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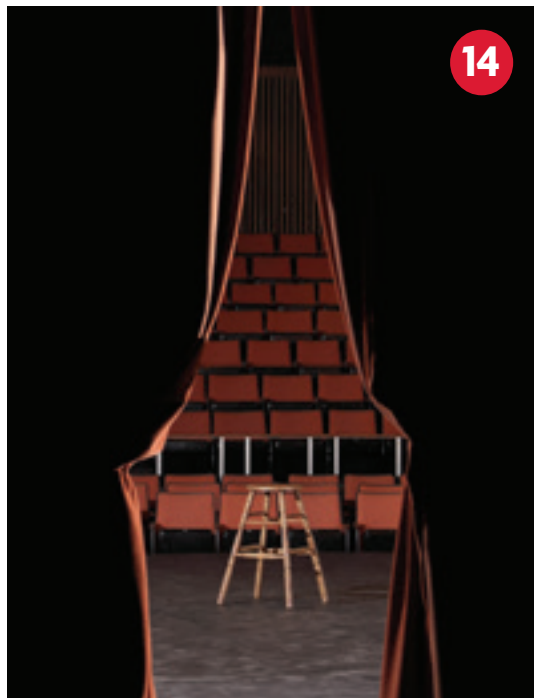
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On the cover: Clockwise from upper left: Faculty members Eva Paris-Huesca (World Languages & Cultures), Antron Mahoney (Africana, Gender, & Identity Studies), Amy Downing (Biological Sciences), Eric Gangloff (Biological Sciences).

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Alumni confirm the value of the OWU Connection

The OWU campus has come to life this semester with an energy and vitality not seen so visibly since before the pandemic arrived, now more than 30 months ago. Students are energized by the opportunity to experience more fully the benefits of a residential, liberal arts education. Faculty and staff are energized by being able to teach and mentor students without the pandemic restrictions of the past two fall semesters.

We have much to celebrate in this new academic year. Enrollment increased significantly over last year, with an entering class more than 100 students larger than a year ago, and first-to-second-year retention rose a full three percentage points. In addition to the energy on campus, nearly 40 students are studying away this semester, much more like pre-pandemic times.

The schedule for Homecoming/Family Weekend includes reopening and rededicating historic Slocum Hall, housing the Admission Welcome Center and the OWU Connection offices. Prospective students will meet with admission staff in Slocum while also being exposed to the opportunities presented by the OWU Connection to Think Big (research), Do Good (service), Go Global (study abroad), and Get Real (internships).

The prominent placement of the Career Connection office adjacent to the iconic reading room on the second floor will remind students of our commitment to providing an education that prepares graduates for meaningful lives that include productive work and fulfilling careers. Every prospective student will enter the building to explore the opportunities available at OWU. Every enrolled student will visit the building to explore the opportunities offered through the OWU Connection.

I had the opportunity to reflect on the impact of OWU Connection experiences during Reunion Weekend when Melissa and I visited the reunion

dinner of the Classes of 2011 and 2012. The Class of 2012 was my freshman class. We started OWU together. As I scanned the collection of those two classes under a tent in front of Slocum Hall, I recalled that many of the people gathered there were among the first students to receive OWU Connection funding.

I was able to connect the dots between their OWU Connection grants and their extraordinary accomplishments as young professionals.

- A graduate who received student funding to study bats in Texas went on to earn a Fulbright Fellowship and later a Ph.D. and is now doing important research that had its genesis through the OWU Connection.
- A graduate who took courses traveling to Bangladesh to study global poverty and to Ireland to study politics and economics is now chief of staff of a nonprofit organization working to create space for bipartisan dialogue.
- A graduate who received student funding to study birds in South America has earned a Ph.D. in ornithology and just finished a year on the faculty at Holy Cross.
- A graduate who was in the first class of the Economics Management Fellows Program is the founder of a firm in the music industry that provides label services to developing, emerging, and breaking labels and artists. The list goes on and on.

Imagine the sense of joy and gratification I felt when I saw how these young professionals, barely a decade out of OWU, are fulfilling their dreams and making important contributions to knowledge, education, business, and the public good, all as a result of the education they received at Ohio Wesleyan. And some of us were freshmen together!

Then a few weeks ago, on the evening of the first day of the new semester, I gathered with this year's senior class on the Hickson Patio of Bradford Milligan



Members of the Class of 2012 returned to campus for their 10th reunion in May.

Hall for a champagne toast. The Class of 2023 is my senior class.

Their experience has been quite different from the classes of 2011 and 2012. More than half of their college experience was defined by a pandemic. They did not have the same opportunities for travel and off-campus study. Many of their internships and research experiences were virtual. And yet, when I looked out on these students, I was aware of the extraordinary creativity they have brought to their time at OWU, working with faculty and staff to create experiences equally transformational for them.

I am confident that when they return for their 10-year reunion, their stories will parallel the stories I heard this past spring.

It is rare today for a person to have the privilege of serving in a university presidency for 15 years. But that's what it takes to be able to attend the 10-year reunion of the class with whom you were a freshman, and still have your senior year ahead of you. I feel so very fortunate. More than that, I am so very grateful to be at an institution where alumni and friends have funded the transformational OWU Connection experiences that catapult our graduates to leadership. I have seen the results firsthand.

That's the OWU Connection.

And that's why the reopening of Slocum Hall as home of the OWU

Connection is so important. As we prepare for that reopening, perhaps you will kindle memories in your mind of time spent in Slocum Hall. Perhaps it was working with John Reed in the archives; or finding your quiet study space in the stacks; or enjoying a more social gathering to study with friends at a table in the reading room; or working a late night completing an edition of *The Transcript* or a program on WSLN.

I invite you to bring those memories with you and come see the glorious renovation of a building that has served Ohio Wesleyan since 1896. As you reflect on your memories of a library,

you'll want to stop in the reading room, and then perhaps wander the halls of the offices now housed in Slocum, imagining what your OWU Connection might look like if you were a student today.

Your memories of the past, interlaced with the imagination of today's students.

That's the OWU Connection!



Rock Jones
President, Ohio Wesleyan University
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readers' letters

The Power of Sociology

Thanks for reviving the magazine! Through the Fall 2021 issue I learned of the passing of **Sue Lynn Meck Bender**, my classmate, good friend, sorority sister, and resident of the same freshman corridor in Austin Hall in 1963-64. We both majored in elementary education, in which Sue Lynn excelled. She also majored in microbiology, one of the first women I knew to do so.

After graduation, she worked in a lab related to her second major, where she met her future husband. They had three children, and developed a successful photography business. For our 55th reunion, after speaking with Jenny Batchelder, Director of Gift Planning at OWU, I decided to dedicate my donation of \$1967 in Sue Lynn's memory. Though unable to attend the reunion in person, I do feel as though I am there in spirit! Coincidentally, the Spring issue of OWU Magazine arrived today, Saturday, May 14, Reunion Weekend!

Regarding the magazine itself, I would like to comment on the articles on mental health in the current issue. While excellent, I am disappointed by the lack of reference to the field of professional social work. While at Ohio Wesleyan, I participated in many volunteer projects sponsored by the Red Cross, Student Y, the Methodist Student Movement, and the Religious Life Office. It was not until fall of my junior year that I discovered

sociology. I went on to take three more courses in that department, including fieldwork in social welfare. Dr. Butler Jones taught the first three, Abbey Seamans the latter.

After graduation, I spent a year in VISTA, taught for a year, then became a social worker in the field of child welfare. I earned my master's in social work, obtained my license in clinical social work, and have worked in a variety of settings with diverse populations.

While Ohio Wesleyan did introduce me to social work, it was not my focus then because I did not know it existed as a profession—or the multitude of opportunities available for social workers. It seems to me that social work education is a natural for a liberal arts, value-based university to offer as part of their curriculum. Yes, Ohio Wesleyan does offer a major in psychology, and did when I attended, but social work and psychology do differ in important ways, although they complement each other.

I would love to pursue this thought further if anyone is interested!

Again, thank you for reviving the magazine!

Eloise Jamison Sulzman '67

Mental Health Awareness

It was so encouraging to see the feature article on the mental health crisis, "A Second Pandemic," in the Spring 2022 OWU Magazine! Especially in light of

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the work I do with a unique nonprofit in Charlotte, NC, called Psychology For All. PFA seeks to increase mental health awareness and make therapy more accessible to the uninsured and underinsured by paying for clients that meet our eligibility criteria.

Having seen the increase in the use of our services since the pandemic, and the partnerships we've been able to create with agencies and clinicians, I wonder if there are additional creative ways to meet this growing need.

I'm grateful to have found a place where I can combine my background in psychology with my skills and love of administration, and I hope other liberal arts graduates continue to put their critical thinking skills towards tackling this second pandemic.

Carrie Lippert Reinhardt '94

Remembering Bill Batchelder

Love the magazine. So glad it is back. A couple of items:

William Batchelder. Although he graduated several years before I arrived, he was a legend in the debate program coached by longtime speech professor Ed Robinson. Professor Robinson used to regale us with stories about Bill and his teammates. I don't know if OWU still has a debate program, but it had a great tradition and was great preparation especially for a legal career. After graduating from OWU in 1971 and from Michigan Law School in 1974, I had occasion to work in the Ohio Legislature for a couple of years as a staff attorney. There I had the opportunity to observe Bill in his element, where he was an outstanding legislator as noted in the article.

Nursing. I was glad to learn about OWU reestablishing this program. Actually I first found out about it at a recent Rotary Club meeting where we had some outstanding students from our St. Marys high school. A young lady announced that she would be attending OWU this fall. I understand that she will be playing basketball for the Bishops. When I inquired, she stated she would be in the nursing program, which surprised me, as I was unaware that OWU had reinstated that program. I told her I would like to come down and watch her play sometime.

Kraig Noble '71

Editor: While OWU does not currently have a debate team, our Moot Court program has been strong for several years, with students receiving awards at the national and regional levels. Politics & Government Professor Michael Esler directs the program.

Title IX

I would like to share my thoughts regarding your article on the OWU accomplishments in the area of women's sports. In the fall of 1973, I joined the faculty at the State University of New York at Fredonia. As a person who participates in sports and someone who understands that collegiate participation has a positive influence on college life, not to mention graduation rate, I joined and soon led the Intercollegiate Athletic Board (IAB). In 1973, every IAB faced an interesting challenge: how to achieve a balance of the men's and women's sports programs. At the time Fredonia had both men's and women's soccer and basketball teams. We had men's baseball but no women's softball. We also had a men's hockey team, which was eventually balanced with a women's lacrosse team. We worked to realize the goals of Title IX.

As the *OWU Magazine* relates, OWU was also working on the goals of Title IX.

Having pointed out OWU's important progress in the area of women's sports and how the participation in sports has had a positive impact on one's life, the article continues toward conclusion with the following idea: "Soccer Academic All-American **Dr. Sarah Wall '06** acknowledges the massive success of Title IX while also seeing opportunities to make athletics more inclusive." She adds, "We're in a new era now when LGBTQ and non-binary athletes are trusting others with publicly being themselves, but our framework for sport is often not inclusive. I hope that women athletes who benefit, or previously benefited, from Title IX will be advocates and partners for creating an equal space that includes transgender and non-binary athletes."

In essence, Dr. Wall would like to have men competing in women's sports programs. In effect, Dr. Wall would like to turn back the clock and to destroy all the work that has been done by myself and many others to ensure the integrity of women's sports and the positive influence on life's journey. Consider Captain **Juliann Althoff '91**. She said, "Sports have played a huge part in my life, not only in college, but beyond." Althoff was OWU's first woman two-sport All-American (swimming and high jump). If Captain Althoff were to be competing in the environment Dr. Wall advocates, it is quite possible that she would have never won a swimming race nor cleared the highest bar. I suspect that the "huge part" in her life would have been quite different.

Richard Weist '62



Tribute to Marv Frye

Editor: OWU coaching legend Marv Frye died July 17 at the age of 93. Below is one of the letters sent by alumni remembering him.

As a high school senior I visited the campus and met with Marv Frye. Within minutes, he cried.

The bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing Tom Schultz of Ohio Wesleyan and 269

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others, was still fresh in his mind. Marv could barely get a sentence out about OWU's track program before telling me about Tom. It's so cliché I'm embarrassed to write it, but Marv's coaching success was about people as much as it was about sports.

Pan Am Flight 103 was in 1988; I started in 1989. I felt surrounded by an unreal amount of talent. We had transfers from Division I schools, a future NFL player, and brought home the first conference championship in I believe three decades of coaching for Marv at that point. Per tradition, we tried to pour an oversized Gatorade container over his head, but Marv, an ex-football player, stiff-armed it. I have the photo of the team here on my desk; Marv inscribed it "NCAC Champions. In Memory, Tom Schultz."

Track and field, especially indoor, was more than just track. Friday nights we would get a free pizza buffet after indoor meets. For a college student with no money, this was like a weekly treasure chest. Marv would redundantly explain each week that we could have as much as we want, a message that I took to extremes.

Then came Desert Storm. My teammate Mike King, a top sprinter who had mastered how to handle the curves in Branch Rickey, was headed off to the Persian Gulf. Marv, appropriately, treated him like a, well, a king, and gave him a send-off dinner with all of us together. This was the beginning of the war, when we didn't know how long it'd take and if Mike would return, so the send-off left none of us with dry eyes.

There was so much talent congregating in Branch Rickey that I asked Marv one time in his office whether he had ever been asked to coach at a bigger or more prestigious university. He told me he had many opportunities to do that but there was nothing bigger than what he was doing.

His life was not about chasing the next job, the next paycheck, and then the next, leaving town, uprooting his family, leaving his student-athletes in the middle of their careers. Instead of leaving Ohio Wesleyan for a big-time program, he made Ohio Wesleyan into a big-time program.

Todd Raphael '93

Seniors **Love Ayinde** (left) and **Sonia Levin** (right) joined five other OWU students interning at private and public organizations in and around Cleveland last summer through the Summer on the Cuyahoga program. Love, a computer science and quantitative economics major, taught computer science and mathematics to seventh graders at University School in Hunting Valley. Sonia worked as a job coach with Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential in Cleveland, a nonprofit working to advance participation and equality in society for people with disabilities in Northeast Ohio. OWU is one of only eight colleges and universities nationwide whose students are eligible for Summer on the Cuyahoga internships. The program recruits talented college students to help them explore the professional, civic, and social opportunities of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio.



