

LOGAN VEASY

"Falling"

Logan Veasy is a senior at Whitworth, studying English with a minor in Environmental Studies with post-grad hopes of pursuing a career in education. He originally hails from Camas, Washington and is passionate about free stuff, environmental issues, and rain. He would like to offer special thanks to his dog Bear, without whom he wouldn't be the man he is today.

Faculty Panelists

Dr. Jessica Clements holds a PhD in Rhetoric and Composition, with specialties in Rhetoric, Technology, Digital Writing, and Public Rhetorics. She also has a long-standing love of storytelling, especially short fiction. When she's not directing the university writing center or herding her two toddlers, she's helping students figure out the ins and outs of twenty-first century multimodal composing practices.

Dr. Ron Pyle holds a BA in Speech Communication, an MA in theology, and an MA and Ph.D. in Speech Communication. He came to Whitworth University in 1988. Ron teaches courses related to interpersonal relationships, theories of communication, analysis of social influence, preaching, and small group ministry. He leads retreats and seminars on topics including healthy relationships, mentoring, marriage and family relationships, effective preaching, and conflict management.

ABOUT TWL

Whitworth's untold stories is a project of EL 347 Creative Nonfiction Workshop. Tonight our readers will share a true story about an important moment in their personal or professional lives. The purpose of TWL is to expand our sense of campus community. Stories are a great way to get to know our neighbors (and, of course, they're a lot of fun.) For more information about EL 347 Creative Nonfiction Workshop or about This Whitworth Life, please contact Nicole Sheets at nsheets@whitworth.edu

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THIS WHITWORTH LIFE

WHITWORTH'S UNTOLD STORIES



November 29, 2017

5:30

FEATURED STORYTELLERS

LAUREN KLEPINGER

"Political Men"

Lauren Klepinger is a senior at Whitworth University earning a degree in English with a philosophy minor. She has no idea what she wants to do after graduation, besides one day own a hedgehog and tour the Italian countryside. She has been writing stories since she first learned to hold a pencil, and hopes to never stop.

JOHN SOWERS

"Turkey for Christmas"

John Sowers is the senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church. He is a 1988 alum of Whitworth, a former Whitworth administrator, the parent of a Whitworth alum, and a current member of the University's Board of Trustees. Prior to First Presbyterian, he pastored at Woodland Presbyterian in Memphis, Tennessee. He is married to Jennifer and has two grown daughters.

JUDY DEHLE

"Stand in Line"

Judy Dehle can be found on the second floor of the library where she serves as the manager of Instructional Technology and Media Services and as the Blackboard administrator. She also teaches courses for various departments. Prior to working at Whitworth, she taught elementary school and junior high school for ten years. Judy lives with her husband, Larry, on a 120-acre family farm where they raised their three adult daughters, Mykah, Karrina and Nikkita. When not working, you will find Judy researching family history, taking photos, crafting, cooking, reading, writing, volunteering, remodeling her 100-year-old farm house and, in the winter, alpine skiing at 49 Degrees North.

QUINCY MCCUNE

"June 11"

Quincy McCune is a 2015 Whitworth grad and a current employee in the Whitworth Admissions Office. She is originally from Tucson, Arizona but has lived in Spokane for the past seven years. Outside of work, Quincy is heavily involved in her local church, North Church, where she serves as one of the volunteer worship leaders. In May of 2017, she married a Whitworth alum and current football coach, Michael McCune. In her spare time, Quincy enjoys playing the ukulele, spending time on Long Lake, and playing cribbage with her husband. She is grateful to be a part of this special evening!

CLAIRE SYMONS

"Monsters"

Claire Symons is a fourth year writing student who loves all things poetry and fiction, though she has recently dipped her toe into the realm of creative nonfiction. She enjoys steaming cups of coffee, spring rain, and long romantic walks to the refrigerator for another slice of leftover pizza.

RACHEL ALDRIDGE

"Learning About Love"

Rachel Aldridge is the Head Women's Tennis Coach and a member of the Psychology Department. She's from Longview, Washington, and before teaching at Whitworth, she taught Jazz Voice at Gonzaga University for four years.



LEROY "MAC" MCALL

"The Adoption"

Leroy "Mac" McCall grew up in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He joined the Air Force after graduation and spent boot camp and tech school in San Antonio, Texas. His first duty station was Fairchild AFB here in Spokane, where he met his wife. They married in 1981 and their first son was born the next year. From there, an assignment to Turkey and a daughter born there. Next, the Philippines and their second son. (They also adopted a son there and lost him a few months later.) Then back to San Antonio where their second daughter was born. A one-year tour in Korea and six years in Massachusetts finished Mac's 24 years in the military. He spent most of that time as a K-9 handler/trainer working both drug dogs and bomb dogs, and then moved on to Security Forces operations. After retiring from the military, Mac moved back to San Antonio and lived there until five years ago. He and his wife relocated to be near grandchildren. They have eleven (eight living in Spokane). Mac has been a licensed minister for about 20 years. He is Whitworth's interim director for campus security.

RAJA TANAS

Untitled

Raja Tanas is professor emeritus of sociology at Whitworth University. He joined the Whitworth faculty in 1983 and retired on June 30, 2017. Raja received B.A. and M.A. degrees in sociology from the American University of Beirut in Lebanon, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Michigan State University. At Whitworth, Raja taught a variety of courses that included Cultural Anthropology, Population Analysis, Sex and Society, Social Stratification, Statistics, Research Methods, and Sociology of Middle Eastern Society.