Preserving History:
Student Records 1860-Present

Preserving the history and legacy of Winona State since 1858 is more than keeping up academic traditions or refurbishing buildings. The very integrity of the institution is its historic documents. It is imperative that we preserve these vital documents to maintain our future identity. Winona State currently retains nearly 30,000 student records; 30,000 individual stories that all hold in common a connection to their alma mater. The oldest records date back to the graduates of 1860.

My job is to protect these records and thereby protect the image and validity of our historic institution. I get the opportunity to hold history in my hands every day, and realize the days for many of these records are numbered. If we do not restore and preserve them, they will be lost to time.

WSU along with a generous grant from the Winona State University Foundation has made it possible to invest in the technology necessary to ensure that every former student’s academic story from 1858 to the present day is preserved for generations to come. But technology only goes so far. Indexing, logging, and scanning each record are tedious yet vital tasks that require hours of dedicated volunteers. This is where you, with your own special connection to Winona State, are needed to help us with this historic 3-year project. We need volunteers with a passion for preserving WSU’s rich unique history to: 1) pull and log student files, 2) repair damaged documents, 3) scan records, and 4) re-sort and prepare the documents for permanent storage. We especially need this help with the contextual expertise and understanding only you, personally, can bring to the process.

I will be offering information and training sessions in April 2010. Contact WSU Retiree Center to sign up. Any and all help is appreciated. Call your retired coworkers - form a team! Return to WSU! Spend a day back at the office! Only this time….the coffee is free!!

Humbly Yours,

Tania M. Schmidt, Asst. Registrar for Technology
Just a Note from the Director ...

... as many of you may know, in November there was an early separation incentive available to eligible employees for a limited time. Combined with others who had previously decided 2010 would be their year to retire, WSU will have the largest group of employees in history completing their career and service to the university. The count is currently at 44. I am excited for so many people to be able to plan for the next chapter in their lives.

I’m also excited about going to Rochester campus for a Retiree event. With the help of the University Center-Rochester staff, the Retiree Center is host Tuesday, February 9, 2010 for a Retiree Breakfast. I look forward to getting together with former employees who called the Rochester campus home. Please join us in CC412 from 9-10:30am. Everyone is welcome.

Take a look at Senior University. Learners and Instructors who have participated have really enjoyed this educational opportunity. A spring registration form is included in the newsletter.

The Registrar’s Scanning Project is going to be an opportunity to bring your friends to campus and be involved in preserving history. Find a buddy and time that fits your schedules to enjoy some time on campus; see old friends, catch up on university changes and be a part of an important venture. We appreciate you.

I always run out of space before words…

-- Cathie

WSU’s Website Updated for 2010

Web2010 released the new WSU web site on January 7, 2010. The changes to the website are expected to be more functional, and more aesthetic. The redesigned web marks the beginning of an organizational shift in the ways the WSU community communicates. Helpful links, tips and FAQ’s on how to navigate the new web site are available at the web2010 website: http://www.winona.edu/web2010.asp. Cristeen Custer, VP of Marketing and Communications, anticipates a minimum 12-month conversion for the entire WSU site.

The redesigned website incorporates both the internal (portal) site and external (WSU web) site into one site. What you may notice is that when you access certain links, they may be internal sites, such as the Faculty & Staff link on the lower menu bar. When you click on this link, a window will pop-up requesting you enter your WSU network password. If you do not have a WSU network account, contact the Retiree Center to obtain one.

To find the Retiree Center web site, click on the Site map link, Click on R. When Retiree Center listing appears, Click on the Website link in this listing to be directed to the Retiree Center. You can also just add “retiree” to the URL line to move to our site.

http://www.winona.edu/retiree

Don’t forget to check out the latest news and events on our Retiree Web site: http://www.winona.edu/retiree/index.asp

We’ll let you know as soon as our site has been updated.

-- Retiree Center, Web Manager
Judy C. Routhe
**Life As A Retiree**

Hello Everyone,

SynergEbooks released my new novel January 12, 2010 and I am thrilled! This time around it's an adult paranormal thriller. The title is "Reveka's Return" and it's the first book in a series called *The Crimson Pursuit*. Right now the book is available at SynergEbooks.com and it will soon be at most ebook sites such as Fictionwise, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, etc. Oh and by the way...Happy New Year and may 2010 be a healthy, happy and prosperous year for you! Happy reading!

