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Retiree Center **SAVE THE DATE**

December 2 | President's All-University Holiday Party, , 2-4 pm, Student Activity Center- Kryzsko

December 2 | Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center
"Should the 14th U.S. Constitutional Amendment be modified or repealed?" This amendment has been a focal point in debates about U.S. immigration reform and the "right to die" movement among others. The discussion on this question may be both timely and interesting.

December 3 | WSU Jazz Ensemble Holiday Dance, 7pm Westfield Golf Club, donation at the door. Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a evening of music and fun. Benefits Friends of Jazz and local charity.

December 11 | Winona State University Commencement Ceremony - all colleges - 10:30am, McCown Gym, Contact President's Office for special seating: Karen Northam, 457.5472 or WSU Retiree Center, Cathie Logan, 457.5565

December 25, 2010 | Merry Christmas to WSU Retirees and families

January 1, 2011 | Happy New Year to You and yours

January 28, 2010 | Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center



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Grandparents University

Just what you have been waiting for - a chance to give your grandchild or special niece/nephew an experience on campus, in the residence hall, participating in courses of interest to both of you.

Sign up for the 1st Grandparents University, WSU, Summer 2011. June 23 & 24, 2011 stay in the new residence hall, attend classes in your "major", taught by WSU Professors in WSU classrooms and science labs. Enjoy meals together in the student dining hall and participate in campus activities.

Summer 2011 Majors

Biology - "River of Mark Twain, WSU STARS Flume Lab"

Prof. Toby Dogwiler, GeoScience

Business - "Staying in Touch - Communications & Websites"

Prof. Pat Paulson, Managment Information Systems

Engineering - "Composites in a Material World"

Prof. Beckry Abdel-Magid, Composites Engineering

English & Technology - "Our Family Stories"

Prof. Conan Kmiecik, English

Health Exercise & Rehabilitative Sciences - "Good Health

for Me & You" Prof. Nancy Jensen, HERS

Physics - "Pressure Can Be Fun"

Prof. Edward Roberts, Physics

Grandparent and grandchild select top three majors choices. Courses will fill first come, first served.

Plan your summer time together with a college visit to WSU Grandparents University.

SAVE THE DATES

On-line Registration begins

December 1, 2010

View more information

www.winona.edu/grandparents



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WSU Retiree Center Mission

To support the mission of WSU and enrich the campus community as well as the lives of retired staff, faculty and administration by providing institutional connections between the University and retirees who may wish to continue their intellectual and social participation in collegial life and service to the University.

Retiree Center Board

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On Campus

Note From the Directors

...Fall has come and gone so quickly. It was filled with activities in the garden, last voyage on the river in my kayak, a busy Retiree Center and an opportunity to meet with AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education) members at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT in October. WSU Professor Aurea Osgood and I presented the survey methods used last spring by students in her Social Research 378. This process provides campuses documentation of involvement of Retirees in the University community. Thank you for participating in the survey last spring... we are very appreciative of your time and talent. You are Great.

Friends of Jazz has had a special spot in the heart of the Retiree Center since Orval Lund became the driving force to reactivate the group in support of the WSU Jazz Program. Rich MacDonald and the WSU Jazz Ensemble performed last year for their holiday dance and raised funds for Habitat for Humanity, Womens Build. This year the Holiday Dance is Friday, December 3, 2010, Westfield Golf Club. Jazz students play this gig to 'give back' to the community and support Friends of Jazz. We had a great time last year. Join the fun. Gather friends and make it a Retiree evening.

The President's office will be sending the annual Holiday Card via email this year to as many employees, retirees and friends of the University, as possible. If you are not currently receiving emails via your WSU email account, please send me an updated email to add to my list. I do not give out any email address (non WSU email) without permission of the Retiree. I send items for others on campus and I will be forwarding the President's email card. It is important to not miss anyone, please update your email address - clogan@winona.edu.

