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## President's Page "On Lasts and Downsizing"

Three years ago I presented my "Last Lecture" to a kind group of then current and former students. Last Friday I taught my "last class." Claire and I are in the middle of our "last" full year in our home, before finding a new "home" after Easter next Spring. During this year we are planning on having our last chili-off, our last big Thanksgiving Dinner, our last Advent season (and putting up my collection of 200-250 Crèches), our last traditional New Year's Eve Dinner and Celebration, our last St. Patrick's Dinner, and most importantly our last big Easter Dinner in this our home of the last 32 years.

We started downsizing about a year ago. We have "accumulated" an awful lot of "stuff" over the years, so we started with the easy stuff – the "low hanging fruit." We also have parted with a lot of "stuff" that we inherited from our parents (which was more difficult).

We have now moved on to the harder things we **need** to part with. These are our own collections and have been a part of us for some 20-30-50 years. We are sending Claire's novels to the public library and most of my remaining theology/Biblical studies library to SPU. Claire is paring down her voluminous collection of fabric from her consistent sewing and quilting work over the last 50 years. I am valuing my 40,000+ collection of stamps, in preparation for trying to sell them. After Christmas most all the crèche collection must go. Most of our various art collections also must go.

**"Appreciate** is an ethical term, an economic term, and an artistic term meaning "to add value": i.e. if we do justice to someone or something, we usually appreciate the person or thing more than we did before: we see added value in the person or the thing that we did not see earlier." As part of my process of experiencing these series of "lasts" and the need for "downsizing" I have also been appreciating (adding value to) the years and times and people, and objects that have made up my life. In the process I hope I am doing them justice as well. In all our **lasts and downsizing** we can re-member them, and do justice to them by appreciating (adding value to) them once again, even if we **must** downsize. **George Scranton, Emeriti President**

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### Purpose for Emeri-Times

*"to edify, encourage, and connect emeriti faculty; to profile emeriti achievements (past and present); to provide news and information about members and SPU; to encourage*

*emeriti to continue to be involved in world change." The Emeri-Times newsletter is distributed by the Office of the Provost.*

Please let George know ([gascrant@spu.edu](mailto:gascrant@spu.edu) or 206-284-8027) if you have recommendations.



Thanks to our Provost, we enjoyed a delightful spring tea in Upper Gwinn Commons. This was a great chance to reconnect with other emeriti, faculty from the campus and Provost staff.

Provost Van Duzer presented a VERY informative picture of Campus happenings and we came away proud to be a small part of it.

Since this event occurred during spring break most students were away but we were entertained by student group from the music department. If you missed this, we hope for it next year.

## Our 58th SPU Theatre Season 2018-2019:

*The Stories We Tell: Love and Information*

**By Caryl Churchill**

Directed by Candace Vance - November 8-17, 2018

Because of audience input, no two shows will be the same



*Before the Eclipse*

**A selection of short comedies by Anton Chekhov, translated by Laurence Senelick**

Directed by Andrew Ryder - January 31, February 1-9 - 2019

*A Wrinkle in Time*

**By Madeleine L'Engle, Adapted by Tracy Young**

Directed by Charlotte Tiencken - April 25, 26, 27 - May 2, 3, 4 - 2019

*Violet*, a moving musical

**By Brian Crawley and Jeanine Tesori**

Directed and Designed by SPU Theatre and Music students

**May 21-24 - 2019 at 7:30 pm; 1:00 pm matinee *only* May 25**

Watercolor

By Do Balch—see p.6

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her signature with

a little music note

above it. She is a mus-

ician, watercolorist.



Welcome to our Newly Retired Faculty—look for ways to connect through our special emeriti events, mailings, emeriti listserv and emeriti web page via the Provost Gateway.



David W. Anderson, MM , ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHORAL MUSIC (26 YEARS) David has shared 26 years of fabulous choral music with his Seattle Pacific family. He came to the Music Department after conducting many high school, college, and church choirs. David built SPU's small choral program into one of the region's best known, with multiple choirs. Besides concerts on campus and in local churches, he has taken his choirs on tours around the country. He also created Sacred Sounds of Christmas, now an SPU and community tradition. His choirs share grace, faith, beauty, joy, and peacefulness with all who come to hear them. David is also a choral researcher and arranger who finds exquisite choral literature that has been waiting to be resurrected. His website of English choral songs offers choral societies free access to download, reproduce, perform, and record the songs, choruses, and glees for mixed choruses. His film music knowledge is legendary, from the earliest music scores for films in Europe and the U.S. to elaborate stories of early film composers. David shared those tales with students in classes such as "Reel Music."



