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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Note From The President



As I walk across our beautiful campus, now covered in glistening white snow, I cannot help but be amazed by the distance we, as members of the Wittenberg community, have traveled in such a short time. Together, we saw our admission team hit the mark again this year, bringing 566 of the best and brightest to experience our university. We met our annual fund goal, increased our alumni participation rate by two percentage points, and also improved our first-to-second year retention rate by several points, hitting 80 percent.

Wittenberg's core enterprise of teaching and learning, however, remains at the forefront of all our efforts. The university's accomplished faculty members have created new academic majors and programs while sustaining their tradition of excellence in innovative pedagogy and award-winning accessibility to students. We have also created a Center for Student Success, and our faculty and staff members have done heroic work to break down barriers that compromise students' experience at Wittenberg. This initiative continues to inspire and recently received considerable external funding to provide additional engaged learning opportunities and peer mentoring to students.

We have also continued to tackle our structural budget deficit head-on through a combination of cost-containment and revenue-generating initiatives – an approach that has resulted in considerable overall improvement in our operating performance in just two years. In addition, we are moving with deliberate speed in fundraising for several institutional priorities, including new academic programs, an enhanced endowment, the new student success initiative, and athletics as an area of competitive advantage. In fact, we are actually beginning phase one of a comprehensive revitalization of our health, wellness and athletics facilities to support new academic programming (sport management and exercise science), intramurals and our athletics teams. The first project will be replacing the turf on historic Edwards-Maurer Field, which we are planning to follow with an addition of a new multi-purpose recreation facility, along with the renovation of the HPERC and the 1929 Fieldhouse.

At the same time, we are piloting what we are calling The Wittenberg Commitment, a promise, if you will, to future students and their families about the power of our transformative education. This commitment is built on six pillars including: a full-year, first-year seminar; comprehensive advising; engaged learning in and beyond the classroom; an electronic portfolio known as The WittFolio; powerful connections to the Wittenberg alumni base; and a four-year graduation guarantee. It is designed to help students intentionally prepare for life after Wittenberg from day one on campus in collaboration with caring faculty, staff advisors and peer mentors.

Indeed, Wittenberg finds itself in the midst of transformative change all focused on strengthening our mission and our ability to ensure the future success of students for generations to come. To secure this future requires that we remain student-centered; strengthen our governance systems; engage a broader range of the Wittenberg alumni base in meaningful ways; and continue to work toward creating a sustainable financial model.

All of these achievements are powerful indicators of our positive momentum, and I am deeply grateful for the leadership and support of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends in getting us to this place. May you continue to inspire us with your generosity as we work hard to deliver on our promise of providing a first-rate liberal arts education that prepares our students for fulfilling lives and careers.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie M. Joyner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurie M. Joyner, Ph.D.
President



University Named a *Forbes'* #MyTopCollege

Proving the power of social media, Wittenberg University landed the No. 4 spot in the nation following the month-long *Forbes'* social media campaign, #MyTopCollege, which concluded July 30. Wittenberg was the only liberal arts university to break the top five, where it found itself nestled between two large public institutions, Kansas State (#3) and Penn State (#5).

Forbes annually ranks colleges, but this year the media source decided to go beyond the “glamour shots” and straight to the people who know the colleges inside and out.

“We asked students, alumni and faculty to take to the social web and tell us what makes their school a top college. Over 300 of our top schools participated, with some 35,000 tweets and almost 8,000 posts on Instagram,” *Forbes* explained.

Wittenberg fans flocked to Twitter and Instagram as the campaign unfolded, touting such beloved traditions as crossing the Seal at Commencement and lifelong faculty connections to fostering service dogs and discovering their passions. The marriage proposal shared by Samantha Iden '12 particularly caught the attention of *Forbes*, which included it with Wittenberg in the online list of winners. ■

President Earns Woman of Distinction Award

In recognition of her unique vision, community leadership, and her ability to transform the leadership landscape for women through her achievements, President Laurie M. Joyner received the 2014 Woman of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio in the leadership category.

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“Woman of Distinction honorees are women of outstanding success who are making significant contributions in an impressive array of fields,” notes the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio website. “They give hope and inspiration to girls through their achievements and passion for our communities. By making major impacts in the focus areas, they are role models for girls and leading the way for future girl leaders.”

Now in her third year as Wittenberg’s first-ever woman president, Joyner is a thought-leader in the field of higher education, where she brings intimate insight into developing one’s whole person and the transformative role the liberal arts plays in such development. She has especially inspired women colleagues and students with her willingness to share her own professional journey. Joyner annually hosts a Women in Leadership Luncheon to celebrate the accomplishments of women in the Springfield community and the success of Wittenberg alumnae. Earlier this fall, Joyner was also named to the Dayton BizWomen Power 50 list. ■

Multiple Admission Metrics Achieved as Class of 2018 Arrives on Campus



As the 2014-15 academic year unfolds, the Wittenberg community extended a special welcome to the 566 students in Wittenberg's Class of 2018, marking the second year in a row the nationally ranked liberal arts and sciences college has exceeded its recruitment goal.

Hailing from 25 states and 12 countries outside of the United States, Wittenberg's class of 2018 boasts a strong academic profile with an average high school grade point average of 3.5. The class also includes five Community Engagement Scholars, nine Student Leader Fellows, five Entrepreneurship Fellows, eight Art

Scholars, eight Theatre Scholars, five Dance Scholars, two Environmental Science Scholars, and 40 students who received a music scholarship, as well as 32 students whose parents or grandparents are Wittenberg alumni. ■

Innovative Communication Program Recognized

Wittenberg's Integrated Media Corps (IMC), a collaborative academic and work-study program developed to train media professionals of the future, has been recognized by the Ohio Communication Association (OCA) as the 2014 recipient of its Distinguished Program Award.

Created in 2010 as a collaborative effort of the administrative Office of University Communications and the academic Department of Communication, IMC provides Wittenberg students with opportunities to apply lessons learned in the classroom while gaining technical expertise through work-study internships. The program welcomes students from all majors, providing hands-on experience with all facets of media production and broadcasting while also meeting publicity and public relations needs for the university.



"The IMC represents the best of the liberal arts in action," said Professor of Communication Matthew J. Smith, who serves as the program's academic advisor. "The program offers students practical experience in the context of a broad-based learning environment. I'm most pleased that the program has offered employable skills to a wide variety of majors, not just those students enrolled as communication majors, but also those across the humanities and sciences." ■



Student Success

Nearly \$200,000 in Funding Looks to Eliminate Barriers to Degree Completion

Wittenberg recently received a \$194,445 College Success grant from Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Spearheaded by Interim Provost Mary Jo Zembar, professor of psychology, and Jon Duraj, associate dean of students for student success and retention, the grant will enhance the level of support and resources provided to students, including allowing Wittenberg to hire three first-year success advisors.

"These advisors will work closely with students to identify any and all barriers to success," Duraj said. "They will develop relationships, follow-up and make sure that these students connect on campus and navigate the experience effectively."

Research shows that students who are placed on academic probation during their freshman year are up to 82 percent less likely to graduate in five years than those not on probation. This is especially true for students from low-income backgrounds, students of color, and students who are first in their families to attend college.

Mission-Driven Strategy Defines Future Path

Stagnant net revenue coupled with changing demographics will continue to shape Wittenberg's Board-approved institutional strategy focused on: a) identifying areas of competitive advantage; b) emphasizing student success

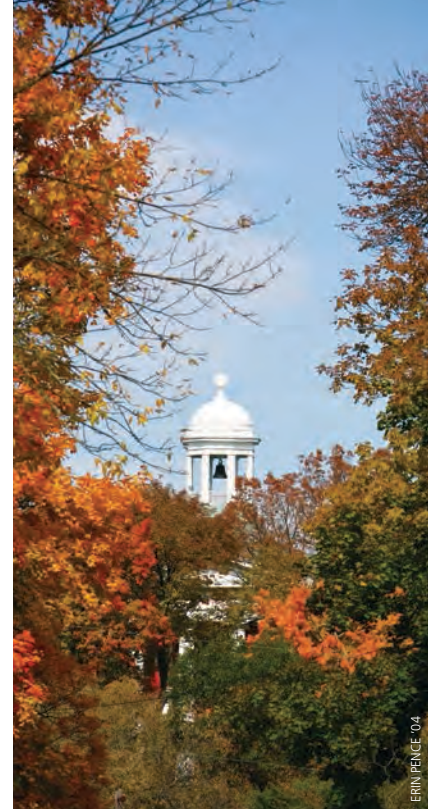


"I often tell our community that if we admit students, then it is a moral imperative to help them succeed," said Wittenberg President Laurie M. Joyner, who has championed the implementation of a student success model at Wittenberg since her arrival in July 2012. "I am confident that the College Success grant will contribute greatly to our collective efforts on this front as we help students discover their calling in life."

Great Lakes College Success grants, totaling \$2.7 million, were awarded to 19 two- and four-year colleges, universities and community and technical colleges across Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. A total of 5,280 students from low-income backgrounds, students of color, and students who are first in their families to attend college will benefit from support services during the 2014-2015 academic year. This grant is just one way Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation & Affiliates works to achieve its goal of helping more students benefit from their investment in higher education and graduate ready to reach their full potential. ■

and retention; c) creating a distinctive value proposition; d) incorporating best practices across the institution while striving for a culture of excellence across all University sectors; e) diversifying programs and markets in order to attract students; and f) improving performance in the University's revenue-generating areas of admission and advancement.

"Together, our students, faculty and staff create an active, engaged learning environment that has been nationally recognized by the Princeton Review for 'Best Classroom Experience' and 'Most Accessible Faculty,'" said President Laurie M. Joyner. "By aligning all our efforts around this strategy, Wittenberg can continue to provide that experience not only for today's students, but for generations to come." ■



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Investment in Areas of Competitive Advantage

A couple who prefers to remain anonymous recently committed \$135,000 to help make athletics an even greater area of competitive advantage. The funding created a new position for the Division III athletics powerhouse, which will assist in developing strategic partnerships, working directly with admission and advancement, and improving intramurals.

The university also received a generous gift from The W. Dean Sweet Trust in the amount of \$350,000 to support student recruitment in business and accounting; pilot components of the new value-added proposition, The Wittenberg Commitment; and co-locate critical student support services and selected high-impact educational practices on campus. ■

University Continues Focus on Campus Climate

Throughout the years, Wittenberg has committed to and implemented a multitude of programs to address issues of sexual violence, healthy relationships, and bystander behavior. Today, more than 20 programs and educational offerings related to Title IX are in place, and a new working group established by President Laurie M. Joyner has recommended additional avenues to ensure that the university is upholding its mission, which calls to support the full development of each and every student's potential within an environment that is conducive to his or her success – personally, intellectually, socially and physically. Wittenberg is intentional about fostering such an environment and has been since its founding.

Among the additional avenues currently being recommended are: annually re-commissioning of the cross-divisional Title IX working group under the leadership of Wittenberg's Title IX co-coordinators; partnering with the local Project Woman agency to have its trained volunteers serve as victim advocates as soon as a case is reported; expanding services and programs offered through Wittenberg's own campus advocacy agency; and creating a combined annual report for the president and campus leadership to coincide with the updating of the Campus Security and Fire Report (which includes Clery Act reporting) each October. ■

President's Leadership Academy Benefits Recruitment



A one-of-kind immersion experience that builds on Wittenberg's tradition of academic excellence, service, and leadership development, Wittenberg's first-ever President's Leadership Academy kicked off July 20. A weeklong camp for rising high school juniors and seniors, the academy embraced several learning goals, including: identifying one's own

leadership style; managing controversy with civility; understanding servant leadership; integrating mission, purpose and civic responsibility into one's efforts; leading groups through strategic goal-setting and planning exercises; and finding mentors and networks.

Courses, workshops and hands-on experiences helped participants learn how to lead with confidence, as well as understand the ins-and-outs of college admission processes such as writing admission essays and conveying leadership opportunities so as to stand out during admission and scholarship decisions.

Wittenberg President Laurie M. Joyner hosted the academy and shared her insight on what leadership means in a special course during the week. Upon finishing the program, participants received a Wittenberg Certificate of Completion, and their involvements was publicized at their school or in their hometown news outlets.

As an added bonus, the program offered all participants a \$1,000 scholarship

should they apply and be admitted to Wittenberg. If participants take the skills they learned and actually implement a program that has a positive impact on their school, church, or community, and are admitted to Wittenberg, they are also eligible to apply for the \$80,000 President's Leadership Scholarship (\$20,000 per year for four years at Wittenberg). ■

Famed Physicist Presents Leventhal Lecture



One of the most widely recognized figures in science and the co-founder of string theory, theoretical physicist Michio Kaku discussed "How Science Will Revolutionize the Next 20 to 50 Years" during the annual Wittenberg Series-sponsored Leventhal Endowed Lecture, Oct. 30. Kaku is an internationally recognized authority in Einstein's unified field theory, which he is attempting to complete, and in predicting trends affecting business, commerce, and finance using the latest scientific research.

Kaku is the author of several international best-sellers, including *Hyperspace and Visions: How Science Will Revolutionize the 21st Century*, as well as *Physics of the Impossible* and *Physics of the Future: How Science Will Shape Human Destiny and Our Daily Lives by 2100*, which details how scientists think the world of commerce, medicine, computers, and space exploration may evolve during the next century. His most recent book, *The Future of the Mind: The Scientific Quest to Understand, Enhance and Empower the Mind*, was published in February. His weekly radio program, *Science Fantastic*, is the largest nationally syndicated science radio show on commercial radio in the United States and perhaps the world. The Henry Semat Chair in Theoretical Physics at the City University of New York, Kaku graduated summa cum laude from Harvard University in 1968 before earning his Ph.D. in physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1972. ■



Creating a Spark

First-Ever Conference Focuses on Maximizing One's Journey

Designed to encourage engagement, illustrate the power of vocation, and illuminate the mind around one's purpose, Wittenberg's inaugural SPARK Conference offered a unique engagement opportunity for students using a "TED-talk" style format, Sept. 12-13.

Initiated by the Office of Student Development, the two-day conference offered short, engaging, and creative discussions, as well as workshops, to inspire attendees to think critically about their potential and their future while at Wittenberg and well after they graduate.

"The opportunity to see and hear campus and alumni leaders share their personal journeys and advice resonated powerfully with students,"

Rosenberg Appointed Honorary Consul to Lesotho

Since arriving at Wittenberg in 2001, Scott Rosenberg, professor of history and former member of the Peace Corps, has extended opportunities for service and engagement with the global community, including month-long service projects to help orphans in the South African Kingdom of Lesotho.

One of the poorest countries, Lesotho has the third highest AIDS rate in the

world, with the highest per capita AIDS mortality rate, and more than 220,000 orphans in a country of less than 2 million people.

Inspiring hundreds of students, faculty, and staff to join him in Lesotho over the years, Rosenberg's efforts have since caught official eyes in the Kingdom. On Oct. 3, Ambassador Eliachim Molapi Sebataane of Lesotho, whose daughter Selloane and son-in-law Alvin Asiamah both graduated from Wittenberg, traveled to campus to appoint Rosenberg Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of Lesotho. Rosenberg will represent the country in Ohio and through the Midwest. ■



said Jon Duraj, associate dean of students for student success and retention. "Their words also proved inspiring as they set the tone for how students might maximize their time at Wittenberg to ensure they get the most of their experience."

Joining Duraj '09 and his team in making the conference memorable were dynamic keynote addresses presented by President Laurie M. Joyner, Director of Athletics and Recreation Gary Williams, BLOOM Africa Founder Andrew Steele '10 and Associate Professor of Communication Katie Warber, as well as digital thought leader in higher education Josie Ahlquist. The Rev. John Morris '83, past-president of Wittenberg's Alumni Board, served as emcee. ■

Math Professor Earns National Award

Demonstrating the quality of Wittenberg faculty, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Adam Parker received the George Pólya Award from the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) for his article "Who Solved the Bernoulli Differential Equation and How did They Do it?" One of only two recipients, Parker received the prestigious award at the MAA Summer National MathFest meeting in Portland, Ore. His article examines the history of mathematics while exploring the pedagogy of mathematics.

