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President's Corner: **Harboring in Place**

A year ago, Claire and I moved from our home of 32 years on Queen Ann to a condo on Harbor Ave. SW in West Seattle. We have found it to be both our new "Home" and also a "Safe Harbor" during this pandemic.

We walk 2-4 miles several times a week (weather permitting), and I go to the grocery store 5-6 minutes away (with mask in place) once a week. However, most of our time is spent five stories up watching the world go by below us.

This is a world of tugs and barges, ferries and water taxis, 1,000+ foot long container ships from the South and East, fire boats and pleasure crafts. It is a world of walkers, runners, in-line skaters, skate boarders and bicyclists (fast and slow). It is also a world of people having picnics and birthday parties in the park, or taking pictures: selfies and celebrations, wedding couples (now with only a small wedding party involved), graduates from High School and University, and (before the quarantine) 15 year old Hispanic girls celebrating their Quinceaneras – all with the city of Seattle in the background.

We have also discovered Zoom (and Blue Jeans) as virtual ways to have human interaction while we maintain safe distancing by staying home. I Zoom my Bible Reading Group on Fridays, and my Taproot Theatre Board meetings, and Church Worship Planning meetings. Claire has Zoomed her Community Bible Study Leadership Planning meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and their Thursday group Bible Study Meetings. Claire and I together have Zoomed our Book Group discussions, as well as family get togethers, birthday celebrations, Easter and Mothers' Day celebrations, and church prayer and coffee hours following our pre-recorded worship service via Facebook. I have videoed my Children's Message, and we have done the same for our reading of scripture for our worship services. We have then sent them in to be edited into the final video recording for airing on our Church's Facebook web page on Sunday mornings...*continued on page 15*

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Purpose for *The Emeri-Times* is "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 printed and distributed by the Office of the Provost.

Interim Provost Dr. Bruce Congdon Even though Dr. Congdon officially retired from Faculty last year, he bravely served as Interim Provost through the search and selection of the new Provost, online teaching, virtual graduation and more. We thank him for an outstanding job during a most unusual spring quarter.

Spring Tea for Emeriti As with so many events this spring, the annual Spring Tea for Emeriti was cancelled. Let's hope for better times next Spring. Perhaps there will be a fall luncheon and fall plays and sporting events and in-person gatherings. We can hope.

Dr. Laura Hartley from George Fox University has been named the new provost at Seattle Pacific University. She began her new role on June 1, 2020. Dr. Hartley was the former associate provost for student academic success and dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at George Fox, where she oversaw six multi-disciplinary academic departments as well as the Office of Student Learning Support Services, the Department of Professional Studies (George Fox's adult degree program) and other student success initiatives. Hartley also regularly taught linguistics and courses for first-year students.



"In Dr. Hartley, we have found a gifted academic leader to help advance Seattle Pacific by building on our breadth and depth as we seek new opportunities for our future," said SPU President Dan Martin in an email to the campus community. "She has experience and expertise that will prove key in assuming the role of provost and, perhaps most importantly, she cares deeply about the welfare and needs of the faculty, staff, and students."

In the provost role, she will oversee undergraduate and graduate faculty and academics, serve on the Senior Leadership Team, and work with the president to establish and champion a shared academic and faith-based vision for Seattle Pacific. Hartley says it is with a "great deal of joy and gratitude" that she accepts the offer to join the SPU community.

"Seattle Pacific University is an outstanding institution, deeply committed to offering excellent academic programs that prepare its diverse student body to impact their communities and workplaces in significant ways. I look forward to working with President Martin and the Senior Leadership Team to strengthen the educational offerings and ensure the institution's long-term viability."

Prior to George Fox, Hartley served as associate dean and director of general education at Templeton Honors College at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. She earned her PhD from Michigan State University in linguistics, with an emphasis in sociolinguistics, in 1999; a master's degree in linguistics from MSU in 1996; and a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies (mathematics, communication, and world languages) from Wheaton College (IL) in 1991.

Emeriti Updates: Judging from the numerous Emeriti contributions, it looks like we miss our get-togethers. Perhaps this is motivation to write on the Emeriti listserv more often.

Barbara Bovy (David), Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences. Really enjoyed your personal note. I have been engaged in learning Zoom and have a good contact with my book club as well as my church Bible study group. I spent a lot of time on the computer trying to get it to work properly. I went to the tech office at SPU one day for help with my SPU account. I made an appointment ahead of time and I was the only person in the office. Wore a mask of course. I was so grateful for this accommodation. Now my computer works on this account.

I spend a lot more time cooking and making some special dishes. I hope we will be able to have our emeriti meeting in the fall. Wouldn't want to miss a Thanksgiving lunch & seeing everyone again.

