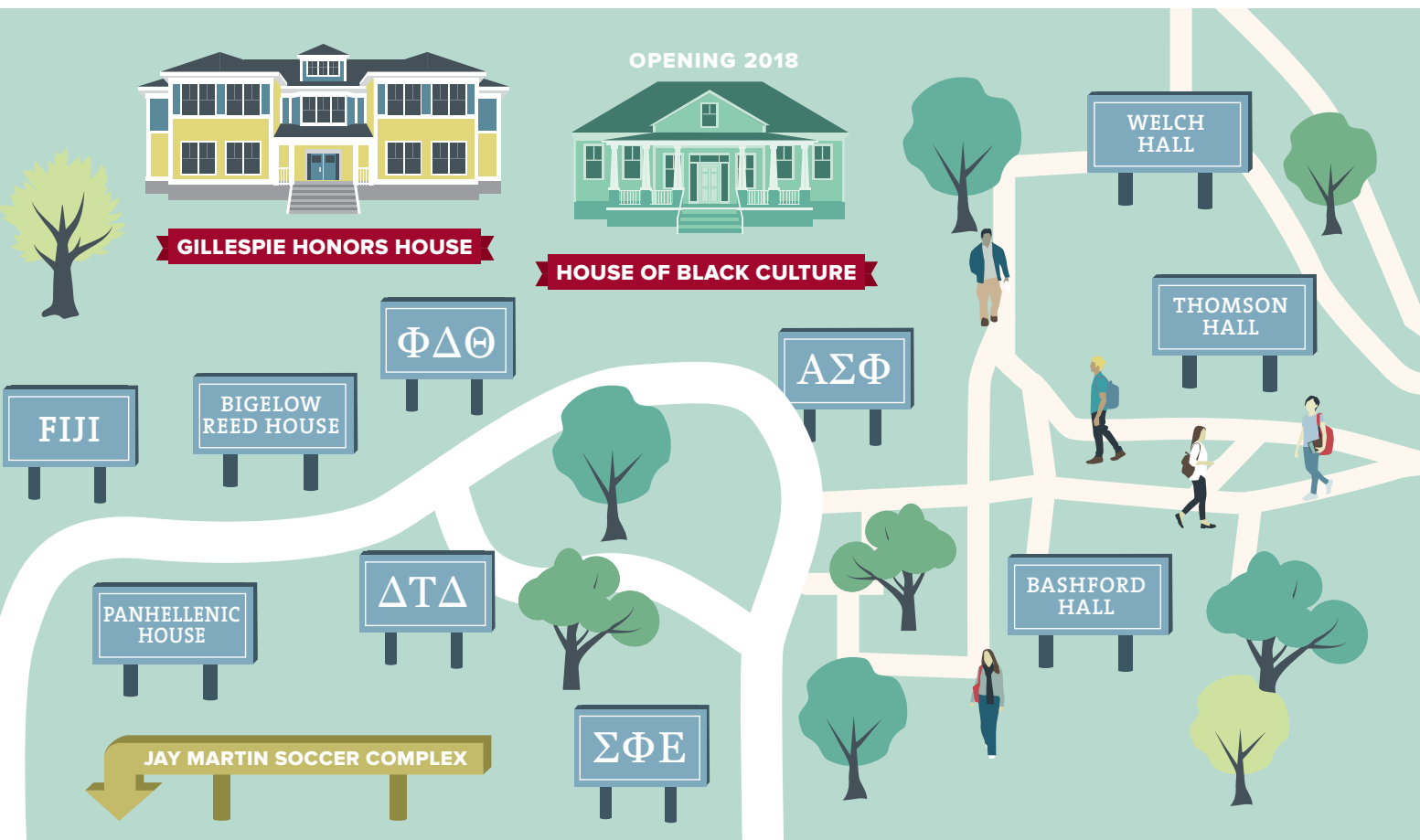
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

GOAL: \$10 million

To see a video about the different residences at OWU, visit [owu.edu/magazine](http://owu.edu/magazine)



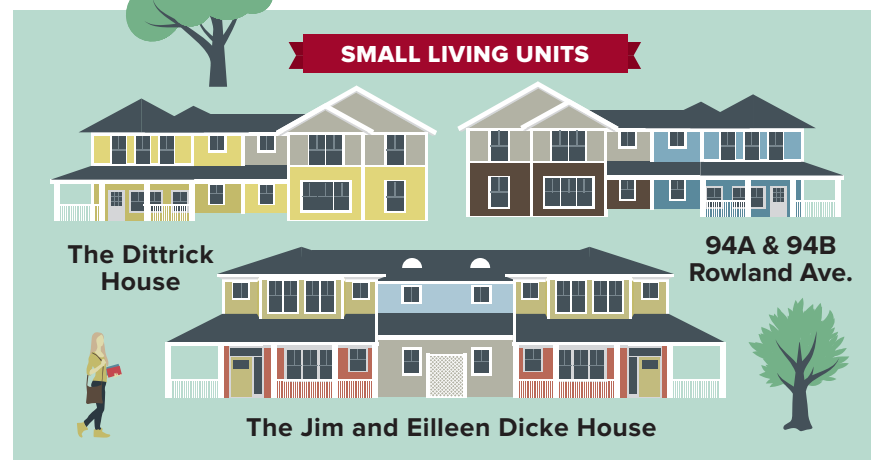
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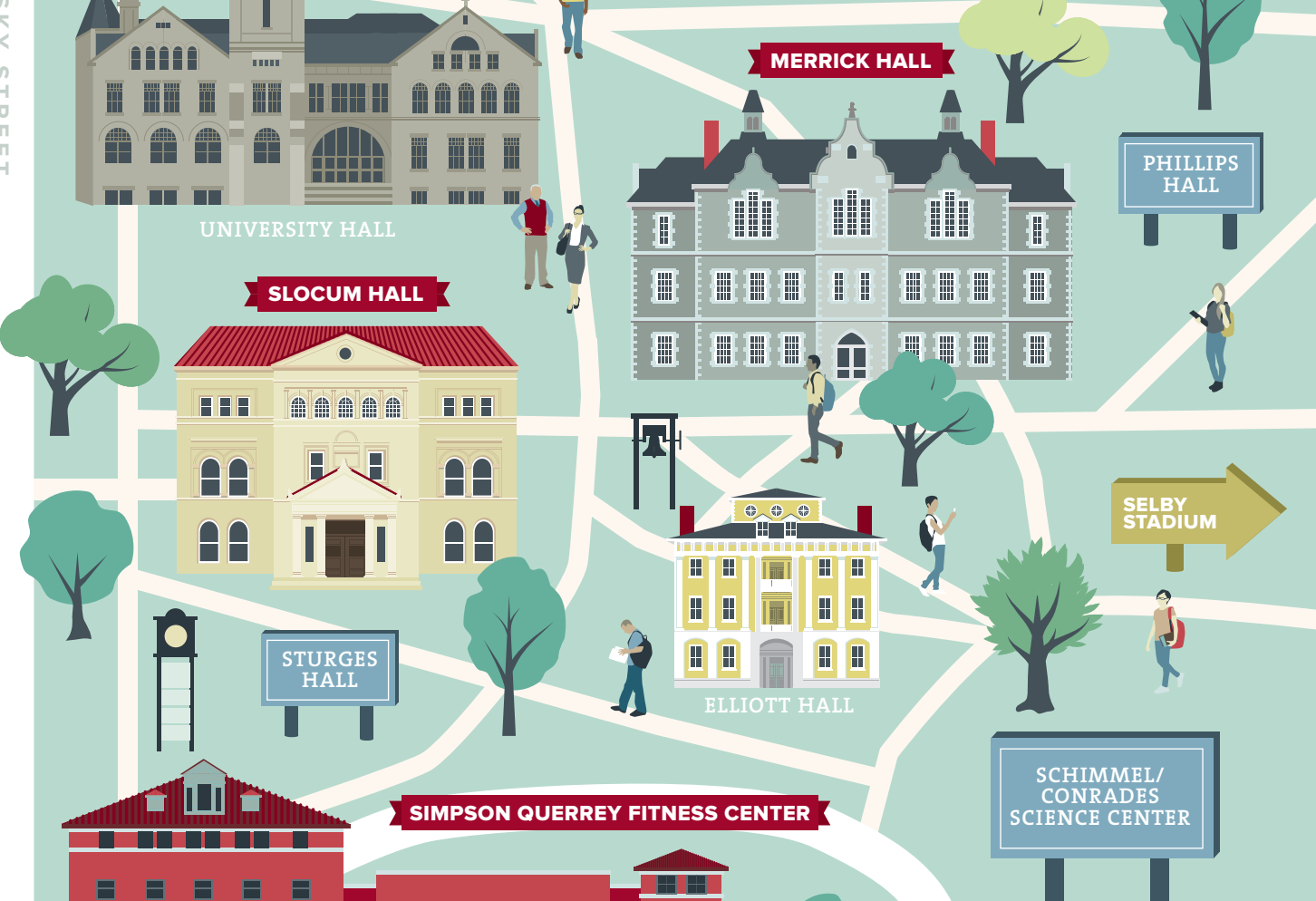
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WASHINGTON STREET



SANDUSKY STREET



EDWARDS GYMNASIUM



BRANCH RICKEY ARENA

MEEK AQUATICS AND RECREATION CENTER

ILLUSTRATION BY PATRICK KASTNER

## CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

### Investing in our students

**THE OWU CONNECTION**  
**GOAL: \$35 MILLION**  
This innovative curricular program helps students connect academic theory with real-world practice in a global context, through Travel-Learning Courses and Theory-to-Practice Grants. Students also apply classroom learning through OWU Career Connections, career-related internships.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID**  
**GOAL: \$50 MILLION**  
Whether need-based or merit-based, scholarships and other financial aid can be the deciding factor in the college decision. Aid for returning students can help ensure that students who love their OWU experience but struggle financially are able to complete their degrees.

