

## Faculty Panelists

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**Dr. Thom Caraway** has developed a long-term relationship with plaster, dust, and plaster-dust. When not remodeling his kitchen, he teaches classes for the English department, serves as editor for *Rock & Sling*, and writes poems. His newest book, *What the Sky Lacks*, is due out any moment and his favorite snack is the madeleine.

**Professor Naphtali Leyland Fields** is a director and playwright from Kodiak, Alaska. Working as a commercial fisherman in the summers fuels her interest for plays about rural people and their relationships to the environment and each other. This is her second year at Whitworth.

## About TWL

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Whitworth's untold stories is a project of EL 396H Audio Storytelling. 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 are a lot of fun.) For more information about EL 396H Audio Storytelling or about This Whitworth Life, contact Nicole Sheets at [nsheets@whitworth.edu](mailto:nsheets@whitworth.edu)

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## This Whitworth Life

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## Featured Storytellers

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**Noelle Brouillard** is currently the head women's lacrosse coach at Whitworth as they journey towards their inaugural season this spring. She arrived in Spokane in July 2017 from Scranton, Pennsylvania. (Yes, Dunder Mifflin is real). When not out on Whitworth's Pine Bowl you can find her hiking or running with her rescue blue heeler pup, Milton. It was during her two years living overseas in England while getting her master's degree that she decided to pursue college coaching as a career upon her return to the U.S. You can find Coach Noelle and the newly formed Pirates Lacrosse for their first official NCAA game on February 28th, 2019.

**Chandler Wheeler** is a transgender Christian, a writer, and a director. He attends Whitworth University and is a writing major with a theatre minor, the president of the campus Pride Club, and the social media coordinator for Cool Whip, Whitworth's improvisational acting troupe. After graduating, he hopes to move to California and obtain a master's degree in either dramatic writing or higher education administration, with a focus in LGBTQ+ representation and advocacy.

**Julie Riddle** '92 works as senior development writer and editor of *Whitworth Today*. She is an editor for the literary magazines *Rock & Sling* and *Brevity*, and is the author of the memoir *The Solace of Stones: Finding a Way through Wilderness* (University of Nebraska Press). She is a happy wife to Garrett, mom to their son, Dallas, and puppy-mom to Maisie, who is adorable when she isn't dismantling the house.

**Caleb McIlraith** grew up in Northern California and moved to Spokane to study theology and philosophy at Whitworth, graduating in 2013. He returned in 2017 to work as Whitworth's campus arborist. Caleb has found creative non-fiction writing to be a helpful tool in exploring the intersections of his own story and the natural world. If you see him on campus planting trees or raking leaves or standing around drinking coffee, stop and say hello!

**Jeannie Huskisson** graduated from Whitworth in 2008, spent several years working in theatre and dance, and then returned to Whitworth where she has served for eight years in the Admissions Office. On her lunch break she dabbles as an adjunct dance instructor, and she loves helping students discover how incredibly fun, accessible, and therapeutic dance can be. She enjoys going out for ice cream, making dinner for friends, and building elaborate train tracks with her two-year-old daughter.

**Dr. Beck A. Taylor** has served as Whitworth's 18th president since 2010. As Whitworth's Pirate-in-Chief, Beck enjoys having an all-access pass at Whitworth as he encourages students to embrace all that a mind-and-heart education has to offer. Beck and his wife of 26 years, Julie, have three children and one Peanut. Zach (22) is pursuing a musical career in Nashville, Lauren (20) is a Whitworth junior, and Chloe (11) enjoys all the benefits of living on campus with her parents. Peanut, a three-year-old Goldendoodle, enjoys napping and snuggles.

**Tyler Nelson** is a senior at Whitworth pursuing a bachelor's in theology. He spent his first 28 years in Minnesota and has been living in Spokane for just over two years. Currently, he works for the Grounds Department running the campus vermicompost program. When Tyler isn't at school or work, you might find him hiking, camping, biking, or active in other outdoor endeavors. Indoor interests include reading, writing, playing guitar, and cooking. His heart is for the local church, demonstrated by a commitment to teach classes and mentor younger men. After Whitworth, Tyler desires to teach vocationally and remain a lifelong learner.