Princeton to Princeton

May 2022 graduate **Princeton Vaughn** was awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to support his work for the next five years in Princeton University's doctoral program in ecology and evolutionary biology. With the award, the Bowie, Maryland, resident joins a group of award recipients that includes 42 Nobel laureates and more than 450 members of the National Academy of Sciences.



Faculty capture science and education grants

Ohio Wesleyan faculty and staff have been awarded more than \$1.4 million to support research on invasive species, ecological education, and K-12 learning.

Ecology Education

Just a few weeks after winning the 2022 Ecological Society of America's Eugene P. Odum Award for Excellence in Ecology Education, biological sciences professor Laurie Anderson received a 5-year, \$499,750 grant from the National Science Foundation to help her further expand ecological education.

The grant will support creation of the Macrosystems Ecology for All (MEFA) Research Coordination Network. Macrosystems ecology explores connections among geophysical, biological, and social-cultural processes at different scales (such as how land use by humans in the context of a changing climate affects pollinating insects) and often makes use of large environmental data sets.

The consortium, to be led by Anderson, will provide training and support for faculty developing large-scale, coordinated ecological research

projects that involve multiple colleges.

Invasive Species

A 3-year, \$476,000 NSF grant will support the ongoing research of Eric Gangloff, assistant professor of biological sciences, to better understand how some organisms are responding successfully to rapid changes in climate and ecosystems.

His research focuses on the common wall lizard, a small, active lizard species native to mainland Europe but now established in the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States.

"My research seeks to identify how this lizard has flourished in urban environments on a new continent after just 10 of the reptiles were released in Cincinnati in the 1950s," Gangloff says.

As part of the project, Gangloff and Ohio Wesleyan students will work in the field and laboratory to document the lizard's behavioral and physical changes in response to environmental shifts. Their research also will identify genes related to specific traits to help determine how these traits have helped the lizard to survive and thrive.

"This information can then be used to

help prevent the spread of potentially harmful invasive species or to understand how organisms we want to protect may respond to changes in their environment," Gangloff says.

Math and Literacy

A \$499,170 grant from the Ohio departments of education and higher education will help OWU provide intensive mathematics and literacy tutoring to pupils attending local schools.

The 2-year grant supports "high-dosage" tutoring intended to help youths get back on track academically following the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio Wesleyan will use funds to "expand and re-energize" the Bishop Scholars program following a coronavirus-related pause, said Sally Leber, director of OWU's Service Learning Center. The program, which dates back to the 1980s, will train 50 OWU student-tutors this fall to assist up to 720 youths in grades kindergarten through eight at six area schools.

OWU's program is also being overseen by Michele Nobel, assistant professor of education.

Professor Laurie Anderson (in purple jacket), recipient of the Ecological Society of America's Odum Award for Excellence in Ecology Education, leads her Plant Communities and Ecosystems class, which traveled to Utah to observe how plant communities change and adapt along the elevation gradient.



Camp Oh-Wooo energizes new students

Ohio Wesleyan welcomed 485 new students this fall with the annual outdoor orientation experience, Camp Oh-Wooo. After settling into their residence halls, students participated in Challenge Camp in Mount Gilead, Service Camp with projects in surrounding areas, or Wilderness Camp in West Virginia.

"I think no other college would have students outside in the wilderness doing ecological projects like this. Most orientations are like 'here's your campus, here's your dorm, goodbye,'" says new first-year student **Mari Sidibe**.

During the 3-day camps, Bishops build

friendships with other new students, connect with student leaders, and get to know faculty and staff.

"The heart of the Camp Oh-Wooo experience is the small groups they are in," says Dwayne Todd, vice president for student engagement and success. "That's where they engage in focused conversation about important transition topics, spend time together to develop meaningful relationships, and have a chance to learn from returning student facilitators about how to make the most of their OWU experience."

While each camp offers a different

experience, all focus on a smooth transition to college and equipping new students with the skills and relationships necessary to thrive at OWU.

"At the conclusion of camp, you can tangibly see that students have a sense that they belong in the OWU community," says Brad Pulcini, dean of student services. "Participants speak about how camp made them feel like they matter and that a lot of their peers were coming to college with some of the same worries and anxieties."

—Allie Sanzenbacher



▲ New first-year Bishops hold tight to their chains of connection at Challenge Camp.



▲ Claire Heumasse scales the rock walls at Wilderness Camp at Coopers Rock State Forest in West Virginia.

▲ New students Hailey MacGregor (left) and Tasfia Rahman help spread mulch at the Hard Road Park playground in Columbus during Service Camp..

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Makenna Juergens '23 and Abby Doza '23

These two zoology majors spent the summer working in OWU's Summer Science Research Program, assisting Amy Downing, professor of biological sciences, with a study examining the effects of road salt on freshwater zooplankton. The global study includes research teams at universities in the United States, Canada, and Europe. Makenna (left), from Springfield, Ohio, and Abby, from Plain City, Ohio, also are conducting their own study to supplement the larger project. Both plan to attend Ph.D. programs in ecology, evolution, and behavior.

1 Test Subjects

Each test tube holds one female from two species of *Daphnia*. Abby and Makenna are determining the salt concentration at which more than half of the test subjects die.

2 Bio + Chem = Yes!

Makenna stepped into the Chemistry Department this fall to take biochemistry "for fun." "I really like biology, and I really like chemistry, so when you combine the two, I'm there!"

3 Running for Mouse Ears

Running the 2018 Disney World Half-Marathon, Makenna progressed from "this is really horrible" at mile seven to "this is really cool" six miles later at the finish line, where she received this medal.

4 Marine Biology

Abby was fascinated by stingrays she saw on vacation and brought this one home. In high school, she worked at the Columbus Zoo's Manatee Coast, with thoughts of becoming a marine biologist. "I just really love animals."

5 Feline Feelings

Abby grew up with the three beloved cats in this photo. "They're the reason I've always wanted to work with animals," she says.

6 Makenna's Inspiration

Makenna's grandfather, in this photo with her brother, encouraged her college and science aspirations, and she continued to talk with him about her research until his death this past April.





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The Zen of Fieldwork

Abby and Makenna spend most of their research time in the lab, but they love fieldwork. On this idyllic summer day, with frogs croaking and wrens chirping, they took samples and measurements at the shallow pond at OWU's Kraus Nature Preserve. It's what they call the best part of "a day in the life of an aquatics toxicologist."





Reimagined & Remade

FACULTY CREATE A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION
FOR TODAY'S WORLD





Study in the liberal arts is rooted deeply in the earliest universities, and it has evolved slowly over the centuries—seemingly much more slowly than the world around the proverbial ivory tower. Nevertheless, the world of 2022 needs liberally educated people more than ever.

We need people who can probe complex global problems, people who can develop insights and innovations across fields of study, people who can communicate with everyone everywhere, people with analytical skills who can separate truth from falsehood. Those are the traits best cultivated by study in the liberal arts.

But with today's students growing up in an information technology revolution, and facing immense challenges globally and locally, the process of liberal education must adapt and change at the new speed of our world.

During the 2021-22 academic year, OWU faculty dove into that challenge. For the first time in 50 years, Ohio Wesleyan's faculty have reimagined and recrafted the structure of the university's general education curriculum and core academic program. OWU faculty have added,

removed, and revised courses and majors continually over the years, but this marks the first major structural change in half a century, and it directly addresses the needs and concerns of today's students while strengthening OWU's historic commitment to the liberal arts.

Provost Karlyn Crowley calls the faculty's work "a new dawning for transformational learning and curricular innovation at Ohio Wesleyan." She adds, "The faculty Committee on Academic Planning took on this challenge, and the entire faculty worked tirelessly and fearlessly to create a bold and courageous curriculum for Ohio Wesleyan's future. We will not be the same because of it."

In the general education reform, faculty looked inside and outside academia—focusing on best practices for learning and on the skills that will help graduates succeed in their first job and throughout their careers.

The reimagined academic program is built on the framework of three components that will shape the educational experience of every Ohio Wesleyan student.

Faculty connect with students one-on-one and in small groups. Faculty pictured at top from left: Antron Mahoney (Africana, Gender, & Identity Studies), Sarah Kaka (Education), Glenn Bryan (Economics & Business), and Jennifer Whitehead (Music). Bottom row from left: Frank Hobbs (Fine Arts) and Eva Paris-Huesca (World Languages & Cultures). Photos by Angelo Merendino.



1 First-Year Seminar

Beginning in fall 2023, every incoming OWU student will take the interdisciplinary seminar “How to Change the World.”

With such an ambitious title, the full-credit course is designed to be the perfect introduction to thinking big, to embracing the power of the liberal arts, and to setting students’ ambitions on becoming leaders in the global society.

Each year, faculty will select a course theme that will focus on complex, widespread, intractable issues and

“wicked problems” that connect liberal arts skills with real-world application. In a pilot version of the course this year, students are exploring the concept of global movement as it is embedded in issues such as trade, the spread of disease,

and migration.

“The newly imagined first-year seminar allows students to see first-hand how their liberal arts education will allow them to tackle the challenges we face as a society,” says Ashley Biser, associate professor of politics and government and faculty director of the first-year seminar. “By focusing on skills like information literacy and critical reading, we’re helping students build a foundation for success at OWU, as well as providing them with transferable skills that will help them become active citizens and critical thinkers.”

She says seminar faculty also will help students imagine their pathways through the OWU curriculum so they can better understand why their college courses matter.

Full-time faculty from across the university will teach the course—all at the same time, on the same days. That will allow all first-year students to participate together in special events or hear guest speakers during that time.

“The faculty teaching the seminar are invigorated by the opportunity to learn from each other and work across disciplinary boundaries,” Biser says.



First-year student **Julia Walsh** presents research during her “How to Change the World” class taught by Dave Markwardt.

2 Skills, Not Checklists

The old-school liberal arts list of what students call the “gen eds” was a checklist based on academic divisions. Students were required to check off, say, three classes in natural sciences, three in humanities, one in the arts, and so on.

OWU faculty have discarded that model to focus on what students need: skills to think, speak, and act.

The reimagined academic requirements seek to help students build nine core competencies for meaningful work and life. These competencies, or skills, align with the traits that surveys show employers value most highly.

“These nine competencies are critical for being an informed and contributing democratic, global citizen—and to be successful in a career,” Crowley says. She says this new model will help students and families easily grasp the value of a liberal arts education and how their

coursework translates to work in the world and skills for life.

The goal outcomes for each class offered at OWU will align with developing one of these nine skills (shown in the graphic below).

Zack Long, associate professor of English and associate dean of academic affairs, says the core competencies “communicate much more directly the relevance and applicability of the skills they’re designed to cultivate while also honoring the pedigrees of the knowledge that inform those skills. They’re practical but also intellectual.”

He adds, “I think the competencies also do a better job of telegraphing the values that lie behind them.

Terms like ‘the humanities’ or ‘social sciences’ may

or may not resonate with you, depending on your background. But when you hear that the purpose of a course is to cultivate your ability to ‘listen, imagine, and understand,’ then you immediately get the message.”

NINE CORE SKILLS TO THINK, SPEAK & ACT

Reason quantitatively

Question scientifically

Think aesthetically

Listen, imagine & understand

Write & speak effectively

Learn a second language

Examine inequities

Engage diversity

Act responsibly

3 Hands-on Experience

For more than a decade, the OWU Connection has been Ohio Wesleyan's signature program for experiential learning in and beyond the classroom. It has provided vast opportunities for students to experience mentored research, service learning, academic-related global travel, and internships.

For countless students, OWU Connection experiences have led to first jobs and impressive graduate school placements.

Beginning next academic year, the OWU Connection is embedded in the reimagined academic program, ensuring that every OWU student participates in experiential learning.

Dave Markwardt, professor of biological sciences and associate dean of the OWU Connection, says in order to satisfy this requirement, students will need to demonstrate how their experience is integrated into their own academic program.

"The OWU Connection has long provided students the opportunity to integrate, apply, and expand their work in the classroom in a wide range of other settings, on and off campus, at home and around the world," Markwardt says. "With the Connection now established as a foundational part of the curriculum, all students will be guaranteed to benefit from all it has to offer."

Every student also will be required to share their experience with the OWU community at the OWU Connection Conference, an all-day, student-centered event where students will discuss their own Connection experiences. Regular classes are canceled that day so the entire community can learn more about the impact and breadth of Connection opportunities.

One day each fall and spring semester will be set aside for an OWU Connection Conference. The inaugural conference was held October 6.

Crowley says the experiential learning from OWU Connection opportunities promotes "active engagement and deeper understanding" for students. "We know that hands-on experiences in undergraduate research, internships, study away, and service learning can have a deep impact on students and change them forever."

Crowley calls the passage of general education reform an historic moment for OWU. "The significance of this work cannot be understated. We will reap the rewards of this innovative curricular change for years to come," she says. "Ohio Wesleyan will be transformed because of the story we can tell as the college of choice for a life-changing educational experience."

—Will Kopp

FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE OWU CONNECTION

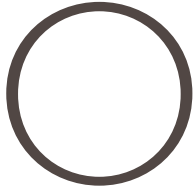


"We know that hands-on experiences in undergraduate research, internships, study away, and service learning can have a deep impact on students and change them forever."



THE STAGES OF LIFE

By Tammy Joyner '81



ften with a liberal arts education, the classes you remember most fondly—those that opened your mind to new ideas—were the classes not in your major. Classes on political philosophy, Victorian literature, volcanos—whatever lit up new vistas for you. For so many, that life-changing experience was participating in theater, whether it was a class or a performance on the Chappellear stage.

Attorney and novelist **Michael Jordan '76** says he drew liberally from his theater days at Ohio Wesleyan University to develop characters for his award-winning suspense novel *The Company of Demons*.

Retired state trooper **Chris Villar '93**, likewise, used his directing and acting skills routinely to defuse potentially deadly situations during his career.

Attorney **Jacquie Jones '96** appeared in two plays at Chappellear Drama Center, and what she learned from those productions helps her craft opening and closing arguments that help juries better understand her clients.

"Litigation is theater," Jones says. "It's about putting on a show and having a good memory and presenting it to a group of people who don't know you or the other people involved."

Over the years, alumni who performed under the Chappellear lights have come to realize that all the world really is a stage. And they credit the guidance and experience they received at OWU for giving them a good start in life after college—and for lasting memories.

