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## Catching up with Wooster

Much of the feedback we received when we surveyed and queried readers of *Wooster* magazine last year confirmed how much you enjoy reading it—60% of responses indicated spending at least a half hour with every issue. This suggests that when the magazine arrives in the mail, it's an opportunity for you to sit back with a cup of coffee and catch up with The College of Wooster. As we evaluated what the magazine does well along with ways it can continue to evolve, our priority was to produce a publication that continues to inspire that same relationship, that connection that “always feels Wooster” as many specifically said.

It's only fitting then, that this issue, the first with a completely new design and structure since 2006, features our traditional coverage of Independent Study, a signature experience for every Wooster graduate. While the masthead, the typefaces, the graphics, and the design as a whole have been refreshed, every variation ties back to the established identity of the College. Aside from the in-depth feature section, always a staple of this magazine, we focused on making the look and content throughout the publication more readable and informative. In addition to College news, the enhanced Oak Grove department includes:

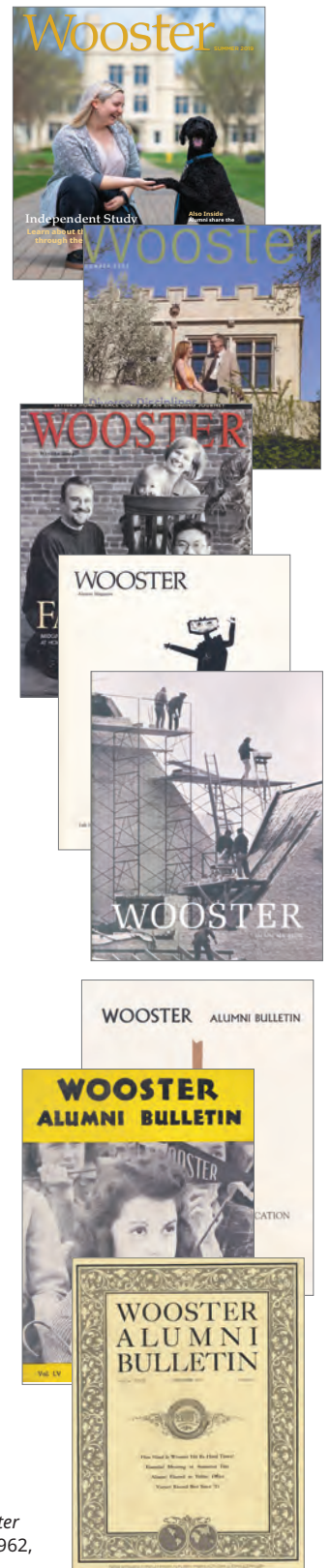
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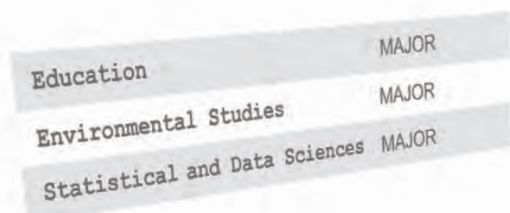
Also check out Tartan Ties, a new department that includes Class Notes as well as additional alumni stories and news about upcoming events. Look for this section to continue to take shape over the next several issues. Your feedback told us you love reading about your classmates, but class secretaries shared that they often struggle to collect news. As we roll out a new alumni website later this year, watch for an improved collection process to make it easier for you to share your news with the College and your classmates.

The evolution of *Wooster* magazine will continue in upcoming issues. In the fall, we look forward to telling you about the Class of 2023, and future issues will focus on areas you expressed interest in, including stories about where alumni are now, the ways faculty continue to energize and inspire Wooster students, and more. We're always looking for compelling story ideas and many of them come from our readers. We encourage you to share your ideas and feedback to [wooster\\_magazine@wooster.edu](mailto:wooster_magazine@wooster.edu).

Caitlin Paynich  
Editor

These covers represent the evolution of *Wooster* magazine, from the bottom up: 1932, 1940, 1962, 1970, 1985, 2004, 2006, 2019.





## Wooster Launches New Majors

The College of Wooster will add three new majors to its academic offerings this fall, in statistical and data sciences, education, and environmental studies.

In a world awash in data, from global temperature readings to the browsing habits of a billion Amazon customers, it's up to data scientists to make sense of, and extract value from it all, and then communicate their findings to decision-makers and the public. Trained data scientists find employment in a variety of fields, from business and finance to healthcare and

biotechnology. Students majoring in statistical and data sciences at Wooster will be required to take a second major or minor as well, in order to provide them with immediate, practical opportunities to apply what they are learning.

The new education major will have four subfields, leading to licensure in either elementary education, or adolescent to young adult education in integrated language arts, integrated mathematics, or integrated social studies. It will also require students to complete a second major, in a discipline related to their

intended area of licensure. The new major replaces the college's existing minor with licensure program.

The environmental studies major will provide four distinct pathways: environment and society, with a focus on the socioeconomic and cultural factors that influence how we treat the environment and frame solutions to environmental challenges; environmental humanities, which will look at how the human relationship with nature is expressed through literature and creative arts; environmental conservation; and sustainable food systems.

## Ivonne M. García to serve as Wooster's first chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer

Ivonne M. García, Ph.D. began her position as The College of Wooster's first chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer in June. A member of the president's cabinet and senior leadership team, García works closely with President Sarah R. Bolton to build and enact a vision for a diverse, equitable and inclusive community at Wooster. She will lead the College in realizing its commitments to become more diverse, and to create a truly welcoming, equitable and inclusive campus culture.

*"...an exciting opportunity to take the next step in my lifelong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion..."*

"I see this appointment as an exciting opportunity to take the next step in my lifelong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion that dates to my undergraduate

days," said García, who previously served as the William P. Rice Associate Professor of English and Literature and as director of the Latinx Studies Concentration at Kenyon College.

Garcia earned her bachelor's degree in the history and literature of Latin America from Harvard University and a master's in educational administration, planning and social policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She worked for 10 years as a journalist in Puerto Rico before earning her master's degree and doctorate in English from The Ohio State University. Hired as an assistant professor of English at Kenyon in 2008, she was promoted to associate professor and named the inaugural associate provost for diversity, equity and inclusion in 2014. García's teaching and research interests focus on 19th century U.S. literature, the hemispheric Gothic, and post-colonial and Latinx studies, with an emphasis on issues of nation, race, gender, sexuality, and ethnicity.





## WOOSTER BRIEFS

The College of Wooster joined Say Yes National Higher Education Compact, a national non-profit organization that partners with communities around the goal of making a college degree affordable and attainable for every public high school graduate, welcoming the opportunity to support students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.



The physics and chemistry departments received a \$325,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to support a summer research program which closely guides Wooster students in publishable research projects.



Renovations began in the spring to expand locker room facilities in the Armington Physical Education Center, which are used by intercollegiate athletes as well as other members of the campus community. The women's locker rooms will nearly double in size, from 2,573 square feet to 4,694 square feet, and a new all-gender locker room space will also be created.



Emma Folkenroth '19 earned the "Best Undergraduate Paper" prize at the Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion annual conference. Also the subject of her I.S., the paper explored the fastest growing religious demographic in this country, the nonreligious, including what defines the group and motivates their behavior when it comes to political participation.



Read more at [news.wooster.edu](http://news.wooster.edu)

## Provost Lisa Perfetti to start Aug. 1



*"I am really looking forward to getting to know the students and learning about what Wooster has meant to them."*

Lisa Perfetti will fill the role of provost at The College of Wooster beginning Aug. 1. As the college's chief academic officer, she will be responsible for Wooster's academic and co-curricular programs, including faculty development, athletics, libraries, and academic administration and support areas, as well as the College of Wooster Art Museum, the Center for Advising, Planning and Experiential Learning, and the College of Wooster Nursery School.

"I am excited and honored to have this opportunity to work alongside the staff and faculty of The College of Wooster," Perfetti said. "During my visit on campus, I was impressed by the college's commitment to diversifying its faculty and staff, to inclusive teaching and learning, and to helping students integrate the academic and co-curricular dimensions of their college experience to build toward their plans and aspirations for the future. I am really looking forward to getting to

know the students and learning about what Wooster has meant to them."

Previously, Perfetti served as associate dean for faculty development, and professor of French and English at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. In the dean's role, Perfetti worked closely with Whitman's provost and others on academic program planning, faculty hiring and retention, curriculum revision, and diversity and equity initiatives. She also directed Whitman's Center for Teaching and Learning.

Prior to her appointment at Whitman, Perfetti spent 15 years at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where she worked as a professor of French and later as director of Muhlenberg's Center for Ethics, and director of the Faculty Center for Teaching. She earned her bachelor's in French from the University of Michigan and her master's and doctorate, both in comparative literature, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



## James Prince Named V.P. for Finance and Business



Assuming his position this summer is James E. Prince, vice president for finance and business at The College of Wooster. As vice president, his responsibilities include management and oversight of the college's budget process, business office, facilities and facilities planning, investments, grounds, purchasing, the bookstore, and food services.

Prince comes to Wooster from Kalamazoo College in Michigan where he has served as vice president for business and finance since 2009. There he created a five-year budget modeling tool to assist with financial forecasting, provided leadership for the development of the college's master plan, and oversaw the planning and execution of several major capital projects.

"It is an honor to have been selected for this position," said Prince. "I am

attracted to Wooster's commitment to a high level of academic excellence, long history of inclusiveness, deep regard for its students and employees, prudent fiscal management, and a willingness to embrace positive change. I look forward to working closely with President Bolton, the campus community and the Board of Trustees."

Over the course of more than 30 years in higher education administration, Prince also has held senior financial management positions at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, and Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana. Prince earned his B.A. in sociology with a minor in Spanish at Taylor University in Indiana and a Master of Public Administration degree at Ball State University, also in Indiana.

*"I am attracted to Wooster's commitment to a high level of academic excellence..."*

### Alumni coaches honored

Carly Carey '09 and Roy Messer '70 received the Paul V. Barrett Award for Wooster graduates in February, honoring coaches who exhibit success on and off the field. Carey started varsity lacrosse programs at Miami Valley School in Dayton, Ohio, and at Parish Episcopal School in Dallas, Texas. Since her graduation she's also coached soccer, basketball, and field hockey and currently teaches middle school at Parish. Messer retired in 2015 after coaching Earlham College's men's soccer program for 34 years. During his career, he guided Earlham to 278 wins. With Messer at the helm, the Quakers won five conference championships, most recently the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season title in 2013.

### Women's soccer team won NCAC Tournament championship

The women's soccer team won its first North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament Championship over

Wittenberg University and earned an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championships, Wooster's third trip and first NCAA appearance since 1996.

### Cross country standouts compete nationally

David Westcott '19, placing 132nd at 25:47.0 and Brian Lief '19, placing 276th at 28:18.9 represented the Scots at the NCAA Div. III Championships in cross country at Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne, Wisconsin, competing against the best runners in the country.

### Men's basketball closed remarkable season

The men's basketball team claimed its North Coast Athletic Conference-leading 18th championship, upping its run of consecutive 20-win seasons to 23, and later ending the season with a 78-70 loss to Wheaton College in the second round of the NCAA Div. III Championship. At the close of the season, legendary Head Coach Steve

Moore, voted NCAC Coach of the Year for the ninth time this spring, announced his intention to retire after the 2019-20 academic year.

### ATHLETICS



Erich Riebe '92 (left) and Ben Maibach '00 (far right) of the W Association present the Barrett Award to Carly Carey '09 and Roy Messer '70.





WORD  
FROM  
WOOSTER

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*“We’ve put them in between a rock and a hard place where their biology to go to bed later fights with societal expectations.”*

–**Gideon Dunster '13**, lead researcher and graduate student studying sleep at the University of Washington in *Shots Health News* from NPR

“I try to be the best person I can be, so that others can push themselves to be the best that they can be. In my hometown, I have met deaf kids who want to do sports,



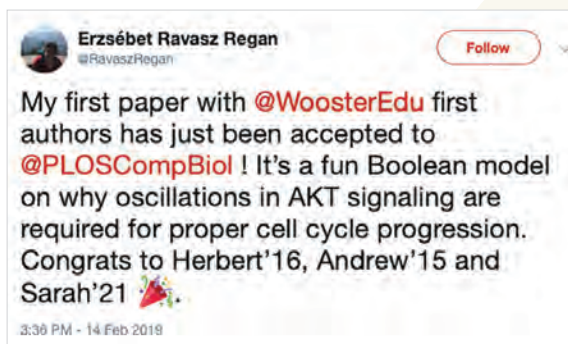
but their parents are scared that they’re going to be treated differently. I have been treated differently, but now, I’ve proven them wrong. It’s just a matter of proving to themselves that they could be just as good as other swimmers or athletes.”

–**Molly Likins '22**, Wooster swimmer and softball player in an article on [wkyc.com](http://wkyc.com)

“Wooster’s outstanding career services truly helps students prepare for their postgraduate life... from the moment undergrads set foot on campus, they can visit APEX ... to begin exploring where certain majors might lead.”



–*The Best Value Colleges: 200 Schools with Exceptional ROI for Your Tuition Investment*, the latest book by *The Princeton Review*



Erszébet Regan, Whitmore-Williams Assistant Professor of Biology, celebrates publication along with Wooster alumni and fellow first authors Herbert Sizek '16, Andrew Hamel '15, and Sarah Campbell '21 in *PLOS Comp Biol*, an open access peer reviewed journal in computational biology.

*“Wooster does a good job of provoking flames, pushing you to think about and pursue your passions and really pushing you to go after something you believe in.”*

–**Greg Schermbeck '08**, Founder of SchermCo, at Tartan Talks

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Talks





FULFILLING  
PROMISES

## Kendall-Rives Grant Opportunity Inspires New Direction for Hannah Paredes '19

“When you learn Chinese, there are books and books to help you do that, and it’s the same even with Swahili but only maybe four in Ch’orti,” says Hannah Paredes ‘19, who’s wanted to major in archeology since high school. Ch’orti, spoken by about 9,000 people in the world, is one of 30 Maya languages used in Latin America today and an important tool for someone interested in Mesoamerican archeology. Paredes grew up speaking Spanish and English and learned Swahili while studying abroad in Tanzania during her junior year, so she’s no stranger to learning new languages, but she’d found one she couldn’t learn on her own. Through the Kendall-Rives Latin American Research Grant, she traveled to Antigua, Guatemala to learn one-on-one with a native Ch’orti speaker through the Proyecto Lingüístico Francisco Marroquin Language School.

Learning Ch’orti Maya allowed Paredes

to study and speak the closest living language to Maya hieroglyphics. Paredes and her instructor spent over 120 hours in intensive training, beginning with the alphabet and sentence structure and later the Ch’orti culture and how the language is used today. “After the second week, my entire idea of what I wanted to do changed. I want to really focus on language and people,” she said. Immersing herself in the culture helped inspire her Independent Study on engaging with modern communities as an archeologist. “I want to involve modern indigenous people, who live in and near the site, in the process and the discussion around what is literally being found in their backyard.”

The grant covered Paredes’ airfare, class tuition, and living expenses in Antigua. Created by Paul Kendall ‘64 and his wife Sharon Rives, the fund supports research projects conducted in a Latin American country related to I.S. “The opportunity to study abroad has in-

fluenced the thinking of the recipients beyond just their research,” said Kendall. “It is the kind of result that we had hoped for in establishing the grant.”



## Early retirement incentive program proves popular

COLLEGE  
NEWS

A one-time, voluntary early retirement incentive program for faculty and staff, which was rolled out in early December, has proven to be very attractive, with more than two-thirds of those eligible—based on age and years of service—electing to participate. Some faculty will retire at the end of the current academic year, while others will depart after completing the 2019-20 academic year. The staff retirements will all take place by June 30, 2019. “We began discussing this with the College’s board of trustees in the spring of 2018,” said President Sarah R. Bolton, “spurred in part by hearing from some staff who were at or near typical retirement age that they wished they could retire, but could not quite afford to do so.”

Early this past fall, Bolton told all staff and faculty that such a program was being considered, and sought their input. Provost Carolyn Newton held individual meetings with each academic department, while H.R. staff met with every staff department to determine what elements would be most important to include in the program, what concerns people

had, and what support departments might need to smooth out the transition of multiple retirements. The Strategic Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee was also asked to weigh in, and administrators spoke with peers at other colleges that have offered voluntary retirement programs in recent years—such as Kalamazoo, Allegheny, and Oberlin—to gain the benefit of their experience. The program that was ultimately developed was shaped by all those conversations, and in early December detailed documents laying out the specifics of the offer were shared with each eligible faculty and staff member.

For faculty and staff, the popularity of the program speaks for itself, and the college anticipates reaping benefits as well. “Whenever someone retires,” Bolton says, “they are missed. However, those openings sometimes also provide the opportunity to shift ways of working as people with different skills are hired, or to develop new areas of our curriculum that align with our mission and are of growing interest for students.”



## MENTORING MATCHUP

When Kate Atwell '20 took Introduction to Anthropology her first year at Wooster with Professor David McConnell, she knew she'd found a major that reflected her style of thinking and McConnell quickly recognized her as a student he could work well with. Since then they have had other classes together, developed her APEX Fellowship application working with a non-governmental organization in Guatemala, and Atwell returned to McConnell's intro class to serve as a teaching apprentice. While teaching apprentices—Wooster's version of the sometimes less-involved TA positions found at larger universities—act as a valuable resource for students in classes at multiple levels, Atwell and McConnell talk about how their own interactions have also had a valuable impact on each other.

### David McConnell

Professor of Anthropology, Department Chair

### Kate Atwell '20

Junior, Anthropology Major

**Q1:** How have you collaborated or solved problems together?

**1:** Kate deciphers scholarly articles and speaks and writes in a language and a voice that anyone can understand. Students were struggling with one of the books for the course, and she suggested posting discussion questions online that really added to classroom discussions.

**2:** Kate's ability to establish rapport with a diverse range of students in the class and to listen to their reactions to course material helped me frame class discussions in new ways.

**3:** People don't realize how much professors take validation from students. It works best if both the faculty member and the student are willing to put themselves in the position of learner and really be open to that kind of mutual exchange.

**Q2:** What have you learned or taken away from this experience?

**Q3:** What has it meant to you to have this opportunity?

**1:** I presented my APEX Fellowship experience to the class. It was encouraging for first-year students to see first-hand how you can use an anthropology major and complete a fellowship.

**2:** Serving as a TA provided me an even stronger initial understanding of anthropology. I enjoyed watching Professor McConnell intentionally create personal relationships with every student.

**3:** At Wooster, I've learned to build back and forth relationships with adults I look up to. I might not be getting a 4.0 in every class, but it's the relationships that matter. They've really boosted my confidence. I'm more passionate about learning and contributing in class, and I'm excited to take on my own research as well.





## RETIREMENTS

# Congratulations to the 44 faculty and staff members celebrating retirement in the 2018-19 academic year.

**Georgia Adkins**  
*Food Service Associate*

**Mindy Albright**  
*Nurse, Longbrake Student Wellness Center*

**Suzanne Bates**  
*Registrar*

**Marlene Brown**  
*Computer Systems Operator*

**Carolyn L. Buxton**  
*Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of First-Year Students*

**Sue A. Decapua**  
*Custodian*

**Nancy Ditmer**  
*Professor of Music*

**Susan Dunlap**  
*Collection Management Associate*

**Barbara Flickinger**  
*Custodian*

**Jack Gallagher**  
*Olive Williams Kettering Professor of Music*

**Linda Hans**  
*Transportation Team Lead*

**Jim Hartman**  
*Professor of Mathematics*

**Janet Hershberger**  
*Food Service Associate*

**Alan Ho**  
*Food Service Associate*

**Annie Ho**  
*Food Service Associate*

**Sue Hollin**  
*Mail Clerk*

**John Hopkins**  
*Associate Vice President for College Relations and Marketing*

**Esther Horst**  
*Head Nurse, Longbrake Student Wellness Center*

**Sharon Howard**  
*Cook I*

**Michael Hutson**  
*Security Officer*

**Christine Lewis**  
*Food Service Associate*

**Tom Love**  
*Head Athletic Trainer*

**Peggy Mann**  
*Food Service Associate*

**Brenda Meese '75**  
*Associate Professor of Physical Education & Head Field Hockey Coach*

**Jackie Middleton**  
*Administrative Coordinator for Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science*

**Jackie Middleton**  
*Senior Project Director, Finance and Business*

**Eric Moskowitz**  
*Associate Professor of Political Science*

**Joyce Murphy**  
*Director, The College of Wooster Nursery School*

**Carolyn Newton**  
*Provost and Professor of Biology*

**Don Ogrizek**  
*Stationary Engineer, Facilities Management*

**Shawne Payson**  
*Custodian*

**Tim Pettorini**  
*Head Baseball Coach and Adjunct Professor of Physical Education*

**Donna Reed**  
*Administrative Coordinator for Music*

**Rose Seling**  
*Administrative Coordinator for Art and Art History*

**Deb Shostak**  
*Mildred Foss Thompson Professor of English Language and Literature*

**Lucinda Sigrist**  
*Administrative Coordinator for Career Planning*

**Karolyn Starr**  
*Custodian*

**Vicki Strickler**  
*Food Service Associate*

**Miriam Terman**  
*Unit Aid, Longbrake Student Wellness Center*

**Randy Thomas**  
*Cook III*

**Claudia Thompson**  
*Associate Professor of Psychology*

**Peter A. Wilbur**  
*Food Service Associate*


**Nancy Wright**  
*Associate Director of Financial Aid*

**Deb Yockey**  
*Custodian*

## Tom Love, Head Athletic Trainer

Since arriving on the scene in May 1982 as Wooster's first full-time athletic trainer, Tom Love provided the "absolute best care he could" for many thousands of students, and he characterized most of them as "super appreciative." However, there were a few times when he had to look an ultra-competitive, 18-to-22-year old in the eye and tell him or her they had to sit out. Ironically, those sometimes-testy conversations turned out to be

among the most rewarding aspects of his career, as those same athletes returned to campus years later and expressed sincere thanks for looking out for their long-term health. Love grants that it wasn't always easy as "a fan himself and wanting kids out there," but protecting their best interests was always his first duty.

