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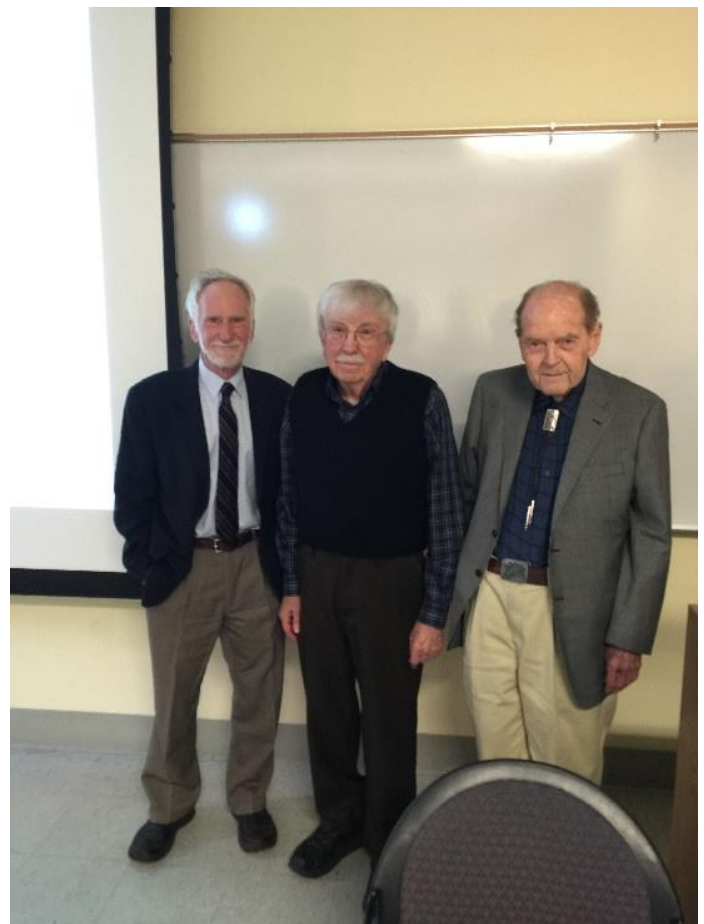
Legacy of Excellence Reception

Thank you to all of you who attended our Legacy of Excellence reception honoring Robert Ackerman on March 23rd. In attendance were numerous emeriti, students, and faculty members.

Pleistocene and early Holocene cultural adaptation, and further definition of the cultural phases of Arctic and subarctic prehistory. The talk kept the audience engaged and was enjoyed by all.

Dr. Ackerman's comprehensive look at his digs in Alaska and their significance was rather insightful. Thank you Bob and congratulations again on your award!

Throughout his career, Professor Ackerman research visits have been made to Russia, Japan, Korea, and China 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, late



(Left to right) Professor Tim Kohler – who introduced Dr. Ackerman, 2016 Legacy of Excellence recipient Dr. Robert Ackerman, 2015 Legacy of Excellence recipient Dr. George Hinman



Dr. Ackerman beginning his talk

Emeritus Society Events



*Please attend our biweekly
Emeritus Coffees in order
to catch up with your fellow
Emeriti.*

Coffee Meetings

The Emeritus Society has been holding coffee meetings every other week to discuss our plans and events as well as to give members a chance to socialize in our Emeritus Lounge. We are considering to hold at least one coffee meeting this summer. The date of this coffee will be currently TBD. Contact Charley Gaskins at gaskins@wsu.edu if you would be interested.

Spring Luncheon

As many of you know, we had our spring luncheon at the Lewis Alumni Center on Thursday, April 14th.

The event was catered by WSU Catering Services, who provided a spread with lasagna, pasta, and salad.

During the luncheon, we discussed numerous topics including a recap of the events from this past year, as well as a wonderful Q&A session with Keesha Matz and Joseph Osborn, two of our Undergraduate Award recipients. We look forward to having another successful event next year.

New Graduate Assistant

The GA hiring committee has come together to elect Sammi Mischkot as the Graduate Assistant for the 2016-17 Academic year. Sammi is starting her Master's in Education and is very enthusiastic to meet and work with you all. Please welcome her when she takes over in August.



