November Has Arrived!

Can you believe fall is here and winter is upon us already? Another academic school year at Washington State University has officially set in, and Pullman has been hit with unusual early snowfall this year on the Palouse.

If you are not receiving our biweekly coffee updates, and would like to receive them please respond to email below.

We are attempting to put together a visit to the Wawawai Canyon Winery in the spring; the winery is located in Colton, WA. We are looking into some option, but as mentioned please send recommendation to emeritussociety@wsu.edu

Upcoming Events:

December 10, 2019 – Emeritus Winter Brunch, Old European in Pullman @10 AM

Undergraduate Research Awards – date TBD 2020

Legacy of Excellence Reception – date TBD 2020

Ideas for Special Events

Every so often, in addition to the biweekly coffee get together, we are planning a winter brunch on December 10, 2019 at the Old European in Pullman. We are interested in hearing from you about any upcoming events we might share with your fellow Emeritus members or if there is an idea you might have for a group function. We are tentatively putting together a wine tasting event towards the end of the academic year in 2020. If you have any ideas and would like to share email us at emeritussociety@wsu.edu
Get Involved with the Emeritus Society

Coffee Meetings
The Emeritus Society has been holding coffee meetings every other week during the school year in our Emeritus Lounge. Please inquire if you are interested in joining any summer events or coffee meetings.

Support the Emeritus Society Scholarship Fund
Each year the Emeritus Society makes four awards of $500 each 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 exceptional undergraduates to recognize their research efforts working in cooperation with WSU faculty. The students do 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 you 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

Please contact the Emeritus Society if you have any questions.
emeritusociety@wsu.edu

Please attend our bi-weekly Emeritus Coffees (held in the Owen Library, Emeritus Lounge) in order to catch up with your fellow Emeriti.
**Emeritus Society Member Spotlight**

Dr. Tom Dickinson is WSU’s retired (2017) Paul A. Anderson Professor of Physics and Professor of Materials Science professor. He received his BA at Western Michigan (1963) and was awarded his Ph.D. (1968) in chemical physics from the University of Michigan.

Originally from the Midwest, Tom made his way to the Inland Pacific Northwest directly from graduate school in 1968. Initially he worked on research in Surface Science. While skilled in physics research, his fondness and dedication towards pushing his students “depth of understanding in applying physical principles to meaningful problems solving” in real world context, has been one of the most rewarding aspects of his job, Tom revealed. Interaction with students has been the greatest accomplishment, both in the classroom and in the lab.

Since being retired in 2017, Tom has been very busy developing computer-based learning modules that hopefully will lead to deeper learning in area of Electricity and Magnetism. Climate change and AI seem take up much of his free time, along with long walk and recently learning German.

Dickinson has received the Distinguished Faculty Address Award, the President’s Faculty Excellence Award in Research, the College of Sciences Distinguished Research Faculty Award, including excellence in teaching.

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**Meet the Our New Graduate Assistant**

John (JP) Watts is from Little Rock, Arkansas and joins the Emeritus Society as a new graduate assistant. He is Ph.D. student in Cultural Studies and Social Thought in Education studying place-based education, Literacy, English education, adolescent identity, and multimodal composing.

John served as a public school teacher in Little Rock (teaching 8th grade ELA, Reading Intervention, ELL) and most recently spending the last two years in Memphis City Schools teaching 7th and 8th grade gifted English Language Arts.

He obtained his undergraduate degree in English/History from the University of Texas at Arlington and his M.Ed. from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in Secondary/English education. He is an avid outdoor “adventurer” and says he has been memorized by the sheer beauty of the Palouse and proximity to the Cascades. In his free times he can be playing his guitar or walking through the woods.

John’s dissertation plans include embodied and creating lived-curriculum studies through outdoor settings focusing on critical ecoliteracy. “Moving to the Pacific Northwest has literally been a breath of fresh air. I cannot think of a more beautiful and natural place to live.”