### Investing in our professors

**RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE VERY BEST**  
**GOAL: \$25 MILLION**  
Help OWU recruit, foster, and develop our greatest asset — the people who educate, shape, and inspire our leaders of tomorrow. We look ahead to attracting the most promising new educators to our academic tradition, as well as retaining our existing talent in an increasingly competitive professional market.

**FACULTY INNOVATION: NEW AND ENHANCED PROGRAMS**  
**GOAL: \$12 MILLION**  
With the creation of new majors and degrees to meet the shifting demands of today's incoming students, as well as the continued enrichment of The OWU Connection, our faculty continually demonstrate their forward-thinking academic creativity and curiosity.

### Capital improvements

**SLOCUM HALL/CAREER CONNECTIONS CENTER**  
**GOAL: \$10 MILLION**  
The OWU Career Connections Center will be dedicated to fostering pathways from the classroom to meaningful employment. Its location in Slocum Hall near Admission will send a clear signal to prospective students and their families that students will be ready for their first job upon completion of their degree.

**SIMPSON QUERREY FITNESS CENTER, MERRICK HALL**  
**FULLY FUNDED**  
**BRANCH RICKEY ARENA**  
**GOAL: \$3 MILLION**  
The eye-catching structure, named after the legendary alumnus who helped break baseball's color barrier, opened in 1976. Renovation of the iconic arena would give our student-athletes a new home court on which to shine.

**RESIDENTIAL**  
**GOAL: \$10 MILLION**  
Our unique living-learning environments nurture students as collaborative, socially aware citizens. The newly opened Gillespie Honors House and three small living unit (SLU) duplexes, including the Dittrick House and the Jim and Eileen Dicke House, as well as the planned new House of Black Culture, are all thanks to leadership gifts.

### Investing in each day

**ANNUAL GIVING**  
**GOAL: \$35 MILLION**  
As we look to our bright future together, we also remain committed to maintaining our historic campus on a day-to-day basis. From landscaping to building maintenance, to faculty and staff salaries, annual giving touches each part of OWU, each day.

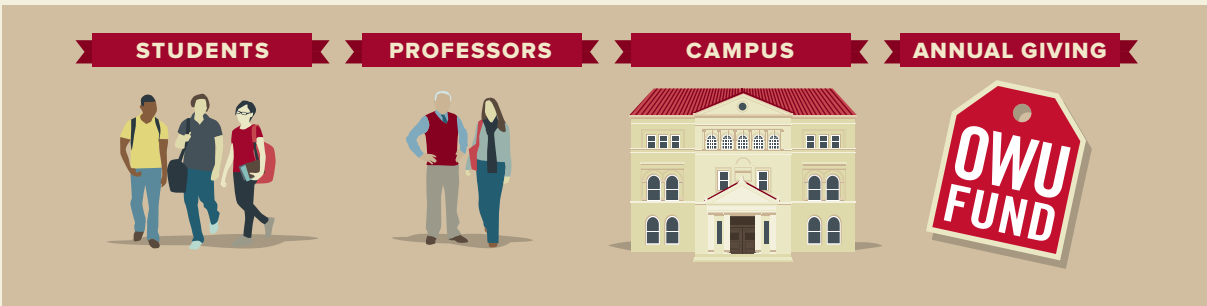
**TOTAL GOAL** | **\$200 million**

Total progress (as of 12/8/17): **\*\$144.4 million**

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Progress**</b>
<b>Investing in our students</b>	<b>\$85 million</b>	<b>\$48.2 million</b>
<i>Connecting our students to their dreams</i>		
Scholarships and financial aid	\$50 million	\$33 million
The OWU Connection	\$35 million	\$15.2 million
<b>Investing in our professors</b>	<b>\$37 million</b>	<b>\$15.6 million</b>
<i>For continued innovation in teaching and discovery</i>		
Recruit and retain the very best	\$25 million	\$13 million
Innovation: New and enhanced programs	\$12 million	\$2.6 million
<b>Investing in our campus</b>	<b>\$43 million</b>	<b>\$27.4 million</b>
<b>Capital Improvements</b>		
<i>Building our community with living-learning environments</i>		
Merrick Hall	\$8 million	fully funded
Simpson Querrey Fitness Center	\$9 million	fully funded
Residential Facilities	\$10 million	\$7.7 million
Slocum Hall/Career Connections Center	\$10 million	\$ (new priority)
Innovative Spaces for Teaching & Learning	\$3 million	\$1.9 million
Branch Rickey Arena	\$3 million	\$200,000
<b>Annual giving</b>	<b>\$35 million</b>	<b>\$17.8 million</b>
<i>Supporting approximately 10% of the operating budget each year</i>		

\*For updated progress please visit [owu.edu/campaign](http://owu.edu/campaign)

\*\*An additional \$35 million has been raised but not yet designated.



## Slocum Hall/Career Connection Center | GOAL: \$10 million

The OWU Career Connection Center will be designed to fully realize the University's commitment to a practical liberal arts education by creating a center dedicated to fostering pathways

from the classroom to meaningful employment after graduation. Designed to ensure that every student is able and encouraged to take advantage of real-world experience through an internship,

the center will further differentiate OWU from its peer institutions as one that prepares students to be ready for professional careers on day one after graduation. Internships offered by alumni provide an opportunity for graduates to stay engaged with OWU and share their experience with today's students.

The Career Connection Center's location in Slocum Hall near the Office of Admission will provide a highly visible home sure to be noted by prospective students and their families. Renovation will breathe new life and purpose into the grand building, as has already been realized on the first-floor Admission offices. ■



## Branch Rickey Arena | GOAL: \$3 million

The eye-catching structure opened in 1976 and is currently home to the men's basketball, women's basketball, and women's volleyball teams, and soon to be home to men's wrestling next season. Renovation of the iconic area, named after the legendary alumnus who partnered with Jackie Robinson to break baseball's color barrier, will give student-athletes a new home court on which to shine.

The planned renovation will include a complete update of the arena, including bleachers, lights,



Architectural rendering of the planned renovation of Branch Rickey Arena, courtesy The Collaborative Inc.

floor, scoreboard, sound system, and heating and cooling. The locker rooms, training room, lobby, and restrooms will also be renovated, making the structure as impressive inside as it is outside. The renovation will help OWU remain competitive in attracting student-athletes to campus while providing them with the facilities to raise their competition to the next level. Early support for the project has been secured with an initial commitment from **Todd Luttinger P '10**, a member of the Board of Trustees, and his wife **Tina Luttinger P '10**. ■

## Innovative spaces for teaching and learning | GOAL: \$3 million

Renovating classrooms and other learning spaces across campus allows OWU to match the ways students learn today and the ways professors interact with them. Whether through the integration of the latest technology or redesign, support for creative thinking in the University's laboratories for learning ensures they are worthy of the inquisitive students and professors who occupy them. Spaces such as the noise-proof "ICEcube" presentation room in Beeghly Library are designed with today's students in mind. The glass-walled, soundproofed room on the first floor takes its name from "innovate, connect, and explore," and features moveable dry erase boards, a flat-panel monitor, and device-charging stations ■



# MORE THAN TWO YEARS LATER, FULLY FUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS ARE VITAL PART OF CAMPUS

## Merrick Hall

Merrick Hall serves as Ohio Wesleyan students' gateway to the world, as the campus home to The OWU Connection. Streams of students course through the lobby each day, catching up with friends or with homework, talking to Merrick Mentors (student advisors) about off-campus travel-learning, or grabbing coffee and food between classes (Merrick even has a cafe).

Merrick embodies OWU history – the blue limestone was locally quarried – while hosting the newest technology. The more-than-130-year-old building, which sat vacant for more than three decades, was named after Frederick Merrick, president of Ohio Wesleyan from 1860 to 1873. An anonymous \$8 million gift brought the 19,684-square-foot building into the 21st century with a complete renovation and reopening in 2015.

The state-of-the-art classrooms on the second floor are used for courses, presentations, meetings, and admission events. The building's third floor, once a natural science museum, is one of the best event spaces on campus, with vaulted ceilings nearly 22 feet high. In its down time, it's a great study spot.

A popular stop on student tours, the Merrick lobby boasts interactive screens that display footage of student life and academics. The Merrick porch offers one of the best views on campus, looking out on stately sycamores and colorful flower beds, with rockers for studying or catching up with friends.

Darrell Albon, director of International and Off-Campus Programs and administrative director of the OWU Connection programs, says Merrick is a fitting home for the University's

signature program. "Right in the midst of the academic side of campus, it's a historic academic building that current and prospective students identify with The OWU Connection," he says.

Students who have participated in multiple aspects of The OWU Connection work in the lobby as Merrick Mentors, providing advice to their peers considering Travel-Learning Courses, Theory-to-Practice Grants, or off-campus study opportunities.

"I love working as a Merrick Mentor because I'm really thankful for all of the opportunities I've had to travel with The OWU Connection," says **Meg Teitelman '18**.

"I also love working in Merrick because it's a great community space at OWU," she says. ■



The Merrick Hall lobby was updated with touch screens, offices for The OWU Connection staff, and a cafe as part of the \$8 million renovation completed in 2015.

## Simpson Querrey Fitness Center and Edwards Gymnasium

Healthy mind, healthy body, healthy spirit are three qualities of a liberal arts education realized on campus in the Simpson Querrey Fitness Center.

