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WHITWORTH TODAY
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welcome to the table

The summer after I graduated from Whitworth, in 1992, I moved into a studio apartment above Professor of English Vic Bobb's garage. The apartment featured shag carpet, a three-quarter wall between the sleeping area and the living room, and a low, sloped ceiling that made showering upright impossible. This was the first space I had lived alone in and I loved it. For décor, my mom sewed a tablecloth for the dining table and on the partial wall I hung my first piece of framed art, which I had bought at a grocery store.

I was proud of my new digs and wanted to show them off, so I decided to host a dinner party. The guest list? Vic and his wife, Cathy; Professor of History Dale Soden, who had been my academic advisor; and Whitworth staff members Terry Rayburn Mitchell, '93, and Cheryl Florea Vawter, '94, who both worked in the Lindaman Center at the time and with whom I had worked as a student.

It didn't occur to me that I shouldn't invite them. I didn't consider that they wouldn't come.

This is one of the many qualities that make Whitworth special to me: faculty and staff members who will spend their evening with a 22-year-old recent graduate, sitting hunched beneath a sloped ceiling, eating spaghetti at a cramped table. I can no longer recall our conversation, but I can still hear our laughter.

In future issues of *Whitworth Today*, this page will be a place to share voices of the Whitworth community. I look forward to our conversation.

Julie Riddle

Editor



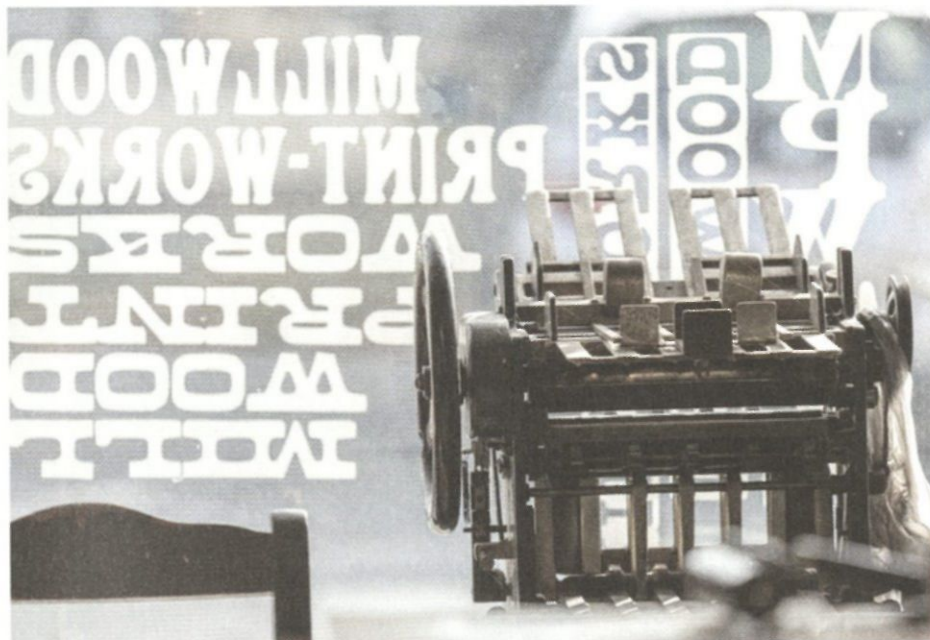
Remember *The Red Book*? Starting in 1986, students were required to use this booklet to record their progress toward earning their degree (mine is pictured at left). A computer program took over *The Red Book*'s duties in 1994.

What Whitworth item did you keep that's meaningful to you? Email us at today@whitworth.edu.

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A FORGOTTEN ART FORM

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perspec- tive re- set

Many of you know that I like to use social media to stay in touch with Whitworth Nation. Because my life is full of opportunities to participate in and celebrate all of the ways Whitworth lives out its mind-and-heart mission, giving interested Whitworthians around the globe a glimpse into my day helps keep them close to the action, and it allows me to remain more accessible. A post here, a selfie there, and - voilà! - students, alumni and parents are connected once again to this special place.

But to completely disconnect this past summer during my first-ever sabbatical, I decided to suspend all of my social-media activity. Gone were the compelling pressures to capture every fun and exciting moment and share them with the world, and that habitual instinct to grab my phone to see what was happening elsewhere faded as my smartphone became less smart-y and more phone-y. The phone slowly left my side, and most days it just collected dust on the kitchen counter. The "cord" was cut.



Did I miss it? Not as much as I thought I would. I spent more time reading entire articles rather than just headlines, and I read more books and spent more time outdoors. I certainly didn't miss the political rants and contentious arguments that seem so ubiquitous on Facebook these days. Even now, several months post-sabbatical, I find that although I still enjoy many aspects of social media, I don't check it as often, and I don't get as emotionally invested as I once did. Perhaps I needed to reset my perspective.

I am now resolved to take more frequent social-media sabbaticals throughout the year. For me, doing so might give me a healthier outlook and the freedom to leave the phone on the counter more often.

Pictured with the Whitworth Cheer Squad

THE CAMPAIGN FOR WHITWORTH



Thanks to thousands of Whitworthians who have demonstrated unprecedented support for Whitworth's mission, The Campaign for Whitworth surpassed its original \$100 million goal in September. As we continue to seek to fund the campaign's highest priorities, which are tied to the Whitworth 2021 strategic plan, we hope all Whitworthians will join us in this inspired calling.

AS OF NOVEMBER, THE \$101 MILLION IN CAMPAIGN GIFTS HAS BEEN GIVEN IN ALMOST EQUAL QUARTERS TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

\$23M

ENDOWED FUNDS

Support for faculty chairs and professorships, student scholarships, science research and other endowments

\$26M

FACILITIES

Investments in new or enhanced facilities

\$26M

PROGRAMS

Annual support over the life of the campaign, underwriting scholarships, athletics programs and other projects

\$26M

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& OTHER
PLANNED GIFTS**

Gifts that sustain Whitworth's future

SINCE WHITWORTH LAUNCHED THE CAMPAIGN IN JULY 2010, GENEROUS DONORS HAVE FUNDED THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES:

- › 5 new endowed professorships or chairs
- › 98 endowed scholarships
- › Endowment supporting the Dornsife Center for Community Engagement
- › Faculty scholarship and research endowments
- › 63,000-square-foot Robinson Science Hall
- › 21,000-square-foot addition to and renovation of Cowles Music Center
- › The Beeksma Family Theology Center (addition to and remodel of Seeley G. Mudd Chapel)
- › New Pine Bowl FieldTurf

Moving forward, our highest campaign priority is making the university more affordable for all students who want to attend Whitworth. To reach this important goal, we invite donors to support additional scholarships.

Whitworth's most significant facilities need is the Athletics Leadership Center, which will provide a home for all of our coaching staffs as well as much-needed football locker rooms. Learn more at whitworth.edu/campaign.



growing
Community

On the west side of O'ahu, in a town called Mākāha, a small garden flourishes next to a schoolhouse. There, the people of Mākāha work the soil and plant the seeds that feed their community. They believe in harmony and living in perfect alignment with all things.

Some say that perfect alignment – along with Whitworth's collaborative community – helped several alumni and faculty bring eight students from one of Hawai'i's most impoverished areas to Whitworth.

Jaylen Gonzales, his cousin Tihani Evangelista, five other Wai'anae High School students, and a student from Nānākuli had applied to and received acceptance letters from Whitworth. The problem was, they couldn't afford to attend.

Wai'anae football coach and Whitworth alumnus Walter Young, '03, encourages his players to look at Whitworth. In fact, 18 students from Hawai'i currently play for the Pirates. "The Whitworth football coaches saw me play in a bowl game and they liked me," Gonzales says. "It was the first time I felt like someone really wanted me."

Gonzales sought help from high school counselor and Whitworth alumna Desiré DeSoto, '96. "The minute Jaylen walked out of my office, I knew I had to do something," she says.