Kathryn Bartholomew, PhD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS (29 YEARS) Kathryn brought her love of languages to SPU in 1989 when she arrived to teach Spanish, French, Italian, and linguistics. She founded and directed SPU's master of arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages (MA-TESOL), which has placed hundreds of graduates from over 35 countries in educator roles both nationally and internationally. Kathryn revived both the undergraduate Spanish program and the linguistics major, expanding the latter to become the linguistics & cultural studies major. She co-lead five iterations of European Quarter, SPU's longest-running study abroad program, and she will again co-lead the program in Spring 2019, post-retirement. With her office door always open, she was frequently called upon by her peers to explain vagaries of human language, culture, and institutional history, and to offer wise counsel and mentoring. In retirement, Kathryn plans to remain deeply involved with her church, Trinity Parish, and to enjoy the company of her sons and extended family.



Douglas A. Downing, PhD ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS (35 YEARS) Doug has been teaching at SPU since 1983. He's part of an SPU family, as his mother attended, his uncle taught here for 40 years, and his niece is currently on the faculty. He attended Yale University, where he earned a bachelor's degree with double majors in economics/political science and astronomy/physics, and a doctorate in economics. He helped the School of Business, Government, and Economics earn AACSB accreditation in 2000. He has led SBGE's study abroad program in China and also worked with Camp Casey's telescope. He will continue teaching part time. Doug is known around SBGE as a Renaissance man — both because he enjoys Renaissance fairs and because he knows at least a little about virtually every domain of human knowledge. He has written 15 books that have been published in 45 editions, including a trilogy of math textbooks written as fantasy adventure novels, and other books on math and computers.



Donald C. Holsinger, PhD PROFESSOR OF HISTORY (28 YEARS) Don's years of teaching, service, and scholarship at SPU have been characterized by heart, faith, and conviction. His work has moved students and faculty to new levels of understanding and sympathy for the dynamic and often tragic histories of the Middle Eastern and North African regions, for current international complications and

difficulties, and for possibilities of hope in a troubled world. Don is known as a clear articulator of complex historical issues, and as a recognized authority on global, Middle Eastern, and African history. He served as a consultant and analyst for radio and television outlets in both Seattle and Portland, and began many years of statewide service speaking about history with the Washington Commission for the Humanities for the "Inquiring Minds" series. Don served as department chair from 1996 to 2002. He conceived, developed, and taught SPU's University Core course, "The West and the World/Emergence of the Modern Global System." In 2012, he was recognized as "Top Professor" by the SPU Ivy Honorary/Mortar Board National College Senior Honorary Society.

James F. Rand, PhD EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE (25 YEARS) Jim graduated from Marquette University with a bachelor's degree in industrial management. He also holds a law degree and a doctorate in labor law and economics. He served as a U.S. Army captain and then held executive and leadership positions at Kimberly Clark, Crocker Bank, U and I Incorporated, and Fluke. Since 1993, he has taught courses at SPU, including operations management, compensation systems, advanced negotiations, labor relations, human resources, and project management. He was the associate director of professional development and co-chaired the Military Veterans Cadre. Jim is a founding principal of Seattle Research Partners, a strategic performance enhancement firm. He has taught and consulted in nine countries within Europe, Southeast Asia, and Africa. His clients include Providence Health Systems, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Boeing, Microsoft, PEMCO, Houston Airports, and Liberty Mutual. During his retirement, Jim and his wife, Jama, plan to travel and enjoy spending time with their children and 17 grandchildren.

Eric W. Vogt, PhD PROFESSOR OF SPANISH (16 YEARS) Eric focused his academic specialization and research on Spanish Golden Age, Colonial, and contemporary Latin American Literature. He published numerous scholarly works, including textbooks and trade books. A member of the American Translator's Association and a certified translator, Eric was awarded a superior oral proficiency rating in Spanish by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

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in other places.

