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On the cover: Professor of Geology and newest Ohio Professor of the Year John Ritter makes active inquiry come alive in the classroom and in the field. Photo by Erin Pence '04

ERIN PENCE '04



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a stone wall with a fountain on the left and a dense field of red and white tulips in the foreground. The fountain has a stone basin and a small plaque that reads "CLASS OF 1927". The tulips are in full bloom, with some red and some white. The stone wall is made of rough-hewn stones and has a small plaque on the right that reads "WITTENBERG COLLEGE OF 1961".

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Focused intensity defines the heart and soul of Wittenberg scholar-athletes in the spirit of competition. Photo by Erin Pence '04



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Marrow of Life



One of my all-time favorite movies is *Dead Poets Society*. Situated at an all-boys school in New England, the film depicts the powerful role a teacher can play in inspiring students to contribute “their verse” to the play of life. At one point, John Keating, the teacher played by Robin Williams, walks students through that very question, asking “What will your verse be?” A student, Neil Perry, played by Robert Sean Leonard, then quotes Henry David Thoreau, saying, “I went to the woods because I wanted to live deliberately. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life.”

Despite having watched this movie several times growing up, I never really connected the film directly to the liberal arts at the time. And yet, that is exactly what it provided – a window into living the liberal arts – not just studying, not just exploring, but *living*.

This notion was brought home to me even more in my conversation with our latest Ohio Professor of the Year John Ritter. For him, growing up equated to living the liberal arts through the adventures in learning he shared with his mom and that his mom also shared with each one of his nine brothers and sisters in a highly customized, individualized way. The goal, he explains, was to uncover each child’s individuals talents and interests in a way that helped them, as Thoreau writes, “live deeply.”

No wonder Ritter ignites a love of learning in each of his students as he shows them how to live the liberal arts. The U.S. Professor of the Year program clearly saw that as well, naming him Ohio Professor of the Year last November. Thank you, John Ritter, for inspiring countless students to “suck out all the marrow of life.”

The theme of living out the liberal arts also weaves its way into this issue’s other features, including a conversation with internationally renowned architect Shoji Yoh ‘66, whose work one writer said “stimulates and invites us to consider the solution of certain unknowns, to travel unexplored paths, to discover something new, and to think differently.” The theme of traveling “unexplored paths” fuels another story, too, a special one on Wittenberg’s unique study-abroad experience in Wittenberg, Germany, where students are able to continue to live out the liberal arts on an international scale.

This issue also offers an opportunity to hear directly from President Laurie M. Joyner, as she takes readers through Wittenberg’s own strategy for success, one that is mission-driven and student-centered, and embraces the liberal arts at every turn. Her passion for our mission, her desire to see each student succeed on campus and in life, and her commitment to excellence at every level are all working in tandem to keep Wittenberg moving forward. I hope you enjoy reading “Forward,” which begins on page 16.

Have a wonderful summer living out the liberal arts in your own life and community.

Happy reading,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen L. Gerboth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial 'K'.

Karen L. Gerboth '93

Editor



Olympian, Business Leader And Composer To Be Honored at Commencement

With Commencement just days away, the Class of 2014 is excited to welcome Olympic Gold Medalist and award-winning sports journalist Donna de Varona as the its keynote speaker, May 17. The class will also honor two distinguished alumni. William H. Steinbrink '64, chair of Wittenberg's Board of Directors from 2005-2008 and the university's interim president in 2004-2005, will receive the Wittenberg Medal of Honor, and Robert Hobby '85, nationally recognized composer and organist, will receive an honorary doctorate of music.

A pioneer in women's athletics, de Varona earned a gold medal in the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, in the women's 400-meter individual medley, besting her competition by six seconds to set an Olympic record. She added a second gold medal as a member of the record-setting U.S. team in the 4x100-meter freestyle relay en route to a career total of 18 world best times and world records.

Hailed by the Associated Press and United Press International as the "Most Outstanding Woman Athlete in the World," de Varona continued her competitive swimming career and embarked on an award-winning television career as a sportscaster for ABC's famed *Wide World of Sports* program at age 17, becoming the youngest sportscaster on a national network and one of the first females in the business.

A leading activist for sports and fitness for youth, de Varona will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters at the ceremony.

Steinbrink has consistently served his alma mater, and the fields of law and business with distinction. A partner with the international law firm Jones Day for 27 years, Steinbrink assisted and advised businesses in connection with fundamental transactions, financing and governance, and later led an initiative to implement formal knowledge management practices at the firm. A

graduate of Duke University Law School, Steinbrink also served as president and CEO of Laurel Industries Inc. and as president and CEO of CSM Industries Inc. Since 2008 he has served as principal of Unstuck LLC, a firm specializing in business, legal and family mediation services, and continues to serve on the board of directors for the J.M. Smucker Company.

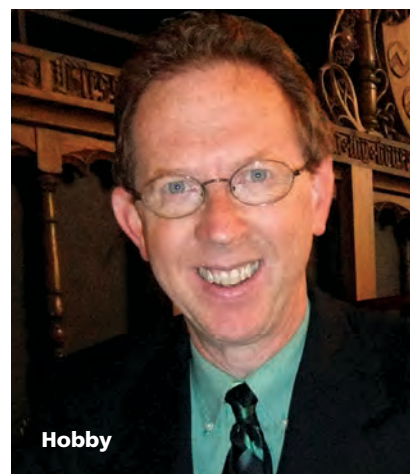
Hobby serves as director of music at Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., where he manages a diverse array of concerts and ensembles, and plays for worship services. Most of his composition time is spent writing commissions for churches and organizations around the country. More than 250 of his compositions are in print with leading publishers, including Augsburg Fortress, Concordia, MorningStar and Warner Brothers, and several have been featured nationally on select radio and television programs. ■



de Varona



Steinbrink



Hobby

Sustainability Initiative Receives \$50,000 In Funding

One of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada as per the 2013 edition of *The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges*, Wittenberg has again been recognized for its commitment to sustainability with a \$50,000 grant from the National Science Foundation-supported InTeGrate.

According to InTeGrate, Wittenberg's proposal, "Engaged Sustainability:

From Curriculum to Community," nicely "models how a liberal arts institution can integrate learning about the Earth and sustainability across the disciplines."

Sarah Fortner, professor of geology/environmental science, led a team of faculty in drafting the accepted proposal. Joining her were



Dave Finster, professor of chemistry; Ruth Hoff, associate professor of languages; Jeremiah Williams, assistant professor of physics; Elizabeth George, professor of physics; Sheryl Cunningham, assistant professor of communication; John Ritter, professor of geology/environmental science; and Ed Hasecke, associate professor of political science. ■

Committee Seeks to Advance University Priorities

Established earlier this academic year by President Laurie M. Joyner, Wittenberg's new Integrated Planning and Budget Committee (IPBC) has brought together multiple campus constituents to collaborate on a) educating the community about key budget drivers and expenses; b) shifting Wittenberg to a multi-year budget model; c) ensuring that planning, budgeting, and assessment are linked to support continuous improvement; and d) identifying action items related to institutional priorities approved by the Board of the Directors.

Institutional priorities thus far include: identifying constellations of strength; enhancing efforts to become a more student-centered institution; creating a sustainable financial model; instituting best practices in Wittenberg's advancement division; and examining physical infrastructure to support other strategic priorities. ■

Photography Students Study in New York City

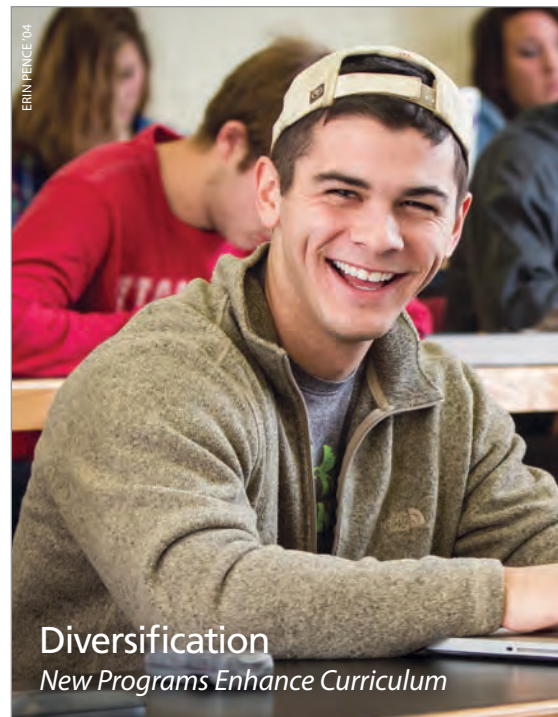
Leveraging his connections in New York City, Dan McNinn, assistant professor of art, recently accompanied eight students in his advanced photography course to the Big Apple to tour collections and exhibitions. Stops included the Morgan Library, The Museum of Modern Art, The

International Center of Photography and the Howard Greenberg Gallery.

The centerpiece of the trip, however, was a visit to the Gitterman Gallery, hosted by the owner himself, Tom Gitterman. One of the top galleries in New York City, the Gitterman Gallery represents high-end fine art photographers.

"Mr. Gitterman was kind enough to spend three hours with our students talking about how his business works with artists, how the shows are produced and how he interacts with clients," McNinn said. "He talked about the sacrifices necessary to have a successful business in New York and showed the students a wide array of vintage prints he has in his collection. This was an invaluable and very personalized experience for our students."

The students are now writing about works of art they discovered in the galleries and have shot their own photographic project, images for which they are currently producing on campus. ■



Diversification New Programs Enhance Curriculum

Wittenberg's Department of Business recently created four new majors to align its curriculum with the expectations of current and prospective students and with the field itself. The new majors, which are expected to launch this fall, include management, marketing, finance, and entrepreneurship.

"We decided to move from concentrations in the first four areas to dedicated majors in each area – with deeper coverage of business issues, more required business courses, and at least one required internship or applied business experience relevant to a student's major," said

Williams Tapped to Lead Athletics

Gary Williams, Ph.D., director of student success and associate director of athletics at Carthage College, has been named Wittenberg's new director of athletics and recreation. Williams will join the Wittenberg community on June 1.

At Carthage, a private college of approximately 3,000 students located in Kenosha, Wisc., that competes with Wittenberg as a member of NCAA Division III, Williams is responsible for the virtual and physical creation of its Center for Student Success, its staff and programming, and he initiated a retention program focusing on emotional advising approaches and intentional interventions.

In his role as associate director of athletics, Williams serves as director of student-athlete services and as the certification officer. He also oversees the staff and programs responsible for mentoring and guiding students through their transition to college life and provides support, leadership and direction for students in and out of the classroom and on and off the playing field.

"I am pleased to welcome Gary Williams to the Wittenberg University community," said President Laurie M. Joyner. "With our rich heritage of athletics success and our commitment to the wholeness of person in our educational mission, I believe that he is a perfect fit for this important position. I look forward to



working with Gary to build on our tradition of excellence to benefit the next generation of Wittenberg University students." ■



Tom Kaplan, Ness Chair in Entrepreneurship and department chair. "We have also created five-course minors in each of the first four areas as well."

Wittenberg also will be pursuing exercise science as a promising area of revenue generation and student interest. A search for an assistant/associate professor of exercise science is now underway. Additionally, the university's newest degree-completion programs in criminal justice/criminology and nursing managed through the School of Community Education are fully operational. ■

COSI Collaboration Reflects Innovative Learning

Students in Assistant Professor of Geology and Environmental Science Sarah Fortner's class are collaborating with Columbus, Ohio's Center for Science and Industry (COSI) to develop interactive demonstrations and models on earth resource sustainability. Students are translating college-level science to a general K-12 audience, making college more accessible to younger students. The fact that this type of modular development is being performed by experts, including researchers and engineers, makes this a unique opportunity for Wittenberg students. This collaboration is part of a national science literacy effort through Portal to the Public. ■

Chemistry Professor Flips Class

In partnership with Information Technology, Associate Professor of Chemistry Justin Houseknecht has worked to flip his CHEM 201 course. By implementing iPad usage into the course, Houseknecht has seen exam scores go up by a half to two-thirds of a letter grade and the proportional rate of D's, F's, and withdrawals plummet from about 25 percent to six percent.



Houseknecht recently hosted a Faculty Development Workshop for his colleagues to explore and discuss his success leveraging technology into student learning. He will also be presenting

his results in a forthcoming article in the *Journal of Chemical Education* and during the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education this summer. ■

New Task Force Focuses on Innovation and Revenue Generation

Charged by President Laurie M. Joyner to identify, explore, and help develop programs, initiatives, and campus improvements that are both consistent with Wittenberg's mission and likely to provide enhanced revenue toward the fulfillment of that mission, the Innovation Task Force (ITF) has worked to solicit and consider ideas that solve problems in new ways.

A key priority identified at the forefront by the ITF involved the creation of a compelling value-added proposition, one that addresses Wittenberg's areas of competitive advantage in the marketplace. Known as the Wittenberg Commitment, the new value-added advantage includes providing a full first-year full seminar and comprehensive advising; offering more engaged learning opportunities; creating an electronic WittFolio designed to connect students' work and experiences in a meaningful, future-focused way; building a stronger Wittenberg Network of alumni and friends, and establishing clearer pathways to graduation. More on the Wittenberg Commitment will be forthcoming this fall. ■



Student Ambassadors to Aid in Seamless Transition

In Office of Student Development's continuing efforts to meet the needs of all students, a new Success Ambassador program is being launched for 2014-2015 academic year.

"This student leadership role allows for peer-to-peer support and outreach to assist students in creating, managing, and following-through with success plans," said Jon Duraj '09, associate dean of students, student success and retention.

In addition to problem solving, and encouraging action planning and mapping, active listening is also essential for every success ambassador, according to Duraj.

"These roles are designed to complement and reinforce campus resources by working with students to connect with various offices, services, and people," he said. "They will also assist Wittenberg students with their academic and personal transition, as well as their development throughout college and the entire campus experience." ■

Weaver Chapel Site for Historic Bishop Installation

Wittenberg has shaped young minds as a leader in liberal arts education while maintaining a close relationship with the Lutheran Church for more than 160 years. The tradition continued on campus as Wittenberg hosted the Installation of The Rev. Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt to the office of Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The installation service for Dillahunt, who was elected last year, took place in historic Weaver Chapel. Not only did Wittenberg serve as the host site of the installation, but members of the university community played leadership roles in the planning process. David and Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor The Rev. Rachel Tune served on the installation planning team, and President Laurie M. Joyner served as one of the lectors during the service. "Bishop Dillahunt and I are fully engaged in exploring how we can



leverage our Lutheran heritage to benefit our students," Joyner said.

Four sets of communion ware were specially designed by Professor of Art Scott Dooley. Numerous Wittenberg students also participated in the service, including Dillahunt's son, Nathaniel, class of 2015 from Marysville, Ohio. ■



Living History
Medieval Expert Named H. Orth Hirt Chair

Amy Livingstone has been named the H. Orth Hirt Chair in History for her teaching excellence and distinction in the discipline. An expert in the history of medieval France, with particular focus on the aristocracy and women's history, Livingstone has been widely published in multiple journals.

In 2010, she wrote *Out of Love for My Kin: Aristocratic Family Life in the Lands of the Lorie, 1000-1200*, and two years later, she collaborated with Charlotte Newman Goldy of Miami University in editing a collection of essays that suggests new paths of inquiry for scholars examining the lives of medieval women. *Writing Medieval Women's Lives* was published in 2012, and Livingstone continues to serve as co-editor of the journal of *Medieval Prosopography* and on several editorial/advisory boards.

Endowment Honors Emeriti Professors Kent and Mimi Dixon

For 33 years, Kent and Mimi Dixon contributed their time and talents to Wittenberg's Department of English before retiring last year, and though their work as faculty is officially over, their legacy continues with the help of a donation from their son Chris.

The Mimi and Kent Dixon Professorship in Creative Writing will allow the English Department to hire a visiting faculty member to teach at Wittenberg for one semester each year.

The donation acts as seed money for the professorship, as the university works to build the \$500,000 endowment through additional fundraising.

The position will be used to continue to bolster the English Department's creative writing program.

"The endowed professorship will pay the salary for a professor selected to hold this writer-in-residence position for a semester," said Cynthia Richards, chair of the English Department and project leader.

The first Dixon Endowed Professor is R. Clifton Spargo, whose work includes two scholarly books focused on trauma



and exploration of the Holocaust, a regular column in *The Huffington Post*, and a well-received book on Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald. Spargo also volunteers at a center for domestic violence victims, where he teaches testimonial writing as a way of promoting healing. ■

Earth Week Celebrated on Campus

Recognized as an environmentally responsible campus by The Princeton Review, Wittenberg's year-round commitment to a green standard continued during the celebration of Earth Week, April 21-25.

The Earth Week celebration, coordinated by Ruth Hoff, associate professor of languages, and sponsored by several organizations and departments, kicked off with a forum hosted by the Department of Geography, "Celebrating and Protecting Our Water Supply." The public forum, moderated by Warren Copeland, professor of religion and Springfield Mayor, allowed the community to discuss cleanup plans for the Tremont City Barrel Fill site, which contains approximately 3 million gallons of hazardous waste and is in close proximity to Springfield's water supply.

Students also used the week to raise awareness of these important issues with the residence hall recycling competition, sponsored by the student group PoWER. A film screening of the critically acclaimed documentary *Chasing Ice* and a panel discussion featuring faculty experts in chemistry, geology/environmental science, and art, discussing climate change also packed the week's schedule of activities. Additionally, Dave Finster, professor of chemistry, discussed "What We Know – and Don't Know – about the Science of Climate Change."

As the week concluded, an exhibit of "The True Cost of Coal" by the Beehive Design Collective was hosted on campus, and an open classroom session examined glaciers and sampling in extreme environments. ■

Since joining the Wittenberg community in 1999, Livingstone has chaired the department of history, directed the Pre-Modern and Ancient World Studies Program, co-directed the study-abroad program "Wittenberg in Paris" and acted as faculty adviser to the *Wittenberg History Journal*, while teaching a range of courses.

Established in 1998 to honor the memory of this distinguished Wittenberg alumnus, H. Orth Hirt, who graduated from Wittenberg in 1911, began his career as a teacher of biology, and later history, and retired in 1981 as Director Emeritus of THE ERIE, an insurance exchange and indemnity company, which he founded in 1925, the H. Orth Chair carries with it an annual stipend of \$5,000 for professional travel and materials. ■





Student Alumni Board Forms

Dedicated to helping enhance the relationship between students, alumni and the university, Wittenberg's first-ever Student Alumni Board (SAB) is up and running. Led by the Office of Alumni Relations and Parent Engagement in partnership with the Wittenberg Fund, the SAB creates and sponsors events that seek to connect alumni with students both professionally and personally. Additionally, the Board provides insight and education into what it means to be an alumna/us of Wittenberg.

"We know that this organization will play a huge role in keeping our students engaged after graduation," said

Sarah Kelly, assistant director of alumni relations and parent engagement.

The SAB took home the 2014 New Organization of the Year award during the campus Leadership Awards program co-sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement and Student Senate. Kelly and Ben Miller, assistant director of the Wittenberg Fund, plan to host an executive retreat geared around helping more students understand the organization's mission prior to Commencement. ■

Two Centenarians Leave Legacies

The Hon. William A. McClain '34, who received Wittenberg's Medal of Honor in 2013 and for whom the university's Center for Diversity is named, passed way, Feb. 4, 2014, at the age of 101. Two months later, longtime Wittenberg vice president, fellow Wittenberg Medal of Honor recipient and Board member emeritus Roland Matthies, whose family name graces the university's home for student development, also passed away at the age of 103. Both reflected Wittenberg's mission in ways that continue to inspire.