She called Keith Lambert, '91, assistant professor of education at Whitworth. DeSoto and Lambert both competed on the

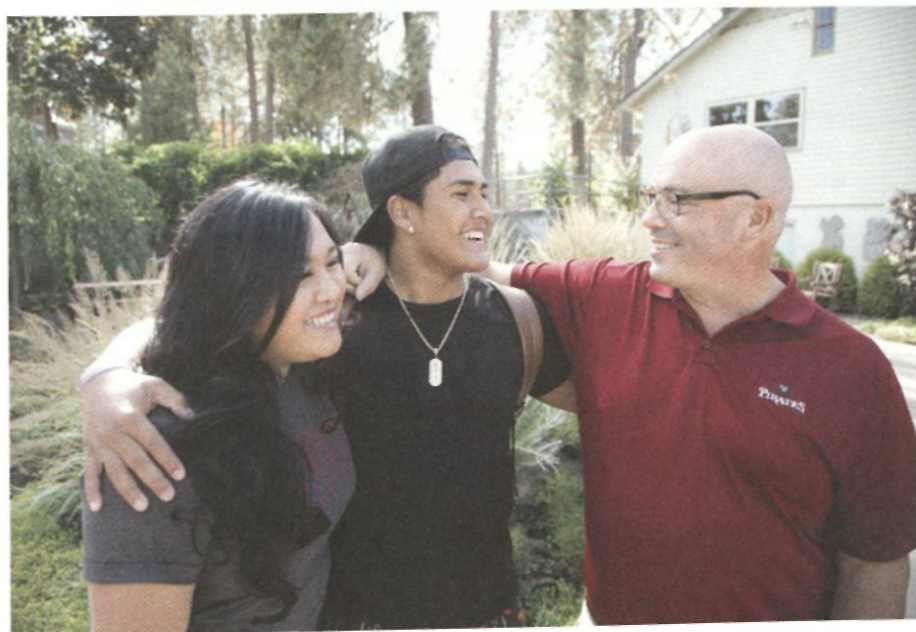
Whitworth swim team in the '90s, but they didn't see each other again until 2013 at an on-campus event.

At that event, Lambert shared with DeSoto how he wanted to bring Whitworth education students to Wai'anae to teach. His first group taught at DeSoto's high school in 2015. Every Jan Term new students return, but now they teach in classrooms at multiple schools. They also work in the community's garden.

"When Desiré called, we spoke about applying for a grant and immediately thought of the Kamehameha Foundation, which has a Christian mission and vision," Lambert says. "Before I knew it, so many people at Whitworth were furiously working on the application." The grant was approved, and the eight freshmen arrived on campus this fall.

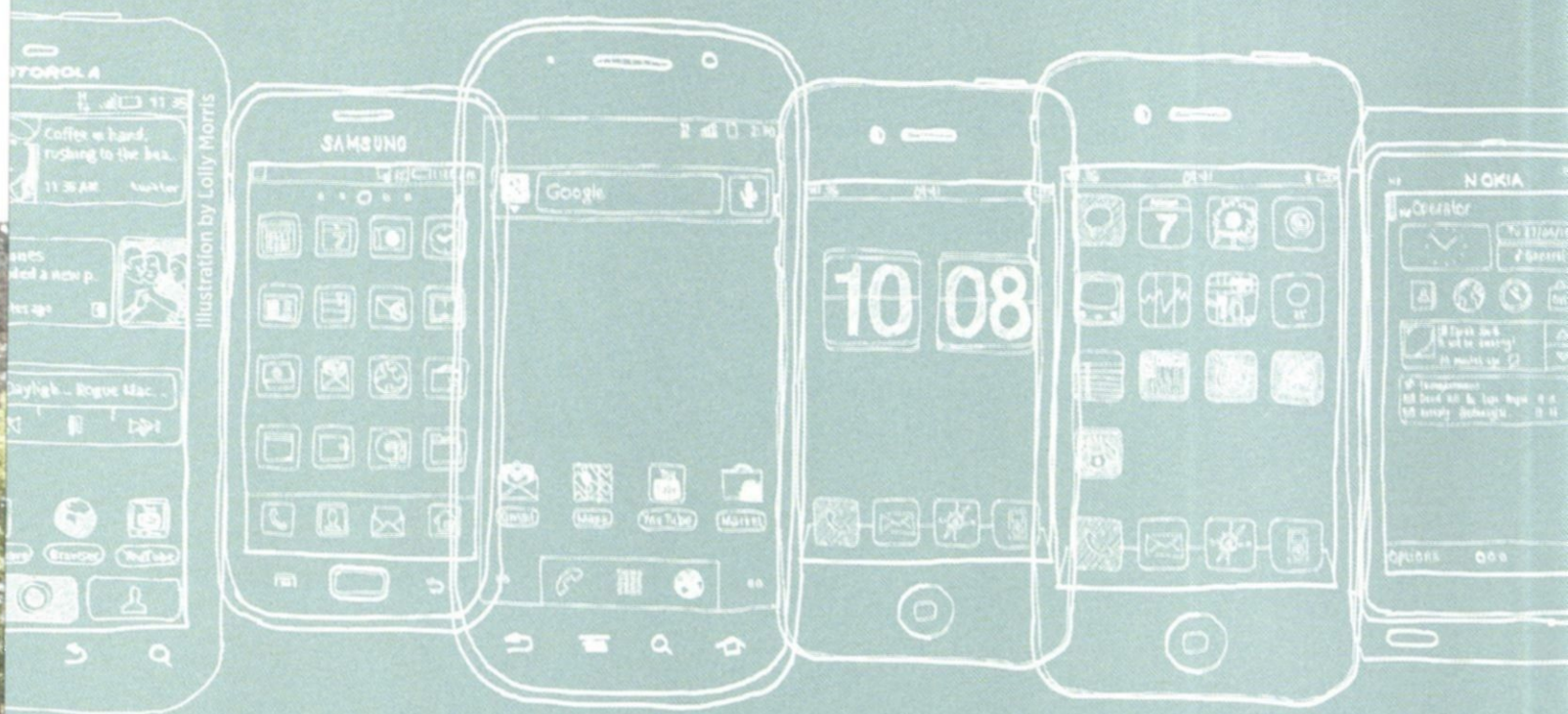
For Lambert, the experience has been surreal. "It's probably one of the greatest joys I've had as an educator," he says. "There is something incredible about being part of something bigger than oneself and knowing you played a small part."

For the students, it is now their turn to grow and then give back with the Whitworth spirit in their hearts. "I'm excited to go home," Evangelista says. "Being able to use our experiences here to help our community is a really good thing." **W**



From left: Tihani Evangelista and Jaylen Gonzales, both '21, and Assistant Professor of Education Keith Lambert, '91





#TECHTALK

BY ELIZABETH STRAUCH, '04

Look around any crowded room and you'll find people peering downward, engrossed in smartphones glowing in their hands. A gaze across The Loop will yield a similar scene. As smartphones become more integrated with our daily lives, Whitworthians consider how social media is changing the way we teach, build community and develop identity.

Tim Caldwell



Director of Residence Life

As I think about social media's impact on residence life, it is easy to think only about the negatives as it relates to body-image concerns, fear of missing out (FOMO) and mental health. However, we sometimes miss the positive effects of social media within our residence halls. During the 2015 windstorm, residence-hall leadership used the social-media app GroupMe to keep residents up to date and safe. The residence halls livestream many of their programs to advertise and recruit participation (and parents love seeing their students through the live streams of a hall's Instagram or Facebook story). We can also address issues of identity and belonging by telling specific students' stories to a community. It's easy to vilify this new and emerging technology, but it is also important to leverage it to connect with students in new and innovative ways.

Erica Salkin



*Associate Professor of
Communication Studies*

Many of my classes incorporate social media – it's a significant part of the modern media landscape. Social-media platforms help us reach millions of people with valuable information, and best practices have emerged from professionals and researchers to show us the most effective ways to use these new tools. That's the important word here: *tools*. Like any tool, it can be misused by the untrained, so teaching social media means looking at opportunities, responsibilities and impact. Most of my students are "self-taught," so it also means embracing some new ideas in the face of existing habits. If we treat social media like the tool for expression that it is, we can create informed users at both the professional and personal level.

Jeff DeBray, '18



*President of the Associated
Students of Whitworth University*

The friendliness of students and their engagement with each other in the coffee shop, on the Hello Walk or in the classroom have been unchanged by technology. For Whitworth, the biggest challenge is reframing how we are defining a fun activity that meets student interests. With the rise of technology, more students define a "fun night" as watching Netflix or playing on their smartphones alone in the residence hall. Whitworth will need to rethink the opportunities it is providing students and how we can outdo the option of time spent on social media. If we actively seek out the interests of students and know their ever-changing preferences, I believe we are up to the challenge.



changed
by faith



BY JULIE RIDDLE, '92

Guangjie Yang Hopton arrived at Whitworth in January 1987 unconvinced that she needed to believe in God. The convincing began soon after Spring Break, when the exchange student from Nanjing University, in China, fell seriously ill. Swollen lymph nodes and a fever left her bedridden for six weeks. Then the fever climbed to 104 degrees, landing Hopton in the hospital, where she was initially diagnosed with lymph cancer.

"I was 21 years old and thought I might die very soon," Hopton recalls. "I felt something was missing in my life that I hadn't figured out before my life would end."

At Whitworth, Hopton had encountered a caring Christian community, and she attended campus programs that prompted her to consider questions about faith. She also attended Knox Presbyterian Church with her host family, Clair and Carol Jones and their three sons, who cared for her throughout her illness. (Clair helped launch The Whitworth Foundation and served on its board for 21 years.)