-- James S. Hoch, Music, 2008, Author  
[www.jameshoch.com](http://www.jameshoch.com)

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In celebration of the University of Minnesota, School of Nursing’s Centennial, the Nursing Alumni Society honored 100 Distinguished Nursing Alumni and Distinguished Faculty Alumni. The University selected 100 distinguished nursing alumni in recognition of their profound impact on families, communities, and the School—and their significant work in the nursing profession who exemplify the spirit of the School of Nursing’s more than 12,000 graduates.

At the Gala Celebration held, November 5, 2009, Smith received this honor as a 1975 graduate, “Recognized for being the first director of the master’s program in nursing at Winona State University that emphasized nursing theory, research and clinical practice. She has also advanced the Centering Pregnancy model now active in Canada, Australia and Germany”.

-- Marjorie J. Smith, Nursing, 1999

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**What Are They Doing Now?**

**Walking on Air in a Field of Greens**  
*Nodin Press, 2009*

Emilio DeGrazia’s, Professor Emeriti, English, book, a “collage” of pieces written over the span of thirty years, explores the meaning of family, immigration, and place through the stained glass windows of imagination and memory.

“The pieces in this collection,” says DeGrazia, “are all ‘essays’—attempts to explore how I remember, feel, and live my life as transplant and hybrid in whom San Pietro—a village in the deep south of Italy, its people, and its very old fig tree—is still very much alive in me. These essays are also literary hybrids—the result not only of objective observation but of the mysterious way memory works on imagination.”

Available: [www.nodinpress.com](http://www.nodinpress.com)  
**or Directly from the author:**  
Blue Leaf Books  
211 W. Wabasha St.  
Winona, MN 55987  
* Please add $2.50 postage and handling

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**Presenting ...**

Have you seen the most recent art in Acoustic Cafe? Carol Slade, Grants, 2005, presents *Pastels, Landscapes & Figures*. Carol’s art is on display and for sale at Acoustic Cafe, January 2 - January 31, 2010.
**All-University Annual Campaign Kickoff**

The All-University Annual Campaign kickoff event is planned for Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center of Kryzsko Commons Student Union. Come and join other retirees and university friends in this annual social event complete with refreshments, drawings for prizes, good conversation and an update on the University from President Ramaley and others.

The annual campaign kickoff event is a chance to stay connected by making new friends and renewing old relationships at the University, while learning about ways we can enhance student scholarship, program quality and University advancement through our gifts. Mark the date, time and place on your calendars, and come and enjoy an afternoon of socializing at the University.

--- Submitted by Jim Reynolds, Steering Committee

--- Rochester WSU Retirees

WSU Retiree Center invites you to breakfast, Tuesday, February 9, 2010. 9am-10:30am, Charter Room CC412. Please RSVP by February 1, 2010. 507-457-5565, WSU Retiree Center, Winona State University

--- Keeping up to date with WSU Retirees is easy . . .

SEND ME AN EMAIL!

If you are not using your WSU email - I'll add your personal email to my list.

--- Spring 2010 Retiree Center Survey

Every three years the Retiree Center, as part of its ongoing assessment efforts, surveys all WSU retirees about their perceptions and use of the Retiree Center and the extent of retiree involvement on campus and in their community. This information is relied upon to make changes to the organization and functioning of the Retiree Center as well as to publicize the many accomplishments of retirees.

During spring semester 2010, the survey will be a class project involving junior and senior sociology students in Dr. Aurea Osgood’s Social Research Methods class. Dr. Osgood has considerable research experience and is looking forward to her students engaging in this project and producing research results for the Retiree Center. This project is a good example how the Retiree Center both benefits from and lends support to active learning opportunities for undergraduate students on campus.

How can you help? Please give us your opinions, suggestions and thoughts about the Retiree Center by participating in the survey when it arrives for you either by regular mail or through email. Be assured that all information provided is anonymous and will be held strictly confidential. Thanks in advance for your help.

--- Submitted by Jim Reynolds, Steering Committee
You’re Invited to Socrates Cafe!

You are invited to join a wonderfully collegial group of WSU Retirees who meet once per month at the Retiree Center to discuss topics that range the full spectrum of academic and popular discourse.

The Socrates Café discussion group, now in its second year, meets on the fourth Thursday of each month (the next meetings are January 28 and February 25). No tests, no required reading. Just bring your life experience, a healthy curiosity and an interest in reasoned discussion. Come and challenge your intellect and expand your horizons in a relaxed but stimulating environment. Refreshments are provided.

Contact Jim Reynolds, 454-5486
jreynolds@winona.edu
www.winona.edu/retiree for more information.