One area in particular in which Love was at the forefront of player safety was concussions. Even though 





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### Tom Love, Head Athletic Trainer

data from medical studies and NCAA regulations weren't available to back him up in the 1980s, 1990s, and early 2000s, as they do now, he recognized the danger and took a cautious approach. Though frustrating for students and coaches at the time, by being ahead of the curve and "taking concussions very seriously in an era when many people didn't," Love most likely prevented long-term effects from brain injury in a number of Wooster athletes.

Today's student-athletes have greater expectations of trainers because of the growth of the industry, Love noted, as they "understand and respect the role more." That's a welcome change for him, as are technology upgrades in the standard of care and his support system, which steadily im-

proved with two additional full-time trainers, plus access to several local orthopedic surgeons and physical therapists. Love also wouldn't have been able to care for the stream of athletes who enter the training room without the help of student workers, many of whom have gone on to careers in athletic training, physical therapy, or other similar fields thanks in part to his mentorship.

One of very few drawbacks to Love's "blessed" career was being a prisoner to an athletic team's schedule, so he looks forward to the freedom retirement will afford him, aka "no more nights and weekends." And that means spending even more time with his three young grandchildren in the Cleveland area who are "already a major focus" in his life.

### Brenda Meese, Associate Professor of Physical Education & Head Field Hockey Coach



During a 30-year career as athletic administrator, coach, and faculty member, Brenda Meese took the torch from the great women's pioneers of the past at Wooster—Kathleen Lowrie, Maria Sexton, and Nan Nichols—and carved out her own legacy as an ardent proponent and supporter of

women's athletics. One of three full-time women in the physical education department in 1989, she coached field hockey and lacrosse. Heading two different programs wouldn't be considered today due in part to Meese's tireless push to promote gender equity, aiding in "the expansion of the number of women (currently 17) and roles" within the department.

As for coaching, Meese left as one of the leaders in NCAA Div. III field hockey, finishing seventh in career wins at 426. Her teams won five North Coast Athletic Conference championships and narrowly missed several more with eight second-place finishes. She credits the extensive success to "having great young women who were willing to work" and an emphasis on the "team concept," developing "an environment that pushed passing over carrying and that everybody's role was important."

Meese relinquished her lacrosse duties when elevated to assistant athletic director upon Nichols' retirement in 1995. In addition to advocating for full-time head coaches for each women's team, she established an eligibility database that was one of the

first of its kind in Div. III. She led at the national and conference level, serving on NCAA national sport committees in three different sports: field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse.

As an associate professor of physical education, Meese also taught classes on women in sport, the modern Olympics, sport and film, and fencing. Her research into the "transitional era" of women's collegiate athletics, or the movement from club teams to varsity, something she was part of as a standout Wooster student-athlete herself in the early 1970s, resulted in both a 2,000-item digital collection on Wooster's women in sport and a gateway website into the collection.

Meese "loved what she did for her career" and took pride in working for her alma mater, but concedes the long hours, nights, and weekends took a toll. She stopped coaching at the end of 2016, and with it, explored some long-time interests that she never had time for before. She is already an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and maintains her long-time passion for international cycling.



## RETIREMENTS

### Suzanne Bates, Registrar

"No one grows up wanting to be a registrar," says Suzanne Bates, who's held the role at Wooster since 2007. After serving in the field for more than 30 years, she's found the combination of keeping college systems running and working with students to be an ideal fit. Bates served as associate registrar at DePauw University for 23 years before coming to Wooster. She describes the office that manages the course schedule, transcripts, catalog, and other records, as "the nucleus of the College" in a number of ways.

In recent years, Bates has seen many changes and improvements that take advantage of online technology including degree audits, the course catalog, and a new system this year to replace the Scot Web student intranet. The new system allows students to plan all four years, Bates explained, "making it easier for students planning to study off campus." She sees helping students understand the system and "maneuver

and solve issues" as a rewarding part of her job. "I try to think outside the box about what would work best for the student," said Bates, who also served as a faculty liaison for the swim team and enjoyed building relationships with students and families.

Perhaps the most well-known role for Bates and the Registrar's office at Wooster is the acceptance of every senior's Independent Study project and the celebration surrounding their turn-in on I.S. Monday. Though the tradition of giving each student a button and Tootsie Roll started before her time, Bates found her own way to make the day fun for students. The first time she joined the dean in leading the parade she wore academic regalia but later found a Tootsie Roll costume to be a much better fit for the event. "Students enjoy photo ops, and it's been a lot of fun for me, too." For her last march in the parade, her colleagues celebrated her "last roll" with a Tootsie Roll stole,



cake, earrings, and bouquet. "Over 100 students commented on Facebook after the I.S. Monday video went up. I love maintaining relationships with students and hearing about what they're doing." While continuing at Wooster through August, Bates is looking forward to traveling more in her retirement and a growing list of "new adventures, places, and people to see."

### Esther Horst

Head Nurse, Longbrake Student Wellness Center

First hired in 1993 as a night nurse, later a day nurse, and finally as head nurse beginning in 2001, Esther Horst says the feeling she has knowing she's helped people all day is what she'll miss the most after retirement. "To get that positive feedback and feel you've

really helped people all day is a really good feeling."

Different from her work in family practice and in an emergency room, with Wooster students, Horst sees the whole picture. With students living away from their parents for the first time, her role often includes teaching them to manage their health. "We teach them about their medications, the illness they have, and how to best take care of themselves. We help them to evaluate themselves and be more independent," she said. "Their medical understanding matures so much in their four years, and they learn to handle academic stress as well," said Horst, who enjoys attending commencement to see the same students she's seen struggle walk across the stage and celebrate their achievements.

As Horst retires, she's grateful to pass on her role to Lori Hartzler who has several years of nursing and supervisory experience. "It's a privilege to be able to retire at a place where things are

going well and leave it in good hands. By promoting from within we keep our same priorities," she said, noting that Wooster is one of a small number of college campuses to maintain 24/7 walk-in hours. While the Longbrake Student Wellness Center functions similar to a doctor's clinic in the mornings, students are also able to stay for overnight care when needed or recover from surgery, injury, or illness. "It allows us to retain students, so they can continue their studies on campus until they can return to their residence halls," Horst added.

In her time at Wooster, Horst enjoyed being a part of campus life, including serving on committees, supporting a student group of first responders and starting the equestrian club team with her daughter Julie (Horst) Lightfoot '07 in 2003. While she'll also miss her time with students and colleagues, after retiring, Horst is looking forward to more time with her husband, children, and 11 grandchildren nearby, and plans to volunteer in areas where her background will help serve the community





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### Carolyn Newton, Provost & Professor of Biology

It would be hard to find a college in America that did not boast of close student-faculty interaction, but one of the first things Carolyn Newton realized when she arrived at Wooster was that this was a place where reality matched the rhetoric. “When I asked faculty what was most satisfying about their work,” she said, “they pointed to close connections with students, and every student I spoke with named at least one faculty member with whom they had

a close relationship.” At the heart of those connections is I.S., which she quickly realized “creates an indelible bond that lasts. The dedication of Wooster’s faculty to their students’ work blew me away.” The beauty of the campus also inspired her, especially the collegiate Gothic architecture, which she felt reflected the serious and substantial nature of the education happening within its walls.

As she wraps up her ninth year as provost, those first impressions still ring true. Whenever she observes a class as part of the faculty review process, “I come back energized. It’s so inspiring to see what faculty and students are doing. Even in introductory classes, they are skillfully weaving in exposure to skills that students will need for I.S., teaching them to be scholars, not just recipients of knowledge.”

Newton had the opportunity to work with three presidents—Grant Cornwell, Georgia Nugent, and Sarah Bolton—and other colleagues across campus on innovative new spaces to meet programmatic needs, including

CoRE, the Collaborative Research Environment in Andrews Library; APEX, Wooster’s integrated center for Advising, Planning, and Experiential Learning; and finally, the Ruth W. Williams Hall of Life Science. “The seven years of work we put into Williams was worth every moment,” she declared. “Students and faculty love the space; great work is happening there.” She added, “I loved working with all three presidents, each of whom brought tremendous gifts. Like anyplace, Wooster has its challenges, but we always face them as a team. Wooster has a great future ahead of it!”

As for her future, Newton is looking forward to choosing what to do, instead of being at the mercy of a tightly-packed schedule. Those choices will include more Fighting Scots athletic contests, as well as plays, concerts, and the annual Senior Research Symposium in April. “It’s the single most important day that demonstrates the mission of the college everywhere you look, from the art museum to the dance studio to the academic buildings. It makes everything else we do worthwhile!”



### Eric Moskowitz, Associate Professor of Political Science & Urban Studies

When Eric Moskowitz moved to Wooster in 1984, after teaching at the University of Illinois at Chicago for a couple of years, he and his wife, Elaine, had a three-year-old son and newly arrived twin daughters, and Wooster “looked like a nice place to raise kids.” He was hired to teach in both the political science department and the urban studies program.

While he had done some thesis advising with graduate students at Illinois, he quickly realized that advising I.S. at Wooster was not exactly the same thing. “Fortunately, I had an incredibly good student that first year, who knew from

talking to older friends at Wooster how it was supposed to work, and he basically taught me how to do I.S.” He must have done a good job, because almost every year since, between political science and urban studies, Moskowitz has advised a double I.S. load. In the early years, that meant 10 advisees each year; now it’s more like seven or eight. In all, he has mentored well over 200 I.S. projects.

“I tend to be a rather disorganized person,” he said, “and over time it became clear that was not a good model for I.S., so I tried to structure the process, creating a schedule with deadlines. That’s

really critical for students, and while some of them do it themselves, others just can’t.” He also realized that as an advisor, he had to do “two seemingly contradictory things: help them clarify what the big, central question is and maintain focus on that throughout, and also help them break the project up into manageable pieces, to keep it from becoming overwhelming and intimidating.”

One of the largest subcategories of I.S. projects Moskowitz has advised relates to presidential decision-making, a long-time interest and a major focus of his own scholarship. He has written about



## Carolyn Buxton

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of First-Year Students

Carolyn Buxton is finishing her 41st year in higher education, 25 of them at Wooster, where she has worked with three deans of students: Ken Plusquellec, Kurt Holmes, and now Scott Brown. She came to Wooster after eight years as director of student affairs at the New School's Eugene Lang College in New York City and has always been the generalist on the student affairs team: working with first-years in their transition to college (she was one of the creators of the ARCH program), dealing with conduct issues, providing support to students as they work through academic and personal challenges, and the ever-shifting "other duties as assigned."

Asked to describe the most rewarding and challenging parts of her job, she answered without hesitation. "It's one and the same: the students. When they first arrive, they look so young and naïve, and you think, 'Oh, geez, they're not going to make it' but then fast forward four years, and they're walking across the stage at commencement, and they're so mature and confident." Seeing that transformation, and playing a part in it, has kept Buxton energized for what truly is a 24/7 job. "When you're on-call," she said, "you sleep with two phones in the bed."

Buxton frequently works with individual students for extended periods

it in connection with the Gulf War and collaborated with his Wooster colleague Jeff Lantis on a study of decision-making in the Iraq War. After 9/11, he began teaching a course on the imperial presidency, with a strong focus on foreign policy issues, and following the 2016 election, he revived it with a stronger focus on domestic issues like immigration. He says it's clear that what limits presidential action is norms and political forces, much more so than constraints of law or the Constitution.

As Moskowitz prepares to step away from the classroom after more than

three decades, he and Elaine "are trying to figure out where to live," a decision that's complicated by the fact that their four grown children are spread out from Brooklyn to Colorado to Chicago to St. Louis. He's also thinking about where to focus his reading. "I'm interested in how racial patterns of residency get built into urban areas and thinking about spatial relationships and how they shape people's attitudes toward others," he said. "Where you live shapes a lot of the opportunities you have. It has an impact on mobility. There's a lot of interesting stuff out there and I may do some work on that in retirement."



of time. She remembers one who really struggled to complete his I.S., so for months before I.S. Monday, she emailed him an inspirational quote every day. "I finally ran out of quotes," she recalled, "and switched to Bible verses. But he made it!" There's a black and gold piece of stained glass in her office, presented by the student and his father as a thank-you, one of countless gifts, notes, and other mementoes of a career of consequence.

"There is a type of student that is drawn to Wooster," Buxton said. "Most of those I've seen other places would not make it here, because it's not about how bright you are; it's about what's in your heart. Wooster students are very bright, but they're also caring; they want to do good things. They're inquisitive. They love to debate, but they're excellent listeners. There's a genuineness, a sense of integrity."

Buxton does not have a concrete plan for what comes next but knows she is staying in Wooster. "I want to continue my volunteer work in the community, audit some courses with professors I've heard about for years, take some time to smell the roses, and decide what I want to do with the rest of my life."



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### Joyce Murphy

Director, The College of Wooster Nursery School

Joyce Murphy has been associated with The College of Wooster Nursery School—first as a parent, then as a teacher and finally as the school's director—for 32 of its 72 years. She and her husband, Kent, enrolled their son Daniel in 1987; daughters Meghan and Jillian both followed. Murphy began teaching at the school in 1991 and became director in 2003.

The school was founded in 1947 by Jean Bates, with the support of the Junior Women's Club, and was originally housed in the basement of Memorial Chapel. In 1966 it moved to its present location in space designed specifically to accommodate it in Westminster Church House.

Murphy says that the nursery school's core philosophy, which values creative play as a means by which children explore, experiment, and learn, "is something I deeply believe in, which has given me great purpose every day." The philosophy continues to resonate strongly with the community, as evidenced by families sending second and even third generations of children to

the school. Murphy has seen students from her early years as a teacher return as parents bringing their own children to the nursery school, while others have grown up and enrolled in the College. Each year, students in two of Wooster's psychology classes—child and adolescent development, and developmental psychology— come to the nursery school for practicum experiences, while other classes come for one-time observations. Students in the communication sciences and disorders program help do speech screenings for the nursery school students, and every year there is at least one senior conducting I.S. research. The school also employs work-study students.

"The college students are amazing to work with," Murphy said, "and the children love them! Many college students have told me that coming to the nursery school is the best part of their week. You have to be fully present and engaged with young children, and it takes them away from worrying about their exam the next day."



After retiring, Murphy will be staying in Wooster though she'll be visiting her one-year-old granddaughter in Massachusetts more often. "I have truly loved my job," she said. "There has been nothing more inspiring to me than seeing the wonder of the world through the eyes of young children, the hopefulness of the parents, and the growth of the college students each year."

### Nancy Ditmer, Professor of Music



The engine behind Wooster's iconic MacLeod tartan-kilted, perfectly-in-step marching band resonating brilliant brass, percussion, piper, and woodwind sounds—has been Nancy Ditmer who served 27 of her 35 years at the College as its director, and although she gradually stepped away recently to focus on other duties, she admits "everybody associates me with the band." That's a major point of pride, as under Ditmer's leadership, the band saw tremendous growth, doubling in size to about 80 her first year "through nothing but luck" and later peaking at 188 members, which was "exciting, but unmanageable," in the mid-2000s (it has since leveled off to an appropriate range of 110-130).

Retention, something "we worked really hard on," according to Ditmer, has been the key to the band's enduring popularity.

Providing the "kind of experience one would want to come back to" served as a recruiting tool for Ditmer, who directed the symphonic band in the winter and spring. Spending so much time together rehearsing and performing, marching band members become like family, a family that now numbers nearly 2,000 in her alumni database, and "they want to go on tour together and make music together." Those tours—235 concerts across 29 states the last 35 years—plus Ditmer's establishment of



## Tim Pettorini, Head Baseball Coach & Adjunct Professor of Physical Education

An unparalleled passion for competition and winning, a charismatic leadership style, and an all-out aggressive strategical mindset was the right mix for Tim Pettorini to carve out one of the greatest NCAA Div. III baseball coaching careers. Though he's not nostalgic about his numbers, they must be noted: 1,200-plus victories, 19 North Coast Athletic Conference championships, and six Mideast Region titles while coming painfully close to a national championship during two runner-up finishes. Pettorini credits Wooster's success to having "such a good run of players and talent," but it's the relationships he built over 38 years of coaching (including 13 when he also served as defensive coordinator of the football team) that he cherishes most as he hangs up his hat.

Some thought the success of his in-your-face, old-school coaching method would fade as times changed, but that demanding, yet fair style brought out the best in players, and he proved any critics wrong. He argues "kids today aren't as different" as people say, explaining, "Players still want to be

the very best they can, and we pushed them to get there." He was always honest and up front with them, telling prospective students, "This is a great program, if you're not afraid of being challenged." The dogged hard work the Fighting Scots put in was worth it, both on the field—every student who played four years had at least one conference championship—and off where they acknowledge learning a "second-to-none" work ethic. "Guys are still appreciative, and I feel the same way about them," Pettorini said.

Pettorini's hard-charging personality carried into his baseball strategy. Wooster routinely led the nation in home runs and rarely looked to play "small ball," a methodical scoring style favored by baseball aficionados until recently. "We swung hard long before hitting home runs was in vogue," cracked Pettorini. On the mound, he wanted pitchers to throw hard strikes, challenging the opposition and having confidence in their defense to make plays. Pettorini's teams reached levels of sustained success winning 30 or more games a season 27 times (with at



most 40 regular season games a year). Having mellowed over the years, Pettorini will now feed his competitive spirit on the golf course and by enthusiastically supporting his three local grandchildren in their athletic pursuits. He also looks forward to traveling to places on his bucket list when not at home in Wooster or Florida.

the Wooster Music Camp, which has seen thousands of budding musicians (grades 6-12) and scores of public school music teachers spend part of their summer on campus since 1998, provided untold exposure for the College and are invaluable recruiting tools for the music department.

Through these initiatives, Ditmer put Wooster on the music education map, but her work as professor of music and service to the profession are equally notable. She prepared countless students who have gone on to excellent teaching and ministry careers and sees the fruits of her labor now through their students, her "grand-students." She also led by "giving back to the pro-

fession," serving on numerous committees and in professional organizations, even ascending to president of the National Association of Music Education (2012-14) after previously leading the Ohio Music Education Association (1996-98).

These roles are helping her ease into retirement, already fielding opportunities to remain engaged as a presenter at national and international workshops. She'll also remain the No. 1 fan of the Scot Band, lending support where she can, while also getting a chance to explore new hobbies, such as photography and genealogy.

## Jim Hartman, Professor of Mathematics

It's hard to imagine a young faculty member coming to Wooster without the excitement and expectation of supervising Independent Study, but that was the case for Jim Hartman when he started in 1981 simply because mathematics had not fully integrated I.S. into its curriculum (it was an option). A few years later, the department enthusiastically fell "in line with the rest of the College," and after mentoring about 100 projects, Hartman fully endorses its value.

"When the department moved to I.S., we thought we needed to do it in a way that was really I.S.," recalled Hartman in reference to students choosing their own topics while exploring mathematics deeply. That was challenging at times,





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### Jim Hartman, Professor of Mathematics

as he seldom advised projects that fell within his area of expertise, thus he had to learn “a whole new set of mathematics.” In another sense, it was fascinating and rewarding, “particularly with the strong students who could find their own sources and teach me.” He also noted some of the most interesting were interdisciplinary, such as joint projects with economics or computer science, and some that might now fall under one of Wooster’s new majors, statistical and data sciences.

Hartman taught a number of mathematical subjects, including calculus, probability and statistics, and complex analysis, while offering his expertise to the “math world” in the areas of linear algebra and operator theory. In one

instance, he proved a conjecture false that had been held by two well-known authors in matrix theory. He also took on several prominent roles outside the classroom, serving as a consultant for the College Board and directing Wooster’s Advanced Placement Summer Institute. With the former, an invitation to grade AP exams in 1989 turned into a “gratifying” journey that saw him take on nearly every role in grading the annual AP Calculus exam. As an endorsed AP consultant, he continues to lead workshops for high school teachers.

Hartman’s consulting work and four study leaves allowed him to travel to places “he never dreamed he would get to,” but there are still many he’d like to go in retirement when he’s not visiting



grandchildren. Though his plans are “indefinite,” he’d like to continue playing noontime basketball and do volunteer work with his wife to “really give my time and energy to benefit other people,” something he did passionately throughout the 38 years of his professional career.

### Deb Shostak, Mildred Foss Thompson Professor of English Language and Literature



In 1987, Deb Shostak began a four-year visiting position in the English department at Wooster. She was working as managing editor of *Contemporary Literature* and looking for a full-time position. “When I came for the interview,” she recalled, “most of the day was a blur, but at the end, at a reception with members of the English department, I remember thinking, ‘These are the people I’d like to work with.’” By fall, those people—David Molstad, Ray McCall, Joanne Frye, Larry Stewart, Henry

Herring, and Paul Christianson—were her new colleagues. Though “only” a visitor, Shostak was immediately drawn to the department and the college. “That first year, the English department was undergoing a curriculum revision, and they put me on the sub-committee redesigning the major. In my second year, I designed an interdisciplinary sophomore seminar course, ‘Narrative and the Real World,’ with John Hondros in the history department.”