Chappellear was their home away from the residence hall. They say professors provided personal attention, something that wouldn't have been possible at larger universities.

"I transferred in my sophomore year to Wesleyan from Penn State University," says Villar. "They have an excellent theater program as well, but I could very easily get lost in a big place like Penn State. But at Ohio Wesleyan and Chappellear, I got more individualized attention, more

opportunities to act and learn and get into the scene shop and paint shop."

Chappellear Community

Life lessons aside, Chappellear was a gathering place for community and at times a refuge for solitude. Eating lunch with friends in the lobby of the drama center. Hanging lights while navigating the facility's overhead catwalk. Secretly washing clothes in the basement laundry. Catching much-needed rest, away from the din of Fraternity Row.

"Litigation is theater."

Jacquie Jones

"I belong to a fraternity, and fraternities were well-known for being crazy on the weekends—and even during the week," says **Andrew Busch**

'83, now a consultant. "A lot of times, I slept in the theater on those big, long, wide couches there because it was so quiet. It was such a resource for the theater community."

For Jones, her dramatic turn at Ohio Wesleyan is unforgettable.

"It presented me with every opportunity to do everything I wanted to do," says Jones, whose daughter, **Zanirah Gordy**, started at OWU this fall.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Chappellear Drama Center, *OWU Magazine* spoke with nine alumni who participated in theater but did not pursue a career in the entertainment business. We asked about their theater days and how that experience has shaped their personal and professional lives. The conversations have been edited for clarity and length.

Here's what they had to say.

DERRICK ROBINSON '75

Founder and president of People Against Covert Torture and Surveillance

“Theater at Ohio Wesleyan was the prelude of what I’m doing today. I founded PACTS in 2016 to help people who have Havana Syndrome. [Havana Syndrome is a mysterious health condition with unknown causes experienced mostly abroad by U.S. government and military personnel.]

I use my theatrical skills working with groups of people to put on productions. I also produce programs for our (PACTS) YouTube channel.”

MAJORS: Speech and theater

HOME: Twentynine Palms, California

OWU THEATER EXPERIENCE: Was a member of the ensemble in Edgar Lee Masters’ *Spoon River Anthology*.



Photo by Megan Mason

Derrick Robinson in the desert landscape of Twentynine Palms.

ANDREW BUSCH '83

Consultant specializing in economics and public policy. He has provided briefings to White House, U.S. House, and Senate staffs. He has also worked with a wide range of clients in financial services, energy, manufacturing, and construction.

MAJOR: Economics

HOME: Denver, North Carolina

OWU THEATER EXPERIENCE: Played Creon in Jean Anouilh’s version of *Antigone* and the doctor in the Steve Gooch play *Female Transport*. He also appeared in Shakespeare productions.



Andrew Busch (left) with Scott Phillips '83. Today, Scott is a theater professor at Auburn University, and Andrew still takes the stage delivering financial presentations.



“My experience at Ohio Wesleyan, specifically in the Chappellear Drama Center, gave me skill sets I use to this day.

I understand how to do presentations that are engaging and fun. It has given me an advantage over the competition in finance, primarily because I can communicate effectively arcane topics and subjects in a manner that people can understand simply. That’s a wonderful gift that education and experience in the theater gave me.

On top of that, one needs to be creative. One needs to concentrate and focus and [theater training] gave me a wonderful advantage when I was a currency trader and in finance.

The ability to concentrate and focus for long periods of time was critical for being able to trade in the most volatile financial markets in the world. So my experience has just been fantastic.”

MICHAEL JORDAN '76

Attorney, arbitrator, and author of the novel, *The Company of Demons*, set in The Flats, a revived entertainment district along the banks of the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, Ohio

MAJOR: Politics and government

HOME: Rocky River, Ohio, and Longboat Key, Florida

OWU THEATER EXPERIENCE: Played a guard in the Grimm brothers' fairy tale *Rumpelstiltskin*, a lover in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and a small part in the production of *Charly*.

“I’m a trial lawyer. Having been in plays and theatrical presentations helped me plan how to present my case to a jury and then how to, particularly in opening and closing arguments, project my client’s position as best as possible.

As an author, the theater background was really useful in terms of developing characters. It helped me understand how to create characters. Just as an actor does on the stage, a writer must understand what motivates the character. What are the goals and what obstacles stand in the way? How will the character develop as a person?

The idea for my book *The Company of Demons* stemmed from actual murders committed years ago in Cleveland by a serial killer called the Torso Murderer. Some of his victims were found in the Flats, a now trendy entertainment nightspot in Cleveland.

Eliot Ness of *The Untouchables* fame moved to Cleveland to head the police and fire departments. Despite the authorities’ best efforts, the Torso Murderer was never apprehended.

My book asks: What if the killer might still be out there, and returned today for one final act of vengeance? [*Demons* was awarded the Gold Medal in the Florida Book Awards, a Silver in the Florida Writers Association Royal Palm Literary Competition, and was named crime thriller of the year by the National Independent Book Awards.]

I still work as an arbitrator, but my focus is shifting to writing and I’m now finishing a second novel. ”



Photo by Angelo Merendino

Mike Jordan pictured in The Flats, the setting for his first novel.

REV. ERIKA HEWITT '93

Minister of Worship Arts for the Boston-based Unitarian Universalist Association

MAJOR: Psychology (theater minor)

HOME: Bath, Maine

OWU THEATER EXPERIENCE: Participated in productions on stage and behind the scenes, including *Speed the Plow* by David Mamet and Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*.



At left, Erika Hewitt officiates at a wedding in Maine. Above, in her OWU days, she poses with **Jeff Lerner '91** (left) and **Wolf Sherrill '91** (center), in a publicity photo for *Speed the Plow*.

Photo by Jessie Dineen

“ I’ve been a minister/pastor for about 20 years. I also have a robust side ministry officiating weddings in Maine. In both of these strands of ministry, I constantly draw from my theater and acting training at OWU. It’s what makes me effective in these roles.

I even hear the voice of [Emeritus Professor of Performing Arts] Bo Rabby in my head sometimes.

Bo taught me a lot about delivery and the comprehension from the audience as it relates to diction. For example, emotion is carried in the vowels. If audience members can’t see your mouth, they’re not going to comprehend as much.

I remember we were in the main studio room of Chappellear rehearsing *Speed the Plow*. I happened to be wearing cowboy boots that day. Bo said to me ‘Erica, do you realize you are walking and carrying your body completely different? I think it’s because you’re wearing those red cowboy boots.’

I was like, wow, that’s absolutely true.

Another time, this visiting acting professor had us take turns moving across the room, leading with a different part of our body: your heart, your pelvis, your cerebral cortex. Just to understand the physicality of being in front of people is something that absolutely translates to a congregation and to weddings. ”

CHRISTOPHER VILLAR '93

Retired Connecticut state trooper

MAJOR: Theater arts

HOME: Torrington, Connecticut

OWU THEATER EXPERIENCE: Lighting designer for the Irish playwright Brendan Behan's *The Hostage*. Stage manager for *Kiss Me Kate*, a joint production with the Music Department.

“I learned about what people were saying as opposed to what they really meant. When we're acting and directing, there are lines that are spoken by a character, but what they're really trying to say is something else.

I used that all the time throughout my career.

Somebody would tell you something, but you knew they were trying to tell you something else that they were afraid to say or couldn't say in front of someone.

I learned what certain facial gestures meant. I learned what certain hand and body motions meant through dance class. Through directing or acting, you could see how a person's body was responding and what that meant. And to be perfectly honest, sometimes that saved me from a lot of fights as a state trooper.

Then other times, I was able to sense there might be more to the situation than what was [going on] right then.

The other thing acting class taught me is how not to appear afraid. I don't like to admit it because I'm a state trooper, but there were times when things were a little bit hairy, and you push through, but you never let them see that. ”

JACQUIE JONES '96

Attorney specializing in family, estate and criminal work

MAJOR: Politics and government

HOME: Boothwyn, Pennsylvania

OWU THEATER EXPERIENCE: As a freshman, she and her roommate tried out and landed parts in a play, “which is funny, because it was set in Ireland. Not a whole lot of Black girls in Ireland.” As a senior, she participated in the all-Black production of playwright George C. Wolfe's *The Colored Museum*.

“Litigation is theater. It's about putting on a show, and having a good memory, and presenting it to a group of people who don't know you or the other people involved.

Even when I'm writing opening and closing statements, even when I'm sitting next to my clients, I am always trying to show them with my actions and my words what I want to convey.

Any good lawyer has to be a good actor. ”



Jacquie Jones founded Jones & Associates Law, and she represents families and individuals across Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester and Montgomery counties. Her daughter, Zanirah Gordy, is a first-year student at OWU.

TAYLOR MCCLENEGHAN'02

Owner of her own clothing line, Taylor Tall, and a product development consulting firm, Small Shop LLC, in Park Ridge, Illinois



Taylor McCleneghan launched Taylor Tall in 2019, designing and producing clothing for tall women seeking clothing thoughtfully sized to fit them.

MAJOR: Fine arts with minors in theater, sociology, and French
HOME: Park Ridge, Illinois

OWU THEATER EXPERIENCE: Worked on the stage crew and costume crews. Designed costumes for the three-part mixed-media production of composer Ira Glass' *The Photographer*. Created artwork for the marketing and worked on costumes for the production of *Abundance*.

“Constructing period-appropriate costumes for *The Photographer* propelled my interest and appreciation and passion for well-made garments and the time it takes a maker to create a beautiful piece. It wholeheartedly has driven me to the hard work of starting a business (for women and individuals who identify as women). I design custom-made clothing for women who are about 5'9" and taller. Our average customer is about 6'1".

Constructing garments or fit directly for a specific actor helped further hone my skills. It helped me learn to fit a garment to an individual's body build. You'd get a list of the actors, and then you're creating and sewing the garment from scratch. You're taking someone's body measurements, determining and making a first round of the garment, fitting it to them, then making another round of a closer fit.

The practice I used working on shows at Wesleyan I use now in my career. ”

LUKE LINDBERG'93

Digital Media Director at BrickStreet Creative LLC, a marketing, graphic, and website design agency in St. Louis. He has worked with startups and large corporations to develop and market their products and services.

MAJOR: Fine arts and theater

HOME: St. Louis, Missouri

OWU THEATER EXPERIENCE: Played the king in the musical *Once Upon a Mattress*. Played Helen Keller's brother in *The Miracle Worker*. Participated in a production of *An Evening with Samuel Beckett*.

“Theater gave me training and introduced me to the business side of being an actor. It prepared me for being a co-founder and director of Flux Art/Theater. The classes I took with Bo Rabby prepared me to take on the role of director and make artistic decisions for the season.

Also, producing Festus, my senior theater project, gave me the experience of creating our own experimental theater. It was the pre-flight training wheels for what became Flux later in our lives as we moved to St. Louis.

These days, I work for a marketing agency called BrickStreet, where I'm the digital media director. We do graphic, web design, marketing consultancy, as well as social media.

I've worked on the official media guide for the St. Louis Cardinals. We've also done a lot of work for [financial services firm] Edward Jones in St. Louis. They're one of our major clients. ”

DR. RACHEL SPETRINO MCCOY '11

Pediatrician at Stanford Children's Clinic in Klamath Falls, Oregon

MAJOR: Neuroscience and theater

HOME: Klamath Falls, Oregon

OWU THEATER EXPERIENCE: Appeared in a number of productions. Played Cousin Fan in the production of *Mame*; was stage manager of *Nightwatch*. Directed a production of *Home Free* by Lanford Wilson for her senior project.

“Theater was something I had always done for fun growing up. When I got to Ohio Wesleyan I was pretty set on doing a science track and going to medical school, but then I took [Emeritus Professor of Performing Arts] Bonnie Milne Gardner’s freshman honors tutorial about women playwrights. After that, I was hooked.

I know how to work with lots of different people because of my theater days. Working in theater, you are able to problem-solve and be creative.

As a pediatrician, there are a lot of times where you have to creatively problem-solve. I’m able to help families take care of toddlers, get toddlers to eat their food and get their shots, and take the medicine they need.

Also, while I was a medical student, I was able to serve as a dramaturge for two productions that had to do with medicine. [A dramaturge is a literary editor on the staff of a theater who consults with authors and edits texts.] So, I was able to teach the actors and the directing staff about mental health when a production of *Next to Normal* was done in a community theater and then do the same thing when a production of *Rent* was done. ”



Future pediatrician Rachel Spetrino McCoy (pictured far left) performs on the Chappellear stage in *Mame* with (from left) **Margaret Knecht '14**, **Sam Irvine '13**, and **Charlie Waldo '13**.



Kicking Off The Shoe

Exactly 100 years ago, Ohio Wesleyan was six steps from winning the first game at Ohio Stadium.

By Robin Yocum

Illustrations by David Hovey



The year was 1922, and the Ohio State football team had a date with that team up north.

That's right. The big game. The very first game in the history of the famed horseshoe known as Ohio Stadium. And that feared team from up north—about 20 miles as the crow flies—from Ohio Wesleyan University was invading Columbus.

Always remember this: before the big game with Michigan, Ohio State had to play the big game against Ohio Wesleyan. Literally, two weeks after the opener against Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State played Michigan.

While Ohio State may have been overlooking its smaller rival, Ohio Wesleyan nearly upset the behemoth Ohio State on an overcast Saturday, 100 years ago on October 7.

Let's set the scene.

Ohio Wesleyan had yet to be dubbed the Battling Bishops. That nickname wasn't adopted until 1925 when the Pi Delta Epsilon journalism fraternity held a contest to create a nickname. In 1922, Ohio Wesleyan teams were known as the Red and Black or

the Methodists. (They weren't playing the Buckeyes, either. Ohio State didn't officially adopt that nickname until 1950.)

The Chic Harley era had just ended at Ohio State when the school started constructing the new stadium in 1921. At the time of its opening, Ohio Stadium had a seating capacity of 66,210 and was the largest college football stadium west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Ohio Wesleyan had been a regular opponent for Ohio State. In fact, no other Ohio school has played Ohio State more than Ohio Wesleyan. The two teams first met in 1890 and played 29 times over the years. Ohio Wesleyan won two of those games and tied another.

Few of those matchups were as memorable as the day Ohio State hosted Ohio Wesleyan in what would become one of the most storied stadiums in college football.