Kathleen Braden, Professor of Geography. Thank you for maintaining the newsletter. My big news is the arrival on Feb 6, 2020, of my first grandchild, Elliott Braden, born to my son Will and his wife, Erica. The family is practicing stay safe guidelines but he lives nearby so I often get to have him at my house. And he's a big guy! Not yet 4 months but 20 lbs.!

Kerry Dearborn (Tim) Professor of Theology. We had the privilege of leading a group to explore Israel/Palestine in the fall. Our group included folks from the Seattle area, and the East Coast and from Scotland. It was fascinating to visit the lands where Jesus lived, died, and rose for us, and taught us the ways of peace, pouring out his Spirit on us to make that peace possible. And it is heartbreaking to see the ways in which human fear and hard-heartedness make that peace so difficult. We met with both Jewish and Arab leaders, whose traditions include Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. For all of us the similarities of the oppressive treatment of Palestinians to racial discrimination in the US were obvious, and our African-American friends on the trip said it all felt way too familiar. One of our most poignant experiences was when visiting a large Palestinian refugee camp in Bethlehem. On the school grounds there was a monument honoring an unarmed 14 year old boy who had been shot by an Israeli soldier, right beside one honoring Tamir Rice, a 12 year old Black boy shot in the US in 2014. So very heartbreaking, while also very moving to remember that Jesus didn't avoid such situations but became one with us to bring healing and redemption to all.

At present, Tim and I are facilitating a process in our church, Bethany Presbyterian, for staff and elders based on Brenda Salter McNeil's *Roadmap to Reconciliation*. It couldn't be more timely, as Brenda has developed an excellent curriculum to help churches move through a process of self-assessment, and becoming anti-racist and more intentional in our work for justice, peace and racial reconciliation in Christ. Some of this is via Zoom. *Continued on next page...*



Thanks again to Karen Macdonald for regularly sending me fun material. We love the laughs.

Emeriti Updates, continued

Kerry Dearborn continued: NorthWind (a publication dedicated to the work of George MacDonald) will publish an article entitled, "Rethinking the Dark Side: MacDonald's Subversive Challenges to 'Enlightened' Theories of Social Darwinism." Also Carlene Brown and I are co-authoring an article on the imagination and its relation to music therapy for a T & T Clark Companion to Theology and the Arts. After two months of self-quarantine, we are enjoying being back in contact with our local family members, playing with our grandkids so our daughters can attend more fully to their jobs. And we have been grateful for time to expand our garden space from which we are now enjoying lettuce, dill, basil, mint, and hope to enjoy other vegetables and fruit soon. We missed being with you all this spring, and hope we can be together before too long.

Ruby Englund (David) Associate Professor of Nursing. Some of my activities during the stay at home period: Creating a sour dough starter, being a 90 minute reluctant gardener, visiting on the phone with my 95 year old neighbor and reading Seattle Public Library books on my Kindle.

I am now reading a book entitled "Vaccinated." I knew the names of Salk and Sabin but must confess I had never heard the name of Maurice Hilleman who developed nine vaccines including the MMR and several others. "Grandma Gatewood's Walk" was a fascinating book since she was a "mature" woman who walked the entire Appalachian Trail alone and in tennis shoes!

Since yeast was not available in the grocery store I took on the tedious task of making a sour dough starter and baking sour dough bread. While doing 90 minutes of daily yardwork I have visited with several neighbors whom I barely knew. My 95 year old neighbor is a retired UW Communications professor and fabulous story teller.

I miss worshipping and singing hymns in the church sanctuary, swimming in the LA Fitness pool, having lunch in my neighborhood restaurant with friends and traveling to Minnesota to visit with family. I am praying for peace, health, and wisdom for our country.

Joyce Erickson (Richard) Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, Professor of English. Dick and I moved to an independent living apartment in the newly-built Cove East at the Hearthstone near Green Lake on February 27, 2020. In mid-April we both tested positive for the virus (though we were both asymptomatic) and were quarantined until we tested negative. I was "set free" on May 15.

Alas, Dick was taken to the hospital on May 2 and diagnosed with a serious infection. He was on the COVID-19 unit at the hospital for 34 days until he tested negative twice and was released to a skilled nursing facility for rehabilitation. He remains very weak, but we have hopes for his becoming strong enough to be moved to the Hearthstone (which requires that he continue to test negative for the virus). Moving from a COVID unit in a hospital to another setting has already been beneficial (though the hospital staff on the hospital unit truly are heroic and caring).

I'd be grateful for your prayers for his recovery (or at least a return to living with me--he does have Parkinson's, which obviously will not get better).

It's been fun to see colleague Marilyn Severson (who is my current French teacher) at the Ballard Senior Center. She also is a new Hearthstone resident, though in another building.

