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• What have you been up to? Do you have any announcements you’d like to share?
• What activities would you like to see the Emeritus Society Sponsor?
• What is your favorite thing about WSU or the Palouse?

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Legacy of Excellence Reception

Thank you to all of you who attended the Legacy of Excellence reception honoring Jim Short on March 27, 2013.

There was a larger audience than expected, as about 50 people attended! Jim was very pleased with the turnout, and said he was “a little surprised at how varied it was, from so many areas in which I participate on and off campus. Reminds me how fortunate my life has been!”

In addition to Emeritus faculty, Jim’s kids, friends, several graduate students, SESRC folks, individuals from Jim’s department, other departments, and even some of his weight room buddies were there.

Jim spoke mainly about his previous research on gangs. He shared stories from his experiences that kept the crowd interested the whole time. Jim said that he was delighted with the questions and conversations that followed his talk.

This was a very successful event, as it is the first time the Emeritus Society has put together the reception.

Congratulations, Jim!

These pictures are from Jim’s son, Miguel Short, who took pictures during the reception. Thanks, Miguel!
Upcoming Events

BIWEEKLY COFFEES:
The Emeritus Society customarily holds biweekly coffees throughout the semester which are scheduled and promoted every few weeks. These coffees are always held in the Emeritus Society Lounge (OWEN 339) at approximately 10:00am to 11:30am – unless specified otherwise.

Please feel free to stop by anytime during the scheduled coffee to enjoy the presence of other emeriti. We always love seeing you!

SPECIAL EVENTS:
Every so often we try to plan special events, such as lunches or other gatherings. This spring we had a wine social and the Legacy of Excellence reception.

If you have any ideas for events, please let Arielle or Tom know!

Your Donations Made a Difference!

As most of you know, each spring semester we present several awards to deserving individuals. Due to your continued support, we, once again, were able to grant four $500 scholarships to talented and deserving students. If you would like to know more about these awards, please see our website.

Thank you to those who made this possible! A $500 scholarship can be extremely helpful to a college student.

To learn more about the four scholarship recipients, please see page 4.

Donating is easy! You can either donate online or download a Donor Form to mail in your donation at emeritussociety.wsu.edu.

Thank you for your continued support of these programs! Without you these scholarships would not be possible.

If you have any questions about donating, please feel free to contact Arielle or Tom.

Rent-A-Rower: May 12th possibly available

Rent-A-Rower is an annual fundraising event that the WSU Men's Crew Team puts on. You may literally rent a rower from the WSU Men's Crew team to help you compete a project or help you around the house.

Although the dates for March have passed, there may be some openings available on May 12.

It costs $13/hr per rower. If you are interested in requesting a rower, please click here to fill out a Rent-A-Rower Request Form.

There will also be another Rent-A-Rower event in the fall. Dates are TBA.

If you would like more information about the Rent-A-Rower program, please contact Paul Lund, Rent-A-Rower coordinator and Vice Commodore. You may use the Rent-A-Rower Request Form to contact Mr. Lund.
“What Have You Been Up To?”

Jim Quann and his wife Barbara (WSC ‘54) are snowbirds spending the winter months in Palm Springs, CA. He is the Past President of the “WSU Cougars of the Desert” which just raised nearly $13,000.00 for WSU scholarships.

He also continues his work as WSU Registrar Emeritus and Coordinator of Veterans Research. His research on WSC/WSU veterans has resulted in 6 major publications, and another coming out in October. The fall issue of the “Pacific Northwesterner” will feature his veterans story titled “Unique among the Elite,” accounts of some of the military men and women from the Inland Northwest who have been honored by the U.S. as recipients of the Medal of Honor or the Congressional Gold Medal. Two of the CGM winners were Cougars; Jeanne Lewellen Norbeck, WSC ’33, and Col. Jack D. Holscaw. Their medals will soon be on display with their stories and pictures in the second floor of the WSU Alumni Centre.

Jim and Barb are the proud parents of their children (Mark WSU ’80; Mike WSU ’82 and Maria WSU ’83, and six grandchildren, including Kelsey Quann WSU ’2003 and Amber Quann WSU ’2012.)