"Ohio Wesleyan will always be part of the history of Ohio Stadium for having played in the first game," says Ryan McGee, a

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senior writer for ESPN.

According to an account of the game by H.A. Miller, which appeared in the *Columbus Sunday Dispatch* on December 8, the game was played before 25,000 fans in the “practically completed” stadium.

The story referred to Ohio Wesleyan as the “Delawareans,” and estimated that more than 1,000 Wesleyan faithful made the trip to the game.

The game is legendary in the Winters family. **Jack Winters '61**, who lives in Findlay, Ohio, is the nephew of quarterback **Lingel “Sonny” Winters '23**, and Jack’s father, **Jay Winters '26**, attended the game as a member of the freshman football team. Jack says he heard stories about the big game from his father.

To get to the game, Jack says the Ohio Wesleyan team took the Columbus, Delaware & Marion Railway’s interurban car, known as “the Red Bird.” They got on the interurban in Delaware, exited at a station near Lane Avenue, and walked to the stadium, carrying their equipment. They returned home the same way.



Jack Winters '61

While freshmen to play in those days, George Gauthier dressed all the freshmen for the game to create a more imposing sideline against Ohio State.

were ineligible Jack says Coach

The Game

In the first quarter, Ohio State blocked an Ohio Wesleyan punt that resulted in a safety, and Ohio State took a 2-0 lead. Later in the quarter, All-American quarterback Hoge Workman added a 20-yard dropkick field goal for Ohio State, which took a 5-0 lead.

Miller wrote that the first period “gave the impression that the annual visitor from Delaware were in for their usual defeat of somewhat one-side proportions.”

However, Ohio State would not score again.

Unfortunately, neither did Ohio Wesleyan.

The game held little resemblance to today’s wide-open college football. Ohio State earned 13 first downs, compared to four by Ohio Wesleyan. There were only nine



passes in the entire game, with each team completing one. The two teams combined for 37 punts. Sonny Winters punted 20 times for a 35-yard average for Ohio Wesleyan.

Descriptions like “defensive struggle,” and “fight in the muddy trenches” come to mind. Woody Hayes might have loved it.

According to the newspaper account, Ohio State controlled the tempo, but Ohio Wesleyan continually kept them out of the end zone. Miller wrote, “They did fight every inch of the way. Their defense was not always consistent, but when the last entrenchments were about to be penetrated, the Methodists did stand their ground and throw back the Scarlet and Gray.”

One of the highlights of the rainy day occurred in the third quarter when a rainbow appeared in the overcast sky,

which “many read as an omen of promise for the greater battles that are to follow.”

When the Red and Black stopped Ohio State deep in Ohio Wesleyan territory in the fourth quarter, Miller wrote, “This was quite a defensive feat and called for leather lunged cheers from the Delaware rooting section.”

Ohio Wesleyan’s chance to win the game occurred in the fourth quarter after a muffed Ohio State punt put the Red and Black “in really good striking distance.”

The article further stated, “Winters, about the only offensive star in the Wesleyan backfield, here scented possible victory and he became a demon in attack.”

Winters ran twice for 8 and 2 yards, and Ohio Wesleyan had the ball on the Ohio State 6-yard line, first-and-goal. Only six yards from a possible game-



This is the only photo from the game in the archives at Ohio State. In the center of the photo, Ohio Wesleyan tackle and co-captain “Big” Smith leaps in vain to try to block an Ohio State punt.

winning touchdown.

Then the dream began to unravel.

OWU was assessed a 5-yard penalty for being “too eager,” which was probably how sports reporters described illegal procedure in 1922.

At this point, things become a little blurred in Miller’s account. Ohio Wesleyan attempted a “goal from placement.” Or, in modern parlance, a field goal. Miller described the attempt as “a miserable failure.” However, Ohio State was offside and Ohio Wesleyan was given the ball, first down, on the Ohio State 10-yard line.

However, Wesleyan was again unable to convert. Five- and 10-yard losses, along with a pass attempt that was “another miserable failure,” and Ohio State soon had the ball back.

“The visitors had shot their bolt,” Miller wrote. Ohio Wesleyan got the ball back deep in their own territory as the game ended, 5-0.

In the aftermath of the game, Ohio Wesleyan received a lot of love from its hometown papers. *The Ohio Wesleyan Transcript* ran its front-page story under the banner headline:

Winters ran twice for eight and two yards, and Ohio Wesleyan had the ball on the Ohio State 6-yard line, first and goal.

Ohio Wesleyan Out-Fights Ohio State

The *Delaware Journal-Herald* took it a step further. The lead in the front-page story read, “Ohio Wesleyan won her greatest football victory in ten years at Columbus Saturday.”

Say what?

The fact that Ohio Wesleyan had kept Ohio State from scoring a touchdown prompted the *Journal-Herald* to declare victory. The article stated that the Red and Black was “able to start her Ohio Conference schedule knowing that she has an unstained goal line to defend.”

While the newspapers swooned over what their reporters perceived to be a moral victory, ESPN’s

McGee says he is certain the Ohio Wesleyan players didn’t share that sentiment.

“I can tell you for a fact that the members of that 1922 Ohio Wesleyan team remembered how close they were to winning that game for the rest of their lives,” McGee says. “It’s nice to be part of history, now, but I have no doubt that those Ohio Wesleyan boys were not happy that they didn’t get the win. How many times has Michigan come into



The Ohio State University Archives

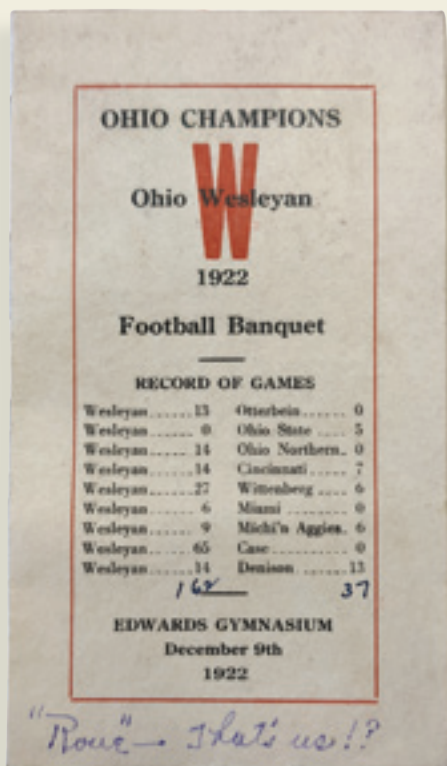


The 1922 Champions of Ohio pose for their team photo on Edwards Field.

that stadium and had their hearts broken? The 1922 Ohio Wesleyan team could relate. *Gotcha, dude. We know how you feel.*"

The hometown *Journal-Herald* took a swipe at the Columbus newspapers for their coverage of the game. "Columbus papers Sunday gave Wesleyan credit for part of her play, but did not hesitate to diminish the glory she really deserved."

Interestingly, former Ohio Wesleyan head football coach, Fielding "Hurry-Up" Yost, attended the game. In 1922, Yost was the head coach at Michigan. But in 1897, his only season at Ohio



Wesleyan, he led the Red and Black to a 7-1-1 record, which included a 6-0 victory over Ohio State and a scoreless tie against Michigan.

The future Hall of Fame coach came to Columbus to scout Ohio State with quarterback Irwin "Utz" Uteritz and team captain Paul Goebel. Scouting an opponent might not have been that unusual, but Michigan actually had a game that day. Yost took two of his best players and headed to Columbus, leaving his assistants to coach against Case School of Applied Science of Cleveland. Michigan battered Case, 48-0, so apparently, they weren't missed.

In his article, Miller speculated that the Michigan trio were "secretly

chortling” about Ohio State’s inability to score a touchdown against Ohio Wesleyan.

While it was the first game in the Ohio Stadium, the only front-page mention of the game was in a story about John Storm, a prison trustee from the Ohio Penitentiary who had been working at the game and decided it was an excellent time to escape. According to the newspaper account, 83 prison inmates were brought in to clean up around the stadium. In exchange, they were permitted to watch the game.

Storm, of Stark County, had been in prison a year for grand larceny. According to the *Dispatch* account, “The rest of the prisoners were true to their word and could not be called quitters. But the devious aisles of the stadium, the flurry ensued by the rainstorm and the interests of the game must have been too great a temptation for the lone untrustworthy trusty” (sic).

While Ohio Wesleyan was the first opponent in

“The members of that 1922 Ohio Wesleyan team remembered how close they were to winning that game for the rest of their lives.”

the Michigan game tells you they were dismissive of Ohio Wesleyan,” McGee says. “Typical big brother-little brother relationship. How sweet would it have been for Ohio Wesleyan to have upset Ohio State in the first game at the Horseshoe?”

Oh, that rainbow that was mentioned earlier? Maybe it was intended for the Red and Black. After the loss to Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan went on to win eight consecutive games and capture the Ohio

Ohio Stadium, Ohio State elected not to dedicate the stadium until two weeks later, Oct. 21, before the game against Michigan.

“The fact that they didn’t dedicate the stadium until

Athletic Conference championship with a perfect 7-0 record. The 1922 season launched a string of 14 consecutive winning seasons for Ohio Wesleyan.

Robin Yocum is a Delaware County resident and the author of six novels, including *The Sacrifice of Lester Yates*, which was a finalist for the Dashiell Hammett Award.



This photo from the 1923 OWU yearbook is the only photo of the October 7, 1922, game in the OWU archives. The unidentified OWU player with the ball appears to be not wearing a helmet.

Did you know?

Not only did Ohio Wesleyan play in the first game at Ohio Stadium, but OWU also played Michigan in the first game at Michigan Stadium—The Big House—in 1927. Michigan crushed OWU 33-0 in that inaugural game, but Ohio Wesleyan returned for revenge a year later.

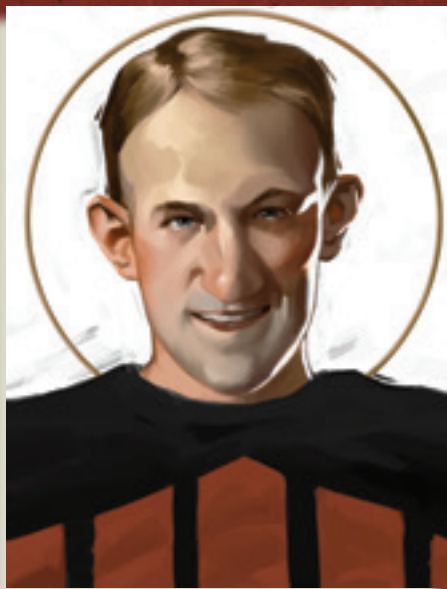
In 1928, Ohio Wesleyan defeated Michigan in Ann Arbor 17-7 under Coach George Gauthier, who reportedly called the win over Michigan the greatest thrill of his career. According to an article in the *Portsmouth Daily Times* on Aug. 14, 1964, which ran just days after Gauthier’s death, on Aug. 11, his Battling Bishops were just a few minutes into the game with Michigan when one of his players came off the field and said, “They’re not too tough, coach. We can take them.”

That was the last time the University of Michigan played Ohio Wesleyan.



George Gauthier

George Gauthier (Go-shay), known as the Little Giant, was a legendary figure at Ohio Wesleyan, having served as a coach and athletic director for nearly four decades. Gauthier played football and basketball for Michigan Agricultural College, which later became Michigan State. He arrived in Delaware in 1921 as the head football coach and athletic director. Gauthier coached football for 26 years, compiling a record of 121-98-14 and winning five conference championships. Two of his biggest wins were over Michigan and Michigan State. He served as athletic director for 34 years. He also coached men's track and field and cross country, winning a combined 10 conference titles. He even coached basketball for one year. Gauthier was a member of the inaugural Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Fame in 1961, and the Selby Stadium track is named in his honor. He died in 1964 in Ontario, Canada, at age 74.



Sonny Winters

Quarterback Lingel "Sonny" Winters was the offensive star of the 1922 game against Ohio State—and the entire season. After the 5-0 loss to Ohio State, Winters led the Red and Black to eight consecutive wins and the Ohio Athletic Conference championship. Winters was born in 1900 in Napoleon, Ohio, and later graduated from Toledo Scott High School. According to his nephew, Jack Winters, Sonny was recruited to Ohio Wesleyan after head football coach George Gauthier saw him playing in a basketball tournament on campus. He arrived at Ohio Wesleyan at 5-foot-7, 155 pounds, but that small stature didn't deter from his on-field abilities. As a junior, Winters was selected to the All-Ohio and All-Western teams. He was elected team captain as a senior but was declared ineligible to play. Winters also played third base on the Ohio Wesleyan baseball team. In 1923 and 1924, Winters played in the National Football League for the Columbus Tigers. He was named the third-team All-Pro quarterback in 1924. He eventually became a chiropractor in Ashland, Kentucky. He died of a heart attack in 1945 at the age of 45.

Sonny's younger brother, Jay, followed him to Ohio Wesleyan two years later. Jay also is a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Fame. He earned three letters in football and one in track. As a senior, he was named team captain and was the quarterback of the All-Ohio football squad in 1925.

Jack Winters graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1961 and was a four-year member of the golf team. The Winters Press Box at Selby Stadium is named after the family.

DeWitt honored as NCAA basketball leader



Coach Mike DeWitt has built an impressive record for winning games, mentoring players, and developing coaches.

Photo by Paul Vernon

He has won more basketball games than any coach in OWU history—and now his peers from across the nation have recognized him for doing so much more for his student-athletes, coaches, and the game they all love.

Mike DeWitt '87 was recognized as a Guardian of the Game by the National Association of Basketball Coaches at its 2022 convention.

The association annually bestows Guardians of the Game awards emphasizing five core values: advocacy, leadership, service, education, and inclusion.

Doug Zipp, OWU director of athletics, says DeWitt embodies these attributes perfectly.

“Coach DeWitt’s passion and love for the game of basketball make him one of the best advocates, coaches,

mentors of student-athletes, and professionals in the game today,” Zipp says. “OWU is fortunate to have an alum and coach who is so worthy to be named a Guardian of the Game.”

During his 23 seasons at OWU, DeWitt has compiled a record of 370–239 (.608), has won three North Coast Athletic Conference championships, two NCAC tournament titles, and made six NCAA Division III tournament appearances, including two trips to the Sweet 16. In 28 seasons as a head coach, he has a career mark of 420–315 (.571).