I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

Evette Hackman (Robert) Associate Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, Food and Nutrition Sciences. Since I have been retired for sixteen years and Bob for eleven, it may have been easier for us to adjust to the “stay home, stay healthy” orders than for younger friends. I do miss hugs and kisses from friends and relatives, going out to dinner, traveling, hiking in the mountains, going to church... But we still know how to have fun, get plenty of exercise and sleep longer than before. We spend a lot less money, too. And I have time to write this newsletter which is longer than usual because people have a lot to say.

Doris Heritage (Ralph) Assistant Professor of Physical Education. At the moment I'm not doing much as I needed another hip replacement surgery. My activity is lots of little therapy things, especially since I still have some left to do from the hand, shoulder and last hip procedure.

Needless to say, I'm still learning about patience as I trust The Lord to guide this venture into better health. The miracle is He is allowing me to experience patience, peace, and thankfulness. I also have plenty of time to pray for others. Here at Warm Beach we are surrounded by Emeriti and SPU friends. We have virtual activities that allow us communication.

My husband Ralph and I are living a good life and also this time of spring I sure do miss SPU track. I'm feeling their pain for sure! But, we today received the latest SPU RESPONSE, just as I finished the book “A Dog's Purpose”.

There is so much to be thankful for, like the beautiful outdoors here at Warm Beach, the ways First Church, SPU, and our F.M. Church here provide opportunities for us. We do what we can and leave the rest to God right now.

I sure look forward to hearing from more of you Emeriti.

Emily Hitchens (Lowell Park) Professor of Nursing. Lowell and I are fine; sticking around home, taking walks with the dog, gardening, saying “Hi” to daughter Amy and her family on the back deck. We are also 'doing' a lot of Zoom meetings and webinars. I am the Moderator of our Church Council so have 3-4 meetings a week and one with our conference executive. I am forwarding a number of Facnet emails to Amy regarding current events and issues. She is sharing them with her congregation and using them in her sermons.

Ramona Holmes (Ron Bekey) 2019 Professor of Music Education. I feel very blessed to have just retired. I am fortunate to shelter in place in Portland, OR with my husband. We walk 2 to 10 miles every day around Portland. I am getting to know the area much better! We have several dance groups that meet virtually, so I am still able to do lots of dancing with my own personal dance partner.

This March I got placed on the Fulbright Specialist Roster. This means that I will be able to do 2 to 10-week projects around the world in music education as a consultant for Fulbright. The US Department of State has suspended the Fulbright program during COVID travel restrictions, so the three-year term will start when those restrictions are lifted. While the travel is postponed, it gives me plenty of time to think about where I would like to go next!

A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

Gene Lemcio (Diane) Professor of New Testament. Gene sent a message on Facnet that said: "I'm VERY happy to have you all in my corner, at my back, and with all of those other metaphors of loving support." As many of you know, Gene had open heart surgery over a month ago and is now recovering at home. As you can tell, he probably will still appreciate your support.

Mike Macdonald (Karen), Professor of European Studies, 2007. In order not to repeat myself, I went back to our Jan. 20 Emeri-Times summary. There I quoted Mel Foreman saying that most of our lives is lived between mountain top experiences and deep valleys, which characterized much of 2019 for us. Sure not true in 2020, with lives lost, church services on line, meetings cancelled or zoomed, surgeries postponed, travel curtailed "Normal" is redefined, perhaps forever. While pretty much under Stay-at-Home orders, re-read Camus' **The Plague**, DeFoe's **Robinson Crusoe** (certainly not a Children's Book), **A Gentleman in Moscow**. Karen notes **The Maggie Hope Mystery Series** by Susan Elea McNeal and **A Well-Behaved Woman** (a novel of the Vanderbilts) by Therese Anne Fowler. We've watched a lot of TV: "Heartland" (from Canada, many seasons), Bryon Stevenson's "Just Mercy" (Black Lawyer helping criminals wrongly on Death Row), as well as "Jack Ryan," and "Bosch." All in all, we feel grateful and blessed.

Vicki McClurg (Jim) Professor of Nursing. I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma last October and went through radiation therapy and chemo to get into remission. The remission goal was so that I could have a stem cell transplant. I had it on April 30th, so I am now about 1 ½ months post transplant. It has been a blessing to have it done during this COVID-19 period since I can't be around anyone and everyone else is in isolation at the same time. I haven't been tempted to go to any gatherings, church or family. Everything has been canceled.

I'm still feeling very tired, but am slowly regaining my strength. I had a bad episode of high fevers, so was in Swedish Hospital for about 12 days. That was hard during this time because I couldn't have visitors, including my husband. They never did figure out what was causing the problem because they never identified any infection. They just decided it was either a reaction to one of the drugs I was taking or it was "engraftment syndrome" where your body fights against all of those new cells that are being formed by the new bone marrow. Anyway, they stopped the antibiotics and put me on prednisone, which is the treatment for both problems, and my temps went back to normal and I started getting better very fast.