McClain blazed a trail for the African American community. In 1951, he became the first African American member of the Cincinnati Bar Association after being denied membership twice. He then became the first African American attorney to serve as city solicitor of a major American city, serving the citizens of Cincinnati from 1963-72. McClain later became the first African American judge of the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court.

In addition to the Wittenberg Medal of Honor, the university's highest non-academic award, and several other professional recognitions, McClain also received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and an Army Commendation Award for distinguished service as a first lieutenant with the Judge Advocate General.

Matthies practiced law in Indiana for nine years before being hired by Wittenberg College in 1943 to serve as business manager of its then new U.S. Army Air Cadet Training Program until the end of WWII. In 1945, he was named treasurer of Wittenberg, and promoted to vice president in 1954. He specialized in deferred giving for the university and raised millions of dollars for Wittenberg's endowment funds until his retirement in 1975. He continued as a member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors until 1988.

A national authority on taxation as it relates to philanthropy and a national expert in charitable deferred giving, he served on countless local boards and committees, and was a founding member of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, in which he played violin. Additionally, he received numerous awards during his career, including the Wittenberg Class of 1914 Award. ■



Liberal Arts in Action Second Annual Celebration of Learning Highlights Academic Excellence

More than 200 students presented their academic work and talents during the second annual Liberal Arts in Action: A Celebration of Learning, April 11.

Co-organized this year by H. Orth Hirt Chair in History Amy Livingstone and Assistant Professor of Sociology Nona Moskowitz, the event included research presentations, poster presentations and various performances.

"The Celebration of Learning celebrates what Wittenberg, as a liberal arts college, is all about: approaching topics from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives," Livingstone said. "It benefits students by allowing them to present their research, talk about their internship experiences or perform their strengths."

Created last year at the request of President Laurie M. Joyner as part of her inauguration

Empty Bowls Reaches New Record

Hosted by Wittenberg's Department of Art and Catholic Charities, with support from numerous local sponsors and donors, Wittenberg's annual Empty Bowls celebrated its 20th year this spring, as well as new record in fundraising to support the Second Harvest Food Bank in Springfield.

"This is truly a community event that brings in many people from Springfield, and it has become an important fundraising event for Second Harvest Food Bank as they work to provide for

so many people in our community," said Professor of Art and Department Chair Scott Dooley, who has managed the university's role in hosting the event since coming to campus in 2000.

The fundraising goal for the 2014 event was \$40,000, which the event surpassed with a record \$45,345.

"This equates to 181,380 meals for those in need," Dooley said, noting that the previous record was \$41,735.

The 20-year total for the event, Dooley added, "is \$314,345, which equates to more than 1.25 million meals for those in need in Clark, Champaign and Logan counties."

The 2013-14 Empty Bowls student coordinator was James Dumestorf '15, a junior from Goshen, Ky., and dual major in psychology and art, with a concentration in ceramics. Bowls are thrown using a pottery wheel and then trimmed, fired and glazed throughout the year. More than 1,000 bowls were



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prepared for the 2014 event by volunteers, including students, faculty and staff, and Springfield community members.

The price of the bowl and dinner remained \$15 per person, which entitled participants to a hand-crafted bowl for soup and access to a soup, salad and bread buffet. ■



activities to highlight the core academic enterprise with a focus on student-faculty success, this year's event proved just as powerful because of the engagement of participating students and range of presentations. From improv, dance, and musical performances to panels discussing genetics, acceptance, media, environmental issues, gender, bullying, religious identity, literature, history, and education, among other topics, to a diverse array of posters, including ones discussing internship experiences, the event brought hundreds to the doors of the Benham-Pence Student Center to listen and learn.

"The Celebration of Learning is terrific for us as a community because we congregate to celebrate the achievements of our students," Livingstone said. ■

Wittenberg Series Wraps Up

An annual selection of free cultural activities, the university-sponsored Wittenberg Series concluded yet another engaging year, one that included best-selling author and *Economist* data editor Kenn Cukier '91; Caryl Phillips, playwright, essayist and contributing journalist to *The Guardian* and *The New Republic*; famed humor columnist Dave Barry; Stephen Haynes, professor of religion at Rhodes College; Eric Foner, award-winning author and historian of the post-Civil War Reconstruction period; Maya Wiley, activist, civil rights attorney, and founder and president of the Center for Social Inclusion; and Marie Davidian, the William Neal Reynolds Professor of Statistics at North Carolina State University and president of the American Statistical Association.

In addition to the lectures, the Wittenberg Series featured a medley of arts events. Among these were the Fisk Jubilee Singers, an award-winning a cappella ensemble from Fisk University; and the Second City Touring Company, a world-renowned theatre and improv comedy company. ■

Senior Heads To China On Fulbright

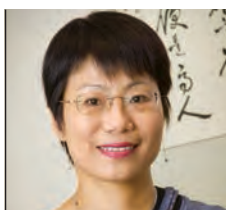


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With Commencement nearing, Haley Beckett '14 knows exactly where her next stop will be. Beckett will continue Wittenberg's tradition of academic excellence and international engagement as the latest in a long line of students, faculty and alumni to merit opportunities to study, teach or conduct research through the U.S. Fulbright Program. Beckett plans to study in China, exploring how access to financial capital affects private entrepreneurial ventures. ■

Campus Notes

FACULTY



Cline
Professor Chemistry



Chan
Associate Professor
of Languages



Dooley
Professor of Art



Evans
Director of Human
Resources



Finster
Professor of Chemistry



Martin
Assistant Professor
of Health, Fitness
and Sport



Shelley Chan, associate professor of languages, was invited to present a keynote speech at the University of Iowa titled “The Forbidden Pregnancy and the Abandoned Children: On Mo Yan’s Fiction about the One-Child Policy in China.” She also was invited to speak at Smith College this spring, where she discussed “To Speak or Not to Speak: That Is Not the Question: On Mo Yan’s Winning of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Literature.”

Howard Choy, associate professor of languages, has published a film review of *Embrace* and *Old Dog* for the Asian Educational Media Service, as well as “Linguistic Identity in Fruit Chan’s 1997 Trilogy” in *World Cinema and the Visual Arts*. He was also invited to present three lectures, including two involving Nobel Laureate Mo Yan at the University of Alberta and at Case Western Reserve University, and one on “Literary Therapy: Two Case Studies of Breast Cancer Novels” at Hong Kong Baptist University. Additionally, he presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars in Macao and at the International Conference of Political Humor in Modern China: Interdisciplinary Perspectives hosted by Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Will Clemens, adjunct assistant professor of English, has published “On *The Big Bang Theory*’s Success: A Causal Analysis” and “The Dog Imagery and Metaphors among ‘Mutt Genres’ in Michelle Boisseau’s *A Sunday in God-Years*” in the *Pennsylvania Literary Journal*.

Kristin Cline, professor of chemistry, joined Garrhett Via ’15 and Benjamin Hagen ’14 in attending Pittcon in Chicago

to present a poster titled “One-Step Solvent-Free Synthesis and Grafting of Diazonium Ions onto Electrode Surfaces.”

Scott Dooley, professor of art and department chair, has had a technique DVD published by the Ceramics Arts Daily Video Series through the American Ceramic Society titled “*Handbuilding Modular Forms with Stiff Slabs*.” Dooley was also named the 2014 Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist at Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.

Kevin Evans, director of human resources, was recently invited to speak at the National Association of College and University Attorney’s conference in Boston. Evans discussed EEOC issues affecting colleges and universities.

David Finster, professor of chemistry, presented a paper at the 247th national meeting of the American Chemical Society titled “Safe Chemistry is Green Chemistry” in Dallas, March 17.

Sarah Fortner, assistant professor of geology, and Sky Schelle ’00 discussed rain gardens on the NPR-affiliate WYSO. The story was then picked up by InTeGrate, a national interdisciplinary effort funded by NSF to teach about the earth for a sustainable future.

Nancy McHugh, professor of philosophy, has published two articles, one in *Patricia Hill Collins: Reconceiving Black Motherhood*, and the other in *How Does it Feel to be a (White) Problem?* She also presented several times, including at a conference at Sheffield University, U.K., as well as at the Symposium on Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality at Wright State University with Katherine Causbie ’14, where they examined teaching in prisons. Additionally, McHugh

presented “Pedagogical Relocation: Teaching Philosophy in Underrepresented Settings” at The Diversity in Philosophy Conference, University of Dayton and on the work on the Restorative Justice Initiative with Brooke Wagner, assistant professor of sociology, Causbie and Martin Lukk ’14 at The Inside-Our Prison Exchange Working Group, University of Michigan, Dearborn and Maccomb Correctional.

David Nibert, professor of sociology, earned the 2013 Award for Distinguished Scholarship by the Animals & Society Section of the American Sociological Association for his article “The Fire Next Time: The Coming Cost of Capitalism, Animal Oppression and Environmental Ruin.” His book *Animal Oppression and Human Violence* was also selected as the Best Book of 2013 by the Institute for Critical Animal Studies. He also wrote the foreword for a new anthology titled *Defining Critical Animal Studies*, and he was invited to speak at an April conference titled “Emerging Approaches to Animal Ethics” organized by the School of Law at Rutgers University.

Ralph Lenz, professor of geography, published “Landscape and Culture in a Minority Area of Southern China” in *Focus on Geography*.

Thomas P. Martin, professor of health, fitness and sport, presented a paper titled “Let’s Move Outside: On Our Protected Land/Water” at the annual convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and served as a consultant to St. Vincent Health, Wellness and Preventive Care Institute in Indianapolis in relation to

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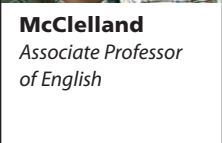
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clinical outcome research with the Purdue University Regenstrief Center for Medical Engineering.

Michael “Mac” McClelland, associate professor of English, just released a new novel titled *Turtle Up!*, an academic comedy based at a small liberal arts university, for the Kindle e-book. The new book is the sequel to his e-book bestseller *Oyster Blues*.

Olga Medvedkov, professor of geography, co-organized and attended the 5th International Conference: Cities in Transition in the Post-Communists States in the country of Georgia, where she also gave the keynote address on changing urban trends in the region.

Jennifer Oldstone-Moore, professor of religion, was selected to attend the Teaching Interfaith Understanding workshop led by Eboo Patel this summer. Her collaborative work with psychology professor Alberto Manzi on contemplative practice and cognitive abilities titled “Attention modifications following calligraphy practice in college students” was also presented this year at the Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting.

Jody Rambo, adjunct assistant professor of creative writing, has been awarded a \$5,000 Individual Excellence Award in Poetry (2014) from the Ohio Arts Council.

Matthew J. Smith, professor of communication, recently visited the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan to lead a week of lectures and workshops, including “More than Just Words and Pictures: Engaging Students with Graphic Storytelling.”

Alan Stickney, professor of mathematics, will attend his 70th consecutive semiannual meeting of the Ohio Section of the Mathematical Association of America this spring. He hasn’t missed a single meeting of the Ohio Section in his 35 years at Wittenberg. He has also served in several leadership capacities with the association during that time.

Andy Tune, Matevia Endowed University Pastor, gave a presentation at the North American Patristics Society. His topic was “Scripture, Philosophy, and Trinitarian Terminology in Basil’s *De Spiritu Sancto*.”

Catherine Waggoner, professor of communication, took 12 students and Tyler Hall ’12 to the Mississippi Delta in March 2013 for a spring break service immersion week. She also co-presented “Butter Doesn’t Melt: Paula Deen and the Culinary Politics of Charm” at the National Communication Association convention in Washington, D.C., where she gathered with fellow conference attendees and Wittenberg communication alumni Keeley Buehler Hunter ’08, Lauren Harris ’12, James Hunter ’09, Jeff Hannah ’09 and Touby Bender ’12.

Katie Warber, associate professor of communication, was elected Wittenberg Woman of the Year and was awarded a Faculty Growth Grant and a Project Grant totaling \$4,500 from the Faculty Development Board. Additionally, she published seven peer-reviewed journal articles in journals such as *Computers in Human Behavior*, *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*, and the *International Journal of Communications*, and she presented at the International Association of

Relationship Research conference and at the International Communication Association’s annual convention.

Assistant Professors of Education **Tracy Whitlock** and **Roberta Linder** presented a webinar for Follett publishers titled “Connecting Common Core, Mentor Texts, and 6+1 Traits: Making a Difference in K-8 Students’ Writing of Narrative Text.” They also presented at the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts conference on reading and writing poetry in the K-8 content areas.

Brian Yontz, assistant professor of education, and **Rachel Wilson**, assistant professor of business, recently published an article titled “Degree Completers at Baccalaureate Arts and Sciences Institutions and the Contemporary U.S. Macro-Economy” in the *Innovative Higher Education Journal*. Yontz also gave an invited talk in February 2014 titled “Preservice Teachers’ Perspectives of the Emphasis on Stewardship From Their Initial Teacher Preparation” at the Association of Teacher Educators National Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Michael Zaleha, associate professor of geology, published a paper in *Cretaceous Research* titled “Paleochannel hydraulics, geometries, and associated alluvial architecture of Early Cretaceous rivers, Sevier Foreland Basin, Wyoming, USA.” Additionally, he gave a talk at the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver, which he coauthored with Trevor Grandy ’13 titled “The Geology of SpongeBob SquarePants: Potential of a cartoon to enhance student learning in the geosciences.”



Planning Underway for New Indoor Multi-Purpose Facility

Widely recognized as a leader in NCAA Division III athletics, Wittenberg is embarking on an upgrade of its facilities that will match the program's prowess on the fields, courts, courses and pools.

Thanks to a leadership pledge by Wes '70 and Ann Bates '70 to build a new indoor multi-purpose athletic and recreation facility, the first phase of work is currently underway with the selection of MS Consultants of Youngstown, Ohio, as the architectural and engineering firm on the project. MS Consulting met with representatives from every corner of campus to gain feedback and input on the new indoor practice facility.

The facility will provide year-round opportunities, which will benefit the entire campus community, including varsity athletics teams, club teams and intramural sports. To support the project, contact Aimee Maruyama, director of advancement, at 937-327-7433. ■ — by Ryan Maurer



Roope Breaks Ground With Tandem Coaching Honors

It has been nearly seven years since Jeff Roope took the reins of Wittenberg's men's and women's golf teams. In that time, Roope has turned the Tigers into one of the giants of the NCAA Division III golf scene.

Wittenberg's men have returned to a perch amongst the elite in NCAA Division III not seen since the days when Bob Rosencrans and Dave Maurer prowled the local courses with the Tigers. The Tigers have put a hammerlock on the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) by winning five straight league titles, and Roope has been honored as NCAC Men's Golf Coach of the Year each of the last five years.

The women have narrowly missed out on the NCAA Division III Tournament each of the last two years but have become a fixture in the national rankings. In 2014, Roope also earned his first NCAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year award, making him the first coach in NCAC history to hold the men's and women's awards concurrently.

Roope continues to build relationships with his alumni to ensure opportunities to play on some of the nation's best courses, including three home events at historic Springfield Country Club in the 2014-15 season. When the weather turns cold, Tiger student-athletes also have access to two golf training rooms in the HPER Center, which includes putting greens, driving nets and state-of-the-art technology. ■ — by Ryan Maurer

Wittenberg Salutes Retired AD Garnett Purnell

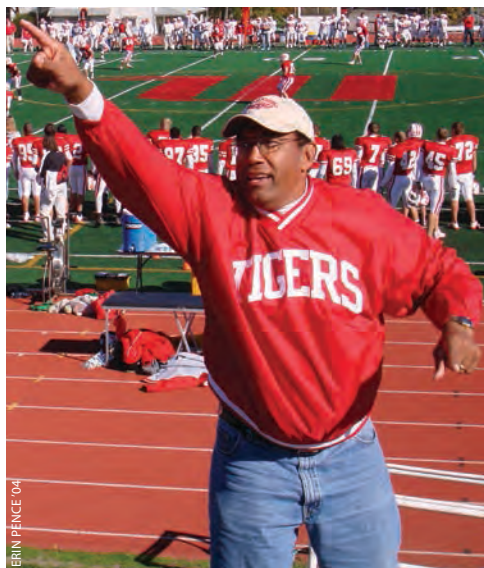
A year of transition began with the announcement by Garnett Purnell that he was retiring as Wittenberg's director of athletics and recreation prior to the 2013-14 school year after 14 years of service.

Following the announcement, Purnell was saluted by friends, peers and co-workers for his leadership, enthusiasm and dedication to Wittenberg student-athletes.

"While there is no doubt that under Garnett's leadership Wittenberg's amazing tradition of excellence on the fields, courts, courses and pool has continued to grow, it is his heart and spirit that will stand out in my mind," said University Provost Chris Duncan. "Garnett never failed to promote the ideal of the true student-athlete that Wittenberg prides itself on, and I can say directly that he has never failed to advocate with great passion for the men and women who served with him."

"Garnett Purnell made the NCAC a better place with his devotion to the student-athletes at Wittenberg and around the league," added NCAC Commissioner Keri Alexander Luchowski. "He fought so that everyone could have a place in our world, no matter their gender, race or ethnicity. And once they were here, he made sure to help them be the best they could be – at whatever their position." ■

— by Ryan Maurer



ERIN PENCE '04

Alumni Support Cory Winfield '00 After Life-Altering Injury

Baseball has always been an important part of 2001 graduate Cory Winfield's life. Even after a drunk driver nearly took his life in 2007, the Wittenberg record-holder for career and season pitching saves continues to find joy in the national pastime.

Cory, a retired member of the police force in his hometown of Marion, Ohio, is headed to Cleveland's Progressive Field for a game between his favorite team, the Indians, and the Detroit Tigers on May 19. While Cory and his wife Lindsey go to a "few" games each year, the upcoming trip has taken on greater significance thanks to family members and friends who are working to make sure it is special.

Read more about Cory Winfield at www.wittenbergtigers.com. ■

— by Ryan Maurer



Wittenberg Men's Basketball Welcomes 1963, 1993 Teams Home



PHOTOS BY ERIN PENCE '04



More than 50 years of men's basketball excellence was celebrated during the 2013-14 season as coaches and players from the 1962-63 and 1993-94 teams were recognized. The 1962-63 team finished with an overall record of 26-2. The only regular season loss was to Eastern Michigan, and the second defeat came on a half-court buzzer-beater in the College Division Tournament championship game. The 1993-94 team compiled a perfect 24-0 record in the regular season en route to an overall record of 30-2. The Tigers' only losses that year came in the NCAC Tournament title game to Kenyon and the NCAA Division III Final Four to Lebanon Valley.

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Forward

President Laurie M. Joyner reflects on Wittenberg's accomplishments and shares critical insights as she looks to position Wittenberg for even greater success.

By Laurie M. Joyner
Photos by Erin Pence '04

For nearly the last two years, I have had the distinct honor of serving an engaged, talented, and caring community of learners. I have heard the passion and pride in the voices of our alumni and friends, and I awaken each day with a deep sense of gratitude and humility, privileged to partner with faculty and staff as we strive to deliver on our promise of providing a first-rate liberal arts education that prepares our students for success in the 21st century.

Together, our students, faculty, and staff create an active, engaged learning environment that has been nationally recognized by the Princeton Review for our “Best Classroom Experience” and “Most Accessible Faculty.”

Our students inspire me with their love of learning and of life. They embrace our mission as they work to become responsible global citizens, to discover their callings, and to lead personal, professional, and civic lives of creativity, service, compassion, and

integrity. They are also the reason why we exist as an institution, and it's their success, not just while students, but for a lifetime, that guides our actions and decisions as we envision the future.

As I have repeatedly articulated, a clear measure of our success as an institution is reflected in the lives of our graduates. As I look back on my presidency so far, I do so with sincerest thanks for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure shared by distinguished alumni and friends. I am excited by what we achieved together, and I look forward with great anticipation and enthusiasm for what is to come.