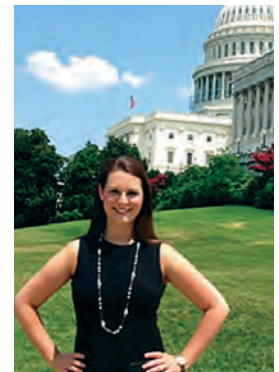
D.C. Internship Enhances Student's Success

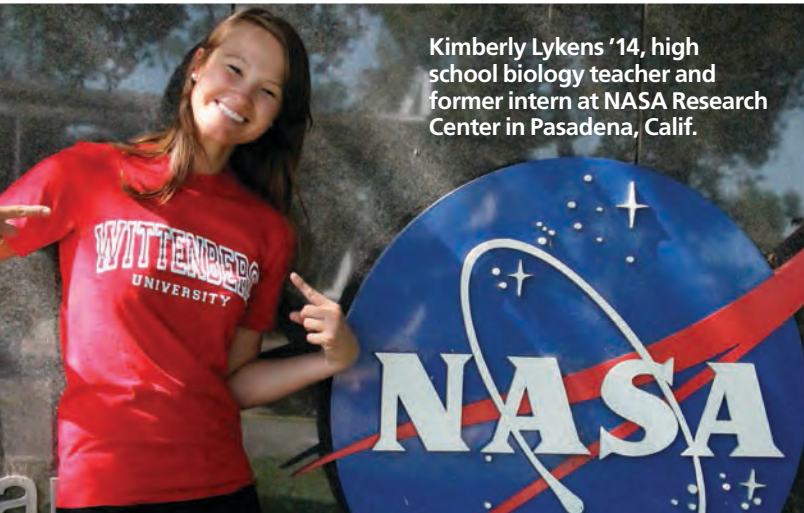
Madeline Petee '15 has always aspired to work in the medical field, but it wasn't until this summer that the biology major from Perrysburg, Ohio, was able to blend her love for science and public health. Working in Washington, D.C., Petee held an internship with Strategic Healthcare, one of the premier healthcare lobbying firms in the country.

"Wittenberg professors provide individualized attention to students and help them to find their passion in this world," said Petee, who hopes to earn her Doctor of Nursing, concentrating in pediatric and adolescent medicine. "Going to a small liberal arts school like Wittenberg prepared me for this internship experience and set me apart from students from other universities."

Throughout the summer, Petee worked primarily with the Huntington's Disease Society of America, ProMedica Health System and the Nursing Schools Coalition, writing daily briefs on the status of legislation and policies that would directly impact each organization.

"I was able to take the experience that I've gained in my biology classes and previous clinical internships and transition into a policy atmosphere, drawing on my liberal arts education every step of the way," Petee explained. "From my English classes that helped me craft my writing style and communication skills to my WittSem, which helped me look at disease and public health issues from a wide variety of perspectives, I was so well prepared for this internship because of the amazing skills and confidence that I have gained during my time at Wittenberg." ■





Kimberly Lykens '14, high school biology teacher and former intern at NASA Research Center in Pasadena, Calif.



Tiana Cherry '14 in India

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Michelle Gregory '13 and Swati Shivshankar '13 in San Francisco



Shohei Yoh '66, world-famous architect, in Fukuoka, Japan.



Morgan Mitchell '18 in High Point, N.C.



Jay Dolan '15 on Gile Mountain in Vt.

Leah Hafer Crowe '91, high school Spanish teacher, studying evolution and biodiversity maintenance in the Amazon



Christen Nagy '15, intern at the Marine Mammal Care Center in San Pedro, Calif.



AJ Burt '15, Lauren Smigelski '12 and Amanda Shipley '12 in Washington, D.C.

Hillary Hassink '13, doula at Johns Hopkins, visiting St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands



Lance Himes '94, an attorney with the Ohio Department of Health, and his family in Chicago



Meredith Wells '14 in Lesotho



Elizabeth Goodbarn '13 on Mount Shavano in Colo.



Karl Larew '10 and Ross Roeding '11 in Amsterdam

Campus Notes

FACULTY



Charney
Professor of Art

Choy
Associate Professor
of Foreign Languages
and Literature



Collier
Director of
Community Service



Dawson
Professor of Health,
Fitness and Sport



Fortner
Assistant Professor
of Geology and
Environmental
Science



Martin
Assistant Professor
of Health, Fitness
and Sport



Edward Charney, professor of art, was recently accepted into the Oil Painters of America Society following a juried process where images are submitted to the society, and the work is accepted or rejected by a panel of senior members. In addition, Charney's work was featured at the National Nature & Wildlife Exhibition in St. Augustine, Fla.; Cape Fear Studios 2014 Annual National Juried Exhibition in Fayetteville, N.C.; The View 2014-All Ohio Juried Landscape Competition in Kettering, Ohio; Sky High: Weather-Related Invitational Exhibition in Columbus, Ohio; Expressionist Landscape Paintings in Columbus, Ohio; America's 2014 All Media National Juried Exhibition in Minot, N.D.; National Small Oil Painting Juried Exhibition in Wichita, Kan.; and The Blanche Ames National Juried Art Exhibition in North Easton, Mass.

Howard Choy, associate professor of foreign languages and literature, was invited to present lectures titled "Obsession with China, Obsession with Nobel Prize" and "Between Chineseness and Foreignness: Gao Xingjian and Mo Yan in the Age of Globalization" at the Global Salon and East Asian Languages & Literatures Annual Lecture at Smith College earlier this year. He also presented "Mountain Gods and Mountain Dogs: Cinematic Critiques of Materialistic Modernization and Market Economy in Tibet," at the 20th biennial conference of the European Association of Chinese Studies at the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal in July.

Kristen Collier '92, director of community service, **Rachel Tune**, Matevia Endowed University Pastor, **Keith Doubt**, professor

of sociology, **Patrick Reynolds**, assistant professor of theatre and dance, and Ben Brown '15 attended the 2014 Interfaith Understanding Conference at Augustana College to discuss best practices and tools for sharing stories of exploring interfaith engagement and developing interfaith literacy on ELCA college and university campuses. Tune and Collier also participated in the Fourth Annual President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge National Gathering at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The gathering provided an opportunity to share experiences, learn from experts, and meet administration officials who share a commitment to community service with an interfaith engagement component.

Steve Dawson, professor of health, fitness and sport, and head men's soccer coach, was interviewed by two media groups recently: ABC 22 and Fox 45 News on "pressure on young athletes to attain a scholarship to attend college," and on NPR radio regarding the 2014 World Cup and its impact on the sports world.

Two winter classes of Global Climate Change taught by **Sarah Fortner**, assistant professor of geology & environmental science, will present individual and community climate solutions in interactive modules created with COSI at the Westcott Solar House. Fortner accompanied two alumnae, Elizabeth Wilson '14 and Lindsay Starr '14, to the Geological Society of America meeting in Vancouver to present environmental research.

Thomas P. Martin, professor of health, fitness and sport, presented a paper titled "Spectacular Hikes/Paddles in Your National

Parks" at the annual convention of the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention. Martin was also recertified as a Registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist (RCEP) by the American College of Sports Medicine, and he was invited by the Center for International Partnerships of the Institute of International Education to serve on a review panel for Global Innovation Initiative grants concerning public health and well-being.

While on sabbatical, **Daniel McInnis**, associate professor of art, had his work exhibited in a show titled "Variations of Likeness" at the Dayton Visual Arts Center, along with three other selected artists. The four-person show focused on four different approaches to portrait photography. More than 100 proposals were submitted following the Arts Center's bi-annual call for shows.

A collaborative proposal by **Gina Post**, associate professor of education and co-principal investigator, and faculty from three Midwestern universities resulted in a National Science Foundation grant award of \$799,000 for a collaborative two-year project titled "Midwest Regional Robert Noyce Connections: Building Communities of Practice."

Cathy Pederson, professor of biology, accompanied seniors Keith George, Christina Gruenwald and Ariane Saladino to the Midwest Great Lakes Undergraduate Research Symposium in Neuroscience, Sept. 20, at Wabash College. Each student presented a separate poster on their neuroanatomical study of discrete brain regions.

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McInnis
Associate Professor
of Art

Pederson
Professor of Biology



Rosenberg
Associate Professor
of History

Post
Associate Professor
of Education



Wagner
Assistant Professor
of Sociology

Tune
Matevia Endowed
University Pastor



Faculty Q&A: R. Clifton Spargo, Dixon Professor in Creative Writing

The first Dixon Professor for Creative Writing, R. Clifton Spargo brings an impressive resume to his first stint teaching at Wittenberg. A Chicago-based fiction writer and cultural critic who has taught at Yale, Marquette and the University of Iowa, Spargo is the author of *Beautiful Fools* and *The Last Affair of Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald*. Spargo now takes a few moments to share his own impressions of Wittenberg.

What has been the most rewarding and why? It's hard to pick one thing. As a teacher, as someone who embraces every opportunity to nurture the gift of storytelling – since storytelling is so fundamental to our lives as cultural beings – it's hard not to put the focus on the teaching itself. But I've also been wildly impressed by all the extras of the position – the hospitality of Cynthia Richards and the rest of the English department faculty, the opportunity to give a reading from my novel *Beautiful Fools*, which was followed by a robust Q&A, and the still upcoming colloquia in which I'll explore other topics dear to me. So I suppose it's the combination, the great diversity of the experience, which is how it should be, I think, at a liberal arts college. This is my first experience teaching at a small liberal arts college. I'm deeply committed to the mission of colleges such as Wittenberg where the liberal arts serve as the bedrock for everything else that happens, where there's an expressed sense of the extent to which the liberal arts provide a foundation for democratic culture.

Are you enjoying your time in the classroom? The teaching of creative writing is itself imaginative work. Wherever I teach, I'm moved and surprised anew by students' creativity, by the experiences that stir them, by the places and worlds they want to inhabit. I'm enjoying my



classes at Wittenberg very much, impressed by the quality of my students' work and their eagerness to pursue their own stories as well as unfamiliar terrain beyond what they know, and to embrace the adventures in language that inspire all good creative writing.

What might you tell others about the experience once it concludes? Only good things. I'm only halfway there, of course, but

my strongest impression has been of the culture here at Wittenberg – the attention to students, the general hospitality and collegiality, which comes in the form of the faculty's engagement with each other across disciplines. Everyone seems to know each other here, and that's pretty cool: to be in an educational setting in which you're not just another anonymous soul among the many.

How does it feel to be the first-ever Dixon Professor? It's truly an honor to serve as the Dixon Professor, a position named for Kent and Mimi Dixon, two terrific writers and teachers who served on the Wittenberg faculty for so many years and whose company I've enjoyed throughout the fall term. The challenge in holding a visiting position such as this is the abundance of riches – getting to know (as much as you can) the town of Springfield, the university itself, having the opportunity to collaborate professionally and socially with faculty, the pleasure of working with students dedicated to their education and to the craft of writing. And, of course, there's my own writing, I'm at work on a novel, and it's been going well, some days more slowly than others, but Wittenberg has been a very good place from which to write.

Scott Rosenberg, associate professor of history, has been appointed Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of Lesotho, representing the South African kingdom in Ohio and the Midwest. In October, he participated in a program in Washington, D.C., where he was recognized for continued service to the Peace Corps. Additionally, Rosenberg hosted a private screening on campus of the film "The Forgotten Kingdom," set in Lesotho. The film's director

and Lesotho's ambassador to the United States both attended the screening.

Matthew J. Smith, professor of communication, was named a Distinguished Teaching Fellow by the Eastern Communication Association. Smith also published a book chapter, "Working Girl: Diana Prince and the Crisis of Career Moves in Wonder Woman," in *The Ages of Wonder Woman* for McFarland & Company.

Brooke M. Wagner, assistant professor of sociology and director of criminology, criminal justice and pre-law, worked with three Hagen Center interns this summer to collect data for the Clark County Sheriff Office about recidivism in the Springfield community. The students interviewed most of the jail population as part of the ongoing project.



Ohio Basketball Hall Of Fame To Induct Alumnus

The ranks of Wittenberg University greats in the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame continue to grow with the selection of Bert Price '61 for induction in May 2015.

Price joins Brian Agler '80, Don Henderson '54, Frank Shannon '40, Eldon Miller '62, Al Thrasher '64, Pam Evans Smith '82, and Ray Mears, who coached the Tigers from 1956-62, in the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame. In addition, the 1961 Wittenberg men's basketball team, which captured the university's first national championship in any sport, and the 1977 national championship men's basketball team were both inducted in 2006 as part of the inaugural Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame & Museum induction class.

After transferring to Wittenberg from Kent State University, Price emerged late in his first season for the Tigers, scoring 18 points in the 1959 OAC Tournament championship game against Akron to secure the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament berth. He added OAC Player of the Year honors while leading the Tigers to the league title again in 1960.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Price topped himself as a senior and made history in the process. He led the Tigers in scoring and rebounding en route to his second straight first-team All-OAC award and first-team All-America honors. More importantly, Wittenberg won the 1961 national championship with a five-game run that includes wins over Youngstown State, Wabash, Williams, Mount St. Mary's and Southeast Missouri.

The Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame will induct its class of 2015 on Saturday, May 2, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Wittenberg is also planning a campus tribute to Price and all of its alumni who have been inducted previously during halftime of the game against Oberlin scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, in Pam Evans Smith Arena. ■

The starting five for the 1961 NCAA College Division National Champion Wittenberg men's basketball team, from left to right, Eldon Miller '61, George Fisher '61, Don Wolfe '62, Bert Price '61 and Al Thrasher '64



Wittenberg Welcomes New Tennis Head Coach



Following a national search, Nick Rohner was announced as Wittenberg's new head coach for men's and women's tennis. Rohner came to Wittenberg after six years as an assistant coach at his alma mater,

Central College, an NCAA Division III institution located in Pella, Iowa.

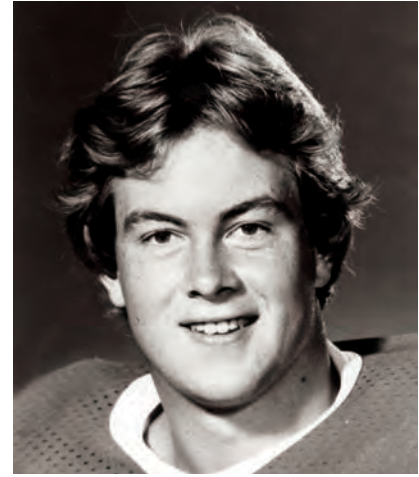
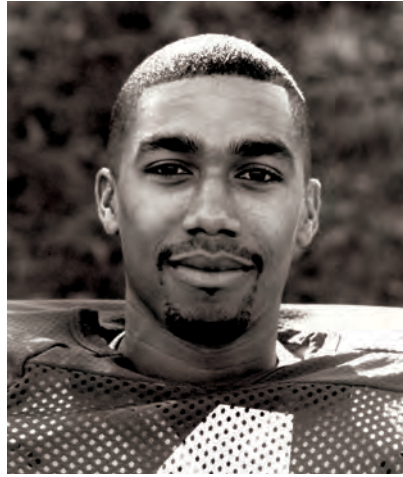
Rohner helped guide Central's men's team to winning records three times and at least 10 victories in each season, while the Dutch women posted winning records five times in that span. As a player, Rohner was a four-year letterwinner, and as a senior, he finished second in his flight in both the singles and doubles competitions hosted by the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Rohner has also served as director of junior programming for the Pella Tennis Association since 2011, and he has provided individual and group instruction to youth and adults of all ability levels as a private tennis coach since 2006. He is a licensed teaching professional by the United States Professional Tennis Association.

Rohner earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Central in 2008 and a master's degree in sport and recreation sciences from Ohio University in 2012. ■

— by Ryan Maurer

Six Tiger Greats Inducted Into Wittenberg's Athletics Hall Of Honor



Kathy Aros Jenkins '97, Dwight Carter '94, Mike Dowds '82, Chuck Imhoff '63, Amy Kraus '99 and Dave Moore '64 were inducted into the Wittenberg's Athletics Hall of Honor during 2014 Homecoming Weekend ceremonies.

Aros Jenkins was a four-time first-team All-North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) selection and two-time Academic All-America honoree for the Tiger women's soccer team. Aros Jenkins earned NCAC Offensive Player of the Year, first-team All-Midwest and second-team All-America honors in 1995, and she still ranks fourth in program history with 66 career points.

Carter claimed a pair of All-NCAC awards as a wide receiver for the Tiger football team but made an even greater impression on the track. He held the NCAC record in the 110-meter hurdles for more than a decade, and his school record time in the 400-meter hurdles still stands

20 years after his graduation. Carter won a total of seven NCAC titles (indoor and outdoor) in hurdles events and relays, and he owns a total of 13 All-NCAC awards.

Dowds was an all-conference kicker and an All-America defensive lineman for the Tiger football team. While playing on a pair of teams that finished as NCAA Division III Tournament runner-up, Dowds earned the Tigers' Defensive Most Improved Player award in 1979 and then claimed Team MVP, first-team All-OAC, and first-team All-America honors in 1980.

Imhoff went undefeated against OAC men's tennis competition the last three years of his collegiate career while compiling a record of 35-3 in singles and winning three straight league titles at his position. He also won two OAC doubles championships, including his 1963 crown with Moore. The tandem went on to win the NCAA College Division Mideast Doubles Championship.

