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- What have you been up to? Do you have any announcements you'd like to share?
- What activities would you like to see the Emeritus Society sponsor?
- What is your favorite thing about WSU or the Palouse?

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## What are Our Members Doing Now?

Norm Whittlesey has been preoccupied with household chores with the hard winter we had. However, he is able to reserve some time to do some wood carving. Professionally, Norm has been collaborating with colleagues with local water development issues.

Richard Shumway is conducting research on the economics of environmentally friendly technology, along with spending ample time with his grandchildren.

Sally Horton is preparing to embark on a seven-week trip to Sicily, Amalfi Coast, and Scotland next month.

As a mycologist, Jack Rogers continues to identify fungi for colleagues and the public. He publishes an occasional paper while he is doing his research at a reduced pace.

Not long before Jim Short's stroke, he was asked to write the introductory chapter for the initial volume of *Annual Review of Criminology*. He has also been associated with the *Annual Review of Sociology* series as a member of the editorial board.

Since retiring from the English Department in 2009, Alex Hammond continues to focus his research on Edgar Allan Poe. While serving on the editorial boards of two scholarly journals, he is preparing a guide to the Holt Poe Collection at WSU's Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections. His most recent article on Poe's "Tales of the Folio Club" will appear in 2017 in an edited volume on the author, and he is currently writing a chapter for Guide to Edgar Allan Poe, forthcoming at Oxford University Press.

John Lawrence Nazareth recently published a book titled *A Passage to Kenya: A Historical Collage of a Unique Time and Place* on Amazon's CreateSpace Independent Platform. It's available in paperback and Kindle versions at Amazon. To find it search 'Passage to Kenya nazareth' in the website's search box.

Along with his coauthors, Don Orlich, just published the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of *Teaching Strategies: A Guide to Effective Instruction*. You can purchase a copy on Amazon.



## Emeritus Society Events



*Please attend our biweekly  
Emeritus Coffees in order  
to catch up with your fellow  
Emeriti.*

### 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. Please join us every other Thursday of the month from 10:00AM- 11:00 or 11:30AM.

### Annual Emeritus Luncheon

Every year the Emeritus Society gathers together for a catered lunch. This year we will be having Birch & Barley cater our lunch on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sammi Mischkot if you wish to attend at [emeritussociety@wsu.edu](mailto:emeritussociety@wsu.edu)

### Scholarship Fund

Each year the Emeritus Society makes four awards of \$500 each to exceptional undergraduates for research conducted in cooperation with WSU faculty as part of the *Showcase for Undergraduate and Creative Activities*.

These awards are made to exceptional undergraduates to recognize their research efforts working in cooperation with WSU faculty. The students do research in faculty laboratories and create a poster that they present in the Showcase activity. Funding for these awards comes through donations from members of the Society. We are asking for you monetary support for this important Society function. These awards are greatly appreciated by the students.

### How to Donate

The easiest way to donate is to donate online at <http://secure.wsu.edu/give/> and enter into SEARCH BY KEYWORD and search "Emeritus." Select the Emeritus Scholarship Fund and follow the instructions.

You may also donate by check. If you choose to do that please write Emeritus Society Scholarship Fund in the memo line and check mail the check to:

WSU Foundation

PO Box 641927

Pullman, WA 99164-1927

Thank you for your continued support of this program! Without you, these scholarships would not be possible!

**Please contact Sammi Mischkot if you have any questions.**

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## Thank You from a Scholarship Recipient

The following letter is from one of last year's award recipients, Keesha Matz. Thank you for your continued support for the scholarship fund.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Dear Members of the Emeritus Society,

I recently had the honor of receiving the 2016 Undergraduate Research Award in the Biosciences category from the Emeritus Society. I am from Chehalis, Washington and currently finishing my second year of studies in Microbiology here at Washington State University.

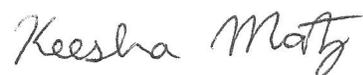
Through an independent research project in high school I got interested in gene silencing and its implications on devastating illnesses such as diabetes and cancer. I was fascinated in the possibilities that scientific research has to improve the lives of people around the world. This was the defining moment in high school that got me interested in pursuing a career in medical research. I came to Washington State University in part for the Students Targeted towards Advanced Research Studies (STARS) within the School of Molecular Biosciences. This is a highly-selective accelerated Ph.D. program in which I can earn a doctorate degree in as little as 7 years. During my freshman year at WSU I got involved in virology research with Dr. Hector Aguilar-Carreno. This has been a fascinating experience to learn about the viral entry and exit mechanisms of Nipah Virus. This is the research that I presented at SURCA this year.

During my time here at WSU I look forward to learning and exploring the wide variety of science related opportunities. Already I have also presented at multiple scientific competition and received awards of excellence. It is incredible to be able to apply what I have been learning in my classes to research that I am doing in the laboratory. Aside from classes and research I am part of the WSU Honors College which allows me to expand my knowledge and experiences beyond science. I also enjoy traveling and experiencing different regions of the world. Last summer I had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica for a full immersion Spanish program. Aside from school I enjoy spending time in the outdoors and I recently learned to scuba dive through a class on campus.

This summer I will continue to conduct research on campus. I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in Virology at WSU and become a scientific researcher. It is my goal to help those struggling with illness and disease caused by viruses through advances in medical treatments. I greatly appreciate your support and I accept this scholarship as a great honor. It will help immensely with the costs of college and I am truly grateful for your support.

Thank you for your generosity that makes this scholarship award possible. I am thankful for your support of undergraduate research at WSU.

Sincerely,



Keesha Matz