Just before Hopton underwent a biopsy, she accepted Christ as her savior when she prayed with a pastor and his wife who had befriended her. She recalls thinking at the time, "If God made all of these people so kind, then I want to have their God."

Doctors eventually diagnosed Hopton – correctly – with lymphangitis, a virus that attacks the lymphatic system. She underwent a blood transfusion and her immune system rallied.

That summer Hopton moved into Arend Hall and caught up on the spring courses she had missed. An English major, she took classes through the fall semester and made the Dean's Honor Roll. In January, before returning to China, Hopton was baptized at Knox.

"I had a great experience here," she says. "People loved me, people were so kind to me. I learned so much."

Hopton's Whitworth experience drew her back to the U.S. in 1992 for further study, and she eventually earned a juris doctor degree. She practiced law with several U.S. firms in Hong Kong before joining Alibaba Group in 2005.

As assistant general counsel for Alibaba, a vast Chinese e-commerce company on par with Amazon, Hopton focuses on international corporate work, strategic transactions and employee equity incentives. In 2014, she helped draft the documents for Alibaba's initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange. She stood on the floor of the exchange the day the company's \$25 billion IPO set a world record.

Early in her career, Hopton found it challenging to practice law as a Christian. "But God is great," she says. "He has allowed me to trust him more and to not compromise my faith for the sake of my profession."

Hopton's strong faith today took root at Whitworth 30 years ago. "I met so many important people who changed me," she says. "I don't know how I would have come to know God otherwise." **W**



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MIND

BY JULIE RIDDLE, '92

Michael Lewis, the featured speaker for Whitworth's fall President's Leadership Forum, is the author of a slew of *New York Times* best-selling books including *The Blind Side*, *Moneyball*, *The Big Short* and, most recently, *Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt*. While he's a sharp observer of politics, finance and American culture, I found Lewis to also be humble, humorous, insightful and inspiring when I interviewed him for *Whitworth Today*.

JULIE RIDDLE: You majored in art history at Princeton University. How has that influenced your work as a writer?

MICHAEL LEWIS: When you have a really good art history education, you learn how complicated looking is. You look at a painting and you think you've seen it, and then someone who knows how to look at it explains to you what's really going on, and you realize how much you missed. The appreciation of how much there is to see if you look really well informs everything I do.

Also, there are little things I've applied to journalism. For example, the people who tried to attribute paintings to particular Italian masters figured out that to identify the hand of a specific painter, it was far more useful to look at the parts of the painting that the painter was less self-conscious about. So, if you were looking at a painting of the Virgin Mary, you didn't look at her face or her eyes, you looked at her fingernails. You would find that while two paintings had the same face and looked like they were painted by the same person, the fingernails were very different. And you could start to identify the hand of a painter that way.

When I'm getting to know people, I look for details that they are less self-conscious about, because they are invariably self-conscious when someone is going to write about them. People generally feel watched, especially in their public presentation. But you can often pick up things about them by looking in the places they're not thinking about.

JULIE RIDDLE: If you could speak to an audience on any current issues, who would your audience be, what issues would you choose, and why?

MICHAEL LEWIS: Ha! That question presumes I think anything I say is going to have influence on anybody, which does not strike me as true. Just merely answering the question is a form of pomposity, but I will answer it. I would address all of the American people, and I would give them a talk about our responsibilities to our

society and would go to great lengths to try to explain how many things we're taking for granted that we shouldn't take for granted. And that we don't have a culture unless we put our shoulders into it.

JULIE RIDDLE: What do we take for granted?

MICHAEL LEWIS: Clean air and clean water, food to eat, a decent climate to live in, an elastic social safety net that makes life bearable for a lot of unlucky people, a more-or-less peaceful environment. This idea has crept into the American psyche that the federal government is this thing "out there" that's doing things to us, and that's not what it is. It is us. We've got to make it good. We can't always be hating on it.

JULIE RIDDLE: You coach your son's Little League team and you have the players do theatre improv exercises. What's that about?

MICHAEL LEWIS: It's a great way to loosen the kids up because it forces everybody to do something that makes them uncomfortable in front of other people. And they get to know each other quickly. Second, a lot of sports is improvisational – you're responding to nuanced, peculiar situations with confidence. I want them to get the feeling of what that's like. And third, with 12 boys on a baseball team, you've got a range of ability and a pecking order quickly emerges. If you can find other things for them to do where the kids who aren't any good at baseball can be at least just as good, it breaks the class barriers that would naturally emerge and there is a better sense of "team." **W**





“**T**he appreciation of how much there is to see if you look really well informs everything I do.”



HEALING THE HEART

BY MEGAN JONAS

In recent years, colleges nationwide have experienced a pronounced uptick in the numbers of students seeking mental-health services, and Whitworth is no exception. Last year, 20 percent of Whitworth students visited the counseling center at least once, a percentage that has increased each year since Director Monica Whitlock arrived in 2014.

"A university like ours that lives out our mission of educating the mind and heart should excel in addressing the psychosocial needs of students," she says. "If you're educating the heart and the heart has some wounds, then we need to heal the heart."

During Whitlock's tenure, Whitworth has increased the counseling center's staffing and services. Each student may now receive 10 counseling sessions each year instead of six. The center's six counselors offer about 70 hours of counseling per week to meet the needs of students.

A number of factors are leading more students to seek counseling. Whitlock cites greater awareness of the counseling center and decreasing stigma related to mental-health issues among students. "Students are more willing to get help when they're stuck," she says.

But she also points to troubling developments: Suicide rates have steadily increased around the nation in the last 10 years, and anxiety is rising among college students.

Inside Higher Ed reports that anxiety overtook depression as the top concern among college students seeking counseling in 2009. The latest survey of the Association for



University and College Counseling Center Directors, in which Whitworth participates, found that 51 percent of students visiting college counseling centers in 2015-16 reported anxiety – up from 41 percent five years earlier.

Whitlock says experts think this may be caused in part by economic uncertainty after the recession and by social media, which can lead to fewer interpersonal connections and increasing loneliness as well as stress from constant connectivity.

She says the issues Whitworth students seek counseling about are most often related to anxiety and depression, relationships and loneliness, and identity and faith.

"Students are often trying to work out their faith," Whitlock says. "By hiring therapists who live out their own faith in Christ, we can engage with students when they're ready to go there."

Whitlock says counseling is a necessary part of education. "It helps students remain in school and address some of the barriers that keep them from learning," she says. "If something is stirred up in their soul, this is a place where we can process that piece of their lives. Counseling is part of an integrated, holistic education." **W**





PRESSING MATTERS

Above: Associate Professor of English Thom Caraway. Top Right: Caraway helps Alexis Paperman, '18, set type as Emily Hanson, '20, observes.

BY ELIZABETH STRAUCH, '04

When people walk into Millwood Print Works for the first time, Thom Caraway watches their eyes light up as they recognize a strong, nearly forgotten aroma: freshly pressed ink.

Founded in 2016, Millwood Print Works is, in many ways, an old-fashioned print shop. Beyond evoking nostalgia, though, it's a blossoming community where people are reclaiming an art form, finding new ways to use old equipment. "It's a very production-oriented process and very satisfying," says Caraway, associate professor of English at Whitworth and co-founder of the shop. "This keeps the designers' hands on the process the entire way through. You see the hours represented in the work."

On its busiest days, the shop is loud and chaotic as artists dig through boxes of print blocks, layer ink on rollers, and claim space on the drying racks for their completed works. Four platen presses from the late 1800s line one wall; cabinets filled with type take up the adjacent walls. Another room holds screenprinting tables, and a third room is used for finishing prints – cutting, folding, binding.

Millwood Print Works owes its existence to overwhelming community support – cash from a successful Kickstarter campaign organized by alumnus Danny Parker, '15; a

grant from Spokane Arts; and equipment, like the platen presses, from people who kept them in their basements, left untouched for decades. Millwood Presbyterian Church provided the building.

Since the Kickstarter campaign, Caraway and his partners, Spokane printmakers Bethany Taylor and Derek Landers, have been holding classes and workshops in letterpress and screenprinting, and they're involving students from Whitworth, Gonzaga University and Eastern Washington University.

Meghan Foulk, '19, is an intern for Caraway's publishing class at Whitworth and works at the shop cleaning and organizing type, and labeling print blocks. She is also involved with Whitworth's literary magazine, *Rock & Sling*, and is interested in one day being an editor or running her own magazine.