I'm home now and trying to get better. It feels like its two steps forward and one step back all the time. I will start getting all of my immunizations again this fall and until then my immunity is very low. Hopefully, I won't get any illness. We won't be traveling for at least a year, however, I hope to be able to see all of you at some event this fall.



David McKenna (Janet) President Emeritus. If you hear the sound of an old man singing praises through his mask on January 9th, you will know that it is I. On that date seventy years ago, God gave me Jan as my wife. We were married in the college church at spring arbor in a ceremony without instrumental music. The college quartet hummed the bridal march as Jan and I marched down the aisle. From there we went as pastors of a small Free Methodist church where Jan, at the tender of 19, became “Sister McKenna” from there we made a major move across the country every time that she became pregnant—Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Washington. Four children (all grads of SPU), twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren followed. No wonder the old man and his youthful wife sing together, “*the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places; yes, we have a good inheritance.*” With His joy, Dave and Jan

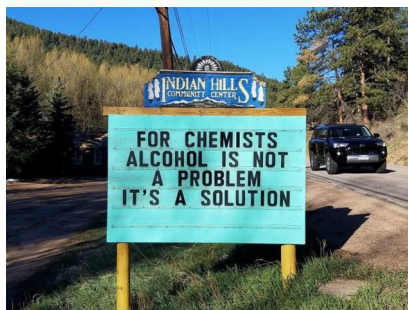
Lyle Peter (Beate) Professor of Chemistry. Sorrow and Joy. They seem to be twofold frequent experiences. The sorrow comes as what seems to be the increasing frequency as our mentors, colleagues, friends, and spouses pass into eternity. As Christians, while acknowledging and celebrating the heavenly destiny of those departed, the grief still lingers as the finality of death and separation on this side of eternity are processed. The legacy of SPU Chemistry Department has been especially hit hard with illness and death during the last year.

But we also get to experience ongoing joy as well. It is delightful to be able to celebrate the important milestones and successes for both our academic “children”, and our “children-in-law”. We each have our own set. In the last year or so, my daughter, Cara, completed an MS in medical molecular biology, from the U of Toledo medical school, and got married to a terrific young man in WA named Ben Schofield. Her older sister, Annika, was granted tenure in the Physics and Astronomy Departments of The J Ohio State U, and her mother, Beate, was also tenured in the College of Health Solutions of Arizona State U. Because of COVID-19, the large, in-person church wedding for Cara had to be canceled. Instead the wedding was live-streamed around the world from our backyard. There were “attendees” as far away as India. More people could actually participate this way.

Last summer, I road-tripped about 8500 miles, in part to help Cara move back to WA from Toledo. Fortuitously, we were able to participate in a “homecoming” celebration in the tiny Indiana village of Leopold, sponsored by St Augustine’s Catholic Church. I never knew my paternal grandfather because he died in Chelan Co., WA, in 1916, after migrating from Leopold in 1905. His grandparents were French speaking immigrants from southern Belgium, and helped found both Leopold and St. Augustine’s. Travel and communications were not simple during the intervening decades, so our branch of the family has been largely isolated from our Peter relatives. Nevertheless, in recent years we happily have been getting reconnected. We were welcomed and warmly embraced at the “homecoming”, and were surrounded by dozens of relatives, most of whom had been strangers to us. It has been a joy! One amusing discovery is that, Paul Etienne, the current Archbishop of Seattle is from a town ~15 miles from Leopold, and he is my 3rd cousin, once removed. Maybe the next time we host a large family gathering in the Seattle area, cousin Paul can join is.

William Rowley (Carol) Dean for School of Education; Professor of Counselor Education.

Carol and I will celebrate our 59th wedding anniversary on June 9th. We got married here in Fort Collins on the campus of Colorado State University, and we honeymooned in nearby Estes Park, the entrances to Rocky Mountain National Park. The Park has been closed due to Covid-19. Fortunately, it will open on June 4th, and we like to think it opened just for us! Stay well.



Marilyn Severson, Professor of European Studies/French. I hope you all have been doing as well as possible. My house sold and I just moved to Hearthstone overlooking Green Lake. My basic unpacking is completed as of today so now the apartment begins to feel like home. Pictures need to be hung and books rearranged. Of course, half the time I don't remember where I've put what. I do have a wonderful view of Green Lake.

Ed Smythe (Ellen) Professor of Educational Ministry. Ellen and I have had our Carkeek Park home on the market for 31 days and on the 31st, we got an offer. We are now working through the Inspection and Appraisal stages and are hoping all things work out and will be moving out on July 1st. That day we will start a driving trip to Lexington, Kentucky to move into our new home that we just purchased yesterday. Ellen has been the worker bee doing the looking and signing for me so that I did not have to make the flight out. We searched online for a number of weeks and were prepared for her to do the actual in-person looking and decided on a lovely place in a very established community in beautiful Lexington. We are hoping to move in there between the 8th and 15th of July.