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## Ivy Cutting, adapted from article by Elizabeth Cohrs, May 2018

Ivy Cutting is an annual ceremony held the Friday before undergraduate commencement, symbolically cutting the ties between the graduating seniors and Seattle Pacific University.

### History

The Ivy Planting Ceremony was started by the graduating class of 1922. They planted their ivy next to Peterson Hall, and as many of (1) them had hoped, Ivy Planting became a tradition for those graduating from Seattle Pacific. The record is unclear as to when Ivy "Planting" turned into Ivy "Cutting," but it is clear that SPU has had a tradition with ivy since 1922.\* One factor that may have influenced the change was the worry that the ivy would harm the buildings, especially Alexander and Peterson Halls. For the Ivy Cutting (2) Ceremony, the senior class would stand encircled by a long string of ivy in Tiffany. The President, along with faculty members, cut the ivy to be given to the graduate as a symbol of the end of their college years. The New Student Convocation held at the beginning of each (3) academic year for incoming first year students also includes students standing in a circle, so it and Ivy Cutting are considered "bookends" in a student's time at Seattle Pacific.

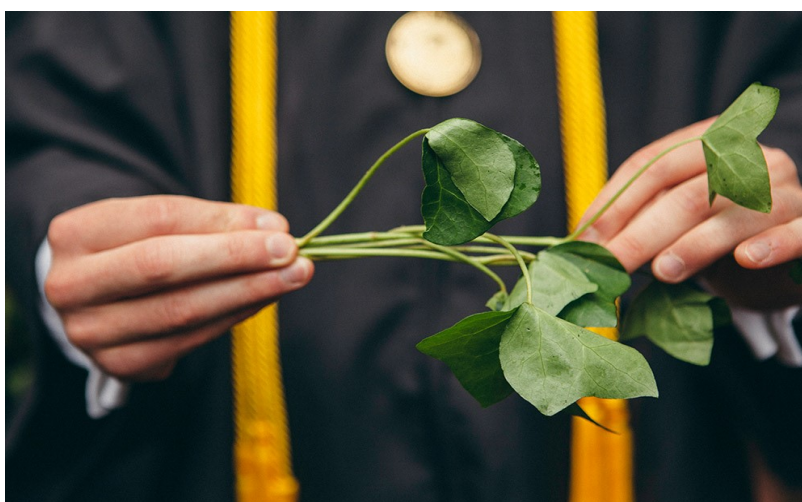
Because rain is always a threat in the Seattle area, McKinley Auditorium and Royal Brougham Pavilion were set as alternative locations for the ceremony. As graduating classes got larger, Brougham Pavilion became the ideal place to hold Ivy Cutting in the event of rain. (This year, the 2018 Ivy cutting was outside but an hour later it rained and the graduate degrees were celebrated in Royal Brougham.)

Over the decades, Ivy Cutting has been a meaningful event for students, faculty, and alumni, and the symbolism has remained remarkably consistent from year to year. In 1952, the SPC Bulletin featured a story on Ivy Cutting that included this description: Ivy Cutting "symbolizes the sending fourth of graduates into Christian service throughout the world. The entire senior class forms a circle, holding a chain of ivy as former President Watson 'cuts' the chain." (4) The piece of ivy given to the graduate gives them a piece of Seattle Pacific that they can take with them as they go out and build their life. At the 1986 Ivy Cutting, former SPU President David La Shana announced to the students that they were "cut free but not adrift. The ivy you hold symbolizes constancy, eternal life, and the values of the SPU community of which you are forever a part, no matter where you go." (5)

### Legacies and Bells

Students who follow in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents by attending SPU are called "Legacy Students." These "Legacy Students" may have the chance to ring the ceremonial bell during the Ivy Cutting ceremony. The first of these bells, the Centennial Bell, was a brass replica of the original Seminary-era bell that stood at the top of Alexander Hall. It was installed on Alexander Hall in 1990 to celebrate the centennial of Seattle Pacific, and was donated to SPU by the family of Martha L. (Hopper) Bratton, class president of the class of 1924.(6)