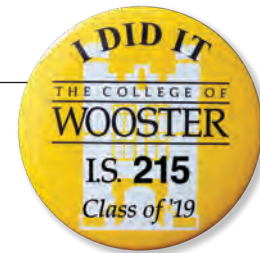
In her first experience advising I.S., she saw clearly what makes it such a transformative experience. One of her first four advisees surprised her by “wanting to write about Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, and Bruce Springsteen, considering their lyrics as message-poetry and the links among them.” Thirty years later, she recalls vividly how excited he was by the possibilities and threw himself into the project. “I love the kind of students we get at Wooster,” she said. “They’re bright, unpretentious, and searching.”

In 1990, Shostak won a tenure-track position in the department and since then,

she has advised more than a hundred senior I.S. projects (she keeps a handwritten running list of names in her desk), helped design the college’s film studies program, published extensively on the works of American novelist Philip Roth, and at different times chaired four departments or programs: English, comparative literature, film studies, and classics.

This summer, Shostak plans to finish a book about representations of fatherhood in the work of late 20th and early 21st century American writers, including Marilynne Robinson, Jane Smiley, Tim O’Brien, Paul Auster, Viet Thanh Nguyen, and more than a dozen others. She’s also “looking forward to the pleasure of reading just for the sake of reading, a different pace, and some time for reflection.” She added, “I’ve been very fortunate that I came to a place whose values meshed well with my own and to a department that was welcoming and respectful,” Shostak said. As for retirement, “I’ll miss my students and my colleagues, but I won’t miss grading papers.”

# Experiencing I.S.



Women fighting women



Surrogate decisions



Investigating Norse fashion



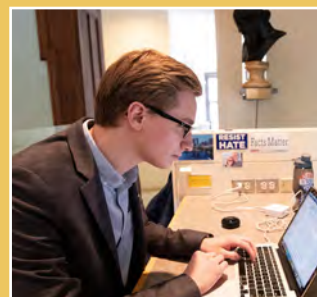
Re-creating ancient remedies



Impact of athlete endorsements



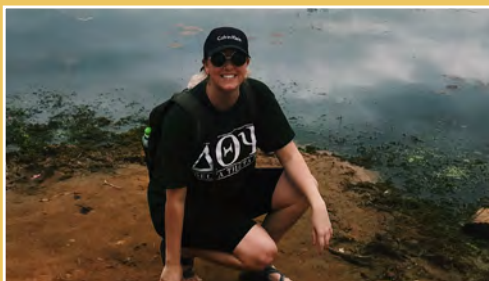
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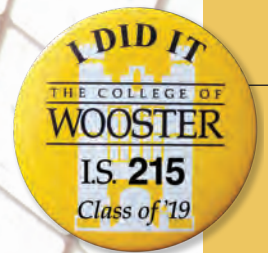
Managing environmental challenges



Representing race in video games

Writing by John Hopkins,  
Hugh Howard, and Caitlin Paynich  
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Whether they're finding the intersection between two majors, taking an in-depth look at an area they've always wanted to study, or discovering an exciting aspect of a field they've only begun to explore, all Wooster students complete an Independent Study—a tradition that began in the late 1940s. Each significant research project, expression of scholarship, or work of creativity naturally represents the unique path each student treads at Wooster. But I.S. is also an experience all Wooster graduates share. Read about how the Class of 2019 experienced I.S.



*"The residents of Angkor had an implicit understanding of their environmental setting to not only adapt to and mitigate fluctuating climate, but also to incorporate it deeply into their culture."*

- Melissa Dods

**Majors:** Archaeology, Geology

**Title:** Have You Ever Seen the Rain? An investigation of the climatic variations and the resulting changes to social and environmental dynamics at Angkor Wat, Cambodia

**Mentors:** Olivia Navarro Farr, Associate Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, Archaeology, and Latin American Studies, and Karen Alley, Adjunct Professor of Earth Sciences

## Managing environmental challenges in 12<sup>th</sup>-century Angkor

Angkor, the ancient capital of the Khmer Empire, was the largest city in the preindustrial world, sprawling an area larger than the five boroughs of New York City, with an urban core that was home to a half a million people. To support that population, the Khmer built an elaborate system of canals, dikes, and reservoirs to provide drinking water, irrigate rice fields, and control monsoon-season flooding.

At the center of it all was the temple of Angkor Wat, built in the early 12th century, and today one of the largest extant religious monuments in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A 15-foot-high wall encloses the 203-acre temple complex and in turn is encircled by a moat 3 miles in circumference. Four inlets brought water from the Siem Reap River to keep the moat filled, while a larger outlet called the Angkor Wat Canal diverted excess water south to Tonle Sap Lake.

Two years ago, Melissa Dods came across a paper on light detection and ranging (LIDAR) studies conducted around Angkor Wat, that had helped sketch out details of the settlement pattern within the temple complex, including the water system and road grid. She wrote about Angkor Wat for her junior I.S. and decided to continue that focus as a senior. A Copeland Fund grant allowed her to travel to Cambodia, where she took multiple GPS points around the main temple. By overlaying those GPS coordinates on a watershed map of the area she created in ArcGIS (a geographic mapping software), Dods was able to see how the temple's builders sought to mitigate the impact of seasonal flooding.

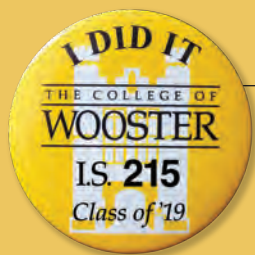
"Angkor Wat was not in the most vulnerable area for damage relative to other parts of the region north of the temple," she said, "but given the low-relief, flat location, the main temple would have still been susceptible to flooding from heavy rain and all the water that is flowing southward toward the lake." So, within the temple complex, "structures such as the libraries were built at higher elevations than things like the collection pools on the first level of the temple."

Dods was also interested in archaeological evidence of the Khmer people's deep connection with the environment, "to the point of almost revering and fearing water as an environmental factor and entity." She noted that representations of apsaras, female spirits of the clouds and water in both Hindu and Buddhist culture, adorn many walls of the temple. Even if other parts of the Khmer empire would have been more susceptible to flood damage, "the residents of Angkor had an implicit understanding of their environmental setting to not only adapt to and mitigate fluctuating climate, but also to incorporate it deeply into their culture."



Photo: Dennis Jarvis

Right: The Temple of Angkor Wat in 2009.



## Araam Abboud

**Majors:** Classics, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Title:** Infection Control!  
Synergism in Hippocratic wound infection theory and the antimicrobial efficacy of the barbarum plaster against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

**Mentors:** Monica Florence, Associate Professor of Classical Studies, and Dean Fraga, Danforth Professor of Biology

# Re-creating ancient remedies

A first-generation Lebanese American, Araam Abboud grew up in Cleveland and spent her summers in Lebanon, always around cultural remedies and traditions. When she took History of Ancient Medicine her first year at Wooster, the work of Guido Majno, a physician and medical historian who studied ancient remedies in the mid-1970s, caught her interest. “I like knowing how these ideas came to light. By looking back and studying ancient medicine, we not only can give them the credit they deserve, but adapt these treatments and understand if we can apply them modernly,” she said. Monica Florence, associate professor of classical studies, who taught the course, added, “When we look to the past, we can see the historical context for modern medicine. We understand better how different cultural beliefs affect medical care and treatment.”

For her I.S., Abboud re-created an ancient treatment called barbarum plaster described by Celsus in *De Medicina* in the first century. She worked with Florence to translate and interpret the wound theories of two ancient physicians, Celsus and Hippocrates, and determine their understanding and use of a concept known today as synergism—“the idea that two ingredients alone have an effect on something, but they work better together, and the combined effect is greater than the effect of one,” Abboud explained. “In Majno’s work, he re-created barbarum plaster in 1975 but didn’t test for antimicrobial properties. He determined it would have those properties from the ingredients. The main way that ancient remedies work is synergism, which is why it’s important not to assume it had antimicrobial properties from the ingredients.”

In the lab, Abboud investigated the effects of each of the ingredients as well as the barbarum plaster treatment as

a whole. She followed the preparation instructions in *De Medicina*, but she explained that researchers don’t agree about what the ingredients are. “I have to be creative in reading primary sources and interpreting them myself rather than just acting on secondary interpretations. I had to make a judgment about the ingredient and then be OK with it and prove why choosing that ingredient was correct.”

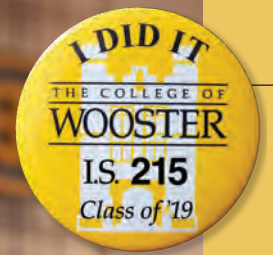
Abboud’s research included a trip covered by a Copeland Fund grant to the National Archaeological Museum in Athens, home of the largest set of ancient medical tools used to treat wounds in this time period. “It allowed me to see the tools and visualize what they were used for. My primary sources explained the tools but didn’t have pictures,” she said. When she returned to campus, she used what she’d learned to re-create the treatment in the lab. For the last part of her experiment, she created a synthetic wound from fetal bovine serum and pepsin water infected with bacteria. “The plaster did inhibit the bacteria,” she said, explaining that one of the combinations of ingredients she tested led to greater inhibition which could suggest the presence of synergism.

Though she may be a few steps away from developing a modern treatment based on barbarum plaster, Abboud plans to continue to study ancient medicine. She’s looking at graduate programs that would allow her to earn a doctorate in the history of medicine along with her medical degree. “I’m a strong believer in holistic medicine,” she said. “We can learn a lot by looking back at these remedies and treatments, and it’s a field that isn’t really explored as much as it should be.”

*"By looking back and studying ancient medicine, we not only can give them the credit they deserve, but adapt these treatments and understand if we can apply them modernly."* - Araam Abboud







# Impact of athlete endorsements on purchasing decisions

*"Pre-decisional distortion is produced when decision-makers who are presented with new information interpret it in favor of the choice that was leading in attractiveness."*

*- Marcus Bowers*



Some people like to think of themselves as cool, rational decision-makers, while others pride themselves on their intuitive understanding of a situation and just “go with their gut.” But psychologists—and marketers—know there’s more to it than that. In fact, said Marcus Bowers, “people are prone to seeking information that supports previously made choices and beliefs while also being prone to discrediting information that opposes those same choices and beliefs.”

It’s a well-established phenomenon known as pre-decisional distortion that has been demonstrated to affect a variety of purchasing decisions. For his I.S., Bowers decided to look at whether it would manifest itself with regard to athletic shoe purchases; what role, if any, athlete endorsement would play in the process; and whether the purchaser’s own athletic self-image would affect the results. He designed and administered a survey to a diverse group of 200 participants all over the country. They were presented with five attributes—including weight, fit characteristics, and athlete endorsement—for each of two different pairs of shoes, and after each attribute was presented, they were asked three questions: Which shoe did this information favor? Which shoe would you choose right now? How confident are you in that choice? One group of respondents was presented with the athlete endorsement as the first factor, while another was presented with it last.

By some measures, celebrity endorsements figure in 20 percent of all U.S. advertising, and 60 percent of those celebrity endorsers are athletes. The endorsers Bowers presented in his survey were LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers and Damian Lillard of the Portland Trail Blazers.

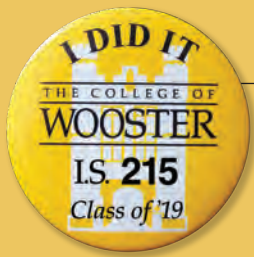
“Pre-decisional distortion,” Bowers says, “is produced when decision-makers who are presented with new information interpret it in favor of the choice that was leading

in attractiveness” up to that point, and he found that it was indeed present in the shoe purchase choice exercise. No matter which order the attributes were presented in, “on average, you always end up favoring the one you picked first.” The athlete endorsements had an impact, but it was not as straightforward as Bowers had anticipated.

The shoe endorsed by Damian Lillard received lower favorability ratings, on average, when his endorsement was the first factor presented, compared to when it was the last of the five presented, which was no surprise given the difference in star power between the two endorsers. While Lillard is a four-time All-Star who was the NBA’s Rookie of the Year, LeBron James is on a different level, a four-time MVP with three championship rings and one of the most famous athletes in America. What surprised Bowers was that respondents who scored higher on their own athlete identity were more likely to choose the shoe endorsed by Lillard, not Lebron.

“This was the opposite of what we predicted,” Bowers said, but on reflection, the results did make sense, because “individuals who are higher in athletic identity have a deeper and more informed knowledge of each athlete.” The result suggests that “individuals who are low in athletic identity may be more swayed by athlete endorsers who possess more fame, where if a company wants to market to a more niche group of individuals who identify highly as athletes, it is not always the athlete with the most fame that provides the best results.”

A four-year starter and defensive leader for the Fighting Scots football team, Bowers himself certainly falls into that category. And thanks to an internship last summer with Quicken Loans, he already knows what he’ll be doing after graduation. Come June, he will start his post-Wooster life as a mortgage banker at the financial giant’s headquarters in his hometown of Detroit.



## Mallory Crane

**Major:** English

**Title:** Empowered Dolls, Empower Girls: An analysis of the contradictory messages in the literature and marketing of the historical American Girl doll collection

**Mentor:** Jennifer Hayward, Professor of English

# *American Girl insider breaks down mixed messages*

The proud owner of all 16 historical dolls, Mallory Crane considers herself “the poster child for American Girl,” collecting them since age 7. She admits she has a “romanticized view” of the dolls, but when she decided to focus on them for her I.S., she realized she could use her perspective to her advantage. As an English major minoring in education, Crane wanted to find a topic focused on children’s literature. She first began to look at the dolls as a “gendered object” in a class about feminism. “Only girls are supposed to play with dolls, but the added aspect to their message was to empower young girls.” The contradiction of ideas had her hooked. Using a method called autoethnography as “part of the population of people who consume American Girl dolls,” she connected her own experiences and reflection to the ideas in the literature and marketing of the dolls to explore them from an analytical perspective.

“I decided to focus on the messages the dolls give off,” said Crane. “Everything was in a new light because it was a lot more analysis, and I’d never compared the messages in the literature to the messages in the marketing before.” Each historical doll includes six books that she reread with “close reading,” which included “picking out the intentional pieces an author puts into the writing to make sure you get a certain message.” She divided the dolls into eras based on the progression of the company, looking at the physical and social characteristics of the dolls, the privileges and challenges the dolls’ characters faced in the books as well as “their agency, how active

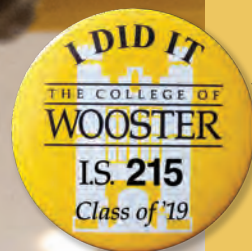
they are in standing up for themselves and making a difference in the world,” she said. In the first era—all white with different hair colors—each doll had the same amount of privilege. “They were sitting on top of the clouds with no problems,” she said. Later, the company added “token dolls” to represent different races, but the literature focused heavily on their race. Now in the third era, Crane said, the company is starting to find a balance with diversity as well as giving the dolls’ characters “enough agency to make a difference to an issue that is global but that directly affects that doll.”

The messages Crane found in the marketing of the dolls told a different story. “All the experiences they offer in their stores like tea parties, fashion shows, and hairdos, are stereotypical women or girl behaviors. Young girls can’t tell what the American Girl is supposed to look like because the messages of the literature and the marketing are super different.” While based on Crane’s criteria, they haven’t made the perfect doll yet, she sees the messaging continuing to improve. She enjoyed learning about the marketing techniques the company uses along with the techniques she developed for managing a long-term project—skills she expects to use in her classroom as a kindergarten teacher. “As a teacher, I’ll be mapping out an entire school year, having a plan before going into it, not just winging it day by day,” she said. After graduation, Crane is planning to complete a master’s program in special education before finding a teaching position in her home state of New York.



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*"A knowledge of natural rights arguments is essential for anyone who embarks on a journey to understand the Constitution." - Jordan Griffith*

## Tracing the natural rights foundation of the Constitution

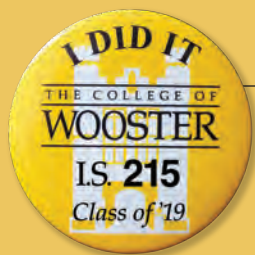
For 230 years, the U.S. Constitution has provided the framework for American liberty, and in constructing that framework, said Jordan Griffith, the men who wrote it “were influenced by a rich body of natural rights philosophy that formed their understanding of the purpose and construction of government.” For his I.S., Griffith set out to illuminate those philosophical underpinnings and trace their enduring impact, by examining six Supreme Court cases, four of which involved the Second Amendment, two the Eighth Amendment.

Griffith credited his advisors with helping him take what could have been an unmanageably broad topic and focus it on the influence of one political theorist, John Locke, and a few specific concerns—equality, the right to property in one’s person, and the prevention of government overreach—as they were manifested in the cases he examined. He began by studying both the *Federalist Papers* and the major writings of the anti-Federalists and found that the latter were especially prone to frame their arguments about the dangers of governmental tyranny in natural rights language.

When he turned to the Supreme Court cases, Griffith found that the earlier ones “see natural rights arguments used to help decipher the nature of government and its purpose, as these explanations are the best available precedent.” Those decisions, in turn, become precedent, “so even as time progresses and fewer express references are made, the use of that natural rights logic persists precisely because these arguments are referenced.”

That arc is visible in the Second Amendment cases Griffith examined. In *United States v. Cruikshank* in 1876, the court says that the right to keep and bear arms is a natural right that predates and exists outside the Constitution. The Second Amendment simply forbids Congress from infringing it; it says nothing about the actions of private citizens or the states to limit individuals’ exercise of their rights. A decade later, in *Presser v. Illinois*, the court goes a bit further, declaring that the states cannot absolutely prohibit the people from keeping and bearing arms, as it would nullify their ability to provide militia service if called upon. Finally, in the 2008 *District of Columbia v. Heller* decision, the court explicitly holds that the right to keep and bear arms is an individual right, born of the natural right of self-defense and not dependent upon one’s participation in a state-organized militia.

Griffith, who has participated in Wooster’s Moot Court, Model U.N., and Campus Council and is bound for the University of Minnesota Law School, said judges “should take a mixed approach to making decisions on constitutional issues, combining legal precedent, trends, situational elements, historical information, and natural rights arguments” rather than taking “a purely originalist approach.” But as he notes in the conclusion to his I.S., “A knowledge of natural rights arguments is essential for anyone who embarks on a journey to understand the Constitution because those arguments both underscore the Constitution’s development and have helped guide its interpretation. If the Constitution’s express language represents the metaphorical tip of the iceberg, then natural rights philosophy on the purpose of government, the relationship between the people and their rights, and the establishment of government forms the submerged mass that supports the visible part.”



**Ellie Howell**

**Major:** Archaeology

**Title:** Singing in the Margins: Manifestations of professional identity and creative agency in Viking age oval brooches

**Mentor:** Nick Kardulias, Marian Senter Nixon Professor of Classical Civilization

## *Investigating Norse fashion*

The allure of the Viking period can be found throughout popular culture, with seemingly more and more television and movie characters' appearance inspired by Norse fashion. Just disregard the horned helmets, a "Viking aesthetic that pop culture kind of filled in on its own," joked Ellie Howell, who, for her I.S., narrowed in on a specific item within this culture—women's brooches—and took an interesting angle on it, exploring the intent of the artisans who made them.

Brooches today serve chiefly as decoration; however, the bronze oval brooches she studied played a vital role for Norse women, fastening an overdress of heavier material to a shift, or a long-sleeved piece of linen underneath, at the shoulders. "They were a really pervasive part of year-round, everyday dress, almost like buttons today," said Howell, an archaeology major from Golden, Colorado.

Enticed by this topic because of her family's Scandinavian background and her interest in how people's dress signifies their status and ideals, Howell ventured to the Swedish National History Museum, where there is an abundant archaeological record of these brooches. Once there, thanks to a Copeland Fund grant, she got an up-close look at the impressive 1,000-year old designs and sorted through hundreds to "find a link between the production of those patterns and the motivation of the producers, as well as if there was a geographic distribution of different styles."

Howell analyzed the motifs of the brooches, approximately 10 centimeters in height and 5 to 6 centimeters wide with modern-looking clasps. The imprints ranged from exotic sea creatures with fins and porpoise-like noses to crouching land animals to birds with sharply curved, eagle-like beaks to simple artistic swirls and waves. She also noted

the materials of which each were made. She was able to isolate five distinctive styles of brooches. "The brooches varied definitely by one's wealth and status," she said. "Looking at these gives us a sense of the range in status in Norse society at this time because they were so pervasive and had such varying levels of sumptuousness."

An integral part of Howell's project focused on getting "into the mind" of the producers to see "particular patterns that could be sussed out," which would point to their influence on how people dress. However, the style of brooch she studied came during a period of "stylistic turmoil," when the consumer demand was for pieces to look identical to those of their friends and neighbors. This, she argued, caused creative and professional anxiety for the artisans, and in response, they added a subtle trademark to their work in the marginal spaces along the sides of the brooches. "These findings are important even outside the 'archaeo-academic' sphere because they illustrate how ancient artisans dealt with social, creative, and intellectual anxieties in ways that are completely understandable to us today. People have always been people," she said.