So, bidding farewell to Seattle after 45 years, but hope to keep in good contact with our many dear friends and former colleagues as we can. We have loved our time in Seattle; loved our time and investment at SPC/SPU; and loved the ministry of discipleship I had with nearly 400 men in discipleship groups. You all mean a lot to us. God bless you all with good health and good days and may the COVID-Virus "pass over us" and simply be gone!

Blessing and prayers for all and thank you for being such an important part of my own personal and professional life over these many years.

Frank Spina (Jo-Ellen Watson) Professor of Old Testament. Soon after retirement from Seattle Pacific in June 2019 after 46 years, Jo-Ellen and I moved to Idaho on August 2. We rented a furnished house, left our belongings in storage in Redmond, and began looking for a home. Jo-Ellen had done virtually all the spade work to find a suitable place; in fact, we had previously tried to build while still in Washington (that did not work out). But Jo-Ellen got her spade out once more and we eventually decided to build a home in the Movado Estates development in Meridian, which abuts Boise. It's a wonderful house (we occupied in February 2020) and a terrific location (about 15 minutes from the airport and the same to get to downtown Boise).

We get back to Washington, our kids and grandkids, quite often. In fact, we probably see family more often—with more quality time—now than when we were in Redmond and fighting the monstrous area traffic. The plane gets us there in about an hour and Alaska has excellent rates (on occasion, \$92 for a round trip). Once we are in our own home, we'll be able to entertain family and friends.

Jo-Ellen has been busy preparing for home occupation, meeting with designers, and attending to the myriad details of such an endeavor. As well, she is into the music scene here, especially the various Blues and Jazz performers.

Frank is introducing himself to the ecclesial community little by little. For a while, he'll be preaching, celebrating, and teaching at St. Michael's, the Episcopal cathedral in Boise. As well, he continues to write. He played golf in September and October—August requires morning golf because of the heat (it's high desert here).



Mike Tindall (Elaine) Professor of Computer Science, 2017. It has been an eventful year for Elaine and me. In April-May 2019, we took a road trip with friends through Georgia, parts of North and South Carolina, and up into Tennessee. Highlights included the Civil War Cyclorama at the Atlanta History Center, Billy Graham Museum in Charlotte, NC, buggy-ride tours of Charleston and Savannah, a guided tour through the Fort Benning National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center in Columbus, GA, Sun Studios and the Elvis Presley Museum in Memphis, concerts at the Grand Ole Opry and the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, and a General Jackson Showboat / Paddleboat cruise on the Cumberland River. Plus we gained weight eating lots of BBQ, grits, Low-Country Boil, and other "southern" food throughout the trip.

On August 19 I was diagnosed with stage 2B pancreatic cancer. It was detected fairly early and consisted of a single tumor on the head of the pancreas, with no evidence of spread to adjacent organs other than the lymph node by the tumor. I've now completed six months of chemotherapy Sept to February, followed by six weeks of radiation and chemo treatments that concluded in May 2020. We've been "sheltering in place" at home continuously since September due to my chemo-compromised immune system and have happily managed to avoid Covid-19. We are however disappointed that we will miss celebrating with friends on June 19, our 50th wedding anniversary.

In early July I will have another CT scan and cancer status reassessment. Hopefully the tumor has shrunk sufficiently to allow a mid-summer "Whipple" surgery procedure to remove the rest of the tumor and any residual cancer and to repair the adjacent stomach and digestive track issues associated with the pancreas function. It is a substantial, complex and somewhat risky surgery with a likely several month recovery time, which will wrap up 2020 for us. However, if successful, my prognosis is to emerge as a cancer-free survivor. I appreciate the continued support and prayers of our Emeriti group as we continue through this season.

Thomas Trzyna (Martha) Professor of English. Martha Hannah Deutsch Trzyna expired in the care of her nurses at the University of Washington Covid ICU. She was comfortable and under careful management for sedation and pain. Before her passing, she had the trip she wanted, stayed at her favorite English hotels, and in the last two years took many vacations to see people and places that were dear to her, including a 50th wedding anniversary family gathering in Panzano, Tuscany, a trip down the East Coast, and another recent trip down the West Coast to Sedona and many other places she wanted to visit. She lived her life as she wished, and while the family is deeply sorrowful, we know she was given superb medical care. In view of what Covid-19 did to her lungs, heart and brain, we honored her by implementing the orders she signed and wished us to carry out. All of you, please protect yourselves from this virus, especially if you are over 65 and/or have any conditions that would increase your danger. Martha asked that her ashes be distributed in England's Ullswater Lake, when travel is possible. Perhaps on her birthday in August the family will have a small ceremony at the stone circle in our front yard as one way of marking her life. I have tested negative for both virus and antibodies.