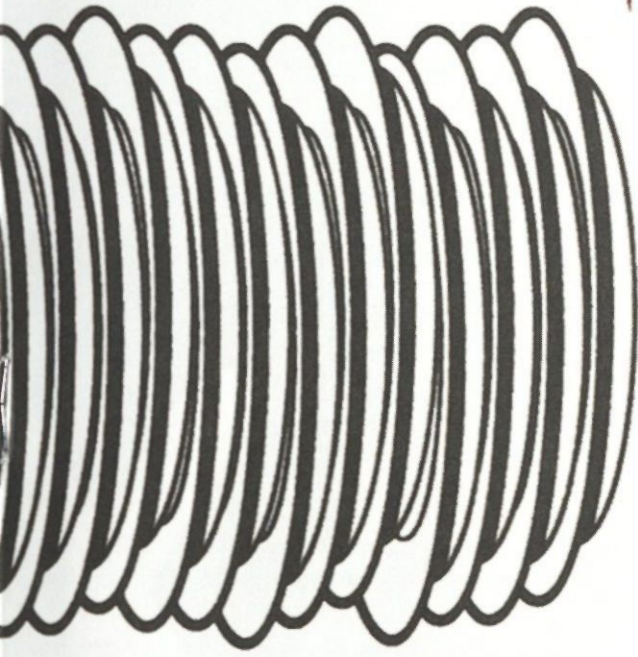
Foulk's work at Millwood is giving her a newfound love of the art. "Letterpress combines two of the greatest art forms – the written word and visual art," she says. "I love creating things digitally, but there is something to be said when you are able to go back to an old form of art and maintain its spirit." **W**





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1. Get hit in the head by a frisbee

2. Catch a virgin pinecone

3. Break a dish in SAGA

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BY GARRETT RIDDLE

The Whitworth athletics program will expand to 21 teams when women's lacrosse (WLAX) debuts in spring 2019. Here, Coach Noelle Broulliard shares how she's working to build a successful program from scratch.

GOALS

"Whenever a new program begins there is always the assumption that it will take a long time to get good players, but I believe that Whitworth is the type of university that attracts athletic students, so I want to use this to our advantage when developing our first recruiting class. I am looking to create a roster of 20 athletes for the first year of competition, which includes a mix of both incoming freshmen along with current students on campus who are interested in playing.

"I am trying to recruit heavily from the areas where Whitworth students generally come from (Seattle and Portland, Northern and Southern California) and that also have a strong foundation for lacrosse within the high school and club levels. We also have the opportunity to reach student-athletes from nontraditional areas who are looking for a Division III program in a competitive athletic environment."

PRIORITIES

"My chief priorities include getting recruits onto campus, holding clinics to identify talent as well as grow the sport within the Spokane community, marketing the new program and allowing female

athletes to know that playing lacrosse at Whitworth is now an option. My priorities also include connecting with resources and staff and faculty on campus to help me better understand what it means to be a part of the Whitworth community, and getting connected with current students on campus who are interested in playing lacrosse and giving them opportunities to play throughout the year."

MEASUREMENT

"Success for the program leading up to our first official spring-season team practice in January 2019 (with snow potentially on the ground) will be defined by the quality of the student-athletes we bring into the program. A team is only as good as its members, whose unique combination of skills and talents will determine our success as a unit. I am really excited to have the opportunity to bring a fresh group of athletes onto Whitworth's campus and have them grow as individuals, not only as the historic first team members, but also as the first lacrosse team members to contribute to the university community." **W**



GAME ON!

BY KYLA PARKINS, '17

A group of students huddles in front of a screen, the students' mission cooperative amid a hum of conversation and the click of buttons. Task complete, their arms fly into the air triumphantly as they high-five or pat one another on the back.

These students are embracing gaming – a unique form of community that is gaining momentum on college campuses. Whitworth has an official Gaming Club, and students gather frequently to play games in residence halls. Gaming can provide healthy competition and inspire camaraderie among players.

"Even when the game pits players against each other, a bit of competition can build some pretty strong bonds," says Jacqueline Lee, '18, secretary of the Gaming Club. The club has about nine regular members, but hosts events where all students are welcome to join in for board games and video games alike.

"Gaming Club has become a home base for me, a place where my community lives," says longtime member Kim Cook, '18. "I feel safe and cared for at Gaming Club even on hard days."

Electronic gaming, referred to as "esports," is making its way into college classrooms.

"Using gaming activities to illustrate concepts happens in a lot of disciplines," says Pete Tucker, '91, professor of mathematics & computer science. "On Community

Building Day this year, students joined me at Holmes Elementary School to guide fourth-graders in Hour of Code tutorial activities, and most of those students went straight to games. They enjoyed the games, and in fact they were writing computer programs."

Chris Blair, '18, president of the Gaming Club, met his housemates through gaming.

"When the three of us lived on the same floor in Oliver, video and table-top gaming was what we did together," he says. "It was something we all enjoyed and bonded over."

The group now lives in a theme house named Entertainment Emporium in homage to the root of their friendship.

"Gaming is a fantastic outlet for building community because it continues to grow in popularity," Blair says.

College campuses are embracing this community interaction, with some schools even creating gaming leagues in which student-teams compete at the collegiate level. Because of the wide variety of games – from strategy to resource management to role-playing – students of all interests and abilities can engage with this medium. The evolution of technology continues to provide more immersive and innovative experiences, making the future of gaming unpredictable and fascinating. **W**



A NEW VIEW

BY GARRETT RIDDLE

Equipping student-journalists to use new technologies has been a central component of Whitworth's communication studies program for decades. From typesetters to 35 mm film cameras to computer workstations, numerous high-tech tools have played a role in students' career preparation.

One of the program's newest technologies is a 360fly 4K camera. With a spherical lens that records everything in its 360-degree field of view, the camera allows students to work with immersive photos and video.

"Someone watching the video would have the sensation of being in the scene," says Kevin Grieves, associate professor of communication studies. "Turning one's head shifts the perspective of the video, permitting the audience to interact with a scene in ways not possible with conventional video or photography."

Courses that utilize the camera include Video and Audio Journalism, Interactive Journalism, and Media Ethics. Grieves says Whitworth provides its journalism students an

education that goes far beyond learning which buttons to push.

"We feel strongly that students need to understand how to use these tools responsibly," he says. "Immersive storytelling raises ethical questions that our students need to be able to address. We also want to help students learn how to assess the viability and usefulness of new technologies, to develop a sense of which ones might have lasting impact."

Grieves, whose journalism career spanned 12 years and included writing and producing for CNN and CNN International, says his experiences in the field helped him shape a perspective on technology that he now shares with students in the classroom.

"We need to think about why we should use a new media technology and how it might enhance the storytelling," Grieves says. "Compelling storytelling is what makes for a strong user experience. If that's missing, no amount of technology can save it." **W**



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BY TRISHA CODER

When you want information fast, you can press an app on your phone or find it with a few clicks on a website. And you have people like Madeline Cook, '18, to thank for such ease of use.

As a human-computer interaction major through Whitworth's interdisciplinary studies program, Cook is combining computer science with her newest passion: art.

HCI allows Cook to work as a computer programmer, writing programs, but the major also incorporates design work. "While I enjoy coding and the logical portions of my major," she says, "I've found a passion for design that helps

keep people's frustration to a minimum. I get to design what a person sees and how they're going to interact with that."

Cook says that with her degree, she'll get the best of both worlds after graduation. "I can get a job as a web developer. I can also get a job as a graphic designer. It's easier for me to talk to programmers, business people and designers all at the same time."

Cook is already putting her skills to work – she interned last summer at Spokane's 14Four, an interactive-campaign agency. **w**



To view Cook's design work for 14Four, visit whitworth.edu/whitworthtoday.



In God's Image

As a student in Whitworth's M.A. in theology program, April Ross, '17, has sought answers to complex questions about gender, disability and the image of God. Ross is the first chaplaincy intern at Eastern State Hospital, a psychiatric hospital in Medical Lake, Wash. After graduating from Whitworth this winter, she hopes to serve as a chaplain in a hospital or correctional facility. Here, she discusses her thesis, "Proclaiming Good News to the Poor: Gender and Disability in the Light of the Image of God."

“ If Jesus claimed
to bring good
news to those on
the margins of
society, then how
[does that] affect
our theology and
practices? ”

JULIE RIDDLE: What inspired you to explore this subject?

APRIL ROSS: In recent years I have wrestled with what it means to be a woman seeking ordination. Not all of my family and friends were supportive of this decision. Additionally, I watched and walked with friends who struggled through mental illness diagnoses, and I saw how others and their churches responded to them. I was not satisfied with many of the answers to what it means to be a woman created in the image of God (versus being a man created in the image of God) and what it means to have a stigmatized disability and be created in the image of God. If Jesus claimed to bring good news to the poor – to those on the margins of society – and Jesus is the image of the invisible God, then how do those facts affect our theology and practices?

JULIE RIDDLE: How is your research relevant to the church today?