Kraus, one of the most prolific offensive players in Wittenberg field hockey history, held program and NCAC records for nearly a decade. Kraus continues to stand atop the Wittenberg list for goals scored in a season, and she posted two of the top five seasons in terms of total points. Kraus earned first-team All-NCAC and first-team All-Great Lakes Region honors following each of her four collegiate seasons, in addition to NCAC Offensive Player of the Year and first-team All-America honors in 1995.

Moore won more than 40 men's tennis singles matches and lost just once while capturing four straight Ohio Athletic Conference championships at his position. In doubles, Moore won three league titles at the No. 1 position and finished runner-up a fourth time. He teamed with Imhoff to win the 1963 NCAA Mideast Regional Doubles Championship. ■

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Wittenberg Men's Lacrosse Honors Alumnus With New Team Award

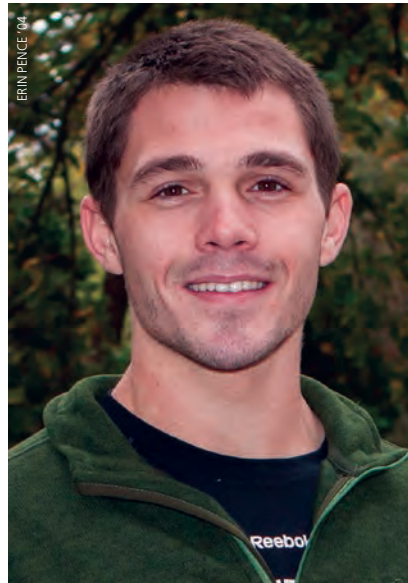


More than 150 family members, friends and teammates proudly wore Team Nelly T-shirts adorned with the phrase "Tiger Up!" on the back at a 2014 fundraiser. Team Nelly raised \$31,867.84 after raising an event record \$54,000 in 2013.

Long before millions of people chose to douse themselves with cold water in the name of finding a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), members of the Wittenberg University men's lacrosse community had a far more personal connection – and champion – to inspire them to rise up against the insidious disease.

Andy Nelson '95 was diagnosed with ALS, often referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease, in 2011. He is battling a disease with no known cure and the lowest survival rate possible, but that doesn't mean he has given up the fight. Neither have his family, friends and former teammates, who have rallied around Nelson – while coming to realize what is important in their own lives and relationships.

"From the start of the diagnosis we have been asking what we can do to support Andy, his wife, Alex, and son, Will, and to keep his legacy alive," said Peter Waldron '95. "All of our friends have stepped up and done their part in either coming to spend time with Andy or to support him from afar. Throughout this challenging



The first recipient of the Andy Nelson Unsung Hero Award is Ryan Spitzer, a senior defensive midfielder from Lincolnshire, Ill. He received the award at the team's 2014 banquet, which took place on Saturday, Oct. 4.

disease Andy has faced it head on and with an amazingly positive attitude."

Nelson, a native of Ridgewood, N.J., and a current resident of Baltimore, Md., earned four varsity letters as a

men's lacrosse student-athlete, but his Wittenberg experience is more accurately defined by the liberal arts tradition of fulfilling academic, athletic and social experiences, including his affiliation with the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, lifelong friendships with lacrosse teammates, and an eventual partnership with his future wife, Alex, also a member of the class of 1995.

Those relationships and experiences have become the foundation for Nelson's battle with ALS. When Waldron and Nelson first participated in the annual Fiesta 5K in Baltimore, a fundraiser for the Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins University, they adopted the mantra of the Wittenberg student-athlete, "Tiger Up!" Wittenberg community members know it as a rallying cry for excellence on the field and in the classroom, so Nelson made it the motto for Team Nelly, the unofficial name for his legion of supporters, "to unite people to achieve a common goal."

"Our group doesn't have championship rings to shine or hall of fame dinners to attend," Waldron said. "We actually have much more than that. We have a bond that stands up to the trials and tribulations that life brings us."

Back at his alma mater, Nelson's legacy is just taking shape. A scholarship fund has been established in his honor, intended to ensure that future Tigers have the same collegiate opportunities that Nelson remembers so fondly. Separately, current Tiger Head Coach Jay Owen has worked with Nelson's friends to create the Andy Nelson Unsung Hero Award to honor the player who best epitomizes his best traits as a teammate.

"Andy is an unsung hero who is facing the inevitable," Waldron said. "He faces it with grace, pride and integrity. Andy would be the first person to tell you that he was not the best player on the field, but he was one of the hardest-working players out there. He was committed to the team and those around him. He pushed himself hard every day and pushed those around him. He was and is a fighter." ■

– by Ryan Maurer



Wittenberg Welcomes St. Pierre as Women's Lacrosse Head Coach

Nicholle St. Pierre was selected as the Wittenberg's women's lacrosse head coach after two years as an assistant coach at Philadelphia University. Philadelphia University posted records of 14-5 in 2013 and 17-1 in 2014, the best record in program history, during St. Pierre's time on the coaching staff.

"We are excited to have Nicholle join our coaching staff," said Director of Athletics and Recreation Gary Williams. "She brings a perfect balance of lacrosse knowledge with care and concern for the well-being of the women she coaches. Nicholle has much to bring as we look to advance our women's lacrosse program to the next level."

In addition to her work at Philadelphia University, St. Pierre coached for Quaker City Lacrosse Club in Lower Merion, Pa., in 2013, and Aftershock Lacrosse Club in Collegeville, Pa., in 2011 and 2012. St. Pierre was a four-year letterwinner as an attacker at Temple University. She appeared in 29 games, including six starting assignments, during her career. St. Pierre earned her bachelor's degree in speech, language and hearing communication from Temple in 2011. ■

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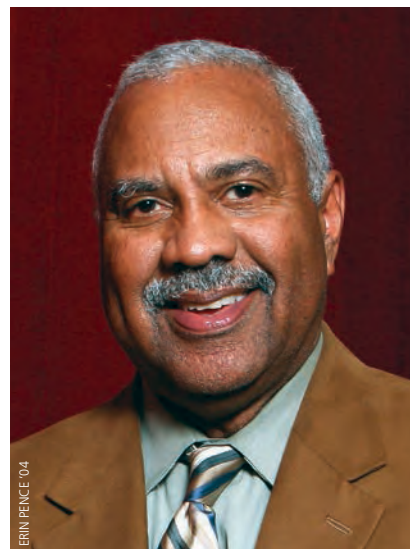
Mitchell Honored by Chicago Sports Museum

The Chicago Sports Museum, which opened in April, now includes an exhibit highlighting Fred Mitchell '69, and the annual college football award named in his honor by the National Football Foundation.

"I am gratified and humbled to have a formal home for the Fred Mitchell Award, which recognizes the best place-kicker in the country among more than 750 colleges," said Mitchell, who was inducted into Wittenberg's Athletic Hall of Honor in 1995 and the American Football Kicking Hall of Fame in 2013.

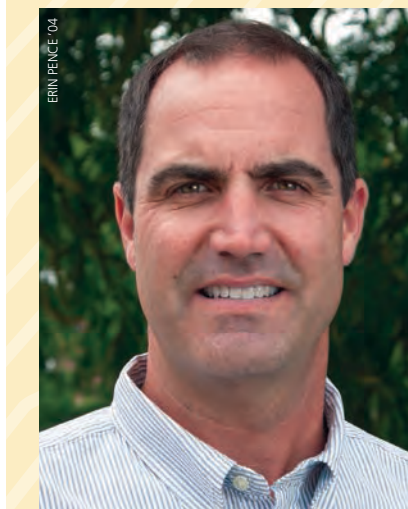
"I am proud to know that the Wittenberg name and story will continue to be recognized nationally through this exhibit as thousands of tourists visit this museum throughout the years," Mitchell added.

Located on the seventh floor of Water Tower Place on Michigan Avenue, the \$14 million Chicago Sports Museum includes game-worn jerseys, trophies, interactive game displays and other memorabilia of



such former and current Chicago sports stars as Michael Jordan, Walter Payton, Mike Ditka, Richard Dent, Ernie Banks, Andre Dawson, Ryne Sandberg, Joakim Noah, Scottie Pippen, Patrick Kane, Brandon Marshall and many others. ■

— by Ryan Maurer



Croci Joins Athletics Staff

Director of Athletics and Recreation Gary Williams has announced that Matt Croci '94, Hall of Honor inductee and one of the finest basketball players in Wittenberg's history, has been selected for a newly created position of assistant director of athletics.

In his new position, which is funded by an anonymous donor, Croci will develop comprehensive recruiting, retention and stewardship strategies for Wittenberg's student-athletes, coaches and administrators. He will also work closely with administrators in Wittenberg's Office of Student Involvement to ensure a more robust recreational, intramural and club sport experience for all students at the university.

"I am truly honored to have been presented this opportunity and am very excited to be back at Wittenberg," Croci said. "I look forward to supporting all of our terrific coaches and staff members. My family and I want to thank Dr. Gary Williams, Dr. Laurie Joyner and those key folks behind the scenes that made this possible." ■

— by Ryan Maurer

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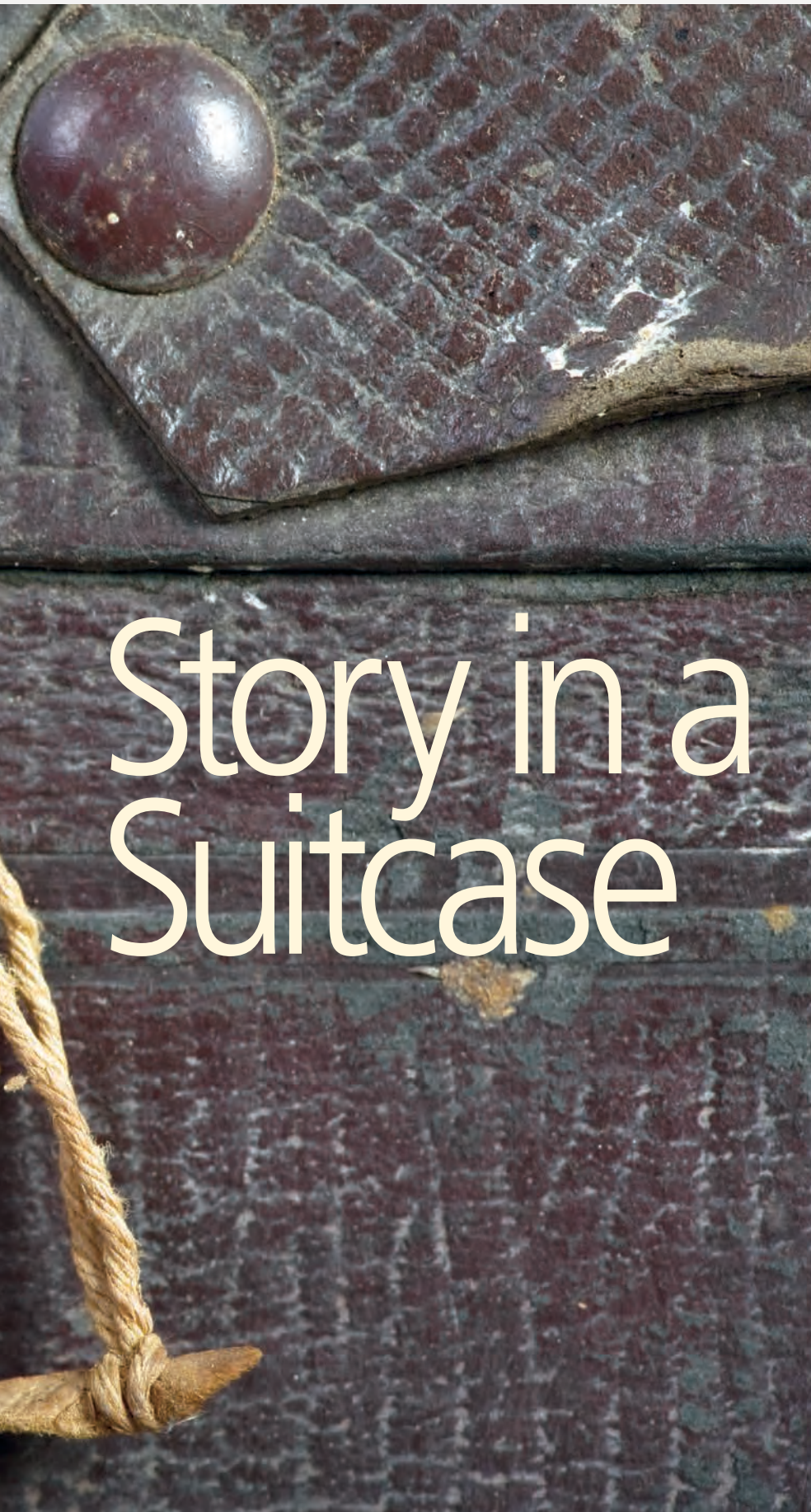
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Story in a Suitcase

When Jon Crispin finished his bachelor's degree in art from Wittenberg in the spring of 1973, his first commission was a monochromatic assignment in Meadville, Pa.

He painted his parents' house – the outside.

"It was the classic thing," Crispin said. "Your parents didn't know what they were going to do with you."

But like many fellow graduates with an artistic bent, Crispin would find his own way – in his own time.

Several years would pass before a series of suitcases containing personal items left behind by patients in the shuttered Willard, N.Y., psychiatric hospital called to Crispin's heart.

His artful photographs of them served as part of the centerpiece of the first major exhibition in the West Gallery of San Francisco's new Exploratorium museum.

"The Changing Face of What is Normal" attracted strong notices in *Slate*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Daily Mail* and *Collectors Weekly*. And during an interview given near the end of its run this spring, Crispin had a sense that at 62, he is just hitting his stride.

"It seems like it's been building up to right now. This is the beginning of something that could be great."

BY TOM STAFFORD '76
PHOTOS BY JON CRISPIN '73



The beginning of that beginning goes back to the fall of 1969 when Crispin arrived at Wittenberg intending to major in political science. Although captivated by Professor William Buscemi's classes in political philosophy, Crispin never considered himself a great student. High Bs were his comfortable range for two reasons: He wasn't adept at absorbing and recalling information as readily as tests required, and his writing skills fell short of sharp.

Like so many of his classmates and students before him, at Wittenberg he found another path.

While growing up in Meadville, where his father was a German professor at Allegheny College (Crispin's middle name is Kreighoff), "I early on had a real

connection with the arts," he said. But because he wasn't a facile drawer, "I never thought of myself as being able to be an artist ... until I started going to art classes at Wittenberg."

While learning to draw "reasonably well," he also did what so many Wittenberg students do: First dabbled and then explored more deeply the interests that would grow into the passions of a lifetime. Professor of Art George Ramsay's classes in printmaking grabbed him because of the tools of the work and the strong design elements in prints. Late Professor of Art Don Dunifon's ceramics courses had him sitting for hours at a potter's wheel working with the dynamics of form that are a part of every art.

A STUDENT OF HIS TIMES

Parting his down-the-back long hair in the middle above wire-rimmed glasses and a mustache, he was a person of his radically changing times. His senior picture shows Crispin with all those counter culture attributes, but wearing a coat and tie.

"Being in college in Ohio in the late '60s and early '70s was an interesting time," he said. "There were lots of things going on." While working elbow-to-elbow with others in the Crabill Art Studio, a converted home on Fountain Avenue, Crispin grew "really close to a lot of the students," finding the camaraderie and sense of common purpose he needed. He found some of the same in four years of involvement with music and other music lovers at WUSO.

After post-graduate work on his parents' house, Crispin drifted off to Providence, R.I., for eight months, then migrated back to stay with Wittenberg friends who'd taken up housekeeping in Springfield. While supporting himself as a junior high tutor, Crispin began sorting things out and realized he'd like to pursue one of the two loves he found at Wittenberg: radio, through his years at WUSO, and photography, which he'd explored in independent studies in art with then University Photographer Jim Voris. Perhaps more influential was Hedwig Gilliam, who did the photo prints for Voris and "kind of took me under her wing," he said. Photo printmaking again involved tools, starting with the camera that again helped Crispin connect with his artistic self.





APPRENTICE WITHOUT A MENTOR

Leaving Springfield, Crispin tried his hand at art under the tip of one of New York's Finger Lakes at Ithaca.

"Radio didn't pan out, and nobody was hiring photographers full-time," he said. But Ithaca College needed a freelance photographer, so he started "shooting anything they'd give me. I had one camera and one lens, and if I got another assignment and needed one, I'd buy another lens." First fuzzy photographs of a football game were forgiven, and what he describes as an apprenticeship without a mentor began to unfold.

"When you learn from your own mistakes," he said, "you really learn."