"Exceptional", the autobiography of Fletcher Johnson, a black heart surgeon and NBA pro has just come out. I compiled it from 16 drafts left at his death. My book of verse will be published later this year. I enrolled in a Master of Science in Psychology course to build skills for my work as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in court dependency.



Bill Woodward (Tina) Professor of History. Bill Woodward misses his far-flung family (CA, IN, DC), the glorious PNW outdoors, and BASEBALL. He copes by continuing some ongoing research projects. His annual Constitution Day essay for SPU, on the militia clause of the Second Amendment, appeared last September. This was followed in October by publication of his co-authored pictorial history, The Washington National Guard. He continues his decades of research on the militia and National Guard, most recently by writing a paper on the transformed Washington Guard in the 1930s for a conference postponed to October, and researching the role of militia forces in the American Revolution, the inspiration for America's "dual system" of homeland defense: a small federal army augmented by state forces -- "a well-regulated militia" or National Guard. Ever since the 1790s, these plus a blue-water navy and coast protection (think Forts McHenry or Casey then, NORAD now) have been the military arm of national security strategy, always seen as a last resort to economic and diplomatic priorities. In 2020 as historically, the Guard seems to be noticed more in times of civil unrest than (e.g.) when providing medical resources during a pandemic.

A concurrent project sustains another longstanding concern: a Christian critique of contemporary culture. He has been reading writings about the Church in Western culture by 20th century prophets Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Lesslie Newbigin, along with JKA Smith's 21st century diagnosis and prescription (strongly recommended: On the Road with Saint Augustine).

Michael Ziemann (Joy) Associate Professor of European Studies. Just returned home from surgery at UW Valley 'Orthopedics and Spine Surgery', a total left hip joint replacement --waited long enough so that the surgery was no longer an elective, but absolutely necessary ... My wife Joy, who is a retired Family Practice physician, takes good care of me. She has not been able to see her Pediatric patients on Thursdays at Silverdale Pediatrics because of Covid 19.

Our daughter Renee and her husband Luke (a Computer Engineer) have a production farm between Poulsbo and Kingston; and we have been able to stop by and pick up some seasonal greens or herbs or root vegetables and berries if in season --and see the grandchildren, Coretta (4) and Oscar (2) at a distance.

Before the Covid 19 epidemic broke in 2020, Michael gave a paper at the 'European Studies Conference' at UNO in Omaha about the opening of the Berlin Wall in October of 1989. This year's conference will be on-line.

We celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary recently. We got married in McPherson, Kansas in June 1970, before heading for graduate school in St. Louis. Neither of our parents could come from SIBS in India, or Berlin, Germany--so we had another wedding on August 15, 1970 (much more formal) in Berlin. Grandkids stopped by yesterday and today to celebrate with us and see how Opa is doing 5 days after surgery (better, up and down, but still getting exhausted). Our son Michael, an engineer, and his wife Brianne and grandsons Hunter (12) and Braeden (8) from Kent, stop by here in Des Moines on occasion "to shoot some hoops" in the backyard with us properly distanced on the terrace above...

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.



Excerpt of Letter from President Dan Martin to SPU regarding Autumn Quarter 2020:

.....What does Autumn Quarter look like? I have four announcements to share with you as we continue to gather facts to make the best decision moving forward:

- **Change in scheduling.** Like many of our institutional colleagues in higher education, we will begin Autumn Quarter earlier this year, starting on Monday, September 14, so that we are able to end earlier, on Tuesday, November 24. This will allow us to conclude the quarter prior to the Thanksgiving break. This shift is designed to minimize on-campus presence and operations during the late fall months and also helps mitigate the concerns of students traveling over holiday break and then returning. In a message to follow we are outlining our schedule and the details of our Orientation. Watch for that in the coming days.
- **Best of Both.** While we are pursuing strategies to allow for classes to be held on campus, we recognize the need to provide a hybrid format that utilizes alternate learning platforms to complement our in-person classes. For in-person classes, we will follow health and safety protocols for cleanliness and care, especially in learning modalities that include research, experiential, and/or hands-on learning. Information and details will be forthcoming as we plan for a successful fall across our programs.
- **Community.** Residential living options will be available to students this fall to support and enrich students' experience. Residence halls will continue to be staffed with residence life coordinators and resident assistants who will go through continued training focused on student wellbeing. Our residential students have opportunities for an engaging and thoughtful experience as has been a hallmark for SPU. More information about housing options will be available soon.
- **Services and Support.** Opportunities to develop community connections, leadership engagement, and service outreach will continue through our Student Life, Athletics, and University Ministries programs. Learning and support services for academic success and preparation for careers are offered and enhanced, including "Help a Falcon Fly" that connects students with alumni and friends of SPU to equip them for a challenging job environment. We know these support services are more important than ever. As has been the case for the past few months, Seattle Pacific's Campus Care and Action Task Force provides campus guidance related to wellness (physical, emotional, and spiritual), facility preparation (cleaning, social distancing), and safety protocols.