An added surprise benefit from I.S. and her research trip was that Howell discovered a passion for museum work. "I was not thinking about museums at all until I saw the inner workings of the one in Stockholm. Getting to handle the brooches was pretty exciting and there was a Viking-age sword lying around casually, which was the coolest thing I had ever seen," she recalled. For now, she may take a year before going on to graduate school for further study on northern European art and art history, with an eye on a museum career.

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Howell took photos of brooches when she traveled to the Swedish National History Museum, which allowed her to examine the artifacts, from multiple angles.





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## Representing race in video games

An avid gamer for years, Francisco Martinez noticed a troubling trend as he matured: the characters whose roles he was taking on in these video games were predominantly white. Had it always been the case that characters of color were not represented and that when they were, racial stereotypes were used? How do the developers explain their actions?

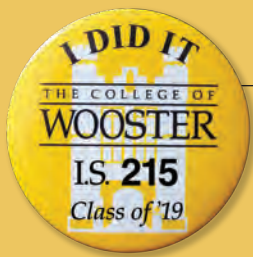
Martinez, a history major and education minor from Berwyn, Illinois, investigated the industry's history for his I.S. "Domino Man," a little-known game, was the first to incorporate a setting to change characters' skin color, thus giving arcade operators the ability to cater toward specific audiences, and when video games exploded in popularity during the 1980s, many included blatant stereotypes. "Mike Tyson's Punch-Out!!" featured its namesake with exaggerated lips and a wide nose, a Russian boxer with a bottle of vodka, and other characters with similar "nationality" stereotypes.

Since then, a lot has changed, most notably the wild improvements in technology that have made games' graphics extremely realistic; however, the developers have been slow to incorporate less stereotypical human characters. Martinez's research, which included a Copeland-funded trip to southern California for interviews at leading gaming software companies (PlayStation, Psyonix, Rockstar Games) led him to believe that economics have been the primary driver. "The way the industry is set up is the biggest hindrance on developers taking risks. In trying to depict a character from a race that is not familiar for the developer (74 percent of the workforce identified as Caucasian in 2014), they have to do homework on that character, that race, that culture. It's a lot of resources going into a character that might

not even get featured, and it is an industry at the end of the day, and they have to make money. If they run the risk of trying to portray a different race, they run the risk of that game not being popular, so it's challenging for the developers, who on one game could go bankrupt," he explained.

Marketing to and satisfying the consumer is a dominant factor for any business, but the video game industry may not have kept up with its market's changing demographics. Once thought to be an "overwhelmingly white heterosexual male audience," according to Martinez, a Pew Research Center survey from 2015 found that 48 percent of its white, non-Hispanic respondents play some form of video games, while 53 percent of black, non-Hispanic respondents, and 51 percent of Hispanic respondents played them.

Developers may have finally taken notice, and that fuels Martinez with optimism. Recent titles like "The Last of Us" and "The Walking Dead," published by Telltale Games, are normalizing characters of color. "I use their games as examples of how to show the depth of a person of color in the real world, translated into a video game. I think that's a tremendous task to take on, but Telltale did it almost flawlessly," he said and also added that others such as "Red Dead Redemption" are following suit in a similar way with inclusions of slavery and lynching, thus "forcing America to kind of look at its past in a digitalized way, showing how we messed up as a country and forcing players to reconcile with that." Martinez hopes to engage his passion while starting a teaching career. He plans to return to the Chicago area, work in the Noble Network of Charter Schools, and introduce the next generation to "games that do justice through representation."



## Annabelle Hopkins

**Majors:** Political Science, History

**Title:** Phyllis Schlafly's Lasting Legacy: Discovering continuity in anti-ERA writings

**Mentors:** Angela Bos, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Jordan Biro Walters, Assistant Professor of History

# Women fighting women

When Annabelle Hopkins learned about the Equal Rights Amendment, what interested her the most was not only that it hadn't passed, but that it was "a women's movement led by Phyllis Schlafly that shut it down," she said. "Schlafly was a force to be reckoned with. She kick-started this movement and gave a voice to women who didn't feel like they could have a voice at the time." Though when Hopkins started her research two years ago, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) wasn't a hot topic (the initial deadline to ratify the amendment passed in 1982), she continued to adjust her plan as it became very timely with the recent ratification of the amendment by Nevada and Illinois. "I wanted to shed a light on why women still oppose it," she said. Her research compares "the content from the 1970s to the last 10 years of rhetoric against the ERA written by women for women." With the support of a Copeland Fund grant, she traveled to the Phyllis Schlafly Center in St. Louis, Missouri, to study the documents that inspired the movement that stalled the ratification of the amendment in the 1970s. "There are a lot of assumptions made in literature about what the movement stood for based off what Schlafly said at a rally or what she titled her book, but there was nothing that I could find breaking down her words," said Hopkins.

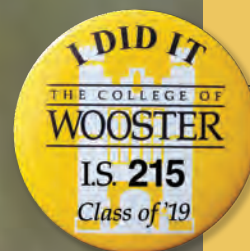
Using content analysis, Hopkins examined the language from both time periods, coding it into categories of topics and arguments and found that the same themes Schlafly used in the 1970s still composed the primary arguments combatting the ERA today. More than 90 percent of the arguments made in the 1970s relied on

social argumentation. "In the contemporary sources, the most interesting thing was that there was almost no shift in the percentages. The majority of women authoring literature against the ERA today rely on the exact same arguments that Schlafly used herself, which surprised me," she said. "The most common themes and topics that come up are what political scientists refer to as more feminine political topics like children, women and work, the household, and the nuclear family. She focused on feminine issues, and that's what we're seeing today, too." Though Hopkins didn't agree with everything Schlafly said, her results left her with respect for the movement's lasting impact. She added, "People are still mimicking what she did and how she did it, and I think that's indicative of her legacy."

For Hopkins, "It would have been interesting to study the pro-ERA movement, the contemporary argument, but ultimately, I'm always more drawn to understanding the other side," she said. She's also using this ability to understand both sides of the equation as she pursues a role as a legislative fellow in the California state capital after graduation. "I want to work in legislation for a handful of years, work with policy," said Hopkins, who was chair of Wooster's Campus Council, a committee of administrators, faculty, staff, and students that creates legislation in student life and extracurricular affairs. She explained, "That's what I'm already doing here at Wooster, working with policy. I like to understand the mechanics of it because I'd like to work in advocacy for women, but I want to learn how things get done first."



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## What is this dog thinking?

Kia Radovanovic, who grew up spending time on her family's farm in Serbia, has been asking questions about animal cognition all her life, and she shaped her Wooster experience to match that interest. "I love finding out how animals' minds work. This is the kind of work that I've always wanted to do and want to keep doing in the future," she said. Her passion for working with animals led her to work with Associate Professor Claudia Thompson on a study that "looked at whether dogs have a sense of fairness or justice."

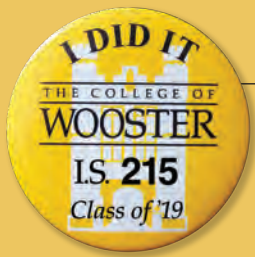
"It's not often among psychology majors to have a student walk in and describe a keen interest in exactly what I do as a comparative psychologist—study animal behavior," said Thompson. "She appreciates that people make many inaccurate assumptions that both underestimate the sentience and emotional complexities of nonhuman animals or overestimate them." Radovanovic sees these assumptions as an ongoing challenge in animal cognition research. "It's so easy to misinterpret animals because that's how you'd interpret humans, but it doesn't actually apply to them," Radovanovic said. "We have to be strict about separating what could be simple instinctive mechanisms versus higher cognitive abilities, especially when we're comparing them to humans."

Throughout her four years at Wooster, Radovanovic found herself becoming comfortable with all aspects of the research process. "I felt very prepared for lit reviews and was always keeping an eye out for holes in the research for something I could do," she said. "It surprised me in the end how easy it was to find my own question that had a real basis in comparable studies." For her study, she looked at inequity aversion in dogs—"having a negative reaction to unequal treatment." Seeing several similar

studies in her research, she focused mainly on "whether familiarity of experimenter (or having a bond with the person) is going to impact their behavior more than with a stranger."

For her four-legged subjects, Radovanovic appealed to faculty and staff from the College community to participate in the study, and she compared how their dogs reacted to unfair treatment from her compared to unfair treatment from their owner. "One dog serves as the partner or comparison for the dog that's being tested (the subject)," she explained. Under the condition and not the control, Radovanovic or the dog's owner would reward the partner dog for giving its paw but would not reward the subject dog. Throughout the testing, Radovanovic measured the dogs' responses, "Stress was a great indicator. Some dogs keep giving paw on first command, but I can see them starting to pant, whine, or pace," she said. "It was funny to see even if they turn away from me because I'm not rewarding them, once they hear me talking to the other dog they immediately turn around and watch the other dog being rewarded."

Though her study supported research that dogs respond negatively to unequal rewards, with only eight participants, Radovanovic recommends a larger study to further explore the effects of their familiarity with the experimenter. "The dogs' personalities really dictated how they responded. A much larger sample size could nullify the extreme personalities and outliers that had a strong impact on data." With these experiences as an undergraduate, Radovanovic plans to continue her work in animal cognition research as she determines a focus for a doctoral program.



**Jeremy Smucker**

**Majors:** Economics, Music

**Title:** What To Do About Grandma: A behavioral economic analysis of surrogate, end-of-life healthcare decision making

**Mentors:** Phil Mellizo, Associate Professor of Economics, and Jack Gallagher, Olive Williams Kettering Professor of Music

## *Effects of stress on surrogate decisions*

Family members face unenviable end-of-life decisions when their loved ones have not provided advance directives or discussed such decisions with their doctors. These uncomfortable conversations frequently get pushed to the back burner, and when a patient becomes incapacitated, emotional stress weighs heavily on the decision-makers. Jeremy Smucker, a double major in economics and music from Wyoming, Ohio, sought to determine how that acute stress affects the risk-taking behavior by those decision-makers. Though it sounds like it has all the makings for an excellent study in psychology, he pursued research from an economics standpoint, exploring a newer branch within the discipline, behavioral economics.

Smucker tested prospect theory, a well-known economics theory that describes how individuals gamble more when facing economic losses than with economic gains. When someone is near death, he contends, a third-party decision-maker is facing an extreme loss, “so decision-makers will increase their risk-taking, leading to more costly and invasive medical procedures.”


“It’s not just a cost-saving thing,” Smucker noted, as “quality of death,” which encompasses avoidable distress and suffering for patients and their caregivers, is another factor within this complex topic. Research indicates that many people would prefer hospice care to a high-cost surgical intervention; however, such decisions often end up being made by caretakers. “Oftentimes, people in hospice experience much better quality of death,” he said. “That’s something that’s comforting for the family, an easier way to deal with a really hard issue.”

Using a couple of test groups that answered a series of hypothetical healthcare vignettes, Smucker attempted to replicate the “interesting mix of money costs, emotional

costs, risk, and morals” that go into these decisions. His results suggested risk-taking increased for decision-makers placed under stress, but only for those opting for lower-risk surgeries, while stress level had no effect on the decision-making of those choosing for or against high-risk “miracle” surgeries.

Ultimately, this conclusion leads to broader, macroeconomic considerations surrounding government spending. If advance directives, completed in low-stress environments, do request less medical intervention than surrogates making stressful choices, then they may save the taxpayer large sums of money per death. Smucker’s research revealed that in one community (La Crosse, Wisconsin), a group of individuals made it their mission to motivate their fellow citizens to either have an advance directive or extensively discuss their wishes with a medical professional, leading to an average cost of death of \$18,159, whereas the U.S. average is \$26,000.

Smucker supports the idea of making advance directives a requirement, though he admitted it would require several challenging legal steps. In the meantime, he recommended people engage in these difficult conversations and have a plan in place. “Even extrapolating from things like cost savings, it never hurts to not only have an advance directive, but also to have real conversations with your physician and with the people that you think would make the decision. It’s a win-win, increasing patient-physician conversations like this because we get public money saved when treatments are not as invasive and at the same time comfort for the family and a higher quality of death.” Smucker, who for his second I.S. in music composed works for orchestra accompanied by baritone and two marimbas, has a job lined up as a transfer pricing associate and consulting economist at a firm in Washington, D.C.

A young man with dark hair, wearing a grey cable-knit sweater, is shown from the chest up. He is looking off to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is a sunset over a field, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. A yellow square is visible in the top left corner of the image.

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*-Jeremy Smucker*



# Wooster Connection:

How I.S. continues to impact alumni today

by Caitlin Paynich

“When you meet alumni, you can say I.S. to them, and they know what it is. They lived it,” says Christine Farrell ’94, who will assume the role of president of the Wooster Alumni

Developing  
a method  
to solve  
problems



**Like many Wooster students today, Sohil Parekh '99 approached I.S. with two majors** and found a way

to connect them in one project that combined his interests. While math and economics are a natural combination, Parekh explained how his interest in the two subjects differ. “My interest in economics comes from my interest in public policy and solving big problems. The reason I majored in math is because I was actually interested in problem-solving,” he said. “Solving a problem is something big: curing world hunger, environmental issues, or healthcare reform. Problem-solving is the method and approach you use to solve a problem. Problem-solving is a big part of what I do today.” For Parekh, his own approach to solving problems in his work uses methods he developed while working on his I.S.

In his senior year at Wooster, Parekh was passionate about environmental issues, including the sustainable use of Earth’s renewable resources, such as wood or water. For his I.S., he researched the optimal rate of extraction for these resources. Combining natural resource economics with calculus of variations theory in mathematics, he modeled an equation to “calculate the exact rate of resource extraction that allows the base to remain stable,” he said. “When I think of the equation that we ended up with at the end of the day, there were a lot of variables, and I don’t remember how exactly they fit together in the equation, but the number of variables is what I took away. The answers to certain problems aren’t simple or easy but if you use the right method, you can get a better understanding of all the things that do impact the answer. This idea is a part of how I look at problems ever since, looking at the full picture of all the things that might impact an issue.”

Learn more about how Parekh is solving problems in his work today as executive director of marketing technology at Aetna, the health insurance company: [news.wooster.edu/profile/Sohil-Parekh](https://news.wooster.edu/profile/Sohil-Parekh)

Association this fall. Completing an Independent Study during their senior year is a shared experience that connects Wooster alumni across class years and disciplines. It unites Wooster graduates

with not only a topic of conversation at alumni events, but a common set of tools for life after Wooster. Four alumni share how their experience with I.S. continues to impact them today.



### **Hayet Rida '11, who came to Wooster from Ghana,**

struggled to find the right major. "I.S. helped me to hone my skill of starting things and seeing them through," she said. "It shows that if you fail you should look at it as direction, not a destination." Ultimately finding the right fit with a double major in studio art and communications studies, Rida made a connection with Associate Professor of Art Bridget Milligan who encouraged her as she developed a challenging I.S. A documentary filmmaker who spoke on campus inspired her to study the idea of beauty in her home country by returning there and teaching women about photography. "Professor Milligan didn't question if I could do it," Rida said. "She asked how I would do it. Everybody at Wooster wants you to succeed." Though denied a Copeland Fund grant, Rida used her relationships on campus to find support for her project. "You have to be able to fight for what you want so people can recognize your fight and align you with the coaching you need to keep fighting," she explained.

Another key coach for Rida was Professor Ahmet Atay, now chair of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. He suggested she use a method called autoethnography, where the writer or researcher uses self-reflection and writing to analyze personal and cultural experiences. "He gave me examples to look at so I could write in that voice," she said, explaining that her I.S. was a diary of her travels and experiences in Ghana. She found the method to be a perfect fit for her experience, later earning honors on the project. Rida credits Milligan and Atay with giving her the support she needed to succeed after Wooster, a perseverance that keeps her from giving up. "My success at Wooster came as a combination of my failures, not as the end goal of success," she said. "What I did with those failures and how I strung them together was my success story."

Find out about Rida's success today as a senior strategist for FCB, an advertising firm in Chicago, and an award-winning blogger: [news.wooster.edu/profile/Hayet-Rida](https://news.wooster.edu/profile/Hayet-Rida)



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## Asking the Right Questions



Barry Pribula Photography, New York City

### **When it came to choosing the right school, it was the idea of a long-term research project that drew Rachel Stephenson '96 to Wooster.**

As a history major, she appreciates that “History is written by the winners. Having a healthy skepticism and curiosity helps direct a whole picture of understanding.” Completing her I.S. on German nationalism through the eyes of a collection of films produced after World War II, she remembers a question that one of her advisors, history professor Peter Pozefsky, stumped her with during her orals, “He asked what they didn’t show in the films, and I didn’t know. It was a great question. It stuck with me, the idea of asking, ‘What are you not seeing? Have you been skeptical enough, curious enough to really get to the root and understand what the person across from you is trying to say?’” Having to defend her research and think on her feet taught Stephenson about how to prepare for similar situations in her career. “It taught me what I need to do to be successful,” she said. “I’m writing a totally different presentation today, but going through I.S. taught me where I’m weak and where I’m strong, what I can do on the fly and what I can’t. To carry that into the workforce is invaluable.”

Stephenson, who spent 19 years in the banking industry, currently works with top tier financial institutions as a sales director for Arachnys, a technology platform powered by artificial intelligence that looks for patterns and relationships to feed information back to these institutions to enhance their anti-money laundering practice. In asking questions about “what you’re not seeing,” she knows she plays only a small part in combating human trafficking, drug dealing, and the resulting money laundering in the financial industry, but “knowing who you’re doing business with, who they’re doing business with, and how to keep the bad actors out of your bank” is an important part of fighting these issues. “Human trafficking is a rising problem in the Raleigh-Durham area,” Stephenson explained, “and this is a marginal way for me to give back to my community. Traffickers of all varieties look for ways to get their money back into the banking system so they can use it.”

Read more about why financial literacy is important to Stephenson: [news.wooster.edu/profile/Rachel-Stephenson](https://news.wooster.edu/profile/Rachel-Stephenson)

**“I’m writing a totally different presentation today, strong, what I can do on the fly and what I can’t.**



## Seeking Mentorship

### **As a first-year Doctor of Physical Therapy candidate at Cleveland State University,**

**Ksenia Klue '18** is already reaching out to her professors, asking about their research, and looking for ways to be involved—a move that surprises her classmates coming from different undergraduate experiences. Majoring in neuroscience at Wooster, Klue worked with Seth Kelly, assistant professor in biology and neuroscience, on I.S. After mechanically depriving fruit flies of sleep, they looked at expression alterations in the histone proteins present in DNA. “We aimed to see how the disruption of cardiac rhythms, hormonal imbalances, and cognitive changes that happen following sleep deprivation were present at the molecular level,” she said. “It was an honor working with Dr. Kelly because he pushed you to learn more. Having the knowledge of the research process in general helps me to see myself doing research in the future.” Though still exploring the different aspects of physical therapy, Klue could see herself combining clinical work with research in the field. “Without I.S., I wouldn’t be contacting professors about helping in their labs to gain experience that way,” she said. “My classmates don’t fully understand my interest in research because they haven’t done it. You have to experience it to know how rewarding it is.”

Collaborating on research with faculty at Wooster supplied Klue with the confidence to contact faculty at Cleveland State who can act as mentors to her and also to find mentors in other settings. “Working with Dr. Kelly for I.S. really made me thankful and want to reach out for mentorship,” she said. As a physical therapy coach at Cleveland Volleyball Company for a preventative physical therapy training program, she’s connected with a third-year grad student and a graduate of CSU’s PT program. “They might not consider themselves mentors formally, but to me they are because they went through what I’m going through. I know I’ll learn from them even in small ways,” she said. Klue continues to maintain her relationship with Kelly as well as neuroscience professor Amy Jo Stavnezer.

Read more about how Stavnezer helped inspire Klue to major in neuroscience: [news.wooster.edu/profile/Ksenia-Klue](https://news.wooster.edu/profile/Ksenia-Klue)



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To carry that into the workforce is invaluable.” –Rachel Stephenson**

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### 1940

Rachel Linnell Wynn had her 100th birthday on Nov. 11, 2017 and celebrated with dozens of family members from all over the country. She lives at Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville, Maryland, near her son Mark Wynn '67.

### 1941

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### 1943

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### 1944 75TH REUNION

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### 1945

**Jeanne Haffa "Haffa" McKown** shared that her whole family got together to celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in September. She sent along a wonderful picture of the group. I counted thirty heads including three little ones and three grade school children. It must have been a great reunion. She says she uses a wheelchair now, so she is not able to do much but "I do remember the old days, such fond memories."

**Marcia "Mickey" Chandler Shaffer Fincken** attended the marriage of a grandniece to a man from Manchester, England. She used the wheelchair support service at the airport (I do, too) which makes travel so much

easier and more possible for us old people. She also traveled to a party near Washington, D.C. to celebrate the first birthday of triplets, children of Bud's grandson and his wife. Mickey enclosed a photo of the three little ones in chairs, eating their cakes! Also included in the letter was a wonderful picture of Mickey at her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. She still lives alone in her home, drives (except at night), sings in the choir, plays bridge, and goes out to lunch with friends.

A note from **Margaret "Margie" Goldsmith Hydorn** said that all is well with her. She's looking forward to another lunch with me when I travel east in June.