“Coach DeWitt has a quiet and effective style of leadership that through all his good work, dedication and passion make each student-athlete and the entire game better,” Zipp says. “His experience at Ohio Wesleyan as our coach is remarkable, as he has sustained success year in and year out. But, of even greater note, are the numerous years of service to NCAA men’s basketball and as the past chair of the NCAA DIII men’s basketball championships committee.”

DeWitt has served terms on the NCAA DIII Men’s Basketball Regional Advisory Committee and DIII Men’s Basketball Selection Committee. In the 2012-13 season, he was chair of the selection committee, leading the group’s oversight of the selection process and championship operations.

DeWitt was stunned by the recognition. “It was completely surprising and incredibly humbling when I was notified I was receiving this award from the NABC,” he says. “Receiving this from my peers in the coaching profession makes this recognition very meaningful, especially when you look at the coaches who have received this award in the past.”

The award may have surprised DeWitt, but those who he coached and coached with were not surprised in the least.

Jon VanderWal, an OWU assistant coach from 2003–07 and now head coach at Marietta College, where he was named NCAA DIII Coach of the Year in 2015, says, “Coach DeWitt definitely exemplifies all the core values of the NABC and the Guardians of the Game award.”

“Coach DeWitt is a class act and is respected by the entire coaching fraternity,” VanderWal says. “He is one of the most likeable coaches and a friend to many people. He is extremely gracious and always seems to put others first. It’s what makes him special and also so deserving of the award. A lot of my success coaching is



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directly related to the time I spent with Coach DeWitt at OWU. He mentored me in many ways. Not only is he a great X & O’s coach, but he taught me how to be a true professional in every regard.”

Nate Conley was an OWU assistant coach from 2013–19, helping the Bishops win three consecutive NCAC championships. He is now head coach at Manchester University in Indiana.

Conley says, “Coach DeWitt would never admit this personally, but he’s more than deserving of this prestigious recognition.”

“A lot of what I do today as the head coach at Manchester, I’ve taken from him. His ability to connect with his players on and off the court always has been and always will be a big part of who he is in this profession.”

Conley adds, “He showed me you must be willing to adjust and change what you do from a style of play standpoint to fit

what your personnel’s strengths are. Sometimes that’s season to season, and sometimes that’s game to game.

“I’ll always value my years in Delaware with him and the relationships we built with each other, our players, as well as campus and community members.”

As a player for DeWitt, **Nate Axelrod ’18** won the Jostens Trophy as the nation’s most outstanding NCAA Division III men’s basketball player and received NCAA Division III Player of the Year laurels from D3hoops.com. He then coached two seasons at the collegiate level, including one under DeWitt, before going into private coaching.

Axelrod says, “Playing for and working with Coach DeWitt prepared me well for a coaching career. He really values his players’ input, which I think is a large reason for his success over the years.”

He adds, “I’ve learned plenty of things from Coach DeWitt over the years. One of the main lessons that stands out to me is the importance of having a program culture led by self-motivation. Especially at the Division III level, players must be self-motivated to achieve success on and off the court. This has been a large reason why OWU teams have been successful year after year.”

DeWitt and the Battling Bishops will begin the 2022-23 season Nov. 12 against Buffalo State in the JCU Tip-Off Tournament in University Heights, Ohio. The first home game will be Nov. 26 against Heidelberg.

— **Mark Beckenbach ’81**

Life is a series of trade-offs

By Robert Gitter, Emeritus Professor of Economics

Enjoy this mini-class from a favorite OWU professor who retired last May after 46 years of service to OWU and OWU students.

One of the most basic and insightful concepts in economics is the idea of trade-offs.

In general, we face scarcity of some valuable resource and have to make trade-offs. For example, a farmer might have a field of a certain size and must decide between planting corn or soybeans. The key point is that given the size of the field, growing more corn results in growing less soybeans. There is a trade-off between the two.

(Pop Quiz: For those of you who had Principles of Economics, do you remember what the trade-off is called? Answer below.)

Nothing limits us to just two goods. Given the recent increase in the price of wheat, our farmer might choose to grow that instead of corn or soybeans. We can apply this simple idea to a consumer with a certain level of income choosing between buying milk and gasoline. (As I write this, I am not sure which has a lower price per gallon!)

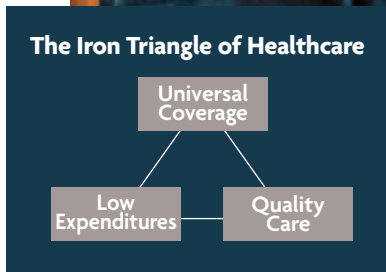
In my own research, I look at the limited resource as being time, as there are only 24 hours in a day.

We must choose between work that gives us an income, work in the home (including childcare) that produces no income, and leisure, which also produces no income but is usually enjoyable. Thinking like this allows us to better understand an economic reason behind the 60-year rise in women working outside the home; as their potential earnings have increased, many have made trade-offs leading them to forego leisure time.

Although a resource can be scarce, that does not mean to say we can't get more of it. Although we can't get more than 24 hours in a day, our farmer could buy additional land and have more corn and more soybeans. But if a larger field is not an option, more corn means less soybeans.

In one of my courses, I taught about the health care system, which has three desirable goals: cover more people, provide quality care, and keep expenses low.

In general, more of one means less of one of the others. We can cover more people in our health care system, but the result will be either increased cost and/or lower quality care. For example, some nations have universal coverage but the trade-



off is long wait times for some procedures. I call this the Iron Triangle of Health Care.

This is not an argument against universal coverage. Instead, it shows that trade-offs might be made, and the decisions we must make are if the trade-offs are worth it.

It is possible, and we should strive to make those changes that might allow us to have more of one or more of the things we desire without a trade-off.

For example, increases in agricultural technology might allow us to have both more corn and soybeans. A universal measles vaccine can rather inexpensively provide better health to everyone. These solutions are not elusive unicorns, but they aren't always easy to find.

Congratulations, you traded five minutes scrolling on Facebook for reading this. Please feel free to give this a like. And the answer to the pop quiz? It's *opportunity cost*. I hope you remembered, but sorry, I don't give retroactive extra credit.





Kristina Bogdanov, professor of fine arts, had her work “Dirty Dishes” (pictured above) selected for the national juried exhibition Best of Ohio 2022. Ohio Designer Craftsmen selected 83 pieces from 293 submissions by 122 artists. The exhibition was presented at the Ohio Craft Museum in Columbus and at Kent State University’s CVA Gallery in Kent. Bogdanov’s ceramic work will be featured at Bluffton University’s 2022 Ohio Ceramic Invitational exhibition at Grace Albrecht Art Gallery, Bluffton, OH, October 25–December 11.

Amy Butcher, director of creative writing and associate professor of English, was voted the “Reader’s Choice” award in the nonfiction category of the 2022 Ohioana Book Awards for her book *MOTHERTRUCKER*.

Andrea Colvin, associate professor of world languages and cultures, received an OWU Thomas E. Wenzlau Grant that allowed her to spend three months in Chile, doing research that will benefit her classes and her scholarship. Her research involved learning about Chile’s approach to remembering and memorializing the Pinochet dictatorship during the 1970s and 80s, including interviews with filmmakers, former political prisoners, and members of the organization Historias Desobedientes Chile. She also spent time learning about the Mapuche people, Chile’s largest indigenous group, their rich and fascinating history and culture, and the challenges they face today.

Michael Flamm, professor of history, completed a three-year elected term on the Executive Board of the Organization of American Historians, the largest professional association dedicated to the teaching and study of U.S. history. He served as chair of the Finance Committee and the Academic Freedom Committee. Although Flamm finished his term, the OAH invited him to continue to serve on the Finance Committee. The Fulbright Commission also invited him to return to Buenos Aires this summer to co-teach (with John Ikenberry of Princeton University) a week-long seminar for young Argentine leaders on recent U.S. history and foreign relations.

Jeffrey Ford, part-time instructor in English, published three short stories: “Beautiful Dreamer” in the anthology *Screams From the Dark: 29 Tales of Monsters and the Monstrous*, edited by Ellen Datlow for Tor Nightfire, April 2022; “The Golden Hour” in the anthology *Someone in Time*, edited by Jonathan Strahan for Solaris, May 2022; and “Gate 9” in the journal *Conjunctions:78, Fear Itself*, edited by Bradford Morrow, Spring 2022.

Eric Gangloff, assistant professor of biological sciences, published the article “From Performance Curves to Performance Surfaces: Interactive Effects of Temperature and Oxygen Availability on Aerobic and Anaerobic Performance in the Common Wall Lizard” in the journal *Functional Ecology*, July 19, 2022. In France this June, he also presented two seminars on his research: “Try and Try Again: Temperature-Oxygen Interactions Shape Performance Curves and Thermal Limits in Montane Ectotherms” at the University of Montpellier for the LabEx CeMEB, and at the Station d’Ecologie Théorique et Expérimentale du CNRS for LabEx TULIP.

Will Georgic, assistant professor of economics and business, coauthored the article “A Flood of Construction: The Role of Levees in Urban Floodplain Development” in *Land Economics*, Vol. 98, February 2022.



Frank Hobbs, professor of fine arts, will have a solo exhibition of his paintings open November 6 at the Flippo Gallery of Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. Titled “Outside You,” the show will run through December 16 and will feature landscape paintings of Ohio and Virginia, including the painting pictured above, “James River Highway Bridge, Richmond,” oil on canvas, 36 x 48 inches.

Sarah Kaka, assistant professor of education, published the article “Social Studies Teachers as Instructional Gatekeepers for Issues of Race and Justice,” in *The Social Studies*. This paper examines data from a statewide survey of K-12 social studies teachers in Ohio regarding their perceptions on the ways in which they integrate issues of race and justice into their classes, or their reasons for not doing so in their role as instructional gatekeeper. She also presented two sessions at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education annual conference in New Orleans. With colleagues from across the country, she presented “Examining the Role of Digital Practice Spaces in Teacher Preparation and Clinical Practice in the Aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic”; and Kaka and Michele Nobel, OWU assistant professor of education, presented “Building Antiracist Educators: One Program’s Revolution,” sharing their work at OWU to create effective, antiracist teachers.

Chris Modica, assistant professor of psychology, authored (with Sarah Murnen of Kenyon College) the article “Are Men who Identify as a Feminist Less Likely to Sexually Objectify Women?: A Cross-Sectional Study of Heterosexual Men,” accepted for publication in *The Journal of Sexual Aggression*, 2022. Their study examined whether the degree of identifying as a feminist is associated with engaging in sexual objectification of women among heterosexual men in the United States.

Glenda Nieto-Cuebas, George and Louise Peters Associate Professor of World Languages and Cultures, published three articles: “Subversive Representations in Tirso’s Amazonas en las Indias,” in *Romance Notes*, Vol. 62.1, 2022; “Grumelot and Escuela Nave 73: Defying Traditional Stage Presence through Digital Media,” *The Comedia Under Siege, Romance Quarterly*, Vol. 69.2, 2022; “Medieval Ballads in Miniature and Our New Gold: Collaborative Theatre Projects in the Digital Era,” *Comedia Performance: Journal of the Association for Hispanic Classical Theater*, Vol. 19, No. 1, 2022 (coauthored with **Hannah Treadway ’21**, **Jasmine Lew ’22**, and Paula Rodríguez). Nieto-Cuebas also served as co-editor of two journal special editions: *The Comedia Under Siege, Romance Quarterly*. Vol. 69.2, 2022; and *Comedia Performance: Journal of the Association for Hispanic Classical Theater*, Vol. 19, 2022. In July, she presented “Recontextualizing Don Quixote: Immigration, Immersion and Intertextuality” at the Association for Hispanic Classical Theater Symposium in Almagro, Spain. Additionally, she published three interviews: two in *Comedia Performance: Journal of the Association for Hispanic Classical Theater*, and one in *Hipogrifo*.

Jeff Nilan, professor of fine arts, and **Craig Jackson**, professor of mathematics and computer science, gave presentations and presented a poster at two conferences: Generative ART XXIV, in Cagliari, Italy (in-person), and the 20th Annual STS Conference Graz 2022 “Critical Issues in Science, Technology and Society Studies,” in Graz, Austria (online). A peer-reviewed full paper will be published by the Graz University of Technology. The presentation, “A Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Course on Generative Art: Past Practice and Ideas for the Future,” described their interdisciplinary collaboration resulting in OWU’s first course on generative art (art in which the artist deliberately cedes control over some significant aspect of their work to an external agent). Students in the class created generative art across a range of 2-dimensional media, both digital and physical. Subsequently, Nilan and Jackson received an OWU Thomas E. Wenzlau Grant to design and build a jacquard-style weaving loom for producing generative art.

Shari Stone-Mediatore, professor of philosophy, published “Chipping Away at the Cement and Imaginary Walls” in *Free Inquiry* in August/September 2021. The essay explores ideologies that have fueled excessive punishment practices in the United States and grassroots resistance to the practices. She also presented “Using the Humanities to Fight for Justice for People Incarcerated with Long Sentences” at the Illinois Humanities Envisioning Justice Convening in June. Stone-Mediatore also produced the documentary film “In the Way of Healing,” about the meaning of long-term prison sentences for the families and communities impacted by them. She produced the film with support from the OWU Thomas E. Wenzlau fund and the Illinois Humanities Envisioning Justice Initiative.

Brad Trees, professor of physics and astronomy, and **Michelle Storms**, visiting instructor of physics and astronomy, had a paper accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Physics*. The paper, “Charging a Supercapacitor through a Lamp: A Power-Law RC Decay,” is intended mainly for physics educators, offering an alternative approach to teaching about circuits with resistors and capacitors. The *American Journal of Physics* is considered a selective publisher in the area of general physics and publishes just over 10 percent of the articles submitted. The paper will likely be published in fall 2022.

Julide Yazar, Charles L. and Elizabeth Quay Merwin Associate Professor of Economics, authored the article “Bayesian Learning in Oligopoly: The Case of Risk-Averse Agents.” She presented this research paper at the 4th International Conference on Decision Economics, in L’Aquila, Italy, for which she received the Best Application Paper award. In her paper, she presents a novel learning model that extends fictitious play learning to continuous strategy spaces where economic agents combine their prior beliefs with historical market data to model their rivals’ behavior using a normal-inversion-gamma distribution in a Bayesian framework. Her paper will appear in a forthcoming edited volume published by the Computational Intelligence and Complexity AISC series of Springer-Nature.

