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## Faculty Emcees

A professional freelance writer since 1979, Vic Bobb taught in Whitworth's English Department 1986-2017, and read an essay at the second TWL in 2015. With the publication this week of "Thank You, and Fare Well," he concludes a 25+ year relationship with *Ruralite Magazine* during which time he wrote more than 300 articles about people who live on the Colville Indian Reservation. He is unabashedly a Cougar fan.

Kari Nixon is an assistant professor of English at Whitworth University. She teaches medical humanities, Victorian literature, and is forever interested in death, disease, risk, and why we fear them. Her first book, *Kept from All Contagion: Germ Theory, Disease, and the Dilemma of Human Contact* will be in print Spring 2020. When she's not thinking about disease, she's—just kidding, she's always thinking about disease.

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## Musical Guest

Dale Soden has been a professor of history at Whitworth since 1986. He teaches mostly courses in American history, which include Pacific Northwest History, Vietnam War, American Popular Culture, and more recently the History of Financial Collapse in America. He loves leading sing-a-longs of historic songs, coaching basketball to girls and boys from 5th-8th grade, and hanging out with his four grandchildren.

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## About This Whitworth Life

Whitworth's Untold Stories is a project of EL 347 Creative Nonfiction Writing Workshop. Tonight's readers have been invited to share a true story about an important moment in their personal or professional lives.

This Whitworth Life deepens our sense of community through stories.

A recording of tonight's event will be available at Whitworth's Digital Commons (<https://digitalcommons.whitworth.edu/>)

For more information about EL 347 Creative Nonfiction Writing Workshop or about This Whitworth Life, please contact Nicole Sheets at [nsheets@whitworth.edu](mailto:nsheets@whitworth.edu).

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## Featured Storytellers

Noelle Brouillard is currently the head women's lacrosse coach at Whitworth as they journey towards their 2nd 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, kayaking, or running with her rescue blue heeler pup, Milton. It was during her two years living overseas in England working toward her master's degree that she decided to pursue collegiate coaching as a career upon her return to the U.S. Noelle's four siblings live in various states across the country with her parents still living in her hometown of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire.

Kevin Benson is an adjunct professor for the Communications and Theatre departments at Whitworth. He also works as a non-profit consultant, speaker, and performer. Kevin believes that bringing compassion, empathy and possibility to our work will change the world. He is passionate about changing the way organizations and individuals communicate and interact with one another. Kevin has helped people at every level in organizations become better leaders, better communicators and more satisfied in their work and lives. He is a proud Whitworth Alumnus ('00), husband to Ann ('96) and dad to Ramona and Eloise.

Carol Simon is Whitworth's Provost and Executive Vice President. She came to Whitworth after being a philosopher and administrator at Hope College for 25 years. She had visiting faculty positions at two different universities in the Pacific Northwest before landing the tenure track job at Hope. She married her high school sweetheart, Steve, when she was 19. They spent the next 16 years taking turns being the full-time breadwinner as they completed their six post-secondary degrees. Their two sons, Paul and Matt, were born while Carol was completing her doctorate.

Craig Chatriand has worked at Whitworth University since 2015 as the Associate Dean for Community Standards and Compliance. Before coming to Whitworth, Craig worked at the University of Idaho, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Colorado. His research areas include college student retention, academic leadership, and the advancement of women in STEM fields. In his time away from work, Craig spends every minute he can with his three girls in the outdoors.



Bryn Cavin is a senior English major with a minor in Editing and Publishing. She spent the 2018 fall semester interning at the Smithsonian Latino Center in Washington, DC, and talks about it probably too much (but if you're interested in long conversations about museum ethics and cultural representation over cups of tea, definitely let her know). Bryn is a firm believer in the power of literary activism, and thinks that Museum of the Americas by J. Michael Martinez should be required reading for everyone.

Courtney Barajas was born and raised in Texas. She loves old books, dead languages, and bad reality TV. Ask about her cacti.

Hannah Mumm is a junior at Whitworth University, where she is earning a bachelor's degree in English (Writing) and French. She enjoys playing dress-up in her Willy Wonka costume and riding around in the wheelbarrow she keeps in her backyard. If you would like to join her fan club, please visit [www.hannahmummoofficialfanpage.com](http://www.hannahmummoofficialfanpage.com).