In the words of Wittenberg's first president and founder Ezra Keller, “It requires strong faith to anticipate a large and well-endowed institution from so small a beginning, but ‘Large oaks from the little acorns grown, Large streams from the little fountains flow. If God be with us, we shall succeed.’”

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Mission and Momentum

I have always found in my career that if I place the institution's mission and students first, positive results will follow. The last 22 months are no exception. By focusing on students' holistic success, creating a sustainable financial model, and encouraging a mission-driven, innovative spirit, I am confident that we are moving Wittenberg forward in unprecedented ways. Selected highlights to date include:

- ◆ Securing a pledge for half the cost of a new indoor multi-purpose athletic and recreation facility thanks to the generosity of Wes '70 and Ann Bates '70.
- ◆ Initiating a \$6.5 million technology upgrade plan.
- ◆ Approving two new degree-completion programs (nursing and criminal justice), instituting a sport management major, and preparing to hire a director to create an exercise science major.
- ◆ Starting an intensive Maymester summer term, which resulted in more than \$100,000 in net revenue.
- ◆ Launching the community-based Bullock Math Academy for high-achieving middle school-aged students, thanks to the generosity of Rosalyn Bullock.
- ◆ Delivering \$6.4 million in cost-cutting measures in our five-year budget model.
- ◆ Meeting our Fall 2013 first-year enrollment goals for the first time in five years.
- ◆ Creating a Center for Student Success inspired by the successful student-learning model used at my former institution and by many other liberal arts universities.
- ◆ Establishing the Innovation Task Force to ensure that we are



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constantly seeking and developing programs, initiatives, and ideas designed to enhance revenue.

Thinking beyond the status quo is essential if we are to meet the needs of students and prepare them for not just one job or career, but throughout their professional lives. Our goal of preparing students well is exactly why our Innovation Task Force is currently working to implement the newly developed value-added proposition called the Wittenberg Commitment. The next issue of the magazine will take a deeper dive into this exciting new venture,

but the themes contained within the Wittenberg Commitment are inspiring as they speak to comprehensive student advising; creating a successful transition to college through a full first-year experience; defining clear pathways for student success through curricular mapping and enhanced Wittenberg networking with alumni and friends; and engaged and integrated learning designed to connect students' curricular and co-curricular experiences.

I know our admission team cannot wait to get on the road and start talking about the Wittenberg Commitment,

believing that it offers a new, compelling way of describing our whole-person centered approach to ensuring every student's success. I am anxious to share it in more detail as well.

Innovation and Inspiration

We have created an Integrated Planning and Budgeting Committee (IPBC), charged with identifying and funding institutional priorities. The IPBC allows us to a) link planning, budgeting, and assessment; b) support data-driven decision-making; and c) work to develop consensus on a shared vision for the future. Last year, our Board approved IPBC institutional priorities, and the broad-based committee is now creating action items with the greatest potential to improve performance over the short term. These action items will also help inform our fundraising priorities moving forward.

The Board-approved institutional priorities seek to:

- ◆ Identify and invest in areas of strength (broadly identified to date as business, health sciences, an active and engaged learning environment, and athletics).
- ◆ Enhance efforts to become a more student-centered institution committed to student engagement, learning, and success. This academic year, for example, we expanded high-impact activities associated with our new Center for Student Success and created a new vice president for strategic initiatives to improve cross-divisional institutional effectiveness and serve as chief student affairs officer, thus ensuring that our policies and practices become even more student-centered and transparent across the institution.

◆ Create a sustainable financial model. In order to accomplish our mission, we have to increase revenue, contain expenses and fund depreciation, and build up a contingency fund. This working group is aggressively exploring several exciting opportunities that we will report on in the future.

◆ Institute best practices in our advancement division to ensure excellent stewardship of the generous gifts of our alumni and friends. To date, this has involved implementing a new customer relations management (CRM) system, and incorporating clear goals and performance metrics to increase alumni participation and dollars raised. My thanks go to Board member Sarah Hagen McWilliams '88 and her husband Bruce for taking a lead in helping to increase alumni participation by sponsoring a matching-gift initiative.

◆ Examine physical infrastructure issues to support other strategic priorities, including exploring space usage across campus and identifying highest-priority deferred maintenance.

In essence, while higher education is being impacted by powerful forces in the external environment, including a shrinking pool of high school graduates, increasingly price-sensitive families, a weak economy, and uncertain donor giving, I see remarkable opportunities through the IPBC to systematically engage in questions about our core purpose and mission with the full constellation of constituencies who care deeply about our success. It is truly an exciting time to work together to position Wittenberg for a brighter and more financially secure future.



“Students continue to be engaged in the world, in their community, and on campus.”

Passion and Purpose

I will find any opportunity I can to applaud our students. I learn daily from them, and it's essential that we continue to hear their voices as they seek to discover their own passion and purpose. With that in mind, I was pleased to see the campus come together again this April to celebrate student achievement.

During my inaugural planning, I requested that the steering committee consider an academically centered event, and the campus exceeded my expectations as it debuted the first-ever Liberal Arts in Action: A Celebration of Learning.

The event continued this year with more than 200 students presenting their research and talents. Intellectually curious and motivated by a deep sense of personal and social responsibility, our students are engaged in the world, in their community, and on campus, and I would like to share just a few other recent student highlights:

◆ Haley Beckett '14 just learned that she has received a Fulbright Scholarship for study in China this fall. Haley plans to examine how access to financial capital affects private entrepreneurial ventures. She follows in the footsteps of

Amy Stamon '13 and Craig Osterbrock '13, who each received a prestigious Fulbright Teaching Assistantship. Amy is currently teaching English in Spain, while Craig is teaching English in Brazil.

◆ Connor Ryan '13 earned a Boren Scholarship, a prestigious national award, and is currently spending a year studying Chinese with CET in Harbin, China. Connor also won a fully funded Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) from the U.S. Department of State for his intensive study of Chinese during his time at Wittenberg.

◆ Kevin To '13, Angela Houser '13, and Caroline Schmid '13, who were accepted to the JET program (The Japanese Exchange and Teaching Programme), are teaching English in Japan right now through the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit.

◆ Lisa Simpson '14 received the AAS Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award, the highest award in the field of astrophysics that a student can receive for a single presentation.

Yes, our students inspire me as they enjoy learning for learning's sake. This is the power of the liberal arts, and it's why an uncompromising commitment to student success must form the foundation of the Wittenberg experience for generations to come.

Active and Engaged

As I have witnessed repeatedly in my presidency, Wittenberg's active, engaged learning environment not only opens up a range of opportunities for students, but it proves attractive to prospective students and their families.

In the last admission cycle, in fact, Wittenberg welcomed 585 students, a nearly 10 percent

increase from the previous year. This is even more impressive considering that, according to a recent NACUBO study of nearly 400 private colleges, more than half of the peer institutions surveyed increased aid and still saw their freshman enrollment decline. This trend “was especially pronounced at baccalaureate institutions with enrollments of less than 4,000 with more than 83% of those seeing a decline in both freshman and overall enrollment.”

It is not insignificant that Wittenberg bucked this trend with the largest incoming freshman class and largest overall traditional enrollment in five years. We are anxious to see who our newest Tigers will be this fall.

Investing and Inspiration

Since the beginning of my presidency, I have been awed by the sheer passion and pride our alumni and friends have for Wittenberg. Many have contributed their time, talent, and treasure in support of our mission, and in ensuring that the next generation can experience it.

Because of our alumni and friends, additional scholarships for our students have been generated these last two years. Others have dedicated hours at college fairs and in helping us recruit the best and brightest. Certainly, Wittenberg would never see as many applications for admission as we do without the dedication of so many in our alumni and University community.

Our efforts this past year in the areas of retention and student success deserve a quick shout-out as well. We not only created the Center for Student



“We are reimagining Wittenberg to ensure that students are at the center of our consideration.”

Success, but we also appointed an associate dean and assistant provost to be even more intentional about providing our students with every level of support they need to succeed.

While ever mindful of the shifting college enrollment environment, we are hopeful that with the continued assistance from our alumni and friends, the recruitment strategy we have in place, and our intensive retention efforts, more students will be able to experience a Wittenberg education for themselves and then graduate with the skills and confidence to make their own impact on the world.

Athletics and Excellence

From the day I arrived, I have believed that athletics is a clear area of competitive advantage for Wittenberg, and I’m excited to welcome new Athletics Director Gary Williams, Ph.D., to advance our tradition even more. The University’s storied intercollegiate athletics program speaks to the energized campus environment, with 23 varsity teams and a growing number of intramural and club sports, including ice hockey and rugby.

The consistency with which many of our Tiger teams continue to achieve success is outstanding. The Tigers

have not lost a North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) regular season game in women’s lacrosse in three years; volleyball has won 19 of the last 25 NCAC titles; football has won four of the last five league titles and an NCAC-best 12 overall; men’s golf won its fifth straight NCAC title; and men’s basketball continues to lead all NCAA Division III programs in total victories and NCAA Tournament appearances.

On the scholar-athlete front, so many names come to mind that I would need a page to list them all. For now, though, I want to highlight the achievements of Kara Seidenstricker. In her first two years at Wittenberg, Kara has maintained a 3.99 grade point average while attaining a wide range of volleyball honors for our nationally ranked Tigers. Kara was the 2012 NCAA Division III Freshman of the Year, and she is already a two-time All-America honoree.

The success of our coaches and trainers is also impressive. Recently, Jeff Roope was named NCAC Men’s Golf Coach of the Year for a fifth straight year. He also earned NCAC Women’s Golf Coach of the Year for the first time. Paco Labrador has earned NCAC Volleyball Coach of the Year five times since 2006, including the 2013 season. Joe Fincham has earned NCAC Football Coach of the Year eight times since taking the reins in 1996, including the 2013 season.

Such excellence in athletics often speaks to the hearts of many of our supporters, as well.

I was honored to announce in 2013 that Wes and Ann Bates have committed to funding half of a new indoor athletics practice facility. I

am deeply grateful to Wes and Ann for their leadership gift and, at a time of profound anxiety in our country about the value of the traditional residential college experience, for their unshakable confidence in the strategic direction of the University.

Knowing that this facility reflects our mission of developing the whole person, including physical development, and that athletic and recreation participation reinforces a number of important skills and learning outcomes, Wes and Ann have stepped forward to ensure that their alma mater has one of the best facilities in the country for a university of our size.

I also wish to thank all the alumni and friends of the University who have made or are now considering making a gift in support of this important effort, given that it will provide an opportunity for Wittenberg to become more distinctive among NCAC member schools.

Leaders and Mentors

Our core enterprise at Wittenberg is and will always be teaching and learning. This was reinforced again this year as our own John Ritter, professor of geology, was named 2013 Ohio Professor of the Year. John's insistence on providing hands-on learning opportunities in the field and his commitment to student success have continued to inspire all of us, and we were proud to celebrate this accomplishment with him. I would encourage you to read his story in this issue of the *Wittenberg Magazine*.

John's honor continues Wittenberg's tradition of academic excellence as the University currently leads the state among four-year



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institutions in the number of professors who have earned Ohio Professor of the Year.

The University remains an academic leader on another front as well. In the last 13 years, Wittenberg faculty have received 17 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards, with Lauren Crane, associate professor of psychology and chair of East Asian Studies, earning the latest one in 2013. Lauren is currently studying in India. I have every confidence that she, like all those before her, will bring back new ideas and understanding, which will benefit students in her classroom and across campus.

Focused and Moving Forward

As I think about our future, I am encouraged and excited by what is yet to come. As 2014 continues to unfold, I expect that we, as an institution, will be able to convey Wittenberg's competitive advantages in new, dynamic, and compelling ways.

We will continue our focus on aspiring to excellence in engaged learning and our commitment to student success.

We will work to institutionalize mechanisms even more through the shared governance structure to ensure that we develop an integrated and inclusive approach to identify strategic priorities, allocate

institutional resources, and assess progress toward goals.

We will continue our efforts to create a sustainable financial model, one that builds on our mission and historic strengths.

We will leverage technology further in the delivery of our curriculum and expand our range of partnerships to address the needs of our community.

We will look to incorporate “best practices” across every division as we move toward a culture of continuous improvement and assessment of performance at every level.

Most importantly, we will insist that we are fully and completely mission-driven and student-centered.

I was asked recently why I applied for (and then accepted) a presidency at a liberal arts institution with all the daunting challenges facing such organizations. I responded this way: “I cannot imagine devoting my life to any more worthwhile endeavor given that our colleges and universities help students discover their passion and purpose in life.” In my experience, it is not uncommon for the work on our campuses to transform the lives of students, who go on to change the world for the better. Now, that is a cause worth sustaining.

As Wittenberg continues to move forward under my leadership, it will do so boldly, yet with a humbleness of heart. We will show moral courage, reflect entrepreneurial thinking, embrace our Lutheran heritage, serve humanity, and lead with laser-like vision, while always remaining true to our mission and values. This is our calling. This is our Wittenberg. Having light we pass it on to others. ■

As the latest faculty member to the earn the coveted Ohio Professor of the Year distinction, John Ritter devotes his life to active inquiry, applied learning, and every student's personal and professional success.

By Karen Gerboth '93. Photos by Erin Pence '04.

To hear Professor of Geology John Ritter talk about his childhood is to witness the liberal arts in action. One of 10 children (No. 6 he says with a shy smile), Ritter recalls with ease the frequent fossil-finding trips his mother often took him on near their home in Port Clinton, Ohio.

"To walk across an extensive bed of trilobites just to collect a few was astounding," Ritter remembers of one such mother-son adventure. "My mom was very interested in science, and she always made sure to spend time with each one of us trying to figure out our individual interests and gifts."



Teaching Excellence

The process of discovery extended into other facets of the Ritter home. Whether it was voraciously reading or doing chores, biking 5.5 miles to wash dishes for a part-time job or baking with his father, Ritter grew up in a hands-on learning environment, where discovering something new defined many of his days.

“I remember stopping at the Chase Park Hotel in St. Louis once because Dad had always thought it made the best cheesecake from his days in medical school. We sat in the parking lot while he tried it. He then would spend several years trying to replicate the taste. The same with Fritos, plum pudding, bagels – always trying to master the taste.”

Perhaps it’s the “tasting” of life that has since led Ritter to inspire generations of students to lead their own lives of active inquiry as they solve pressing problems close to home and around the world.

“I am in a profession where students can learn science by doing science, getting their hands dirty working on real problems,” Ritter says. “Teaching goes way beyond the classroom in my field. ‘Hands-on experience’ is literal in geology, and I thrive at creating opportunities for students to examine real problems, collect data with the tools that geologists and environmental scientists use, and propose solutions that can be acted upon.”

Nominated for the Ohio Professor of the Year award by faculty colleagues, university administrators and students, Ritter, who said he is “both honored and humbled by the recognition,” specializes in geomorphology and environmental geology. For a brief time, Ritter originally considered a career in industry after completing his master’s degree, but his interest quickly turned to teaching and research as he enjoyed graduate school

Restoring Springfield’s Buck Creek has been one of several community initiatives Ritter has encouraged and inspired his students to research and take an active role in preserving.





so much. His mentor at Penn State, Tom Gardner, also inspired him to pursue this path.

"Tom was the mentor to me that I hoped to be for my students," says Ritter, noting that if not for Tom, he might not be at Wittenberg.

"Back then, jobs were posted on a bulletin board, and Tom pointed at the one for Wittenberg. The deadline was the next day," Ritter remembers. "I had never FedEx'd anything in my life until then."

And Wittenberg is thankful he did as are the students he has mentored throughout his 24-year tenure.

Following the announcement of his Ohio Professor of the Year award, Ritter received hundreds of congratulatory notes and emails, many from alumni, as well as a special delivery of homemade honey from Isaac Barnes '99.

"Dr. Ritter involves himself as much as possible in the lives of his students," Barnes

SHOUT-OUTS

■ Thanks to the generosity of Wittenberg geology alumni, a new student-centered professional development fund has been established to support Wittenberg's mission, recruitment efforts, and student success. Called the Geology Alumni Fund for Student Development, the fund serves to assist in recruiting geology majors and support their growth into professional geologists during their time on campus. The fund provides financial awards to increase access to learning experiences beyond the curriculum, including, but not limited to, research projects, professional meetings, distant internship sites, workshops or summer field camps, which serve to prepare majors for the next phase of their post-graduate geology studies or immediate job placement.

■ Wittenberg's geology program was nationally endorsed by peers in the American Geological Society for its emphasis on applied teaching. The program was also recently highlighted in the Dayton Daily News, which noted that "the need for geologists is growing across the nation. The industry was expected to add 7,100 between 2010 and 2020, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That 21 percent growth is faster than the average field."

■ Sponsored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the U.S. Professor of the Year program is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate education. Since the program's founding in 1981, Wittenberg has led the state among four-year institutions in the number of professors receiving the Ohio Professor of the Year honor with Ritter's recognition occurring in November 2013.

"Teaching goes way beyond the classroom in my field."

says, "and he never forgets a name. He believes in your potential, and I know I strove to aspire to what he thought I could be."

Other students point out how Ritter attends their activities and sporting events, invites them into his home regularly for dinner, helps them land internships or just takes time to chat in the hallway.

"Wittenberg is small enough and our students so genuine that meaningful relationships develop between faculty and students, which last much longer than the student's time at Wittenberg," Ritter explains. "These relationships are probably my favorite part of teaching here."

His love of teaching and his commitment to students also benefit Springfield, where Ritter routinely uses the area's community resources to engage his students in collaborative research – something that became even more meaningful following a diagnosis of thyroid cancer in 2003.

Before that, Ritter, whose cancer is now being actively managed, often spent summers conducting research with students out west. Having to be in Ohio for treatment, however, allowed him to learn even more about the needs of his own hometown.

From evaluating the potential for a stream resource overlay district for county land use planning to studying urban wetland function to helping restore Springfield's own Buck Creek, Ritter and his students are able to make a difference locally as they take the content from his courses and apply it in practical ways.

"Becoming a part of a community and being active in it allows you and the community to grow," says Ritter, who

serves in several leadership capacities, including on the board of the Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tecumseh Land Trust, as well as an expert consultant/researcher on multiple projects.

"I have a real sense of fulfillment when I consider the collaboration I have enjoyed with members of the Springfield and Clark County community, and I hope my students do, too," Ritter says. "Though our impact on the science is modest, our lasting impact on the community can be significant."

Listening to him explain his favorite course, Geology 112, the Hydrologic Cycle, makes his impact in the classroom equally evident.

"It's a general education course taught to non-science students that satisfies Wittenberg's Natural World learning goal, which states that 'students should gain an understanding of the natural world through scientific inquiry,'" he says.

As part of the course, students construct their knowledge of the hydrologic cycle "by collecting and analyzing data on water locally and regionally, utilizing the campus environment, parks and public lands, and private lands to study rainfall, soil moisture, infiltration and runoff, groundwater and caves, and streams and streamflow."

In essence, the course helps students shift the notion of content delivery to active inquiry, teaching them in the process to think like a scientist would think.

"Students need to be able to go outside the textbook," Ritter says. "We are all stewards of our environment, and I want my students to be able to evaluate life decisions more critically because life is hardly ever in a textbook." ■

Rundown on Ritter

Family: Married to Debbie Ritter, former associate director in admission. Two children, Daniel, 16, and Mary Grace, 13.