I, **Jeanne Swan "Swanee" Garnett** had a good holiday season. All of my children were here either Thanksgiving or Christmas. My grandson, Matthew, from Ireland, was here for about a week over Thanksgiving. We don't get to see him and his family often enough. His wife stayed home with their four children. The day after Christmas, my daughter Liz arrived for a 10-day visit after spending Christmas with her two children and four grandchildren in the Netherlands. On Jan. 1, my 22nd great grandchild Isaiah Edward Garnett was born. He is the son of my grandson Andrew and his wife Theresa, their fifth child. Theresa is a very busy mom for she homeschools the children. I am well, use a walker to get around, and don't venture out much in the cold and snow of Wisconsin's winters. That's my news. Send me yours, please.

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### 1946

**Elizabeth Burket Kielbowicz '46** wrote, "Just wanted to say hello to my classmates and let you know that I'm doing okay, still in South Jersey. I've been able to remain in my home with the help of family and others. I'm looking forward to my granddaughter's wedding in May and hoping to celebrate my 95th birthday in July."

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### 1948

**Vivian Alfreda Aldridge** retired from real estate and took up volunteer work. She celebrated her 91st birthday March 5, while spending a month in Florida. She still cooks, goes to the gym, and drives locally.

**Margaret Hagen Wilburn** lives in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina with her son who is a great help to her. She still enjoys reading.

**Jan Palmer Hirshblond** and husband are both

## ON THE CALENDAR

### Scots in Service SEPT. 21

Be a site leader or participate in service activities with other Wooster alumni near you. Contact Sharon Rice at [srice@wooster.edu](mailto:srice@wooster.edu) or call 330-263-2533 to learn more.

### Black & Gold Weekend OCT. 18-19

Celebrate Scot Spirit with alumni, parents, and students as the Fighting Scots take on Big Red! Registration opens in August.

### Alumni Weekend 2020 Save the dates: JUNE 4-7

Register and learn more at [woosteralumni.org](http://woosteralumni.org).





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well, but neither drive at night. They enjoyed having both sons visit them for Christmas, Steve from Houston and Tom nearby.

**Betsy Cowles Sprenkle** emailed this week, saying despite a bad back, she knits blankets for her four great grandchildren. She manages to go to her knitting club, Red Hats, Women's Club, and to play Mah Jong. She keeps in contact with **Scotty Mcintosh** and **Jo Keck** who also has a bad back.

My husband, Bill Hewett '49 now lives in our campus "memory lane" section and will not be able to attend his 70th reunion in June, so I plan on going to Wooster in his stead.

### *Class Secretary*

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## 1949 70TH REUNION

Hello, 49ers. I hope the reunion was nice and some of you attended it. If we can get someone to take us to Wooster from our home in Breckenridge Village, Willoughby, Ohio, we will tell you the latest class news and also what a good reunion we had next time.

I got a nice note from **Dorothy Swan Reuman** with pictures of her children, grandchildren, and a beautiful quilt that looked very finished to me, but she told me is still under construction. She sounds good and as though she's enjoying her life.

I also had a nice note from **Mary Maude Snyder Beuter**. When I was able to drive to Wooster, I would see Mary

Maude at our meetings of the Women's Advisory Board. In her note, she said that she would love to come to our reunion so hopefully she made it. She became a great grandma in October to twin girls. She's in fairly good health and keeps busy.

**Jim Bidle** seems to be doing well. He lives in Muskegon, Michigan, and maintains a fairly active life. And I also heard from **Jack Milligan**, or should I say Judge John Milligan, who has retired but seems in good health. He lives in Canton, Ohio.

**Meg Sneed Copen** lives in Jefferson City, Missouri, and she feels that she will not be able to be at our reunion although she enjoyed our last one. I suspect she speaks for many of us.

It's always nice to hear from our classmates. I'm not certain that I will be continuing as secretary, but I certainly wish you well, and I always feel as though I've lost a good friend when I hear about those of the Class of '49 who have left us. Take care, stay well, and keep Wooster in your thoughts.

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## 1950

Hi, '50 mates! I think my lack of news in latest COW mag elicited a few holiday cards which I can share with you now. One such let me know of **Mary Lou Louch Sahlstrom's** death in August. Mary Lou and I lived an hour apart for over 35 years and always shared summer rounds of golf and winter

lunches and two major reunion trips by car or plane.

**Jim and Jean Dutch Webster** still write from their longtime Dayton area home. Mobility and overly wet summers cut down on their garden produce and now they are headed for Fredericktown, Maryland where their son had built an addition on his home for them to 'retire' to.

**Earl Shaw** writes from Palm Desert where he and wife Ann spend half their time, splitting with six months in Westfield Center, Ohio. Earl is still as active physically as he was at Wooster. He added that he is in touch with **Min Mochizuki** whose wife June died last year.

**Nancy Fisher Caldwell's** card told me that she is now in an assisted living center in Texas with several other grads. She still plays bridge and has two children living nearby.

**Jean Ellsworth Snyder** shared that she was looking forward to a major family reunion.

As for me, I (**Janice**) am still settled into the private care wing of my senior community as my eyesight continues to fail. This is my farewell column, acknowledging how much pleasure it has brought to me for 26 years! Goodbye!

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## 1951

**Florence (Reeder) Morrison** and family really know how to celebrate milestones. Ever the eager travelers she and husband Elliot had a 65/90 celebration

in Belize for a 65th wedding anniversary and Elliot's 90th birthday. There were 28 family members at a resort on San Pedro Island. In addition to beach and water activities they all had a day trip to Mayan ruins which included a river boat trip.

Thanks to **Pris (Miller) Hart** we learned more about the life of **Jane (Abell) Coon** and of the passing of her husband Carleton S. Coon, Jr, a career foreign service officer. Our condolences are extended to Jane and the Coon family. The Washington Post describes Carleton and Jane as two who balanced professional and family diplomacy when he served as ambassador to Nepal, and she was ambassador to nearby Bangladesh. In the 1980's Carleton and Jane served respectively in Kathmandu and Dhaka. The Post tells us that in deference to State Department traditions for female foreign officers, Jane Abell Coon retired after 17 years in the government when she married Carleton Coon, a widowed father of six in 1968. Jane resumed her professional life in 1976 when the State Department changed its position on dual diplomatic spouses. Jane served as a deputy assistant secretary before her appointment as ambassador to Bangladesh. Jane retired from diplomatic service in 1986.

Classmates may keep in touch with **Bill Hendrickson** by visiting WCOM and clicking "listen live" for his weekly interview show from a community radio station in Carrboro, North Carolina. He interviews people from all walks of life, both locally and by phone



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elsewhere, including his granddaughter studying in Australia. Bill also maintains a blog focusing on the lives of older men.

**Sally (Rhine) Henrickson** is a very active board member of the Rhine Research Institute in Durham, North Carolina as the center continues doing the important work in parapsychology started by her father, J.B. Rhine at Duke University in the previous century. Sally is also involved with an associate preparing to publish a book on the many letters to and from Dr. Rhine during his lengthy time at Duke.

**Bill Aber** calls this an unusual happening: Several weeks ago he put some books in the Little Free Library located on the grounds of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque where he and his wife Sally (Sterrett) Aber '52 worship. A few weeks later Bill received a note from Bill Simpson '60 noting that an insurance form had been left in a book that he had taken from the library. What are the odds of a Wooster grad finding a book from another Wooster grad in such circumstances?

Finally, an invitation from your class secretary to those classmates who may be journeying to the New England states this summer. Consider a stop at the New Britain Museum of American Art, the oldest museum in the country dedicated to American art. As a docent there I (**Ruth Ann**) would be happy to take you on a tour with advance contact using my information at the end of the class notes to make arrangements.

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### 1952

The year 2018 was special to **Jake and Maxine (Mickey) Schnitzer Ferris** marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Montessori Radmoor School in Okemos, Michigan by Jake and Maxine with six other couples. The school has thrived. Jake and Maxine continue to be active in church and civic affairs. They have written two new books.

**Jeanne Babcock Carley** and Harry send greetings. Last year Jeanne had heart surgery. Five hours on the operating table disabled her right arm requiring months of rehab and physical therapy. However, when arm and breath permit, they are square dancing.

**Eddie Talbot Jolly** has been learning to live without Bob. It has been easier with the children and grandchildren cycling in and out. She has 16 grandchildren spread from Alaska to the East Coast and Sweden. Eddie is "too blessed to be depressed."

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### 1953

**Gil and Ruth O'Gawa** live in Albuquerque, New Mexico where their two sons are located. Gil has cabinet space in the wood shop where he can continue to make banjo, guitar, and ukulele stands. While not still traveling to banjo conventions, he continues to play his banjo and uke with local groups.

**Dale Landis** and wife Marion have just moved to Saco,

Maine, near daughter, Karen who has an apartment in the new house. They have turned the upstairs into a craft center where they make story puppets and clown props. They toured all over the world with their clown ministry.

**George Bender** and Polly live in Amish Country in Walnut Hills, Ohio. He has a workshop in his garage where he does wood working and makes pottery. There is a county annual art show where he has entered things he has made with success.

**Alice Stoddard** married Lee Webb. He died in September. She is moving to Traverse City to be near her daughter. She is in good health and looks forward to living in the retirement complex.

**Carolyn Ruby Murray** loves living in Cooperstown, New York. She is active despite two bad hips and using canes. She drives to Virginia to visit family.

**Marilu Darone Pehrson** is comfortable living with her daughter. Much of her family lives in the Atlanta area so she gets to be a part of lots of family activities. She appreciated being a part of the conference call with Wooster President Sarah Bolton who answered questions from students and parents.

**Viv Tuttle Hughes** says she loves water aerobics and singing in the church choir. Jim '52 is stable physically; loss of memory is his biggest problem. They manage with the help of care givers.

**Carolyn and Ted Fredley** report that Ted had a mild stroke after our reunion that took away driving (but not talking) privileges. To be close to a son they have moved to Florence, Kentucky.

**Mary Jane Reimer**

**Washburn** lives in a cottage in a senior retirement village. She plays the piano for sing-alongs and is involved in a program mentoring elementary school kids. She enjoys spending time in Colorado as well as Vermont where she takes advantage of many activities offered.

**Gordon Taylor** says he has been working to get the public and our legislators to adopt Switzerland's process for reducing our opioid overdose death rate.

**Mary Elliott Archibald** and **Bob Archibald** are in a couples' book club. Every year they take a field trip connected to one of the books they read. They live in Ohio Living Breckenridge Village. Their health is good.

Our class has had three deaths since last we wrote. **Dick Stultz**, a faithful reunion attendee has died, and we send condolences to the family. **Don Leber** has died, and we send condolences to **Jo Fravel Leber**. **Joel Connolly** has also died.

I, **Pris**, just finished reading *Winners On and Off the Court*, the story of the history of basketball at Wooster beginning in 1901. Our own **Ron Price** is one of the three authors. The story tells of three coaches who have the greatest winning record in the country. It is amazing how these coaches personally influenced their players and prepared them to be Christian husbands, fathers and leaders. I recommend it.

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### 1954 65TH REUNION

**Don Haskell**, reports that he and Carol '52, "other than some travel" live a "quietly mundane and happy life" in Astoria, Oregon including swimming half a mile four days a week and exercise with Carol at the local hospital's rehab clinic the other three days. "In January, we took a Holland-America Line cruise from San Diego to Ft. Lauderdale and sailed through the very interesting Panama Canal in the process." Don ends with "We feel very fortunate to remain in fairly decent health for octogenarians." And may your good fortune continue, Don and Carol!

**John Kirk** shared that they were able to spend most of February in Fort Myers, Florida, an especially welcome break from brutal weather in Illinois. The Kirks plan to get back in time from their annual trip to New York to head straight for the Class of '54 reunion in Wooster. He mentions home pursuits such as reading reports for a local theatre board meeting so is obviously still involved in the world of drama.

**Fred Downs** decided to break a long spell of silence by providing a quick summary of what was clearly an especially interesting life after Wooster: "I married Mary Lois Evans, did what is now called an M. Divinity from Colgate Rochester and a Ph.D. in theology and church history from St. Andrews University, Scotland. We served for 39 years in seminaries in India, me as professor of church history, Mary running a pre-school. Along the way we had three children, Susan, Rick, and Milton. They all attended Woodstock School in the Himalayas north of

New Delhi. My research and writing related to the mainly tribal Christian communities in northeast India. In 1998 our first retirement started in Cape Cod. In 2017 our second retirement began at a care retirement community in Chapel Hill.

**Shirley Martz** wrote, "We are doing well right now but Bob's prostate cancer has turned into a wild fire as our doctor put it. He has had radiation in the past, shots, and pills, but these things are no longer working. He chose not to explore chemo options, so we are enjoying each day. While it took a bit to adjust to the new reality, his good attitude about it makes a world of difference. We are truly pretty good right now." Shirley then reported on a program for her PEO chapter titled, "Outstanding Musicians Who Have Touched My Soul." "One of the highlights was learning and singing Brahms 'German Requiem' under the direction of Robert Shaw while I was at Wooster."

**Judy Yoder Webster** wrote that she was about to fly to DC to meet and hug her second great granddaughter, and was then due to welcome another great grandson in Brooklyn. Having just had visits from two, two-year-old great-granddaughters (and assorted elders) who adore one another, Barry and your secretary have been astonished anew by how much a new-to-the-world can learn to do, understand, invent, and articulate in a little over two years of life. Judy then shared another bit of news which struck a chord with me. "The family book I have been writing is here now and ready to send out in all directions to

the tribe. It was such fun to remember!" I appreciate what a good feeling it must be to have completed the job as I am still far from the finish line of a similar project. I've sent off a complete "The Floydlets in Nigeria 1962-66" and want to finish the chapters of "Growing Up in Jamaica 1966-72" one of these months but tempus fugit ever faster while I, alas, do not. And, once again the value of having class notes columns comes through: they put classmates back in touch or reveal they share interests, grandchildren at the same university, reflections on how times have changed since we graduated. This string of comments from Judy illustrates the point well: "I still have one grandchild left down at Miami University, a junior in engineering, and I keep thinking I will run into **Tom Gregg** when I am down visiting her. I can understand **Marilyn Combs** becoming home sick for the mountains. I was glad to see that **Marilyn and Lem Miller** are doing well in their North Carolina home. Marilyn and I were roommates in our senior year at Babcock Hall. **Diane Lawrence** was our other roommate. Lucky **Mimi (Fitch Fleming)** who can drive down to Wooster easily. I noticed that Mimi is a member of PEO and I am a member as well."

I'm sure we all feel sympathy for **Pat Churchman** whose husband Charles died at the very end of 2018 in Bridgewater, Virginia, surrounded by their family. She provided a quick summary of their life together over 63 years. She and Charles taught school on the island of Taiwan for three years and then again in Dalian, China,

under the Brethren Colleges Abroad program. Charles then earned his Ph.D. and taught at Bridgewater College for many years. Pat's two daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren live nearby, while son John, who lives in Vermont, gets down when he can.

It was a nice surprise to get a letter from **Patricia Taylor**. After a good rehab course and with a daily visit from a helper, regular insulin shots, a special typewriter and an iPad she now feels more in control of things. Her last two grandchildren are almost out of high school; she now has two great grandchildren, was anticipating the wedding of another granddaughter, and noted the accomplishments of several more, including one whose research and writing in India will shortly yield an M.A. in Human Geography at the University of Toronto.

**Marilyn Price Combs** is keen as ever on local history and has also kept up with other Wooster grads over the years. She used to visit **Kay Stimson Atman** and husband Jay who had a cottage on Seneca Lake. Now she visits her son Jim and his family whose lake house is on the very next cove. If you'd like tips on the best books about south-eastern Ohio do consult Marilyn. She and her late husband Don between them were presidents of the local Friends of the Library for nearly fifty years and were honored recently by having a bench dedicated to them.

**Tom Gregg** is the one to consult if you are interested in pickle ball, a cross between ping pong and tennis, with the emphasis on fun





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and is very popular among older folk including women.

**Elbridge Zimmerman** has a fund of stories about Wooster faculty in "our time." Coach Munson and Richard Gore for example. I'll end with his latest, about the latter and a day when a preacher being considered to replace the retiring Rev. Bates rather tried Dr. Gore's patience. "Dr. Gore would carefully let the visiting preachers know that his job with the church was just for three hours a week: two hours for rehearsals and one for the Sunday morning service. If a preacher went overtime, he would rattle the screen behind the organ bench and if that failed, he would accidentally step on an organ pedal. The system had worked well until the day a preacher who spoke on temperance continued to ignore both of the warnings. Choir members wondered if Dr. Gore would explode, but he didn't. The choir marched out and sang from the back. Then Dr. Gore played a postlude, the theme stated loudly in trumpet and oboe stops."

A big thank you to all you contributors! And Barry (faculty 1951-55) and I are sorry to miss our 65th reunion! That's the very week we are informed, our five offspring and a good number of spouses, grands, spouses and greats will be with us in Rye to celebrate the 66 years together that started at Wooster!

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### 1955

Six years ago, **Dick & Wylda Morey** left their home

of 18 years and moved to a retirement community in Pearland, Texas, south of Houston where two of their four sons live. Last year they took a 2,671-mile trip visiting family in Franklin, Tennessee, Columbus, Ohio and Dallas, Texas in 10 days. Their activities include converting analog tapes and 8 mm film to digital DVD's, teaching, 10 months training and serving as a healing prayer minister in his church. Wylda has written two genealogical books on their families and is working on a third.

Allison Huff wrote that her father, **Robert Huff** died July 28, 2018 in LA.

**Mary Crow** is now retired from Colorado State University. She is still writing and sending out to literary magazines. Seven years ago, she downsized from a large house with huge lot to a smaller house and yard, both in Ft. Collins. She travels a lot and was in Paris and south France. She often spends time at writer's residences, recently at MacDowell in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Occasionally, she sees **Laurie Freedman Hayden** in Brooklyn. She has two sons, a grandson, and granddaughter.

Now that these two have broken the ice, do any more of you want to share some news?

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### 1957

**Sheila McIsaac Cooper** wrote that her son and granddaughter thought Wooster gave the best campus tour of any of the many campus tours they took during the past year. In the end, however, Sarah has accepted admission at the University of Chicago, her dad's alma mater.

**Selma O'Meara** wrote, "I have enjoyed three family weddings in the past two years, wonderful additions to our growing family. As I read notes of other alumni, I am reminded that none of Bob's and my children or grandchildren attended Wooster, but they missed it, by insisting on staying to ski continually in upstate New York's lake effect snow. Life is less physical now, and I shock myself to think of having done a cartwheel off the diving board in the Sharks show my senior year! I am enjoying being in my same house and church and finding many situations where I can use my Spanish.

**Kay Cilimburg** wrote, "I had a wonderful visit to Wooster with our daughter, Amy '87 and Amy's niece/our granddaughter, Anna '20. It was interesting to hear each of their memories blending with mine. And yet the spirit of Wooster lives on! Kay teaches swimming and water exercise in Ohio.

**Bruce Roth** wrote that he won the 5K race in his age group (85-89) in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics in September.

I (**Sylvia**) walk my dog, swim once a week, and exercise at Holy Fitness at our church, a program set up by George Mason University to improve balance and prevent falls for senior citizens. **Ellie**

**Norfleet Levine** plays tennis twice a week. **Tom Justice** plays basketball at the YMCA in his town.

**Will Lange** led a tour of Norway in September for New Hampshire Public Broadcasting. He plans another one to Scotland this coming September.

Please let me know your news. As I write this, I.S. is due the 25th. Celebrations will be held around the country. We all can remember getting that finished and handed in. No Tootsie Rolls in those days.

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### 1958

**Dennis** wrote that he and Nina are actively raising two grandchildren, Cody and Regina. Dennis says he and Nina are stressed but think they're hanging onto their health.

I (**Nana**) phoned Jean Carter Badger '65, **Bob Carter's** sister. Enough time has passed that I can tell you without fear of embarrassing him: Bob is in a small residence in Winter Park, Florida, where his son, daughter-in-law, and ex-wife take turns visiting him daily. He has some memory impairment, doesn't have phone use, and does read mail. When Bob suddenly couldn't attend our reunion in June 2018, I did manage to talk to him in the Florida hospital. Contact me for his address.

Here's an analysis of our attendance at that reunion based on where we lived our freshman year. Miller Manor had a strong showing again: **Anne Gieser Hunt, Susan Jamison-Trent, Nancy Shea**



## ALUMNI PROFILE



Sarah Corney '06

### WRITING PERSONA

Recently promoted to partner at RCO law, a regional law firm in Toledo, Ohio, Sarah (Fisher) Corney '06 says her writing abilities led to her legal career, though at Wooster her writing was more creative in nature. Her I.S. told the stories of the women in King Solomon's temple in the Bible from their own perspective, an idea that took shape after a conversation with her advisor, Daniel Bourne, Flo Kurtz Gault Endowed Chair in English. "I had this glimmer of an idea that he brought to life for me," she said, explaining that he suggested she write persona poems from the voices of the women themselves.

Writing with different perspectives in mind remains a skill that Corney, who thought of herself as a small-town girl before she came to Wooster, still uses today. "One of the things that I took from Wooster is the ability to interact with and to cherish people who are different than I am," she said, referencing opportunities to travel to the Ukraine, an internship in Connecticut, and studying abroad in Nantes, France. "Sitting and having a long conversation with people I haven't met before is what I do now on a daily basis." As an attorney in estate planning, she's frequently learning about the intimate details

of her clients' lives in their first conversation. "After one to two hours, I put together a plan for what it might look like for their children and their family if they passed away. I know how to get to know people really, really quickly, and it's not a specific type of person. It's all types of people."