He picked up additional work from Cornell University, then landed freelance assignments with *The New York Times*, thanks to the photo staff of the *Ithaca Journal*, which funneled the work his way. All that led to connections with "a broader world," Crispin said, connections he could afford to develop because his wife at the time had a steadier job.

During a drive back from a wedding in Geneva, N.Y., in the early 1980s, he mentioned his interest in old abandoned buildings to the driver, a woman who was a historic preservationist. She drove him up a circular driveway to a building constructed in the 1860s and originally called the Willard Asylum.

After a good look outside, he made a resolution at least some of its

former residents would have looked at quizzically: "I really vowed to get into it. I kept trying, and they kept saying no, no, no."

INTO THE ASYLUM

Eight months later, the phone rang, and Michael Labate, the man in charge of physical plants for New York's department of mental health, not only said, "Yes, yes, yes," he told Crispin, "You'd better hurry because we're going to tear it down."

Said Crispin, "My whole life is one where a lot of amazingly great things have happened that I have no explanation for."

Now part of a Troy, N.Y., firm that specializes in institutional buildings, Labate clearly remembers why he called Crispin. "I think documentation of those facilities, particularly in an archival sense, is extremely important," he said. "I was pretty enthusiastic about what he was trying to do."

But it was the way Crispin shot them that made a long-time fan first of Labate and then of Craig Williams, who at the time was curator of history at the New York State Museum at Albany. Whereas most photos of derelict buildings focus on wreckage and don't speak to Williams, Crispin's did.

"Jon's able to look at these abandoned settings and see through that time-space and get a sense of what was there, what was happening," Williams said.

Indeed, as much as the buildings themselves – largely buildings of the substantial grandness that went with Richardsonian Romanesque architecture – Crispin found himself





drawn to the period furnishings: All the equipment that was left over that represented the institutional working of the times.

Dates and historical themes often escaped Crispin in the classroom, distancing him from history; but these objects caught both his eye and his imagination, transporting him to the time of their use. He thought they might do the same for others. Images “show history in a way that’s very accessible,” he said. “People aren’t intimidated, they’re drawn in.”

DRAWING PEOPLE OUT

Williams later found that in addition to being able to connect with historic objects, Crispin could draw people out.

After several architectural projects, including photographing the old Erie Canal and prisons – among them Sing-Sing – Williams called on Crispin to document the benefits rural poor people had derived from a housing assistance program.

“It was such classic Jon Crispin,” Williams said. “He so clearly could develop a rapport with people to make them comfortable. He seems to have an aura around him that [makes] people appreciate what he’s trying to do.”

Oddly, Crispin said “shooting things that didn’t move” helped build a foundation for photographing people, largely because of his ability to see an inanimate scene through a 4-by-5 format lens. Where people should be in the frame seemed natural to him. That set the stage for his work at Willard, where he would shoot photos in which people were represented by the objects they once held, owned or wore.

Crispin had no notion of how he would do this when he first saw a traveling exhibit of suitcases from the Willard hospital. That was buried in an urgent sense that he *had* to shoot them.



And when Crispin asked to, Williams didn’t merely say yes, he said “absolutely.”

A SHUT AND OPEN CASE

The suitcases accumulated from about 1910 to 1970 were available for his creative mind to consider because of institutional thinking that preserved them. “They built racks, and [the suitcases] were divided by sex, exactly the way the wards were in the building, alphabetized,” Crispin said. There were more than 400.

As excited as he was about shooting them, there was a problem: No money was available for the project. He had, however read in *The New York Times* about the online fundraising tool Kickstarter and decided to give it a try.

“My goal was to raise \$8,000, and I ended up raising almost \$20,000.”

As helpful as the financial contributions were, Crispin said the confidence contributors showed just by supporting him was “one of the most satisfying aspects of this whole project.”

It also heightened the terror he felt on March 1, 2011, when he arrived at the Rotterdam, N.Y., building where the suitcases were being stored without a clue as to how he’d proceed.

Because he is not a studio photographer, Crispin was about as comfortable with unlimited possibilities of arranging the material as he’d been with the blank canvasses that terrified him in his painting classes at Wittenberg. “I didn’t know what I was doing.”

But when he opened the first case and saw how the wrinkled white tissue paper the preservationists used complemented the wrinkled canvas he’d brought for a backdrop, “it all came together.”

First he’d shoot the case with the paper beneath it. Then he’d shoot the



unopened case by itself. Then he’d open it up, unwrap and unpack and “do a wide shot of every case showing the objects, then detail shots of all the objects in there.”

“I didn’t have any idea of what I was doing until I was doing it, which is the story of my life,” he said. “I had no idea what I was doing in a creative way until my mid-30s.”

He shot more than 80 suitcases and their contents in that first go-round, pausing only when the San Francisco Exploratorium asked whether they could use the photographs as a basis of their exhibit.

OBJECT LESSONS

Initially interested in the Willard project as a straightforward exercise in documentation, Michael Labate spoke to the quality in the photos that makes them special.

“The reason I would share the link to the exhibition and his website with so many people is how poignant and how real they made the lives of people who were, by and large, anonymous. Each one of the suitcases and the contents spoke to someone’s life. Even more [important] than the documentation of the buildings is the documentation of the patients’ lives.”

Psychiatrist Karen Leslie Miller, who wrote poetry to complement the photos for the Exploratorium exhibit, said the raw materials in the suitcases helped.

“There’s nothing like what people held in their hands that’s as valuable to evoke what it’s like to be that person. They are a wonderful kind of cypher.”

Pam Winfrey, the Exploratorium’s senior artist and curator for the program, called that “one of the surprises for me personally” about the show.

Had they not connected with the Willard people emotionally through



Miller's poems, Crispin's photos and a display of patients' possessions, it's unlikely that visitors would have paused to consider the exhibit's theme: How we define normal and how our definitions change over time.

Winfrey said one element that connected people was the commonplace nature of the objects. Because "these are objects you and I would pack," she said, it causes people to think: "I could have been like this guy. Maybe that could have happened to me, to my kids."

The other link was the power of the art, which Williams says artists like Crispin access through a kind of sixth sense.

"Jon is able to look at an assortment of things in a suitcase and understand that person's personality. He's able to take that and translate it into not just a photograph of a toiletry set, but a photograph of the person behind the material. There have been a few persons in my life that made me think to myself, 'that person ought to get a MacArthur (Genius) Grant.'

Crispin is one.

SELF-PORTRAIT

Crispin speaks of himself in much more modest terms, mimicking words spoken by Clint Eastwood's Detective Harry Callahan the year Crispin graduated from Wittenberg: "A man's got to know his limitations."

Note in what follows that Crispin isn't satisfied at merely stating his sense of limitation; his words sound like a confession that might be the basis of an appeal for forgiveness:

"I accept and I understand and I'm comfortable with the fact that I have a limited skill set."

He next admits to one gift: "I'm really good with people. I can put people at ease. It just works."

He then nearly dismisses another talent he brings to bear: "I understand things visually. So I really don't have to think very much about using a camera."

Finally, he mentions not how his work might benefit others, but how it benefits him: "I've been very lucky to express myself through photography. I'd be suffering greatly if I didn't have that" as a form of expression.

BACK TO CLASS

Having successfully tapped Kickstarter for \$20,000 needed to shoot the remaining suitcases, Crispin now splits his time between that project and visits to college classrooms. He's given guest lectures at Yale, Columbia and the University of Albany about Willard and other projects, talking to anthropology and archaeology students and teachers.

Williams says his students are every bit as comfortable with Crispin as his photo subjects.

"The kids were in awe," he said after sitting in on a talk at the State University of New York at Albany. The reason was

a combination of what they were being taught and how enthusiastically they were being taught.

Said Williams: "If I could bottle Jon and kind of in a mentor-like way tell students 'Take three teaspoons of Jon Crispin,' I'd do that."

There's a reason Crispin might agree to provide the doses.

"I never got a lot of encouragement as a young photographer. I want people to know you don't have to be a straight-A student. You can be like me, a B-plus student who's struggling to find out what he's doing."

Now as a successful artist, the man who felt more like a learner than a student and whose first work was a monochromatic treatment of a home's exterior has a clear goal: "To positively influence the people who might be like me" and give them encouragement along the way.

The founders of an institution a few years older than Willard might have put it another way: Having light, Jon Crispin feels compelled to pass it on to others. ■





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If playing “Sack of Peas” with siblings is any indication of childhood bliss, then it’s a good bet Catherine Egly Waggoner, professor of communication, lived a happy life in her family’s Mississippi Delta home.

“The game involved my dad opening up an encyclopedia at night and having us read something new from it,” Waggoner recalls. Such games and engagement in the world encouraged curiosity in the young Waggoner, an effect that she credits to her parents’ own love of learning.

“My dad has a Ph.D. in plant physiology, and my mom was a speech pathologist,” Waggoner explains. “They are Renaissance parents and lifelong learners themselves.”

Such curiosity eventually led Waggoner to want to see the world through different lenses, to tie disciplines together, and to create exciting paths to understanding.

Whether cultivating her interest in the outdoors – she originally considered being a forest ranger thanks to Smokey the Bear – or pursuing dance

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By Karen Gerboth '93

Photos by Erin Pence '04

in high school and falling in love with literature in college, Waggoner often found herself looking deeply at life, trying to connect the dots in ways that made meaning.

“At Wittenberg, students have a phenomenal ability to choose. They have the opportunity to discover what they want to do – and then do it.”

Having the chance to connect those dots with students has made her search all the more fulfilling and has clearly instilled a passion in them as well, so much so that they nominated her for Wittenberg's top faculty prize, the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Presented with the award

by her former student-turned-friend Eric Rusnak '00 at the university's annual Honors Convocation, Waggoner, whose Southern grace exudes from every fiber of her being, says hearing all the wonderful things shared about her contributions and connections with students was a bit like being at one's own funeral.

“I just don't see myself as a mid-career person, and I have never perceived myself as someone here long enough to make a significant contribution.”

Her story, however, suggests something different, and that “something” has inspired generations of students to love learning, to live lives of meaning and purpose, and to embrace curiosity at every turn.

“At Wittenberg, students have a phenomenal ability to choose, to work with their professors, to live in this environment, and to absorb so many opportunities, all while feeling fully supported. They have the opportunity to discover what they want to do – and then do it.”

Her own drive to connect

the dots certainly has powered her desire to have students do the same. Having grown up in the Mississippi Delta, for example, Waggoner is currently interested in understanding how Southern women in the Delta region identify as women living in such a “highly mythologized land.

“What I'm looking for is performance of ‘southernness’ within the trappings of mythology,” she explains. “In other words, to what extent do these Delta women identify with icons of Southern womanhood, especially those like Scarlett O'Hara, traditionally defined by purity, piety, domesticity and submissiveness?”

Her quest has since taken her back to her roots to interview 51 women of the Mississippi Delta to understand the role that mythology plays in creating their regional identities. For two consecutive years, Waggoner has also offered an alternative spring break service opportunity for her students in Cary, Miss.

“The experience has proved to be a type of cultural

whiplash for students,” Waggoner says. “The United States of America has a place like Cary, Miss., where people live in incredibly impoverished situations, in what we might call ‘shacks,’” Waggoner says. “I want students to experience that and to know there's work to be done right here in America.”

Learning, immersing oneself in an effort, engaging others, and working to make something better also reflect Waggoner's professional journey at Wittenberg. Hired in 1995 to help integrate speaking into the general education program, Waggoner recalls there being nothing typical about her charge as the new kid on the block. Students who wanted to study communication approached her about designing their own interdepartmental majors, and it quickly became apparent that an official communication major was in order.

“I was hired to teach communication courses, integrate speaking into the curriculum and ensure that students met all their general

education requirements at the same time. I then needed to meet and get to know colleagues in other programs, so I could assess them and their programs. It took four contentious years to pass a communication major, but throughout it all, I always remembered the eminent value of people. Even if we disagreed vehemently, I always respected them as people because they cared so deeply for this place – and still do.”

Waggoner also takes pride in the continuing journey to create something life-changing.

“I love this place. I love what I teach, and I love getting to know the students individually now and for a lifetime.”

“Struggle isn’t bad,” she says. “It’s how you grow.”

Looking at the current communication program at Wittenberg, Waggoner’s words seem even more apropos. In the last 10 years, the program has graduated nearly 330 majors and on average serves 75 declared majors annually. Most of the popularity stems from the program’s personalized environment that routinely prepares students to embrace experiential learning

opportunities, including learning digital media through the Integrated Media Corps (IMC), managing professional projects through the Communication And Business Leaders Experience (CABLE), and working on the student-run newspaper, *The Torch*, or the student-run radio station, WUSO 89.1 FM.

“My colleagues and I have had the privilege to build this program together,” says Waggoner, who also established the campus’ Oral Communication Center to assuage public-speaking fears and help students present with confidence. “The engagement we have with our students is incredible, and the care that goes into each curricular decision is inspiring.”

As for Waggoner’s own commitment to students, she says, “It’s a heavy responsibility, and one I take very seriously.”

From designing field experiences that help students understand how regional identities are created or how stylized behaviors are communicated to developing service-learning options in the deep South, Waggoner has embraced Wittenberg’s mission and motto from the moment she stepped foot on campus nearly two decades ago.

“I feel what I do matters,” she says. In this profession, “you really need to enjoy the individual students as much as the content you teach. I love this place. I love what I teach, and I love getting to know the students individually now and for a lifetime.” ■

From the Waggoner File

Birthplace: Wilmington, N.C., grew up in Mississippi.

Education: B.A. in English, University of Southern Mississippi; M.A. in English, Bowling Green State University; Ph.D. in Communication, The Ohio State University

Books & Recognitions: Her co-written book, *Making Camp: Rhetorics of Transgression in U.S. Popular Culture*, won two awards in 2009 from the National Communication Association: Best Book Award from the Critical/Cultural Studies Division and the Bonnie Ritter Book Award from the Feminist and Women Studies Division.

Selected Additional Honors: Two-time recipient of Outstanding Faculty Member Award given by Greek system and recipient of Richard R. Scott Award

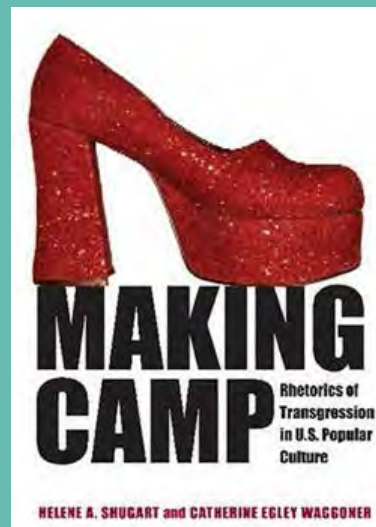
Courses: Rhetoric, including Reasoning and Communication, Analysis of Visual Persuasion, Communication Criticism, and Gender and Communication

Future Course: Land o’ Cotton: Wittenberg in the Mississippi Delta, a three-week cultural studies course in the Delta, ending with a week of service learning at Cary Christian Center during Maymester 2015

Research Focus: Contemporary perspectives on rhetoric with an emphasis in critical/cultural perspectives and gender issues in communication

Interests: Little worlds or cultures that exist within the mainstream such as the circus. Waggoner wants to travel with a circus to understand the role communication plays in the structure of that world.

Tidbits: Brother calls her Lucy from Charlie Brown because she is “bossy;” Polly Pocket trinkets and a black velvet Elvis can be found in her office.



Having the chance to write *Making Camp* proved another powerful professional highlight in Waggoner’s career.

HAND IN HAND

ELCA'S YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION PROGRAM ATTRACTS ALUMNI AS IT REDEFINES COMMUNITY SERVICE.

BY LEIGH HALL '13

For Kelly Mack '13, holding hands with strangers was a normal part of her daily commute.

"Every morning when I walk to work, I always seem to run into a mother or gogo (grandma) walking with her child to the crèche," she blogged during her year in Limpopo, South Africa, where she volunteered at the local youth center.



"When we cross paths, I watch as they take their child off of their back or let go of their tiny fingers and then I know that it is my turn. This simple action says to me, 'I recognize that you are a part of this community now, and I trust you with my child – the same way that I trust the people of Masealama.' The next thing I know, the little child's hand has slipped into mine, and we are on our merry way."

Reflecting Wittenberg's Lutheran heritage and mission-driven call to serve, young alumni like Mack annually embrace the opportunity to walk alongside global companions through the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America's (ELCA) Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Program. During a year of international service, volunteers work and live in the spirit of accompaniment and in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence,

and solidarity, focusing on the people at the heart of service and the community at the heart of the experience.

"While there is value in direct service, there is also something so much more rewarding when you are intentional about getting to know the people around you," Mack, a psychology major from Park Ridge, Ill., says. "These deep relationships have inspired me and taught me the importance of taking the time to listen to people and understand who they are on a deeper level."