APRIL ROSS: We don't know how to handle our differences. We split churches, form groups and separate from others because of differences. We categorize and rank differences within the church just like we do in our culture. Good theological understanding of the image of God doesn't allow this. What would the church look like if we truly saw and lived out diversity as a part of God's good creation?

JULIE RIDDLE: What wisdom have you gained through your research?

APRIL ROSS: I gained a deep understanding of what it means to be a woman created in the image of God and what it means to live out my identity in daily life. When I get 6 inches from a patient's face and tell them that God loves them, that their life is valuable, and that they have a purpose in this world, I really mean it. My work as a chaplaincy intern pushes against the world's wisdom, assumptions and values. This is only possible because I've walked this long, hard path of knowledge transformed into wisdom. **W**

CLASS NOTES

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2010s

2011

The Rev. **Michele L. Ward** was recently hired as the social engagement minister and coordinator at Broad Street Ministry Church in Philadelphia.

2012

Andrea Idso earned a master of arts in teaching from Western Governors University.

Emily McBroom graduated in June with a master of divinity from The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology.

Darby (Moberg) Shipman married Kevin Shipman on Jan. 1.

2013

Coleen Hogan earned a master of arts in international development from the University of Denver and works as a program analyst with the United States African Development Foundation in Washington, D.C.

2016

Hannah (Hunter) Skaggs married Jeff Skaggs.

DEBUTS

2013

a girl, Annabelle Elizabeth Rose, to **Zachary and Meghann (Dailey, '14) Autry**, Dec. 17, 2016

a boy, Thomas, to **Maria (Chumov) Ladd** and Spencer Ladd, Sept. 21

a boy, Mateo, to **Rachel (Witthuhn) Pacheco** and Luis Pacheco, May 17

2000s

2000

Phillip Hagen is pastor of First

Presbyterian Church of Idaho Falls.

2001

Paul Spangler is pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Monticello, Ill.

Peter Olsen was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army.

2003

Mark Finney earned a Ph.D. from Fuller Theological Seminary and is the executive director of World Relief Spokane.

Becky (Trefts) Finney is a licensed marriage and family therapist and has opened a practice in Spokane.

The Rev. **Matthew Kaemingk** is assistant professor of Christian ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary and author of a new book, *Christian Hospitality and Muslim Immigration in an Age of Fear*.

2004

Claire (Thames) Allen and her family have moved from Edmond, Okla., to Bellingham, Wash.

Tabby (Tolentino) Grass recently began a position as a registered nurse; she works as a clinical education specialist focusing on American Heart Association classes.

2005

Raine Arndt-Couch married Anthony Couch on Oct. 9, 2016, in Honolulu.

2006

Laurel (Tanza) Maxwell married Ross Maxwell in Santa Cruz, Calif., on Oct. 9, 2016.

2007

Michael Yoder earned a Ph.D. in industrial-organizational psychology from Seattle Pacific University. He is

currently on the faculty in the Howard Dayton School of Business at Asbury University in Wilmore, Ky.

2008

Rebecca (Burroughs) Hauser married Christopher Hauser in January. She earned a master of arts in organizational leadership in December 2015.

Laura (Richardson) Cullen married James Cullen in March. After a honeymoon in Mexico, the couple moved from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

2010

Kimmy (Stokesbary) Briggs married Will Briggs on May 20.

Gordy Graves works as a vocational rehabilitation specialist for the Veterans Medical Center and as a community employment coordinator for Healthcare for Homeless Veterans in Spokane.

DEBUTS

2000

a boy, Lucas, to **Ilse (Braun) Gagnaire** and JC Gagnaire, April 12

2002

a girl, Rosemary Eve, to **Pamela (Johnson) and Todd Goselin, '03**, July 13

a girl, Adelyn Elizabeth, to **Lyndsey (Downs) Stewart** and John Stewart, Aug. 27, 2016

2003

a boy, Malachi, to **Elly (Marx) Anderson** and Derek Anderson, May 5

a boy, Henry, to **Miriam (Bohlken) Anderson** and Chris Anderson, Aug. 17

a boy, Mikah, to **Becky (Trefts)** and **Mark Finney**, Aug. 27, 2016

a boy, Zane Joseph, to **Courtney (Hayden) Mercz** and Art Mercz, June 10

a boy, Shane Gabriel, to **Erin (Tutty)** and **Karl Pettitt**, Aug. 2

2004

a boy, Ives Bentley, to **Claire (Thames) Allen** and Scott Allen, 2016

twin boys, Clarke Dominic and Clive Thomas More, to **Logan Gage** and Elizabeth Gage, March 20

a boy, James Clark Lloyd, to **Alyssa (Neel) Agee** and Bryan Agee, Jan. 4

a boy, Travis Hokukauahiahimaikalani, to **Joey** and **Shanda (Lasconia) Sanchez**, April 6

2006

a boy, Benjamin Graham, to **Dave Smith** and Amanda Smith, April 6

a girl, Sydney Mae, to **Mark** and **Stacey (Cleaver, '08) Stevens**, May 26

2007

a boy, Elijah William, to **Peter Burke** and Heather Burke, Nov. 16, 2016

a boy, Daniel Keith, to **Michael Carlson** and Signe Carlson, Sept. 5, 2016

a girl, Isabela Maria, to **Rob Clark** and Jessica Clark, June 4

a girl, Maggie Elizabeth, to **Erin (Whitney) Siebert** and Fred Siebert, April 14

2008

a boy, Caleb, to **Matt** and **Merideth (Cutright, '10) Jeffries**, Feb. 1

a boy, Micah, to **Rachael (Dolan) Hardy** and Andy Hardy, Dec. 2, 2016

a boy, Evan, to **Brent** and **Erin (Nakasone) Murakami**, March 16, 2015

a girl, Piper, to **Elise (Hinrichs)** and **Brian Stenberg, '09**, Feb. 28

2009

a boy, Leo Pax, to **Amy (Edsall)** and **Sky Thoreson**, March 14

a boy, Simeon Emmanuel, to **Tyler** and **Lydia (Garth) Thralls**, June 4

1990s

1990

Katherine (Kopp) Jones released her debut novel, *Her Memory of Music*, with Redemption Press.

ALUMNI PROFILE

ELLIE PROBUS & TODD ORWIG



Ellie Probus, '16, and **Todd Orwig, '95**, graduated two decades apart, but they are both putting their liberal arts educations to work at The Spur Group, a consulting company in Redmond, Wash.

"I feel a responsibility to help new Whitworth alumni gain the practical skills they need to find the right job for them and succeed in the workplace," says Orwig, who is senior director of operations. He has helped many younger grads discover job and career opportunities they were not aware of as students.

Just before Probus' graduation, Orwig conducted job interviews on campus. Probus stood out because of her strong liberal arts background, including the communication and problem-solving skills she gained as a member of Whitworth's award-winning forensics team. A week after graduating, Probus began working at The Spur Group as an entry-level consultant.

At first, Probus was skeptical that her psychology degree would serve her work. "I was surprised to realize that most of Spur's consultants have neither a business nor a technology background," she says. "They're just good problem-solvers and communicators."

When Whitworth alums find themselves working in close proximity, Whitworth's imprint can quickly become evident. While both Orwig and Probus can point to the importance of Whitworth's excellent teaching and vibrant community, Orwig says, "the greatest value that Whitworth offers its students is a strong focus on writing, regardless of major, and the broad liberal arts foundation." ■

1991

Tracey (Bowman) Warren has opened a shared office and event space in Lynnwood, Wash.

1993

Crystal King's novel, *Feast of Sorrow*, about the ancient Roman gourmand Apicius, was published in April by Touchstone Books/Simon & Schuster.

1996

Justin Uhler and **Jessica (Wentworth) Uhler, '98**, vacationed with their four children for a month in Italy and France. The trip incorporated elements of what they had learned in Core 150.

1998

Anna Atkinson married Greg George in December 2015.

Joanna (Grant) Rodriguez married Victor Rodriguez on June 10, 2016.

1999

Christy Lang Hearlson earned a Ph.D. in practical theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2016. She is an assistant professor of religious and theological education at Villanova University.

DEBUTS

1998

a boy, Olin Michael, to **Anna Atkinson** and Gregory George, Oct. 14, 2016

a boy, Xavier Grant, to **Joanna (Grant) Rodriguez** and Victor Rodriguez, Aug. 18

1999

a boy, Eamon Robert, to **Christy Lang Hearlson** and Adam Hearlson, March 7

1980s

1981

Carrie Daniel moved from Denver to Port Orchard, Wash., where she is a teacher at South Kitsap High School.

1982

Constance (Webster) Anderson taught first grade for 28 years and is now a reading specialist in Springfield, Ore.

1983

Michael Hale retired after 30 years as a principal management analyst for the City of Los Angeles.