Education:

B.S. Geosciences, Honors, Pennsylvania State University

M.S. Geology, University of New Mexico

Ph.D. Geosciences, The Pennsylvania State University

Academic Awards and Honors:

Ohio Professor of the Year

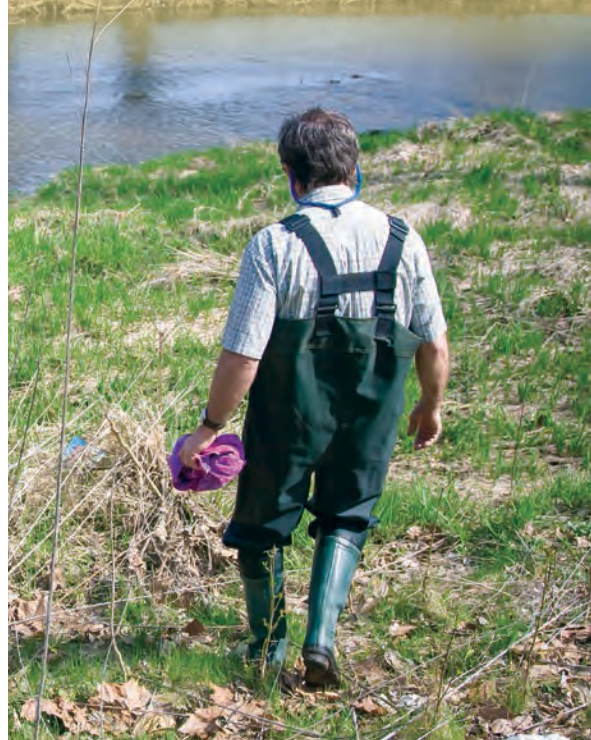
Fulbright Scholar to Trinidad and Tobago

Omicron Delta Kappa Excellence in Teaching Award

Edith B. and Frank C. Matthies Award

Hobbies: Baking, reading, camping, hiking

Funded Education Grants: Enhancing Student Learning through Active Inquiry in Field Hydrology, \$15,811 from NSF-ILI; GIS Instruction and Application at Wittenberg University: Extending a Multidisciplinary Technology across a Liberal Arts Curriculum, \$93,974 from NSF-CCLI; Baseline Data Collection for a Clark County Stream Resource Protection Program, \$6,275 from ODNR Division of Water and Soil; Buck Creek Educational Corridor Monitoring Equipment, \$72,000 from Springfield Conservancy District; Buck Creek Educational Corridor Teacher Workshop (w/ Hagen Center for Civic & Urban Engagement), \$16,325 from Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.





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Wittenberg's own study-abroad program offers students the chance to connect with the university's Lutheran heritage and gain international work experience.

By Leigh Hall '13

Katherine Touzinsky '12 always dreamed of studying abroad, but the biology major from Columbus, Ohio, thought her coursework and busy lab schedule would never allow it – until she heard about the Wittenberg in Wittenberg program, a semester-long study-abroad opportunity in Germany in which science majors could work with a local engineering company that designed environmentally focused innovative technology solutions.

"It was far outside of my realm of experience, but for a study-abroad experience, it was exactly what I was looking for," she recalls. "As soon as I learned about the internship, I decided to commit to a semester in Germany."

Once she arrived in Wittenberg's sister city, however, Touzinsky found out that her initial internship plans fell through due to changes at the company. Instead, the program manager had secured an incredible position for her at the German Biomass Research Center (DBFZ), a federally funded laboratory dedicated to integrating biomass as a resource for sustainable energy supply.

"It was extremely intimidating to walk into a federal lab for the first time and be handed a white lab coat and gloves and be expected to contribute toward valuable research," Touzinsky recalls. "There was palpable energy and motivation in the halls – the kind of energy that can be gained from working on truly groundbreaking research to find solutions that are going to extend the life of our planet and improve our children's lives. When I was first handed a pipette and asked to measure and fill capsules for culturing bacteria, I completely forgot how to use it. It took me a few minutes to regain my composure and remind myself that I'd learned this all before in my classroom labs at Wittenberg, and that I knew how to do each and every one of these laboratory assays. I picked up the

pipette and got to work."

Since 2011, the university's Wittenberg in Wittenberg program has enabled students like Touzinsky to experience groundbreaking opportunities and extend their first-rate liberal arts education in the heart of Germany.

After the city of Lutherstadt Wittenberg spent much of the 1990s renovating old university buildings, the Lord Mayor visited Wittenberg University, inviting the school to encourage students to spend more time there in an effort to rejuvenate its historic reputation as one of the most celebrated academic centers in Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries.

"We had this window of opportunity to devote something for not just German students," said Tim Bennett, professor of German and chair of the department of languages. "Any student can go, and any faculty can go. This is our heritage, and we realized that everyone needs this sort of crossing-the-border moment."

With immeasurable support from the city, the university developed its own distinctive study-abroad opportunity, designed to be academically and financially accessible. From there, the Wittenberg in Wittenberg program



WITTENBERG

Unique international program in university's sister city redefines applied learning





was born. Each spring semester since 2011, a group of students and a faculty member from Wittenberg University have studied, worked and lived in Lutherstadt Wittenberg.

Unlike most study-abroad opportunities, Wittenberg's program offers tuition exchange, which allows students to maintain all of their financial aid while studying at Colleg Wittenberg, taking rigorous language courses from Universtät Halle-Wittenberg professors

and intensive culture courses from their Wittenberg professor. With no foreign language prerequisites, the program enables students from all disciplines to participate. So far 20 out of Wittenberg's 31 majors have been represented.

Those who participate undergo a rich cultural immersion throughout their stay, the quality and depth of which is evidenced by the unparalleled access and opportunities students have as they explore Wittenberg's Lutheran heritage,

grow as responsible global citizens, discover their callings and pursue their passions.

"The history of Lutherstadt Wittenberg is, in a way, the history of Wittenberg University," explains Jon Drewsen '14 from Fond du Lac, Wis. "To offer a relationship between city and college to the students and to grant students the opportunity to explore the roots of its namesake is a learning experience no other study-abroad program from any other university can offer. Studying in Lutherstadt Wittenberg is truly a Wittenberg experience."

Eagerly welcomed each year by the city and introduced to new Wittenberg cultures and traditions, it's no wonder students quickly feel at home more than 4,000 miles from campus.

"The fact that these complete strangers, whom I could barely communicate with, welcomed me into their home and treated me as family touched me in a way that I will never forget," said Virginia Bond '14 from Germantown, Ohio. "It encompassed the same feeling I felt coming to Wittenberg my freshman year."

According to Dave Barry, professor of languages, the school's heritage and foundation in Wittenberg makes the depth of this "astonishing experience" and connection with German citizens possible.

"What drives it is that there's something particularly dear to them that they're working with people from Wittenberg University," he explains.

Not only are students enthusiastically welcomed to spend time with host families and travel throughout the region, but they are also welcomed to various internship sites, including the Mayor's office, Unilever, the Center for Global Ethics, local artisan workshops, travel agencies, family businesses, medical and research labs, and the local news stations. Future educators, who are able to navigate rigid academic requirements through this program, experience exceptional internships in German schools; those in a pre-law track work in German courtrooms; those in a pre-med track conduct research in German hospitals, and the list continues. From these opportunities, students gain professional



enrichment that prepares them for challenging and exciting vocations.

For Touzinsky, her internship experience at DBFZ was life-changing; it sparked an interest in sustainability and interdisciplinary problems as she gained confidence in her abilities and pride in her Wittenberg education, which prepared her to contribute to an interdisciplinary team comprised of engineers, biologists, chemists, economists and social scientists.

After graduating in 2012, Touzinsky accepted a graduate fellowship in an interdisciplinary Ecological Sciences and Engineering program at Purdue University, learning how to think about and tackle tough problems such as climate change, resource depletion, and water resource issues. In 2013, she chaired a symposium that brought representatives from academia, government, and private industry to discuss a future plan for economic and environmental sustainability.

Now Touzinsky is working in Washington D.C., for the Knauss Marine

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Policy Fellowship, sponsored through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Placed with the Army Corps of Engineers, one of the world’s largest public engineering, design, and construction management agencies, Touzinsky acts as a technical advisor for the director of Civil Works Research and Development, a role that provides her the chance to see some of the leading green infrastructure and engineering projects from across the nation.

“The opportunities that I have had thus far have been remarkable. I never could have dreamed that my passions would lead me to Washington, D.C., and that the Army Corps would be a dream job. I truly believe that most of my success can be attributed to the lessons I learned during that last-minute decision to go to Germany. If you see something that you want to try, roll up your sleeves, put on your gloves, and dig in.” ■

Outside *the* Box

World-famous architect Shoji Yoh '66
lives the liberal arts as he draws on
interests in economics, art and natural
phenomena as building blocks for design.

By Leigh Hall '13



“The synchronization and harmony of man, nature,

Travel along the coast of Fukuoka, Japan, away from the bustling megalopolis of Tokyo, and one structure rises above the rest: a glass house, suspended 140 meters above sea level. Jutting from the cliff and balancing on the horizon, the glass house is home to one of the world's leading architects, Shoji Yoh.

Described as one of the "most motivating architects of Japan," Yoh has inspired the world for more than three decades with his innovative designs, which promote harmony between nature and humanity.

Yoh's connection to Wittenberg University began at age 12, when an alumnus taught a class at his junior high school in Kumamoto City, Japan. Years later, while studying economics at Keio Gijuku University of Tokyo, Yoh crossed paths with several more alumni who knew Don Dunifon, the late professor of art and an expert in architectural restoration and interior design.

"The reason why I came to the states was that when I was working in Tokyo, I was struck by interior design," Yoh explains. "And I hated architects because architects always say, 'This is the regulation, this is the budget. So limited.'

That's what they always say. So there's no freedom or liberty to design. But design has no limit, I thought at the time. I wanted to be an interior designer first of all."

The summer after graduating with a B.A. in economics, Yoh pursued additional studies in fine and applied arts at Wittenberg, where he was influenced by the work of another professor of art, the late Ralston Thompson. Under the direction of Dunifon and Thompson, Yoh leveraged his liberal arts experiences, which opened the door for a productive career as one of the forerunners of digital architecture.



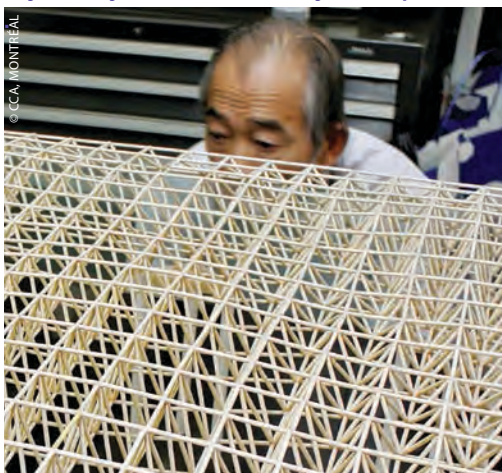
re and technology is the basis of all of my projects."

Outside the Box

“Thus it was at Wittenberg where an economist met an interior designer and a fine artist,” Yoh recalls. “I seldom have the opportunity to talk about Wittenberg, but I proudly announce that I majored in economics at Keio University and in fine and applied arts at Wittenberg because I have never been educated to be an architect. It is an unbelievable to be one of the four founding architects of digital architecture in the world since the 1980s. I would tell others that my odyssey of 60 years has been fortunate to be a part of Wittenberg.”

After working as a city economist, Yoh set up his agency, Shoei Yoh + Architects, in Fukuoka in 1970. Drawing inspiration from Modernists such as Philip Johnson, founder of the Department of Art and Architecture at the Museum of Modern Art, and Mies van der Rohe, who both designed glass houses, Yoh’s signature style blends glass and steel, form and function into contemporary

Shoei Yoh looking at the model for Galaxy Toyama, Gymnasium, Imizu, Toyama, Japan, 2012



Yoh received an honorary degree from Wittenberg in 2007.

structures known for uniting indoor and outdoor environments.

“The synchronization and harmony of man, nature and technology is the basis of all of my projects,” he explains in an interview for the Canadian Center for Architecture. “Whatever we do, we are surrounded by nature, and nature is economical. Artificial things are unnatural. Artificial means we are asking for the easier way. But nature does not waste.”

In the late 1980s, Yoh experimented with wooden structures to understand how to translate the design of natural phenomena into numerical data. With his background in using computers to make economic predictions, he introduced computers to calculate the effects of stress on structures, enabling him to minimize the use of materials.

When tasked with his first public building project, the Oguni Dome, Yoh’s budget restrictions made wood the most reasonable building material, but the government prohibited building wooden structures larger than 3,000 square meters because the safety had never been calculated. Using computers, Yoh designed and tested the dome’s primary feature, curved timber trusses in a space grid.

“The computer helps make all kinds of different shapes, so production cost doesn’t exceed our budget,” Yoh explains. “We tested the connection of wood and steel with epoxy-filling interface to

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transmit forces. Then we could start calculation for structural analysis by computer for the first time to obtain the official approval. It took us three years. The Oguni Dome (1987) received an award in Japan as well as in Germany.”

Merging his background in economics and design, Yoh’s innovation brought choice back into architecture, allowing him to realize his philosophy that design has no limits.

“Design does not mean that there is only one solution, but unlimited, diverse solutions to be found and selected individually. In architecture, I wonder if there are any obstacles to overcome. I do not see obstacles concerning structural materials such as steel, concrete, wood and bamboo. All the possibilities are in our hands,” he explains.

Yoh’s favorite works, which are both elegant and astonishing, exemplify his dedication to thinking differently about how structures respond to natural phenomena. His glass cube coffee house, Ingot, for example, emerges from the ground with a “non-architectural ambience as it responds to the surrounding environment,” while Stainless Steel House with Light Lattice “performs a silent symphony as the daylight transits through all day long, year round.” Along with Yoh’s home, Another Glass House Between Sea and Sky, which has been growing together with its surrounding cherry trees for more than 20 years, Yoh’s works demonstrate his unique spirit of exploration and foster an appreciation for architecture that collaborates with nature.

As one ArcProspect International Foundation writer observes about Yoh’s influence, “Following his passions in response to the natural phenomena, we will find something that stimulates and invites us to consider the solution of certain unknowns, to travel unexplored paths, to discover something new, and to think differently.”

Believing in infinite possibilities, Yoh finds motivation to seek out new solutions for design and to continually rediscover the world from new vantage points.

“Ignorance helps me climb up a mountain as high as possible, to look around, and to find that a peak and a water fountain is a river flowing all the way down to sea.” ■



Winner of multiple awards for his creations, including the IAKS Award for 1993 Gold Medal, Mainichi Design Award, The JIA Awards for Best Young Architects of the Year, and the Japan Interior Designers Association Award, Yoh was also a finalist for the Benedictus Award in 1994. Currently, the owner/representative of Shoji Yoh + Architects in Fukuoka, Japan, Yoh is also the Chairship Professor of Architecture and Urban Design at Keio University Graduate School of Media and Governance. In addition, he served as a visiting professor at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture and is the author of numerous publications, including *The Form and Esprit of His World*, *Ambient Design Matrix* and *Kataribe Bunko*.

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Robert L. Reis and his wife, Judy, are spending their retirement traveling to the Canadian Maritime provinces, the Swiss and Italian Alps, Hungary, Austria, the Czech Republic, and Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy. Their most recent travels included Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; and Vancouver, Canada.

'64

The Rev. **Ralph W. '64S** and **Sarah "Sallie" Crawford Spears '64** celebrated their 51st anniversary in June. He is pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, an inner-city congregation in Indianapolis, Ind., and president of The Lutheran Ministerium and Synod-USA, a conservative national Lutheran body. Sallie serves as organist to the congregation.

John H. Weinberg retired from his position as a National Park Service ranger. After retiring from the Lutheran Church in America and four parishes in Minnesota, he began his second career as a ranger

at Crater Lake in Oregon in 2000. He then moved back to Minnesota, where he worked until 2012 at the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway. He now lives in Tampa Palms, Fla.

'67

James J. Lakso, professor emeritus of Juniata College, was honored by the college and former students when Juniata raised almost \$1 million to create the James J. Lakso Endowment for Faculty Excellence, which will provide annual funding for faculty development. The college also named its recently established teaching center the James J. Lakso Center for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. During his career as a professor and administrator, he has received numerous awards for academic service.

'68

William A. Janson, president and CEO at The Pines at Whiting, a full-continuing care retirement community, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by LeadingAge New Jersey for his lifetime passion for and



Gamma Phis Pam Neely '70, Linda Porter Visosky '70, Jan Vantilburg Morrison '69, Gail Fuller Demattio '70, Pam Tuke Zeck '70 and Janet Frye Benedict '70 gathered at Neely's summer home in Lake Leann, Mich., for the 20th annual reunion of the Sugar Pack Open.

accomplishments in mission-based, non-profit work serving seniors.

Paradigm Management Corp. in Dayton, Ohio, has hired **Rodney L. Miller** as a contract CFO.

Barbara J. Stenross earned a 2012 C. Knox Massey Distinguished Service Award before retiring from her position as an academic adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

'69

Mitchell E. Ayer, an attorney with Thompson & Knight LLP in Houston, Texas, has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014.

Melva Treffinger Graham is semi-retired after 42 years of church music performance and teaching in Canada. While at Grace Church on-the-Hill in Toronto, she accompanied her choirs, which performed on tour in many American cities as well as Great Britain and Ireland. The copy editor for the 1998 hymn book of the Anglican Church of Canada, *Common Praise*, she currently is creating an all-ages choral program at the Anglican Church of St. John the Baptist, Norway in Toronto's east end.

Barbara Wiler McVicker's PBS-TV Special *Stuck in the Middle: Caring for Mom and Dad* aired last spring around

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the country. McVicker is an eldercare expert, author and national speaker.

Jeffrey J. Tarbert has retired as senior vice president of member services for American Public Power Association (APPA) and now serves as executive consultant to the organization.

'74

John T. Carpenter III married Robin Morley in December 2011. He lives in Morganton, N.C., and has retired after 30 years working as a consultant in the worker's compensation industry. He is actively involved in the Carolina Shag and the Morganton Elks Lodge.

David M. Siegel, FAICP, Portland, Ore., is a senior project manager with Leland Consulting Group, where he focuses on community planning and development strategy. The former national president for the American Planning Association (APA), he was elected to APA's American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) College of Fellows.

'75

Jack A. Efta, umpires-room attendant at Progressive Field in Cleveland, Ohio, was featured in a cleveland.com video about his method for preparing Major League Baseball baseballs for the Cleveland Indians' games. The process involves rubbing each baseball – nine dozen for the average nine-inning game – with a special mud to remove the gloss and provide for a better grip. He assumed his responsibilities in 1995 when he took over for his father.

'77

Peter A. Loeffler is managing director and head of global financial institutions for Fifth Third Bank, headquartered in Cincinnati. He lives in Covington, Ky.

Jeanine Hurley '86, Sarah Donley '87, Tami Rakestraw Lee '90, Renee Slaw '90, Amy Heaney Phillips '90, Christine Gosnell Brill '92, Susan Sechrest Sandberg '91, Margaret Williams Blount '88 and Kristen Smith Lott '90 gathered in July for an Alpha Xi reunion in Myrtle Beach.



Barry A. Zulauf '79 is the Office of the Director of National Intelligence Chair at National Intelligence University.

Julie Klink Ray has relocated from Austin, Texas, to Indianapolis, Ind. She is an esthetician at Woodhouse Day Spa in Carmel, Ind.

'78

Kurt R. Keener is the head coach of the boys' basketball team at Desert Mountain High School in Scottsdale, Ariz.

A revised and expanded version of **Richard L. Kennedy's** 1994 book *Jelly Roll, Bix and Hoagy* has been published. The book is the tale of Gennett

Records, a small-town record label that documented the birth of America's grassroots music: classic jazz, "old-time" and classic blues.