2014 Undergraduate Research Awards

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 this year's four scholarship recipients, please see page 3.

Donating is easy! You can either donate online or download a Donor Form to mail in your donation at emeritusociety.wsu.edu/. In order to ensure that your donations are deposited into the correct account, please make sure to specify that your donation is intended for the "Emeritus Scholarship Fund".

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

We would also like to thank the following members who served as judges and helped score entries and select our four winners.

Judges:

Stan Linden
Alex Hammond
Charles Gaskins
Don Matteson
Sally Horton
Jim Short
David Seamans
John Kramer
Walt Butcher

Thanks Sally!

A special thanks also goes out to Sally Horton. Sally served as the chair of our award committee and helped organize the panel of judges and distribute applications. She also presented the students their awards at the Office of Undergraduate Awards on Monday, April 18th.

Emeritus Research Award Winners

Arts & Humanities

Madeleine Brookman is a junior in the Creative Media and Digital Culture (CMDC) program at Washington State University of Vancouver (WSUV) who was awarded a College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Summer Mini-Grant for her digital preservation project known as *Chronicles*. Taking the form of an online multimedia book, *Chronicles* captures the experience of playing the video game Chrono Trigger (circa 1995) and documents the localization practices that occurred between Japanese and North American publishing companies. Her research reveals that parts of Chrono Trigger were initially censored in North America before the game's content was re-translated in 2008. By preserving this finding, among others, Madeleine hopes that *Chronicles* will provide video game scholars with context that may have otherwise been lost to obsolescence, while also supplying game designers with an understanding of ways in which games may be adopted cross-culturally.

Biosciences

Keesha Matz is a sophomore majoring in Microbiology and a member of the WSU Honors College. She is a student in the specialized fast-track Ph.D. program, STARS (Students Targeted towards Advanced Research Studies), within the WSU School of Molecular Biosciences. The research she has conducted with Dr. Hector Aguilar-Carreno focuses on the infection mechanisms of Nipah Virus. This virus has a high mortality rate and poses a great threat to humans and agriculture alike, since there are no approved vaccines or cures. Keesha helped uncover novel interactions between the three main proteins of Nipah Virus involved in viral exit from the infected host cells membrane. By increasing our understanding of the Nipah Virus infectivity model we are one step closer to developing antiviral treatments for this deadly virus. Keesha plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Virology and work as a research scientist. She is incredibly grateful to the Emeritus Society for this award.

Social, Economic, and Behavioral Sciences

Hayley Hohman is majoring in Quantitative Economics with minors in Mathematics and Political Science. After studying the supply of coffee in Rwanda her sophomore year, Hayley was inspired to continue in this area with her research. Her study focuses on consumer preferences for coffee and how these affect willingness to pay extra for Fair Trade coffee. Specifically, she is looking for ways to make the sale and promotion of ethically made coffee more efficient for producers, thus reducing instances of labor exploitation. Results so far indicate that WSU students will pay on average 13% more for Fair Trade coffee at an espresso bar, which is higher than what others have found the average to be for the general population. Research is continuing with an experiment to increase responsiveness rates and develop a more statistically efficient model.

Physical Sciences

Joseph Osborn is majoring in Management Information Systems in the Carson School of Business. His research is conducted under Dr. McCloy's glass science group in the Materials Science Department. Joseph's research project focuses on how glass compositions from ancient vitrified forts may be analogous to modern nuclear waste glass. Because vitrified fort glass has been exposed to the elements for many hundreds of years, its corrosion properties can be studied more thoroughly than a waste glass created in a lab setting and only put through relatively brief lab corrosion tests. Joseph has created several glasses based on recorded compositions of vitrified fort glass using a lab furnace. A few of the compositions he created have formed homogenous glasses and will be put through lab corrosion tests to further understand their properties.

All Undergraduate Award recipients want to thank the members of the Emeritus Society for providing them with their scholarships and the opportunity to not only continue their research, but also be able to attend school with less worry of loans.

The Emeritus Society congratulates

Madeleine, Keesha, Hayley, and Joseph!