Through YAGM, volunteers build deep relationships and community around the world. While Mack learned about the strength of communities led by African women, Katharine Ritzi '13 chose "to live intentionally in God's community" in London, England.





Left: Steele with his host family, the Monamas. Below: Mack dances with children at the Masealama Play Center.

Matevia Endowed University Pastor Rachel Tune says. “These alumni often return with stories of how they grew, what they learned and how their faith grew. For some, the program has become the launch of their careers.”

That certainly was the case for Andrew Steele '10, whose course in life was changed forever following a summer-long trip to the South African Kingdom of Lesotho.

“After serving in Lesotho with Dr. Scott Rosenberg in 2009, my life took on a whole new path. I felt that my direction in life was about to have purpose, something that Wittenberg allowed for and nurtured,” Steele recalls, reflecting on what motivated him and several classmates to launch BLOOM Africa, a nonprofit that works to strengthen African communities. Even as BLOOM gained momentum, Steele still felt that he needed to be in Africa.

“I knew I wanted to pursue service after graduation,” Steele says. “I talked with my parents, who are both ELCA pastors, and they told me about the ELCA’s Young Adult in Global Mission program.”

After graduating with a major in sociology and minors in business, Africana studies, and urban studies, Steele left his home in Moorsetown, N.J., for Bloemfontein, Africa, where he worked at an orphanage, a homeless shelter and a daycare center.

“There is a notion that in order to serve globally, you have to seek out the third world countries. But I learned how God is already at work in every corner of the world and that there is no correct location of mission,” Ritzi, a psychology major and sociology minor from Beavercreek, Ohio, says. “I encourage students to consider stepping outside their comfort zones to discover the importance of slowing down to walk side by side in mutuality with another person. YAGM teaches us about the power of service in relation to the stories we all carry as individuals, connecting us to the greater love of humanity.”

No matter where they’re placed, many alumni volunteers feel that they get more from the experience than they give.

“This is an incredible opportunity to live and work side by side with people from totally different cultural backgrounds, values, and beliefs – and to learn from

them,” explains Zachary Stewart '11, a history major and education minor from Vincennes, Ind., who spent a year in Mahajanga, Madagascar. “This program completely changed my outlook on missionaries and made me realize how awesome service can be, even with its challenges.”

Despite the challenges of global citizenship, YAGM continues to be a popular program for Wittenberg alumni as collaboration among the campus community equips them with the skills and confidence to join and impact the world in which they live.

“From coursework, community service opportunities and service-learning trips to special mentoring relationships with faculty and staff and community engagement both on and off campus, Wittenberg fosters in students a strong sense of calling to make a positive difference in the world, to live in the communities where they serve and to build bridges across nations and communities.”

Opposite page: (Top left) Ritzi, Stewart and Mack at U.S.-based orientation before departure. (Top right) “I was told that I’d become a true African woman when I could carry a baby on my back and something else on my head,” Mack says. (Bottom left) Stewart with two young Malagasy children. “Think of Madagascar as the Melting Pot of the Indian Ocean. You can see the spectrum of Malagasy heritage in their faces.”



“I walked hand in hand with my family and those I was serving, and fell in love with the Southern African way of life of Ubuntu, which means ‘I am because we are.’ I never before witnessed so many selfless acts of kindness and generosity, and my heart was constantly full. My host family, the Monamas, allowed me to explore my faith, discern my future and ask questions about the harsh past of Apartheid in South Africa. I never imagined I’d learn so much,” Steele explains.

“Wittenberg helped me discover myself, and YAGM helped me discover my calling. As time progressed, I began to see how my presence here impacted those around me – I began to see how accompaniment was a powerful tool and a way to break down cultural barriers.”

Following his year of service, Steele began working as a major gift officer in the development field for non-profits. Today, he works from the ELCA headquarters

in Chicago as the Manager of Donor Relations for the Campaign for the ELCA, a five-year \$200 million campaign that includes raising funds to grow the YAGM program.

“Having come full circle, I now have the chance to quite literally pass it on to others and make a lasting impact in the program that changed my life,” Steele says. “YAGM allows for intentional vocational discernment and gives you the opportunity to challenge and be challenged, to develop as a servant leader, and to see the world through a new lens. Being vulnerable in a foreign land is not a bad thing; it strengthens your resolve and shows you the importance of faith and community. **Returning as a more globally formed and informed person has no downfalls, and will make you someone whose experiences set you apart and whose spirit is alive.**” ■

The ELCA’s Young Adults in Global Mission program began as a small pilot in 1999, when the ELCA sent 10 volunteers into service to the United Kingdom. Since then, YAGM has grown into one of the most visible and impactful young adult leadership development programs of the churchwide expression, with a network of more than 600 program volunteers, including numerous Wittenberg alumni.

2000-2001

Emily Brown '00
United Kingdom

2001-2002

Alyssa Nenstiel '01
United Kingdom

2006-2007

Mark Yehl '06
United Kingdom

2010-2011

Andrew Steele '10
South Africa

2011-2012

Isaac Wittmann '11
South Africa

2012-2013

Sarah Watson '12
United Kingdom

2013-2014

Kelly Mack '13
South Africa

Katharine Ritzi '13
United Kingdom

Zachary Stewart '11
Madagascar

2014-2015

Mae Helen Jackson '12
South Africa

Michael LaCagnin '14
Madagascar

Maija Mikkelsen '14
Hungary



'66

Jean A. Homrighausen, a case manager therapist for Beech Brook in Cleveland, Ohio, was awarded the 2013 Spirit of the Alliance Award in October for her commitment to the organization and the children, families, adults and communities she serves. She has worked at Beech Brook, which serves northeast Ohio's troubled children and their families, since 1988.

'68

Music director and pianist **Barbara E. Irvine '68BM** conceived of the format and wrote the introduction and commentary for *Alfred's Singer's Library of Musical Theatre, Volume 1*, a set of four Broadway songbooks.

Ann Ziff serves on the board of Sing for Hope, an outreach program for the arts in New York City. A philanthropist who also serves as the chairwoman of the board of



Barbara E. Irvine '68BM

directors for the Metropolitan Opera, she supported Sing for Hope's summer project in 2013, which placed pianos around the city for public enjoyment. The pianos were then donated to schools, healthcare facilities and other organizations.

'70

Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge **Richard A. Frye** was awarded the 2013 Distinguished Jurist Award by The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law Alumni Society for his commitment to fairness, freedom and equality, which exemplify the highest ideals of the judicial system. Judge Frye is the first state-court trial judge to receive the award since it was established in 2000. He has served on the Common Pleas Court since January 2005 following three decades in private practice.

'75

Amy Campbell has been promoted to assistant vice president for campus services in the university services department at Princeton University. While at Princeton, where she has been an administrator for more than 19 years, she enjoyed following the son of fellow Gamma Phi Beta sorority sister **Nancy Reynolds Gwin '76** as he



Joan Gravelie Starline '62 stays warm with her Wittenberg blanket in her Greenwood, Ind., retirement village.

matriculated to and then graduated from Princeton in June 2014. In October 2013, Campbell married Jan Runkle, her partner of 21 years.

'80

In May, **Brian M. Agler**, head coach for the Seattle Storm, was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame.

'81

In April, **Craig A. Stewart** gave the keynote address at Wittenberg's inaugural Cyberinfrastructure Day, an event designed to foster conversations about the strategic role of cyberinfrastructure in

academia, government and industry. He is the associate dean for research technologies and leads the Research Technologies Division of University Information Technology Services at Indiana University.

'82

Peter W. Lang has joined BlumShapiro as a partner in its consulting practice. Based in the Newton, Mass., office, he will utilize his expertise in key industries, including manufacturing and distribution, software companies, professional service firms and healthcare organizations. Prior to this position, he worked as the director of business development at Protégé Software, where he managed and directed a \$12 million

consulting business unit. He also has worked at IBM, Grant Thornton and Andersen Consulting (Accenture).

'83

Jeffrey A. Wichman has been named vice president and commercial real estate loan officer with the Commercial Lending Bernardsville Team at Lakeland Bank in northern New Jersey. He has 29 years of banking experience, most recently with Heritage Community Bank in Randolph, N.J., as vice president of commercial lending. Prior to that, he was chief operating officer with Saddle River Valley Bank.

'84

Frank Wood, a psychologist in Cincinnati, Ohio, has coined a new term – Rampitude – that is gaining popularity across the country. According

to a recent press release, “Wood’s new trademarked term is part of the corporate training program his company – Thriving With Stress – provides to organizations of all sizes....The term Rampitude explains a process that enables individuals and teams to more clearly identify how stress intersects with effectiveness at work and home, and in relationships.” Wood is writing the book *Rampitude* as a program companion tool.

'87

William A. Bridge married Rie Kobayashi in June 2013. After 26 years with Merrill Lynch, Bill has joined Morgan Stanley in New York City.

With more than 25 years of commercial and operations experience in the pharmaceutical/biotech industry, **Jeffrey H. Knapp** has joined Adamas



Family members Anthony Mendenhall '73, Katherine Osborne Hunt '03, Linda Mendenhall Doyle '78, Brian Doyle '78, Gloria Hawken Bredenkamp '46, Susan Mendenhall Osborne '75 and Earl Osborne '75 gathered on campus for Homecoming Weekend last year.

Pharmaceuticals in Emeryville, Calif., as chief commercial officer. Prior to Adamas, he spent seven years as the chief commercial officer for Affymax where he was responsible for building its U.S. commercial organization and leading the launch of the company’s first product, Omontys®, for the treatment of anemia.

'94

Lance D. Himes has been appointed interim director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) by Gov. John Kasich. He has worked at ODH for more than 10 years, most recently as general counsel. Prior to becoming general counsel, Himes focused primarily on environmental health and compliance issues, including the successful legal implementation of Ohio’s smoke-free workplace law and rules and an extensive overhaul of Ohio’s sewage treatment regulations.

'96

Anne E. Ford recently produced *A Friend That I Can Do For*, a collection of oral histories from the guests and volunteers of a Chicago food pantry. After earning a master’s degree in religion at the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1999, she worked in publishing before becoming a freelance journalist and oral historian in 2006. She is author of the guidebook *Peaceful Places of Chicago*, the creator of “Chicagoans,” an interview series that appears in the *Chicago Reader*, the producer of several short online films based on that series and a part-time facilitator for StoryCorps.

'97

Warren T. Besser is senior vice president for strategy and corporate development for Natixis Global Asset Management in Boston, Mass.

Lori A. Frew and Paul Rentz were married on Sept. 20, 2013. She is marketing projects manager for Executive Jet Management Inc. The couple resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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PROGRAM CONNECTS PARENTS AND ALUMNI

The Office of Alumni Relations has recently launched a new program called PAVE, which stands for Parents and Alumni Volunteers Engaging. Participants in PAVE assist



in engagement efforts designed to benefit recruitment, current students, and alumni. Ways participants have

volunteered to date include representing Wittenberg at college fairs in their communities, nominating high school seniors for Wittenberg’s Alumni Recognition Award, assisting with class reunions, or becoming an alumni chapter leader.

To join PAVE, contact Kelsey Ellis, admission counselor and alumni/parent liaison, at ellisk@wittenberg.edu or 937-327-6317 or Sarah Kelly, associate director of alumni and parent engagement, at kellys@wittenberg.edu or 937-327-7424.

MEET THE 2014 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

Every Homecoming, the Wittenberg community recognizes a number of distinguished alumni. Nominated by an alumna, alumnus, or a faculty or staff member, recipients are presented with awards at a special dinner during Homecoming Weekend. To learn more about the nominating process, visit www.wittenberg.edu/alumni.

Class of 1914 Award

Wittenberg's most prestigious recognition, this award honors an

individual from the university community who has served Wittenberg above and beyond what might be expected of any contributor to the college's welfare. This year's winner is Patricia Richmond Benne '68.

Alumni Citation

This recognition is bestowed upon those who have brought honor to Wittenberg by their exceptional accomplishments in which service to humanity is placed ahead of personal

gain or recognition. This year's recipients are Dr. James Lakso '97 and Ruth Herman '51.

G.O.L.D. Award Honoring Graduates of the Last Decade, the award is presented in recognition of those who have generously shared their time and talents in service to Wittenberg University. This year's award goes to Ryan Teeter '05.

Outstanding Young Alumna/us Award

This award recognizes graduates of the last

15 years who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their profession or vocation. This year's winners are Terry Coates '05 and Kori Eastman Wise '01.

Recognized last spring during the annual Honors Convocation, Cathy Egly Waggoner, professor of communication, earned the **Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching** for superior classroom teaching (see page 22 for feature story).



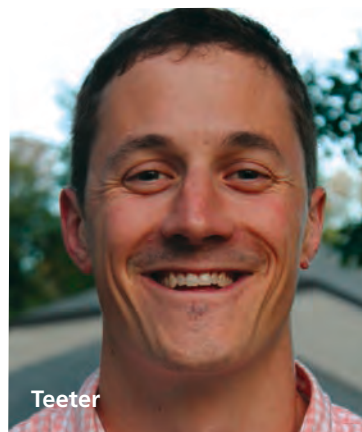
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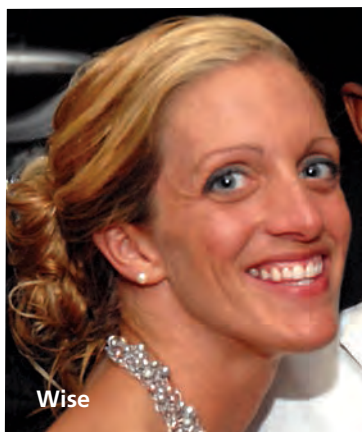
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Coates

1 Kristin M. Elber '10 and Matthew S. Erenpreiss '10 celebrated their wedding on Nov. 17, 2012, in Vermilion, Ohio.

2 Madison E. Baker '13 and Jacob M. Weide '12 were married on Dec. 21, 2013, with many Tigers in the house.

3 Lori A. Frew '97 married Paul Rentz on Sept. 20, 2013, with Lori's sons, Andrew and Nathaniel, in attendance.

4 Pictured here with Wittenberg alumni at their reception, John E. Dougherty III '03 and Ashley Stagge were married on Aug. 31, 2013.



WEDDINGS



5 Andrea N. Ipjian '09 married Dr. Uri Greenwald on Dec. 29, 2013.

6 Lara B. Bachelder '06 and Gregory LaFontaine were married on Dec. 1, 2012.

7 Amy M. Kuhn '09 and Michael K. Lamar '10 celebrated their marriage on June 1, 2013, with a large group of alumni. The couple resides in Indianapolis, Ind.





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8 Wittenberg alumni came out in droves to celebrate with Michelle L. Hanners '07 and Andrew J. Huffman '08 at their wedding on Sept. 21, 2013, at the Athletic Club of Columbus.

9 Heather J. James '02 and Paul J. Gagne were married on April 25, 2013, in Cocoa Beach, Fla.



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Andrew J. Hirt is the director of member relations for The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS), the only association dedicated to boarding schools. Previously, he spent 15 years working in admission, including a position at Wittenberg University. He lives in Asheville, N.C., with his wife, Ali, and son, Brody.

Andrew J. Hirt '97, wife Ali, and son Brody

James B. Godbold has joined Rhine Ernest LLP of Evansville, Ind., as an associate attorney. His work focuses on coal, oil and gas law and commercial litigation.

In November, **Kevin R. Rose**, historian at the Turner Foundation in Springfield, Ohio, presented "The Bushnell House at 125" as part of a lecture series offered by the Westcott Center for Architecture and Design.

'02

Megan Hoffmann Foradori and her husband, Pete, announce the birth of Emma Garman Foradori on April 4, 2012.

Heather J. James and Paul J. Gagne were married on April 25, 2013, in Cocoa Beach, Fla. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio, where Heather works as a youth development leader for Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus.

'03

John E. Dougherty III married Ashley Stagge on Aug. 31, 2013.

'05

Katherine Westlund Scott is a manager of nonprofit effectiveness for The Boston Foundation of Boston, Mass.

'06

Lara B. Bachelder and Gregory LaFontaine were married on Dec. 1, 2012. Lara is a marketing manager with Highlights for Children in Columbus, Ohio.

'07

Michelle L. Hanners married **Andrew J. Huffman '08** on Sept. 21, 2013, at the Athletic Club of Columbus. The couple lives in Columbus, Ohio, where Michelle is an assistant buyer for The Mazel Company, and Andy is the communications coordinator at Governmental Policy Group.

'08

Nicole A. Heller earned a doctorate in developmental

psychology from the University of Maine in August 2013. She is an assistant professor of social sciences and education for Colby-Sawyer College and resides in Andover, N.H.