The 12,774-square-foot complex, built with an \$8 million gift from **Lou Simpson '58** and his wife, Kimberly Querrey, combines with the renovated Edwards Gymnasium as a hub of fitness, education, and community since the dedication in October 2015.

"The facility has created another great space for the campus community to connect and interact, all in a healthy environment," says Chris Fink, professor of health and human kinetics and chair of the department. The department is housed on the main floor of the renovated and connected Edwards Gymnasium, which also has conference rooms and office space. Down the hall is the 4,350-square-foot fitness center, with cardio equipment, weight machines, and other high-end exercise equipment. The Department of Theatre and Dance enjoys the new 2,425-square-foot Jannuzi Dance Studio.

SQ provides health and human kinetics majors with new opportunities to serve as leaders and instructors, putting classroom learning into practice on campus. "Some of our students lead faculty and staff through fitness programming in the

facility as part of our FitOWU program," Fink says.

**Victoria Hilario '19**, is a triple major in exercise science, pre-medicine, and history, who also plays rugby and hopes to become a sports medicine doctor specializing in pediatrics after graduating. "I hope that Simpson Querrey continues to be a space for HHK majors to study and a place to help those on campus and in the community work towards their fitness goals," she says. ■



# ANNUAL GIVING

*Making a difference every day*

The Ohio Wesleyan Fund helps make up approximately 10 percent of the University's annual operating budget. This covers almost every part of daily campus life, including scholarships, building maintenance, and programming for students.

Tags were hung around campus the week leading up to the campaign kickoff on Oct. 20 to represent the beneficiaries of Annual Giving, including students like Peyton Larkin '21.



scholarships

furnishings

lighting

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(Above) Renovations to Bashford and Thompson Halls, paid for through annual giving, included new paint, furniture, and other upgrades to the first-year dorms. As part of the YearOne Living Learning program, which provides extra support and guidance to first-year students as they transition to the college environment, these dorms have been refurbished to help build community.

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## ALUMNI PARTICIPATION

While it's true that every dollar makes a difference, gifts from alumni have twice the impact: Alumni participation in giving is factored into college rankings by publications such as *U.S. News & World Report*. Alumni can show their support of their alma mater and help ensure the value of their degree by giving back.

To read more about the many ways – small, medium, and large – to stay engaged with OWU, through career development, admissions, social events and service opportunities, and engagement in giving (CASE), please visit [owu.edu/makethecase](http://owu.edu/makethecase)

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or email [volunteer@owu.edu](mailto:volunteer@owu.edu).

For example: Attend an event in your area, such as an OWU vs. Denison lacrosse viewing party (a "small" way to support social events). Or send congratulatory notes to admitted students (a "medium" way to support Admission). Another way to help

Ohio Wesleyan is by offering an internship or externship to a student. For more information on the Bishop Launch program, contact Mindy Agin, [mbagin@owu.edu](mailto:mbagin@owu.edu).



## A PIECE OF HISTORY

Students in 1941 celebrated the 100th anniversary of Ohio Wesleyan's founding (for the 1941-42 academic year) with a Homecoming parade float. In October, students, alumni, friends, and faculty celebrated 175 years in grand style – with frosting! The co-chairs of the \$200 million Connect Today, Create Tomorrow comprehensive campaign (pictured

from left) **Kevin J. McGinty '70**, Nancy Collinson McGinty, **Kathie Bradford Milligan '83**, and **John F. Milligan '83**, along with Melissa Lollar Jones and President Rock Jones, were joined by representatives from all groups of campus stakeholders as members of the Board of Trustees voted to take the campaign public, to much fanfare (and confetti).



# a LOOK BACK at 175 YEARS at OWU

As we look to the future, these scenes from our archives of the past 175 years at Ohio Wesleyan show just how much things have changed — and how some things never will. Do you recognize yourself or a friend in these photos? Let us know on social media (see Page 34).



A group of female students | 1880s



University Hall | early 1900s



Students play a game in a lounge | 1920



Volleyball game | 1930s



Merrick Hall | 1930s



Class tug of war in the 1960s | 1960s



Earth Day cleanup activities in Dishwater Run | 1970



A student reads in the stacks of Beechly Library | 1980s



A dink worn by freshmen | 1940s



Students on the steps of University Hall | 1960s



Students cross campus in front of University Hall | 1950s



A class discussion | 1984



A fraternity alumni group sings a serenade to the Kappas during Fallfest | 1990



A student goes up for a catch in a Frisbee game | 2000s



Students play beach ball during orientation | 2010s



A Vietnam War protest | 1969

# Homecoming and Family Weekend

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More than 1,000 alumni, family, and friends returned to campus in October for the big 175 birthday during Homecoming and Family Weekend. The record crowds enjoyed affinity reunions and new traditions like the Battling Bishops Tailgate before the Denison game.



Honorary captain **Bob Amoruso '68** performs the coin toss to start the Homecoming game against Denison (OWU lost 20-31, bummer).



Parnelli Gard roots for her favorite player, her son **Anthony Chambers '18** (No. 34), a defensive end. (Check out those nails.)



From left) **Leanna Bucceri Daniels '10, Grant Daniels '09, Sarah Bruno '10, Kim Leary '09, and Amanda Zechel Keiber '09** at the Battling Bishops Tailgate.



(From left) **Sarah Busse '99, Carrie Appel Huffman '00, Julia Metz Ward '00, and September Howat '02** at the Kappa reunion



Bob the Bishop snaps a selfie with lacrosse players (left) **Ellen Falko '18 and Cory Kinder '18**.



(From left) **John Keltner '61, Nancy Rickey Keltner '61, and Evan Corns '59** at the Battling Bishops tailgate.



(From left) **Ann Armstrong Knodt '61 and Marilyn Ellis Haas '61** stroll down the JAYwalk.



(From left) **Bill Long '69, Gary Smith '67, and Rich Henley '71** at the tailgate.



(From left) **Shikeri Gordon, Jacinta Lassiter P '21, Bob the Bishop, and Tammy Cooper P '21** at the tailgate.



(From left) **Martin Tobias '14, Matt Jeske '16, Rob Reinhart '15, Dre White '14, Jon Griggs '17, and Alex Briggs '14** at the tailgate.



(From left) **Xander Pacilio '18, with his mom Paula Pacilio and dad Chris Pacilio** at the tailgate.



Newly inducted Associate Founders' Circle members **Richard Cassell '64** and (right) **Carolyn Colson Cassell '64** with director of alumni relations Katie Webster (center) in Edwards Gymnasium for the campaign kickoff party.



Members of one of the inaugural OWU Teams of Distinction, the 1988 men's basketball NCAA Division III National Champions: **Casey Lee '88, Mike Piatt '88** (student coach on the team), and **Scott Tedder '88**.

## 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](http://www.owu.edu/alumni) or call (740) 368-3325.

### FEBRUARY 2018

Feb. 17 | Royal Poinciana Golf Club, Naples, Fla.  
Red & Black Luncheon  
Connect Today, Create Tomorrow regional kickoff

### APRIL 2018

April 15 | Various Locations  
OWU vs. Denison lacrosse viewing parties

### MAY 2018

May 18-20 | On campus  
Reunion Weekend (celebrating classes ending in 3 and 8)

### JULY 2018

July 14 | Bay Harbor Golf Club, Bay Harbor, Michigan  
Red & Black Luncheon  
Connect Today, Create Tomorrow regional kickoff

### SEPTEMBER 2018

September 12 | Various locations  
Welcome to the City

### OCTOBER 2018

October 5-7 | On campus  
Homecoming & Family Weekend

Fall | On campus  
Women of Wesleyan, [owu.edu/wow](http://owu.edu/wow)

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## Faculty Notes

### OLMSTEAD RIDES AGAIN WITH ACCLAIMED WESTERN NOVEL

Professor Robert Olmstead's newest novel, *Savage Country*, is earning reviews that are anything but savage. The professor of English and director of Ohio Wesleyan's creative writing program is drawing raves on the heels of his previous novel, *Far Bright Star* (Algonquin Books, 2010), which was named one of the top 10 Westerns of the decade by *Booklist*.

*Savage Country* (Algonquin Books, 2017) features Olmstead's first female protagonist, the widow Elizabeth Coughlin, seeking her independence in 19th-century America through a buffalo hunt in a desperate attempt to pay off her late husband's debts. The book is driven by historical themes of economic exploitation and industrialization and is set in a post-Civil War nation that is just beginning the process of Reconstruction.

The author tells *Kirkus Reviews*: "I was attempting to get back to some kind of 19th-century authorial distancing in the writing of the novel." He believes the work is his most somber since 2007's *Coal Black Horse*, and he drew from Kenneth Roberts' *Northwest Passage*, a book that inspired him as a writer when he was a child.

Olmstead wanted to deconstruct the mystery often surrounding Reconstruction in American history classes. "In my schooling," he tells *Kirkus*, "we studied the Civil War and then jumped to World War I, as if nothing happened of importance in between."

"So much of who Americans are came out of that crucible of those years between: We killed almost a million people over the notion that one class of human beings should not own another class of human beings."

A sample of praise for *Savage Country*:

- *New York Times Book Review* (October 2017) "Olmstead has a Dickensian sense of character... Such a quantity of characters can test any novelist — managing their proportions and appearances so they maintain their own identity and momentum while making room for everyone in the wings to reappear before fading from memory. Olmstead admirably navigates this challenge."