Understanding her clients and their families is something Corney has come to appreciate about her work as an attorney. "That surprises me," she said. "I got into it because I knew how to write, and I still love writing, but if I had to pick a part of my day, I prefer the part where I'm sitting and talking with a recently-widowed client over the part where I'm drafting."

**Metcalf, Carol Smith Swift, Ruthie Holzapfel Walters, Peggy Blumberg Wireman.** Seeing just six names doesn't convey the warm, powerful spirit. Judging by the quality of lasting alumni relationships, something that never occurred to me at the time, I think Miller residents were really fortunate! Other representations were from our undergrad dorms and sections: Bowman: **Nancy Jacobs Weygandt;** Hoover: **Mary Linke Abbott, Koko Satow Blakeslee, Nana Newberry Landgraf, Peg While;** Section II: **Don Custis, Paul Reeder;** Section V: **Bill Moats, Dick Weiss;** Section VII: **Dale Bailey, Don Dixon, Bruce Hunt, Bruce Rigdon;** Section VIII: **Paul Hanke, Doug Harter. Liz Muncy Hauenstein** lived off-campus (source: my freshman directory notes).

I acquired a second piano this month, a Weber (modest brand), built in the 1910's. We've managed to arrange the pianos so that people playing two-piano music can have eye contact, tricky. My living room looks the happiest (read "most fulfilled") it's looked in the two years and one month I've lived here!

At my request, **Nancy Calderwood Carleton**, who loves reading history and politics, gave me a book recommendation of her latest reading: Joseph Ellis' *American Dialogue*, which has to be one of the best political (sort of) books out yet.

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### 1959 60TH REUNION

We are sad to report the passing of **Art Humphreys** in August of 2018. During his four years at The College of Wooster, Art was a member of the Golf team. He also wrote and was the sports editor for *The Wooster Voice*. He was a member of the 7th Section and enjoyed singing in the annual Section Serenade contests as well as serenading his then girlfriend, later wife, **Marion Stuart**. Both Art and

Marion loved Wooster. They made many friends there with whom they kept in touch over the past 60 years. They enjoyed participating in many College activities even after graduation. As an alumnus, Art served as a fundraising chairman in the 1960s and the "W" Association President in the 1970s. In addition to regularly attending the class reunions, he kept in touch with friends as well as the past and current coaches of multiple sports programs. He attended many of Wooster's sporting events throughout the years. Even in recent years and up until his death, he was a lifelong fan of the

Fighting Scots, trying to get to at least one game a year at Wooster in addition to the ones they played anywhere near Pittsburgh. He also reached out to Wooster coaches about high school basketball and baseball players from the Pittsburgh area. He was very much looking forward to attending the 60th reunion this spring. If anyone from the class has any memories of Art and/or Marion, we would love to hear the stories! He is survived by his three beloved daughters and their families, and by his partner, Sandra Nicklas, brother, Dr. John L. Humphreys Jr., and many loving nieces and nephews.

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### 1960

**Bill Robinson** retired and is living in a golf community in western Pennsylvania. He is married to Gretchen Yant '59. They celebrated **Bart and Bob Whitaker's** 80th birthday at Bob and **Dixie's** home in Akron. Bill has maintained ties with close Wooster friends such as **Ed Howard** in Florida and members of Fifth and Third sections, who got together at **Randy Worl's** in Oglebay, West Virginia for 20 years. Bill has great memories of and is very proud of Wooster.

**Phoebe Frew Norton** is happily ensconced in her home in Longmont, Colorado enjoying family, friends, volunteering, hiking, and nature.

**Liz Kranz Painter's** husband Mario passed away in 2016, a true life-changer. She found a new purpose in life with a wonderful man, Tom Painter, whom she married. They both like cooking, gardening, church activities, traveling, entertaining, and doing home improvements. They moved from Nashville to Irwin, Pennsylvania, where Tom has family. Liz loves being back in the cool north and couldn't be happier.

For her 80th birthday trip, **Carol Lamberger** and husband Paul traveled to Panama. First, they stayed in a World War II radar tower, where they could view the canal and "birds in rainbow colors." In March they were fortunate enough to join their favorite guide's last trip to Costa Rica. Between the

two trips, they saw about 450 birds, 200 of them new, to add to Carol's nearly 1500-bird list in her lifetime.

**Ruth Parsons Martin** made front page news for her statement "I was a mean mom who made her kids clean up after the messes they made." She was speaking at a public meeting about whose responsibility it was to pay for the cleanup of a power company's toxic waste spill. In August, Ruth and Aaron celebrated the wedding of their granddaughter Erika, the first wedding among their grandchildren. They celebrated Ruth's 80th birthday in September.

**Chuck Banning** wrote that he is "still above ground and taking nourishment." Since his retirement he has completed his 25th year as pastor at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church on the outskirts of Decatur, Illinois. He continues to enjoy the folks very much and loves serving as their pastor.

I am very sad to report the deaths of **JoAn Organ Smith** wife of **Gerry Smith, William Georges, and Margaret (Ann) Chambers.**  
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### 1961

**Kay (Warman) Tuttle** visited her cardiologist recently, and he commented "half of the people born in the same year as you are already dead." She asked him if her heart might go another 10 years, to which he replied "why not another 20, to age 100?" Kay has some health issues, as do many of us, but the doctor said that if she kept exercising and eating healthy, she could postpone a serious

operation for many years.

**Jean (Kennedy) Holloway** writes that they have no disasters in Britain (where she lives) apart from "the wretched Brexit negotiations which dominate (her) news." By the time you read this, there may or may not be some sort of settlement.

Like most of us, I (**Larry**) recently celebrated my 80th birthday. My son, who lives in New Hampshire, gave me a new coffee mug to replace one that I received 20 years ago when I turned age 60. It says, "Made in 1939, All Original Parts!" To all of us, with original or replacement parts: "Happy Birthday!" Also, our granddaughter graduated from Wooster last May!  
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### 1962

**Captain John M. (Mike) Miller** USN RET wrote that a chance meeting with a naval recruiter his senior year took him from washing dishes in Babcock to a 31-year career as a naval officer. He was in the Gulf of Tonkin in Vietnam when the war broke out. Over the years he was an advisor on a Vietnamese gun boat and in command of a coastal minesweeper, a destroyer escort, a destroyer and two destroyer squadrons. With expertise in political affairs in East Asia he was appointed to the faculty at the National War College. During those 31 years he met and married Susie Myers. Together they moved coast to coast six times with tours of duty in Washington D.C., San Diego, Monterey, Seattle, Charleston, Jacksonville, and Okinawa

and Taipei Taiwan, while still raising four children. In the tradition of American sea captains, he retired in 1993 and bought his home by the sea in Neptune Beach, Florida which after much sweat equity became his dream home named "Sea Dreams."

**Nancy Musselman Arnot** and her two cats continue to live in Gahanna, Ohio where she is active in church activities. The holidays brought visits from her two sons, Michael from California and Mark from London.

**Sue Hinman Armstrong** wrote: "We have a house in Maine on a rather remote island, an hour and a half off the coast. Our children and grandchildren are literally scattered from coast to coast, so our Maine house is the gathering spot; a place of kayaking, hiking, swimming, and much fun. Don and I are still very active in our church and have become seriously interested in a ministry to followers of Jesus in the Middle East, traveling to Jordan, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates several times."

**Howard Sales** wrote "I wore a Wooster T-shirt to my exercise class here in Dayton and a classmate asked me my connection to the college. Turns out she, Joan Bowser Delon '59, and I are both Wooster grads. Always fun to make surprise connections." Howard attempts to stay as active as his Parkinson's disease will allow. He and wife, Patsy Hill Sales, often return to Wooster to visit longtime friends and classmates, **Jim Kapp** and Kathy.  
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### 1963

**Nancy Shawhan Walker** shared news that after Wooster, she earned her master's degree in Pittsburgh, leading to a 33-year teaching career in Memphis. She found "the perfect husband," a widower with children. The family loved camping and travel, including many trips to California and one to Alaska. He died in 2001. Nancy has four grandchildren. She and a widow friend travel together, picking an interesting country to visit every year. Nancy continues to swim, delivers Meals on Wheels and is active in her church.

**Bill Shear** has freely admitted what "bugs" him: "I.S. at Wooster infected me with the research bug that has lasted for 56 years! As Bill explains, "When I retired from teaching in 2015 after a 50-year career, I set up a small research lab at home and hoped to keep up with my work describing and naming new species of animals. A lot of projects initiated over the last 10 years came to fruition this year, as expressed in seven scientific articles published so far in 2018, with maybe one or two more to come. I'm enjoying collaborations with colleagues and their graduate students, especially working with new molecular techniques and a scanning electron microscope at Virginia Tech. The paper I'm happiest with this year is one reporting a family of centipedes for the first time from North America. The report includes a new species from a lava cave in Idaho which I named *Speleopsobius weaveri* for retired Wooster professor Andy Weaver, who inspired me and many others."

**Rebecca (Becky) McCreight Wharton** sends us some news via **Ron Eggleston** who had "a very nice long phone conversation with Becky." She was pleased with the summary of our 55th reunion activities. Becky did not graduate from Wooster, finishing her education at Pittsburgh University, near her home. She did not attend the reunion since she had been to Wooster Alumni Weekend in 2017 to see **Judy Mack Patterson** receive her Distinguished Alumni Award. Becky ranks Herr Schreiber as one of her favorite professors and treasures her experience in the Wooster in Vienna program."

Class President **Ron Eggleston** tells us that 2018 was a busy year. "I attended my mom's 104th birthday party in Venice, Florida, along with three siblings and my daughter. We had a wedding (our niece) and a high school graduation (oldest grandson, who is now at Ball State in Indiana)."

**Judy L. Wollstadt** passed away Aug. 14, 2018 in Mt. Morris, Illinois, following four-years with Alzheimer's disease. Judy taught English at the high school level in the 1960's, but after her first daughter, Lynn, was born, she devoted herself to raising her children. She took her job of parenting Lynn, David, and Laura very seriously, over the years reading countless stories, watching many band concerts and soccer games, supervising chores, and giving plenty of lectures as well as hugs. She could often be found working in her large, beautiful yard or training and showing golden retrievers in agility, obedience, and tracking trials. For more than 20 years, she had been an active

member of Forrest City Dog Training Club, Inc. Judy will be missed by her husband of 54 years, Dr. Loyd Wollstadt, and her children and grandchildren.

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### 1964 55TH REUNION

**Jay Holt** is coordinator for Coastal Cleanup in Georgetown, Maine, and also serves on the town's Shellfish Conservation Committee. The demonstration Heal Eddy soft shell clam aquaculture farm abuts Jay's family property at Bay Point, and Jay has been actively involved in research that has shown that netting to protect against clam-hungry invasive green crabs has been quite effective. Jay is also very proud of having worked to get out the democratic vote in the midterm elections which saw the election of Maine's first woman governor.

**Ann (Retzlaff) and Knick Harley** reported that the highlight of their year was a week kayaking in the waters between Vancouver Island and the British Columbia mainland. They hired an entire boat, which can take up to 10 passengers, and were joined by their daughters' families and Knick's sister Kay. They continue to enjoy life in Victoria, B.C., and love entertaining visitors.

**Maida McIlroy Wedell** wrote that although 865 miles separate her from her children, she was able to see them numerous times

in 2018 in her home town of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in St. Paul, and in Denver, and seven members of the family accompanied her on an Alaskan cruise. A trip abroad in June-July took her and her sister-in-law to Scotland, where her paternal grandfather was born.

**John Boatright** and I (**Claudia**) kicked off the New Year with a ten-day trip to Cuba with retired faculty and friends from Loyola University Chicago. Organized by a Cuban born professor in the political science department, our tour included five days in Havana, two days in Cienfuegos, one day in Trinidad, and one day in Santa Clara. We returned with a profound admiration for the beauty, generosity, and perseverance of the Cuban people. Finally, we received a New Year's greeting from Kathy Mortensen Morris '90, daughter of our beloved classmates, **Jeanne (Bowman) and David Mortensen**, both of whom we have lost since our last reunion. Kathy said that staying in touch with friends was one of her parents' highest values, and she wants to continue that tradition by reaching out to all of us.

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### 1965

**Bill Vodra** shares, "Dru and I completed our four-year study of the Great War, coinciding with the centennial. I audited Eileen Dunham's course titled World War I (and the second semester titled WWII), in 1963-64. She was the most rigorous and demanding teacher I ever had. While the College said



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to plan on at least two hours of prep time for each class hour, hers was the only course in which that was absolutely true! After I realized I was in over my head (I had enrolled in seven courses that semester), she allowed me to switch to an audit. But the subject of 20th century world history fascinated me, and I always wanted to learn more. Beginning in 2015, I began a reading program that would have made Dr. Dunham proud (until she started examining me on what I remembered from the 200 plus books I have now read on the War). And we began touring the battlefields, in Belgium, France, Italy, and Turkey.”

**Jill Karatinos** wrote, “We were at the Ruth Williams Hall of Life Science dedication and the dinner afterwards, and I got a chance to speak with neurosciences chair, Amy Jo Stavnezer, and two of the biology professors. Two other members of our class were at Wooster that weekend, **Gretchen Meister Brand** and **Dave Brand**, neither of whom we had known at Wooster.” Jill has added a chapter to the autobiography she is writing and would be willing to share the PDF with anyone interested.

**Barbara Kurz** has been traveling again. She writes, “**Marcy Kerr** and I were roommates junior and senior years at Wooster. In recent years we traveled to Europe. I used to get groups together, but folks are aging out. Marcy joined us for many of these trips. In September we went with some other friends on a tour of France.”

**Bill Longbrake** reported that grandchild number eight arrived on Monday,

Feb. 11, 2019: Joel William Longbrake. He is the third child of Bill's son Mark and his wife Erin. Bill arrived at their home in Guilford, CT on Feb. 8 and was able to care for their two older children, Adam and Leah. In March 2019, Bill traveled with his brother David to South Africa for a study tour. The tour was sponsored by Auburn Theological Seminary (Bill is a board member). Afterwards he flew from Johannesburg to Maui to spend 10 days with his daughter Dorothy, her husband, and two granddaughters. The itinerary resulted in an around the world trip, Bill's first ever.

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### 1966

Co-Presidents **Gail Jones** and **Lib O'Brien**, and I (**Bonnie**), urge you to keep classmates apprised of your news. Also, please share any ideas that you have for the 55th reunion in June 2021. Recently one classmate suggested that we exchange the titles of the best books we've ever read which would promote interaction and intellectual stimulation. Other ideas?

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### 1967

Greetings to all the members of the Class of '67! I recently had the opportunity to talk to **Bob Hamas**, who was a Chemistry Major in our class. After Wooster,

Bob got a medical degree at Ohio State and had residency in Pittsburgh. He became a plastic surgeon and moved to Dallas where he practiced from 1979 to 2016.

He has recently moved to Park City, Utah where life is a bit less intense. He works on medicine-related issues and is associated with Ideal Implants Incorporated, a company which he founded in 2004 which developed a new and improved type of breast implant.

**Bill Mateer** worked on the Mental Health and Recovery Board in Wooster and was director of the program in Wayne and Holmes Counties for about 25 years. He now has retired and has moved to Goshen, Indiana to be near his daughter. In retirement, he has enjoyed being active in local music organizations and is the director of the Goshen Community Chorale.

It is with regret that I report the passing of **Ron Hill** on Dec. 13, 2018. He always spoke highly of his time at Wooster and of his good friends in the classes of 1966 and 1967.

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### 1968

I (**Ann**) want to alert you that I'll be sending out group emails to many of you who were not able to attend the 50th or to send in information for the memory book. It was wonderful to get responses to my emails this time from Barb and Connie. Reading their emails made me realize why I volunteered to be one of your class secretaries. I love reconnect-

ing with my classmates and hearing about the interesting lives you are living. So, when you get my emails please just take a few minutes to email me back!

**Barb Carpenter** wrote, “For the past 35 years I have lived in Pittsburgh working as a transplant nephrologist. The transplant field had a very exciting period in the 40 years that I was affiliated with it, and several other members of our class were active in the field. Other exciting things in my life have been my family and our two sons. I retired, and my husband is about to, so we are making travel a higher priority. We have a home in Cape Cod and the Boston area has become more attractive as our only grandchild has recently moved there with her parents. I volunteer for conservancy agencies including Fallingwater, the Frank Lloyd Wright house just outside of Pittsburgh. I'm sorry to have missed the reunion.”

**Connie Demmon Batterton** wrote: “I sold my antique shop I'd run for 10 years and became involved in a new museum in Catawba Island Peninsula where we live most of the year and was named curator. This necessitated all sorts of planning and work to get ready for a grand opening in June 2018. We escape the Ohio winter weather in Venice, Florida. We try to keep up with three adult children, 11 grandkids and two great grandkids and all their adventures.”

**Marv Shie** who served on our 50th committee has been busy traveling the world since June. He recently traveled to Dubai and South Africa, as well as Zimbabwe and Botswana and said it was “great for sightseeing



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and animal viewing.”

**Louisa Stroup**, another committee member, is often on campus as her husband Judge Solomon Oliver '69 is on the Board of Trustees. She encourages her classmates to check out the articles and videos on Wooster's website and says, "I really enjoy feeling connected to and excited about the experiences that students have at Wooster today."

**Herbert Hagens** wrote, "After graduating from Wooster, I obtained graduate degrees from Middlebury College and Princeton University. For thirty years I taught German at both the high school and college levels. Since Wooster I cultivated an active interest in anthroposophy and lecture on Rudolf Steiner's teachings in the U.S. and abroad. My Russian studies at Wooster came in handy when I gave a talk in Moscow. It has been a pleasure keeping in touch with Professor Schreiber's family in Wooster and also with classmate Gary Starbuck of Yarmouth, Maine. My wife Adelaide recently retired from her career as an art historian in the Index of Medieval Art at Princeton University. We very much enjoy traveling, especially cruises, and gladly welcome visitors to our book-filled home in Kingston, New Jersey.

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## 1969 50TH REUNION

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## 1970

**Craig Robertson** wrote, "Some of you may remember **John Hartman**, who was a member of our class but did not graduate from Wooster. A big guy with a big personality, I recently learned that John passed away in November 2017 in New Haven, Connecticut at age 70. After leaving Wooster, John earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education and worked several years as a middle school counselor before embarking on a music career as a keyboardist, doing musical gigs all over New England and Ocean City, Maryland. Despite leaving Wooster, John retained fond memories of his time there. There's not much of note going on in our lives at the moment. My wife Fran and I are fully retired, doing a fair amount of traveling, and spending a lot of time with our grandchildren."

**Karen Duffy Lintala** writes, "I am still traveling as much as I can. I did Chile, Antarctica, Falkland Islands, Argentina and Uruguay in December and January. The most unusual experience happened in a quiet bay in Antarctica. I never realized how curious a Humpback whale might be about a ship, and one surfaced right beneath us and swam alongside of us before spouting and diving. It was amazing, and as I put my hand on my Wooster scarf, I realized, I was slimed by a whale. How many people can say that!"

June 4-7, 2020 are the dates for our 50th Reunion, so please get them on your

calendar. It is going to be fun to reconnect with each other, and with the College. There is lots to be proud of around here, and a reunion is a great excuse to come see it all!

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## 1971

**Ed Thompson** shared an article about **Jim Ratty**. He started his coaching career in Ohio and has become the coach with the second most wins in Arizona high school football: 332 high school games and seven championships! Congrats Jim! He is currently coaching middle school flag football.

**Christopher Craft** shared that after graduation, he completed his master's of education in studio art at the University of Akron. He taught American history and visual art at Fairless High School in Ohio for thirty-one years. During this time, he participated in Civil War Living History, attending numerous living history events and reenactments. In retirement, Chris served as an adjunct instructor at Malone University, teaching ceramics for nine years and at the Massillon Museum. He is currently the special projects coordinator at the museum. In 2007-08, he co-founded and directed "Artful Living and Learning," an early childhood arts immersion program designed to stimulate creativity and improve academic achievement in preschool children. As a practicing artist, Chris has worked in many private collections and in the collections of two universities, the First Ladies National Historic

Library, and the White House. Chris and his wife, Marcia, have two children and five grandchildren.

**Wendy Smith Dillingham** shared some sad news about one of our classmates: "I am sorry to report the passing of **Tom Herr** in late December. I have started to compile notes and memories from classmates to send to his wife Kate. If anyone has fond memories of times with Tom, please send them to Wendy to be shared with Tom's family. Tom met Kate when he was in graduate school in Chicago. He became a CPA and they lived in Midlothian, Virginia for many years. In addition to Kate, Tom leaves behind his daughter Megan, son Garth, their spouses and three grandchildren. Tom was a wonderful bagpiper and pipe major at Wooster for three years. Tom continued to love playing his bagpipes; six years ago he told me he mainly played for weddings and funerals. In his words, 'Yup, I marry them, and I bury them.' It is very sad to think that someone will be playing pipes for him."

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## 1973

I, **Cindy**, have joined the grandparent club as our son Craig's wife gave birth to our grandson in February. I have enjoyed seeing other members of the grandparents' club this year as they make



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their way to Colorado to visit their families.

**Diane Welshhans** ventured this way to see her son and his family, **Kathy Enslin** and Dave '72 visited in the summer while staying with their daughter in Denver, and we had a fun visit with **Kay Popovic** and Lou '74 while they were visiting their son and his family in Castle Rock.