Christine "Kiki" M. Schirr's short story, "Introduction: The Story of Anna Walden," has been published in the 18th issue of the online magazine *Shimmer*. The story, which she wrote as a student, won a Wittenberg fiction award

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SPRING CHOIR SCHEDULE

The always popular Wittenberg Choir Spring Break concert gets underway March 6, 2015. The full listing of concert stops is as follows:

7:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 Prince of Peace Lutheran 101 S. Lebanon Road Loveland, Ohio	7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 St. John's Lutheran 1617 E Emerson St. Bloomington, Ill.
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7 St. Andrew's Lutheran 6118 Crawfordsville Road Indianapolis, Ind.	7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 Lutheran of the Good Shepherd 7800 W McCarthy Road Palos Heights, Ill.
8:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday, March 8 Messiah Lutheran (during services) 801 S Green St. Brownsburg, Ind.	7:30 p.m. Friday, March 13 Faith Lutheran 41 N Park Blvd. Glen Ellyn, Ill.
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 Christ Evangelical Lutheran 9212 Taylorsville Road Louisville, Ky.	7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14 Faith Lutheran 202 S. Greene Road Goshen, Ind.
7:30 p.m. Monday, March 9 First United Methodist 411 N 4th St. Vincennes, Ind.	9 a.m. Sunday, March 15 Grace Lutheran 204 N. Main St. Columbia City, Ind.

A 50TH REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF 1964

In celebration of its 50th reunion, the class of 1964 shared fond memories reflective of the class motto, "Education is the apprenticeship of life," during Homecoming Weekend 2014. The class also remembered the heart of Wittenberg – teaching and learning – with a class gift in the amount of \$1,437,000. The class also set a record in terms of class participation at 31 percent. Wittenberg thanks class reunion co-chairs, Bill and Betsy Steinbrink, and all their classmates for living out the Wittenberg University mission for five decades.



LIL TIGERS



Emma Garman Foradori, daughter of Megan Hoffmann Foradori '02 and husband Pete, 4-4-12

in 2005. Employed as the marketing lead for the startup company Fittr, she also is an artist who is working toward the publication of an alternative coloring book.

Courtney M. Symons, a high school English teacher at Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Ind., married Luke Livesay on July 14, 2012. Courtney received a master's degree in English from the University of Indianapolis in 2012. The couple resides in Indianapolis, Ind.

In October, **Steven G. Wolgast '09BM**, a graduate student at the University of Michigan, presented a physics seminar at Wittenberg titled "A 40-year-old puzzle and the discovery of a native 3D topological insulator."

'09

Kate E. Hubert received a Master of Science in Social

Work from the University of Louisville and a Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Latino Studies in 2012. Last September she received her Certified Social Worker (CSW) credentials.

Andrea N. Ipjian married Dr. Uri Greenwald on Dec. 29, 2013, in a private beach ceremony in Dana Point, Calif. Upon their graduation in May from Berkeley Law, where they met, both will be practicing law in Southern California.

Amy M. Kuhn married **Michael K. Lamar '10** on June 1, 2013. They live in Indianapolis, Ind., where the wedding took place.

'10

Kurt F. Cooperrider joined Chilton Capital Management of Houston, Texas, in August 2013 after attaining several years of operational experience working for an IRA custodian. As portfolio administrator, he works with new and existing clients to establish and maintain their investment accounts.

Kristin M. Elber and **Matthew S. Erenpreiss** celebrated their wedding on Nov. 17, 2012, in Vermilion, Ohio. They live in Delaware and work in Columbus, where



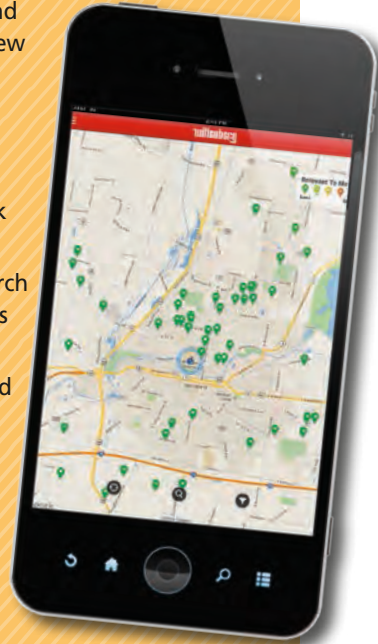
Christine "Kiki" Schirr '08 has had a short story published in *Shimmer* magazine.

DOWNLOAD THE EVERTRUE APP TODAY

No matter where you are or how busy your schedule is, you can now connect quickly and easily thanks to Wittenberg's new mobile app, EverTrue. Features include:

- Alumni directory searchable by name, class year, company, graduate school, sport or greek affiliation
- Nearby function lets you search by location and view the results on a map
- Integration with LinkedIn and Facebook
- Alumni and college events calendar
- Facebook, Twitter, YouTube news streams
- Ability to upload photos and class notes to the app

Learn more at www.wittenberg.edu/mobileapp or contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement at 937-327-7424 or by email at alumni@wittenberg.edu.



Matthew is a geologist for the Ohio Geological Survey of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and Kristin is a corporate sales representative with the Columbus Zoo.

Stephen A. Moberg is a 2013 graduate of the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and has been hired as an associate attorney by Gorman, Veskauf, Henson, and Wineberg of Springfield, Ohio.

'13

Madison E. Baker married **Jacob M. Weide '12** on Dec. 21, 2013.

'14

Alec M. Biehl has enrolled in a doctoral program in civil engineering with an emphasis on transportation systems analysis at Northwestern University.

Submitting photos: We are delighted to receive photos from alumni. To ensure their usability in the magazine, please set your cameras to the largest resolution/size possible.

In Memoriam

1934

R. Harriett Cornell Harrington Kinsell, Plymouth, Ohio, died Dec. 9, 2013. In 1956, she joined her brother in the day-to-day operation of Cornell's IGA in Shelby, Ohio. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Shelby.

1936

William G. Frick Sr., Savannah, Ga., passed away on Nov. 21, 2013. He served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant and the gunnery officer on several ships in both the Pacific and Atlantic during World War II, and later served as a contract termination officer until his Navy service ended in 1946. He was a retired executive vice president of Zenith Electronics Corporation, where he played an important role in marketing color television in its early days. While living in Warren, Ohio, he was active in civic affairs, including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and United Way, and was given the Distinguished Service Award for Civic Affairs by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1947. In 1983, he retired to Savannah, where he became a member of The Landings Club, Island Dance Club, Dance Lovers Club and Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he received the Diamond Owl Award for 75 years of membership in 2008.

1937

Frances Thackara Barnhart of Sidney, Ohio, and

formerly of New Carlisle, Ohio, passed away on Oct. 8, 2013. A teacher, she worked for schools in Greenville, Dorothy Lane High School, New Carlisle-Bethel Schools and Tecumseh High School. An avid reader, she gave live book review presentations during the 1940s and '50s. She served as secretary for the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren; later she was a member of the Honey Creek Presbyterian Church and served on the board of the New Carlisle Public Library. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she enjoyed restoring antique furniture, hand-braiding wool rugs and stitching Christmas stockings.

1938

Velowr Schmucker Wirth, Canton, Ohio, passed away Dec. 12, 2013. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she taught in Plain Local Schools and also was a salesperson for I.G. Harman & Son Co. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Mary & Joseph Sunday School Class, North Canton A.A.R.P. and Order of the Eastern Star.

1939

Adam J. Drescher, Richmond, Va., died on Oct. 6, 2013. He worked for Reynolds Metals for more than 40 years as an extrusion engineer. A lifelong member of the Masonic Order, he belonged to the Tuckahoe Lodge in Richmond and was honored as the oldest lifetime living member of his former lodge in Kentucky. He served in many capacities at Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church in Richmond and was actively involved in community service with the Tuckahoe Lions Club and Meals on Wheels.

Helen "Copey" Copenhaver Hanes, Winston-Salem, N.C., passed away Dec. 28, 2013. She taught voice and drama at Salem Academy and College and was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She served on the boards of numerous institutions, among them the Southeastern Center of Contemporary Art, Salem College, Moravian Music Foundation, the Winston-Salem Symphony and the Brevard Music Festival. She received a Wittenberg Alumni Citation Award in 2009 and was inducted into the North Carolina Women's Hall of Fame in 2010.

1940

Dorothy Kiester Bigelow of Green Valley, Ariz., and formerly of Royal Oak, Mich., died Oct. 26, 2013. She taught school and worked in education until her retirement. She was active in the Valley Presbyterian Church.

Hermann J. Raile of Winona, Minn., and formerly of Menomonie, Wis., passed away Jan. 4, 2014. For more than 50 years, he operated his own optometry practice in Menomonie and Ridgeland, Wis. His many interests included travel, forestry, wildlife, cats and all things German. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi.

1942

Mildred Osborne Klapproth, Concord, N.H., passed away on Oct. 24, 2013. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she was involved with Meals on Wheels, the Murrysville Garden Club and the women's Presbyterial organization.

Shirley Arnette Meister, Fairborn, Ohio, passed away Dec. 18, 2013. She was employed in civil service at

Wright Patterson Air Force Base as a budget analyst, retiring after 23 years of service. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and a charter member of Abiding Christ Lutheran Church.

1943

Harlan J. Miller Jr., Fort Wayne, Ind., died Oct. 14, 2013. He served in the U.S. Navy, participating in the D-Day landings at Normandy, France. He was an insurance agent and owner of Miller Insurance Agency from 1946 until his retirement in 1997. His memberships included Dorm League, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Summit City Masonic Lodge, Shrine, Scottish Rite and Downtown Optimist Club.

Margaret "Molly" Fleischer Roth of Middleton, Wis., and formerly of Albuquerque, N.M., and Laona, Wis., died Jan. 9, 2014. A gifted musician, she served as organist in numerous Army chapels, St. Aidan's Church in Albuquerque and St. Leonard's Church in Laona. She was an accomplished pianist who took up the cello at the age of 79 and enjoyed playing ensemble music. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she enjoyed cooking, baking, bowling, tennis, golf, fishing, ping pong and card games.

1944

Robert C. Arnholt, Pinecrest, Fla., died at home on May 25, 2014. Enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps, he was trained as a pilot and served the Allied effort in Italy during World War II, commanding a B-24 Liberator with the 461st Bomb Group. After the war, he flew commercially with Pan American Airways for 36 years, retiring in 1982. A member of Phi

Mu Delta fraternity and the Wittenberg A Capella Choir, he contributed his talents in music to church choirs and supported South Florida operatic efforts and performances.

Jean Paquette Knight,

Toledo, Ohio, passed away Dec. 13, 2005. A seaman first class in the U.S. Navy WAVES, she taught kindergarten for 35 years, most of which were spent at Whittier School. She loved traveling and ballroom dancing, achieving Silver Level and participating in and winning many competitions. A 45-year member of Pilgrim Church of the United Church of Christ, she served on various boards and committees.

1945

Henry W. Ford, Fort Wayne, Ind., died Feb. 16, 2014. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a radar mechanic during World War II. In 1987, he retired from The Magnavox Co. after a career as a design engineer and quality assurance supervisor. As a member of First Presbyterian Church, he taught Sunday school, served as a trustee and elder, officer of the Men's Club and chairman of the Christian Education Committee.

1946

E. Jane Fisher Hadesty Sher, Wyomissing, Pa., passed away Dec. 12, 2013. She was an active member of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom and the Oheb Sholom Sisterhood, and a past member of the Berkleigh Country Club, where she was an avid golfer. Her interests included planning parties, interior decorating, traveling and playing bridge.

Albert "Abbie" E. Widner, Chapin, S.C., died Sept. 15, 2013. A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1946 in the Pacific Theatre aboard the USS LCM 370. He was a school administrator, teacher and coach in Racine, Wis., public schools for 34 years before retiring to Chapin, where he was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church (Piney Woods). A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, he received numerous awards and decorations, including the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two battle stars, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

The Rev. Frederick W.

Zinck of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, passed away on Oct. 24, 2013. Ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 1949, he served the following Lutheran churches in Ontario: St. John's, Waterloo; St. Luke's, Kitchener; and St. Matthew's, Kitchener. He was the mission developer and first pastor of Our Savior's, Lachine, Quebec, and All Saints, Calgary, Alberta, and an assistant to the Bishop of Alberta and the Territories for two years. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, he also was a member of the first board of the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank and a charter member of Friends of Fish Creek Park. An ardent fly fisher, he was a member of the Calgary Hook & Hackle Club, Trout Unlimited Canada, and the Federation of Fly Fishers.

1947

Frank Bales of Austin, Texas, and formerly of La Marque, Texas, passed away Dec. 22, 2013. A captain in the U.S. Marines, he served during World War II in the Pacific theater and took part in the

battle for Okinawa. Following the war, he taught school, coached sports, became an agent with the FBI, and then worked for a local chemical company. During his retirement, he taught for Contractors' Safety Council in Texas City and read to kindergarten children at Oak Hill Elementary School in Austin. He was a member of La Marque United Methodist Church and Phi Mu Delta.

Margaret "Peggy" Jensen

Brennan of Wayne, Pa., and formerly of Newtown, Pa., passed away July 24, 2013. She was employed as a library assistant at Sol Feinstone Elementary in Newtown, retiring in 1989. She was a member of Advent Lutheran Church in Richboro, Pa., and Chi Omega sorority.

The Rev. Thomas E. Wolford

'50S, Dayton, Ohio, died on Sept. 14, 2013. He served several congregations in Ohio including St. Luke, Marietta; Westwood, Dayton; and Shiloh, Lewisburg. He also served on the staff of Lutheran Social Services of Miami Valley. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was an officer and director of the Dayton Chapter of Friendship Force International and participated in many foreign exchanges.

1948

Alice Hall Burns, Sun City West, Ariz., died Oct. 1, 2013. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

1949

John T. Beymer, Dayton, Ohio, passed away Dec. 22, 2013. He served in the Naval Air Force during World War II as an aerial gunner on the Liscome Bay, the Saratoga and the Wasp aircraft carriers. He was decorated with many

battle ribbons and stars for his involvement in eight major conflicts and received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in the sinking of the Liscome Bay off the Gilbert Islands. He served as Tipp City Recreation director, worked at GM Aero Products, and then began a 27-year career as a teacher and principal in the Vandalia Butler school system. A member of Alpha Tau Omega, he served as a deacon at Shiloh Church and enjoyed traveling.

A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, **Thomas J. Brennan,** Wayne, Pa., died Oct. 19, 2013. A World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army, he was a member of Merrill's Marauders and was awarded the Silver Star Medal and three Bronze Star Medals. He was employed as a management consultant for the U.S. government and in the private sector.

Eldon C. Hanes of New London, N.H., and Mystic, Conn., and formerly of Naples, Fla., died Jan. 28, 2014. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps, then later worked for Indiana Bell. He worked for AT&T, becoming president of one of the company's subsidiaries, the 195 Broadway Corporation, retiring in 1985. He served as chairman of the boards of Bankers Federal Savings and Syska & Hennessy Group and as a member of the board of the Salvation Army. He was a member of Morris County Golf Club in New Jersey, the Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples, Bakers Hill Golf Club in New Hampshire, and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He enjoyed golf, tennis, fishing and boating.

Carol Elliott Kendig,

Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 7,

2014. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was active in the Young Women's Mission for 37 years and served as its president. She also served on the Board of Directors of Clark Memorial Home and was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. David L. Scharf '49S, Akron, Ohio, died Oct. 29, 2013. A U.S. Army veteran, he was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 1949. He served as pastor of St. Paris Covenant Lutheran Church, St. Paris, Ohio, and St. John's Lutheran Church, Stony Ridge, Ohio; director of Stewardship and American Missions for the Ohio Synod LCA from 1963-1974; and pastor of First Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, W.Va., from 1974-1984. Upon his retirement, he was assistant to the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron from 1984-1994 before serving as the visitation pastor.

Dorothy Matz Young, Lansing, Mich., died Dec. 23, 2013. She was an executive secretary for the dean of foreign students and study abroad at Michigan State University. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she enjoyed gardening and square dancing.

1950

Allan G. Barth, Springfield, Ohio, died April 14, 2014. He served in the Army during and following World War II in Japan with the army of occupation. He worked for the *Springfield News-Sun* as a reporter and eventually as editor, retiring in 1985. In retirement, he worked at Clark State Community College's writing lab and then as advisor to Wittenberg's student newspaper, *The Torch*. He wrote two publications on Springfield history, *The*

History of the Van Dyke Club and *Looking Back, Looking Forward*. He was a member of the Clark County Historical Society, Springfield Museum of Art, Springfield Arts Council and Kaiser Lake Sailing Club, and volunteered weekly at the Heritage Center of Clark County and Covenant Church.

The Rev. Robert J. Lignell '50S, Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away Feb. 7, 2014. During World War II, he served as a chaplain's assistant and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He founded Faith Lutheran Church and was the Grand Rapids Police Department chaplain for many years. He also was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge and past president of the Welcome Home for the Blind. He was a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from Grand Rapids Community College.