My prayers continue for you and the rest of the SPU community as we walk through these challenging times together. Let's look toward a strong Autumn Quarter — different from what we expected of course — but vibrant, stretching, and full of grace.

Dan Martin

NEW RETIREES**Kevin Bolding**, Engineering and Computer Science

Professor Kevin Bolding earned an MS (1991) and a PhD (1993) in computer science and engineering from the University of Washington. His undergraduate preparation in computer science and mathematical sciences came from Rice University. For two years prior to joining the engineering program at SPU, Kevin was head of the Chaotic Routing Group at UW, where, among other accomplishments, he completed the design of the fault-tolerant Chaos Router. Throughout his years at SPU, Kevin has been an electrical engineering faculty member, but he has also served as electrical engineering department chair and director of engineering and computer science. He led SPU's engineering senior design year-long sequence of courses for more than two decades. He shepherded SPU's General Engineering and Computer Engineering degrees through their initial ABET secondary accreditation cycles, and collectively the engineering degrees through six ABET accreditation visits. He has taught nearly every electrical engineering and computer engineering major, and the majority of the computer science majors, who attended SPU during these 25 years. Kevin earned the STEM Faculty of the Year Award in 2014. His expertise and teaching are focused on the areas of microcontroller system design and communication system analysis. His interests extend beyond these areas, though. Kevin has served on multiple campus committees and task forces. He and his family worship and serve at Rainier Avenue Free Methodist Church.

**Bruce Congdon**, Professor in Biology, Associate Dean College of Arts and Science, Interim Provost

Bruce came to Seattle Pacific University in September 1985 after completing his Ph.D. in Entomology at the University of California, Riverside earlier that year. At SPU, Bruce has served as a Professor of Biology, Director of the Blakely Island Field Station, Associate Dean and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Interim Chief Academic Officer and Interim Provost. Bruce has taught courses in general science, in Biology on campus, at BIFS, and in the Sonoran Desert as well as in UScholars courses on Faith and Science. His published works have focused on the study of predatory mites and their prey and has included the naming of four new species (*Amblyseius crowleyi* Congdon, *Neoseiulus shanksi* Congdon *Proprioseiopsis antonellii* Congdon, and *Euseius tularensis* Congdon). Bruce plans to spend his time post-retirement visiting with his new grandchild and tending the garden.

**Laura Lasworth** Professor of Art. Laura came to Seattle Pacific in 2002 after

two decades dedicated to building her reputation as an Artist and Academic. Her experience gave her the incentive to create the Illustration/New Pictures major. Laura received her BFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and MFA from California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, California. Her paintings have been exhibited in numerous solo and group shows across the country and have been featured in such publications as Art in America, Artforum, LA Times, and IMAGE Journal. Laura plans to continue practicing and exhibiting her Art, visit with her family and friends, read lots of books, travel to various monasteries, watch episodes of Star Trek TNG, and hang out with her cat Frank.



Julia Puzstai, PhD, RN, School of Health Sciences

Julia (Julie) Puzstai joined the School of Health Sciences and the Lydia Green Nursing Program in 2016. Julie completed her BSN (1977) and MSN (1998) from Azusa Pacific University (APU) and her PhD in nursing (2015) from Loma Linda University. Prior to coming to SPU, she served in a faculty role at APU and also helped launch and serve as the director of the Neighborhood Wellness Center, a collaborative endeavor between APU and the city of Azusa that centered on health promotion, wellness education, and community service. Julie brought her passion for community health and wellness to SPU providing a rich experience for students through teaching courses in health promotion, community engagement, and mental health theory and practicum courses. Julie also serves as one of two faculty scholars for the Living Well Initiative, a multidisciplinary education program addressing the needs and persons and families affected by severe and persistent mental health conditions. While at SPU, Julie continued to advance her scholarship that explores the lived experience of aging. Julie considers her work as a nurse, scholar, and educator part of her ministry and faith journey; “My vocation allows me to walk alongside both patients and students in intimate ways of struggle and joy”. As Julie begins the next chapter in her journey, one of the many things she is looking forward to is spending time with her husband John and her growing family that includes 8 grandchildren—Ian (11), Flynn (8), Paisley (5), Clive (5), Vera (3), Gabrielle (4), Jonathan-Paul (2), and Micah (6-weeks).