Birgitta Ingemanson’s book Letters from Vladivostok, 1894-1930 will be published by the University of Washington Press later this year. Based on thousands of letters from Eleanor Pray, a member of an American merchant family, this book portrays ordinary life in Vladivostok from the 1890s through the 1920s, as well as the extraordinary events that befell it, including the Russo-Japanese War, the First World War, the Russian Revolutions and the beginnings of Soviet power. Because the revolutions and Stalinist rule suppressed, distorted, or hid the information about bourgeois life in pre-revolutionary Russia, Mrs. Pray’s letters have opened up part of the city’s forgotten history. (The Russian translation was published in 2008.)

David Young is now publishing Studio Four Magazine www.studiofour.com. Please feel free to check out his website to see his latest issues. It looks pretty interesting!

Martin L. Pall “retired” a bit over 4 ½ years ago and fully intended to stay active in research. Since that time, he has given roughly 45 invited talks in 8 European countries and in the U.S. He has also received a total of eight important honors, seven of which followed “retirement”. Several are listed below:

- 2008: Only person from outside of Europe invited to address a special session of the European Union Parliament on Environmental Medicine.
- 2010: Appointed as life time, honorary ambassador and member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the International Society for Applied Preventative Medicine
- 2010: Only person from outside of Europe invited to address a special meeting at the National Institute of Health in Rome on Environmental Medicine.
- 2013:Received the Jonathan Forman award, the highest award given by the American Academy for Environmental Medicine.

Martin’s Hirsch index when he retired was 17 and it has risen to 29 in less than five years. Because the impact goes up with the square of the Hirsch index, this suggests that his research impact has almost tripled in that short period of time, following retirement.

He has a paper being reviewed that resolves the puzzle on electromagnetic fields (EMFs) impact our biology, including disease initiation, and he has submitted an experimental paper that confirms three predictions of his NO/ONOO- cycle mechanism as the cause of chronic fatigue syndrome. Lastly, he has recently published a 30 page paper, in ISRN Hypertension, showing that pulmonary hypertension is a probable NO/ONOO-cycle disease.

If anyone would like to speak with Martin, he can be reached at: 503-232-3883; or martin_pall@wsu.edu.
Emeritus Research Award Winners

The Emeritus Society funded four $500 scholarships to undergraduate students based on their abstracts for the WSU showcase competition.

**Nikki Brueggeman** is a History/Asian Studies major at WSU. With her mentor Dr. Lydia Gerber, she examined how American corporatism influences the legislative branch of the U.S. government. Her abstract was titled “China-Crazy: Boeing’s Influence Over Washington State Delegates In The United States Congress Concerning U.S Foreign Policy Towards China, 1995-1996.”

“In this study, I argue that Boeing used its role as a large economic power and staple employer in western Washington to influence the Washington state cohort in the 104th Congress to support free trade with China...I also argue that foreign powers can have an indirect influence on the American legislative branch through corporate lobbying.”

**Rosalinda Godinez** is a Sociology major at WSU. With the help of her mentor Dr. Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson, she tried to understand Mexican parents’ involvement, as well as other factors that first year Mexican-American students perceive as important when shaping their educational success. Her abstract is titled First-Generation Mexican-American College Students: Familial Educational Involvement and College-Going.

She conducted interviews with 17 college freshman who fit the mold of her research. Her findings indicate that Mexican parents are involved with their children’s education, although in nontraditional ways.

**Daryl DeFord** is a Mathematics major at WSU. With the help of his mentor was Anantharaman Kalyanaraman, he introduced a new metric for analyzing and comparing the efficiency of curves, called Average Communicated Distance (ACD). ACD “models the average pairwise communication cost expected to be incurred by an algorithm that makes use of an arbitrary space-filling curve.” His abstract was titled Empirical Analysis of Space-Filling Curves for Scientific Computing Applications.

The results of the tests point towards recommendations based on specific knowledge about the input data.

**Molly McGinnis** is a Psychology major at WSU. With her mentor Brendan Walker, she created a study to further understand the role of dynorphin/kappa opioid receptors (DYN/KOR) system in alcohol withdrawal and how this system relates to abuse and dependence. The title of her abstract was Dysregulation of the Dynorphin/Kappa-Opioid Receptor System Promotes Withdrawal-Induced Negative Affect

She examined male Wistar rats that were implanted with bilateral guide cannulae in their lateral ventricles. She found that the negative effects associated with alcohol withdrawals are KOR-sensitive.

The Emeritus Society would like to congratulate Nikki, Rosalinda, Daryl, and Molly on their outstanding projects!