

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

CENTER FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES

FACULTY FELLOW HIGHLIGHT



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THIS PROJECT WILL COMMISSION A NEW HORN TUBA PIANO TRIO, RECORD AN ALBUM OF MUSIC FOR THIS ENSEMBLE, AND GIVE PERFORMING TOURS OF THIS MUSIC TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY THE REPERTOIRE AND PROMOTE THIS ENSEMBLE.

EVENT CALENDAR

DONTÉ K. HAYES VIRTUAL ARTIST TALK

December 2, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. PST, virtual event with corresponding exhibition in Gallery 2

For More Information: [Donté K. Hayes Virtual Artist Talk](#)

FALLEN COUGARS

Wednesday, December 15 from 3-4pm in the Center for Digital Scholarship and Curation (CDSC) on the 4th Floor of the Holland Library. Light refreshments will follow.

COLLEAGUES IN CONVERSATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Every month the Center holds an open, informal discussion on topics that intrigue us. We've talked about generosity, what it means to write or create art, and the role of museums in today's world. Location and topic varies, so email us at arts.humanities@wsu.edu to join our mailing list for updates or to request connection information. Our Spring 2022 meetings will be held from 3-4PM PST via zoom on January 14th, February 4th, March 4th, and April 8th.

TO SUBMIT AN EVENT TO THE CAH NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR, PLEASE EMAIL US AT ARTS.HUMANITIES@WSU.EDU! WE ARE EXCITED TO SPREAD THE WORD SURROUNDING EVENTS ACROSS WSU THAT RESONATE WITH OUR CREATE AND RECREATE THEME FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

FALLEN COUGARS

After more than four years of research by WSU students and faculty, the WSU World War II Digital Commemoration Project, better known as “Fallen Cougars,” will open to the public on December 15. “Fallen Cougars” bridges the 76 years since the end of the Second World War, when former president of Washington State College (WSC), E.O. Holland, collected materials for a never-published commemorative booklet honoring the College’s war dead, and the WSU community and larger public of 2021 and beyond.

**FALLEN COUGARS
UNDERGRADUATE VOLUNTEERS
WITH DR. KATHERINE AIKEN
(PROFESSOR EMERITA UNIVERSITY
OF IDAHO, DEPARTMENT OF
HISTORY, AND FORMER DEAN OF
THE COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES).**



**RAYMOND SUN WITH THE
COMMEMORATIVE TABLETS
OF THE WSC WW2 WAR DEAD
AT THE WSU VETERANS
MEMORIAL**



**SUMMER 2021 GRADUATE
RESEARCHERS AND DR. RAY SUN
VISIT THE WSU VETERANS
MEMORIAL, SEPTEMBER 2020**



Directing the Fallen Cougars project is Associate Professor of History Raymond (Ray) Sun, who was inspired by attending the national teachers conference hosted by the Friends of the World War II Memorial in July 2017 and being tasked to carry out a community service project to further public understanding and respect for the World War II generation. He decided to utilize the records collected by President Holland to reconstruct the lives of the +250 WSC war dead in a digital exhibit that would make their histories accessible to a broad audience. Sun was struck by the fact that although the Fallen Cougars are already commemorated by name on bronze tablets at the WSU Veterans Memorial, the site is rarely visited. Moreover, passerby have no living connection to the names. By reconstructing the lives of the war dead, including their early years, their experiences at WSC, and their military service, manner of death, and legacy, Sun intends for the digital memorial to restore the humanity and spirit of the Fallen Cougars, transforming them from empty names on a plaque to young men that contemporary Cougars and the public can readily relate to. It is thus intended to serve as both a scholarly resource and a community service, advancing public understanding and appreciation for the service and sacrifice of these former Cougars in this defining moment of American and world history.

Sun has supervised the researching of this project with more than two dozen student researchers, including both undergraduates from his World War II history classes who participated in service learning, and graduate researchers who worked on the project in the summers of 2019, 2020, and 2021 through the support of Stark Fellowships from the WSU Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections; a Center for Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship awarded to Sun in academic year 2020-21; and the Department of History’s Aiken Family Graduate Fellowship. To this point “Team Fallen Cougars” has compiled more than 100 reports, and research will continue in Summer 2022.



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