1985

Jon Dyer attended the annual Mac Pac alumni reunion at Lake Chelan, Wash., and the 2016 gathering in Indio, Calif. He invites other alumni to join next year's gathering.

1988

Sally Reed retired in 2015 after 25 years as the athletic director at the Bellevue Club in Bellevue, Wash.

1970s

1970

Robert Ensign is the visiting director of institutional effectiveness/accreditation for American University in the Emirates (Dubai).

1971

Cinda (Warner) Gorman retired in 2016 after three years of service with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission Co-Workers in Egypt.

1973

Ben Bernatz earned a master's degree in commerce-legal studies in 1978 from Gonzaga University.

Deborah Clinton-Bailey retired after teaching for nearly 29 years.

Phil Cory, over the last 25 years, has researched and developed a technology called impedance neurography. His book *The Nerve: The Story of Impedance Neurography* was published by Elsevier. For more information, visit elsevier.com.

Jim Facciano retired, lives in Lawrence, Kan., and has nine grandchildren.

Rolfe Granath retired in August. After catching up with his grandsons, he plans to begin his next career.

Terra Hardin remembers her Whitworth years as the best of her life, allowing her to learn, travel, meet wonderful people and grow.

Philip Spangler retired in 2015 after 35 years with Herff Jones Yearbooks. He lives in Seabreeze, N.C., with his wife, Carolyn Jackson, whom he married in 2013.

1975

Peggie (Copple) Venemon was recently recognized for her 30 years of employment with Pierce County Library in Buckley, Wash.

1978

Beth (Strong) Taylor married Raymond Taylor on June 24 in Pueblo, Colo.

Randy Mohr has been an archaeological illustrator and staff artist for the Huqoq excavation project in Israel. For more information, visit huqoq.org.

Carolyn (Witbeck) Slomka is in her 22nd year of teaching and her husband, the Rev. **Mark Slomka, '79**, was recently confirmed as pastor at Faith Community Church in San Diego.

1960s

1960

Janice (Lamott) Adams retired from pastoral ministry at age 79.

1962

David Phillip recently published *The MS Warriors, A Love Story: Reversing Disability from Multiple Sclerosis through Strength Training*; the book is the basis for his documentary, which can be found at themswarrior.com.

1963

Judy (Leonard) Gage-Nesmith married Ronald Nesmith on Oct. 12, 2013.

Walter "Spike" and Erlene (Eastgard) Grosvenor, both '63, have relocated to a retirement community in Bothell, Wash.

Jack Shriver's son, **Jefferson Shriver, '92**, has been ministering in Nicaragua for almost 20 years with Catholic Relief Services.

1966

Dave Howard is president of the board for the Oregon Memorial Association and Funeral Consumers Education Foundation.

1967

Marv Sather serves on the City of Libby Planning Board and the Libby Police Commission, in Montana. He authored a novel, *Towers of Somers: Flawed Majesty*, available from Amazon.

1968

Mae (Brown) Kelley is thankful for the caring Whitworth community that supported her and her husband while they lived in Iran, Morocco, Venezuela and Senegal.

1969

Gary Stewart retired after 43 years of service with a company in the pulp and paper industry.

Sue (Lane) Talley is assistant dean of the School of Music at Nyack College in New York City. She and her husband look forward to welcoming Whitworth friends when they visit NYC.

1950s

1953

Andrew and Darlene (Delk) Jarvis retired and moved to Monte Vista Group Home in Pasadena, Calif.

William McCullough is involved in protecting land in his town from environmental destruction.

1955

Elwood Widmer and his wife, Dinah, recently welcomed their 24th great-grandchild.

1956

Frank Ainley received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the city of Woodlake, Calif., in honor of his 30 years of coaching and teaching at Woodlake Union High School.

Joy (Limburg) Olsen married **Richard Olsen**, '60, on March 11.

1958

Dorothy (Clark) Brooks retired from her pastoral position at a United Church of Christ church in Santa Rosa, Calif., and moved to Ashland, Ore., to be close to her family.

LaVonne (Hamro) Harless and her husband, Melvin, remain active at Liberty Bay Presbyterian Church in Poulsbo, Wash. Her granddaughter, **Morgan Van Slyke**, '17, has continued the family tradition by becoming a second-grade teacher.

Ruth (Moody) Heathman and **William Heathman**, '59, have moved to Heron's Key Retirement Home in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Joanne (Bucher) Smith and her husband will celebrate their 60th anniversary this year.

Marnene (Johnson) Arkills and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August on the Oregon Coast with their family.

ALUMNI PROFILE

LYDIA (ANDERSON) COWLES



As an athletic training major at Whitworth, **Lydia (Anderson) Cowles**, '05, remembers then-Assistant Professor of Kinesiology Todd Sandberg encouraging her to "always be amazed by something." Since graduating, Cowles has worked as a retail associate and an active-duty naval officer, and she earned certifications in professional baking and integrated business and entrepreneurship. Now, she is the owner of Twenty-Seventh Heaven, a bakery she opened in 2017 on Spokane's South Hill.

Cowles begins each day's baking by 3:45 a.m. Her baked goods – made from scratch with as many fresh, local ingredients as possible – are gaining notoriety. Her Super Crumble Coffee Cake is already achieving legendary status.

"I hope that my shop brings back the feel of old-school bake shops where you know everything is fresh and made from the heart," she says. "I've had more than one customer say how much they really love what I'm doing and to keep up the good work. It brings me joy and fuels that spark even more."

Cowles also loves Spokane and its growing food community. "Spokane has changed a lot since I graduated," she says. "There are many new restaurants, lots of new small businesses, and lots of Whitworth alums that you haven't seen in a decade who just happen to walk into your life when you least expect it."

When you're on the South Hill, visit Cowles at Twenty-Seventh Heaven. Order a Super Crumble. And prepare to be amazed. "I think the crumble is the best part of coffee cake," she says, "and I put a lot on each of my cakes." **W**

IN MEMORIAM

2010s

Craig Dobbs, '17, died from brain cancer on Sept. 23, 2016. In his honor, the Class of 2017 funded Craig's Hammock Hangout, located between Arend Hall and Cowles Memorial Library.

2000s

Stephanie (Ressa) Flaherty, '00, died Dec. 7, 2016.

Jennifer Bennett, '01, died Oct. 1.

1990s

John Brownson, '90, M.Ed., died May 25, 2016.

Jeanette Branson, '91, died July 10.

Richard Streeter, '94, M.Ed., died Feb. 24. He served in the Air National Guard for 29 years and taught fifth and sixth grades in Spokane. He also volunteered as a paramedic with the Cheney Fire Department.

Deborah (Burkhart) Peterson, '95, died June 27. She taught at Spokane's North Central High School and later worked as a pharmaceutical representative. She is survived by her brothers Randy Burkhart, '84, and Richard Burkhart, '93, among others.

Dianne Canning, '96, died June 25.

Catherine (Cummins) Paul, '98, died June 27.

1980s

Marcela Sagon, '81, died March 15.

Lori (Price) Donner, '83, died May 20.

Brian Avery, '84, '99, died April 17.

Marlene Kay Hollenback, '85, died April 15. She worked as a nurse, as the director of community programs for Spokane's Empire Health Services, and as the owner and dealer principal of her family's automobile dealership.

Lisa Shellman, '86, died April 18. She served in the neonatal intensive care unit at Sacred Heart Medical Center for 30 years. She is survived by her daughter, Kierstie Shellman, '16, among others.

Gail Kegley, '87, died May 12.

Craig Bennett, '88, died May 26.

Gary Knowlton, '89, died July 16, 2016.

1970s

Nancy (Gift) Fairburn, '70, died Sept. 10.

Benjamin Herres, '70, died May 24. He worked as a millwright and carpenter, and

for Upriver Dam on the Spokane River and Goodwill Industries' production facility.

William Moore, '70, died May 26, 2016.

James O'Connor, '70, died April 13. He was a high school teacher, coach and administrator for 33 years.

Deral Adams, '71, M.Ed., died in October. He taught in the Davenport and Central Valley school districts, and was an administrative director at Spokane Falls Community College.

Robert Hempel, '71, died March 2.

Raymond (Kent) Green, '71, died Aug. 3.

Peter Vanderwegen, '71, died Jan. 8, 2016.

Ralph Homme, '72, died Jan. 25.

Sheryl (Johnson) Hurbi, '72, died June 15. She raised two daughters and was an instructor for United Cerebral Palsy. She is survived by her husband, Robert Hurbi, '72, among others.

Craig Bishop, '73, died July 20. He worked for an accounting firm in Hawaii for two years before moving to Spokane. He enjoyed coaching his three children's sports teams.

Gene Fiksdal, '73, died June 16.

Robert Granly, '73, died Sept. 1.

William Conner, '74, died Oct. 28, 2016.

Steven Sams, '74, died March 16.