Notes: 1) June 1924 SPC Bulletin 2) "Ivy Cutting: a living tradition" July 1986, pg.5 Response; 3), page 59 A Growing Vision; 4) May 1952 SPC Bulletin; 5) "Ivy Cutting: a living tradition" July 1986, pg 5 Response; 6) "Martha's Ivy" , September 1990, pg 3 Response



## Emeriti faculty updates for June 2018

**Dorothy (Do) Balch (widow of Wayne, Professor of Music), 1985.** Life here at Covenant Village of Northbrook, a northern suburb of Chicago, Illinois, is going into my fourth year here. I cannot believe how the time slips by – and we all are getting older! Now at 94, I feel quite fortunate to be in relatively good health! I continue in the chapel choir, which is fun and stimulating. I exercise mostly by walking, but we have a huge and well-equipped “gym” and also a pool. I continue in weekly art class (watercolor). Never painted in my life, but now have dozens of paintings. A tiny sample is of this flower that I painted. Then it was made into note cards. Our paintings are about 9” x 12”.

**Kathleen Braden., Professor of Political Science (2016)** I enjoyed a trip to France and traveled in Normandy and Auvergne. My visit to Omaha Beach of the D-Day invasion and the American cemetery was very moving and I recommend William the Conqueror’s Chateau in Falaise – amazing technology makes the castle come alive inside for the visitor. In Auvergne, I stayed in a house that was a former farm in a small village called Tirevache and became very attached to the Salers Cowherd out my back door. Thanks to Michelle Beauclair’s class, I could communicate with them in French but the lead cow constantly criticized my use of the subjunctive.

**Ruby Englund (David) School of Health Sciences, Professor of Nursing.** I just returned from a family reunion in Minnesota attended by 60 relatives, including a cousin from Sweden and her husband. Despite 100 degree heat one day it was good to reconnect with everyone. I also attended the annual celebration at the village cemetery honoring veterans on Memorial Day. Each time I visit Minnesota, college classmates gather for lunch to reminisce about our nursing student days. In July I will return for a reunion of my mother’s side of the family. A cousin has planned tours of the church where our ancestors worshipped.

**Evette Hackman (Robert) Associate Professor of Food and Nutritional Sciences in Family and Consumer Sciences (Retired 2014).** One of the most fun things about retirement is to wake up in the morning without an alarm and then decide about the day, and then, drinking coffee and reading the news. A favorite trip was hiking in the Swiss Alps with eighteen friends from Seattle. Our guide was one of the friends that we have hiked with in the Cascades many times. He lives next door to the hotel where we stayed. We were also located near the birthplace of Bob’s relatives in Switzerland and so we had fun searching for kin. We actually knocked on doors of total strangers and it was OK.

I am in two book clubs, one is with 12 Americans and the other is with women of Arab heritage from Egypt, Morocco, Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya and Syria. The women are so interesting and beautiful. We read books from those countries and cook the food, too. What could be better?

**Eric Hanson (Susan) Professor of Music, Director of Symphony Orchestra.** On June 5, Eric Hanson conducted Richard Strauss’ incomparable tone poem, *Ein Heldenleben*, with the Northwest Mahler Festival.



**Emily Hitchens (Lowell Park) Professor of Nursing, Health Sciences Associate Dean (retired 2008).**

Lowell and I attended the AAUW convention in April in Spokane and then went on to Clarkston, WA. The hills were gorgeous and we hiked among small wildflowers in Field Springs State Park, Puffer Butt. Since then we have hiked up to Sequeira Falls near Greenwater out of Enumclaw.

Currently I am reading two interesting books, The Wilder Muir: The Curious Nature of John Muir selected and introduced by Bonnie J. Gisel; very poetic descriptions of his adventures in Yosemite as well as in Mt. Rainier National Park. The second book is The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel and How They Communicate by Peter Wohlleben which should really cause us all to pause and rethink clear cuts!