Phillip D. Long '60MED, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 9, 2013. A veteran of World War II, he was trained as an electronics technician in the Navy and loved building and using gadgets of all kinds. He taught chemistry, physics and math at Northwestern High School for many years. A member and Sunday school teacher at Bethel Baptist Church, he enjoyed teaching, reading, music, building airplane models, and good conversation.

A. Benjamin Snellings, Raleigh, N.C., died April 14, 2014. He served in the Naval Submarine Corps during World War II. He worked primarily in real estate development, beginning as a salesperson in 1956 and also serving as a broker, investor and owner of warehouses and apartment complexes. He held

several other jobs during his career, including high school teacher in Fredericksburg, Va., flight attendant for American Airlines and civil service investigator. He created the chair of Christian Evangelism and Missions at Campbell University Divinity School, Buies Creek, N.C., where he served on the Presidential Board of Advisors.

1951

Ellard "Andy" K. Amundson, Easley, S.C., died Dec. 29, 2013. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a sales representative and teacher for IBM, retiring after 35 years. He was a 50-year member of the Walden Masonic Lodge, a Consulting Rosarian Emeritus, and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Greenville, S.C., and Alpha Tau Omega. An avid rose gardener, he enjoyed music, traveling and photography.

Edith Barnes Barkenquast, Bucyrus, Ohio, passed away on Nov. 5, 2013. A registered nurse, her career included work as a hospital staff nurse, industrial nurse, and public health nurse and supervisor. She was a member of Good Hope Lutheran Church.

Virginia "Jinni" Paxson Degenhardt, Pittsford, N.Y., died Sept. 30, 2013. She taught kindergarten in a two-room schoolhouse in Webster, N.Y., for 20 years. Later she originated and operated the Ski Loft and the Pittsford Carousel. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was involved with Rochester's Panhellenic.

Coe H. Dickey Jr., Sylvania, Ohio, passed away at home on Jan. 11, 2014. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 26 years and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. For many years, he owned and operated

Toledo Tent Company. A charter member of North Cape Yacht Club, he also was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Olivet Lutheran Church, Toledo Ice Boat Yacht Club, Sylvania Pyramid Lodge #287 Free and Accepted Masons, and International Brotherhood of Magicians.

1952

Glenna Davenport Meckstroth, New Knoxville, Ohio, died Oct. 26, 2013. For more than 30 years she worked in her husband's business, Meckstroth Farm Service. She sang in the Lima Symphony Chorus and her church choir. She wrote three books: *Tales from Great-Grandpa's Trunk: A Lighthearted Look at Rural Life, Giggles and Grins: Memories and Mishaps from Folks of the Faith*, and *Surviving World War II: Tales of Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times*, which received the Oliver Hazard Perry award from the Ohio Genealogical Society, as well as an award from the Center for Archival Collections. She also was a 4-H adviser for 25 years and a member of the Lima Baptist Temple and the Masterbuilders class. She sewed for the church's missionary cupboard and was recognized with the Jefferson Award for her volunteer service in the Auglaize County Jail.

Thomas J. Peterson of Bloomington, Ind., and formerly of North Palm Beach, Fla., passed away on Oct. 9, 2013. After serving in the Army during the Korean Conflict, he began his professional career with the National Bank of Detroit and continued in the financial services industry with Fort Wayne National and Lincoln National Banks. He

then worked for 27 years in various capacities, including treasurer and president, for Jack Nicklaus' company Golden Bear International. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was an avid sports fan, reader and history buff.

1953

Helmut Ajango, Fort Atkinson, Wis., died on Nov. 15, 2013. After fleeing Germany in 1944 and living in a displaced persons camp until 1949, he and his family immigrated to the United States. An architect whose work was influenced by prairie-style architecture, he designed more than 175 churches and a variety of residential, commercial and institutional projects, including the renowned Gobbler Supper Club and Motel in Johnson Creek, and a memorial in Tartu, Estonia, dedicated to the 60,000 Estonians who died at the hands of the Soviet regime. He received many awards in his lifetime, including Young Man of the Year in 1965 and the Small Businessman of the Year Award in 2008. He served as president of the Fort Atkinson Jaycees in 1963 and was a member of Fort Atkinson's Board of Zoning Appeals, Dorm League and Grace United Church. An avid Green Bay Packers fan, he enjoyed racquetball, downhill skiing and dancing.

W. Ray Gibson, Scottsdale, Ariz., died Nov. 10, 2013. He played professional football for the Detroit Lions and semi-pro basketball after college. He loved sports and playing golf and poker.

Judith H. Johnsrud, State College, Pa., died March 9, 2014. She held teaching and advising positions at the University of Wisconsin,

Wayne State University, the State Teacher's College at Oswego, New York, Pennsylvania State University and Bucknell University. As an anti-nuclear activist and expert, she was involved with the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, the Sierra Club state board and its National Nuclear Waste Task Force and Radiation Committee, and the Nuclear Information and Resource Service in Washington, D.C. She also served on committees for the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Her interests included music, book collecting, playing Scrabble, and Indiana basketball.

Perry C. Patsiavos, of Van Wert, Ohio, and formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died on June 30, 2013. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired as the owner/operator of Medical Arts Pharmacy in Van Wert. He then worked as a pharmacist for Derry Drugs and was an avid golfer. His memberships included Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Van Wert Elks Lodge and Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The Rev. Roger C. Snyder, Staunton, Va., died March 24, 2014. He served as a Methodist clergyman in Enon, Ohio, Front Royal, Va., and Back Bay, Va.; as Episcopal curate and assistant at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Norfolk; chaplain at Old Dominion College, Norfolk; assistant clergy at Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem, Pa.; rector at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Norfolk; and rector at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, Mount Arlington, N.J. Upon his retirement in 1992, he served at Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, as a clergy associate.

1954

A member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the **Rev. Bruce A. Fehl**, Clearwater, Fla., died Dec. 26, 2013. An ordained minister, he shepherded Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo, Fla., for 30 years before retiring in 1997. Prior to that, he served calls at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Christ the King Lutheran Church in Temple Terrace, Fla. He was the first Lutheran chaplain at the University of South Florida and served on the ethics committee of Largo Medical Center.

Calder Gibson II of League City, Texas, and formerly of Bardstown, Ky., passed away on Nov. 4, 2013. An ordained Lutheran minister, he served the following congregations: Christ Lutheran Church, Wantagh, N.Y.; Incarnation Lutheran Church, Bridgehampton, N.Y.; House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas; and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamos, N.M. Upon retiring in 1997, he became a chaplain with Hospice of Nelson County, Bardstown. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Nancy McDill Hashim, Rockville, Md., died Nov. 12, 2013. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she was one of only three females accepted into the University of Cincinnati Medical School in 1954. She left medical school to become a wife and mother, living for a brief time in Baghdad, Iraq, and eventually settling into the Islamic community in Rockville. Her interests included world travel, volunteer work, reading, collecting family historical information and participating in her religious community.

1955

Janet Lehman Keenan, Springfield, Ohio, died April 4, 2014. She worked as a teacher for many years at Hazel Harvey Elementary in Doylestown, Ohio, and Central Elementary in Shelby, Ohio. Upon retirement, she stayed active at All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio, where she participated in bell choir and volunteered with Stephen Ministries, providing comfort to the terminally ill. She was a member of Kappa Delta.

Margaret Westcott Roettger, Torrance, Calif., died Dec. 3, 2013. She was a charter member of Las Vecinas, a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, and a volunteer for the American Red Cross, Torrance Memorial Auxiliary and Meals on Wheels. Her interests included baseball, bridge and Blackjack, and dancing.

The Rev. Russell L. Stewart '57S, Rockville, Md., died Jan. 17, 2014. He worked at a local steel mill and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II before being ordained as a Lutheran minister. He served First Lutheran, Strasburg, Ohio, and Mount Calvary, Johnstown, Pa. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church, he later worked for Tressler Lutheran Social Services.

1956

James C. Claggett, Grove City, Ohio, passed away Jan. 16, 2014. He was a high school teacher and football coach at Linden McKinley and Brookhaven High Schools. He later taught driver's education throughout the Columbus Public Schools, retiring as a guidance counselor at Whetstone High School. For more than 40 years, he worked as an

usher, portal chief and deck supervisor at Ohio State University home football games. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Phi Kappa Psi, and enjoyed playing golf.

Helen Gibson Shaeffer, Columbus, Ohio, died Dec. 11, 2013. She taught elementary school in Columbus and later worked at her husband's law firm for many years. A member of TWIG and Alpha Delta Pi, she also was an active member of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church for more than 50 years, where she was involved with the Home Communion Ministry and funeral visitation planning.

1957

Shirley K. Schneider, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Oct. 4, 2013. She practiced dentistry for 42 years in Springfield, retiring in 2001. She was a member of the Zonta Club of Springfield for 50 years, serving at the local, district and international levels, culminating as Zonta International President from 1980-82. She also served on the Lakeside (Ohio) Chautauqua Board of Trustees, as well as several committees at Cedarville University, where she was honored as an honorary alumna in 1986. An avid sports fan, she was the official scorekeeper for the Cedarville University men's and women's basketball teams for more than 40 years.

Peter H. Wolff of Cambria, Calif., and formerly of Spring Valley, Ohio, passed away March 30, 2014. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserves and then in the U.S. Navy in Korea. He retired in 1988 as company chairman of a Pitney

Bowes corporate acquisition team. In Bellbrook, Ohio, he served on the school board and was an elder at Bellbrook Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Cambria Tennis Club, Service Corps of Retired Executives, and the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County. He also was an elder for the Cambria Presbyterian Church and mediator in small claims court and community mediation. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he enjoyed beachcombing and traveling.

1958

Gretchen Metzger Hitt, Springfield, Ohio, died on Oct. 15, 2013. She was a member of Bowlsville United Methodist Church for many years and recently had attended Maiden Lane Church of God. She worked as a bank teller for the Security National Bank for 15 years.

Sung-Ho Hong, Neenah, Wis., passed away on May 4, 2013.

William H. Kurz '60S, Wheeling, W.Va., died in his home on Aug. 10, 2012. He was a retired pastor for Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozart, W.Va., Grace Lutheran Church in Rochester, Pa., and served numerous congregations in the tri-state area. He also served as a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves for 30 years.

1959

Robert D. Facklam, Pecatonica, Ill., died at home on Oct. 27, 2013. Following his service in Korea and his college education, he was a claims adjuster for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich., and Rockford, Ill.; taught at Rock River, Rolling Green and Thompson Schools in Rockford; worked at

Atwood Outdoor Education Center; and was the media resource director at the Rockford Area Vocational Center. Upon retirement, he began a career as a pen-and-ink artist.

Carol Harvitt Hanes, Springfield, Ohio, died on Oct. 13, 2013. A member of Alpha Delta Pi, she worked for the Springfield City Schools.

Sharon Kerentoff Hochstettler, Prescott, Ariz., died at home on Oct. 29, 2013. She spent the majority of her career as a primary school teacher, teaching in Tuscola, Ill., Harvey, Ill., Germantown, Ohio, and Syracuse, N.Y., and retiring from Prescott Unified Schools in 1997. A pioneer in the use of computer-assisted instruction, she established the first computer lab at Washington Traditional School. In addition to teaching classes in reading and classroom computing for Yavapai College and Northern Arizona University, she presented at regional and national conferences, trained teachers in school districts around Arizona, and was active in several professional organizations. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, her interests included reading, bridge, skiing, camping and traveling.

1960

Virginia Mills Bennett, Seattle, Wash., died Jan. 9, 2014. She taught at the University of Washington while pursuing her master's degree and later became a professor of speech communications at Shoreline Community College. Upon her retirement in 1990, she created The Homework Factory, an innovative tutoring program for Ballinger Homes of the King County Housing Authority

for which she was awarded the Golden Apple for excellence in teaching. She was a member of Chi Omega.

A member of Kappa Delta sorority, **Carol Ehrhardt Ferguson**, Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away on Sept. 6, 2013. A teacher for Mt. Healthy Schools for 30 years, she also was known throughout the tri-state area for her china painting. She enjoyed many years traveling the United States with her husband in their motor home.

Charles E. Finsley of Cedar Hill, Texas, and formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died May 15, 2014. For more than 34 years, he worked at the Dallas Museum of Natural History, holding titles that included curator of education, botany and earth sciences. He unearthed numerous fossils, many of which are part of the Perot Museum Collection, and found the Trinity Mammoth, now at the Perot Museum. He often appeared on local children's television shows and led many field trips to West Texas and the Gulf Coast.

Paul E. Weber, Rocky River, Ohio, died July 2, 2012. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he spent two years in the Army stationed in Germany. He was a reporter and writer for the Cleveland Press for more than 22 years. He then worked as a substitute teacher in the local schools before teaching at the Cleveland Job Corps for 20 years.

John N. White, Newnan, Ga., died Nov. 16, 2013. He worked in marketing and advertising for Delta Air Lines, initially in Detroit, Mich., and later in Atlanta, Ga., where he handled Delta's in-flight entertainment. Upon his retirement in 1990, he and his wife, **Martha**

Smyre White '58, founded Design Affiliates Inc., which published the aviation-related magazine AVION. A pioneer in the use of video for in-flight safety and destination information, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Worldwide Airline Entertainment Association in 2004 and the local Optimist Club's "Man of the Year" award. A founder of Coweta County's fire department, he served as chairman of the county's Fire Commission and the Water Authority and as a member of Newnan's Cultural Arts Commission. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he loved music and was active in local civic affairs, including Newnan Rotary.

Herbert H. Zimmermann, Berlin, Germany, died May 7, 2013. At one time, he was a city planner and a founder of the firm Freie Planungsgruppe Berlin GmbH.

1961

Lucy Lenhart Brubaker, Mechanicsburg, Pa., died Dec. 18, 2013. A certified occupational therapist and homemaker, she was a lifelong member of the Brethren in Christ Church and served various roles in Christian education at Fairview Congregation in Englewood, Ohio. She served Darke County Youth for Christ as a board member and was a longtime member of the Arcanum Garden Club and active promoter of Brethren in Christ World Missions. Her interests included organizing events, sewing and cooking.

Sue Ann Creamer Confer, Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 18, 2014. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she taught in the Springfield City Schools for 32 years. She was active in many professional

organizations, including Clark County Retired Teachers Association, Ohio Retired Teachers Association and Ohio Education Association, and served as president of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators and the Springfield Public Schools Credit Union. A member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, she also volunteered with Oesterlen Women's Auxiliary, The Young Woman's Mission, and Community Hospital. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge and traveling.

Robert T. Velloney of Chesterfield, Mich., and formerly of Wadsworth, Ohio, died on Dec. 12, 2013, at his home. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he was a teacher and then an associate principal at Barberton High School. He coached the Barberton Magics basketball team, announced for the Christmas Greynold's Classic tournaments for many years, and was inducted into the Barberton Sports Hall of Fame.

1962

William R. Heideloff, Lakewood, Ohio, died Nov. 23, 2013. He was a banker who at one time was president and chief operating officer of Broadview Financial Corporation. A real estate investor and a member of Phi Kappa Psi, he enjoyed basketball, golf, tennis and skiing.

G. Peter Lodge, Lakewood, Ohio, died Dec. 23, 2013. He worked for 37 years at LTV Steel in the employee benefits department. He was an avid sailor who loved golfing and gardening. His memberships included Phi Gamma Delta and the Edgewater Yacht Club.

Patricia Puchinger Ludtke of Corpus Christi, Texas, and formerly of Houston, Texas, died Jan. 14, 2014. She and her husband owned Southwestern Distributors Inc. for 20 years. She served as a Girl Scout leader, public school volunteer, League of Women Voters coordinator, and the first female president of Houston's Barkley Square Civic Club.

Edith J. Monk of Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada, died Jan. 8, 2014. She was a former registered nurse in London, Ontario, and a member of the Tillsonburg Horticultural Society.

Thomas D. Oswald of Strasburg and formerly of Bolivar, Ohio, passed away Jan. 12, 2014. Early in his career, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a smokejumper in Missoula, Mont. He then spent his professional career educating students at Canton City Schools for 35 years. After retirement, he was a technology trainer for PBS in Kent, Ohio, and volunteered as a retired smokejumper, clearing trails in Montana, West Virginia and Idaho. A member of Alpha Tau Omega, he enjoyed reading, playing golf and watching sports.

James S. Yeager, Springfield, Ohio, passed away on Nov. 24, 2013. In 1997, he retired from teaching chemistry and science at North High School, where he also served as chess coach and ticket manager, and helped to establish the original trails in the land lab located behind the school. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Clark County Retired Teachers Association and First Lutheran Church, where he volunteered as a gardener, teller and food pantry worker.