- *Kirkus Reviews* (July 2017) gave Olmstead a starred review, saying the novel is "equal parts adventure tale, biblical narrative, and Greek tragedy" and that "the reader closes the book with a sense of cautious optimism; some of us survive, as Olmstead explains, 'no matter how wounded.'"

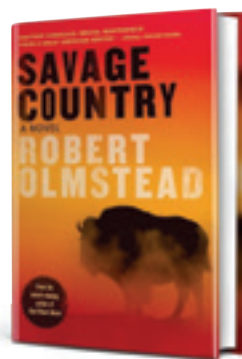
- Amazon.com's book editors picked *Savage Country* as one of their "Best of the Month" choices for October.

- *Booklist*, the long-running book-review magazine of the American Literary Association, says (September 2017) in a starred review: "There is a tragic ambiguity at the heart of Olmstead's brutal but beautiful tale of the last buffalo hunt." It also compared him to other acclaimed authors of the Western genre, saying, "For a certain kind of uncompromising yet lyrical writer — think of Cormac McCarthy, Larry McMurtry, or William Kittredge — the West offers a stage for a special kind of archetypal, almost Shakespearean tragedy, and Olmstead makes the most of it."

- *Bookish*, a literary discovery site for book lovers and enthusiasts of all genres, featured *Savage Country* on its "Must-Read Books of Fall 2017," saying: "Do you dream about the West? Do you keep spurs in your closet and a lasso on the back of your door? If so, then Robert Olmstead's new novel is the ideal book to pick up this fall."

- *NY Journal of Books*, an online book-review journal composed of a panel of top academics, accomplished critics, award-winning journalists and authors, and established publishers (September 2017): "It is a textbook description of how the buffalo was hunted nearly to extinction but without the hand-wringing angst of many writers... a literary achievement that describes the West and those who struggled to survive in its harsh environment. It is not for fans seeking a romantic view of the West, nor for those wanting a tradition shoot-'em-up. *Savage Country* is for the serious reader."

-A.L. Davies '19



The deadline to submit Class Notes and Faculty Notes for the Spring OWU Magazine is Feb. 2, 2018. Send to: [classnotes@owu.edu](mailto:classnotes@owu.edu)

## Faculty Notes

Kira Bailey, associate professor of psychology, had three peer-reviewed articles published in 2017: "The State of the Science About Internet Gaming Disorder as Defined by DSM-5: Implications and Perspectives;" "Multimedia Multitasking Is Associated With Cognitive, Psychological, Neural, and Learning Differences;" and "Did I Do That: The Association Between Action Gaming Experience and Feedback Processing in a Gambling Task."

Amy Butcher, assistant professor of English, had her essay "Gradient" — about love, fear, and faith following a May knife attack at Ohio State University — published in the May 2017 edition of *Brevity Magazine*.

Erin Flynn, associate professor of philosophy, published "Strategic Fouls: A New Defense" in the October 2017 edition of *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*. Flynn's academic research includes the philosophy of morality in sports. He presented a mini-lecture on a related topic on campus in fall 2016 during the i3 series in which professors are chosen by student vote to give three-minute lectures on a subject of their choosing.

Lee Fratantuono, professor of classics, had two books published, both with photos by Katie McGarr '10: *Lucullus: The Life and Campaigns of a Roman Conqueror* (Pen & Sword Military, 2017), and *Tacitus: Annals XVI* (Bloomsbury Ltd., due in 2018). He also had three articles published internationally in 2017: "Minerva in the Aeneid" in *Arctos* (a classics journal published in Finland); "Apollo in the Aeneid" in *Eirene* (a classics journal published in the Czech Republic); and "The Ambiguous Arms of Aeneas" in *Acta Classica Debreceniensis* (a classics journal published in Hungary).

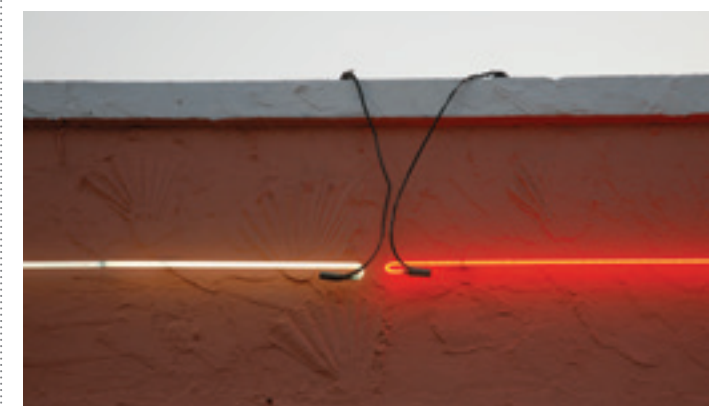
Jerry Goldstein, professor of botany-microbiology, as well as Emily McKenzie '17, Andrew Smith '17, and Nicholas Reed '18, had a paper titled "Effect of

the length of antisense RNA on bacterial enzyme production" accepted for publication in *Research & Reviews: A Journal of Biotechnology*.

Jennifer Jolley, assistant professor of music, had the Michigan premiere of her piece *The Eyes of the World Are Upon You*, conducted by Jerry Junkin with the World Youth Wind Symphony, at the Interlochen Center of the Arts on July 29.

Justin Kronewetter, emeritus professor of art and emeritus director of the Ross Art Museum, will exhibit his photographic artwork in a one-person exhibition in the Wakeley Gallery at Illinois Wesleyan University from Feb. 26 to March 22, 2018, and in the Crossroads Gallery at the University of Notre Dame from May 18 to July 20, 2018. Two of his artworks were included in the juried 2017 FAVA Photography Show in Oberlin, Ohio, and six photographs were included in an invitational exhibition mounted in the Palm Beach Photographic Center in West Palm Beach, Florida, this past spring. One of the works included in the Oberlin exhibition won a special recognition juror's award (below).

William Louthan, professor of politics and government and advisor to the Upsilon Chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha national political science honorary, was recognized for serving in that role for nearly 40 years. Louthan, who joined the OWU faculty in 1972, was presented the 2017



Justin Kronewetter's *Route 66 Neon, Tucumcari, New Mexico, 2016* won a juror's award at the 2017 FAVA Photography Show.

Pi Sigma Alpha/James I. Lingle Chapter Advisor Recognition Award in the fall.

Gulimina Mahamuti, part-time assistant professor of music, played several solo piano recitals in the fall, one on Oct. 29 at First Congregational Church in Mansfield, Ohio, as part of its 2017-18 Concert Series, one on Nov. 4 on campus in Jemison Auditorium, and one on Nov. 11 at Guzzetta Recital Hall at the University of Akron. While at the University of Akron, she also taught a visiting piano master class for music students.

Eva Paris-Huesca, assistant professor of Spanish, had her article "Visiones contemporáneas de la mujer criminal en las novelas de Cristina Fallarás y Empar Fernández," examining the modern take on the female criminal presented by those authors, published in *La globalización del crimen: literatura, cine y nuevos medios* (Andavira: Santiago de Compostela, 2017). In addition, she worked with Ed Kahn, professor of theatre and dance, on the translation and adaptation of *Bodas de sangre* (*Blood Wedding*) last fall and collaborated with Barbara Zecchi, director of the Spanish and Portuguese program in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, on the video-essay "Mujeres en los orígenes del cine / Women Pioneers of the Camera: The Off-Screen."

Karen Poremski, associate professor of English, presented the English Department's annual Spencer Lecture, titled "Building Canoes, Building Poetry: Cultural Revival in the Voyages of Hokule'a and the Poetry of Craig Santos Perez." Her lecture focused on the role poetry played in decolonizing the literature and history of Oceania, and the process of native writers using literature as a form of resistance against colonial oppression.

D. Glen Vanderbilt, professor of theatre and dance, is working on a new production for the Columbus Children's Theatre that will open in January 2018 in the company's Park Street Theatre. He will serve as the scene designer for the professional production company. This version of *Little Red Riding Hood* by artistic director William Goldsmith will take an original and clever look into the woods on the way to Granny's house as Red encounters several other characters from the Grimm fairy tales, all with humorous results.

Chris Wolverton, professor of botany-microbiology, had the article "The impact of substrate and irrigation interval on the post-transplant root growth of container-grown zinnia and tomato," published in the *Journal of Environmental Horticulture*. The article was cowritten by Bruce R. Roberts, adjunct professor of botany-microbiology, and Lauren Janowicz '15. Wolverton also gave a lecture, "Characterizing Plant Gravity Perception Systems: An Overview of an EMCS Experiment," at the European Space Agency's Norwegian User Support & Operations Center in Trondheim, Norway, on Aug. 25. He gave a similar lecture at a virtual joint symposium for the space agencies that collaborate on research on the International Space Station, hosted by NASA's Johnson Space Center, the home of the ISS Program Office, July 11-13.

# CLASSnotes

## 1930s

**Charlotte Gallant '39** celebrated her 100th birthday on July 27 in Delaware, Ohio at her Willow Brook residence and later at the park that bears her name, thanks her gift of 83 acres two decades ago.

## 1940s

**Marilyn Sturdivant Nelson '47** published her life story in the book *Green Stamps and the Wringer Washer*, including how a

family friend drew her to OWU from northwestern Illinois. She writes: "We lived in a duplex owned by Mrs. Stuyvesant, who was a major benefactor of Ohio Wesleyan University and even had a residence hall named after her. My mother took the initiative and discussed my future with her. Through Mrs. Stuyvesant, I was awarded a full scholarship to college. ...Graduating from college is one of my proudest accomplishments and has opened many doors for me."

The book includes her hope to attend her 70th reunion in May 2017, which she was able to do (see letter Page 4).