This summer we will continue to find hikes and in August we are taking my granddaughter, Naomi Thomas to San Francisco for her special trip with grandma! Of course we plan to see the Disney Museum, Alcatraz, cable cars etc. Then school starts and she will be in 5th grade! My daughter, Rev. Amy Hitchens (SPU European Studies graduate) has left being a chaplain for the Highline Medical Center after about 14 years and just accepted the position as Pastor at the Normandy Park UCC. Those of you in the south end should drop by on a Sunday at 10 AM. Call first to see if she is preaching because she is going to a UCC Family Camp during the summer. 206-824-1770

**McKenna, Dave (Janet), President Emeritus.** Dear Colleagues: Jan and I hit our late 80's on a run into the future. Three years ago we lost Molly, our little Maltese, to a brain tumor. To start over again with a puppy seemed too much, so we waited until we found a four year, five pound Maltese mamma who had just had her last litter. Mia, as in Mamma Mia, will be ours in June after weaning and spaying. Kirkland will again see a doggy stroller functioning as a walker for Jan.

The other forward-looking event is the introduction of the book, THE POSTERITY GOSPEL: Managing Our Spiritual Wealth. If you are interested, you can read the first two chapters by going to the website: [fmchr.ch/posteritypromo](http://fmchr.ch/posteritypromo). After reading about the televangelist who wants to buy a 5.9 million dollar jet to advance the Prosperity Gospel, I think that I may have something to say.

Back problems are drawing limits, but nothing, absolutely nothing, can cripple our spirits or stifle our praise. Ninety now seems young. With his joy, Dave and Jan McKenna

**Don Peter (Jo Ann Peter) Engineering and Computing Sciences (retired 2017).**

After I retired in June we moved from Des Moines to Lake Stevens, where we are close to our oldest daughter and family and now are members of the same church, Snohomish Community Church. Through that church we are involved in ministry to international students at Everett Community College in the form of a weekly dinner with conversation and sharing our lives, along with extra social events. On May 18<sup>th</sup> we attended the Mariners game!

I am now a part time lecturer in electrical engineering at the University of Washington Bothell campus, working under STEM dean and former Director of engineering programs Elaine Scott. It has been fun to keep a hand in the classroom after leaving SPU. In October I am scheduled to travel to India to team teach a short course on entrepreneurship in Hyderabad (Telangana state) and Udaipur (Rajasthan state). I did something similar three years ago in Indore (Madhya Pradesh) during my sabbatical. We have been involved in a five-month remodel of our new home in Lake Stevens. Since it involves the bedrooms, we have been sleeping on the floor for a few months! Our house has been in a state of (semi)controlled chaos!

Don Peter, continued...

We added our fifth grandchild on Thanksgiving Day and we thank God that they are all doing well with the blessing of great parents (our two daughters and their husbands). These five munchkins (three boys and two girls) range in age from five years down to 6 months. We rarely turn down a chance to babysit these delightful kids.

In July we are scheduled to go to a Peter Family 'Hog Roast' family reunion in southern Indiana where my great-great grandfather helped found the small town of Leopold in 1842 after emigrating from southern Belgium. Leopold was named after King Leopold, monarch of Belgium at that time.

**Carl Roseveare (Arlene) School of Education and Learning Resources (1997).** This note is from Carl's wife Arlene: Carl celebrated his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 5, 2018 with the presence of his three sons: Kirby from Illinois (an SPU graduate), David from Anchorage, Alaska, and Steven from Poulsbo, Washington. Carl resides in Harbor House Liberty Shores due to multiple falls caused by advancing Parkinson's. Carl eats well, sleeps well and enjoys some activities especially the ride into the countryside on the Liberty Shores bus.

**Marilyn Severson, Foreign Languages & Literatures (retired 2004)**

I am still enjoying teaching two classes of French once a week at the Ballard Senior Center and volunteering at my church. A highlight, however, of the month of May was three weeks in Europe. I spent nine days in France, traveling with two of my Senior Center students, eating well, and visiting the battlefield where my mother's oldest brother was killed October 14, 1918. Then it was off to Budapest to join a Road Scholar trip. From Budapest we traveled on the Danube and finished the 12 day trip in Prague. I was able to "keep the pace" of this tour, walking two to four miles each day and enjoyed learning, seeing new sights, and meeting interesting people. I highly recommend this Road Scholar trip.

