

The RETIREE CENTER Newsletter



Hello Retirees,



I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I sure am enjoying mine. For me, it is a summer of preparing for transition since my only child, Lucy, will be off to college this fall. I can hardly fathom what my life is going to be like after she moves to her dorm next month! Luckily for me, I've got this wonderful job at the Retiree Center to keep me busy and focused. We do plan on being busy this fall as we transition our Senior University classes and social events back to being held in person.

We already began having in-person Retiree Breakfasts this spring and summer. We've had three wonderful breakfasts thus far. We had Nathan Engstrom speak about the LESS (Leading Energy Savings and Sustainability) Project at our breakfast earlier this month. I hope you will take the time to read about this amazing project on [page 3](#) of this newsletter. Once the project is completed, WSU will be the most energy efficient campus within MN State! Retiree Breakfasts will continue through September. We will hold the September breakfast aboard the Cal Fremling boat which is always a treat.

Our Senior University and Retiree Day Trip programs have been going strong over the past couple semesters. I hope you'll take a moment to look over our Fall Senior University offerings listed on [page 4](#). The lineup is really great. We're kicking things off with Tim Hatfield's *The Beatles and Us* course which starts in a little less than three weeks on August 17th. I can't believe we are already this close to having fall classes start. We had large groups travel to the Orpheum Theater to see *Moulin Rouge* in May and *Ain't Too Proud*:

The Life and Times of the Temptations in July (see pics on the next page). We have several other day trips planned for 2023 including our trip to see *Hamilton* on Tuesday, April 25th... SAVE THE DATE! While you're saving dates, please also note the Retiree Fall Social on Tuesday, October 25th and the Winter Social on Thursday, December 1st. We are planning to hold these socials in person at the American Legion. These will be our first Fall and Winter Socials since the pandemic started. Our Living History Project Premiere will be held on Monday, December 5th in Stark Hall. We will have another slate of amazing retiree documentaries to watch at that event.

When I sent out the request for RSVPs for the April retiree breakfast, Jeanne Danneker responded that she and Jim couldn't make it because they had their hands full in Washington. She meant it quite literally, and she attached this adorable picture (left). In the picture taken on Easter Sunday of this year, they are holding four beautiful grandchildren. Jeanne is holding baby Avery and Audrey, and Jim is holding Malcolm and Brody. I loved the picture so much that I coerced Jeanne into letting me print it in this newsletter.

Nancy and I would like to wish you a wonderful end to summer and beginning of fall. We hope to see you at one or many of the in-person events we are planning for this semester. Looking forward to your company. See you soon!

Jess



RETIREE CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

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

PICS FROM RECENT RETIREE CENTER DAY TRIPS

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WSU LESS PROJECT

From the [LESS Project webpage](#)

We were very lucky to have Nathan Engstrom, Campus Sustainability and Planning Director, speak at our retiree breakfast earlier this month. He gave a fantastic presentation about the LESS (Leading Energy Savings & Sustainability) Project. This is a huge, high-profile project with many different moving parts. I will invite Nathan to speak to us again this fall at one of our virtual coffee breaks. I wanted to provide information about the project for those of you who weren't able to attend the July breakfast. This information comes from the [LESS Project webpage](#). Please visit the site for even more information.

LESS is truly more with the Leading Energy Savings & Sustainability initiative. WSU is implementing a \$12 million campus-wide energy savings and sustainability project that will:

- dramatically improve campus energy and water efficiency*
- address deferred maintenance*
- reduce WSU's environmental impact*
- improve educational experiences*
- increase comfort and aesthetics*
- save \$26 million over the project's lifetime*

The LESS project will mark WSU as being the Minnesota State System's most energy efficient university. It will also feature the largest solar energy system on any Minnesota State campus.

The LESS Project will include:

- replacing 21,000 light fixtures with more efficient LED technology*
- The solar panels located on 6 rooftops and 4 carports will produce enough electricity to power 170 average homes a year*
- Project will replace every toilet, shower head, urinal, and faucet aerator with modern water saving fixtures*
- Utility Cost Savings = 23.8%*
- Carbon Emissions Reduction Per Year = 25.4%*
- Water Savings in Gallons = 16.4%*
- \$26 million cumulative savings anticipated over the 25-year project lifespan*
- Removing \$7,500,000 of deferred maintenance from backlog*
- Modernizing and improving facilities*
- Reducing maintenance expenditures*
- 9.6% of WSU's annual electricity consumption will be met by on-site solar PV*
- New irrigation system will use smart controls that will adjust sprinklers by using real time weather data to calibrate irrigation cycles based on past, current, and forecasted precipitation*



Solar panels on Helble Hall & Wabasha Rec



Rendering of IWC parking lot with solar carports

SENIOR UNIVERSITY FALL 2022



Here is a look at the Senior University classes for Fall 2022.
 Classes will be held in person on the WSU campus.
REGISTRATION is open!