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### 1974 45TH REUNION

#### Elmer "Goose"

**Steingass** wrote, "After working as a photographer for the Wooster Daily Record for about eight years following graduation, I moved on to radio and TV consulting and worked for Carl E. Smith

Consulting Engineers in Bath, Ohio for 27 years as a broadcast consulting electrical engineer. I retired in 2007, then proceeded to flunk retirement and went to work as a brewer at Hoppin' Frog Brewery in Akron, Ohio for six years before successfully retiring again. One of the highlights of my brewing gig was to have one of my recipes brewed there. The beer, Hoppin' Frog Goose Juice Rye IPA, was offered as a prize in a bet between Senator Sherrod Brown and Senator Barbara Boxer during the 2015 NBA Finals series between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Golden State Warriors which was won by Golden State. This past February I was elected to the 15-member Governing Committee of the American Homebrewers Association, an organization that

supports the national and international community of home brewers of beer and mead. I am also a certified beer judge and have won numerous medals for some of my beers. Hope to see some of you at our 45th reunion!"

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### 1975

**Jim Clough** wrote, "After 34 years as a geologist for the State of Alaska, I retired in July of 2015. It was a fun and rewarding career filled with many adventures in the mountain ranges of Alaska and field trips from the tropics to Europe. I'm currently an affiliate professor at the University of Alaska where I help mentor graduate students and assist in research

projects. I'm also doing consulting work for the oil and gas industry. My daughter Natalie is in a college nursing degree program, and our son Erik is busy in high school and playing hockey. My wife Lorita will retire in two years from her work with the state. We welcome any classmates to visit us in Alaska."

**Patricia (Tricia) Kelley** wrote, "I enjoy staying busy in retirement with travels to help with my two grandchildren and professional activities. I publish my research and am on the lecture circuit for the paleontological society. This fall I was honored to receive the Association for Women Geoscientists 'Encourage Award,' for my efforts to advance women in the geosciences."

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## SCOT VOLUNTEER

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*"Wooster becomes part of your DNA."*

**Involvements:** Scots in Service leader, 20th reunion committee, alumni board member, happy hour host

**Q. Why is it important to you to volunteer with Wooster?**

**A.** Wooster becomes part of your DNA. You live through a shared experience of doing I.S. and living on a small residential campus. Staying involved with the community is important to me because I want to make sure the students that are coming in have as good an experience as I did.

**Q. What have you taken away from your experiences?**

**A.** Having alumni events—formal lectures, happy hours, whatever they are—is a way that we can connect with fellow alumni and support recent grads. It connects me to a wider network of

alumni, and it allows me to expand my leadership skills.

**Q. Why would you recommend volunteering to others?**

**A.** It's a great opportunity to stay connected to the college to expand your own network to alumni you don't know. There are so many opportunities and ways to volunteer with varying levels of commitment including but not limited to Scots in Service, coordinate an event, host I.S. Monday, represent Wooster at a College Fair, or writing notes to newly admitted students.

Contact [alumni@wooster.edu](mailto:alumni@wooster.edu) to learn more about how you can be involved.



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### 1976

**Jenny Multer Monroe** retires this year from her Road Scholar coordinator position in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of New York. She says, "I'll still be doing some lecturing and step-on guiding, but the paperwork and the logistics are over, more time for community theatre and creating first-person portrayals of famous local women. I coordinated the Elmira Women's March in January."

**Marcia Ruff** wrote, "I live in metro Detroit and have been married to Tom Wilkinson '74 for 35 years. It's been a good run since we met working in Kittredge Dining Hall in 1972. We have a daughter living in D.C. and a son from Tom's first marriage with two kids and living in Detroit, so we're grandparents, too. I spent much of my career as an automotive journalist, but for the last 12 years, I've been the school historian at The Roeper School, promoting the philosophy of a progressive independent school founded in 1941 by two refugees from Nazi Germany. Tom just retired after a 24-year career in communications at GM, so we're now thinking about how the next chapter will look. More fun, more travel, and new experiences are on the list!"

**Nancy Davis** wrote, "I've been spending my retirement writing, traveling (Ireland, Iceland, Scandinavia, Italy, Canada, the U.S., with more to come!), and getting caught up on life. This summer, my poetry chapbook, *Ghosts*, will be published by Finishing Line Press. Other publications (poetry and fiction) are in the works. My daughter Julia finished her master's in communications

at Columbia University and is a digital marketing manager at CBS here in Chicago. My husband, Richard Cappelletti, recently retired after selling his macro-graphics company, so together we're tackling all sorts of projects and goals and spending lots of time at our house on Lake Michigan in the Indiana Dunes, as well as hitting the museum and music scene here in Chittown. I'm looking forward to our 50th and reconnecting."

**Alpha Alexander** was honored by the Black Women in Sport Foundation at the Philadelphia Phillies vs. New York Mets baseball game in April. Alpha is still living in Tennessee, enjoying life, and taking care of relatives.

**Amy McKinley Kefauver** wrote, "My husband Will and I moved to the tiny town of Damariscotta, Maine, in 2013 and are grateful for every morning we wake up in this beautiful state. My husband runs an art gallery and teaching studio in the barn attached to our house, and I manage a three-bedroom rental apartment through Airbnb and pick up freelance editorial work. Our kids are grown and are launching their lives."

After two years at Wooster, **William Simmons, M.D.** graduated from Carleton College in Minnesota. He spent two summers in his undergraduate years working in a hematology lab at the Mayo Clinic, where he also attended medical school. He is currently an anesthesiologist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Shadyside Hospital and the winner of many awards for his humanitarian work. He chairs a mentorship program for sixth-grade black males to prepare them for careers in science,

technology, engineering, and math. Simmons wrote, "My grandfather was my first mentor. One person can make a difference in your life if he or she motivates you and you don't want to disappoint them. I'm fortunate to have had many mentors, and I'm happy to offer mentorship to others. Being able to help the young men in the Journey to Medicine Program is a great joy. When the first student from our program becomes a physician, I'll be elated."

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### 1977

**Lyle Hanna** wrote, "So many people retiring, I am running the other direction. I may be dead before this message is published, but I started a new company 23 weeks ago called EZgig. I have 24 clients, more than 2,000 applicants, and I've hired over 400 people. I am putting a lot of people to work in hourly jobs, and it is a ton of fun. Who wouldn't like an EZ Gig?"

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It is with deep sadness that several '80 classmates

gathered Dec. 15 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington, Ohio to remember our classmate **Tracey Dils** who died on Dec. 6. Tracey's husband **Richard Herrold** along with friends **Mark (Moonshine) Pierson** and **Susie Estill** each shared memories of Tracey along with several of her lifelong friends. I, **Jen Watson**, was also in attendance. **Mike Riffie** sent flowers on behalf of our class.

Our 40th reunion will be in June 2020! The reunion planning committee will be meeting in September 2019. If you have ideas, please send them to me. If you will be on campus for Black and Gold Weekend, you are welcome to join us. If you are not yet on Facebook, consider joining our group as it is a nice way to stay in touch with friends.  
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### 1981

**Linda (Mortensen) Hill** writes to say she is just trying to stay warm in Cincinnati. If any alumni have any warmer weather destinations to offer her, please, let her know at your convenience.

**Barbara (Churchill) Nonno** is pleased to announce that her daughter Natalie will be a member of the Class of 2023.

**Jamie Wintermute Doll** wrote, "After Wooster I received a M.S. in computer engineering from Case Western Reserve University. I had a successful 35-year career working for Apple, Microsoft and other smaller companies. In June 2018 I retired and am now working





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on music fulltime, singing, playing piano and guitar, but spending most of my time composing music. Some of my pieces have been performed by church choirs. My husband Joe is working as a technical analyst in the healthcare industry."

Having just turned a youthful 60 years of age, I (**David**) recently sold my optometric practice of 34 years and am now planning with my wife Dianna an extended river cruise in Europe this summer. In the meantime, please, keep sending me your news items and photos.

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It was good to hear from **Sally Batton**, who did not graduate from Wooster (she transferred after her sophomore year): "but my dearest friendships are from my time there!" She wrote, "After 29 years as the Division I, varsity head coach of the Dartmouth College Equestrian Team, I'll be retiring at the end of this year. I've been coaching in the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association for over 35 years, and I am moving on to concentrate on my various equestrian businesses, the Athletic Equestrian League, AEL Collegiate and Sally Batton Equestrian Clinics.

**Hugh Crowell** wrote, "I semi-retired as a partner in an environmental and engineering consulting firm

in 2017. I work part-time for my company on wetland and stream regulatory issues and on ecosystem restorations. I have been very busy with volunteering for the Harmony Project, the Red Cross, Mid-Ohio Food Bank and local civic organizations supporting the special needs community. My wife Julie Cronk is still working as a biology and environmental science professor at Columbus State Community College and son Seth is a journalist writing for several publications.

Keep the news coming! It's always good to stay in touch and hear what our classmates are doing.

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**Mary Cermelj Kovack** shared her first-ever class note: "I haven't written in during the last 34 years! Last year brought me a fourth term as the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Judge for Medina County. I have officially begun my 19th year as judge. My political science degree has been very helpful." Mary has one son who graduated last year from Wittenberg University, earning a music education degree and now working as a high school band director in South Carolina. "Before he graduated, I had the amazing experience of seeing my son play lead trombone in the Ohio

Private College Instrumental Conductors Association honors jazz band at McGaw Chapel, and also seeing my own Wooster band director, Nancy Ditmer, there."

**Brad Smith** wrote, "I brought my son Carson to see Wooster and meet with the lacrosse coach. He is still deciding on where he will attend, but we had a great weekend, and it was amazing to see the athletic facilities at the new Scot Center. I was glad to see Lowry Center still looked like home, except minus bowling and pool tables, which is a loss from my standpoint." Brad, who serves as chief international officer at the American Council of Life Insurers in Washington, D.C., asks anyone who currently has kids at Wooster to contact him.

Big changes are afoot for Class President **James Haskins**. The Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis has hired him as its new managing director. The Guthrie produces a mix of classic and contemporary plays on three stages, and James will oversee the organization's \$28-million budget in addition to his other responsibilities. "After almost 20 years in Philadelphia and more than 12 at The Wilma Theater, the time has come for my next chapter," he wrote. "I will be moving to Minneapolis where I will begin my new adventure. My husband Michael will eventually join me in the Twin Cities. This is an incredible opportunity. Bundle up and come visit us in Minneapolis."

**Missy Ehlert Ricksecker Greenleaf Flinn** changed her name and marital status: "On Feb. 9, I married my partner of 10 years, Marcus Flinn. I took this opportunity to reset and renew myself, starting

with a new name. But you can all still call me Missy." The bride and groom had a small wedding in their living room. She wrote, "Then we went out for drinks," says Missy. And what of "Greenleaf," which is now part of her legal name? It's an old family name on her maternal side.

**Fred Siewers** has a lot on his (tectonic) plate as chair of the department of geography and geology at Western Kentucky University, where he has been teaching and conducting research for nearly 20 years. "Both of my kids are in college here at WKU in Bowling Green," says Fred. "My hobbies these days include bike riding, music, and roasting my own coffee, anything to keep me going!"

**Karen Sapio** wrote, "Three of the 13 people on the Presbyterian Church (USA) 2020 Vision Team are Wooster graduates." The team is tasked with developing a guiding statement for the denomination as it moves into the future. In addition to Karen, who is pastor of Claremont Presbyterian Church in Claremont, California, alumni on the 2020 Vision Team are Michael Fagans '91 and Becca Snedeker-Meier '17. Both Karen and Becca are legacies with parents who are alumni. And of course, Karen's daughter, Clara, just completed her first year at the College.

I (**Barry**) know the whole class has high hopes for **Karl Henning's** full recovery from a severe stroke he suffered in late November. Indeed, Karl wrote in from the Boston area to report that he "continues a slow but encouraging recovery" and that his "primary care physician confirms that a full recovery is a reasonable expectation."



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**Marcia Obermiller** wrote, "**Sid Hastings, Patty Skidmore Kelly**, and I were able to get together for a lunch after Christmas. We met in North Canton, Ohio where I was visiting my mom. It was great to have the warmth and friendship of 33 years! Patty and her family moved to Cincinnati in June. I couldn't be more thrilled to have her back in Ohio. Sid and his wife, Susan, and my family try to take in annual Cleveland Indians game with friendly rivalry, as they are diehard Cardinals fans. Sid is doing well as a freelance photographer and editor in the St. Louis area. I am getting ready to have my oldest graduate from college as an industrial designer. My middle daughter is a freshman at the University of Portland in Oregon and our youngest is a junior in high school. I continue to help dyslexic students read and write and succeed in the classroom, a tremendously rewarding vocation.

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### 1989 30TH REUNION

**John Zazzaro** is in his 25th year of teaching and 21st year of marriage. He wrote, "We are about to send our twin sons off to college, but we are really enjoying their senior year. I am living/working at a boarding school in Rome, Georgia where I also have 30 more "sons" just outside my front door. Teaching is rewarding and sometimes a grind, but I still get to spend every summer at a camp in Maine."

**Jerry Hammaker** retired in March 2018 after 18 seasons as head coach of men's and women's swimming at Lycoming College. Since then he has been working on his certifications as a wine professional/sommelier. He wrote, "The reading and workload reminds me of grad school!" His son, Payton, visited Wooster on his first college campus tour. They met with Keith Beckett in athletics and Jerry's former swim coach. He noted, "The College has an amazing campus with many positive changes." After his mother passed away his father was able to sell his home and moved into a lower level in his home.

**Joseph Bickley** is working on his Ph.D. in history at the University of Arizona. He is piling it on top of a J.D., M.A. and M.S., so "one might say I collect degrees." He currently teaches at Pima Community College.

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**Ken Swope**, currently the General Buford Blount Professor of Military History at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM), was recently honored as the College of Arts & Letters Researcher of the Year at USM. His most recent book, *On the Trail of the Yellow Tiger: War, Trauma, & Social Dislocation in Southwest China During the Ming-Qing Transition* (published July 2018) found him conducting research in China and at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University. An expert in early modern East Asian history, Ken is currently finalizing a biography of the Chinese general, Zuo Zongtang.

On a recent trip down the Rio Solimoes and Rio Negro in Brazil, **Anne Lewellen** discovered another Wooster graduate among her fellow travelers: Martie Robertson Sachs '70. Anne and Martie had a great time on their river adventure, spying over 80 species of birds, as well as monkeys, sloths, caimans, orchids, bromeliads, and other plants and animals. When she is not exploring the Amazon, Anne works as a research coordinator for the National Park Service in Jacksonville, Florida.

On a personal note, my husband **David Kime** and I (**Kathleen**), along with many of our Wooster friends, are mourning the loss of our beloved friend **Scott R. Dixon**, who passed away on Nov. 29, 2018 at his home in Lanesboro, Minnesota. Scott is survived by his wife Stela Burdt and their son Kieran. At Wooster, he majored in English and theatre and spent much of his time writing creative short fiction and participated in a number of theatrical productions at Wooster, including "A Raisin in the Sun" and "The Immigrant." He used his creative talents outside the classroom, too, writing and performing as part of the Footlights Radio Comedy Troupe on WCWS and sharing his love of word play and humor with anyone nearby. Scott's I.S. combined his passion for horror literature with his love of theater. Many of us recall fondly sitting in the audience at his senior I.S. production "Sitting in the Shadows." He received an M.F.A. in acting from Wayne State University and worked with a number of theater companies before beginning his career at the Commonwealth Theatre Company in Lanesboro where he acted in 43 productions. Scott's love of horror literature and radio productions stayed with him after Wooster, and his work has appeared in more than a dozen print and online magazines. Even after being diagnosed with cancer, he continued to love, live, work, and play as much as he was able."

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### 1993

It is with sadness that we report the loss of a classmate, **Heather Renshaw Diedtirich**. Her death was reported by her close friend, fellow classmate, **Kate Anderson Barnett**, who writes that Heather succumbed to a “multi-year battle with cancer” and “is survived by two boys, Alexander (AJ) and Charlie, her husband Shawn, her parents Carol and Thomas Renshaw, and a close-knit clan of aunts, uncles, and cousins, who were more like surrogate mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers to her. Her brother Jeffrey Renshaw, predeceased her.” Kate adds that Heather had a great sense of humor and a love of dragonflies.

We heard from **Anne Adams Wilson**: “On Dec 10, I took part in a political action with the young people of Sunrise Movement in Washington, D.C. to call for a Green New Deal. I’m volunteering with them while looking for a job in Baltimore with an environmental-related organization.” Anne is encouraging Wooster alums to work with her on a fossil fuel divestment campaign or other climate-related initiatives.

I (**Dana Grande**), while wearing a Wooster alumnus t-shirt, met **Kevin Kilbane** in the parking lot of a Cleveland bookstore. We did not know each other at Wooster, but my shirt caused Kevin to approach and say he, too was an alum. Kevin divides his time between Cleveland and San Diego and works for Raymond James Financial. Besides frequenting bookstores, I act with two improv groups, am part of a comedy sketch performing group, and play drums with Blazing River Freedom Band. I play alongside Sarah

Gollwitzer '09 and knew she was a fellow “Woosterite,” but only recently discovered I’ve been playing all along with another Wooster alum, Riley Bundren '14. The three of us marched with the band in the Lakewood, Ohio 4th of July parade of 2018.

Last winter, **Dana Jackman** weathered the historic government shutdown, in her second year as an EPA employee, and an unprecedented eight snow days in her first year as parent to a school-aged child. To rehabilitate her mood after these unwelcome events, she got a cargo bike and is spending the warmer months pedaling around Ann Arbor with child and stuff piled on.  
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### 1994 25TH REUNION

**Dave DiLuzio** sent the following update: “I was happy to attend the Wooster swimming and diving alumni event in September and look forward to the upcoming reunion. My oldest is getting ready to graduate high school, and I’m busy with track and baseball with my boys. I recently became an umpire so will be found this summer coaching baseball or umpiring (getting yelled at by parents one way or another).”

**Adam Myers** reports that a group from the Class of '94 continued a tradition of getting together over the holidays. **Dave DiLuzio**, **David Stouffer**, **Melissa Barnes Thomas** and **Adams Myers** got together with other Wooster alums at the Market Garden Brewery in Cleveland.

**David Stouffer** writes from Northern California that the

local “Woosterites” had a great day of volunteering last fall, which led him to get back in touch with his first-year roommate **Arnab Paul** who now lives near San Ramon. David is looking forward to our annual I.S. Monday celebration in San Francisco and hopes to see more Fighting Scots this year for networking over a beer or two.

I (**Chris**) have been keeping busy with my daughter’s competitive gymnastics, my son’s involvement in youth hockey, my consulting work, and planning for our 25th Class Reunion in June! I had the privilege of meeting Wooster President Sarah Bolton when she made a visit to alumni in the Sarasota, Florida area this past February. It was a great night with a wide range of classes represented.

Finally, as this is the last submission of the Class Notes that I will put together, I want to thank all of my classmates for making my job as class secretary easy these past five years. It was great to read all of the submissions and to keep in touch with so many of you. Thank you!

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### 1996

**Jonas Brier** reports, “I had a training in Denver and **Dan Herr** is in my fantasy football league. He convinced **Aaron Hoffman** to fly out for a surprise reunion. We almost got Jay Chace '97, which would make an even better story.

I do financial planning for Lockheed Martin employees through their 401k plan. I live in Groton, Massachusetts where I ran into Kate Cunningham Barske '99 and learned that our daughters are best friends. I am married to Victoria, hand model, and we have three kids: Linus, Violet, and Olive.”

**Courtney Caswell-Peyton** wrote, “I live in Santa Barbara, California and have an Etsy store called TheIntuitiveScribe. So far, there is just one children’s book called *The Sun’s Bright, Bright Burning Rays*, but I’m currently eliciting help to put more up.

**Jaimie Christensen** visited **Graig Meyer** in Raleigh, North Carolina: “It was great to see Graig in his new digs in the General Assembly building, where he is doing an awesome job representing his constituents as a state senator. For those of you who know him, you will not be surprised to hear that he knew every single person we saw as we toured the building.”

**Caleb Tiller** wrote, “After eight years at the UN Foundation, I recently started a new job with EngenderHealth, an international organization working to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights in nearly 20 countries. As VP of global marketing and communications I tell stories about the work being done by my incredible colleagues around the world and engage supporters in our efforts. My wife Carrie, our son Travis, daughter Campbell, and I live in Washington, D.C.  
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### 1997

Hey '97! Looks like our classmates have been incredibly busy these past few months, lots of updates to share. Remember to email me (Brian) if you have something to share.

**Susan Dalzell** starts us off with a great accomplishment: "I'd love to share that my first book was published in the fall: *Poetry 101* (Simon & Schuster, 2018). It's an overview of poetry that covers everything from the ancient Greeks on through to today's 'instapoets.' The book is available through Simon & Shuster Publishing."

**Erik Sosa-Kibby** shares, "My column, where I write about art and raising children as a gay dad for Chicago's *GRAB* magazine, was picked up by Iowa City's *GoGuide*. My art studio has now evolved into the 'lib\*ART\*ate WORK\*shop,' an art space that offers a unique facility for small events, workshops, and meetings. I was fortunate enough to receive an honorarium by Wooster's Communication department and relay my journey to students."