Photos on page 4 were taken during Senior University classes and Retiree Reunion. I was sorry to have to miss the reunion - you are always fun to be with. Senior University continues to grow with new Instructors and new courses. Let me know what you would be interested in teaching or taking. We have so many talented Retirees, I'm sure we can find an Instructor. We are appreciative of all the Instructors who are making the courses enriching and available to all. Sign up for a class today.

If I do not see you before, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
...until the next time, Cathie

From the President's Office

Dear WSU Emeriti and Retirees,

Winona State University fall commencement ceremonies will be held on Friday, December 10, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall. You are invited to join us as we congratulate our graduates on their accomplishments and join in their celebration.

If you would like to attend our fall commencement, please let me know. To make arrangements for special guest seating or to march in the processional at this year's ceremony, please contact me by Wednesday, December 1.

Thank you for your continued support of Winona State and I look forward to seeing you next time you are on campus. It is always a pleasure to visit with those who have done so much to make WSU the fine university that it is today.

Karen Northam
President's Office

Academic Regalia

WSU Retirees have suggested that the Retiree Center become a resource for Academic Regalia for new faculty.

Most of Professor Emeriti have gowns hanging in their closets gathering dust waiting for a family member or friend to pass it down to.

Do you have an academic gown you would like to donate to a gown collection? We will send out a notice to new faculty that these gowns are available for use during commencement. If we have enough gowns among Retirees, we will make them available to purchase and donate the money to the Retiree Center Foundation Account and give you a "Gift in Kind" receipt.

Call Cathie, 507.457.5565 or email, clogan@winona.edu if you are interested in donating your academic regalia.

In the News

Hello Everyone,

Great news!!! Reveka's Revenge, Bk 2 of The Crimson Pursuit was released today!!! Champagne is popping tonight!!! Go to www.synergEbooks.com to get your copy today. It will be coming soon to Amazon Kindle, Fictionwise, etc. If you haven't gotten Bk 1, Reveka's Return it's available at most ebook sites. Strong female vampire characters, good vs. evil, a little steamy romance, blood, supernatural, more blood, sharp incisors, etc. Nothing like a good set of fangs to celebrate the Halloween season. Reading you can sink your teeth into. So get your copy of Reveka, turn down the lights, curl up with your favorite ereader, and enjoy a good scary story.

I love a good review if you feel so inclined. Write me...of course, if it's bad I know dark sinister people.

We are in Albuquerque for the winter. I get more time to write in the morning. The new book, I'm working on, is called The Collapse. It's about what happens when our civilization collapses---the why, the how, and the who... good vs. evil. Big apocalyptic scenario. My main character, Heckel Casey, slowly discovers he's the force to confront and eliminate the demonic source that brought The Collapse.

Drop an email and let me know how you are doing. Take care...and Happy Reading!!! James Hoch, 2008, Music author, www.jameshoch.com, www.synergEbooks.com blog: www.redroom.com/member/jshoch



Anthenaem

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 - 2nd floor WSU Library "Jobs in the XXI Century: The Importance of Being Earnest About Cultural Competency" Juan Fernandez Iglesias, Associate Professor Foreign Languages Department

The importance of a global perspective in a student's curriculum has become an integral part of a Liberal Arts education. Global awareness is already reflected in the mission of public universities. Many employers demand prospective employees to navigate cultural differences. Professor Fernández Iglesias will describe these competing realities and offer some solutions on how to solve this dilemma.

Necrology



Cal Fremling
Biology
August 12, 2010



Everett Walden
Educational Administration
November 12, 2010

We honor and mourn our University colleagues who have recently died. We recognize the richness of each life, the gifts these members have brought to many, and loss felt by family and friends.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Tour Egypt: Ancient & Modern

Spring 2011, 10 day tour of Egypt, is open to adult members of the community and provides first-hand experience of Middle Eastern history, religion and language. Mary Ann Pevas, Professor Emerita, Economics & Finance, and Middle East expert, guides a learning experience of a lifetime to Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and the Nile offered through the department of Outreach and Continuing Education (OCED).

Dr. Pevas' expertise enhances your visit to famous and astonishing sites.