## 1950s

**David Puddington '50** and **D. Jean Hinton Puddington '51** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31.

**Ezra Vogel '50** was inducted in the Delaware (Ohio) City Schools Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on Sept. 15.

**Richard Jackson '53** published the book *The Rules* in 2016 (Rose Dog Books), a list of things those starting out in their life's work need to know, based on discussions with college seniors.

**Earl Spiller '56** published his seventh accounting textbook (co-authored with Ron King at Washington University in St. Louis). *Financial Reporting: First Take* is used in executive MBA programs worldwide to equip business managers with a basic understanding of financial

reports in a concise time frame. Spiller is a distinguished professor emeritus at the University of South Carolina and an adjunct lecturer at Washington University. He and his wife, **Elinor Harper Spiller '56**, live in Ballwin, Mo.

## 1960s

[Reunion note] **Edith Mahon Davis '63** reports that much has happened in the past five years. Her husband of 43 years, Joseph, died of a brain tumor in February 2016. Joseph loved to read, travel, attend concerts, eat out, etc. Although her life has greatly changed, Davis has been instrumental in organizing "Next Step," a fellowship community

for other widowed people. They meet once a month to plan day trips, dinner nights out, and cultural outings. After serving First Presbyterian Church in Laurens, S. C., for many years as choir director, she has completely retired. She has taken several trips and has more planned, including a visit to the Holy Land in 2018 and an Alaskan cruise with a 1963 OWU graduate after their reunion in May. She says OWU prepared her in many ways, including how to survive in the working world. Her best memories include friends and classmates who were musicians in Sanborn Hall, where she also worked part-time in the music office.

## 1970s

**Victoria King Heinsen '70** returned in July from a year of teaching in Taiwan. She was recruited by the state of Ohio and the government of Taiwan to teach English to children in remote areas where little or no English is spoken. She lived in a village in the mountains of Nantou County, where she enjoyed working with children in grades three through nine. Although she was invited back, she decided to stay in the United States with her family.

**Niki Gnezda '73** was featured in *The Columbus Dispatch* on Sept. 8 as part of its "Everyday Heroes" series. Gnezda was



### Roommates reconnect over shared interests

Pictured (from left) are friends Dave Garbrick, Alice McAllister Garbrick '61, Peggy Wright DuPont '61, and Dr. Bert DuPont '61. Peggy and Alice were roommates at OWU and have stayed in touch through the years. They discovered at their recent 55th class reunion that they share an interest in birdwatching and bird photography. In March, the Garbricks visited the DuPonts at their homes in Houston and Galveston, Texas. Recently, the DuPonts traveled to North Carolina to join the Garbricks on a visit to Nashville and then to the Garbricks' home in Davidson. Peggy and Alice had many happy OWU memories to talk about and also enjoyed discussing the OWU of today.



### Alumni enjoy Alaskan cruise

Alumni who met at OWU in 1968 recently went on an Alaskan cruise. Pictured are (front row, from left): Jon Schaffer '72, Elaine Shaver '71, Laurel Bahner Chasan '74, and Andy Chasan '72; (back row, from left): Marilyn Waite Fernstrum '72, David Fernstrum '72, Lynda McClanahan, Joel Knepp '72, Amy Platas, Gus Platas '72, Jody Dodd Cottrill '73, Chip Chatlain '72, Claudia Markey, and Steve Markey '70.



### Friends hold mini-reunion in Colorado

Classmates who graduated together in 1975 gathered for a brief reunion in Grand Lake, Colo., in late July. From left are Phyllis Gunn, Sarah Cowell Christiano, Robin Wilson Baker, and Ricky Smullins Daly.



### Foursome wins tournament with Bishop pride

Members of the class of 1980 gathered in their finest OWU colors to play a golf tournament in Bandon Dunes, Oregon in October. And they won! (Must have been the red and black.) Pictured (from left): Mike Schilling, David Beeghly, Peter Rubacky, and Russ Whiteman.



### Malick recognized for being quite the character

Wendie Malick '72 (center) was honored at the third annual Carney Awards on Oct. 29 in Santa Monica, California. Created to specifically honor character actors the Carney Awards are for the "memorable, illustrious, noteworthy and unforgettable" in character acting, who "are the mainstay and backbone of every film and television show."

Other familiar faces honored were (from left) Richard Kind of *Mad About You* and *Spin City*, William H. Macy of *Shameless* and *Fargo*, William Fichtner of *Invasion* and *Prison Break* and Xander Berkeley of *24* and *The Mentalist*.

Malick is best known for her work on the HBO sitcom *Dream On* and the NBC sitcom *Just Shoot Me!* Currently, she is a voice actress for the Netflix cartoon *BoJack Horseman*. She returned to campus in October as a special guest during kickoff festivities for the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign.

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recognized for her volunteer work with the children's art program at the Dowd Educational Center in Columbus. The center is operated by the Homeless Families Foundation and is open to children in the foundation's housing-first program and children at risk of homelessness on the city's west side. After the death of her 29-year-old son in 2008, Gnezda was inspired to get involved with the center. Years ago, when her son asked her to make a charitable donation instead of giving him a Christmas present, she made a donation to the center. Now, as a volunteer there, she encourages her students to discuss their art as a way to open up and discuss underlying emotions.

[Reunion note] **Fred Hoopes '73** announced his retirement from teaching English to English Language Learners (ELL). He was chairman of the World Languages Department at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pa., and taught ELL there for 33 years. He is looking forward to his 45th class reunion in May.

**Jim Kizziar '73** was selected by his national peers in 2016 for admission to the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. The college recognizes exceptional achievement and service to the law. Kizziar was also recently selected by Thomson Reuters for inclusion in the 2017 Best Lawyers in

America list for his work in labor and employment law and litigation representing management.

**James Breece III '74** was named deputy director of the Heritage Museum of Asian Art in Chicago's Chinatown. The museum has 7,000 feet of galleries and an extensive Asian library of 20,000 volumes. He travels frequently to Asia.

**Nick Calio '75**, CEO of the trade group Airlines for America, was interviewed by *travelweekly.com* on Sept. 5 about issues in the industry today, including proposed airport fee increases and proposed privatization of the U.S. air traffic control system.

**Thomas Goodman '76**, president, CEO, and founder of Goodman Media International, was interviewed by the public relations website "Bulldog Reporter" on June 19 about the business today and the time he flew through a hurricane at a client's request.

**Michael Hall '76** delivered the opening-session keynote address at the annual National Career Development Association Global Conference on June 28 in Orlando, Fla. His presentation was titled "America's 'Queen of Camelot': Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' Integrated Life-Career Legacy." After living in Columbus in the 1980s, and Pennsylvania in the '90s, Hall and his wife,

**Barbara Jackson-Hall '77**, have resided in Charlotte, N.C. since 2001.

**Michael Jordan '76** will publish his first book, *The Company of Demons*, a murder mystery set in Cleveland, in January. He was also included in Ohio Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America in several categories. His peers designated him as Arbitrator of the Year in Cleveland.

**Ted Daniels '77** was named editor of the *Ashland Times-Gazette* in Ashland, Ohio.

## 1980s

**David Hazard '80** and **Douglas Hart '80** participated in the Pan-Mass Challenge, a nearly 200-mile bike ride in Massachusetts in August, raising money for cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

**Robert Hanna '81** was selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America list for 2018.

**David Shier '81** was appointed associate dean of the Washington State University Honors College in October.

**Jill Sasso Curtis '82** was named dean of community engagement, education, and workforce development at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Mass.

**Byron Pitts '82** joined the National Advisory Board at Elon University's School of Communications.

**J.B. Raftus '82** was interviewed by *TheDrum.com* in June about his position as chief marketing officer at GSD&M, an advertising agency headquartered in Austin, Texas.

**Patrick Murphy Jr. '83** was featured on *readingeagle.com* in July for his work as an organ builder in West Pottsgrove Township, Pa.

**Jill Myers '88** was named to the Martins Ferry (Ohio) Athletic Hall of Fame for her accomplishments as a basketball player.

## 1990s

**Michele Mercer Lee '90**, of the San Francisco Bay Area, received her Ph.D. from the California Institute of Integral



### Legge-Sloman wedding

Debra "Debbie" Legge '77 married Brian Sloman on Oct. 29 at their home in King of Prussia, Pa. OWU classmates joining in the celebration were, from left: Ellen Simpson '77, Cynthia "Cinch" Rugart '77, Debbie Legge-Sloman '77, Meg Hagenbuch '77, and Deborah McColloch '77.



### House of Black Culture revisited

After their picture appeared in the Fall issue of *OWU Magazine*, several alumni recognized themselves in the archival photo of the House of Black Culture that ran with news that it will be rebuilt. Pictured (from left) are: John Cheek '77, Jackie Wood '75, Harlan Magruder '78, and Stacey Payne '78.



### Thompson Hall friends reunite

OWU friends recently gathered in Burlington, Vt. Pictured (from left) are Karen Hershner Dedo '78, Erica Robinson Mitchell '78, Margo Smyth Biringer '78, and Emily Thayer Guziak '78. The four were all freshmen together in Thompson Hall and have been getting together since 1978.

### Run for your life (or for a week through the Alps)

When Brent Norton '93 and Tom Hoag '93 started running after graduation to stay in shape, they weren't expecting it to lead to running 164 miles over seven days through the Alps. Or, as Hoag describes it, "the highlight of the last 25 years."

Their plan to run the Gore-Tex Transalpine Run through Germany, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland was hatched after Norton (pictured, right), who had been running Ironman races, followed Hoag's blog about doing the TransRockies Run in Colorado. Hoag emailed Norton about the Transalpine Run, and Norton replied with two words: "I'm in."