Daniel Barton, '75, died May 5. He and his wife owned a car dealership in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, before opening an Ace Hardware store in north Spokane.

Richard Sutherland, '75, died Aug. 19. He served in the U.S. Army for two years and later taught at and was principal of several schools in the Spokane area for 26 years.

Joyce Feuersinger, '77, M.Ed., died Feb. 25.

Celeste (Bradauskas-Kovalon) Stoddard, '77, died March 1.

Richard Waite, '77, died June 1.

Deborah (Baker) Csergei, '78, died July 26. She was a youth pastor and associate pastor for many years.

Meredith Jung, '78, died April 21. She competed in the Women's Professional Basketball League, and worked for Pepperdine University and the Sacramento Police Department.

Mary Jane (Prunty) O'Neill, '79, died Aug. 3, 2016.

Lura (Booth) Pierce, '79, died July 30.

Sheila (Francis) Whisler, '79, died June 21. She worked as a teacher, vice principal and principal for 20 years.

1960s

Robert Roberts, '60, died June 24.

Donald Werner, '60, died March 3. He taught in Oregon's Concord and Gladstone school districts, and is survived

by his wife, Judith (Grewelle), '60, among others.

Nancy (Manowski) MacCorkle, '61, died June 14, 2016.

Vernon Visick, '61, died June 18.

Leslie "Coach" Rurey, '62, died June 16. He taught and coached football and track & field at Spokane Falls and Spokane community colleges, and was instrumental in starting the Crimson Club in support of Whitworth Athletics.

Dale Sciuchetti, '62, died Dec. 7, 2016.

Carolyn Foulon, '63, died March 9. She taught environmental education and biology, and she helped author environmental-impact studies to protect endangered species.

Timothy McNally, '63, died July 31. He worked as an investment banker and was a champion for the homeless and people recovering from addiction.

Karen Defraga, '64, died April 20. She earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and maintained a clinical private practice in La Cañada and Altadena, Calif., for more than 40 years.

Winifred (Becker) Brandt, '65, died June 25.

Kenneth Cochran, '65, died May 22. He was a middle school counselor in Spokane for many years and later worked in private practice as a mental-health therapist.

David Peterson, '65, died June 22. He served in World War II and the Korean War. He later taught and farmed in Montana.

Sandra Johnson, '65, died May 19. She taught in Springdale, Wash., and later worked for the Spokane Police Department and the City of Spokane.

John Hawe, '66, died May 22.

Jerry Piland, '66, died June 7. He was a teacher, coach, principal and district administrator in Spokane, and a financial advisor for Palena Associates.

Bert Stewart, '66, died May 23, 2016.

Kenneth Blackwell, '67, died Aug. 26.

Sandra (Miller) Burt, '67, died Feb. 23. She taught in Cheney, Spokane and Walla Walla for almost 30 years.

Alice (Eastman) Chapman, '67, M.Ed., died June 29, 2016.

Vickie (Phillips) Woodworth, '67, died May 11. She taught in Longview, Wash., for nearly 40 years, and volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Joe Cyr, '68, died Aug. 13, 2016.

The Rev. **John Deckenback, '68**, died July 19, 2016. He served as conference minister for the Central Atlantic Conference, United Church of Christ, in Catonsville, Md. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, '68, and their son Aaron, '06, among others.

Isla (Bysegger) Leigh, '68, died June 28. She served in Spokane's Mead School District and also was a school psychologist in the East Valley School District.

Charlotte (Unruh) Murphy, '69, died April 28.

1950s

Amber (Oaks) Lockett, '50, died Aug. 23. She worked as a teacher, counselor and child therapist.

Donald Taylor, '50, died Aug. 4. He graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary and worked for Young Life for 40 years. He is survived by his daughters Kerry (Taylor) Cooper, '79, and Julie Taylor, '83, among others.

Victor Weber, '50, died Feb. 25.

Delbert "Al" Wylder, '50, died May 1. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Hawaii when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He later worked as a trainer for several Major League Baseball teams.

Beverly (Kyburz) Bloomsburg, '51, died March 19.

Alice (Hartwell) Jann, '51, died Dec. 5, 2016. She worked at the district attorney's office in Santa Rosa, Calif., for more than 20 years. She is survived by her daughter, Lucinda Jann, '81, among others.

Richard Sieler, '56, died July 15.

Paul Leavens, '52, died July 22, 2016.

Jack Wyant, '52, died Jan. 20.

Richard Clinesmith, '53, died Aug. 8, 2016.

Mary (Corpron) Wall, '54, died Aug.

9. She worked in nursing for 20 years and later, with her husband, headed the missions committee at Spokane's Fourth Memorial Church.

Rita (Aeschliman) Webster, '54, died April 13, 2016.

The Rev. **Robert Grove, '55**, died June 24. He served in churches in Washington, California and Portland, Ore., for 64 years.

Wilfred "Will" Williams, '55, died March 23. He was a surgeon in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his children Jennifer (Williams) Upchurch, '83, Timothy Williams, '85, Rebecca (Williams) Congdon, '88, and Cameron Williams, '95, among others.

Darlene McEntire, '56, died Aug. 4, 2016.

Donna Roberts, '56, died Sept. 29.

Richard Sieler, '56, died July 15.

Ralph "Alan" Bare, '58, died May 13, 2016, from cancer. He worked for the State of California Workers Compensation Fund for 26 years. He is survived by his son Jeff, '88, among others.

Robert Lewis, '58, died Aug. 28. He was an intelligence analyst for the U.S. Army, and later worked for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The Rev. **Harlan Gilliland, '59**, died June 27, 2016. His service in ministry spanned 47 years and seven churches in Washington state. He was preceded in death by his daughter Cindy (Gilliland) Chilingierian, '80. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, '58, among others.

Miriam "Kay" (O'Donahue) King, '59, died March 19, 2016. She served at Corona Presbyterian Church in Denver and at

Living Way Fellowship in Highland Ranch, Colo.

Shirley (Dahlgren) Glandon, '59, died June 11, 2016.

1940s

Harriet (Thorndike) Eaton, '42, a lifelong Whitworth supporter, died July 27, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband, artist Sydney Eaton, '41.

Wesley Andrew Scott, '42, died March 24.

Lois (Morton) Boje, '45, died May 17. She worked as a cook and a grocery-store clerk; she also owned two businesses, farmed, and raised her children.

Helen (Morrow) Keiser, '45, died Feb. 19. She and her husband served for 13 years as missionaries in Colombia, South America. Helen later taught high school Spanish in the U.S.

Margaret (Brock) Pentecost, '45, died Feb. 1.

James Taylor, '45, died May 1. He served in the Marine Corps and was with K Company at Iwo Jima. Jim worked as an accountant for Northwest Wholesale for 34 years.

Isabelle (McNeely) Tesdall, '45, died May 19, 2016.

Geraldine (Falk) Hopkins, '46, died March 30. Gerry and her husband helped charter a church in their hometown and worked in pastoral ministry for 45 years.

Shirley Davies, '48, died July 22, 2016.

Betty (Richmond) Graves, '48, died Sept. 29, 2016.

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Nominate a deserving alum for one of four annual alumni awards. To nominate a classmate for 2018, visit whitworth.edu/alumniawards by Jan. 31.

A WHOPPER OF A WEEKEND

Make plans to celebrate One Big Whitworth Weekend: Homecoming & Family Weekend 2018. All alumni and their families as well as all families of current students are invited to enjoy this special time on campus Oct. 12-14.

Interested in helping plan your class's celebration? If you're an alum of the Class of 1958 or earlier, or the Class of '68, '78, '88, '98, 2008 or 2013, contact alumni@whitworth.edu.

CONGRATS TO THE CLASS OF '18!

Whitworth's 128th commencement ceremonies will take place the weekend of May 20. Visit whitworth.edu/commencement to learn more.

IN MEMORIAM

ROSS CUTTER

Ross Cutter, longtime Whitworth professor and men's tennis coach, died Oct. 11 at age 96. Ross came to Whitworth in 1958; he coached and taught physical education and recreation for more than 30 years. The beloved professor emeritus continued his involvement at Whitworth long after retiring in 1991.

"The mention of Ross Cutter's name brings an immediate smile to anyone who hears it," says Whitworth President Beck A. Taylor. "He was a dear, dear man who blessed this community for six decades."

Ross cared deeply about his students and players, and he formed lifelong friendships with many of them. His teams won six Evergreen Conference championships and five NAIA District I championships. He was inducted into the NAIA Coaches Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Whitworth Heritage Gallery Hall of Fame in 1993. In 1997, Whitworth named its new tennis courts in his honor.

He was famous for learning a student's hometown, then commenting on the town's dining establishments; using the words "copacetic" and "feebisimo"; and inviting faculty colleagues to preside over the "Ceremonial Opening of the First Can of Balls" for home tennis matches.

