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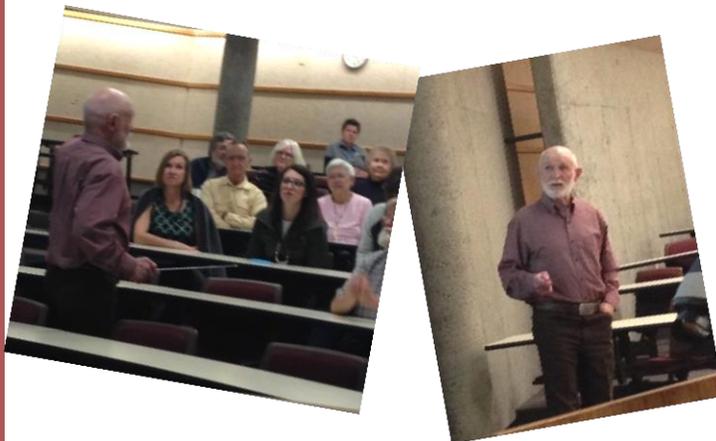
Legacy of Excellence Reception

Thank you to all of you who attended our Legacy of Excellence reception honoring Norman Whittlesey on March 26. We had a great turnout of emeriti, students, and Norm's friends, family members, and colleagues in attendance. Provost Daniel Bernardo, who Norm mentored during his graduate studies at WSU, started things off with a very nice introduction.

Last year's Legacy of Excellence recipient, Jim Short, served as the Master of Ceremony for the night.

Norm gave audience members a glance back at his youth growing up on a farm in Colorado and his journey to Pullman and WSU. He then focused on the Columbia Basin Project, which is the project really defined his legacy.

Norm's research gathered strong evidence that the costs of the project would far outweigh the benefits. Despite his findings, he received strong opposition from legislators who wanted to move forward with the project. Norm held true to his beliefs and his research and fought against the approval of the project. His efforts prevailed and the Columbia Basin Project was effectively killed when federal funding was denied. Norm says that the project taught him "the value and purpose of tenure in the University." Norm's talk kept the audience engaged and was enjoyed by all. Thank you Norm and congratulations again on your award!



Emeritus Society Events



Please attend some of our biweekly Emeritus Coffees scheduled every few weeks.

COFFEE MEETINGS:

The Emeritus Society has been holding coffee meetings every other week to discuss our plans and events as well as to give members a chance to socialize in our Emeritus Lounge. We held our last coffee of the spring semester on Friday April 25th. Thanks to all those who participated in our coffees, we always love seeing you! Look for coffee meetings to start back up again at the onset of the fall semester.

SPRING LUNCHEON:

**Thursday May 8th
12:00 to 2:00 – Fireside Grille, 1095 SE Bishop Blvd Pullman, WA 99163**

We will be having our annual Spring Luncheon on May 8th at the Fireside Grille. Items to be discussed include:

- Recap of Legacy of Excellence Award
- Recap of Undergraduate Awards
- Financial Report
- Introduction of the next Graduate Assistant

- Future Leadership
- Future Committee Structure

We would like to get a good turnout. Don't miss the chance to participate in important decisions regarding the future of the society as well as catch up with your fellow Emeriti over some great food! We hope to see you there!



2014 Undergraduate Research Awards

As most of you know, each spring semester we present several awards to deserving individuals. Due to your continued support, we, once again, were able to grant four \$500 scholarships to talented and deserving students. If you would like to know more about these awards, please see our [website](#).

Thank you to those who made this possible! A \$500 scholarship can be extremely helpful to a college student.

To learn more about this year's four scholarship recipients, please see page 3.

Donating is easy! You can either donate online or download a Donor Form to mail in your donation at emeritusociety.wsu.edu/.

In order to ensure that your donations are deposited into the correct account, please make sure to specify that your donation is intended for the "**Emeritus Scholarship Fund**".

Thank you for your continued support of these programs! Without you these scholarships would not be possible.