The two friends met as freshmen when they joined Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI), but hadn't seen each other in 15 years. They trained on their own, Norton in Seattle and Hoag in Portland, Maine. Their first run together was on day one of the race on Sept. 3 in Fischen, Germany.

To prepare, Norton spent a year running through the Cascade Mountains to get used to the altitude – the Alps run featured 51,000 feet of ascent and 47,100 feet of descent.

The race has a high attrition rate, with about one-third of participants dropping out. "People were just wrecked by the end and limping over the finish line," Hoag recalls. "The ones who do well in this race are on the next level, running-wise. The Germans, Austrians, and Swiss, I've never seen anybody as tough as those people."

Both Norton and Hoag were struggling by day four, which they'd been warned was the hardest. Every step of descent was painful for Norton. Upon returning to the U.S., he learned that he'd been running with a stress fracture. "I taped my leg up for the last three days of running, but it was broken," he says.

Aside from the obvious challenge of running a marathon a day in high altitudes, the trip came with an additional challenge as soon as they landed in Germany: The airline lost their bags.

"We had one change of clothes and had to buy all new equipment," Hoag says. "But the German people were super helpful. They loaned us clothing and gave us rides to stores."



"I didn't think I was going to make it," he admits. "It's a major mental and physical setback, running without all that gear you're used to." Hoag eventually got his bag on day five. Norton's didn't show up until they were leaving, but it didn't sour them on the feat.

"The biggest victory was crossing that line at the end and knowing how much training went into this, and doing it with a great friend," Norton says. "We both started crying our eyes out. It was absolutely overwhelming."

They're already planning their next race, either a Grand Canyon run or the TransRockies together. They might go back to the Alps in 2019. "It was just so much fun, taking on a challenge like that with a buddy," Hoag says. "It's liberating to be up there, running through the Alps."

Read more about their adventures on Hoag's blog: <https://thoagtransalpinerun.wordpress.com/>.

Studies in Organizational and Transformative Studies in the fall of 2016. Lee focuses on human capital in the tech industry and is also involved with adjunct teaching for graduate students, exploring transdisciplinary studies, creative inquiry, and sociocultural changes.

**Tucker Franciscus '91** was named chief financial officer of ENSERVCO Corporation in July.

**Christopher Recker '92** was named Atlanta Home Building Division president with homebuilder Lennar Atlanta.

**Tyler Baker '95** is joining the cast of NBC's *Days of Our Lives*.

**Christine Wright '95** was named director of corporate development at the global public health organization NSF International.

**Edward Dunakin '98** was elected secretary-treasurer of the board of directors for EastView at Middlebury, a senior living community in Middlebury, Vt., in June.

[Reunion note] **Joyce Gordon-Shapkaliska '98** is working in financial management at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. Previously, she worked for the Peace Corps in Guinea, Macedonia, Indonesia, Tunisia, and Washington, D.C. While working in Macedonia, she met

and married the love of her life, Dragan. They have a four-year-old son named Dean. While she won't be able to attend her reunion this spring, she hopes that someday soon she'll have the chance to introduce her husband and son to OWU.

**Kenneth Adair '99** was named visiting assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio.

### 2000s

**Micah Brownstein '00** was named interim co-head of Olney Friends School, a ninth-through-12th-grade college preparatory boarding and day school in

Barnesville, Ohio, for the 2017-18 school year.

**Jill Snider Payne '00** was named Teacher of the Year at Wyandot Run Elementary School in Powell, Ohio.

**Emily Hughes Smith '00**, owner and operator of Naissance, a brand development and design agency, was named to the "40 Under 40" list in the Michiana, Ind., area. The list is an annual collaborative effort among the South Bend Regional Chamber, the Young Professionals Network South Bend, the Elkhart County Community Foundation, and other chambers of commerce across the region. The award recognizes talented

and dedicated young executives, professionals, and leaders who demonstrate career success and community engagement.

**Julie Freyermuth Steines '01** was interviewed by IdeaMensch.com on June 15. Steines is an award-winning children's author, and she co-owns the publishing and education company Polly Parker Press with her mother.

**Vincent McGinniss '02** joined the ENT Specialists of Northwest Ohio. McGinniss is a board-certified otolaryngologist and facial plastic surgeon.

**Sara Kennedy '03** was named branch manager for the Orange Branch Library of the Delaware County (Ohio) District Library.

**Ericka Greene '04** and **Jenny Brodie '04** rode in Pelotonia, an August bike ride in Columbus that raises money for cancer research, in honor of their mothers, who both lost their lives to cancer.

**Jaishree Saxena '04** was elected president of the Board of Trustees for Child Care Connection, a nonprofit organization that seeks to ensure the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in the Mercer County, N.J., community.

**Kaluhath De Abrew '05** was a cast member in a summer production of Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* at the Theatre for a New Audience in New York.

**Kelly Heil '05** was named varsity head women's basketball coach at Sylvania Southview High School in Sylvania, Ohio.

**Mary Korth '05** was named choir director at Dowagiac Middle School and High School in Dowagiac, Mich., in June.

**George Hamaoui Jr. '07** was named assistant professor of biology at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

### 2010s

**Trevor Hawley '10** participated in the Pan-Mass Challenge, a nearly 200-mile bike ride in Massachusetts in August, raising money for cancer research at the

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

**Stacey Venzel '10** published the book *Today's Dinosaurs: A Complete Guide to Turtles, Terrapins, and Tortoises* in June.

**Griffin Waterman '10** joined the staff of Waterloo Elementary in Wisconsin as a fourth-grade teacher. He was previously a special-education teacher assistant in Oak Park, Ill.

**Andrew White '10** received his Ph.D. in kinesiology from the University of Minnesota on May 11.



### Suarez-Collazo wedding

Kristen Suarez '12 (left) married Mariana Collazo in Marysville, Ohio, on Aug. 12.



### Alumnae lead summer camp in Haiti

Several OWU alumnae worked together this summer at the Pwoje Espwa (Project Hope) orphanage in Les Cayes, Haiti. From left with children are Kelsey Ullom '14, Emma Sparks '16, Rachel Vinciguerra '14, Kate Raulin '12, Brenda Gable '15, Lizzy Wynne '16, and Courtney Durham '12. In May, the women gathered in Haiti for their annual Fi Ki Fo ("Strong Girl") summer camp with the preteen and teenage girls at Espwa. During the Strong Girl camp, the women implemented self-designed curriculum and activities about self-esteem, goal setting, nonviolent communication, self-expression, skills training, and female empowerment. They are excited to continue this longtime connection between OWU and Espwa, which began with Doug Dittrick '55, a friend of the founder of Espwa.

### Composer wins award in Italy

Lauren Spavelko '11 (left) won the Festival dei Due Mondi's fifth annual Young Composers Competition dedicated to Gian Carlo Menotti in Spoleto, Italy. Spavelko was recognized for her work *Baby Book*, six songs on pregnancy, miscarriage, and motherhood, which offers women support, empathy, and recognition — especially for those who have suffered miscarriages and who often feel isolated and ashamed — and promotes an open dialogue about these issues. *Baby Book* was performed by Lucie Chartin and Luba Podgayskaya in Spoleto in August during the Incontri Musicali chamber music festival.

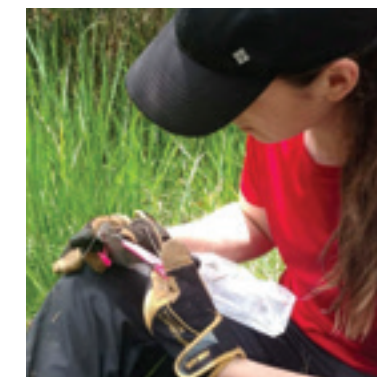


### Miller-Butler wedding

Jessica Miller '11 married Thomas Butler on July 8 in Dayton, Ohio. Alumni joining in the celebration were (from left): Xandria Titus '14, Karin Mortensen Seymour '81, Jacqueline Roth '13, Rob Pence '10, Sarah Chizmar Pence '12, Ally Carlson '11, Aryn Taylor '11, Jessica Miller '11, Jessica Kyler Brubaker '10, Ross Brubaker '10, Kate Kriegel '10, Kathryn Seevers '10, and Nick Goulette '10.

### Studying birds in Hawaii, swimming with dolphins on the weekends

Shannon Schlater '16 spent the early spring and summer in Hawaii, working with the United States Geological Survey in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on a project to help protect native birds from invasive, predatory black rats. Her project tested whether the removal of black rats would increase the success rate of Hawaii Elepaio birds in successfully fledging young. While results are still unofficial, preliminary findings indicate that rat removal made a significant difference. Since the project had many components, Schlater had the opportunity to learn and develop a variety of skills such as nest searching/monitoring, small-mammal trapping, radio telemetry, and bird banding.



"I absolutely loved Hawaii," Schlater said. "The project was everything I could have asked for. I thoroughly enjoyed going to work every day, and the weekends were like mini vacations. I got to swim with wild dolphins, turtles, and manta rays, lived within walking distance of the active crater on Kilauea, and visited some really beautiful places." Schlater is now a master's student at the University of Nebraska Kearney, where she is analyzing how the movements of red-tailed hawks, white-tailed deer, and bobcats are affected by agriculture and fragmentation.

**Jordan Ahmed '13** was selected as a Schonberg Fellow, part of a professional dance residency program in Boston. Ahmed is a dance and performance artist, writer, and educator.

**Margaret Bagnell '13** was named health-care delivery manager at the Judge Group, a global professional services firm. She moved to Las Vegas, Nev., to set up and lead its health-care division's newest office.

