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# WSU Emeritus Society

*Retired Faculty Serving the Future*

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## Let Us Know!

Send responses to  
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- What have you been up to?  
Do you have any announcements you would like to share?
- What activities would you like to see the Emeritus Society sponsor?
- What is your favorite thing about WSU or the Palouse?

## Upcoming Coffee Dates

(Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of  
Owen Library, in the  
Emeritus Lounge):

- November 27
- December 11
- January 8
- January 22
- February 5
- February 19
- March 5
- March 19
- April 2
- April 16
- April 30

## The Beginning of Another Great Year!

Yet another school year has begun at WSU and with it comes more activities and potential for the WSU Emeritus Society! This summer we saw the graduation and departure of our Graduate Assistant, Sammi Mischkot. We also saw the addition of a new Graduate Assistant, Aric Dutelle. Newly retired faculty were added to our membership, while we saw others who will remain in our memories, pass on.

The summer months saw emeritus faculty engaged in an inordinate number of personal and professional activities. Many traveled. Some wrote and researched. Others partook in community service and civic engagement activities. This quarterly newsletter cannot adequately summarize the activities and engagement of the WSU Emeritus Society. Nevertheless, read on for an attempt...



## Get Involved with the Emeritus Society

### Coffee Meetings

The Emeritus Society continues to hold coffee meetings every other Tuesday, from 10-11:30am, during the school year. The gatherings are held in our Emeritus Lounge, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Owen Science Library, room 339. Coffee, tea and baked goods are always provided. Please come and join us if you are in the area!

### Support the Emeritus Society Scholarship Fund

Each year the Emeritus Society makes several financial awards to exceptional undergraduates for research conducted in cooperation with WSU faculty as part of the *Showcase for*

### *Undergraduate and Creative Activities.*

These awards are made to recognize their research efforts working in cooperation with WSU faculty. The students conduct research in faculty laboratories and create a poster that they present in the Showcase activity. Funding for these awards comes through donations from members of the Society. We are asking for your monetary support for this important Society function. These awards are greatly appreciated by the students!

### How to Donate

The easiest way to donate is online:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6wtngbz>

(This URL is a condensed form of the official WSU address, which is very long. We use this to make finding the website much easier)

You may also donate by check. If you choose to do that, please write **Emeritus Society Scholarship Fund** in the memo line and mail the check to:

WSU Foundation  
PO Box 641927  
Pullman, WA 99164-1927

Thank you for your continued support of this program!

Without you, these scholarships would not be possible!

**Please contact the Emeritus Society if you have any questions.**

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*Please attend our bi-weekly Emeritus Coffees (held in the Owen Library, Emeritus Lounge) in order to catch up with your fellow Emeriti. See the list of upcoming dates, found on Page 1.*

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## Experiences in Norway (by David Seamans)

Arriving at the Oslo airport on August 16<sup>th</sup>, we were whisked into the city on an immaculate electric train. We soon learned that trains and trams are an important part of the transportation system here, most powered by the abundant electric power generated by the many streams of water flowing from the mountains to the fjords.

One of the interesting things in Oslo that we saw that we knew little about was the Nobel Peace Center. The building itself is a former railroad station, now used as place to host activities related to the Nobel Peace Prize and the ideals it represents. Other interesting things that we saw in and around Oslo were a large ski jump structure and associated stadium, and the Viking Ship Museum, containing well preserved Viking ships.



Leaving Oslo, our excursion to Bergen was undoubtedly one of the most interesting and educational events in any visit to Norway. It included travel by bus, ferry, and Northern Europe's highest stretch of railway, a masterpiece of engineering running through wild mountain country, wooded valleys, and exciting fjord areas.

Bergen is an old (founded in 1070) seaport town on the west coast. Here we toured Trolldhaugen, the home of composer Edvard Grieg, and the Hanseatic Museum, the former home and workplace of a Hanseatic merchant, his journeymen and apprentices. The history of the Hanseatic League we learned there is quite interesting.

After Bergen, we had a scenic trip by cruise ship and bus to Trondheim, another old (founded in 997) seaport town. There we had a guided tour of the Archbishop's Palace Museum and Cathedral, learning much about very complicated Norwegian history.

Leaving Trondheim, we returned to Oslo by train, where we were fortunate to spend a day with one of my former students and his wife. We learned much from them about Norwegian life, including why they are happy to pay the high taxes required to maintain their extensive government services.

*(Thank you, David! If you've always wanted to visit Norway, be sure to ask David about his incredible trip when you see him at one of the coffees.)*



## Washington State University Emeritus Society Legacy of Excellence Award

The *Legacy of Excellence Award* is intended to recognize an outstanding emeriti for his/her contributions to academia, the University, and Community, after retirement.

### Eligibility:

1. The faculty member should have been retired for five years, that is, without getting paid for his or her efforts (this is similar to other Halls of Fame), and
2. The faculty member has continued on an unpaid basis to contribute to their department, college, or the university.

### Criteria for Award:

- Sustained contributions to Academia
- Continued service to the University, community and mankind
- Personal accomplishments in retirement which serve as a role model to other retirees

**Nominations:** To nominate an individual for this award, please complete the nomination form (available at: [https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/987/2015/12/Excellence\\_award\\_nomination\\_form-Jan1deadline.pdf](https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/987/2015/12/Excellence_award_nomination_form-Jan1deadline.pdf)). Also, please include an attached statement explaining why you believe the nominee deserves recognition.

**Please send this form and accompanying statement to:**

Washington State University Emeritus Society  
c/o Tom Brigham  
P.O. Box 644820  
Pullman, WA 99164-3215.

**Selection:** A committee appointed by the Emeritus Director will review the nominations and make the selection. The recipient will receive an appropriate recognition gift which will be presented at the Annual Showcase Retirees Reception in March. The committee reserves the right not to name a recipient.

**Nominations must be received by January 1.**

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## Events with the Emeritus Society

As a group, the Emeritus Society tries to adventure out to see what the campus and Pullman have to offer. In September, members of the Society were given a guided tour of the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, at WSU, by Interim Chief Curator Ryan Hardesty...



A huge thank you goes out to Ryan for the tour of the facility and for his insights on the exhibits and collection. It is amazing to see what can be done with an old fire station!

