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# WSU EMERITUS SOCIETY

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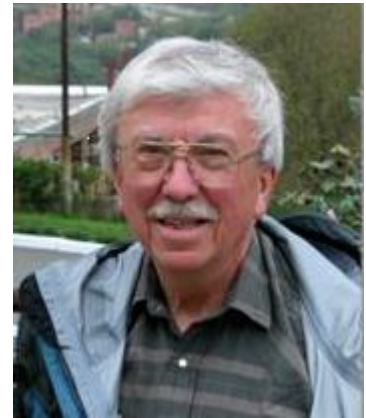
- What have you been up to? Do you have any announcements you'd like to share?
- What activities would you like to see the Emeritus Society Sponsor?
- Who would you like to nominate for the Legacy of Excellence Award?

## **Legacy of Excellence Award Announcement**

***Congratulations to this year's winner: Dr. Robert Ackerman!***

Robert Ackerman, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, has earned the 2016 WSU Emeritus Society Legacy of Excellence Award, to be presented at WSU's annual Showcase celebration on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The award is given for outstanding contributions while in retirement to academia, the university, the community and mankind. He will also have a separate recognition event, during which he will give a lecture on his extensive work in archaeology titled, 'Digging in Alaska and Beyond' on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:00pm in Todd 120.

Professor Ackerman joined the WSU faculty after completing his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1961. Throughout his career, research visits have been made to Russia, Japan, Korea, and China to attend scientific conferences and to study archaeological collections from the Upper Paleolithic and Mesolithic sites. Professor Ackerman's specific research interests include the earliest evidence for the movement of hunter-gatherers into coastal and interior regions of northeast Asia and Alaska,



**Dr. Robert E. Ackerman**

late Pleistocene and early Holocene cultural adaptation, and further definition of the cultural phases of Arctic and subarctic prehistory.

He became a Professor Emeritus of Anthropology when he retired at the end of spring semester, 2007. Since retirement, Bob has published seven articles, has co-edited two published monographs, and has given presentations at meetings of the Alaska Anthropological Association and the American Anthropological Association. In addition to his research activity, he continues to be a well-regarded member of our departmental community, and interacts frequently with colleagues and students.

## Emeritus Society Events



Please attend some of our biweekly Emeritus Coffees scheduled every other Thursday at 10:00am held in the Emeritus Society Lounge (Owen 339).

### Biweekly Coffees:

The Emeritus Society 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). This year's coffee hours start at 10:00am every other Thursday – unless specified otherwise.

Please feel free to stop by anytime during the scheduled coffee hour to enjoy the presence of your fellow emeriti. In addition to the friendly conversation, attending our coffee hour is a great way to weigh in

on ideas surrounding Emeritus Society events and happenings. We always love seeing you!

### Legacy of Excellence Award Reception:

We will be holding the reception to celebrate Bob's Legacy of Excellence Award on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm in Todd Hall 120. There will be light refreshments available and George will give a talk on his extensive work in archaeology titled, 'Digging in Alaska and Beyond'.

### Emeritus Society SURCA Awards:

This March the Emeritus Society will

give out 4 awards to outstanding applicants participating in the Showcase for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities. If you are interested in helping the process of determining the undergraduate award winners please let us know!

### Spring Luncheon:

The annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at noon at the WSU Alumni Centre in the 'Regents Room' – which is on the second floor with a large, round table (same as last year). Please mark this in your calendars and be sure to attend!

## Undergraduate Awards and Donations

With the Legacy of Excellence Award nomination process complete for this year, it is now time for the Emeritus Society to turn our attention towards the 2015 undergraduate awards and how club members can contribute towards this process both this year and in the future.

### Donations:

As always, donations into the scholarship

fund are highly encouraged. During this time of year, donations are of extreme importance, as we are getting ready to distribute awards in the near future. We not only need donations to fund the awards this year, but for years to come.

A previous email was sent to members outlining the various methods in which donations can be made. The account number

you want to use for scholarships is 1165-2877.

### Judging:

Once applications are closed on March 21st, we will need people to assist in judging applicants. If this is something that interests you, please contact Daniel in the next coffee hours or via email [emeritussociety@wsu.edu](mailto:emeritussociety@wsu.edu)

## Get to Know Your Fellow Emeriti

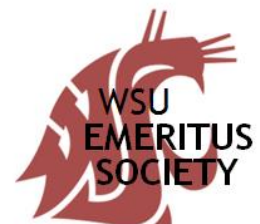
Charley Gaskins:

*“One of my activities is working with the Boy Scouts. I became a Cub Scout at age 7 and participated in Scouting until I graduated from high school when I became an Eagle Scout. Upon moving to Pullman, I told Joe Hillers (Animal Science Emeritus) that I was thinking of getting involved with the Scouts as a leader and the next thing I knew I got a call from Dr. Richard “Dick” Crain (Mechanical Engineering) and he said that the meetings are on Wednesdays at 7pm at the church. Be there. That started a long commitment to Scouting as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow (honor campers service organization within Scouting) Advisor and the chairman of the Camp Grizzly Committee.*

*What I love the most about Scouting is watching young boys develop in fine young and then older men. My favorite activity is the weeklong backpacking trips into a wilderness area with the troop. I have been on over 35 of these trips in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Besides having a good time myself, I see the youth learn to take care of themselves, cook, wash dishes, develop self-confidence and have a great time.*



*I spend a lot of time with Camp Grizzly on the Palouse River by Laird Park east of Harvard, ID. I am the coordinator of a committee of people that maintains the camp and does construction projects. During the summer there is a paid staff that provides weeklong programs that involve many Scouting activities. Over 800 boys will participate in one of the five camping sessions.”*





Sally Horton:

*"We spent 4 weeks in Germany from the end of November until right before Christmas along with friends Roger and Lei Ann Johnson. Son Iain joined us for the first two weeks. Based in Bamberg in southern Bavaria (where daughter Fiona did her student teaching while at WSU) we traveled by train to many Christmas markets in the area, to drink gluhwein, eat bratwurst and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. We even found an American chef who made pumpkin pie for the November "special."*

*A highlight was a three-day trip to Garmisch Partenkirchen, a picturesque ski resort, and to mad King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein castle. Unfortunately global climate change had left Garmisch without any snow at the beginning of the ski season but we had beautiful blue skies and sunshine.*



*Two nights in Munich rounded out the market extravaganza and we were back in time to enjoy Christmas at home."*