Debra Sequeira Professor of Communication; Dean, Division of Arts and Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences

For 37 years, Debra has been a faithful and fervent citizen of Seattle Pacific, serving in myriad ways, including as chair of the Department of Communication, Journalism, and Film, chair of the Faculty Status Committee, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and dean of Arts and Humanities. Her excellence in the classroom remains a distinction within her department. Always rigorous and approachable, Debra is especially remembered for enhancing students’ relational skills in her Interpersonal Communication courses, as well as introducing upper-division majors to the ethnography of communication. Her vitality and commitment to Christian education are evident to all. Her curiosity about others is also evidenced in her research, which involves everything from the verbal shorthand of truck drivers to speaking in tongues in Christian communities. Her scholarship has appeared in *Text and Performance Quarterly*, *Research on Language and Social Interaction*, *Communication Studies*, and *Research in Christian Higher Education*, as well as book chapters.



Lorie Wild PhD Dean, School of Health Sciences (SHS); Professor of Nursing

Lorie has had an impactful eight-year run as dean of the School of Health Sciences, after bringing over 30 years of nursing practice and leadership to the role. Under Lorie's leadership and innovative thinking, SHS programs have seen growth that includes the introduction of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program. In addition, the undergraduate pre-licensure program has transitioned to a rolling admission process, admitting smaller cohorts each quarter while increasing overall program capacity and enrollment from 128 to 192. One of the most significant contributions to the SPU nursing program during Lorie's term as dean is the new home for the nursing program at 6 Nickerson, featuring an expanded Clinical Learning Lab that includes a large skills training area, flex classroom, simulation suite, and clinic exam room. The building provides an excellent learning environment that will serve the Lydia Green Nursing Program well for decades to come.

Announcements

In an email to the SPU community last week, President Dan Martin announced that Autumn Quarter will begin Monday, September 14, two weeks earlier than the previous start of classes on September 28. The quarter will end on Tuesday, November 24, which is before the standard Thanksgiving break. Martin explained that this shift "is designed to minimize on-campus presence and operations during the late fall months and also helps mitigate the concerns of students traveling over holiday break and then returning." The hybrid format for classes includes online lectures combined with smaller in-person instruction, especially those courses involving undergraduate research, experiential, and/or hands-on learning. Residence halls will remain open, and staff will have training on COVID-19 preparedness.

Emeriti Parking Pass Reminder from the Office of the Provost

We are happy to be able to provide parking passes to Emeriti Faculty and have you come to campus, whether for events, research, or other visits! Please remember that your Emeriti parking pass is valid 24/7 in all non-reserved/non-residential spaces on campus for the entire academic year, **UNLESS you are teaching as an adjunct**. Adjunct Emeriti faculty who are teaching must **purchase a parking pass for each quarter in which they are teaching**, to be safe from any parking tickets. Parking tickets are not given during the summer, starting July 1, and lasting until the next academic year's annual pass is sent out in the fall.

Memorials since January 2020



Merrilyn Elizabeth Lingren, wife of Wes Lingren Professor of Chemistry and Director of University Scholars, passed away on February 20, 2020, due to heart failure at the age of 82. Merrilyn met Wes at church while she was

working as a flight attendant for United Airlines. They married in 1961. Once their children were in school, she worked as a real estate agent in Bellevue and then in the admitting office at Group Health Hospital in Redmond. She retired in 1999. An animal lover, Merrilyn was a breeder, owner, and exhibitor of champion Shetland Sheepdogs and West Highland White terriers. She was the founding president of the Puget Sound West Highland Terrier Club. She is survived by her husband, Wes, a brother, son Eric Lingren '86, daughter Leslie Lingren Fletcher '89, six grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces. May she rest in peace and may her memory be eternal.

Memorials may be sent to the Lingren Endowment, Seattle Pacific University.

The memorial to Martha Trzyna is included in Tom Trzyna's comments on page 9 because her passing and the newsletter call for comments came at the same time.

George Scranton President's page continued from page 1:

With all of this virtual interaction replacing "real" experiences of touching, hand-clasping, hugging, passing of bread and wine at the communion table, and around the dinner table that form our families and communities of faith we all feel great loss. However, I am also reminded that as we in our separate homes share the bread and wine of communion "virtually" with others, we can be comforted by Jesus' words "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20) And even if we celebrate alone, he promised we would never really be "alone," for he also said "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) And perhaps that gives me enough hope that one day ("soon, and very soon") we will be able to be together physically in one body once again (in our separate families and congregations) and celebrate together as the united "body of Christ."

I also have a hope that **we** might even be able to be together again this fall for our annual President's Luncheon, to celebrate together, welcome all the new members of our Emeriti group, and "remember" all those saints who have left us this year to go to their glorious meetings with Christ in his glory. We'll keep you posted, one way or the other. Stay safe and healthy.

Blessings, George



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