Meet with modern-day Egyptians and learn about an Islamic society's efforts to modernize. Learn about traditions of Christianity, as well as Islam and the life of the Pharaohs. For more information, contact OCED, 507.457.5080.



Send Cathie an email - let her know what you have been doing... traveling, writing, relocating, learning... clogan@winona.edu. Thank you.

WSU Retiree Reunion, October 13, 2010



Chaucer: The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales

Kent Cowgill, Jane Cowgill

The class will focus on the The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales and one tale: The Shipman's. Objectives include close reading and appreciation of the text within the context of Chaucer's life and times, accurate translation and pronunciation of Middle English, and attention to the ways in which a familiarity with the General Prologue's pilgrims' portraits enhance one's enjoyment of The Tales.

Wednesdays • December 1, 8, 15, 22
Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 2:30-4:30pm

Film Comedy

David Robinson

Four of five films that suggest the development of film comedy from its beginnings in the silent era (Chaplin, Keaton), through the "Screwball Comedy" era of the '30s, the romantic comedies of the 50's, and one example of postmodern comedy (either "High Fidelity" or "(500) Days of Summer" are the highlights of this course. Join Dave Robinson, film reviewer for over 35 years for the Winona Post, for Film Comedy.

Wednesdays • January 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2
Maxwell 257 • 5 weeks • 1-3pm

The Evolution of Mammals

Robert Sloan

The fossil history of Mammals from their origin from the earliest Reptiles in the Pennsylvanian Period (310 million years ago) to the present is very well know. This includes their near extinction at the end of the Permian (250 million years ago), their expansion as mouse-sized animals during most of the Mesozoic, and their rapid adaptive radiation, (expansion in variety and sizes) after the extinction of the non-flying Dinosaurs at 65 million years ago. Their diversification into the existing forms, including Humans, is presented.

Tuesdays • April 5, 12, 19, 26
Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 10am-12pm

Early Jazz, Ragtime and the Blues 1900-1928: The Musical Migration from New Orleans to Chicago

Lyelle Palmer

An auditory exploration of the birth of black America's unique contribution of musical genres/styles in high-energy brash and brassy two-beat street bands, dazzling parlor piano professors and down-home soulful blues laments. Hear the hopeful historic sounds of American optimism in the forms, players, and stylistic evolution from Bolden to Bix, from Dixieland to Chicago, and the world-class keyboard geniuses of Jelly Roll Morton and Scott Joplin. The era before big bands had a spirit all of its own—raw enthusiastic creativity and confidence that uniquely and harmoniously tickles the ear to this day. Come to the dance.

Tuesdays • February 8, 15, 22 March 1
Maxwell 257 • 4 weeks • 1-2:30pm

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please provide:

WSU Retiree ID# _____ OR

Senior University ID# _____ OR

Birth Date _____

Chaucer - \$40 Early Jazz - \$40

Film Comedy- \$40 Evolution of Mammals - \$40

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Indicate type of payment:

Check Cash

**Winona State University
 Retiree Center
 P.O. Box 5838
 Winona, MN 55987**

**Return the registration form
 along with your check or cash to:**

WSU Retirees

Barking up Winter Trees



As the colorful leaves of autumn drop to the ground and the trees become barren, tree lovers know that the long months of winter are just around the corner. So what can be interesting to see on a tree during the winter?

Actually, trees have a number of interesting features to look for during the winter. Let's start with the evergreens. After a new snowfall, the snow hanging from the branches of the Pines, Spruces, and Firs is a special sight. The contrast of the green evergreens against the fresh snow can be striking. If one lives near the WSU campus, a walk through the grounds just after a major snow storm is invigorating and worth the effort. It is even better if one can beat the snowplows and trail one's own path.

If baseball is your fancy, check out WSU's Black Spruce . It is one of Minnesota's native trees and found at the Minnesota Twins Target Field. Micheal Cuddyer hit a home run into the grove of Black Spruce during game 1 of the playoffs with the Yankees. WSU's Black Spruce can be found on the north side of Memorial Hall.