**Kathryn Jacob '13** was named pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Massillon, Ohio.

**Sarah Bechtel '14** was named assistant men's and women's track and field coach at Plattsburgh State University in New York.

**Andrew Diehl '14** was promoted to head track and field coach at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, in August. Diehl was a decathlete member of OWU's track and field team.

**Christopher Litzler '14** was featured in *Crain's Cleveland Business* in June for his work as vice president of originations at Pinnacle Financial Group in Cleveland.

**Elise Pitcairn '15** is a global advocate for the San Francisco-based nonprofit Mama Hope. She is spending four months in Kenya this winter to improve the lives of widows and orphans in the port city of Kisumu.

**Alyssa Clark '17**, a graduate student in developmental psychology at Illinois State University, received the 2017 Berk Developmental Graduate Teaching Fellowship.

**Hayden Knisley '17** worked as a Clinton County Fellow in Wilmington, Ohio, over the summer as part of a program intended to help young adults returning from college for summer vacation contribute to the city, develop professional skills, and make community connections.

## Marriages 2010s

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**Kyle Drexler '06** was married to Claire Blackburn on Dec. 10, 2016, at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket, Mass.

**Claire Everhart '10** and **Sharif Kronemer '12** were married on Aug. 13.

## Births 2000s

**Brandon Bytnar '05** and his wife Sara celebrated the birth of their first child, Emily "Emmy" Rose Bytnar, on May 10.

**Amanda Brumenschenkel Cabana '07** and her husband Chris welcomed son Theodore James Cabana on June 7.

**Kelsey Lake Nylund '08** and her husband Kristian welcomed their second daughter, Stella Eileen, on June 28. She joins big sister Adeline. The family lives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

**William Yoder II '09** and Colleen **Brieck Yoder '10** welcomed son William Robert Yoder III on June 23.

## In Memoriam 1930s

**Marcella Smucker Clark '37**, of Scottsdale, Ariz., Aug. 15, at the age of 102. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

## 1940s

**Mary Newlon Ellsworth '40**, of Vale, Ore., Sept. 10, at the age of 99. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Jane Gatewood White '40**, of Marion, Ohio, June 4, at the age of 99. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and went on to earn her Ph.D at Ohio State University.

**Jane Moorhead Feller '43**, of Findlay, Ohio, June 14, at the age of 96. She is survived by a brother, **Dallas Moorhead Jr. '49**, and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Virginia Reid Anderson '45**, of Washington Court House, Ohio, June 4, at the age of 93.

**Corinne Reed Abatt '46**, of Troy, Mich., June 22, at the age of 93. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Margaret Fletcher Davis '46**, of Alamosa, Colo., Sept. 11, at the age of 93. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**Virginia Bagley Heischman '46**, of Westerville, Ohio, Aug. 14, at the age of 92. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Jean Hiestand '46**, of Charleston, S.C., June 26, at the age of 95. He was predeceased by his mother, **Helen O'Daffer Hiestand 1915**. He is survived by his wife, **Virginia Wightman Hiestand '47**, and a daughter, **Barbara Hiestand Ledford '86**. Jean was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

**Marilyn Wheeler Boyce '47**, of Scottsdale, Ariz., June 11, at the age of 91. She was predeceased by a daughter, **Jeanne Boyce Morrison '78**. She is survived by her husband, **William Boyce '48**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Joan "Jody" Christian Merkel '47**, of Denver, July 16, at the age of 92. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Helene Stoneburner Atzenhofer '48**, of Dickson, Tenn., May 18, at the age of 91. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

**Marion Graham Brindle '48**, of Agawam, Mass., Aug. 23, at the age of 91.

**John Gardner '48**, of Columbus, Aug. 23, at the age of 92. He

was predeceased by his wife, **Ruth Kendall Gardner '47**, and a brother, **David Gardner '48**. He is survived by a brother, **Robert Gardner '51**, and three children, **Catherine Gardner Layman '70**, **Marjorie Gardner Polk '75**, and **Lynn Gardner Rohr '75**. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He and his brother inherited a construction company from their father that built or renovated six buildings for OWU, starting with the Pfeiffer Natatorium and ending with the renovation of Selby Stadium.

**Elbridge Holland '48**, of Newton, N.J., Sept. 5, at the age of 93. He was predeceased by his wife, **Bettilou Holland '47**, and is survived by a son, **Elbridge Holland Jr. '71**.

**Shirley Sayre Kane '48**, of Williamsburg, Va., June 14, at the age of 91. She was predeceased by her father, **Judson Sayre 1920**, and her husband, **Harry Kane '49**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

**Marjorie Brown '49**, of Bedford, Ohio, Aug. 20, at the age of 90. She was predeceased by her husband, **Robert Brown '49**, and a brother, **Richard Brown '48**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Mary Belknap Hagemeister '49**, of Arlington, Texas, Aug. 31, at the age of 90. She was predeceased by her husband, **Hilbert Hagemeister '48**. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**Phyllis George Martin '49**, of McComb, Ohio, July 19, at the age of 91.

**Robert May '49**, of Delaware, Ohio, Aug. 26, at the age of 95. He was predeceased by his mother, **Dorothy Welch May 1917**, and a brother, **James Taylor '49**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

**Dorothy Gerlach Watkins '49**, of Columbus, June 29, at the age of 89. She was predeceased by

a brother, **Arthur Gerlach '49**, and is survived by her husband, **Donald Watkins '49**. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

## 1950s

**William Chaney '50**, of Martins Ferry, Ohio, July 24, at the age of 89. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

**L. Thomas Frederickson '50**, of Savory, Ill., July 30, at the age of 88. He was predeceased by his mother, **Ester Skoog Bussell 1919**, and a brother, **James Fredrickson '52**. He is survived by his wife, **Betty Blessing Fredrickson '50**, and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**Sally Carter Gould '50**, of Salem, Mass., May 23, at the age of 89. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**Katharine Battelle McMillan '50**, of Wilmington, Ohio, Aug. 17, at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her father, **Donald Battelle 1919**, and a sister, **Louise Battelle Hazard '42**. She is survived by a brother, **Richard Battelle '49**, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Joseph Pennell '50**, of Chesterfield, Va., July 7, at the age of 92. He was predeceased by his wife, **Carol White Pennell '49**, and was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

**Robert Foltz '51**, of Huron, Ohio, July 10, at the age of 92. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

**Marjorie Young Force '51**, of Williamsburg, Va., July 22, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her father, **Harry Young 1921**, and a brother, **William Young '41**. She is survived by a daughter, **Debra Force '75**, and was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Marilyn Musselman Ledebuhr '51**, of East Lansing, Mich., July 18, at the age of 88. She is survived by a sister, **Betty Musselman Eiler '56**, and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

**Elizabeth Hart Raup '51**, of Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 1, at the age of 88.

**Mary Rasmussen Wright '51**, of Amherst, Mass., Aug. 30, at the age of 88. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

**H. Joan Cook '52**, of Indianapolis, July 21, at the age of 87. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Jane Sutton Hire '52**, of Gahanna, Ohio, Sept. 1, at the age of 87. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**Peter Mason '52**, of Manchester, Vt., June 18. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

**John Vossers Jr. '52**, of Greensboro, N.C., June 27, at the age of 89. He is survived by his wife, **Elizabeth Terrill Vossers '54**. He was a member of the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

**Carol Ninceheler Wirick '52**, of Sunbury, Ohio, Aug. 26, at the age of 87. She is survived by a sister, **Rachel Ninceheler Stockwell '51**, and a daughter, **Sally Wirick Beske '80**.

**Frederick Gerhauser '53**, of San Carlos, Calif., Aug. 15, at the age of 88. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

**Mary Hall Phipps '54**, of Waukegan, Ill., Aug. 16, at the age of 84. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Shirley Landis '55**, of Lancaster, Ohio, July 8, at the age of 83.

**James Murray '55**, of Frankfort, Mich., Sept. 10, at the age of 86. He was predeceased by his wife, **Mary Booth Murray '53**,

and is survived by a son, **Robert Murray '82**. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**Jerry Sheaffer '55**, of Findlay, Ohio, Aug. 12, at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife, **Anne Child Sheaffer '52**, two children, **Jeremy Sheaffer '90** and **Dan Sheaffer '81**, and a grandchild, **Elizabeth Sheaffer '13**. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Sheaffer was a retired pediatric dentist, a Korean War veteran, and a licensed private pilot. He served in the U.S. Regular Army in Korea, where he was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service. In 1963, Sheaffer and his wife opened the American Speakers Bureau in Findlay, which brought well-known conservative speakers to the city for seminars.

**Thomas Bonnell '56**, of Canton, Ohio, July 15, at the age of 83. He is survived by his children and by his grandson **Jacob Bonnell '12**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

**Barbara Pritchard Merrill '56**, of Tucson, Ariz., June 27, at the age of 82. She was predeceased by her husband, **John Merrill '55**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Thomas Smith '56**, of Whitehouse, Ohio, June 27, at the age of 83. He was predeceased by his parents, **Dudley Smith 1920** and **Helen Smith '23**. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Thomas Doty '57**, of Irmo, S.C., Sept. 10, at the age of 81. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

**Cynthia Black Berchtold '58**, of Middletown, Md., July 27, at the age of 80. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

**Marcia Lubbers Berry '58**, of Kansas City, Mo., June 22, at the age of 80. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, the Rev. Dr. Keith T. Berry, and their three children.

**Andrew Nicholson '58**, of Charlotte, N.C., June 14, at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, **Karen Williams Nicholson '59**.