Evan Bai: Geneticist, designer, and OWU supporter

When asked what advice he would offer current Ohio Wesleyan students, computational biologist and genetics researcher **Hanwen “Evan” Bai ’11** quickly responds, “Everyone’s OWU journey is different. There isn’t a specific roadmap; it’s more of a choose-your-own-adventure.”

From the start of his journey at OWU, Bai was intentional and energetic. As an international student from Chengdu, China, Evan felt it was important to find a substantial and vibrant international student community.

“I also was searching for a small, liberal arts college that offered a well-rounded education. OWU could provide me with that type of education, and at that time the international student population was around 10 percent, so it was a good fit for me,” Evan says.

At OWU, he chose an adventure full of hands-on research as a biochemistry and genetics double major. “I studied with Dr. Chris Wolverton all four years,” he says. “With him, I learned how to conduct experiments, present research, and publish papers. He was definitely my favorite professor; he taught me a lot and was always very approachable.”

Evan says his experiential learning, combined with the rigorous academics of his majors, prepared him well to complete his Ph.D. in genetics at Yale University. For Evan, the OWU adventure did not end after graduation.

“I remember reading in the *OWU Magazine* about John Milligan and his work with Gilead Sciences,” Evan recalls. “Later, I attended the OWU holiday party in New York City, and I mentioned to Rock that it would be great to connect with John. This was something I mentioned in passing to the university’s president, and he absolutely followed through on it.”

Evan did connect with **John Milligan ’83**, and the result was an internship for Evan in bioinformatics at Gilead.

“The internship solidified my interest in biotechnology, and it bolstered my competitiveness in the field,” says Evan. “Plus, John is super nice, and it was wonderful to connect with him.”

With expertise in oncology and rare genetic diseases, Evan is a senior principal research scientist in computational genomics at Vertex Pharmaceuticals. He manages a team of computational biologists who work together to analyze large-scale genomic data to identify the genetic causes of human diseases in order to develop novel therapeutics.

He is the author of numerous articles, including articles in *Nature Genetics*, widely considered the most prestigious research journal in genetics.

Evan has continued to keep Ohio Wesleyan in mind and is grateful for his OWU experiences. “Ohio Wesleyan was a major part of my immigration journey,” he says. “In general, I want to give back to OWU because of that and because of how I’ve benefitted from my OWU connections.”

Since graduation, Evan has remained engaged with OWU by attending various events, and he demonstrates his dedication to Ohio Wesleyan through philanthropy.

“I started giving every year after I finished grad school,” says Evan. “It wasn’t a lot—like \$20.” But Evan has been steadily increasing his philanthropy as he is able. “I think the actual amount is secondary. It’s not about giving huge amounts. I



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still can’t do that. The most important part about your gift is the sentiment about OWU and keeping OWU in your mind and showing support. Give what is comfortable to you.”

Evan keeps OWU in his mind by giving to international student initiatives. “Donors were very generous with my scholarship, and I want to make sure I pay it forward,” he says. “I want other international students to find their place at Ohio Wesleyan.”

Helping others inspires Evan, and he has been able to help other people with their home comfort by forming his interior decorating business, Hanwen Interiors, which specializes in modern, Asian-inspired homes. “I find joy in helping other people create spaces that make them happy,” he says.

Evan has always had an interest in decorating, and when he and his husband, Evan Fowler-Guzzardo, began furnishing their home, it reignited his passion for design. “My husband and I are not minimalists necessarily, but we do choose items that are meaningful and spark joy.”

Evan’s passion is catching attention—he was recently featured in *The Boston Globe*. “The article was very surreal and beyond my wildest expectations,” he says. “I am definitely grateful for the article, as it gives my business a lot more credibility and visibility.”

As a scientist by day and an interior decorator by night, Evan Bai follows the advice he offers to current students by also choosing his own adventure.

“You have to carve out your unique path,” he says.

—Ericka Kurtz

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Scenes from Reunion Weekend May 13-15, 2022



Chantel Deane O'Brien '11 and **Kris O'Brien** share a stroll on the JAYwalk.

Laurie McGregor Connor '77 and **Gail Ashcraft Shobin '77** bust a move for the Parade of Classes as **Karen Wilton Crane '77** and **Nick Calio '75** look on behind them.



Bushra Sheikh Sandhu '10; **Mishaal Hussain '11**; **Darrell Albon**, director of international & off-campus programs; and **Murtaza Hussain '11** reunite during Alumni Blues & BBQ.



Alumni Board members and other alumni enjoy the Leadership Giving Reception during Reunion Weekend. From left: **Traci Kennedy-Brockfield '01**, **Zibbi Palmer Cunningham '99**, **Carrie Lippert Reinhardt '94**, **Denise Sabo Brenner '00**, **Dan Coutcher '16**, **Anthony Peddle '14**, **Shondra Wygal '94**, **Sean Harris '97**, and **Lauren Colpitts '02**.



Dave Simmons '61, **Barbara Simmons**, and **Manny Njomo '72** share a conversation on the JAYwalk.

classnotes

Thank you to all who sent in submissions for Class Notes. Due to space limitations, we ask that entries be limited to 100 words. To submit Class Notes items, please use the form at www.owu.edu/classnotes. **The deadline for the Spring 2023 issue is February 1, 2023.**

1950s

Peggy Ashton Stratton '55 and her husband, John, were the 2022 recipients of the Kent State Tuscarawas Community Service Award, a recognition given to those who made the community and Kent State University at Tuscarawas (Ohio) a better place. The two have provided scholarship support and educational opportunities to students at local schools.

1960s

Jack Winters '61 received the Cliff Dochterman Award from the Findlay (OH) Rotary Club. The award recognizes a Rotarian who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and dedicated service to the Boy Scouts of America. Both Jack and the award's namesake, **Cliff Dochterman '47**, are OWU alumni and members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.



Jo Ann Kiser '62X has received favorable reviews from Midwest Book Review and others for her first book of short stories, *The Guitar Player and Other Songs of Exile*, published by Atmosphere Press. Jo Ann's "rich and varied life" has included being a "checker" at *The New Yorker*, completing a dissertation on Proust at the University of Chicago, and teaching at Morehead State University in Kentucky and Tennessee Tech.

James Charlesworth '62, president of the Foundation on Judaism and Christian Origins, and director and editor of the Princeton Dead Sea Scrolls Project, has been working in Israel, editing some of

the Dead Sea Scrolls and finishing his biography of Jesus. He submitted to *OWU Magazine* an article that begins: "After receiving an uplifting honor from OWU, **George Conrades '61**, who put the medal around my neck, formerly the president of my fraternity (Beta Theta Pi) and president of the student body his senior year, and then chairman of the Board of Trustees, asked me as he drove me to the Columbus airport, 'Jim, what do you find among the Qumran Dead Sea Scrolls concerning the belief in a resurrection after death?' James answers that question in the article "The Dead Sea Scroll Entitled 'On Resurrection' (4Q521): A Tribute To My Classmates at Ohio Wesleyan University," which you can read at www.owu.edu/magazine/DSS.

1970s



Sanford "Pete" Lee '70 finished his 12th year in the Colorado General Assembly in May and was honored by the El Paso County Democratic Party with a Lifetime Achievement Award and as Democrat of the Year. Pete was elected to four terms in the Colorado House of Representatives and one term in the Senate, serving as Chair of the Judiciary Committees in both bodies. Sponsoring almost 200 bills during those five terms, he emphasized reform of the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Restorative justice legislation was passed that promoted acceptance of accountability and healing for victims, alternatives to relying solely on punishment and incarceration.

Dick Sesler '71 was honored as a 2023 AARP Purpose Prize Fellow, a recognition for those age 50 or older who use their knowledge and life experience to solve challenging social problems. Dick received the award for creating camps for adults with developmental disabilities, focusing on recreation, socialization, and life skills education. "Being an AARP Purpose Prize Fellow has the potential to put Camp Blue Skies in front of millions of people," Dick said. "Those people will know possible campers, or they may want to volunteer at camp."

Tom Cole '73 was asked to turn his novella, *One Last Fall*, into a script for a possible movie by a production studio in Hollywood. His next novella *The Class of '73* is roughly based on his experiences at OWU, with names and places altered. Tom is a full-time community coordinator for the Taylor Automotive Family, part-time TV sports broadcaster on Buckeye Cable Sports Network (BCSN), and broadcasting instructor at St. John's Jesuit High School and Adrian College.



Allison Funk '73 was one of seven U.S. poets to be awarded a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship this year. Her latest book is *The Visible Woman*, from Parlor Press. She is a Distinguished Professor Emerita at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.



Cathie Worthing Helfand '75 self-published a book with her husband, Israel, titled *The YUMMY Marriage*. It contains wisdom from their 40 years as marriage counselors and sex therapists running their Marriage Quest retreats. They consider it readable and valuable for young people before they get married, as well as couples in crisis looking for guidance. It is available on Amazon and Apple Books.

David Doughten '76 and **Edwin Vargas '86** started an apple cider business together, Brownhoist Cider Co. The two criminal-defense attorneys had become friends before David had inherited an orchard that is more than 50 years old. Ed, who happened to know how to make hard apple cider, partnered with him to explore the venture. They hope to open Brownhoist Cider Co. in fall 2022.



Tracey Hooper Abby-White '78, past president of the board of trustees at Brookdale Community College, was honored as Trustee Woman of the Year by the American Association for Women in Community Colleges. She is serving her third term on the board of trustees. In issuing the invitation, Monique Umphrey, president of AAWCC, said, "You have joined an elite group of women community college leaders who are making a difference for their institutions and the communities they serve." Earlier, she served on the Henry Hudson Regional Board of Education, holding all offices, including president. She is a former Atlantic Highlands councilwoman and founded the Atlantic Highlands Youth Commission. Tracey is chairman of the Atlantic Highlands Municipal Tri-District Feasibility Study Committee and senior director of sales enablement at IronNet Cybersecurity.

Beth Burns '79 was welcomed as associate head coach for the University of Southern California women's basketball team. She has over 30 years of experience in college women's basketball, previously serving as associate strength and conditioning coach for the University of Louisville.



Donna Burtch '79 coauthored *W.G.*, a biography of W.G. Raymond, an ordained abolitionist white officer appointed by President Lincoln to recruit the first federal African American Union Army troops after the Emancipation Proclamation. Written with her brother, William Burtch, the book follows their third great-grandfather, a complex and impactful figure in history, with themes that are still relevant today, such as race, addiction, a divided nation, and a truth-challenged government.

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When you graduate from Ohio Wesleyan, you become part of a worldwide network of Bishops and an instant member of the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association. The Alumni Association is the heart of the Bishop alumni community, inspiring, cultivating, and creating meaningful engagement opportunities to stay connected with each other and the university.

2021-2022 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Alumni Association Board of Directors is the leadership board of the Alumni Association and works increase awareness, pride, participation, volunteer involvement and philanthropic commitment of alumni to OWU.

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Drew Thawley '97

Julie Clemo Tutkovics '92

Zibbi Palmer Cunningham '99

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1980s

Edward Shellard '83 joined United Concordia Dental, a health insurance organization, as its new president. He has more than 30 years of clinical and leadership experience in the dental industry, including as chief dental officer for Carestream Dental and president and CEO of Dental Technologies Inc.

Colin McMahon '85 was appointed chief operating officer at StartupNation, a resource for those looking to start or grow small businesses. Previously, Colin was editor in chief and chief content officer at Chicago Tribune Media Group and Tribune Publishing.

Renee Waber Christian '85 was announced as a leader of a newly-formed theater group, Bonnie Kate Community Theater, in Elizabethton, TN. Renee has 35 years of experience in community theater, working with Ohio theaters such as Bucyrus Little Theater, the Delaware Theater Association, and more. The Bonnie Kate Community Theater will launch this fall with *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring.

Nancy Mannisto '86 was recognized by Continental Who's Who as a top healthcare professional. With nearly 30 years of experience in pediatric medicine, she is described as a compassionate, dedicated physician at Royal Oak Pediatrics in Michigan.

Julie Strong Karnavas '87 was named regional managing director for the Pennsylvania market of Fiduciary Trust International, a global wealth management firm. She previously was the director of portfolio and relationship management.

1990s

Todd Showalter '91 was named a 2022 Forbes Best-in-State Wealth Advisor. He is currently a Wells Fargo private wealth financial advisor in Chicago, IL, with more than 25 years of wealth management and capital markets experience.

Amy Zepp '92 wrote a book about her mother, **Margaret Zepp Brown '57**, titled *Mamaw Has Alzheimer's*. It follows her

mother's decline from the disease from her children's point of view. It is available on Amazon.

Adam Lieb '94 was named senior client strategist for Bank of New York's Mellon Wealth Management Global Family Office. Previously, he worked at Fidelity Family Office Services for over 13 years, most recently serving as vice president.

Christina Zamarro '94 was elected to the board of directors of L3Harris Technologies, an aerospace and defense technology company. She currently serves as vice president of finance and treasurer at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Akron, OH, overseeing its global treasury, strategic planning and analysis, and more.

Jeremy Pinchot '94 was named vice president of environmental, social, and governance at FNK IR, an investor relations consultancy based in New York City. Jeremy has worked in a variety of senior roles, previously serving as the vice president of strategic initiatives and as compliance officer for Ranger Capital Group in Texas.

Irfan Nooruddin '96, the Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani professor of Indian politics in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, is co-author of the book *The Everyday Crusade: Christian Nationalism in American Politics*, which was published in 2022 by Cambridge Press. Irfan says that as an immigrant, he is interested in the idea of American exceptionalism and how, for instance, the way President Obama spoke of America was the same way President Bush spoke of America. Irfan began his research while he was a professor at Ohio State in 2008. Irfan and his colleagues examined 12 years of public opinion data collected from 2008 to 2020 through academic, scientifically based methodology. He says they did not approach their research in a negative light, as people worldwide believe their countries are exceptional and created by a higher power, noting the Hindu nationalism movement in 1990s India as an example. In their research, Irfan and his colleagues found that Americans, regardless of their race or political

party, have a deep-rooted belief that the United States is exceptional, and the ideas of exceptionalism are used to justify very different sets of causes. Irfan was surprised to find just how deep-rooted religious exceptionalism in America is, and how the belief holds across party lines. Irfan says the notion that Americans either love or hate America is not supported in the data that was collected. He notes that one of the other important takeaways from the book is "The future of democracy might feel overheated to a lot of people right now, and democracy does need to be reviewed and defended every so often." You may learn more about Irfan's research in his book and in *The Washington Post* article, "Americans Are Growing More Accepting of Christian Nationalism."