**Jay R Skidmore (Susan) Professor Emeritus & Former Department Chair of Clinical Psychology, (Retired 2014).** After SPU retirement in 2014, I joined a medical rehabilitation team and helped them develop programs that combine psychology, medicine and physical therapies. I guided them through CARF accreditation, but the new owners wanted to "streamline" treatments and make more money. So I moved-on and opened my own little office in an historic old mansion (shared with other doctors & therapists) overlooking the north sound in Everett. I still focus on helping patients recover from severe injuries and intractable pain, e.g., major spinal injuries, joint replacement failures, amputations, extensive crush or stab wounds, and extreme burns.

I value this work helping my patients through their challenging roads to recovery, and I enjoy collaborating with their physicians with these complex cases. Although I haven't fully retired, gradually I plan to reduce my work hours over the next couple years.

I am taking more days to play music or go motorcycle riding. I continue teaching twice weekly martial arts classes. For those who don't understand the martial arts, think about mentoring young men, and think about pushing one's old body to maintain some suppleness. It's both.

Wife Susan just returned from a walk across England. Those who remember us may recall that we lived there for five years (@ 20 years ago). So this was another visit for her with old friends, and also her dream to do a walking pilgrimage from the Lakes District over to Yorkshire Dales. We plan to do more pilgrimages, as joint adventures, when eventually I am able to work less.

Son Nathan graduates with honors from SPU in History this June 2018! We are very thankful for Nate's faculty mentors, among whom were several of my old colleagues and friends. Son Robert, also an SPU alum, continues his service as an Air Force Combat Rescue Officer. Rob plans to marry a wonderful young woman when he returns! We worship at Saint Paul's Orthodox Church, where we continue to relearn the old faith and where every week brings a new opportunity to rededicate ourselves to worship and service.



**Mike Tindall (Elaine) Professor of Computer Science, Department of Computer Science 2017.**

Right after retirement, Elaine & I began working to get ready to sell our large 3300 sq. ft. 2-story family home in Mill Creek. We lived there for 30 years, but our sore knees reminded us that it was time to get rid of the stairs. Clean up and move out took a while, but we put it on market in early November; the big house sold in 3 days and the deal closed in 3 weeks. And then, we moved into a 1900 sq. ft. rambler (also in Mill Creek) and we're still in the downsizing and getting settled mode. Everyone warned that downsizing would be a tough task, and we're confirming that observation. **New Address:** 2413 140<sup>th</sup> PL SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012

In January, we went to Orlando, Florida to watch our two grandkids while our son (Jon, 2005) participated in some vocal auditions at an AMTC conference (Actors, Models and Talent for Christ) and so his wife could attend with him at the Florida event. We all visited Disney World on an unusually cold Florida day on January 3<sup>rd</sup> when snow was predicted (no snow, but 25-30 degree temps & freezing sleet instead at Disney World --- brrrrr). Elaine and I then traveled 2000 miles around Florida visiting friends and relatives for a total of four weeks. We covered a lot of ground seeing friends in Merritt Island, NASA and Cape Canaveral, Cocoa Beach, Jupiter, Amelia Island, Pensacola, and Daytona Beach.

In April, we drove to Colorado to attend a close friend's memorial service. We visited friends in Ft. Collins and had dinner with some former SPU students: Luke and Rebecca (Strong) Sankey. We also spent some vacation time in Estes Park, Jackson Hole, the Tetons, Moses Lake and Missoula. Our last stop was Leavenworth, Washington for two days at the annual Mai Fest Celebrations, ending our 4 1/2 week trip.

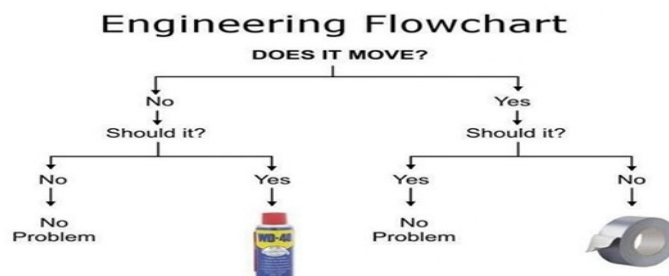
We've now returned home to continue the downsizing efforts, work on the new landscaping, and babysit our grandkids a day or two each week – the most enjoyable activity of all!

Here in June 2018, one year after retiring from SPU, I'm still having fairly regular nighttime dreams about teaching activities at SPU, mostly pleasant, occasionally bizarre. Long-time Emeritus Dick Wood told me that these flashbacks may never go away entirely. I'm also pondering the question of how did I ever have time to work ... lol.