'79

Lerner Publishing Group has published **Tanya West Dean's** book *Tillie Pierce: Teen Eyewitness to the Battle of Gettysburg*. Written under her pseudonym Tanya Anderson, the book tells the story of a teenage girl who finds herself trapped during the bloody three-day battle of 1863 and whose courage and compassion help save the lives of countless wounded Union and Confederate Soldiers.

Daniel P. Marty, Valley City, Ohio, is engineering manager at Diamond Products Inc., a multinational manufacturer of diamond tools and cutting equipment headquartered in Elyria, Ohio.

Barry A. Zulauf is the Office of the Director of National Intelligence Chair at National Intelligence University. He recently was named the



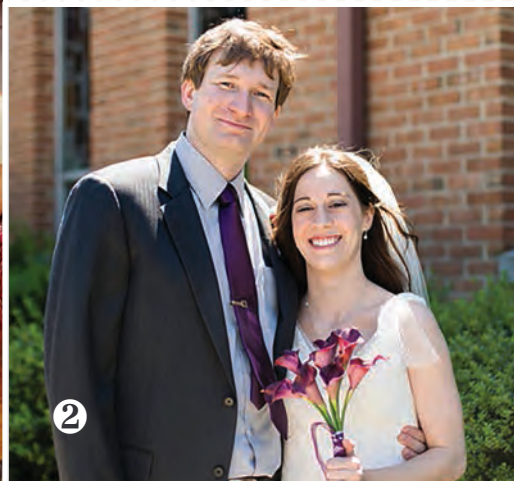


WEDDINGS



Photos this page: 1 Kathryn Houchens '05 married Jeff Schaefer on Sept. 29, 2012. 2 Roberta Rowland-Raybold '04 and Nicholas Cosentino were married on Feb. 18, 2013. The couple lives in Little River, S.C. 3 Adrienne Smith '01 and Josh Klein, were married on July 19, 2012. 4 Lauren Wilson '06 married Aaron Millisor on Sept. 22, 2012. The couple lives in Denver, Colo. 5 Amanda Elliott '06 and Matthew Inman were married on Feb. 26, 2010. 6 Cassie J. Bick married Jeff Whitehouse on June 8, 2013 (see larger photo on facing page). Class of '05 attendees included Branden and Debby Muller Fisher, Emily Wendt, Erin Weller and Melanie Boss. 7 Stacy Bishop '01 and Chris Fike '00 were married on Aug. 3, 2013. Lori Tisher '01 officiated the ceremony.





Photos this page: 1 Kristian Kovacs '09 and Zach Grizzell with the alumni who attended their wedding on Sept. 4, 2011. (Inset: Kristian and some of her sorority sisters.) 2 Karl Schmitt '06 and Allison Waite were married on May 25, 2013. 3 Cassie J. Bick married Jeff Whitehouse on June 8, 2013; Chandley Schilderink '02, Kate McNulty '02, Brian Weinbrecht '01, Heather Kalista '02, Tim Davis '01, Lorraine Matthews '01, Natasha Mapp '02, Meloni Waller '01 and Joe Bick '73, father of the bride, were in attendance. 4 A large crowd of alumni, staff and professor emeriti attended the wedding of Amanda Marenchin '10 and Steven Wolgast '08 on Aug. 13, 2011, officiated by Pastor Sanford Mitchell '64. 5 Marisa Pechawer '11 married Alex Burwell '11 March 9, 2013, with 41 alumni joining the celebration. 6 Shannon Howe '04 married Wesley McLendon April 21, 2013.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS UNDERWAY

Looking for another way to get involved with Wittenberg and fellow alumni? Join a newly formed alumni chapter.

Designed to provide alumni, parents, and current students the opportunity to engage with other alumni, faculty, and administrators through social, educational, and service-oriented events, the nine chapters, created by the Office of Alumni Relations, also help increase the university's visibility.

From a Cincinnati Reds' game to beer tasting at a local New York brewery to conversations with the latest Ohio Professor of the Year John Ritter, chapter events provide an opportunity for alumni to network and reunite.

Ashley Petersen Harriman '07, who attended the Indianapolis "Happy Hour with the Symphony," said, "The events and planning have been a great way to reconnect with old friends in a new city, and they give me a good excuse to try new things around town."

The Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter and its leadership coordinators, Geoff McGovern '02 and Megan Foradori '02, annually leverage local summer concerts in Mellon Park to engage alumni. Chicago recently organized a roundtable discussion with alumni, board members, and Andrew Steele '10, chapter president.



"It was great for younger alumni to connect to those who have been in Chicago for years now," Steele said.

Ryan Uhle '11, a member of the Columbus alumni chapter, hopes to see fundraising components added to chapter events as well. "There has been a large attendance by the young alumni at the events, so the university could use this as a way to seek donations from recent alumni."

The Springfield Alumni Chapter has already established a scholarship for current students living in the area. Cincinnati followed suit this spring (see photo), and other chapters are looking to launch similar initiatives.

Additionally, chapters often plan service events to help their communities. The Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, for example, partnered last fall with the

non-profit organization Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for its service event, and the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter is looking to do the same. The Indianapolis Chapter hosted two events with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

"I'd like to see if we can find a family-friendly service project for the chapter. 'Passing the light' is such a big part of what makes Wittenberg great, and I'd love to bring that helping spirit to the city we all love," Fedori said.

Ditto for the Chicago chapter. "In the next year, we really want to focus on service and giving back," Steele said.

Jonathan Felter '07, Chicago chapter president, agrees and hopes to do even more. In addition to increasing membership from the Chicago area, Felter is excited about establishing the Wittenberg Chicago Alumni Chapter Scholarship to benefit a current Wittenberg student from Chicago and about connecting with current seniors looking to start their careers in the Windy City.

"Our job as the chapter leadership team is to help reconnect old friends and classmates, but also establish new relationships, both professional and social."

"At Wittenberg, we were taught the values of service and community involvement," Steele added. "We want to continue to pass our light to others."

director of the Leadership and Management of the Intelligence Community Certificate Program. In this role, he provides future leaders of the intelligence community with the skills they will need to meet 21st-century threats.

'80

Wayne E. Southward has been named as a partner at Martin, Browne, Hull & Harper P.L.L., Springfield, Ohio. His legal practice is centered on real estate, and he oversees the work of Martin Browne's title agency, Bankers' Title.

After 23 years, **R. Michael Vannett** has retired from his position of athletics director at Bowling Green High School. Since 2002, he also was the school's dean of students, and prior to that, he was the Bobcats' boys' basketball coach.

'81

James F. George Jr. is director of clinical and basic science research in Transplantation and Cardiothoracic Surgery at The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

After serving as its director of operations and education since 2004, **Robyn L. Zimmann** has been named executive director of the Springfield (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra.

'82

Alicia Sweet Hupp, president and CEO of Sweet Manufacturing, was inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame on May 16, 2013, in Springfield, Ohio.

Andrew A. Nyblade, a geosciences professor in Penn State's College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, has been elected as a fellow of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) for making outstanding contributions toward understanding the structure



Eric Rusnak '00 and Professor of Sociology Jerry Pankhurst visited the Department for International Students at Pskov State University in Pskov, Russia, on their way from Tartu, Estonia, to St. Petersburg in June 2013.

and dynamics of the mantle beneath the African continent. The founder and director of the AfricaArray initiative, which supports collaborative work in the geosciences in Africa, he received Penn State's Diversity Recognition Award in 2009 and the Paul G. Silver Award from AGU in 2012 for outstanding scientific service.

'83

William M. Demarest has been promoted to account procurement manager for Xerox Business Services LLC in Orlando, Fla.

David J. LaRue, president and CEO of Forest City Enterprises

Inc., has been elected by the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Shopping Centers to serve as the association's chairman for the 2013-2014 term.

Lt. Gov. of Illinois **Sheila J. Simon** gave the keynote address at the second annual Women in Leadership Luncheon at Wittenberg in September. In May, she presented the commencement address at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, Ill.

'84

Marilyn L. Matevia works for the Humane Society of the United States, as a web manager of AltTox.org, and as a science writer for the recently launched humantoxicologyproject.org.

Matthew R. Shay '13H, president and CEO of the National Retail Federation, has joined the board of directors of Good360, a nonprofit pioneer in product giving located in Alexandria, Va.

'86

Kurtis R. Kneen has been promoted to vice president of the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International's Global Laboratories. He oversees all of NSF's chemistry, microbiology and engineering laboratories throughout the United States, Europe, South America and China, as well as NSF's Applied Research Center.

Tamara B. Lipke, Rochester, N.Y., earned her doctorate in education from the University of Rochester on May 18, 2013. She is the assistant superintendent for school and district accountability in the West Irondequoit Central School District.

'87

Kurt A. Kaufman was appointed to the Ohio Board of Regents by Gov. John Kasich in May. An attorney who has owned and managed Kaufman Law Office in Lima, Ohio, for 16 years, he lives in Waynesfield with his wife, Natasha, and two sons.

'88

Dr. **Stanley D. Drabik** has opened a second office in his Rochester, N.Y., area orthodontics practice. Located in Gates, the office is decorated like an Adirondack lodge to help patients feel comfortable during their treatment.

Jeffrey T. Reel has been promoted to vice president and general counsel of the ATP World Tour, the governing body of the men's professional tennis circuit, which is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

'89

William D. Edwards has been named practice group leader of Ulmer & Berne LLP's Employment & Labor practice. A partner in the firm's Cleveland, Ohio, office, he represents employers in a wide range of employment claims both in and out of the courtroom throughout the United States.

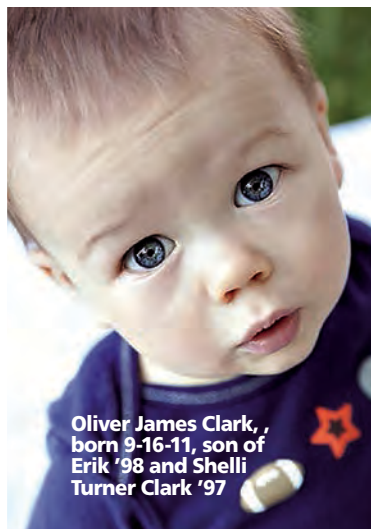
Lisa Sammetinger Schillinger and her husband, James, welcomed their third child, James Michael, on Jan. 26, 2012. Lisa is a senior graphic designer for *The Tampa Tribune/TBO.com* in Tampa, Fla.

Melissa Hollenbacher Smith, candidate developer with Progressive Insurance, has been selected as one of the Top 10 Talent Warriors, an award that honors the year's most innovative social recruiting leaders. She was selected from more than 300 human resources and recruiting professionals who were nominated and applied for the award. She is engaged fully within the social media space and continuously tries new strategies and approaches to connect with a diverse group of talent.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE POSTCARD PROJECT A SUCCESS

The Office of Alumni Relations wishes to thank everyone who participated in Wittenberg's first-ever Postcard Project to benefit admission. Using provided postcards of Wittenberg, alumni from across the country wrote personalized messages to accepted students.

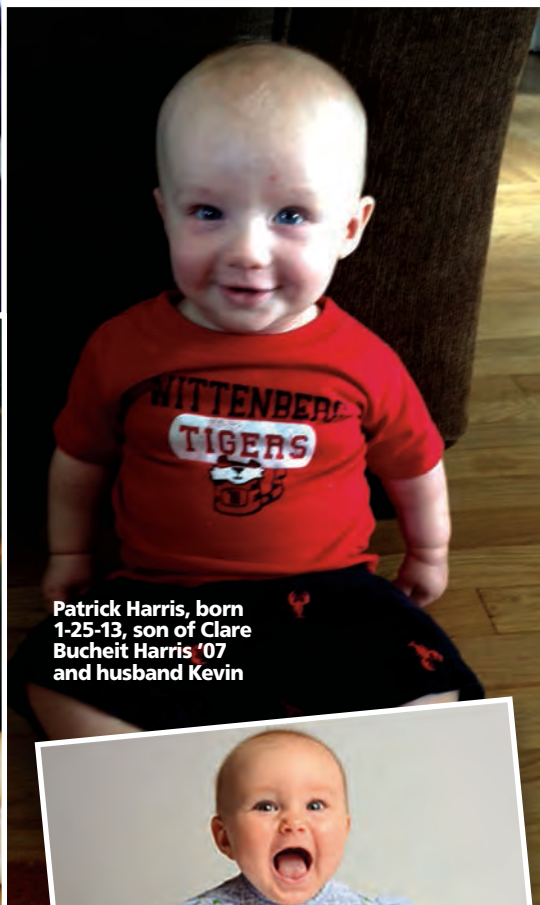
LIL TIGERS



Oliver James Clark, born 9-16-11, son of Erik '98 and Shelli Turner Clark '97



Benjamin Willis Hissrich, born 3-9-13, son of Lauren Schmidt Hissrich '00 and husband Michael,



Patrick Harris, born 1-25-13, son of Clare Bucheit Harris '07 and husband Kevin



June Katherine Wilmer, born 4-25-13, daughter of Jennifer Way '97 and Daniel Wilmer



Katherine Clare Slemmer, born 1-12-13, daughter of Suzanne Clare '91 and husband David Slemmer



James Michael Schillinger, born 1-26-12, son of Lisa Sammetinger Schillinger '89 and husband James



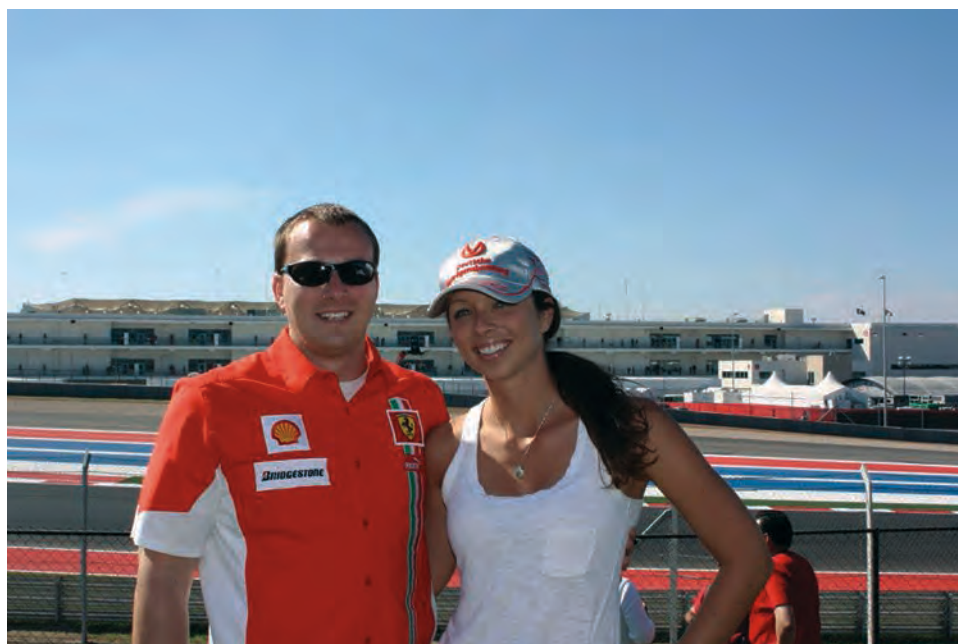
William Alfred Bretherton, born 5-9-13, son of Stacy Rastauskas '98 and husband Stephen Bretherton

Class of '04 alumni
Alexander F. and Jessica
Forsberg Berger attended
a Formula One race in
Austin, Texas.

'90

Gregory J. Reck, lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Special Forces, is serving in Uganda as the deputy commanding officer for the AFRICOM Counter-Lord's Resistance Army Command Element.

Martin O. Zimmann is co-pastor of the English-speaking congregation at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the Old City of Jerusalem and special assistant to Bishop Munib Younan, the president of the Lutheran World Federation. He lives in East Jerusalem on the Mt. of Olives with his wife, Angela, and two children, Seth and Chelsea.



also is serving a two-year term as president of the Chicago Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience, an international scientific organization.

Jeffery L. Miller is an international tax partner/principal at the global professional services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers in San Francisco. He lives in Walnut

Creek, Calif., with his two sons, Nathan and Jonathan.

'91

Suzanne R. Clare and her husband, David Slemmer, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Clare Slemmer, on Jan. 12, 2013. Suzanne is a director of global client development with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited. They live in New York City.

Kenneth N. Cukier, data editor of *The Economist*, presented the keynote address "Trust, Betrayal, and Edward Snowden" at Wittenberg's Opening Convocation and the first event in the 2013-14 Wittenberg Series. The co-author of the New York Times Bestseller *Big Data: A Revolution That Will Transform How We Live, Work, and Think*, he has been featured as a commentator for CBS, CNN, NPR and the BBC.

Shubhik K. DebBurman, Lake Bluff, Ill., was promoted to full professor of biology at Lake Forest College in 2012 and is chair of the college's neuroscience program. He

REMEMBERING THEIR DAUGHTER



Melissa Montag '97 died unexpectedly last year. A theatre major at Wittenberg, she was adored by her students as a teacher in Huber Heights, Ohio. Her devastated parents, Margie Weinstiger Montag '70 and Ken and Connie Montag '70, wanted to do something to honor Melissa's memory in perpetuity.

After exploring the mechanics of establishing an endowed scholarship in her name, the Montags, made leadership gifts to inaugurate the Melissa D. Montag '97 Endowed Scholarship Fund, which will provide financial assistance to a selected theatre major or an underclassman exhibiting promise in the performing arts. The Montag Fund's first recipient was Sarah Van Deusen '16 from Chattanooga, Tenn.

For further information on endowed funds or other leadership and planned giving opportunities, visit www.wittenberg.edu/giving or call 937-327-7430.

'92

Amy Ray Hutchins' novel *The Devil's Swing* was published on Kindle in February.

Antioch University has hired **Barbara A. Stewart** as regional chief financial officer for the New England and Midwest campuses.

'95

Craig A. Potts has been named the executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) and state historic preservation officer. Previously he had served as KHC's site protection program manager since 2009.

'96

Christopher S. Zalewski has joined Colorado State University as a postdoctoral research fellow in synthetic biology and biofuels.

'97

Shelli Turner Clark and her husband, Erik J. Clark '98, welcomed their third child, Oliver James, on Sept. 16, 2011. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

Jennifer L. Way and her husband, Daniel Wilmer, announce the birth of June Katherine Wilmer on April 25, 2013.

'98

Stephen G. Fabyan has accepted the position of Apostle of Bayith Tephillah (House of Prayer) in Columbus, Ohio, and House of Prayer Ministries in Nigeria. He also is owner of The Arsenal in Columbus, which houses a restaurant, bookstore, game room, sound studio and conference room.

Kathleen L. Mackie was hired recently as the director of youth ministries at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Mich. She expects to complete her doctorate of ministry from Ecumenical Theological Seminary in June 2014.

Stacia A. Rastauskas and her husband, Stephen Bretherton, announce the birth of their son, William A. Bretherton, on May 9, 2013.

'99

Deborah J. Cassell is the deputy editor for the University of Illinois Alumni Association. She writes and edits for *Illinois Alumni*, *UIC Alumni Magazine* and *UIS Alumni Magazine*,

and oversees the social media program. She also is president of the Chicago chapter of the American Association of Business Publication Editors.

John C. Porter, a lawyer and partner with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA, has been selected to the 2013 Columbus *Business First* 40 Under 40 Awards Program. He also has been appointed to a three-year term on the Professional Ethics Committee of the Columbus Bar Association.

Matthew C. Schalnaf is a capacitor R&D engineer at General Atomics-Electronic Systems Inc. in San Diego.

Aric J. Thomas is principal of Groveport Madison High School, Groveport, Ohio.

'00

Chris Fike is a doctoral student in the School of Social Work at Arizona State University. His research focuses on assessing discrimination in mainstream social service accessibility, analyzing the use of nonviolent change strategies in historical and current social action movements, and assessing discrimination and violence against transgender people.

