

Master of Ceremonies:

Leonard Oakland was educated at Westmont College (1960), did graduate work in English at U. C. Berkeley, and later finished his Ph.D. at Washington State University. He has taught in the English Department and the Core program at Whitworth University since 1966. Leonard's classical music program has been on Spokane Public Radio since 1985. He shared a story at the very first This Whitworth Life event in 2013.

Music Provided By:

Dale Soden is an emeritus professor in the History department. He started in 1985 and has taught mostly courses in American history. He's served as the director of the Weyerhaeuser Center since its beginning in 1998 and wrote an illustrated history of Whitworth. He's married to Kathy Storm; he has two children and four grandchildren.



About This Whitworth Life

This Whitworth Life is a project of EL-337H, Audio Storytelling. Tonight's readers have been invited to share a true story about an important moment in their personal or professional lives.

This Whitworth Life exists to deepen our sense of community.

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

For more information about EL-337H Audio Storytelling or about This Whitworth Life, please contact Nicole Sheets at nsheets@whitworth.edu.

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Whitworth's Untold Stories



December 9, 2021

Featured Storytellers:

Kamesh Sankaran is a Professor of Engineering & Physics and heads CO 350 at Whitworth. He also served for many years as the chair of a 78-year old international organization that empowers indigenous Christian ministries in 40 nations. He serves on the advisory council of the Lausanne Workplace Ministry Network that mobilizes Christians in 105 nations to grow in their discipleship through their work. Kamesh is married to Angela, who grew up in Canada and Ecuador and is now a nurse practitioner in Spokane.

Lee Anne Chaney came as a Biology faculty member in 1980, less than three months after a volcanic eruption, with ash still visible in Spokane whenever the wind blew. The college had 1200 students. She retired in 2021, a year and a half into the covid-19 pandemic. The university had grown to more 2500 undergrads. She taught courses on plants, microbes, fungi, genetics, sex & gender, as well as two versions of CO 350. Over 41 years there were many students, many changes.

Ricardo Marcelo Worl is from Hoonah, Alaska, where he has lived in his past lives since time immemorial. His parents, Ricardo and Lisa, both come from Tlingit mothers and Filipino migrant fathers.

Ricardo is of the Kaagwaantaan (Wolf) clan and Ch'aaak (Eagle) moiety. His Tlingit name, Gooshdeiheen, refers to the water off the dorsal fin of a breaching killer whale. He grew up fishing, hunting, and gathering with his 16 siblings. Ricardo spends his summers still fishing and subsisting to gather food that is shared with his clan and community. Ricardo is studying English, Sociology, and Spanish here at Whitworth. He hopes to use his education to go home to work with his tribe to write curriculum to teach his Native language, Lingít.

Emily Marvin is a senior at Whitworth University majoring in Biology and English. She also is the club President, for the second year in a row, of Planned Parenthood Generation Action here at Whitworth. In her free time she can be found roller skating, writing angry emails to Spokane Mayor Nadine Woodward, or a combination of both.

Madison Gotthardt is a junior at Whitworth, studying English on the writing track and getting a minor in Film and Visual Narrative. She also plays for the Whitworth Women's Lacrosse team. She tends to call Santa Cruz, California her hometown, but secretly, she's originally from

Mesa, Arizona. Madison thinks storytelling is perhaps the secret to the universe, but please do not ask her what kinds of stories she wants to tell, because she is in college, and she has no idea. In her boundless free time as a university student, Madison is an aspiring plant-mom and frequent over-thinker.

The **Reverend Stephy Nobles-Beans** is the Associate Chaplain for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Ministries. She has been at Whitworth University for over 25 years and teaches Diverse Christian Leadership to undergrads, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Masters of Leadership Program. She is a self-published author, writer, poet, and loves the spoken word. She preaches in the chapel each semester in addition to mentoring students and sharing the Word of God with them. Building relationships with others, as well as collaborating and networking to see how others can work together to bring about change, peace and harmony are Stephy's missions. Many on campus know her as "Mama Beans."