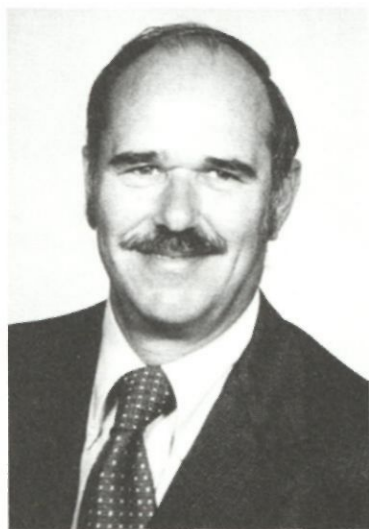
Ross was born in Chico, Calif., and he served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He earned



undergraduate and doctoral degrees at the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree from College of the Pacific in Stockton.

Ross and his wife, Shirley, were married for 68 years. Shirley and daughter Carolyn, '72, preceded him in death. Ross is survived by sons Carl, '76, and Bruce, '85, and Bruce's wife, Lisa (Mitchell, '85), as well as four grandchildren, including Steven, '11, and Morgan, '15.

 To read tributes to Ross from his memorial service, visit whitworth.edu/whitworthtoday.



BILL AILES

The Rev. William B. Ailes, a former Whitworth trustee, died in Spokane on July 31 at age 84. Bill was born in Pittsburgh and served his career in ministry with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He was an active volunteer in the community, serving on the Whitworth Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1997. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughter Karen Keene and son-in-law Tom; son William B. Ailes Jr.; daughter Mary Beth Ailes and son-in-law Pradeep Barua; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

BETTY VERBRUGGE



Betty Verbrugge died April 10 at age 90. Betty, with her late husband, Durand, made a planned gift to Whitworth of 605 acres, allowing generations of students to study the ecology and wildlife of the picturesque Scotia Valley. Betty loved nature and desired to protect and restore the forested habitat she and Durand owned near the headwaters of the Little Spokane River. Committed to environmental education and research, the couple designated the land for Whitworth in their estate plans, and in 2007 Betty and her son, Gary, established an endowment with Whitworth for that purpose. The property, about 35 miles northeast of Spokane, is used as a teaching, learning and conservation center.

"Betty exemplified a life of giving," says Dave LejaMeyer, Whitworth's director of development. "The Verbrugge Environmental Center represents a legacy to grow and nurture our future that will benefit so many students."

Betty was born in Dakota City, Iowa, and moved with her husband and son in 1961 to Newport, Wash. She worked in the Pend Oreille County Treasurer's Office from 1964 to 1998, serving as county treasurer from 1973 to 1998. She earned a bachelor of arts degree at Fort Wright College in Spokane in 1978.

Betty is survived by her son, Gary.

SHARON ROBERTS

Sharon (Wilson) Roberts, '67, a generous donor to Whitworth and the wife of trustee Ken Roberts, '68, died May 7 from cancer. She was 72 years old.

Sharon was born in Spokane and met her husband while attending Whitworth, where she graduated with a bachelor of science degree. She loved children, and she taught preschoolers and elementary students at various schools.

The couple gave financial gifts to many areas of the university, and in recent years they made a significant investment in Sharon's passion: education.

"Sharon believed that there was no better place for teacher training than Whitworth," says Stacey Kamm Smith, '86, associate vice president for institutional advancement. "Her investment in Whitworth's School of Education will benefit future teachers for generations to come."

Sharon enjoyed travel, participating with Ken in Whitworth study tours to Turkey, Germany and Greece.

In addition to her husband, Sharon is survived by daughter Lisa Christiansen and son-in-law Kevin; son Michael Roberts; and two grandchildren.



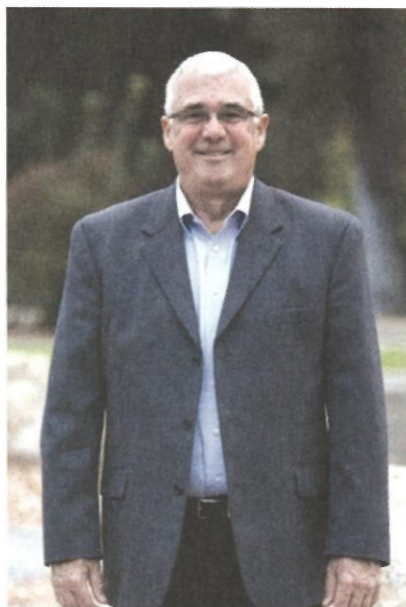
WHITWORTH STAFF

Barbara Brodrick, an academic department assistant who worked in the history, political science, sociology, chemistry, biology and health sciences departments from 1994 to 2016, died in Deer Park, Wash., on April 19. She was 66.

Mike Gagne, the data warehouse database administrator for the information systems department from 2003 to 2015, died Sept. 28. The Springdale, Wash., resident was 70.

Judy Gaza, who worked primarily as executive secretary to the vice president for business affairs during her employment from 1974 to 2004, died in Spokane on Oct. 16 at age 78.

2017 ALUMNI AWARD HONOREES



Bill Curry, '73



Jasmine R. Linabary, '09



The Rev. Ron Rice, '58

ALUMNI SERVICE TO WHITWORTH AWARD

Bill Curry, '73, whose career achievements are impressive, but so are his contributions to the Whitworth community. Curry, '73, served two terms as a Whitworth trustee, and he currently serves on The Whitworth Foundation Board and the School of Business Advisory Board. He also mentors business students through the PirateLink program, sharing insights on the finance industry and helping students with networking and job searches. Whitworth has benefited in countless ways from Curry's advocacy, wisdom and generosity.

EMERGING LEADER AWARD

Jasmine R. Linabary, '09, Ph.D., chose a career in journalism out of her faith and her commitment to social justice. She felt this vocation allowed her to shine light into darkness, to create spaces for the voices of the "voiceless," and to seek to transform unjust social structures. Linabary recently accepted a position as the associate director of research and operations with the Purdue Peace Project, a political-violence prevention initiative based out of Purdue University, in Indiana.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

NOT PICTURED

Lensa Gudina, '84, is the daughter of Gudina Tumsa, a Lutheran minister who was often called Ethiopia's Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Lensa has worked tirelessly to continue the legacy of her martyred father. She and her sister head the Gudina Tumsa Foundation, a Christian organization they founded in 1992 that combines faith and action to serve and empower some of Ethiopia's most marginalized communities.

ALUMNI MIND AND HEART AWARD

The Rev. **Ron Rice**, '58, D.Min., embodies Whitworth's mission through his life of creative and faithful service. He served as Whitworth's first full-time chaplain and as senior pastor at First Presbyterian of Centralia. He currently is parish associate at West Side Presbyterian Church, in Seattle. Rice and a partner in Nigeria founded and operate the nonprofit Wheelchairs for Nigeria, a ministry with 65 employees who have thus far built and donated wheelchairs to more than 16,000 children and adults crippled by polio.





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We've all been wronged. Often, our immediate and natural response to wrongdoing, particularly when it is severe, is to become angry or resentful. However, many of us think that eventually we should forgive our wrongdoers. At its core, forgiveness involves overcoming negative emotions toward the wrongdoer and replacing them with some sense of goodwill. But how do we forgive? I certainly am not claiming to be particularly good at forgiving. As a philosopher, however, I can identify misconceptions some people have about forgiveness that might impede their ability to forgive.

ANGER IS NOT ALWAYS BAD. Our emotions communicate what we value and care about. Our anger or resentment in response to wrongdoing is our way to protest what just happened. It can express (even if only to oneself) "I'm valuable, and he/she shouldn't have treated me that way." When proportionate to the harm, anger is a good thing and should not be dismissed or repressed.

FORGIVENESS IS NOT FORGOING JUSTICE. People can be reluctant to forgive because they think it entails forgoing seeking reparations or punishment for the wrongdoing. It doesn't. Parents often forgive their children but still discipline them. Forgiveness and justice are not mutually exclusive.

FORGIVING IS NOT CONDONING OR EXCUSING. Sometimes we are encouraged to address our anger by trying to understand the wrongdoer's perspective. Be careful! Sometimes we end up excusing the behavior ("I made him do it") or, worse, justifying it ("I deserved it"). Although this may remove our anger, this is not forgiveness.

FORGIVENESS IS NOT ALWAYS IN OUR CONTROL. Forgiving can be difficult. Like all our emotions, we can't just will our anger away. When our wrongdoer remains unrepentant, still poses a threat or exhibits an overall bad character, such a change can seem unjustified and psychologically impossible. Don't feel guilty. Forgiving is often a process, and in cases where the pain is deep and the wrong severe, may only be possible through God's grace. **W**

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