Daniel Richardson '96 was appointed to the Vermont Superior Court in April. Governor Phil Scott made the appointment, saying, "Dan has demonstrated a deep commitment to service and a dedication to Vermont throughout his career." Previously, Dan served as city attorney and corporate counsel for the City of Burlington and as partner at Tarrant, Gillies & Shems. He also has volunteered in many roles, including the Vermont Bar Association and Access to Justice Coalition.

Benjamin Harrison '98 was named the board of trustees chair of Foundation for Financial Planning, a nonprofit organization providing financial planning for those in crisis or need. Benjamin is a managing director and member of the executive committee for BNY Mellon's Pershing.

Larry Saunders '98, who earned an MBA from the Aix-Marseille University in France in 2015, began working for Ohio-based Premier Bank in March 2021, and in May 2022 became a commercial credit analyst. In this new role, he works with other Delaware and OWU connections, including Cliff Lanthorn (women's basketball assistant coach) and **Tyler Fletcher '06**. He lives with his wife, Jessica, and two teenage daughters in Defiance County, Ohio.

Dr. Mike's winning combination: podcasts and pediatrics

As a child, **Mike Patrick '90**, wanted to be a DJ at his parents' roller skating rink in Springfield, Ohio.

"Saturday mornings were for the kids to skate, and the DJ was a cool person everyone looked up to," he recalls.

Mike soon achieved his DJ dreams at the skating rink, but today, he is cool in an entirely different way, as host of the most-listened to pediatric podcast in the world, *PediaCast*, at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Mike maintained his interest in broadcasting after his early DJ days, but he did not want to pursue it professionally. When he arrived at Ohio Wesleyan, Mike says he was a science guy.

"I was pre-med," he says. "But I did host a WSLN radio show with my roommate—it was called 'The Bill and

Ted Show with Mike and Bob.'"

Mike went on to receive his medical degree from Ohio State and began private practice in an underserved area of Springfield. "I didn't turn anyone away," he explains, "But that did not leave a lot of time for education in the treatment room."

At that time, there were not many online medical resources for patients, and WebMD was in its infancy.

"I still had an interest in broadcasting, and I was listening to podcasts about how to make podcasts," Mike laughs. In 2006, he began his own podcast, *PediaCast*, as a way to share information with parents about their children's health.

"It really took off. iTunes put *PediaCast* on the front page of the kids and family section, and it started gaining a national following right away."

The *PediaCast* following grew so quickly that the number of subscriptions crashed Mike's server, and he scrambled to find unlimited bandwidth, which was an issue at that time.

"I reached out to Nationwide Children's to see if they would be interested in being a bandwidth provider," he says. Ultimately, Mike pitched the idea of broadcasting *PediaCast* on Nationwide Children's campus, and they accepted his proposal.

Today, Mike is an attending physician in emergency medicine at Nationwide Children's, and he is an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at Ohio State University. *PediaCast* has millions of downloads and listeners in all 50 states and more than 100 countries. Mike began a second podcast, *PediaCast CME*, offering educational credit for providers.

"I really enjoy making a difference through *PediaCast* and demystifying issues for parents," Mike says. "A lot of the show is interviewing doctors to share the information they want to get out as well as answering parent questions. *PediaCast CME* also is very rewarding because I'm helping to spread the news that makes a difference in how providers treat their patients."

Mike does all of his own production work for both podcasts and says the support from Nationwide Children's is tremendous.

Mike also appreciates the support and preparation he received at OWU.

"I was a pre-med major, but Ohio Wesleyan gave me permission to also pursue more creative and artistic interests at the same time."

You can download *PediaCast* episodes and learn more at www.pediacast.org.

—Ericka Kurtz



Dr. Mike Patrick in the *PediaCast* recording studio.

2000s



Christopher Borgatti '00 accepted the position of New England and New York coordinator for Backcountry Hunters and Angler, an environmental conservation organization based in Montana, in the fall of 2021. He previously spent 18 years teaching biology and environmental science at St. John's Prep School in Danvers, MA. Chris lives in Newbury, MA, with his wife, **Lisa Galluzzo Borgatti '01**.



Mike Mathieu '00 published a family-friendly party game, Synco, with his father and friend. His dad invented the game a decade ago, and the COVID pandemic finally gave them the opportunity to properly design and print it. "Synco is special because it's about finding common ground and being in sync with the other players," Mike says. You can learn more about the game and the story behind it at syncogame.com.

Kyle Adams' '09 business, Adams Reichert Wealth Management Group, was recognized by the Wooster (OH) Area Chamber of Commerce with its Board of Directors Award. The agency was honored for its engagement in the Wooster community, giving back

to many local events and community causes, as well as driving support to small businesses during the pandemic.

Patrick Gallagher '02 was named chief business officer of Sensei Biotherapeutics, Inc., an immuno-oncology company. He has nearly 20 years of experience in pharmaceuticals and biotech, previously working at companies such as Nuvation Bio, Walking Fish Therapeutics, Radius Health, and AbbVie.

Travis Schwab '04 was hired as the head boys basketball coach by Newark Catholic High School in Ohio. Since 2015, Travis had been the head coach at Muskingum University.

Summer Quesenberry '08 was named the head coach of the University of Illinois Springfield's women's basketball team. She has been a college head coach for nine seasons, spending the last two years at Alderson Broaddus University (WV).

Joe Duffy '09 was appointed planning and development director for the City of Maple Heights, OH.

Rebecca Deatsman Heisman '09 wrote her first book, *Flight Paths: How a Passionate and Quirky Group of Pioneering Scientists Solved the Mystery of Bird Migration*. It will be published by HarperCollins in spring 2023. It tells the story of how nearly every major scientific breakthrough of the last century, from the invention of the transistor to the completion of the Human Genome Project, has been put to work by bird-obsessed scientists intent on following migration in ever-greater detail.

2010s

Mark "Andy" Princehorn '10 was named head lacrosse coach at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia, PA, after successful stints at Souderton and Lansdale Catholic high schools. He guided Lansdale Catholic to consecutive District 12 2A championships in 2021 and 2022.

Prat Agarwal '11 is the cofounder and COO of New Incentives, a nongovernmental organization to increase demand for childhood vaccinations and cost-effectively save lives. In August, the NGO received its largest grants ever, \$35.2 million from GiveWell and Open Philanthropy, enabling the organization to expand its work in northern Nigeria—an area with some of the lowest childhood vaccination rates in the world—reaching more than 3 million infants through 2024 at a cost of approximately \$25.60 per additional infant. Working with government clinics and in conjunction with existing programs, New Incentives raises awareness about life-saving vaccines, supports vaccine supply efforts, and provides small cash incentives to caregivers after their infants have received the latest round of vaccinations. As of mid-2022, New Incentives had enrolled more than 730,000 infants in its program, disbursed over 2.5 million cash transfers, and saved thousands of lives.



Tim Carney '12 and **Kate Raulin Carney '12** completed the Great Loop, a system of over 6,000 miles of waterways that loop the eastern U.S. and Canadian waterways. It includes the Atlantic and Gulf, the Great Lakes, the Mississippi River, and more. In 2020, the couple took a leap of faith, left their jobs, bought a boat (appropriately named "Sweet Day"),

and embarked on the journey. They finished in January 2022, traveling 6,202 miles in the 8-month trip. Learn more on lifeonsweetday.com.

Elizabeth Herder '14 earned a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut in molecular and cell biology with a concentration in microbiology in May. She started the program in 2016, earning a master's in molecular and cell biology in 2018, then a graduate certificate in college instruction in 2020 during the Ph.D. program.

Adrian Pekarcik '14 is an incoming research entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, where he is exploring sustainable practices for managing insect pests in midwestern field crops. Adrian credited his OWU honors thesis on the influence of land use on ant communities with Laurie Anderson for his choice to pursue graduate school in entomology.



Benjamin Anderson '16 was selected as a "21 under 31" by *Southwest Art Magazine*, highlighting noteworthy young artists. This national competition is hosted annually by *Southwest Art Magazine*, devoted to featuring the best work of artists today. Benjamin was a state finalist for California Art Club's Winter Solace competition in 2021, and was juried into their exhibition, *Celebrating California*, in 2022. Benjamin has his MFA in painting, receiving his BFA in painting and printmaking from OWU. He says, "OWU gave me the opportunity not only to learn artistic schools of thought, but how to discover my personal voice as an artist." He lives

in Monterey, CA, and teaches art courses at Hartnell College. He is represented by the Carmel Art Association gallery as a juried artist member.

Zahki Davis '16 joined the board of the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation, which focuses on developing affordable and quality housing in Walnut Hills, OH. He currently is an associate at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, focusing on transactional matters, such as mergers and acquisitions, investments, and more.

2020s

Madison Miller '22 won first runner-up at the 2022 Miss Ohio competition in June. She competed as Miss Northern Ohio, showcasing a talent in piano and advocating for the Veteran Narrative, a nonprofit for empowering U.S. military veterans that she founded at OWU.

Friends

George Needham, an OWU Lifelong Learning Institute instructor, was recognized by the Ohio Library Council as a Hall of Fame Librarian. George serves as the director of the Delaware County District Library.

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The deadline for receiving Class Notes and Faculty Notes submissions for the Spring 2023 OWU Magazine is February 1, 2023.

2022-23 calendar of events

Alumni, families, and friends, join us for these upcoming gatherings, virtual events, and giving events to support the Ohio Wesleyan Fund & Team OWU! Visit owu.edu/alumni for details and to register.

Rock Tour: Join us to celebrate and toast Rock Jones for his 15 years of leadership at OWU. Visit owu.edu/rocktour for updated tour information.

Dec. 1 NYC Rock Holiday Tour, 7–9 p.m., Hav & Mar, hosted by Howard Greenstone '83

Jan. 7 Rock Tour San Francisco, 6:30–8:30 p.m., hosted by Lorry '73 & Jack '71 Luikart

Jan. 24 Rock Tour Denver, 6:30–8:30 p.m., The Farm House at Breckenridge Brewery

Feb. 11 Rock Tour Naples Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Royal Poinciana Golf Club

Late Feb. Rock Tour Atlanta

Mar. Rock Tour Boston, date TBD.

Mar. 21 Rock Tour DC, location TBD, hosted by Nick '75 and Lydia '77 Calio

Mar. 23 Rock Tour Chicago, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Quartino Ristorante

Apr. 2023 Rock Tour Columbus, tour date TBD, hosted by Kara Trott '83

May 3 Rock Tour Cleveland, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Shoreby Club, hosted by Jerilyn '87 & Chris Mapes

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 6 Columbus Holiday Party, 6:30–8:30 p.m., High Line Car House

Feb. 1 WOW Virtual Speaker Series Celebrating National Women & Girls in Sports

Feb. 15–16 We Are OWU Campaign

Mar. 25 Fiji Pig Dinner

May 19–21 Reunion Weekend 2023, celebrating the classes ending in '3 & '8

Weddings



Thomas-Turgeon Wedding

Rick Thomas '64 and **Nancy Nibbelink Turgeon '64** were married April 23 in Buffalo, NY, after having lost their spouses to cancer. By happenstance, Nancy's sister, Jean Cioffi, lived next-door to Rick and his former wife, Julie, in Washington, D.C. After Julie's death last year, Jean reconnected the fellow OWU English majors. They are dividing time between Nancy's Williamsville, NY, home and Rick's Virginia residences. The only woman ever to run her own advertising agency in Buffalo, Nancy now writes children's books. Rick publishes Thomas Voting Reports, founded in 1973, and the new nonprofit U.S. Congress VoteFacts.



Frissora-Gruden Wedding

Anne Frissora '14 and **Wes Gruden** were married March 19 in New Albany, OH. From left: **Mackenzie Pederson '14**, **Meg Greff '14**, **Erica Sachs '14**, **Lauren Salustro '14**, **Kelly Maier '14**, **Sadie Skarsten '14**, bride, groom, **For Milligan '15**, **Rachel Parfenchuck '14**, **Hillary Fowler '14**, **Antonio Romanelli '20**, **Sam Felhaber '14**, and **Nick Felhaber '15**.



Martin-Bludevich Wedding

Ryan Martin '05 and **Zoë Bludevich** were married at the ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain in Burlington, VT on July 9. Back from left: **Jay Vidovich '82**, **Julie Bamford Vidovich '87**, **Drew Kaszubski '05**, **Rob O'Grady '07**, bride, groom, **Jo Ann Bamford Martin '79**, **Jay Martin**. Front from left: **Paul Smith '03**, **Craig Neal '07**, **Kyle Martin '09**, **Peter Pak '90**.

Mondon-Coburn Wedding

Christifer "Hooch" Mondon '15 and **Halie Coburn** were married June 5, 2021 in Mechanicsburg, OH. From left: **Alexis Natola**, **Dave Mogilnicki '16**, **Jeffrey Rothenberg '16**, **Zane Keifer '16**, **Stephanie Rozsa '16**, bride, groom, **Robby Rinehart '15**, **Tatiana Haddad '17**, **Nate Goodhart '16**, **Jonathan Valentine '14**, **Darcey South**, **Lauren Swary '15**, **Seth Swary '14**, **Maggie Lapolla '16**, **Ron Jon Rinaldi '15**, **Brok Gould**, **Kayla Gould**. Also in attendance: **Caitlyn Kennedy '15**.



For more detailed information about the alumni listed below, please see owu.edu/InMemoriam, which includes links to full obituaries. The webpage is updated frequently, and names remain on it for one year from the date of death. The list below includes alumni and others who passed away from February 1 through August 31, 2022.

1930s

Mary Laning Stewart '39, of Ypsilanti, MI, June 21, age 104. She was predeceased by father **Sheldon Laning 1911**, aunt **Mary Laning Tunnell 1907**, and uncle **John Laning 1908**.