Lauren Schmidt Hissrich and her husband, Michael,



announce the birth of Benjamin Willis Hissrich on March 19, 2013.

Mark Juhasz is a visiting professor at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.

After 15 years with Job & Family Services of Clark County in Springfield, Ohio, **Kerry**

Kraig Reiber '09 after completing the Hudepohl 14K Brewery Run in Cincinnati, Ohio

L. Pedraza has accepted the position of executive director of the United Way of Clark, Champaign and Madison counties.

Allyson Teusink, principal of Northeastern High School in Springfield, Ohio, married Levi Thurman on July 7, 2012, in Wittenberg's Weaver Chapel. The couple lives in Dublin, Ohio.

'01

Stacy H. Bishop married **Chris Fike '00** in South Haven, Mich., on Aug. 3, 2013, in a ceremony officiated by **Lori Tisher**. Stacy is a child crisis therapist at La Fronterra-EMPACT Suicide Prevention Center, and the couple lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

Alexis Bruce-Staudt has been named the director of graduate education and

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS



From left to right: **Amanda Peters Barth '02**, director of MBA admissions, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; **Brian May '99**, president, Daymark Interactive, Chicago, Ill.; **Jeremy Tuke '79**, account manager, Thyssenkrupp-Materials, Rochester, N.Y.; **MaryAnn Ceravolo Wilson '79**, self-employed, Gross Pointe, Mich.

research services for the newly formed College for Public Health & Social Justice at Saint Louis University. She resides in St. Louis with her husband, **Adam Staudt '00**, and their two children, Whitaker and Lorali.

Kevin M. Mirlisena is an operations manager for Limbach Company Services LLC, Columbus, Ohio.

Adrianne L. Smith married Josh Klein on July 19, 2012, at Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nev.

'02

Cassie J. Bick married Jeff Whitehouse on June 8, 2013.

Debra E. Lenarz is the language arts coordinator for Goldwood Primary School in Rocky River, Ohio, where she has taught first grade for six years.

'03

Amanda M. Elliott married Matthew Inman on Feb. 26, 2010, at St. John's Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio. Amanda

is a quality coordinator for the Department of Anatomic Pathology at the Cleveland Clinic.

Theodore S. Jackson is an office and database manager at Reconciling Ministries Network in Chicago, Ill.

Joshua G. McCoy graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in May and works as a patent attorney in the biotech practice group at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox in Washington, D.C.

Andrew C. Palmer is a research and development project manager with Polysource Inc. in Piqua, Ohio.

Kevin R. Rose was interviewed in a *Springfield News-Sun* article about the

Drew Fisher '12 and Michael Duffy '12 at The Ohio State University, where Fisher received his white coat upon completion of his first year in the College of Optometry's four-year program and Duffy earned his master of accountancy.



A BIG THANK YOU!

To our Donors from the Classes of 2010, 2012 and 2013 who supported the Fountain Restoration Project. The fountain is now finished!

As we close this academic year, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your support of this important project. Because of your generous giving, we now have a new, sustainable and beautiful fountain.

We are truly thankful for our wonderful alumni and their support of Wittenberg.

Thank you again to the classes of 2010, 2012 and 2013, and those contributors to the Don Imel Memorial Fund.



10th anniversary of the popular Springfield architecture and history tour series he co-founded. Since its debut in 2004, the tour has grown from eight walking tours to 18, which include walking, bicycle, happy hour and youth tours.

Sarah E. Spaid is a flight attendant for US Airways.

'04

Alexander F. and Jessica Forsberg Berger celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on Aug. 16, 2013. Jess is the director of annual giving at Polytechnic School in Pasadena, Calif., and Alex is the director of finance at JN Media in Hollywood. They coach Polytechnic School's high school swim team together and live in Pasadena with their two St. Bernards, Wally and Bubba.

Shannon D. Howe married Wesley McLendon on April 21, 2013, at Sunset Crest Manor in Chantilly, Va. Both work as bartenders in northern Virginia.

Roberta Rowland-Raybold married Nicholas J. Cosentino on Feb. 18, 2013, in Longs, S.C.

Aaron C. Schmalzle serves as the senior clergy health ministry liaison at Florida Hospital, specializing in health ministry development and church health assessments. He also directs Rejuvenate, a national health and wellness program for church leaders. In April, he was elected for a three-year term on the synod council for the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the ELCA.

Charles "Chad" D. Thompson is a managing director for Taylor Strategy Partners in Ann Arbor, Mich.

'05

Kathryn A. Houchens married Jeff Schaefer on Sept. 29, 2012, in Sedalia, Colo. An interior designer, she is the owner of Latitude 39 Designs LLC.

'06

Elizabeth A. Bourke married **Sean Dooley** '05 in July 2009. She is in her second year of the Ohio Writing Project master's program.

Isaac Boye-Arthur is a formulation chemist II with Quest Diagnostics in California and is working toward a second master's degree at San Jose.

Karl R. Schmitt married Allison E. Waite on May 25, 2013, at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, Arbutus, Md. He received his doctorate in applied mathematics and scientific computing from the University of Maryland, College Park in May and began a new job as assistant professor of mathematics and computer science at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind.

Tabitha "Tabi" M. Thompson is a research technician in the rigid polyurethanes spray foam group at Air Products and Chemicals, Allentown, Pa.

Lauren E. Wilson married Aaron Millisor on Sept. 22, 2012. They live in Denver, Colo., where Lauren works for the Cincinnati-based company CBTS managing network projects for General Electric. She earned her Project Management Professional (PMP) certificate in 2011 and was recently promoted to project manager III.

'07

Clare Bucheit Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their son, Patrick, on Jan. 25, 2013.

Jena Buchhop Campbell is a cultivation technician for Aurora Algae Inc. in Port Lavaca, Texas.

'09

Chad N. Holbein and **Tarah D. Pike** '11 have launched the charitable project CAUSE8.

Kristian M. Kovacs married Zach Grizzell on Sept. 4, 2011.

Sara B. McKinniss completed a graduate certificate in marketing strategy from Cornell University and is now employed as a marketing communications strategist with ODW Logistics in Columbus, Ohio.

In September, **Kraig W. Reiber** completed the Hudepohl 14K Brewery Run in Cincinnati, Ohio, the third and final race in the Christian Moerlein Beer Series, finishing 45th overall with a time of 57:57.

'10

Neil T. Anderson works in quality control at Amresco.

Michael C. Reinberg is a regional sales representative for Best in Class Holding Company LLC in St. Louis, Mo.

Andrew G. Steele has joined the ELCA as the manager of donor relations for Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In this role, he will give focused support to campaign efforts in the area of major gifts.

Molly A. Tingley works for the American Red Cross.

Kaitlyn A. Tinney completed studies at Nova Southeastern in May and is now an anesthesiology assistant in Atlanta, Ga.

'11

Michelle L. Graham has been accepted to the University of North Texas graduate school.

Michael J. Montgomery is a branch manager for Springleaf Financial Services in Hilliard, Ohio.

Marisa L. Pechawer and Alex T. Burwell were married on March 9, 2013.

Adam T. Schick is a membership director for the Columbia Club in Indianapolis, Ind.



Nicholas J. Steiner and his wife, Sophie, announce the birth of Eva Isabella on April 25, 2012. Nicholas is a consultant at Microsoft Global Security. The family lives in the Seattle, Wash., area.

'12

Laura L. Aylward is a classroom behavioral therapist for the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sam C. Bays is a development assistant and outcomes administrator for Sasha Bruce Youthwork Inc. in Washington, D.C.

Kaitlyn J. Beach and **Bryce Ator** '10 were married on May 11, 2013. She works as an early childhood lead teacher for Carmel Clay Schools in Carmel, Ind. Bryce is a sales representative for Fastenal in Noblesville, Ind.

Michelle Gregory '13 and her former team from **Robert Rothschild Farm** (top) took 2nd place at the 2013 Urbana Chili Cook-Off. Michelle served the award-winning chili at the event.

Isabelle Beegle-Levin is a staff assistant for the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Emily R. Bergman is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Alexandra J. Bickel is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Kirsten M. Bildsten is a bartender and server at Wendell's Pub in Westerville, Ohio.

Alex H. Brandt is a district manager for Aldi Inc., Springfield, Ohio.

Lauren E. Cassel is enrolled in a physician assistant master's program at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio.

Lauren M. Cengel is in her final year of a master's program in public history at Kent State University.

Logan E. Cheney is a lab assistant at the University of Toledo Medical Center.

Taylor A. Clark is an account coordinator for Abelson Taylor in Chicago, Ill.

Emma C. Crosby is a health volunteer with the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso, Africa.

Michael R. DeCourcy is an expansion manager with Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Inc. in Indianapolis, Ind.

Andrew G. Dolvin is a second lieutenant with the U.S. Marines in Quantico, Va.

Kari A. Domiano is a fourth-grade English language arts teacher at Roy E. Holmes Elementary School in Wilmington, Ohio. She also is taking graduate courses toward a master's degree in education at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Bradford G. Douglass is employed as an assistant strategist for Omnicom Media Group (OMG) in Chicago, Ill.

Darcy M. Dubuc is pursuing a medical degree at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham.

Michael S. Duffy earned a Master of Accountancy from The Ohio State University in May. He is employed as an audit assistant for Deloitte & Touche in Columbus, Ohio.

Brian T. Duke is a logistics coordinator for R2 Logistics in Westerville, Ohio.

Greg A. Eley is a logistics coordinator with Cargill/Provimi North America in Brookville, Ohio.

Kelsey Grine Ellis is an admission counselor for Wittenberg University.

Catherine F. Farny is teaching first grade at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, Ind.

James S. Ferris is a portfolio analyst with U.S. Bank in Chicago, Ill.

George J. Gion is a transportation representative for C.H. Robinson in Chicago, Ill.

Kristen N. Gratz is pursuing a master's degree with a counseling concentration in marriage and family at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn.

Gretchen L. Gustafson is working as an international student program coordinator for Maranatha Christian Academy in

Brooklyn Park, Minn. Her work involves creating the school's international department.

Keaton M. Hannon is enrolled in a master's program in exercise physiology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Janelle J. Hively is enrolled in a master's program in occupational therapy at the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo.

Lauren T. Hura is a case manager for North Central Mental Health Agency, Columbus, Ohio. She also is pursuing a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at the University of Dayton.

Samantha T. Iden, who completed a Master of Accountancy program in May, is a staff auditor for Plante Moran.

Abbey C. Jones is pursuing a master's degree in education at the University of Akron.

Meredith T. Kirby is pursuing a law degree at American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C.

Catherine M. Kuerbitz is a staff assistant in U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan's Greenville, N.C., office.

Cathryn L. Kurzawa is a first-grade teacher at Hillview Elementary School in Newark, Ohio.

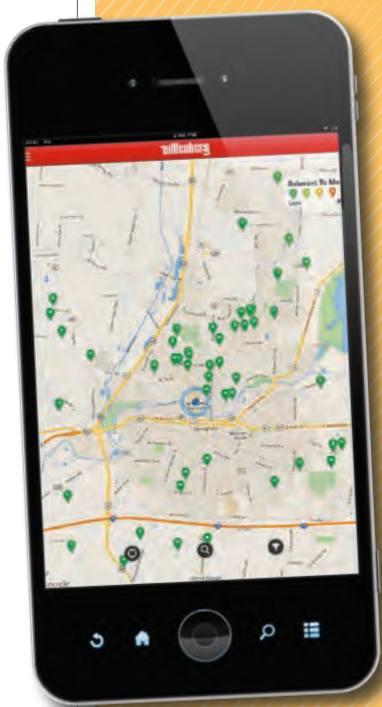
Kali A. Lawrence is a youth enrichment leader for the Springfield Promise Neighborhood in Springfield, Ohio.

Rachel G. Lee, the assistant swimming and diving coach at Allegheny College, lives in Meadville, Pa.

Caitlin G. Lloyd is pursuing graduate studies in library science at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Nishant K. Makhija is a broadcast producer for The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Dana C. Makstaller is enrolled at the University of



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Cincinnati in a master's program in communication.

Anna E. Martin is enrolled in a master's program in counseling psychology at the University of Louisville.

John M. Meszaros is pursuing an MBA in economics at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va.

John E. Mohr is pursuing a doctorate in humanities at Auburn University in Alabama.

Elizabeth A. Newman is a teacher at Woodlawn Elementary School in Sebring, Fla.

Kacia C. Nolan is pursuing a degree at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in Columbus, Ohio.

Victoria J. Parker is a copy editor/newspage designer for Home News Enterprises in Columbus, Ind.

Hadley J. Robertson is a corporate purchasing administrator for TS Tech Americas, Inc., Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Nicole L. Rose is a quality control microbiology lab technician II for Bristol-Myers Squibb at the company's Amlyn Ohio LLC site in West Chester.

Brittany L. Rubbico is a practice quality coordinator for New England Quality Care Alliance (NEQCA).

Jennifer L. Schaafsma is pursuing a doctorate in counseling psychology at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

Sara E. Schreck is an intern with the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center in Washington, D.C.

Kristen M. Shearer is pursuing a doctorate in environmental and natural resources at The Ohio State University and is working as a graduate assistant.

Amanda L. Shipley is employed as a communications

coordinator for Hellerman Baretz Communications LLC in Washington, D.C. She also is pursuing a Master of Social Science in applied politics from American University.

Christine E. Simpson is a human resource administrator for Ohio Laser LLC in Plain City, Ohio.

Julia M. Smith is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Cincinnati.

Hilary T. Strimple has been accepted to a master's program in fine and decorative art at Sotheby's in London, England. She has deferred her attendance.

Katherine F. Touzinsky is enrolled in the forestry and natural resources master's program at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

Brittany M. Wason is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing with a concentration in poetry at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga, Calif.

Ashley E. Weber was honored as an emerging artist in the Corn Hill Arts Festival, Rochester, N.Y., in July. She is employed as a resident counselor for Heritage Christian Services in East Rochester.

Jacob M. Weide is a staff accountant for Crowe Horwath LLP in Indianapolis, Ind.

Matthew J. Williams is an operations/research service professional for Morgan Stanley in Columbus, Ohio.

Allison M. Zentarski is a laboratory technician for Kao USA in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Maria A. Ziton is employed by Interac as an assistant language (English) teacher in Japan.

Ashley M. Zkiab is a scientist 1 for Ben Venue Laboratories, a subsidiary of Boehringer Ingelheim, in Bedford, Ohio.

Stephanie E. Zmina is a research assistant for Case Western Reserve University.

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'13

Ryan R. Davis II has entered a master's program in biomedical sciences with an emphasis in biochemistry and molecular biology at Wake Forest.

Alaina L. Engdahl is pursuing a doctorate in medicinal chemistry at the University of Michigan.

Emily "Lilli" Fishman is pursuing graduate studies in biology at the University of Toledo.

Thomas H. Mori is employed as a chemical analyst for Galbraith Labs in Knoxville, Tenn.

Andrew J. Muir is studying veterinary medicine at The Ohio State University.

Jonathan M. Price has been accepted to The Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

Elyssa M. Silva is attending the urban teaching program at the School of Education and Human Development at the University of Colorado at Denver.

Kevin D. To is spending a year in Japan in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program.

Anya N. Weaver has been accepted to the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Maine.

Heepke J. Wendroth is attending medical school at the University of Kentucky.

Patrick R. Westmoreland is in the graduate program in molecular, cellular and developmental biology at The Ohio State University.

In Memoriam

1933

Helene Meier Schlichting, Perrysburg, Ohio, died on Aug. 10, 2013. She was a social worker for the State of Ohio. In her earlier years, she was a committed member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and an active member of Zoar Lutheran Church for over 36 years. Her interests included music, dancing, bridge, Bible studies, and writing to family and friends.

1935

Paul Pfeiffer Jr. of Washington, D.C., died on April 11, 2013. A World War II veteran officer, career U.S. government official, and independent businessman, he initiated and actively participated in a myriad of civic and charitable projects, many through All Souls Church, Unitarian, of which he was a member since the 1940s.

1937

A. Wesley Hoge, West Chester, Pa., passed away Aug. 8, 2013. An engineer, he initially worked for UGI. In 1940, he became one of the first engineers to work directly with Eugene Houdry to demonstrate the Houdry process to make very high octane gasoline and aviation fuels. That technology, which still is in use today around the world, was instrumental in the Allied victory in World War II. He became president of Houdry Process and Chemical Co., which later was purchased by Air Products and Chemicals Inc., from which he retired in 1980 as vice president. A member of the United Methodist Church, he was a talented pianist who

sang and performed in church choirs, and who also held many leadership positions.

Betty Sipes Stough of Chula Vista, Calif., passed away on Nov. 10, 2012.

1938

L. Jane Harstead Smeltzer, Port Huron, Mich., died Oct. 24, 2011.

Ruth Cochran Wilson of Springfield, Mo., and formerly of Newark, Ohio, died on June 25, 2013. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she entered the teaching profession at Cherry Valley Elementary in Newark, where she resided until 1995 and belonged to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. In Springfield, she was affiliated with Prince of Peace Church and Messiah Lutheran Church.

1939

Richard E. Probst, Marion, Ohio, passed away on Aug. 10, 2012. He was chairman, president and treasurer of Probst Supply Company. He was a former president of the Marion Red Cross and a board member of the Marion YMCA, Marion Area Boy Scouts, Marion County Bank and Bank One, Marion Area Chamber of Commerce, and Marion Cemetery. A founding board member of the Community Memorial Hospital/Med Center Board of Governors, he belonged to the Epworth United Methodist Church, the Marion Country Club, the Catawba Island Club, and various Masonic bodies. He was a member of Phi Delta Beta fraternity.

Charles L. Strubel '42S, Phoenix, Ariz., died May 10, 2011. A retired, ordained Lutheran minister, he served St. Mark Lutheran Church

and Calvary Lutheran Church in Louisville, Ky., Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Grace Lutheran Church in Phoenix.

Glenn D. Wise of Sylvania, Ohio, passed away Sept. 9, 2013. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in Florida, the Pacific Theatre, Okinawa, China, Korea and the Philippines. Upon his discharge, he settled in Toledo where he worked for the Dickey Manufacturing Company and Baron Steel before spending 30 years employed by First National Bank, retiring in 1983. He was active in Bethany Lutheran Church, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Y.M.C.A. Church Athletic Association, and the Inter-luncheon Bowling League. A lifelong fan of the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns, he also was a basketball referee for church and federation leagues, a Cub Scout Master, and a song leader for McKinley Grade School in Toledo.

1940

Ruth Flack Flesner, Gettysburg, Pa., died Oct. 29, 2011. Formerly of Roseville, Minn., she was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. A long-time member and president of the board of the Minnesota School of Missions, she also was a founding and 29-year member of the Luther/Northwestern Seminary Faculty Wives Reading Group.

Caroline Culler Gumz, formerly of Ashland and Orrville, Ohio, died Sept. 1, 2013, in Decatur, Ga. She was a homemaker, librarian, fine artist and Red Cross volunteer. Several of her works are in northeast Ohio museums. She



James Rebhorn '70 Leaves Legacy

National recognized actor James Rebhorn '70 died on March 21, 2014. He was 65.

Called an "American character actor adept at play[ing] clever villains, domineering dads and corrupt politicians," Rebhorn took his Wittenberg education to screens around the globe in a career spanning more than four decades.

Starring as the secretary of defense in *Independence Day* (1996), Rebhorn has appeared in more than 100 films and television series, including *My Cousin Vinny*, *Scent of a Woman*, *The Game*, *Meet the Parents*, *The Practice*, *Third Watch* and *White Collar*. Most recently, he starred in the Showtime drama *Homeland*.

