

November 2019



WSU Emeritus Society

Retired Faculty Serving the Future

Let Us Know!

Send responses to
emeritusociety@wsu.edu

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?

Be sure to attend or biweekly
coffee events. Let us know
if you want reminders.

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campus wide news
<https://news.wsu.edu/>

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
emeritusociety@wsu.edu

WSU Provost Search

A 15-member search committee
that includes faculty, staff, and
student representation from
throughout the WSU system has
been selected to lead the search
for the university's next provost.

The goal is to name a new provost
by the end of the spring semester.

The search committee will host a
listening session for the WSU
community from 4:15–5:00 p.m. on
Monday, Nov. 18 in the CUB
Jr. Ballroom (CUB 210) on the
Pullman campus.

Owen Library 343
(509) 335-8090
emeritusociety@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
emeritusspiety@wsu.edu

Get Involved with the Emeritus Society

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

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 interesting 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 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>

(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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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.

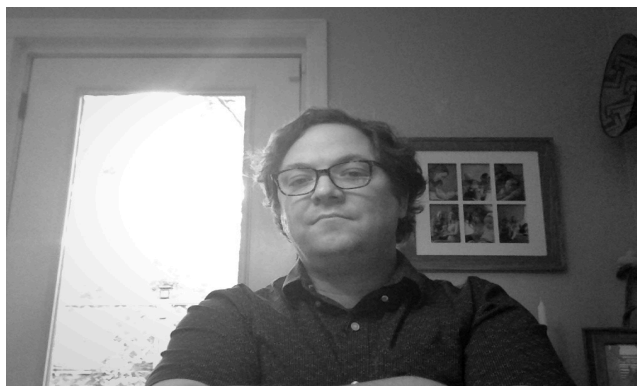
Originally from the Midwest, Tom made his way to the Inland Pacific Northwest directly from graduate school in 1968. Initially he worked on research in Surface Science. While skilled in physics research, his fondness and dedication towards pushing his students "depth of understanding in applying physical 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.



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."