**Emily Durway** wants you to check out her art also: "I'm an attorney and photographer living in Akron, Ohio. My Facebook photography page is Esd photography."

**Jason Snyder** has the following update: "After earning my Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Azusa Pacific University in 2017, I am teaching physical education at Southwest High School in San Diego, California. I am hoping to become a high school or middle school administrator in the near future."

**Jeff and Sara Hughes** are moving from San Antonio to

Wichita Falls, Texas where Jeff will take command of the Air Force 366 Civil engineering training squadron: "We'd love to see any Wooster friends who are crossing the country!"

**Phil Verhoef** is moving also: "After 10 years of taking care of critically ill children and adults and running an immunology lab at the University of Chicago, I will be moving to Honolulu. My wife, Sarah (who grew up in Hawaii) got a job as the deputy state epidemiologist. I will be working for Kaiser Permanente in Honolulu."

**Mindy Erdmann** recently relocated to Durham, NC, and begins the Master of Divinity program at Duke in the fall.

**Beth Goldstein** has moved back to Baltimore, Maryland and wants to reconnect with Wooster alumni.

**Antonia Asmu-nikal** shared from overseas that she is now living in Turkey and working for UNICEF.

Finally, **Ayesha Hardaway** was appointed as the director of the Case Western Reserve University Social Justice Law Center.

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### 2000

**Brad Townsend** lives in Northern Virginia with his wife Amanda and their two boys Evan and Emmett. He shares, "I'm a senior fellow at a climate and energy think tank at what is proving to be a very interesting political moment in D.C. I'm fortunate to have a number of old friends from Wooster in the area but would love to hear from others."

**Loic Pritchett** lives in Mt. Pleasant with his wife and two children. He's senior vice president at TTR Sotheby's International Realty and has been a realtor for over 12 years in the D.C. area.

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### 2002

**Mary Nienaber Gadd** was appointed to serve as a magistrate in the probate division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas by Judge Robert Montgomery in Columbus, Ohio. She wrote, "I am currently under general assignment to hear any cases that come before the court, including guardianships, adoptions, name changes, and estate/trust cases."

**Chuck Nusbaum** has been working for TravelCenters of America in Cleveland since 2016. He recently took on the role of operations manager and is responsible for daily operations and development of the platform which helps

track, automate, and optimize IT and business processes.

Both Chuck and I (Liz) spent some time in Europe in September 2018, and crossed paths for a few days in Vienna, Austria where we met up with some other alumni. **Jonathan Eischen** is living in Vienna and working at the UN, managing projects on youth employment and countering violent extremism in Somalia. Until recently, his next-door neighbor was Nina Edlinger and her family. Nina served as a Fulbright German language assistant at Wooster.

We also spent time with **Julianne (Duncan)** and **Adam Price**, along with their daughters Kathryn and Carolyn. The family is relishing their last few months in Vienna before they return to Washington, D.C. this summer for a stateside posting with the US Foreign Service. Julianne will be rejoining the DC Public Schools and will continue to promote her recently published children's book entitled *The Adventurers Club*, which explores the positive side of moving either down the street or across the world.

Finally, I (Liz) would like to offer a strong rationale for attending our reunions because reconnecting with classmates can sometimes lead to important things, like jobs! To support my husband during his career change, I am once again working in the nonprofit sector. In 2018 I was hired by **Casey Henderson** as part of the USENIX Association team. Casey recently celebrated her 16th anniversary with the organization and has served as the executive director for the last five years. If any classmates are involved in



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advanced computer systems engineering and related fields, we'd love to see you at one of our upcoming conferences!

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**Clint Nicely** graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in August 2018. He also presented his research at the World Congress on Computational Mechanics in New York City in July. He and his wife, Irina Nicely '06 also celebrated their second son's first birthday in April and their first son's 4th birthday in June. After graduating, Clint returned to work at Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems in Dallas, TX.

**Reed Domer-Shank**, Jen, and daughter Reese welcomed a baby boy, John, on Oct. 4, 2018. Everyone is happy and healthy and looking forward to the 15-year reunion!

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### 2006

**Sarah J. Corney** was promoted to partner at RCO Law, a regional law firm in Toledo, Ohio, providing legal counsel to individuals and businesses ranging from family enterprises to Fortune 500 corporations. She joined the firm in 2010 as an associate attorney after spending the summer of 2009 with the firm as a law school summer associate. She meets with clients in Findlay, Waterville, and Toledo, Ohio, practicing in the areas of estate planning, probate, and small business transactions.

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### 2007

**Joy E. Bronson** graduated in December 2018 with a M.Div. from Vanderbilt Divinity School and is applying for ordination in the United Methodist Church. She lives in Nashville, TN working as a consulting associate with CauseImpact, a strategic planning firm. She is also a lead consultant on a five-year vocational grant at American Baptist College.

**Chelsea (Conover) Barnes** started a new job in January working as the new economy program manager for Appalachian Voices in Norton, Virginia. She and her husband Justin are enjoying their new home in nearby Big Stone Gap and life in the mountains.

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### 2013

**Andrew Blaikie** is finishing the last year of his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Oregon.

**Erin Davison** has been living in Philadelphia for two and a half years. She is the director of data science for Turnkey Intelligence, a company specializing in market research in the sports and entertainment industry. She

works on custom research around fan experience, sports sponsorship, and asset valuation.

**Samira El-Adawy** currently works as a programs coordinator at the American Research Center in Egypt, an organization that promotes Egyptian cultural heritage. She joined the Special Olympics Egypt team on a part-time basis, overseeing a newly launched project called the Unified Champion School. The project promotes inclusion within school systems throughout Egypt.

**Dana (Feit) Hurley** and her husband, David, welcomed their first child, Tessa to their home in Rhode Island.

**Lara Koenig** has been living in NYC since 2014. Four years ago, she joined a company called MIQ (then Media IQ), a London-based marketing analytics firm focused on programmatic advertising activation. For the last few years she has led various groups within the programmatic trading team and is now serving as executive vice president of trading for MIQ's U.S. offices. Lara spends a lot of time traveling to various cities in the US as a result, namely Washington, D.C., Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles. She would love to connect with any Wooster grads in these cities!

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### 2015

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### 2017

#### Michael Herman

recently moved to New Haven, Connecticut to work for Greenleaf Energy Solutions, an energy management company. He frequently travels to Chicago, Washington, D.C., and California and would love to connect with alumni in these areas.

**Ransom Patterson** moved to Denver, Colorado to begin a new job as editor-in-chief of College Info Geek, a website that helps students learn effectively and get great jobs.

#### Class Secretary

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### 2018

*Email alumni@wooster.edu with your notes for the Class of '18 or if you are interested in being secretary for your class.*

## RECENT GRAD UPDATE

**Q. How did Wooster prepare you for the work you're doing now?**

**A.** Wooster prepared me to start medical school right away at Virginia Commonwealth University. My I.S. taught me valuable research and writing skills essential to my success. As a medical student I received a Fogarty Global Health Fellowship to conduct a year of research in Johannesburg, South Africa. I published peer-reviewed papers, presented at a large academic conference, and won a Young Investigator Award from the Infectious Disease Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology. My mentor praised my independence and initiative in completing projects, and I owe this in large part to the rigor of my education at Wooster.

**Q. Why was Wooster a good fit for you?**

**A.** Wooster gave me many opportunities to travel and learn from a global community including two months in Accra, Ghana, volunteering in a local hospital through the APEX Fellowship program. Developing my interest in global health, the experience led me to study abroad at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. These experiences solidified my interest in medicine and inspired my desire to serve in underserved areas around the globe.



Austin Oberlin '14

**Q. Was there a particular person at Wooster who had an impact on you?**

**A.** Amber Larson in the Learning Center/APEX helped me succeed as a student athlete, guided my studies, and gave me opportunities to mentor other students in the sciences. We had monthly meetings where she taught me time management and organization skills I use to this day.

**Q. Is there anything else you'd like to share?**

**A.** After completing medical school, I begin my residency in obstetrics and gynecology in June at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University, one of the top hospitals and programs in the country. None of this would have been possible without the opportunities I was afforded at Wooster.

## SHARE YOUR NEWS

Have you married, started a new job, moved, or retired? Share your news with your Wooster classmates by contacting the secretary for your class year.

### Change of address?

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### Class Notes Policy

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## MINI-REUNIONS



**1** Scot fans caught the Wooster-Wittenberg Men's basketball game. Front (left to right): Fred Balsler '79, George Zambie '79, Randy Backus '79; back: Mike Riffiee '80, Bob Weir '80, Dick Altman '79 and Wayne Allison '78.

**2** Former residents of the Holden Annex gathered in Washington, D.C. Left to right: Lizzie (Deringer) Langford '10, Lindsey (Stout) Gucciardo '10, Gabe Topping '10, Alexander Jue '10, Mabel Langford (future Fighting Scot '41).



**3** Sid Hastings '86, Patty Skidmore Kelly '86, and Marcia Obermiller '86 met in North Canton, Ohio.

**4** A group of '02 alumni and their families gathered for a long weekend in the DC area. Left to right: Dana (Schrum) McLaughlin '02, Elizabeth Kriynovich '02, Jaime Wolfe '02, Dave Miller '02 with daughter Amelia, Erik McLaughlin '01 with daughter Carys and son Ethan, Molly Malany Sayre '02 with son Clark, husband Benji and daughter Annie Kate, and Chuck Nusbaum '02.



**5** Chuck Nusbaum '02, Adam Price '02, Julianne (Duncan) Price '02 and Liz Farina Markel '02 show their Wooster pride in Vienna.

**6** Cindy Sterling Weber '73 (left) and Kay Stewart Popovic '73 (right) catch up in Colorado.

**7** Aaron Hoffman '97, Dan Herr '96, and Jonas Brier '96 met up and explored the Rocky Mountains.

## WOOSTER ENCOUNTERS

**1** Six Wooster alumni and one former Wooster bagpipe instructor gathered at the Upper Potomac Piper's Weekend in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Left to right: Tim Cummings '97, Russell Kohrs '01, Nick Hudson (former bagpipe instructor), David Land '81, Gordon Fraser '77, Susan Fraser '77, and John Youel '56.



**2** Marcia Ruff '76 and Tom Wilkinson '74 pose for a photo with their daughter Emi Ruff-Wilkinson. Marcia and Tom first met working on the line in Kittredge Dining Hall in 1972.



**3** While on a recent trip down the Rio Solimoes and Rio Negro in Brazil, Anne Lewellen '92 (right) ran into Martie Robertson Wachs '70 (left).



**4** Henry Kreuzman, professor of philosophy, and his wife Mary Jo, visiting assistant professor of mathematics, connected with a number of alumni at Peter Cat restaurant in Kolkata, India: Noah Megregian '16, Sunny Mitra '16, Karli Pulice '16, Unnati Singhania '17, Vedant Bansal '16, Henry Kreuzman, Varun Bhandari '14, Mary Jo Kreuzman, and Popi Palchoudhuri '16.



**5** On New Year's Day, Bob Dyer '74 ran into Jack Cartafalsa '16 and Rebecca Hamilton '16 at the 12th floor swimming pool of a resort in Cancun, Mexico.



**6** Riley Bundren '14, Dana Grande '93, and Sarah Gollwitzer '09, all members of Blazing River Freedom Band in Cleveland, pictured before marching in the Lakewood, Ohio 4th of July parade.







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**7** Kay Cilimburg '57 visited Wooster with daughter, Amy Medema '87 and Amy's niece and Kay's granddaughter, Anna Medema '20, here at Knowlton Café.

**8** Elizabeth Eaton '77 and Natalie (Kotowski) Haggett '02 met at the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston.

**9** Bette Bates Case '80 (far right) served on the team for the annual event for the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators in Galveston, Texas with Anne Takehara Wilson '73, co-chair; Kim Bracken Long '81, worship leader; and Miatta Wilson '88, co-chair of the 2020 event.

**10** Three Wooster Alumni currently serve on the 15-person session of the Catonsville Presbyterian Church in Catonsville, Maryland: Susan Krehbiel '84, Cindy Fausold Schwanz '76, and Wylene Young Davies '52.

**WEDDINGS**

**1** Brenton Kalinowski '17 and Arue Jacobo-Kalinowski '17, Jan. 5, 2019

**2** Elliott Valentine '16 and Katelyn French '16, June 16, 2018, Madison, Wisconsin  
Left to right: Michael Bonadio '16, Logan Honea '16, Elliott Valentine '16, Katelyn French '16, Tess Henthorne '16, Matthew Germaine '15, and Meredith Eyre '13.

**3** Elly Steiner '06 and Sam Young, Aug. 25, 2018, Lovettsville, Virginia  
Left to right: Adam Griffith, Adam Speer, Laura Barnhart '06, Susan McDowell '05, Sam Young, Elly Steiner '06, Scott Gray '06, Callie Gray, Taylor Delhagen '06, and Tiffany Delhagen '05.

Alumni Weekend 2019 took place June 13-16. Look for photos and more about this year's award winners in the fall issue of Wooster.



**4** Kayla (Zboran) Pozderac '17 and Preston Pozderac '17, June 23, 2018, Kauke Arch  
 Left to right: Chloe Pozderac, Kyle Zboran, Ashley Ferguson '18, Lewie Roberts '17, Ashley Wagner '17, Kayla (Zboran) Pozderac '17, Preston Pozderac '17, Robin Morillo '17, Eric Nolin '17, Angelo Melari '17, Trevor Pozderacs '14, and Calvin Pozderac.



**5** Jordan '14 and Colleen McNickle, June 30, 2018, Door County, Wisconsin  
 Left to right: Paul Joseph '14, Samuel Mermall '13, Nick Giunta, Ellen Miller, Matt Stouffer '14, Tori Hoplin, Jordan McNickle '14, Colleen McNickle, Megan Bartimoccia, Kyle McNickle '18, Isabelle Howes '13, Nick Isles '14, Lindsay Guinand, Ethan Tarvin, Emily McEntee, Seth Michael '14, and Tyler Campbell '14.



**6** Laura Barnhart '06 and Adam Speer, May 26, 2018, Boise, Idaho  
 Left to right: Scott Gray '06, Susan McDowell '05, Laura Barnhart '06, Adam Speer, Elly Steiner '06, Taylor Delhagen '06, and Bethany Reiner '05.



**7** Scott Gray '06 and Callie Hughes, July 7, 2018, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania  
 Left to right: Sam Young, Elly Steiner '06, Scott Gray '06, Callie Hughes, Laura Barnhart '06, Taylor Maxson '95, and Suzanna Schott.





## IN MEMORIAM

*Since the last issue, the Office of Alumni Engagement became aware of the deaths of the following alumni by March 15, 2019. Names of deceased alumni may also be found online at [woosteralumni.org](http://woosteralumni.org) in the Memorial Directory.*



- '40, **Clara S. (Smith) Patton**, Dec. 28, 2018, Wooster, OH
- '41, **Mary Elizabeth (Johnsten) Ellis**, Nov. 30, 2018, Richmond Heights, OH
- '41, **Daniel R. Remigio**, Dec. 17, 2018, Princeton, NJ
- '42, **Ruthmary A. (Woolf) Cohen**, Jan. 3, 2019, Ann Arbor, MI
- '43, **John P. Manry**, Sept. 14, 2018, Alberta, Canada
- '43, **Harry L. Bigelow**, Oct. 2, 2018, Willoughby, OH
- '43, **Alan M. Moir**, Jan. 6, 2019, Bonita Springs, FL
- '44, **Edith Beck Stockton**, Jan. 3, 2019, Blacksburg, VA
- '45, **Joanne E. (Rice) Grimm**, July 30, 2018, Lodi, OH
- '45, **Lois A. (Barr) Cook**, Oct. 30, 2018, Dayton, OH
- '48, **Elaine K. Miller**, Dec. 20, 2018, Canton, OH
- '48, **Ella Reese (Pierson) Craig**, Jan. 20, 2019, Chester, CT
- '49, **Robert C. Parsons**, Dec. 28, 2018, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
- '49, **Symon Satow**, Dec. 30, 2018, Hinton, WV
- '49, **Margaret (Darone) Gourley**, June 29, 2016, Boise, ID
- '49, **Eva M. (Hochner) Agoston**, July 8, 2017, Scarsdale, NY
- '50, **Virginia Joanne (Carson) Leiner**, March 3, 2019, Niwot, CO
- '50, **J. Carroll Dean**, Jan. 1, 2019, Centre Hall, PA
- '51, **Nancy K. (Kassebaum) Johnson**, Jan. 10, 2019, Santa Maria, CA
- '51, **Charles S. McClain**, Jan. 28, 2019, Allentown, PA
- '52, **E. Harvey Buxton**, Aug. 11, 2018, Clearwater, FL
- '52, **Lila P. (Pittenger) McCleary**, Oct. 23, 2018, Wilmington, DE
- '53, **Donald H. Leber**, Jan. 5, 2019, Yarmouth Port, MA
- '54, **Dorothy J. (Rylander) Johnson**, June 30, 2018, Annapolis, MD
- '54, **Herbert S. Slater**, Dec. 27, 2018, Davis, CA
- '54, **Mary L. (Logee) Buck**, Jan. 6, 2019, Boynton Beach, FL
- '55, **Miriam T. (Strouse) Shirley**, Dec. 15, 2018, Muskegon, MI
- '55, **James F. Wilson**, Jan. 18, 2019, Durham, NC
- '56, **Margaret D. (Rice) Chisholm**, Nov. 20, 2018, Scotland, United Kingdom
- '57, **Margaret S. (Sessions) Crain**, July 20, 2016, Canton, NC
- '57, **Gene G. Phlegar**, Dec. 27, 2018, Perrysburg, OH
- '58, **Bonnie A. (Acton) Moccio**, Dec. 19, 2018, Plymouth, MN
- '60, **Patricia C. (Carson) Mordecai**, Feb. 7, 2019, Castine, ME
- '60, **Edmund Danziger**, Jan. 8, 2019, Sylvania, OH
- '60, **E. JoAn (Organ) Smith**, Oct. 6, 2018, Canton, OH
- '61, **Ellen Sherman**, June 20, 2018, Davis, CA
- '61, **James H. Jackson**, Dec. 27, 2018, Lightfoot, VA
- '61, **Robert K. Drummond**, July 1, 2018, Milwaukee, WI
- '61, **Judith M. (Weir) Powell**, Jan. 13, 2019, Anchorage, AK
- '63, **Ralph D. Amiet**, Jan. 14, 2019, Wooster, OH
- '63, **Gail (Wilson) Getz**, Jan. 29, 2019, Fairview, PA
- '68, **Jane T. (Trautman) McCroskey**, Oct. 22, 2018, Cleveland, OH
- '69, **Ren J. Verasco**, Sept. 11, 2016, Mount Laurel, NJ
- '71, **Thomas J. Herr**, Dec. 30, 2018, Midlothian, VA
- '72, **Joellen Whetzel**, Nov. 19, 2018, Ontario, Canada
- '77, **Elisabeth A. Kane**, Feb. 15, 2019, Wooster, OH
- '77, **Philip Anthony Ciriegio**, Jan. 28, 2019, Covington, OH
- '80, **Tracey E. Dils**, Dec. 6, 2018, Columbus, OH
- '81, **Christopher S. Colwell**, March 8, 2019, Cincinnati, OH
- '92, **Scott R. Dixon**, Nov. 29, 2018, Lanesboro, MN
- '93, **Heather Ann (Renshaw) Diedtrich**, Dec. 11, 2018, Buckeye, AZ



## Q. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS AND WHY?

We asked some alumni on staff to share their memories of the places at Wooster that are important to them. Now it's your turn! Share your response to the question above. Email [wooster\\_magazine@wooster.edu](mailto:wooster_magazine@wooster.edu). We'll include favorites in a future issue.

QUESTION &  
ANSWERS

A. "Timken Gymnasium, it's where I first saw my husband and attended all his basketball games with my friends. The gymnasium exudes school spirit and holds many special memories."

-Landre McCloud '05

A. "I love the tree outside of Douglass Hall that turns bright red in the fall. I loved spending time doing homework or reading outside by the tree on a warm fall day."

-Anna Duke '15

A. "A favorite place on campus was the UnderOver space in Overholt House. It was a warm, relaxing space to take a break with friends and build community around a shared meal or discussion."

-Paul Seling '09

A. "The Gault Alumni Center is my favorite spot on campus. Not only have I worked in this beautifully-restored home for 18 years, but I also lived here as a student! Back in 1989, it was known as Merz Hall, and briefly served as a residential space after housing the Department of Music and before being renovated for the Office of Alumni and Family Engagement. I've gone from studying for exams to planning Alumni Weekend; from partying with college friends to hosting luncheons for alumni. One thing is certain, regardless of the time and my purpose for being in the GAC, I've made the most extraordinary friendships here."

-Sharon Rice '90

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## Tootsie's Last Roll

For more than 10 years, Wooster Registrar Suzanne Bates has donned a Tootsie Roll costume, posed with students, and led the I.S. Monday parade in celebration of students' completion of their senior Independent Study research projects following the end of spring break. Though the first time she joined the dean in leading the parade she wore academic regalia, she quickly found the costume made a far better fit for the event. As she'll be retiring later this year, the parade on March 25 marked her "last roll" in the annual festivities.

Inside, hear more from Bates about her experiences at Wooster as well as from other faculty and staff celebrating retirement this year. Also, find out more about the research completed by seniors this year for I.S. and how the experience continues to impact alumni after graduation.