One of only 115 individuals invited to join the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences in 2007, Rebhorn, who earned his M.F.A. from Columbia University, is also a member of the Ensemble Studio Theatre. Shortly after his passing, news broke that Rebhorn had actually penned his own obituary, which the *Los Angeles Times* called "moving" and in which Rebhorn specifically cites his Wittenberg education and being a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

A special video Rebhorn did on the power of the liberal arts a few years ago for his alma mater can be found online at www.wittenberg.edu/rebhorn.

enjoyed traveling by RV across the United States.

1941

Betty French Cable of Green Valley, Ariz., and formerly of Horse Shoe, N.C., passed away on Dec. 16, 2012.

1942

Geraldine Samson

Brumagin, Pinellas Park, Fla., passed away May 1, 2013. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Ruth E. Guyton, a lifelong resident of Springfield, Ohio, died April 1, 2013, at Springfield Regional Medical Center. She spent more than 40 years as an educator in the Springfield City Schools, spending most of her teaching career at Snyder Park Elementary. She wrote poetry and short stories, enjoyed traveling, loved spending time with her family and friends, and was passionate about reading and music. She was a member of the Lagonda United Methodist Church, the Mary Martha Circle, and the Springfield Writer's Guild.

Ellen Saum Laughbon of Sun Lakes Ariz., and formerly of Sequim, Wash., died on April 3, 2006. Her husband, **Ladd D. Laughbon** '42, preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1991.

Genevieve Rumbarger

Merkling, Pleasanton, Texas, passed away Jan. 6, 2010.

John L. Merkling,

Pleasanton, Texas, died on Sept. 2, 2004.

Jane Wills Scott, formerly of Fairview Park, Ohio, passed away Feb. 26, 2012, in Andover, Minn.

1943

Betty Jo Turner Swope

White, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, died in Circleville, Ohio, on July 4, 2013. During World War II, she worked at Westinghouse as an engineer. After receiving a master's degree in student personnel from The Ohio State University in 1965, she worked at the university for 20 years in various departments of student housing, off-campus housing and with international students. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was active in Childhood League Assisting Board II, Buckeye Boys Ranch, Women's Association of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, and her book club for over 30 years.

1944

Reba Montgomery

Henderson of Bowling Green, Ohio, and formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died on May 18, 2013.

1945

James L. Carvelas, M.D., of Park City, Utah, and formerly of Rye, N.Y., died on June 24, 2013. He served as a private in the infantry in 1944 and as a captain in the Medical Corps from 1953-55. A founder of the Scarsdale Medical Group in 1961, he practiced internal medicine there until his retirement in 1994. He also was a staff member and former officer, president of the staff, and member of the Board of Governors of White Plains Hospital, and a staff member of St. Agnes Hospital. He was a founder of the Greek Orthodox Church of our Saviour in Harrison, N.Y., and served on a variety of committees before retiring to Park City. A member of Beta

Theta Pi, his passions included music, photography, tennis and golf.

William E. Cox '47S '70H,

Sylvania, Ohio, died on June 20, 2013. Ordained as a minister of the Lutheran church in 1947, he served Bethany Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Messiah Lutheran in Toledo, the Lutheran Church in British Guiana, was secretary for missions in Latin America and the Caribbean, and finally became senior pastor of Olivet Lutheran Church in Sylvania. He was a member of Wittenberg's Board of Directors from 1972-1987 and an emeritus director from 1987-2013. He received an honorary doctorate of divinity from Wittenberg in 1970. He also was an avid photographer and international traveler, having visited every continent except Antarctica.

George H. Velt of Lake Mary, Fla., and formerly of Bellaire, Ohio, died Sept. 4, 2013. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army. He worked as a pharmacist in Columbus, Ohio, until 1963, before moving his family to Hollywood, Fla., where he retired from Super-X Drugs in 1986. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

1946

Martha Funk Archer of

Tucson, Ariz., passed away on May 12, 2013. A member of Chi Omega, she was a teacher in the Ashland, Ohio, school system. She enjoyed swimming, reading financial publications and traveling, visiting 121 countries.

1947

Martha Gaines Jessop

of Columbus, Ohio, and formerly of Springfield, Ohio, passed away Aug.

20, 2012. She retired from Lagonda Elementary School in Springfield after more than 20 years of service and was a former member of Grace Lutheran Church. A member of Kappa Delta, she lived in Columbus for 30 years before her death.

Marjorie L. Miller,

Zanesville, Ohio, died July 27, 2013. She taught third and fourth grades, retiring after 35 years of teaching but continuing to work as a substitute teacher until 1988. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church for more than 60 years, the American Association of University Women, and Delta Zeta Sorority. She also was a past president for ACE (Associates Childhood Education) and a chairman for the children's show at the Art Center.

George "Nick" N. Smith,

Venice, Fla., died Sept. 7, 2012. He was a naval officer during World War II and an engineer in the auto industry. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, he was an avid racing and cruising sailor.

Barbara Knudten

Strassberger, Washington, D.C., died Aug. 19, 2013. Born and raised in Japan, she returned there in 1951 during the Korean War while serving as a first lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps assigned to the Japan Procurement Agency. A volunteer for the American Red Cross for 21 years, she also transcribed books in Braille and enjoyed crocheting and singing in various church and choral groups. She was buried with military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

1948

Dorothy Lewis Evans, Akron, Ohio, died on May 3, 2013. She taught art, music and English in the public schools for 19 years and loved children and helping the underprivileged. She was a member of Alpha Zeta Delta sorority, PEO, and First United Methodist Church of Akron, and volunteered at First Night Akron and with Meals on Wheels for 20 years. She loved being outdoors, walking in the woods, sketching, drawing, traveling and photography.

1949

Josephine "Joey" Shank Brown, Findlay, Ohio, passed away July 9, 2013 at her home. She taught home economics at Liberty High School from 1950-51. A member of Powell Memorial United Methodist Church, she had a passion for art and loved working in the yard and nature.

Ernest "Ernie" Means, Tallahassee, Fla., passed away at his home on Sept. 23, 2010. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy in combat operations in the Pacific Theatre. He earned a law degree and subsequent clerkship under Florida Supreme Court Justice Stephen C. O'Connell. He spent the majority of his professional life in academia, teaching political science and government studies at The Citadel, Florida State University and the University of Florida. His interests included music, reading, golf and political TV shows. His wife, Miriam Garman Means '47, preceded him in death on May 27, 2005.

Clifford L. Schreck, of Bellevue, Wash., and formerly of Goshen, Ind., died July

4, 2013. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the Pacific Fleet, based out of Seattle, and was stationed in Japan as part of the Shore Patrol after the war ended. After being ordained as a Lutheran pastor, he served parishes in Richmond, Monroeville, Frankfort, Terre Haute, Kokomo, Goshen and Winchester, Ind., as well as Berwyn, Ill., and Somerset, Ky. He retired to Goshen before moving in 2009 to Bellevue. He enjoyed traveling extensively in Europe, Latin America and throughout the United States.

Joanne Smith Jones Swanson, Pompano Beach, Fla., died July 9, 2010.

Kathleen "Kaye" Whisler Schiller-Thill of Schererville, Ind., passed away May 28, 2013. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Brentwood Garden Club, Gloria Del Choir, Saxton Lodge Branch 40, and Delta Zeta sorority. Her hobbies included ballroom dancing, golfing, traveling, playing bridge and cooking for her family.

James E. Wilkins, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Dec. 9, 2012. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater, where he was a squad sergeant and radio repairman. Among the first veterans of World War II to attend Wittenberg on the G.I. Bill, he was a member and served as president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a member of the Ohio Banker Association and retired from Society Bank; he also was an income tax preparer and notary public. As a member of the Honor Flight Network, he visited the World War II monument in Washington, D.C. Other

memberships included Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, Champaign County Masonic Lodge F. and A.M., and the Council and Chapter of Masonry. His hobbies were gardening and working on his pine trees at his farm near Urbana, Ohio.

1950

Thomas E. Buck, Jr., Columbus, Ohio, passed away May 28, 2013. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1944, serving in World War II on the U.S.S. Dade. He was employed with the federal government as division chief of the Defense Construction Supply Center and retired from service in 1982. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Phyllis Bailey Curl, Flagler Beach, Fla., passed away April 28, 2013. A homemaker, she was a Cub Scout den mother, active in the League of Women Voters, and assistant leader of the Northern Virginia American Field Service sponsoring student exchange. Later she became a bookkeeper, and after retiring to Florida, she began an 18-year stint with hospice of Pinellas and Pasco counties. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

Philip A. Lockman Jr., Arcanum, Ohio, died March 9, 2013. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. A retired teacher and principal of Arcanum Butler Middle School, he held a master's degree from Ball State University. He attended Pittsburg Church of the Brethren and was a member of the Arcanum Lions Club and the Greenville Elks; he also was an avid golfer.

John E. Stoner of Heath, Ohio, died April 18, 2013. He

worked side-by-side with his father in Stoner's Orchard in Dayton and later was owner of Stoner's Orchard in Utica, Ohio. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a Navy Seabee.

Carol Stevens Ulgener, Groveland, Fla., passed away March 22, 2013. She taught 22 years in the Toledo, Ohio, area schools and 16 years in Florida. She was a member of many organizations dedicated to conservation and the protection of wildlife, including World Wildlife Fund, National Wildlife Federation, Florida Wildlife Federation, Audubon Society, and Sierra Club, and she also contributed to several veterans' groups.

1951

Ernest T. Coons, Scotia, N.Y., died July 25, 2010.

Robert P. Grindle, North Caldwell, N.J., died April 25, 2013. Early in his career as a lawyer, he worked for Marechal & Marechal law firm in Dayton, Ohio. He then moved to Manhattan, N.Y., and worked for Greer Marechal law firm. After a successful law career, he retired from Becton Dickinson in 1992 as senior patent attorney. In retirement, he enjoyed being with family and friends, and loved spending time at his Loveladies and Harvey Cedars, N.J., shore homes. He had a passion for the performing arts and theatre of all levels, and often attended the New York City Ballet, the Metropolitan Opera, Broadway and his great-nephews' shows. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi.

Donald R. Hertler Sr., North Canton, Ohio, died Sept. 25, 2013. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1946. He was

a teacher and coach at North Canton Hoover High School from 1953 until his retirement in 1981. As Hoover's head football coach from 1960-80, he never had a losing season; he was athletic director for 10 of those years. He also served the City of North Canton from 1960-67 as director of parks and recreation. He coached numerous all-star teams; ran sectional district and regional tournaments; and was inducted into a host of Halls of Fame and Halls of Honor. He was a member of North Canton's Zion Lutheran Church and Alpha Tau Omega.

1952

Formerly of Springfield, Ohio, **Howard E. Jones** of Otterbein-Lebanon, Ohio, died June 17, 2013. He served in the Army during World War II. After 35 years as an accountant with General Electric, he retired in 1986.

Robert F. Lindemann of Lady Lake, Fla., and formerly of Naples, Fla., died on August 6, 2012.

Phyllis Jacobs Murch, Sarasota, Fla., died on Sept. 2, 2012.

Donald G. Sperr, Sterling, Ohio, died Aug. 28, 2013. He was an active member of Canaan Lutheran Church in Creston.

Donald W. Stoughton '52S, Indianapolis, Ind., passed away on Jan. 15, 2013. After being ordained a Lutheran pastor, he served Trinity Lutheran Church in Battle Creek, Mich., and Ridge Lutheran Church in Chicago. He was appointed coordinator of lay training for the Hamma Divinity School in 1960. In 1964, he moved to Indianapolis to

serve at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, where he retired in 1988. The son of Clarence C. Stoughton, Wittenberg University president emeritus, he also served on Wittenberg's Board of Directors from 1979-1984.

1953

Formerly of Springfield, Ohio, and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., **Alton O. Grimes** died May 19, 2013, at his home in Lake Wales, Fla. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1952-56 and retired from Bendix in Fort Lauderdale in 1989. A member of First United Methodist Church of Lake Wales, he enjoyed tennis, cooking and gardening.

James M. Owens, Springfield, Ohio, died July 9, 2013, at his residence. He earned a second bachelor's degree from Wittenberg in 1958. During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army in Germany as a trombonist in the First Infantry Division Band. A musician union member for over 50 years, he played in several local bands and jazz clubs. He was chief psychologist and director of psychological services for the Montgomery County Family Court Center and Juvenile Court, and taught and supervised students of Wright State University's School of Professional Psychology.

Electa Wilson Robbins, Springfield, Ohio, passed away on June 7, 2013. A member of Delta Kappa Gamma, she taught in the Springfield City Schools for 34 years. She attended Second Baptist Church, Unity Christian, and Celebration of Life Church. Her interests were reading, writing inspirational letters of encouragement, and collecting angel figurines.

1954

Charles S. Rhyne of Portland, Ore., passed away on April 14, 2013. He was a professor emeritus of art history at Reed College. An eminent art historian, he was known internationally for his wide-ranging interests in the field, from the English landscape painter John Constable to the theory and practice of conservation, Northwest Coast American Indian art, and the use of digital images as evidence for use in research and teaching. After retiring from Reed College in 1997, he continued pursuing his major areas of interest. He was a Fulbright research fellow at the Courtauld Institute, London; a visiting fellow at the Yale Center for British Art; a Kress senior fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art; and a visiting scholar at the Getty Conservation Institute, Getty Research Institute, and J. Paul Getty Museum. In 2012, he received the American Institute for Conservation's Special Recognition for Allied Professionals "for his invaluable contributions to art conservation."

Allen B. Smith, a lifelong resident of Akron, Ohio, passed away April 19, 2013. A U.S. Army veteran, he retired as a sales manager from B. F. Goodrich with 29 years of service. An avid sports fan, coach and mentor with a great sense of humor, he was a good friend to everyone. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Jo Ann Tritchler Smith, a lifelong resident of Akron, Ohio, passed away June 5, 2013. She was a home economics teacher, primitive

antique dealer and voracious decorator. She loved her family and grandchildren and actively followed their activities and sports. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Joseph C. Smith, Stratford, Conn., died on Oct. 31, 2012. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

1955

Irene Genner Budlong, San Antonio, Texas, died Aug. 8, 2013. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she taught school for several years before becoming a full-time mother and homemaker. She earned her pilot's license in the 1960s and enjoyed travelling, music and bridge.

Denis C. Green of Toledo, Ohio, died April 19, 2013. He was a firefighter for the City of Toledo from 1964 until his retirement in 1987 and a talented artist who painted, sketched and blew glass. He enjoyed traveling and in later years earned his private pilot's license.

The Rev. Kenneth O. Latal '58S died March 29, 2013. Ordained in 1958 as a pastor of the United Lutheran Church in America, he served the following churches: Trinity Lutheran, West Sand Lake, N.Y.; St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Rotterdam where he retired from active ministry. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Albany, where he sang in the choir and occasionally presided at worship. A chaplain of the Carman Volunteer Fire Department for 24 years, his memberships included several bowling leagues, the Octavo Chamber Singers, and the Colonie Elks Lodge #2192.

He also was a volunteer at the Albany Maritime Ministry at the Port of Albany. In addition to bowling and music, his interests included camping, photography and amateur astronomy.

1956

Dwilla Harvey Cramer, Springfield, Ohio, passed away on Sept. 11, 2013. She taught for 10 years in the Springfield City Schools and 20 years in the Northeastern School District, where she retired. Her memberships included Northminster Presbyterian Church, Northminster Women's Association, and Clark County and Ohio Retired Teachers Association. She enjoyed traveling and playing Mrs. Santa Claus at craft bazaars.

The Rev. Robert L. Hauss '59S of Athens, Ga., passed away on April 23, 2013. He became the first pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Fern Creek, Ky. in 1959. He moved to Quincy, Ill., in 1961, where he was the first pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, serving the congregation and leading the planning and construction of the church building. In 1966 he moved to Atlanta to work as a chaplain at Grady Memorial Hospital. He became the pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Athens in 1967. After retiring from the ministry, he obtained a master's degree in social work from the University of Georgia and worked in the Georgia state mental health system, first in the clinic at Athens Regional Medical Center, then as a director of the Jackson County Mental Health facility in Jefferson. He finished his career as director of the day treatment center in Winder, from which he retired in 1995.

The Rev. Dr. Richard I. Preis '56S, Kansas City, Mo., died April 9, 2013. He was senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, Mich., for 27 years and Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina, Minn., for eight years before becoming interim pastor at Atonement Lutheran, Overland Park; All Saints Lutheran, Kansas City, Kan.; Faith Lutheran, Prairie Village; and Prince of Peace Lutheran, Kansas City, Kan. He then assisted in services at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. He had a career as a singer and actor, appearing in 15 shows in Kansas City. He created the one-man show *The Gospel According to Broadway*, which he presented 150 times in 18 states and Canada. He served on many education and religious boards on local, state and national levels and was a regent of Carthage and Luther Colleges.

1957

Benny Arnold Duff, Crossville, Tenn., passed away Aug. 17, 2012. She was an active member of Cumberland Worship Center.

The Rev. Elwood K. Healy, formerly of Aura, N.J., passed away on March 31, 2013. As an intern for NBC, he began a lifetime friendship with Frank Sinatra and continued their friendship when he coordinated Army USO stateside shows during the Korean War. After graduation from Wittenberg, he served the Lutheran community in Haddonfield, N.J., and was pastor in Williamstown and Collingswood.

Carol Derr Walker died July 3, 2013, at her home in Springfield, Ohio. She retired from Norstan Communications in 2000 and

then worked as a realtor for 10 years at Real Estate II.

1958

James W. Eichelberger, Springfield, Ohio, died Aug. 30, 2013. He taught and was principal for 30 years in the Southeastern School system, retiring from Miami View Elementary School in 1985. A lifelong member of Pitchin United Methodist Church, he served as Sunday School superintendent and teacher and sang in the church choir. He was a member of several education associations, the Pitchin Fire Department, the Pitchin Grange, and Sons of the American Revolution. He enjoyed traveling and visited all 50 states and 36 foreign countries.

Louis A. Jung, Springfield, Ohio, died June 12, 2013. He worked as a manager for Triad Safety Products and was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church.

Robert A. Lohnes, West Des Moines, Iowa, died on July 15, 2013. After receiving his doctorate in 1964 from Iowa State University, he worked for one year as an assistant professor of geology at Wisconsin State University-River Falls. He then returned to Iowa State as an assistant professor of civil engineering, retiring in 2005 as emeritus professor of civil engineering and university professor. In 1973-74, he served as a visiting associate professor of civil engineering at Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.

Laurene Fenton Pride, Gates Mills, Ohio, passed away on April 22, 2013.

Erika Schneider Strain, Zanesville, Ohio, passed away March 30, 2013. She taught

German at Philo High School for 22 years before retiring. She loved her students deeply and cherished their continued love and friendship after her retirement.

1959

John C. Richard '59MA of Troy, Ohio, and Ft. Myers, Fla., passed away Aug. 20, 2013. He was a teacher at Concord in the Champaign County School District and a principal and assistant superintendent for the Urbana City Schools. He was the first superintendent of the Ohio Hi-Point Joint Vocational School, retiring in 1983. He served on the Board of Education for Bellefontaine City Schools, was past president of the Logan County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and was a board member for the former Logan County MRDD. His memberships included St. Teresa Catholic Church, Covington; St. Columbkille Church, Ft. Myers; Sons of the American Legion; and the Troy Senior Citizens Center. His interests included golf, bowling, shuffleboard and wood crafts.