**Greta Thomas Caldwell '59**, of Columbus, June 18, at the age of 79. She was predeceased by a brother, **David Thomas '54**, and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

**Elizabeth Flowers Snodgrass '59**, of Midland, Mich., Aug. 14, at the age of 80. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

## 1960s

**Harvey Ford III '60**, of Marshfield, Mass., Aug. 19, at the age of 82. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

**Gaylord Mount Schelleng '61**, of Tinton Falls, N.J., June 17, at the age of 78. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**Carma Calhoun Hume '61**, of London, Ohio, July 28, at the age of 77. She is survived by her husband, **David Hume '60**, and three children, Ginger Kronk, David S. Hume, and Steve Hume. Hume was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Kathleen Sasso Betts '62**, of Falmouth, Mass., July 6, at the age of 76. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

**Anne Berkley Brenner '62**, of Thomasboro, Ill., July 7, at the age of 77. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Susan Twigg Szanislo '62**, of Austin, Texas, June 6, at the age of 76. She is survived by her husband, **Paul Szanislo '61**, and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

**Nancy Miller Vogt '62** of Chiangmai, Thailand, Sept. 4, 2016, at the age of 75. She is survived by two brothers,

**Roy Miller '55** and **David Miller '57**. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**Donald Casperson '63**, of Bellingham, Wash., June 23, at the age of 77. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Martha C. Peed '64**, of Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 20, at the age of 75. She is survived by her twin sister, **Marian Peed Weisz '63**. She was predeceased by her father, **Paul Peed '30**. Peed was a Peace Corps volunteer in Brazil from 1964 to 1966 and a teacher of English literature at Beaty Junior High School in Warren, Pa., and Frankfurt American High School in Frankfurt, Germany.

**Barbara Mahood Olson '65**, of Rapid City, S.D., June 21, at the age of 73. She was predeceased by a brother, **David Mahood '74**, and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

**William Gwynne '66**, of Portland, Maine, Aug. 2, at the age of 73. He was an OWU theatre professor for many years and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**Susan Bushnell Hinde '67**, of Spring, Texas, June 16, at the age of 72. She is survived by a sister, **Sarah Bushnell Tate '70**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

## 1970s

**Michael Holmes '70**, of Lakeside Marblehead and McCormick, S.C., June 20, at the age of 68. He is survived by a brother, **John Holmes '68**, and two children, **Trevor Holmes '98** and **Abigail Holmes '00**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

**Max Dunn '71**, of Salem, Va., Aug. 18, at the age of 68. He

is survived by his wife, **Sheila Dunn '75**.

**Richard Howell '72**, of Saddle River, N.J., June 27, at the age of 67. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

**David Quinn '74**, of Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 22, at the age of 65. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

**Jeffrey Sullivan '75**, of West Palm Beach, Fla., Sept. 12, at the age of 64. He is survived by a brother, **Peter Sullivan '72**. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

**Kim McKinney Engelsman '77**, of Falls Township, Pa., July 26, at the age of 62. She is survived by her husband, **Marc Engelsman '78**, and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

## 1980s

**Timothy Tyler '81**, of Philadelphia, June 19, at the age of 59. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

**Patricia McCollum Higgins '83**, of Pinehurst, N.C., June 29, at the age of 56. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**James Stevens '87**, of Columbus, June 18, at the age of 53. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

## 1990s

**Ruth Schirtzinger '90**, of Columbus, June 6, at the age of 73.

## 2000s

**Vera Pereskokova '06**, of South Euclid, Ohio, July 8, at the age of 33. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

## Faculty/Staff

Dina Bangdel, of Richmond, Va., July 25, at the age of 52. Bangdel was a former art history professor at OWU.

Phillips Burnside, of Delaware, Ohio, Aug. 18, at the age of 90. He is survived by four children, **Thomas Burnside '81**, **Paul Burnside '85**, **Kendra Fraser Burnside '94**, and **John Burnside '91**. He was a professor and later emeritus professor of physics from 1994 until his passing.

Kenneth Denny Sr., of Marion, Ohio, July 17, at the age of 69. He was a former custodian at OWU.

Richard Gay, of Anchorage, Alaska, Aug. 13, at the age of 97. He was a former professor of religion at OWU.

Eleanor Kroninger, of Delaware, Ohio, Sept. 6, at the age of 81. She was a secretary at OWU from 1974 to 1998.

Bettie Schwoppe, of Columbus, July 30.

Louis Szalontai, of Strongsville, Ohio, Aug. 9, at the age of 78. He worked at OWU from 1986 to 1995.

Elizabeth Ann Ward, of Delaware, Ohio, May 12, at the age of 73. She worked at OWU from 1989 to 2007.

Dorothy Arlene Wonsmos, former employee in the OWU Library's reference and circulation departments, Aug. 13, at the age of 91.

Randall Waldron, emeritus professor of English, June 19. Waldron joined Ohio Wesleyan in 1968 and served as the University's first Benjamin T. Spencer Professor of Literature

(see Page 17 for more). He retired in 1993 but continued teaching select courses until 1997.



Randall Waldron

## Friends

Dale Dykema, of Newport Beach, Calif., July 4, at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his wife, **Suzanne Williams Dykema '67**, and was a member of the OWU Tower Society.

## Sympathy to

**Gay Martin Hendricks '59** for the death of her husband, John Hendricks, on Aug. 9.

**Sherrie Bevan Burlingham '72** for the death of her mother, Margaret "Peggie" Otto Bevan, on June 11.

**Paul Myers '74** and **Marion Cannon Myers '77** for the death of Marion's mother, Claire Cannon, on June 26.

**Susan Petrick Nelson '76**, **John Petrick '78**, and **Elizabeth Petrick '81** for the death of their mother, Gloria Caruso, on June 18.

**Lynne Marple Cannon '77** for the death of her husband, Richard Basko, on June 27.

**Joan Fuhrer Baxter '79** for the death of her mother, Margaret Fuhrer, on May 5.

**David Dickey '90** for the death of his wife, Ann Forrest Dickey, on Sept. 13, at the age of 47.

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# Why history matters

i3 presentation by Michael Flamm, professor of history and author of *In the Heat of the Summer: The New York Riots of 1964 and the War on Crime (2017)*.

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Why, in an age of fake news and instant analysis, should we care about the past?

Most of the time, in fact, we do not. Most of the time, we prefer to bask in the warm glow of historical amnesia. But then an event like Charlottesville takes place, when the worst demons of our nature and history re-emerge, and force us to confront the tragedies of the past.

Now is not the time to debate the merits of Gen. Robert E. Lee. But it is time to note, for the record, that the commission of the statue honoring him in Charlottesville, Virginia, came two years after the release of one of the most famous and dangerous films in American history.

*Birth of a Nation* (1915) celebrated the lost cause of the Confederacy and praised the heroism of the Ku Klux Klan. Lee, incidentally, never denounced the KKK during his lifetime. President Woodrow Wilson, a fellow Virginian, heralded the film, endorsed it as “history written by lightning,” and screened it in the White House.

Not coincidentally, the Second or “New Klan” was enjoying a revival of popularity at the time.

By 1924, one in five native-born white men in the United States belonged to the KKK. That same year, the Klan was such a powerful part of the Democratic Party that it was able to deny New York Gov. Al Smith, a Roman Catholic, the

presidential nomination.

Now, why does this history matter? Because it reminds us of a very simple but very important point: Statues do not merely commemorate history. They reflect a particular period of time, and they represent a political point of view. Contrary to what some wrongly claim, statues are not some timeless, universal celebration of heritage.

Why else does history matter? Well, as the famous scholar Arthur Schlesinger Jr. notes, “it’s really hard to know where you’re going if you don’t know where you are or where you’ve been.”

History is also an essential tool in the ongoing fight against political totalitarianism. As the Czech author Milan Kundera noted during the Cold War, “The struggle of man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting.”

History is an essential tool whether the threat to our basic freedoms comes from the communist left or the fascist right. Today more than ever,

history matters because basic freedoms are under assault around the world and here in the United States. We cannot and should never take them for granted. The most important lesson that history teaches us is that our rights, our liberties, ultimately depend on our constant vigilance. ■

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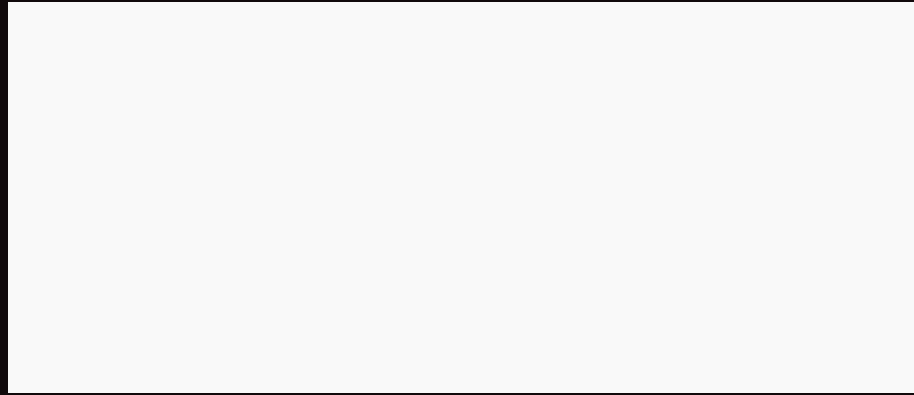


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Members of the women's volleyball team, including head coach Kirsta Cobb (left) and assistant coach Rob Samp (right), watch the partial solar eclipse through solar viewers on August 21 at a campus viewing event on Merrick Hall lawn.

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