We would also like to thank the following members who served as

judges and helped score entries and select our four winners.

Arts & Humanities:

Stan Linden
Alex Hammond

Biological Sciences:

Charles Gaskins
Sandra Ristow
Paul Schroeder

Physical Sciences:

Don Matteson
Don Orlich
Paul Schroeder

Behavioral Sciences:

Sally Horton
Jim Short

A special thanks also goes out to Sally Horton. Sally served as the chair of our award committee and helped organize the panel of judges and distribute applications. She also presented the students their awards at the Office of Undergraduate Awards on April 15th.
Thanks Sally!



Emeritus Research Award Winners

Brittany Wouden is a senior in the Creative Media and Digital Program at WSU Vancouver. Her focus throughout her time in the program has been on multimedia design and integration into larger projects for social entrepreneurship. In September 2013, she was nominated and accepted into the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators University Fellowship program. Her project, titled Pop-Up Gallery, was born from this fellowship as Brittany brought together a group of students who knew the effect that digital technologies could have on their environment. The Pop-Up Gallery is a mobile art exhibit that uses augmented reality to create new experiences and new ways of learning in a K-12 environment. Her work has been taken to more than 1000 students and been seen by dozens of local businesses. Brittany has large aspirations to continue to use digital technologies for social entrepreneurship going forward.

Amanda Thomson is a senior double majoring in Sociology and Women's Studies with a Queer Studies minor. As a former Running Start student, she graduated from high school with an Associate's degree. She is the WSU Sociology Club President as well as the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society Chapter President. Her current research focuses on how a person's sexual orientation effects how others perceive them in the workplace. After graduation, she will be attending Eastern Washington University to work on her Masters in School Counseling. She plans to be a junior high or high school counselor, and is specifically interested in working with LGBT youth and low-income communities.

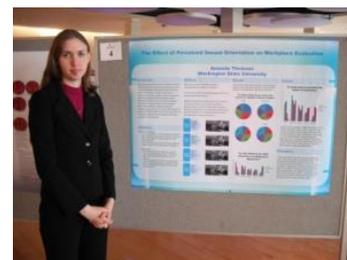
Zoey Henson is a chemical engineering junior at WSU with a particular interest in alternative energy. Her research is part of a greater research group that is focused on the properties of molybdenum dioxide. They are particularly looking at how molybdenum dioxide performs as an anode material in solid oxide fuel cells. Her project involved researching molybdenum dioxide's oxygen ion conductivity, an essential property of solid oxide fuel cell anodes. She plans on continuing this research through next year until she graduates. After that, she hopes to work in applied research in an industry setting, and eventually work in fundamental research involving biofuels. She says that the support she is receiving from the Emeritus Society will allow her to spend more time focused on her academics and research rather than working extra hours to pay off loans. She says she is very grateful to the Society!

Travis King is a junior majoring in Zoology with a Spanish minor. He has always had a passion for science, research, and diverse cultures, and finds science as not an idle venture, but as an exercise of discovery and insight. His research examines cougar interactions with mountain caribou in the Southern Selkirk Mountains using collared cougar data. The goal was to determine if sexual segregation in cougars was the cause of predation upon the endangered mountain caribou. This work will allow for effective management of caribou and cougar populations, and is nearing submission for publication. Travis has also spent time studying the jaguar in the remote forests of Belize. Travis has more research of apex predators, specifically looking at ocelot populations, planned for this summer in Costa Rica. He intends to pursue a Ph.D. in Zoology/Wildlife Ecology to conduct field research in ecology, and teach at the university level. He wants to express his gratitude to the Emeritus Society and states that he is honored to receive his award.

Brittany Wouden
Arts and Humanities



Amanda Thomson
Behavioral Sciences



Zoey Henson
Physical Sciences



Travis King
Biosciences



The Emeritus Society would like to congratulate
Brittany, Amanda, Zoey, and Travis
on their outstanding projects!