1940s

Carolyn Dietz Callendar '45, of Jackson, MI, April 10, age 97. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

E. Carolyn Oakes Dunham Ulrich '45, of Carmel, IN, April 13, age 98. She was predeceased by husband **Richard Dunham '44**. Carolyn was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Kathryn West Heiskell '47, of Delaware, OH, June 15, age 96. She was predeceased by parents **M. Lovina West 1923** and **William West 1923**, children **Jeffrey Adams '74** and **Michael Adams '72**, and aunts **Esther West Hamilton Beck '37** and **Mary West Engle 1920**. She is survived by brother **William West '52**. Kathy was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Rex Huston '48, of Findlay, OH, May 19, age 98. He was predeceased by child **Candace Huston '75** and sibling **Talmage Huston '43**. Rex was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Robert Connors '49, of Maryville, TN, June 30, age 94.

Daniel Guy '49, of Willoughby, OH, June 10, age 93. He was predeceased by wife **Eleanor Bryenton Guy '53** and father **Ralph Guy 1919**. Dan is survived by brother **Rolland Guy '51**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Helen Krumm Miller '49, of Fort Dodge, IA, March 10, age 94.

1950s

Kay Parker Jex '50, of New Canaan, CT, May 18, age 93. She is survived by son **Jeffrey Jex '81** and siblings **Ann Parker Miller '59** and **Peter Parker '56**. Kay was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

E. Joy Shreffler Harding '51, of Guilderland, NY, Feb. 7, age 93. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Robert Holtzapple '51, of Crystal Lake, IL, April 15, age 92. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Dorothy Hinton Puddington '51, of Gainesville, GA, June 28, age 93. She is survived by husband **David Puddington '50**. Dorothy was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

David White '51, of Sebastopol, CA, March 8, age 92. He was predeceased by mother **Anna McClland White 1920** and sister **Marianne White Jackson '54**. David is survived by wife **Susan Elson White '52**. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Jack Cornett '52, of Scottsdale, AZ, June 8, age 90. He was a member of OWU's Tower Society and Chi Phi fraternity.

Eleanor Seiff '52, of North Canton, OH, April 13, age 91. She was predeceased by parents **Albert Clifford 1922** and **Ruth Dilley Clifford 1922**, aunt **Mary Dilley 1914**, and sister **Amy Clifford Kuemmerling '66**. Eleanor was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

James Tubbesing '52, of Winchester, VA, June 10, age 94. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Robert Hilchey '53, of Corona del Mar, CA, April 17, age 93. He is survived by wife **Jean Orton Hilchey '52**, sister-in-law **Nancy Orton Littauer '56**, and nephew **Stephen Lewis Littauer '79** and his wife **Joan Taverna Littauer '80**. Bob was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Patricia Hays Vance Jordan Kelly '53, of Columbia Falls, MT, June 4, age 91. She is survived by nephew **Richard O'Keeffe Jr. '00**. Patti was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

William Marshall '53, of Westbrook, ME, May 8, age 90. He was predeceased by wife **Nancy Marshall '53**. Bill is survived by daughter **Jeanine Marshall '85**. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Carol Hamilton Scott '53, of Powell, OH, May 20, age 90. She received a Distinguished Achievement Citation from OWU and was on the University's Board of Trustees.

Jane Minnemann Tyson '53, of Newton, NJ, July 10. She was predeceased by husband **William Tyson '53**. Jane was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Richard Wengenroth '53, of Acra, NY, June 15, age 93. He was a faculty member in Fine Arts at OWU.

Dorothy Parmelee Ensign '54, of Fishers, IN, Feb. 1, age 90. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Josephine "Joida" Turk Evans '54, of Monroe, LA, June 30, age 89. She is survived by husband **Richard Evans '59**. Joida was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Robinson Lapp '54, of Denver, CO, May 6, age 89. He was predeceased by wife **Janet Wallace Lapp '55**. Robb was a member of OWU's Tower Society and Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Harold "Hal" Stevens '54, of Upper Arlington, OH, Jan. 17, age 89. He was predeceased by father **Harold Stevens '28** and cousin **Frank Beasley '50**. Hal is survived by brother **Robert Stevens '58**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

James Caldwell '55, of Bellevue, NE, April 3, age 88. He is survived by wife **Nancy Gregg Caldwell '55**. James was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Marian Sharp Smith Corsiglia '55, of Newburyport, MA, March 8, age 88. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Margaret Giroux '55, of Braselton, GA, April 3, age 88. She was predeceased by mother **Margaret Nicholson Ray '28**

and cousins **Herman Dimlich '52** and **John Dimlich '55**. Margaret is survived by cousin **Mary-Jett Dimlich Woodring '55**. She was a member of OWU's Board of Trustees and Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Martha George Kowalski '55, of Longmont, CO, June 27, age 88. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Alan Meilinger '55, of Norfolk, VA, June 4, age 89. He was predeceased by wife **Mary McCord Meilinger '57** and brother **George Meilinger '52**. Alan was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Viola "Sally" Hoshall Schoch '55, of Helvetia, OR, Feb. 11, age 88. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Mary Gay Halbleib Brady '56, of Greensboro, NC, May 29, age 87. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Delores "Do" Fog Gair '56X, of Mentor, OH, March 5, age 87. She was predeceased by husband **Stuart Gair '56**. Do was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Howard Lederer '56, of Manhasset, NY, June 21, age 87. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Judith Ronald McCarty '56X, of Leander, TX, Feb. 19, age 87. She is survived by husband **Donald McCarty '56**, brother-in-law **James McCarty '58**, son-in-law **David Nutt '76**, and daughter **Lynn McCarty Nutt '79**. Judy was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Frederick McKinley '56, of Canandaigua, NY, July 7, age 90. He was a member of OWU's Tower Society and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Lincoln Stelk '56, of Yarmouth, ME, June 6, age 87. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Shirley Soros Ford '57, of Libertyville, IL, May 25, age 86. She was predeceased by husband **Tom Ford '56**. Shirley was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

John Hill '57, of Catonsville, MD, July 23, age 86. He is survived by wife **Charlotte Patterson Hill '57** and grandson **Zachary**

Hill '19. John was a member of OWU's Tower Society, Associate Founder's Circle, and received a Distinguished Achievement Citation. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

David Huff '57, of Franklin, NH, June 22, age 87. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

James Allemeier '58, of Moline, IL, July 6, age 86. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Sandra Smith Farber '58, of Sunbury, OH, July 13, age 86. She was predeceased by parents **Forrest Smith 1923** and **Lois Fennerty Smith 1924**, brother **John Smith '50**, uncle **Carlton Smith 1920**, and cousin **Phyllis Smith Brewster '47**. Sandra was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

David Forry '58, of Magnolia, DE, Feb. 14, age 88. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Carl "Ed" Geiger '58X, of Media, PA, April 21, age 85. He is survived by wife **Margaret Staples Geiger '58** and siblings **William Geiger '63** and **Russell Geiger '66**. Ed was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

William Bach '59, of Normal, IL, Feb. 25, age 84. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Barry Haas '59, of Wooster, OH, Feb. 22, age 85. He was predeceased by mother **Margaret Fadely Cook '33**. Barry is survived by wife **Marilyn Ellis Haas '61**, son **Douglas Haas '94**, and sister **Pegge Haas Warwick '62**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

William Stegall '59, of Fresno, CA, March 23, age 84. Bill was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1960s

Franz Anderson '60, of The Villages, FL, March 30, age 83. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

James Devlin '60, of Hartland, CT, April 5, age 88. He is survived by wife **Judith Franzen Devlin '59**. Jim was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Carla Damstra Lane '60, of Eagan, MN, April 18, age 83. She is survived by niece **Judy Shannon Born '90**. Carla was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Gareth Templeman '60, of Cornelius, NC, June 18, age 85. He is survived by sons **Robert Dumke '86** and **David Templeman '94**, and grandchild **Alix Templeman '19**. Gary was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Jerry Allen '61X, of Powell, OH, March 21, age 83. He was predeceased by sisters **Judith Allen Foster '59** and **Janet Allen Esch '62**. Jerry is survived by wife **Susan Perry Allen '62**. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

John Mitchell '61, of Naples, FL, Feb. 27, age 82. He was predeceased by wife **Sally Redick Mitchell '61**. John is survived by daughter **Lynn Mitchell '85**. He was a member of OWU's Tower Society and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Mashuri Warren '61, of Lafayette, CA, Feb. 14, age 82. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Angela Anderson '62, of Sewell, NJ, Feb. 5, age 81.

James Hogan Sr. '62, of Aurora, OH, Nov. 25, 2021, age 81. He was predeceased by wife **Margaret Beeghly Hogan '64**. James is survived by son **James Hogan Jr. '86** and daughter **Mary "Molly" Beeghly Hogan '89**. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Martha Motsch Milstead '62, of Millville, NJ, July 17, age 83. She was predeceased by husband **Richard Milstead '62**.

Karl Haecker '63, of Hilliard, OH, March 5, age 81. He is survived by wife **Sally Gilson '63X**. Karl was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Melda Shippey Pike '63, of Harwich, MA, May 3, age 80. She is survived by husband **David Pike '63** and son **Jeffrey Pike '95**. Melda was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

William Batchelder '64, of Medina, OH, Feb. 12, age 79. He was predeceased by parents **Eleanor Batchelder '36** and **William Batchelder '36**. Bill is survived by wife **Alice Moore Batchelder '64** and sister **Barbara Batchelder '68**. (See article in Fall 2022 OWU Magazine.)

Karl Miller '65, of Farmington, MI, April 21, age 78. He is survived by wife **Diane Schilken Miller '65**. Karl was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Dorothy Althoff '66, of Hamden, CT, Feb. 14, age 77. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Carol Brandau McIntyre '66, of Mequon, WI, March 5, age 78. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Frank Blossom '68, of Grand Rapids, MI, April 2, age 75. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Diane Elizabeth Karel '68, of Chatham, MA, May 20, 2020, age 73. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Herman "Frank" McDaniel '68, of Westerville, OH, July 11, age 76. He is survived by sister **Judith McDaniel Sweeterman '63** and former spouse **Barbara Zepp McDaniel '68**. Frank was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Margaret Midyette '68, of Middleburg, VA, March 6, age 75. She was predeceased by cousin **Kathryn Hartzell Johnston '45**. Peg was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Ann Beebe '69, of Corry, PA, July 24, age 75. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Sally Creager '69, of Dayton, OH, May 17, age 74. She is survived by son **Jeffrey Hayes '97**. Sally was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Richard Holmes '69, of Newport, NH, July 13, age 75. He was predeceased by parents **Joseph Holmes '42** and **Virginia Baumgartner Holmes '45**, aunt **Betty Baumgartner Freeman '49**, and uncle **Richard Freeman '49**. Dick is survived by wife **Diane Rose Holmes '70** and son **Richard Holmes '98**. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Richard Shale '69, of Youngstown, OH, Feb. 2, age 75. He was predeceased by mother **Virginia Williams Shale '35**. Rick was a member of OWU's Tower Society.

1970s

Georg "Tom" Urban '70, of Millsboro, DE, April 20, age 74. He was predeceased

by parents **George Urban '28** and **Helen Williams Urban '30**. Tom is survived by siblings **Joann Urban Taylor '52** and **James Urban '57**. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Timothy Flossie '71, of Jackson Township, OH, July 18, age 73. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Jonathan Holcomb '71, of Gambier, OH, March 29, age 73. He is survived by wife **Brenda Bogner Holcomb '71**. Jon was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Deborah Hammond '73, of East Granby, CT, June 16, age 70.

Richard Tuttle '73, of Delaware, OH, July 27, age 77.

Celeste Keusch Wetherell Damon '77, of Boston, MA, March 17, age 66.

Brad Spangler '78, of Brighton, MI, April 2, 2020. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

1980s

John Barnhill '81, of Mt. Pleasant, SC, June 2, age 63.

Christopher "Peter" Morford '83, of Brookhaven, NY, March 7, age 61. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

John Vrooman '86, of Lewiston, NY, June 5, age 57.

Jonathan "Randy" Green '88, of London, OH, Feb. 11, age 55. He is survived by father **James Green '55** and brother **Kelly Green '91**.

1990s

John Radabaugh '92, of Delaware, OH, March 22, age 51. He is survived by father **Dennis Radabaugh**, former OWU professor.

Faculty & Staff

Beverly Coleman, of Delaware, OH, May 26, age 72. She was a supervisor of food services.

Bob Dawson, of Bluffton, SC, June 28, age 75. He was the food director at OWU.

Marv Frye, July 17. The Marv Frye Timing Station overlooks the finish line at OWU's George Gauthier Track at Selby Stadium, and the Battling Bishop men's and women's track and field teams have hosted the Marv Frye Invitational since 1998. He coached track & field for 36 years and cross country for 29 years. He was a member of OWU's Athletics Hall of Fame.

Mary Hervey Johnston, of Delmar, NY, May 30, age 97. She taught at OWU.

Alexander Heingartner, of Delaware, OH, March 27, age 91. He taught psychology at OWU.

Jocelyn Van DerVoort Martin, of Wilmington, OH, Feb. 20, age 88. She worked in the athletic department.

Sympathy to

Sophie Harned Gibson '64 for the loss of her husband, **Thomas Gibson**, of Villanova, PA, June 20.

Gayle Oysler Shidler '69 and **Raina Oysler Graham '16** for the loss of their husband and uncle, **Mel Shidler**, of Oxford, OH, Aug. 10, 2020, age 68.

Robert Lindner '71 and **Jeffrey Linder '74** for the loss of their father, **Robert Lindner**, Feb. 16, age 101.

Katherine Lindeman Kretschmann '74 for the loss of her husband, **Robert Kretschmann**, of Bay Village, OH, Jan. 21, age 70.

Chuck Narwicz '77, **John Narwicz '77**, **Lee Peabody Glaws Narwicz '78**, **Jenna Narwicz '08**, and **Chaz Narwicz '10** for the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, **Loretta Narwicz Bessette**, on June 5, age 95.

Virginia Smythe Spofford '78 for the loss of her mother, **Ann Smythe**, of Bryn Mawr, PA, May 1, age 96.

Charles Quilhot '79 and **Dru Quilhot Conner '81** for the loss of their father, **Arthur Quilhot**, of Fort Wayne, IN, Feb. 10, age 89.

Joanne Neugebauer '11 for the loss of her father, **William Neugebauer**, of Euclid, OH, Feb. 21, age 71.



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The home bleachers were filled with celebrating Bishops on a sunny Homecoming afternoon October 8. Battling Bishop fans had much to cheer all day as OWU routed Denison 41-7.

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