Announcing the 2010 Spring Healthy Mondays series

Jan. 25 - Beating the Winter Blues
Many of us living in northern latitudes feel a dip in energy and possibly mood during the winter months. This workshop will offer tips on thriving during these cold dark days.
• 7pm, Purple Rooms 105/106, Kryzsko Commons

Feb. 22nd - The Dream Workshop: Uncover the knowledge and power hidden in your dreams
Participants will learn how to tap into the powers of their dreams so that they can gain insight and improve self-confidence and emotional awareness.
• 7pm, Dining rooms C & D, Kyrzsko Commons

March 22nd - Gambling: Beat the Bet
Too many college students learn about problem gambling the hard way. Come and listen to a local gambling treatment provider and recovered gambler discuss problem gambling and how it is becoming the silent addiction on college campuses.
• 7pm, Somsen Hall

April 12th - Vegetarian Nutrition
Have you considered following a Vegetarian or Vegan meal plan and don’t know where to begin? Join us for a nutrition discussion about the health benefits of incorporating vegetarian practices into your current diet.
• 7pm, Dining rooms C & D, Kyrzsko Commons

WSU Healthy Mondays are co-sponsored by Health Promotion, Counseling Center, and Student Health Services. The national Healthy Mondays campaign is a project of Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. For more information, please contact Kelli McClintick at 507-457-5619 or kmcclintick@winona.edu.

America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass

Senior Pass, Cost $10

This is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers at per vehicle fee areas, and pass holder +3 adults (children under 16 are admitted free). The pass can only be obtained in person at the park. The Senior Pass provides a 50 percent discount on some Expanded Amenity Fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming and boat launch.

http://www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm

-- Hank Van Poperin, Facilities, 2007
Necrology

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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.

(Full obituaries available at: www.winona.edu/retiree/memoriam.asp)

If you know of colleagues we have missed, please contact Retiree Center at 507.457.5565, or send an email to clogan@winona.edu.
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Senior University WSU Spring 2010
REGISTRATION FORM
Name ______________________________________
Address ______________________________________
City __________________ State _____ Zip ________
Phone ______________________________________
Email ______________________________________

Please provide:
WSU Retiree ID# ___________________ OR Senior University ID# ________________ OR Birth Date: __________

Indicate which course fees are enclosed:
Perspectives on Food - $40
Dinosaurs - $40
The Philosophy of John Locke - $40
The Elements of Drama - $40
Total Enclosed $___________

Indicate type of payment:
Check           Cash

Winona State University
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P.O. Box 5838
Winona, MN 55987

Spring 2010 Course Offerings

Co-sponsored by WSU Sustainability Committee

Building on WSU's year-long focus on food, this course will explore four different perspectives about food. Topics to be discussed include:
- Food and Sustainability (sustainable practices from grower to consumer)
- Food and Public Health (food consumption and threats to public health)
- Food and Inequality (unequal access to quality food sources in society)
- Food, Nutrition and Healthy Living (improving nutrition and health through greater awareness of food sources and food preparation)

From Page to Stage: The Elements of Drama
Janis Martin

Wednesdays • April 28, May 5, 12, 19
Maxwell 257 • 4 weeks • 12:30-2pm

 Unlocking Locke: The Philosophy of John Locke
Stewart Shaw

Mondays • February 1, 8, 15, 22
Maxwell 257 • 4 weeks • 1:30-3pm

Dinosaurs: Keeping Up With Your Grandkids!
Robert Sloan

Mondays • March 29, April 5, 12, 19
Maxwell 257 • 4 weeks • 1:30-3pm

Perspectives on Food - Bruno Borsari, Biology, Alice Brako, Biology, Aurea Osgood, Sociology, & Nancy Jensen, Health Education & Rehabilitative Science, Winona State University Faculty

Winona State University faculty, scholars, and renowned experts from WSU will lead this year-long focus on food, health, and sustainability!
WSU Retiree Center - Save the Date

January 2-31  | Carol Slade, Pastels, Landscapes, & Figures, Acoustic Cafe, Winona

January 27-31 | Frozen River Film Festival, Somsen, Stark and SLC Auditoriums

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

February 9   | Rochester WSU Retirees Breakfast, 9am-10:30am, CC412 (Charter Room)

February 25  | Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

March 25     | Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

April 13     | 1st of year University Advancement Retiree Breakfast, 9am, Purple Room 104

April 22     | Annual WSU Retiree Luncheon, 11am, East Hall - All Retirees Invited

May 6        | Living History Project Premier, 1pm, Science Lab Center

May 7        | Winona State University Spring Commencement, 9:30am and 2pm