1963

Carolyn Reagan Nockangost DuMont, Akron, Ohio, died on May 30, 2013.

Ann Lannert Gootee of Elmwood, Wis., and formerly of Springfield, Ohio, passed away Dec. 8, 2013. She was a church elder in the First United Presbyterian Church.

Reinhold Hohnsbein of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, passed away on Feb. 25, 2009. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Larry D. St. John, Longwood, Fla., passed away Dec. 5, 2011. He served in the Marine Corps from 1966-1970, attaining the rank of captain, serving one tour in Vietnam, and earning two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he worked in sales for Ashland Petroleum Company for 20 years.

The Rev. Martti I. Simojoki '63H, Helsinki, Finland, died on April 25, 1999. He was the archbishop of Turku and the spiritual head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland from 1964-78.

1964

Albert "Bert" G. Holler, Atlanta, Ga., died July 6, 2013. He worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Atlanta as a hydrologic engineer for 35 years and was a consulting engineer for AEC Inc. after retirement. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, he enjoyed gardening, tennis and University of Michigan football.

Charles "Chuck" T. Pascoe Jr., Fairfax, Va., died Oct. 18, 2013. Upon completion of Officer Training School in 1964, he entered Air Force

pilot training and achieved the rank of first lieutenant. He was a member of Phi Mu Alpha.

Phillip G. Stoll '64MSEd, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 6, 2013. He worked in education for more than 35 years as a science teacher in the Canton City Schools, South Vienna Schools and Springfield City Schools, eventually becoming principal at Washington, Bushnell and Elmwood Elementary. He finished his career at Hayward Middle School and as an administrator at the summer school at South High School. He also taught in Wittenberg's education program, training future teachers and administrators. He loved music, the arts, photography and traveling. A member of Beta Theta Pi, he also was a former board member of the Springfield Youth Symphony and a member of Hillside Avenue Church of God for more than 60 years.

Barbara Niederwimmer Wood, Tucson, Ariz., passed away on May 27, 2013. During World War II, she worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. A dedicated teacher, she taught for 31 years in Nebraska, Ohio and Arizona. She was a licensed ham radio operator. After retirement, she volunteered at the Tucson Police Department as a member of the Police Assist Group and Tucson Medical Center's Auxiliary. Her hobbies were sewing and making quilts for the needy.

1965

Marian Jones Ervin, South Charleston, Ohio, passed away on Oct. 30, 2013. She retired from teaching at Reid Elementary and was active in the Eastern Star, serving as

Worthy Matron and secretary of Anna Gilbert Chapter of South Charleston. She attended South Charleston Methodist Church.

Eric "Rick" C. Young, Downers Grove, Ill., died on Oct. 28, 2013. He spent his career as an insurance salesman for a number of companies, mostly in the Chicago area. An avid dancer and member of Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club, he also enjoyed traveling, particularly cruising rivers in Europe. He was a member of Christ Church in Oakbrook, Ill., and Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

1966

Gary L. McGillivray, London, Ohio, passed away Oct. 23, 2013. He worked as a computer services manager for Grimes Manufacturing for 21 years and then for the State Teachers Retirement System for 18 years. A volunteer for the Clark State Community College Performing Arts Center, he also was involved in the Clan MacGillivray Society.

Richard A. Parker, Hartford City, Ind., passed away April 17, 2014. Retiring in 2010, he taught music and directed the bell choir at Taylor University for 36 years. He started the Blackford Community Choir and had been its director for several years. He was a member and music director for more than 30 years at Grace United Methodist Church. He was a member of Delta Zeta fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha and the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

Robert Spring '66MEd, Polk, Ohio, died Oct. 3, 2013. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was decorated five times,

including once for heroism, before receiving an honorable discharge. He worked various positions in several education systems during his career, including high school teacher, guidance counselor and principal, prior to his retirement.

1967

Beverly Kimball Daugherty, Upper Arlington, Ohio, died Dec. 25, 2013. During her career as an elementary school teacher, she taught in Columbus, Ohio, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, and Havelock, N.C. Her memberships included the former Twig 68 of Children's Hospital, Chapter BA of P.E.O. Sisterhood, and Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey K. Kimpel, Perrysburg, Ohio, passed away Feb. 5, 2014. He served many congregations, including St. John Lutheran Church in Rocky Ridge, Ohio; St. Mark in Toledo, Ohio; St. John's in Fowlerville, Mich.; St. Luke's in Lima, Ohio; and Zion Lutheran in Perrysburg (Lake Township). A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he retired in 2009.

1969

Beverly Kastberg Gray '69BM, Glasgow, Scotland, passed away Jan. 12, 2014. After working as a primary school teacher in both Scotland and Saudi Arabia, she became a cello teacher in the schools of Fife, Scotland, retiring in 1996. She then became an administrator in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Glasgow, retiring from that position in 2011.

The Rev. Dr. Wayne L. Sherman '69S, Warren, Ohio, died on Oct. 24, 2013.

Ordained in 1969, he took his first call as Lutheran pastor of Brandt Lutheran, Brandt, Ohio. Before retiring in 2010, he served the following congregations in Ohio: Forest Park; First, Bellefontaine; Messiah, Ashtabula; and St. Mark, Warren. He also was involved in the formation of Hope Lutheran Parish, Trumbull County.

1970

James R. Reborn, South Orange, N.J., died at home on March 21, 2014. An accomplished actor, he appeared on television in *White Collar*, *Seinfeld*, *Law and Order* and *The Guiding Light* and on stage in *I'm Not Rappaport* and revivals of *Our Town* and *Twelve Angry Men*. His movie credits include *Silkwood*, *My Cousin Vinny*, *Scent of a Woman*, *Independence Day*, *The Talented Mr. Ripley* and *Meet the Parents*. In 1999, he returned to Wittenberg to appear in two exclusive performances of A.R. Gurney's play *Love Letters*. He received the Wittenberg Fellow citation and medal in 2003. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, he attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jersey City.

Mary Clark Richardson, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 14, 2013. She was a retired educator serving in the Springfield City School System. A member and First Lady of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, she was active in many religious and civic organizations in Springfield and Clark County.

1971

J. Paul Kennedy '73S, York, Pa., passed away Nov. 8, 2013. A veteran of the U.S. Army

Air Corps who served during World War II, he worked for Harbinson Walker Brickyard, then as a State Farm agent from 1959-1967. Ordained as a minister in the Lutheran Church of America in 1973, he served Spring Church in Oklahoma Borough, Lilly and Portage Parishes, and Friedensaal Lutheran Church in Seven Valleys. He was a member of Union Lutheran Church in York.

1972

Michelle Rickle Bell, Carey, Ohio, died Oct. 23, 2013. After serving in Korea with the U.S. Air Force, she was assigned to Fort Lee in Virginia, specializing in electronic warfare. Assigned to Berlin, Germany, during the Cold War, she worked at the 6912th Security Squadron on electronic warfare and linguistics and occasionally was assigned to projects behind the Berlin Wall. In 1984, she joined the U.S. Air Force Reserves, retiring at the rank of major with the U.S. Air Force. She then joined the Civilian Service majoring in financial management and retiring as a GS-14. She was honored by Carey Schools alumni as a "Student of the Year" for her lifetime achievements in teaching, military service and civilian service.

1973

Malinda Smith Goodwyn, Lake Ridge, Va., died May 12, 2014. She spent her entire career as a special education teacher and department coordinator in service to the students of Prince William County Schools before retiring in 2006. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she enjoyed cooking, reading and supporting local charities.

1975

Harry W. Asquith Jr., Rumford, R.I., passed away May 22, 2013. He was a partner in the law firm of Asquith & Mahoney, LLP, of Providence, and probate judge for the town of Lincoln.

1976

William R. Blohm '76MSM, Carpentersville, Ill., died Nov. 28, 2013. He was employed as a reference librarian and manager of collection services at the Gail Borden Library in Elgin, Ill. He also had served as an interim musician at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church.

J. Gregory Murphy, Naples, Fla., passed away Dec. 7, 2013. He was drafted by the New York Mets, where he played two seasons for the minor league team. He was inducted into the Springfield/Clark County Baseball Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Wittenberg Athletics Hall of Honor in 2006. He was president of Naples Community Bank and Royal Palm Bank of Florida. He enjoyed exercise, sports and travel.

1977

James R. Schlesinger '77H died March 27, 2014. Starting in 1971, he was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, then director of the CIA, secretary of defense, and the nation's first secretary of energy until 1979. He served on numerous high-level government commissions, task forces and advisory panels. At the time of his death, he was chairman of the MITRE Corporation, a trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a member of the Defense Policy Board, and a trustee of the Henry M. Jackson Foundation. In 1977, he delivered the

commencement address at Wittenberg.

1979

Joseph W. Tafaro Jr. of Sharon, Mass., and formerly of Mendham, N.J., died at home on July 4, 2009. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was employed by SciVantage, based in Jersey City, N.J.

1980

Stephen W. Long of Cassville, Mo., and formerly of Carthage, Mo., passed away on Oct. 20, 2013. He worked as a news and sports reporter in radio, most recently in Carthage, and later taught social studies at Southwest R-V Schools in Washburn, Mo. An active member of Cassville United Methodist Church, he possessed a vast knowledge of sports and history and was a lifelong fan of the Indianapolis Colts.

1981

Cynthia Hill Ruff, Tampa, Fla., died Jan. 2, 2014. She worked in commercial lending for NCNB and later in personnel as the bank became Bank of America before leaving the field to be a stay-at-home mother. A member of Delta Gamma sorority, she was an active volunteer with St. Mary's Episcopal Day School, St. Mary's Church, Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church and Plant High School, where she was twice named Volunteer of the Year.

1982

Roland C. Matthies '82H, Springfield, Ohio, died April 3, 2014. He was a former treasurer and vice president of Wittenberg College and a member of the Board of Trustees until 1988. He was active regionally and nationally in the affairs of the

Lutheran Church in America and served on countless local boards and committees. In 1946, he became a founding member of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, where he played violin. He received numerous awards during his career, including the Wittenberg Class of 1914 Award and Medal of Honor.

1987

Mark W. Ruf of Cleveland, Ohio, and formerly of Washington, D.C., died Nov. 13, 2013. A lawyer, he was employed as an associate with the patent law firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner in Washington, D.C. before establishing in 1994 a successful trial and appellate tort law practice in Cleveland. An avid cyclist, he twice completed 400-mile bike rides through Ohio to raise money for Christ Community Chapel local ministries. He enjoyed many outdoor sports, including boating, whitewater rafting, golfing, hiking and skiing.

2001

Katie A. Choate, Philadelphia, Pa., passed away on Feb. 28, 2014. She was employed by Women's Therapy Center as a woman's counselor and at Wordsworth Counseling Center as a family therapist. Her involvement as a camper and counselor with the Girl Scouts inspired her love of nature and the outdoors. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she enjoyed music and playing the guitar.

Evan P. O'Connor, North Royalton, Ohio, died May 19, 2014. He was a counselor and administrator at the Absolute House of TreatmentWorks Inc. in Cleveland. His interests included cooking, fishing and University of Michigan athletics.

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Cincinnati Alumni Chapter Event, Dec. 4

December

- 4 **Cincinnati Alumni Chapter:** *Playhouse in the Park Presents A Christmas Carol*
- 10 **Columbus Alumni Chapter:** *Holiday Party*
- 12 **Wittenberg Series:** *Lessons and Carols for Advent & Christmas – 7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel (Pre-service music begins at 7 p.m.)*

January

- 11 **Indianapolis Alumni Chapter:** *Trivia Night*
- 15 **Indianapolis Alumni Chapter:** *Symphony Night*
- 19 **Wittenberg Series:** *Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation. Rev. C.T. Vivian, Civil Rights leader – 11 a.m., Weaver Chapel*
- 24 **Cleveland Alumni Chapter:** *Lake Erie Monsters' Game*
- 29 **Wittenberg Series:** *An Evening with the Kalichstein-Lareda-Robinson Trio – 7:30 p.m., Weaver Chapel*

February

- 19 **Wittenberg Series:** *William H. Kinnison Endowed Lecture. David Brakke, historian – 7:30 p.m., Bayley Auditorium, Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center*

March

- 3 **Annual Sarasota Alumni Event,** *Prestania Golf and Country Club*
- 6-15 **Wittenberg Choir Spring Tour** *(See page 36 for more information.)*
- 8 **Indianapolis Alumni Chapter:** *Ice Skating*
- 16 **Wittenberg Series:** *Scott McCloud, author and comics artist – 7:30 p.m., Bayley Auditorium, Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center*

April

- 23 **Wittenberg Series:** *Capitol Steps Comedy Troupe – 7:30 p.m., Pam Evans Smith Arena*



An Evening with the Kalichstein-Lareda-Robinson Trio, Jan. 29



Capitol Steps comedy troupe, April 23

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An Alum's-Eye View

So Many Ideas, So Little Time

This is the first in a new series designed to explore Wittenberg through the lens of longtime writer Tom Stafford '76. Embracing his own love of learning for learning's sake, Stafford spends time in Wittenberg's bookstore to get a sense of the learning that is in store for today's students.



Thirty-eight Septembers ago, I searched the shelves of the Wittenberg bookstore for texts I was expected to read during the fall term of my senior year.

The first Tuesday of this September, I again stood in the bookstore scanning the assigned texts for fall, though, at age 60, a different kind of senior.

In front of me, behind me -- all around -- rows of cream-colored metal shelves were stocked and stacked with ideas about the world in which we live.

And I thought to myself: So many ideas, so little time.

I spied *The Nanjing Massacre in History and Historiography*, which “assesses Japanese attempts to downplay the incident,” then “widens the scope of the discussion by comparing the ... debates to similar debates in Germany over the nature of the Holocaust.”

I held that thought as I picked up James H. Madison's story of three black teenagers hanged in 1930 in Marion, Ind., for allegedly murdering a young white man and raping his girlfriend. The title, *A Lynching in the Heartland: Race and Memory in America*, seemed to resonate with the Nanjing tale.

The short introduction to Lewis Wolpert's *Developmental Biology: A Very Short Introduction* reminded me about some of the wonders and complexities of our very being: “The development of multicellular organisms from the fertilized egg is a brilliant triumph of evolution,” the introduction says, although one that raises “a multitude of questions.”

Among them: “How do the cells arising from division of the fertilized egg become different from each other? How do they become organized into structures such as limbs and brains?”

What fascinating questions.

The Deeds of Louis the Fat at first seemed evidence of an upper-level English course in Monty Python. Well, fat chance. The book instead examines the “violent and militaristic society” of culturally divided 12th century France and “the almost gargantuan task Louis VI faced in bringing order and justice to his principality and kingdom.”

Eavan Boland's *Against Love Poetry* seemed to promise an interesting twist.

Although “written against the perfections and idealizations of traditional love poetry,” the back cover says, Boland's poems are an “exploration of how time erodes the surfaces of love – the body and memory – while deeply refreshing the source of passion.”

Passion also was promised in *Violence* by Slavoj Zizek, whom *The Guardian* describes as “The Elvis of cultural theory.” Another reviewer says Zizek “stares out ... from the page and dares the reader to disagree ... in a work that will confirm his standing as one of the most erudite and incendiary modern thinkers.”

But then came David Buss' *Preface to Evolutionary Psychology: The New Science of the Mind* as a reminder that our actions as moral and social beings are intertwined with our physical nature.

As Harvard Professor Steven Pinker writes: “There are major spheres of human experience – beauty, motherhood, kinship, morality, cooperation, sexuality, violence – in which evolutionary psychology provides the only coherent theory.”

With so many ideas and so little time, it all seemed a bit overwhelming.

Still, as I stood among the books on cream-colored shelves, this senior reveled over what was in store for another generation of Wittenberg students. ■

– Tom Stafford '76



Tiana Cherry '14, Lancaster, Texas
Political Science, International
Studies and Spanish Triple Major

Tiana Cherry carried a heavy load both in and out of the classroom as she completed three majors in addition to studying abroad in both Costa Rica and Chile, interning in Washington, D.C., and attending the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs at West Point Military Academy in New York, where she made policy recommendations regarding stability in the Middle East. * She also was a sought-after leader on campus, serving as president of her class, Concerned Black Students senator, and manager of the McClain Center for Diversity. Add to all these credentials her desire to study Urdu in India through the Critical Language Scholarship

Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and it's easy to see the transformative mission of Wittenberg in Cherry's success.

* Now studying International law at American University, Cherry is thankful for her Wittenberg experience in every way.

* "From studying abroad twice to interning in Washington, D.C., Wittenberg alumni provided me with the assistance that I needed. In turn, I have advised my peers on ways to accomplish their goals. Pursuing my lifelong passion in foreign policy reform would not have been possible without support from alumni."

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