**Tom Trzyna (Martha) Professor of English, former Dean of Humanities.** Tom Trzyna traveled with his wife, Martha, to the stormy Mediterranean last winter. Rome was 12 degrees F; Barcelona was lovely. Tom has started work as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for foster children. His book *Cain's Crime: The Proliferation of Weapons and the Targeting of Civilians in Contemporary War* has just come out from Cascade Books. He awaits word on a book about broadening the official international definition of genocide to include women as a targeted group, a project that was aided by a lawyer who worked for the International Criminal Tribunal. Currently he is editing the autobiography of the late Dr. Fletcher Johnson, a pioneering African American surgeon who married a high school friend of Tom's wife. Fletcher was an NCAA star, NBA player, civil rights activist, and cardio-thoracic surgeon who fought a ten year battle in the courts over racism in medicine. Retirement is freedom to work. Tom and Martha are taking a long trip to the East Coast in the fall. Four lovely grandchildren, as before.

**Sharon Young (Randall) Professor Mathematics Education.**

My husband and I sold our Redmond home of 23 years in June and moved to Gig Harbor. We absolutely love it here! We are busy at church and in the community. We are trying to get back into the "not working full-time" mentality and taking up golf again.





## In memory of our dear colleagues:

### **Robert D. Larson (Anna Marie), Associate Professor of Sociology**

Nov. 23, 1930 - Jan. 1, 2018. Robert D. Larson passed away early New Year's Day January 1, 2018, in the company of two of his sons, Timothy and Stephen. He had spent New Year's Eve observing from his bedside the fireworks above the lake outside his living room. He was born in Newman Grove, Nebraska, a son of Minnie and Casper Larson. He taught Sociology at Seattle Pacific University. After retirement he sang with the Norwegian Male Chorus of Everett, and was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He was a loving husband of over sixty years to Anna Marie Rundstrom with whom they had three sons, Mark, Timothy, and Stephen. A memorial service and reception celebrating his life will be held Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Everett. Bob's family has suggested contributions in his memory to Seattle Pacific University and Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Kathleen Braden shared memories of Bob's kindness when she was a new faculty member at SPU in the 1980s. Gordon Cochrane, who was chair of Sociology when Robert joined the department, remarked about Bob's fine friendship. He was a great man of faith and integrity.

### **Russ Killingsworth**

This came from Provost Jeff Van Duzer on January 18, 2018: "It is with a very heavy heart that I write to let you know that Russ Killingsworth, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, passed away last night, January 17. Russ had suffered with chronic liver disease for many years, which took a turn for the worse over the Christmas break. He had been under treatment at Harborview Hospital for several days at the time of his passing.

Russ joined our faculty community in 1996 as Instructor of Mathematics and Math Lab Coordinator. Russ served our students with patience and encouragement in our remedial math programs, in addition to teaching courses like Introduction to Statistics. His was also an important voice in the development of math curricula at the secondary level. He was a valued colleague and will be sorely missed.

We have been in contact with Russ's family and will keep you abreast of any information forthcoming regarding a memorial service or other opportunities to honor Russ. Please keep Russ's wife, Dani, their family and friends, and the faculty and staff in the Department of Math and in Otto Miller Hall, in your prayers." (His memorial service was on February 1, 2018)

His faculty colleagues had many great things to say about him including: he was supportive of people who needed to gain math confidence, he was a dear brother, genuine, kind, relaxed, sincere and it was a privilege to know him. He cared deeply about his students, he was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by his local Boy Scout Council and he was a proud Navy veteran. May his memory be eternal.

## Autumn Quarter 2018

- 9/24 Class Instruction Begins
- 9/20 New Student Convocation—Royal Brougham Pavilion
- 9/25 Opening Convocation—First Free Methodist church
- 10/17 Day of Common Learning—Royal Brougham Pavilion
- 11/8-17 Theater department play: “The Stories We Tell”
- 11/tba Emeriti lunch with President Martin
- 11/12 Veterans’ Day
- 12/7—1/2/19 Christmas break
- 1/3/10 Class Instruction Begins, Thursday



“What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?”

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