Going back to winter features, the bark of many trees is worth examining. When walking by the east side of WSU's Science Laboratory Center, notice the somewhat spongy and deeply furrowed texture of the bark on the Amur Corktrees. If one could look through the bark to the inner bark, one would find it yellow. In ancient China this yellow inner bark was once used to produce a yellow dye.

The Hackberry tree in front of Watkins Hall also has an interesting bark. It has distinctive rough, warty ridges, which helps to identify it.

Sometimes trees have a peeling or exfoliating bark that can be quite interesting to look at during the winter. The 3 Yellow Birch, north of Memorial Hall, can be defined by the yellowish-bronze peeling bark. The mass planting of Minnesota's native River Birch, found north of Kreuger Library has an attractive cinnamon-reddish peeling bark. Two 3-Flowered Maples located in the sitting plaza at the west entrance to PAC display a similar exfoliating bark.

Another intriguing tree with unusual bark is located in the secluded alcove next to the northwest entrance to SLC. The Snakebark Maple has a bark that is snake-like, smooth, and green with purplish - red tints. Vertical stripes can be spotted on the younger bark. Watch out if it starts hissing!

O.K., other than bark on a tree, many trees have various kinds of fruit. We have about 10 different kinds of Crabapples on campus that have attractive red and golden fruits. Many of these fruits persist throughout much of the winter. The fruit, which is set late in the summer, provides birds a valuable source of food during the winter months. Did you know that a crabapple is defined by the size of its fruit? If the fruit is smaller than 2 inches in diameter, it is a crabapple. If the fruit is larger, it is usually referred to as an apple. Now you know!

The slow growing Showy Mountain Ash has bright scarlet berries that are a favorite of Cedar Waxwings and Robins. WSU's Showy Mountain Ash can be found in the central part of the campus courtyard.

WSU has a number of trees that have pods that hang onto the tree throughout much of the winter. A mature Catalpa tree with long, thin pods can be seen in front of Watkins Hall , while the Kentucky Coffeetree has shorter thicker pods and can be spotted west of Minne Hall. The dark pods of these two different trees stand out in the winter and add another dimension to the winter landscape.

So open your eyes a bit wider and take a brisk stroll through the campus and see the trees during the snowy months of winter. There are many more trees of interest that are just waiting for you to find. You might actually have a good time.

Bill Meyer, Contributing Columnist, 2010, Senior Groundskeeper

Activities

Retiree Book Club

I've been a member of a Couples' Book Club here in Winona for over thirty years and have found it a rich experience--both for the reading itself and for the friendship. If you're interested in starting a book club that would meet on a regular basis at the Retiree Center, please let Cathie know.

I'll help you get started and will likely join myself. Some questions to consider: (1) How often would you like to meet--monthly, bi-monthly, skip some months? (2) What kind of books would you like to read--literary best-sellers, classics, fiction, non-fiction, particular subject areas? (Perhaps there will be enough interest to start more than one group--each with its own area of interest?) (3) How would you like to select the books--have a moderator for each month pick the book; everyone bring in a list of books and select for the year ahead? (4) Should the books be available in paperback or doesn't that matter? (5) Should light refreshments be provided; if so, by whom?

Doubtless, you'll have your own ideas to add. If you're interested, tell Cathie what a good time for an initial, organizational meeting would be for you.

-- Orval Lund, 2002, English

Student Record Archive Project

WE NEED YOU - WSU RETIREES

We are looking for volunteers! Join Student Records in creating electronic records of WSU's one hundred-and-fifty years of history.

The scanning project has begun. Donating a couple hours a week will make this a successful program of preservation. If you have questions or comments, contact:

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WSU Department of Music presents...
WSU Jazz Ensemble
Holiday Dance
Directed By Rich MacDonald

Friday, December 3, 2010
7:30 pm, Westfield Golf Club
Donations at the Door
Proceeds to local charity and Friends of Jazz

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