The Rev. Ronald E. Schoo '59S, Calvert City, Ky., passed away April 19, 2013. He served in the ministry for 54 years, serving the churches of St. Matthew by the Lake Lutheran in Benton, St. Andrew Lutheran in Poplar Bluff, Mo., St. Matthew Lutheran in Paducah, Redeemer Lutheran in Jasper, Ind., St. Paul Lutheran in Batesville, Ind., and Smyrna Lutheran in Greensburg, Ind. During his ministry, he was active in many community services including the Lions Club, Paducah Cooperative Ministry, Pastor Speaks, Habitat for Humanity,

Board of Directors of Good Samaritan Society, Haven House for abused women, and local ecumenical ministerial associations. He enjoyed involvement in LBL Outdoor Ministry and developed special needs Sunday school for the Paducah community. He was a member of St. Matthew by the Lake Lutheran Church. He loved music and sang in the church choirs and played the xylophone.

The Rev. Edward T. Winkler '61S died on Aug. 18, 2013. He served the following congregations prior to becoming assistant to the bishop of the Ohio Synod of the Lutheran Church in America: First English, Crestline, Ohio; St. Paul's, Greenville, Ohio; and St. John's, Zanesville, Ohio. After the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was formed, Rev. Winkler served all three Ohio synods as director of evangelism. He retired in 1994.

1960

The Rev. Donald Rings Brewer '63S, Toledo, Ohio, passed away March 23, 2013. He served three parishes in Western Pennsylvania Synod (Hope Memorial Lutheran in Smithton, Hope Lutheran in Hyde Park, and St. John's Lutheran in Girard) before coming to Ohio, where he also served three parishes: St. John's (Ingomar) and Shiloh, Mighty Fortress in Kettering, and Augsburg in Toledo. After his retirement in 2003, he assisted and served as interim in several parishes in the Northwest Ohio Synod and worked for Walker Funeral Home. Early in his career, he was active with circus ministry. He acted as dean on the evangelism committee for Ohio Synod, on the

Ecumenical Board between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Roman Catholic Church, Toledo Diocese, and on the board of the Ohio Council of Churches, as well as acting as first responder for the Northwest Ohio Synod. His hobbies included magic, circus performing, circus model building, and carving carousel animals.

Barbara Searing Gilanyi, Medford, N.J., died on July 17, 2013. She taught physical education early in her career before teaching early childhood education. After retiring, she spent much of her time in Florida. She attended Lakes Community Chapel in Medford and Friendship Baptist Church in Sun City Center, Fla. She was active in the Pinelands Christian Women's Club, Life Keepers, Daughters of the American Revolution, Women's Club of Sun City Center, Cat Fancier's Club, and Sew and Sew Club.

1961

Robert C. Bourne, Strongsville, Ohio, died Nov. 16, 2011.

Ralph H. Fussner, Bellbrook, Ohio, died on July 30, 2013. He joined the Ohio State Patrol where he became Lt. Xenia Post Commander, retiring in 1990. He served on the Bellbrook City Council for several terms and was a member of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International.

Dianne Sears Johnson, Aurora, Colo., died May 12, 2013. A member of Delta Gamma Sorority, she was a business teacher at Gove Junior High School and West High School.

1962

Edwin L. Morse of Longmont, Colo., and formerly of Madison, Wis., passed away Aug. 16, 2012, in Boulder, Colo. He served in Korea as a sergeant in the U.S. Army and received a doctorate in psychology from the Ohio State University. He worked for the University of Wisconsin-Madison as director of graduate students in the psychology department then continued his career in private practice as a psychologist and a consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. He later relocated to Longmont and enjoyed sailing, skiing, running, music and traveling.

Spencer L. Pugh of Dunedin, Fla., formerly of Sarasota, died June 4, 2012. He was a banker in Sarasota and a leader in his church and community.

Brooke Helriegel Steckler, Indianapolis, Ind., died on Dec. 20, 2012. She spent her early career as a school teacher at St. Pius X School and Brebeuf Jesuit High School. Her propensity to help students and athletes along with her desire to be involved in the community garnered her a position with the first IAAF World Indoor Championships. She later worked for the Indianapolis Museum of Art as director of volunteers.

1963

James M. Fortney, Park Ridge, Ill., died Aug. 21, 2013. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Robert J. Gerbick, Westlake, Ohio, died Oct. 4, 2012. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi.

Judith Pellens Newman, Cincinnati, Ohio, died Oct. 20, 2011.

1964

Andris Holms of Lexington, Ky., and formerly of Los Gatos, Calif., died on Dec. 19, 2011.

Kathryn Cosby Williams, Springfield, Ohio, died on May 24, 2013. She was a second grade teacher at Grayhill Elementary in Springfield and later worked as coordinator of the Occupational Work Experience (O.W.E.) Program at both Springfield North and South High Schools. During more than 50 years as a member of Covenant United Methodist Church, she was a church school teacher and treasurer; her ministry activities included United Methodist Women, Methodist Youth Fellowship, and the Hospitality Ministry.

1965

Terry D. Boate of Gainesville, Fla., and formerly of Xenia, Ohio, died Aug. 24, 2013. He taught high school English and history, and coached football, basketball and track at Northwestern High School and Shawnee High School in Springfield, Ohio, and Greeneview High School in Jamestown, Ohio. In 1985, he relocated to Jacksonville, Fla., as agency manager for Modern Woodmen of America. He also was a Certified Life Underwriter and a Chartered Financial Consultant. He returned to teaching in 2000 and taught at Bradford H.S. for four years before retiring. An avid college football fan, he was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio, and Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Gainseville.

Ronald E. Rockwell, Springfield, Ohio, died March 29, 2013, at Springfield Regional Medical Center. He served in the Ohio National Guard. He worked for 10 years as a purchasing expeditor and material handling analyst for International Harvester then served for five years as chief probation officer for the Clark County Juvenile Courts. In 1970, he was named director for Clark County Human Services, where he served 24 years; later he retired as director of Fayette County Department of Human Services after 13 years. His community and professional activities included Upward Bound, Noon Optimist Club, president of the Home Little League, Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball coach, and United Way. He also held a black belt in aikido and taught tai chi.

Dr. Theodore R. Thompson, New Brighton, Minn., died July 28, 2013. He received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1969, after which he started his pediatrics residency at the University of Minnesota, where he eventually became a pediatrics professor. He also was a neonatologist at Fairview Southdale and Fairview Ridges hospitals. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he received numerous awards for his work in pediatrics and neonatology, including a Wittenberg Alumni Citation Award in 2005.

1966

Ronald N. Duncan, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 26, 2013. After a short stint as a professional football player for the Cleveland Browns and the Philadelphia Eagles, he worked as a certified financial planner in

Springfield for 40 years. A committed philanthropist, he was the founder and main funder of the Ron Duncan Scholar-Athlete Scholarship for college-bound students in Clark County. Since its founding in 1988, the program has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships. He was a member of the Northeastern Local School Board for 12 years, serving six years as president. He was a board member of the Family Service Agency and the Springfield Chapter of the American Heart Association, as well as a charter member of the Springfield Noon Sertoma Club which selected him as the local Sertoman of the Year in 1998. In 2000, he was presented the Distinguished American Award. He was inducted into Wittenberg's Athletics Hall of Honor in 2001 and received the Alumni Citation Award in 2003.

Everett E. Eckstein passed away June 29, 2013, at his home in Plymouth, Ohio. The author of four books and owner of Plymouth Antiques, he was a Plymouth public official of various capacities including president of council. He was a member of the Richland County Foundation and a life member of the American Numismatic Association since 1964.

1967

John "Jack" A. Readey, Rancho Mirage, Calif., passed away on May 8, 2013. His passions included music and photography.

Barbara Barkley Sulanke, Richmond, Va., died May 12, 2013. After teaching for 20 years in the Chesterfield County School System, she retired in 2010. A member

of Kappa Delta sorority, she enjoyed playing bridge and spending time with her seven grandchildren.

1970

Conny J. Sjostrom '70S, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died on June 1, 2013. A Lutheran minister and retired chaplain from the Broward Sheriff's Office, he was a pioneer in the recovery community in South Florida and helped many people find successful sobriety.

1971

Lucille H. Harsmanka, North Versailles, Pa., passed away Oct. 1, 2013. She was a retired residential advisor with more than 30 years of service for Mon Yough Community Services.

Jack R. Schendel, Sandia Park, N.M., passed away July 3, 2013. He held a master's degree in mathematics and computer science and a doctorate in physics. In 1980, he was recruited to work at Los Alamos National Laboratories then transferred in 1985 to Sandia National Laboratories, retiring in 2006. He contributed to national security through non-proliferation work. His interests included travel, photography and cooking.

David L. Zelinski, Eldon, Mo., passed away in his home on Aug. 9, 2009.

1972

Brian L. Farrar, Cambridge, Ohio, passed away March 29, 2013. He was the retired owner of Cambridge Power Equipment and a member of the Cambridge Elks. An avid sportsman who enjoyed fishing and gardening, he especially enjoyed any time spent with family and friends.

Roberta "Bobbi" Maxwell Young of Canton, Ohio, passed away on Aug. 14, 2013. She was a member of Church of the Savior, P.E.O. and the Canton Women's Club.

1973

Deborah Sell Craig, Kent, Ohio, passed away at home on July 2, 2013. She received a Master of Education, a Master of Arts and a doctorate, all from Kent State University. She was the coordinator of recruitment, scholarships and the Guest of Honor University Artist/Lecture Series and served as the I.L.S. advisor and liaison with Kent, Salem and East Liverpool campuses of Kent State University. She enjoyed traveling and vacationing in the Outer Banks with her family.

1975

Thalia D. Cady '75S, Westfield, Mass., passed away May 7, 2013. For many years, she worked as a digital marketing consultant; in recent years, she was a religion and spirituality columnist for BlogHer. She published a book of poetry, *Insults to the Darkness*. Her interests included travel and spending time with friends.

Mark J. Lukesic, Lorain, Ohio, passed away Sept. 8, 2013. Early in his career, he was employed by Lorain County Juvenile/Domestic Court; after 10 years of service, he began a career as a claim representative with State Farm Insurance. He also worked for Lorain City Schools as a coach and substitute teacher. He loved playing sports and coached high school football throughout Lorain County for over 20 years.

1976

Brian L. Bjorson passed away on Aug. 7, 2013, at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo. He spent most of his career in real estate. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed playing golf, tennis and biking.

1978

Howard E. Neiman, Wheeling, W.Va., passed away April 13, 2012. A member of Christ Lutheran Church in Mozart, he was a professor of economics, teaching at several colleges in the United States and abroad.

1979

Burley J. Sigman, Springfield, Ohio, died May 18, 2012. A Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired in 2000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation after 30 years of service. He attended St. Joseph Church.

1980

Kathryn Griffin Bumbalough, West Liberty, Ohio, passed away March 21, 2013. She was an assistant professor of education at Urbana University. Her values and joy for life were reflected in those she taught and whose lives she touched, including children at the Church of Christ, where she was a member, and students from Springfield South High School, Urbana University and various tutoring sessions. A homemaker, she enjoyed baking, spending time outdoors, and being healthy and active.

1981

David B. Andrews of Columbus, Ohio, passed away July 6, 2013. He enjoyed

fishing and horse races at Scioto Downs, as well as playing and coaching sports, including basketball and track. His scoring records at Grove City High School, where he was a two-time All-COL player, still stand.

1984

Randel L. Wolfe '84MSM, Reading, Pa., died on April 14, 2013. Director of music and the arts at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Reading, he previously served as director of music and organist in Ohio and Kansas. An accomplished scholar and musician, he was a member and past president of the American Guild of Organists and a member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and Chorus America. He served on the board of directors of the Royal School of Church Music in America, Princeton, N.J. In Reading, he was chairman of the Friends of Chamber Music; chairperson of the Fall Festival of the Arts; instructor at Alvernia University; section director with the Berks County Youth Chorus; and member of the Worship & Music team of the Southwestern PA Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He performed with the Reading Symphony and the Kansas City Symphony and sang with the Wheatland Chorale. An acclaimed baritone, he sang the national anthem in the Allen Fieldhouse before University of Kansas basketball games. While in Kansas, he participated in Gilbert & Sullivan productions at the Hallmark theatres.

1986

Philip W. Buford of Lorton, Va., and formerly of Delaware, Ohio, passed away Aug. 29, 2013. A U.S. Army major, he retired in 2006 after 20 years of logistics service to his country. He then continued his service in the budget analysis department of the Pentagon as chief of the modeling integration analysis team. He was an avid sports fan.

1987

Dearl T. Mills, Springfield Township, Ohio, died June 4, 2013. Before retiring, he was employed by Lockheed Martin Corporation as a defense contractor for the DLA Agency DAASC at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Previous employment included Century Technologies, Ponderosa Inc., and Robbins & Myers Inc. He was a member of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, Saint Andrews No. 619 F. & A.M. and Springfield Chapter No. 237. An avid genealogy researcher, he had published several articles in County History Books and Genealogical Society publications. He also loved oil and watercolor painting.

1993

Linda Fawcett Vandegrift, lifelong resident of Wooster, Ohio, passed away on July 11, 2013. She held a master's degree in outdoor education from the University of Akron and taught second grade at Wooster Township for 17 years. An active member of Grace Brethren Church, she taught Vacation Bible School, started a Neighborhood Summer Bible Club for children, and enjoyed playing golf with the L.C. Boles Ladies Golf League.

2002

Caroline J. Holmes, Ann Arbor, Mich., passed away April 28, 2013. From 2005-2008, she was a program assistant at the University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT). She had a special gift for working with children and was dedicated to improving their lives at several summer camps. In Ann Arbor, she was a Camp Al-Gon-Quian staff member from 1995-2000, where she was a beloved counselor, talented leader and archery instructor. She was an assistant director from 2001-2003 at Frost Valley YMCA camp in Claryville, N.Y. From 2008-2011, she was assistant director at Dragonfly Forest, a free summer camp for children with serious illnesses and disorders, in West Chester, Pa.

2008

Kenneth E. Wells, Fairborn, Ohio, passed away June 23, 2013. He served in the U.S. Air Force during Korea and Vietnam, retiring after 22 years of service at the rank of senior master sergeant. He followed as president of Wells and Sons Janitorial Service Inc. and served as director of facilities and finance at Abiding Christ Lutheran Church in Fairborn. He was a member of Fairborn Rotary Club, Fairborn Lions Club, and the Fairborn Area Chamber of Commerce, and served on the board of the Greene County Career Center.

calendar of events



Cleveland Alumni Chapter Event, May 21



Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Events, May 15 and July 10



Columbus Alumni Chapter Event, July 30

May

- 20 **Indianapolis Alumni Chapter:** *Networking Event*
- 21 **Boston Alumni Chapter:** *Witt Wednesday Happy Hour*
- 21 **Cleveland Alumni Chapter:** *The Corner Alley Bowling*
- 22 **Columbus Alumni Chapter:** *Brothers Drake Meadery*

June

- 11 **Cincinnati Alumni Chapter:** *Networking Event*
- 17 **Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter:** *Networking Event*
- 20-25 **President's Leadership Academy,** www.wittenberg.edu/pla
- 22 **Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter:** *Music at Mellon Park*
- 22 **Indianapolis Alumni Chapter:** *Graeter's Ice Cream*

July

- 10 **Indianapolis Alumni Chapter:** *Indianapolis Indians Game*
- 17 **Rochester, N.Y., Alumni Chapter:** *Cocktails on the Lake in Webster*
- 30 **Columbus Alumni Chapter:** *Columbus Clippers Game*

August

- 16 **Rochester, N.Y., Alumni Chapter:** *Day at the Races, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.*
- 23 **Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter:** *Nationals Game*

September

- 27 **Cincinnati Alumni Chapter:** *Cincinnati Reds Game*

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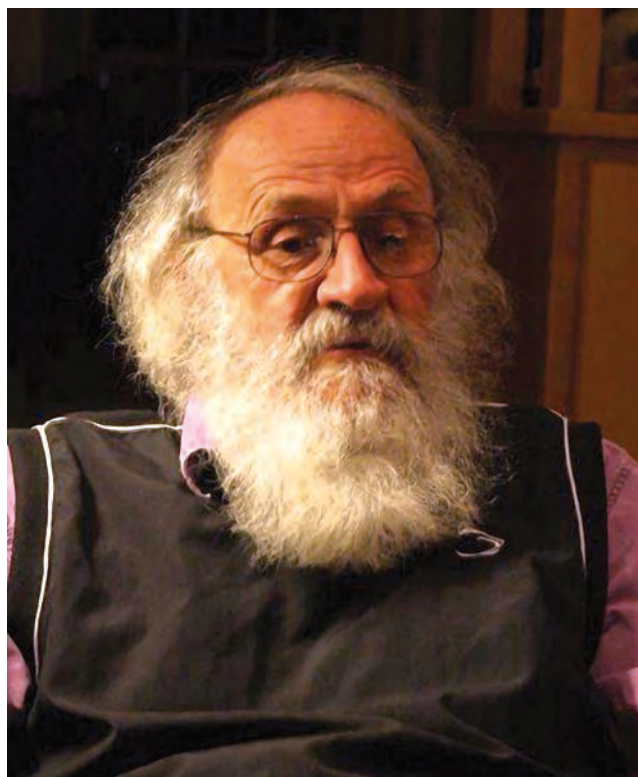
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Meeting Math Head-On And With Heart

Tom Stafford '76 Remembers Professor Eric Wilson



It happens at Wittenberg every year.

Peer pressure leads a student to do what he otherwise would never have done.

So even though I'd dispatched with my math requirement by taking math for idiots as a freshman, under pressure from friends, I signed up as a junior for a spring quarter of calculus.

That's how I came to meet Eric Wilson.

Tall and slender with a bushy beard, he was rumored to have been a killer volleyball player. Given that most of us thought anyone who taught college was ancient, the volleyball thing seemed impressive. And because he lived in Yellow Springs, it also made him a man who seemed to have one foot in the hippy world and another in the world of athletics – the kind of thing some of us aspired to in the Zeitgeist of the time.

I'm sure Eric regularly went back and forth to the board, chalk

in hand, to provide illustrations. But my lasting memory is of him standing in blue jeans, leaning back on the desk with his eyes closed and his hand on his head. It was in that pose that he'd encourage us to close our eyes and imagine a shape in space.

Years later, I wondered whether I might have made more progress in math had I had a set of training wheels for visualization – a graphing calculator or 3-D computer imagery. Maybe seeing a simulation would have jump started my visual capacities, and I could have seen how shapes shift in space like a moving flocking birds propelled into flight by formulae.

Alas, in the mid-1970s, that was not to be, and I was left to my own devices and the devices of the time. Taking pencil to paper, I struggled to keep my lips from moving as I plotted and plodded along. I earned a B-plus in the class for two reasons.

One is the weakness I described, the other, the strength of my instructor. Part of it involved his technical skills as a teacher, I'm sure. He was a patient listener and tried his best to provide clear answers to my sometimes fuzzy questions. More important, though, was my sense that it mattered to him that I understood. He did this despite the fact I was not a math major, had obvious limitations as a math student, and likely was in a little bit over my head. That he cared made me care more.

There were other professors I had more classes with and enjoyed: Gerry Hudson and Bill Buscemi in my major of political science come to mind. But along with Joe O'Connor, who got me through a Russian history class I had no business taking as a freshman, I'll remember Eric Wilson.

He not only was one of the best teachers I ever had. In my mind, he stands as an exemplar of the kind of person who made and continues to make Wittenberg a special place to learn, even for students who crumble before peer pressure. He knew the crucial variable in the equation of teaching: the need to care about his students.

And that's a second thing that happens at Wittenberg every year. ■

– Tom Stafford '76

Editor's Note: Eric Wilson, professor emeritus of mathematics, passed away April 18, 2013. He taught at Wittenberg beginning in 1962 and retired with his wife, Vi Biehl, in 1996 to Rugby, Tenn.

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