<p>THE BEATLES AND US</p>	<p>Tim Hatfield Maxwell Hall 272</p>	<p>Wednesdays August 17, 24, 31 September 7 2:00-4:00 p.m. \$40.00</p>
<p>THE SCIENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE QUESTIONS AND PERHAPS SOME ANSWERS</p>	<p>Richard Shields Pasteur Hall 133</p>	<p>Tuesdays August 23, 30 September 6, 13 3:00-4:30 p.m. \$40.00</p>
<p>FOSSILS OF THE DRIFTLESS AREA</p>	<p>Lee Beatty Science Lab Center 184</p>	<p>Thursdays September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October 6 - Field Trip 2:00-4:00 p.m. \$40.00</p>
<p>PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION</p>	<p>David Speetzen Maxwell Hall 158</p>	<p>Tuesdays September 20, 27 October 4, 11, 18, 25 2:00-4:00 p.m. \$40.00</p>
<p>ELECTION 2022</p>	<p>Jim Bromeland Maxwell Hall 257</p>	<p>Thursdays October 20, 27 November 3, 10 3:00-4:30 p.m. \$40.00</p>
<p>ABOLITIONISTS, UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, FREEDMEN'S BUREAU: THE WINONA CONNECTION</p>	<p>Carol Jefferson Stark Hall 103</p>	<p>Tuesdays November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 December 6 2:00-3:30 \$40.00</p>

WSU ANNOUNCES NEW HIRES

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RANDALL SKALBERG

By Darrell Newton

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Randall Skalberg to the position of Dean of the College of Business, effective July 1, 2022. Professor Skalberg's administrative and academic experience and leadership accomplishments make him a strategic fit for this role, and he is eager to begin learning about WSU and the southeast Minnesota business region.

Prior to this appointment, Professor Skalberg served as Chair for the Department of Accounting and Finance at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Professor Skalberg earned his Bachelor of Science in Business (Accounting/Taxation) from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, his Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota Law School, and his Master of Law from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

He and his wife, Mary, are looking forward to moving to Winona this summer and making it home!



TESLA MITCHELL

By Andrea Northam



I'm happy to share that Tesla Mitchell has accepted the role of Digital Content Manager at Winona State University, effective July 1. As Digital Content Manager, Tesla will lead content creation across official University digital platforms, including WSU blogs and official social media. She is responsible for planning, developing, and implementing digital storytelling content to support recruitment and retention efforts as well as overall engagement with WSU. The position also serves to reinforce WSU mission, vision, and strategic goals. In this role, Tesla serves as the digital storytelling and social media expert for the University, partnering and providing guidance to departments, offices, and centers across the WSU community.

Since March 2022, Tesla has served in a fixed-term appointment as Digital Content Manager for WSU. Tesla has worked previously for the Winona Family YMCA as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator and as a journalist for the Winona Daily News. Tesla holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism with an emphasis in entrepreneurship and political science from Saint Mary's University. She is mother to two children, a Zumba instructor, a weightlifter, and more recently, a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu student.

RETIREE PARKING PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

The 2022-2023 retiree parking permits are now available! You may stop in at the Retiree Center to pick one up. Since we are a 2-person office, Nancy and I advise visitors to call before coming to the center to ensure that one of us is available to help you. We will also mail permits by request to retirees who live 30+ miles from campus. To request a permit, please email us at retiree@winona.edu. Include your name, current mailing address and license plate number/State of Issuance.

Retirees with parking permits can PARK ANYWHERE on campus. This includes all gold and silver lots. This is a fantastic benefit for you, but you do need to make sure to get a new permit each year...you may be ticketed if your car is displaying an expired permit.

CALENDAR

August



RETIREE BREAKFAST

Tuesday, August 9, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Kryzsko Ballroom

GOLD PARKING PERMITS AVAILABLE

Pick one up in our office, or if you live 30+ miles from campus, have one mailed to your home.
See p. 5 for details



LEARNING CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Monday, August 8, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Winona County History Center
Renew your membership and learn about upcoming events!

WSU MOVE-IN DAYS

Wed./Thurs. August 17-18, 2022

WSU CLASSES START

Monday, August 22, 2022



SENIOR U CLASSES BEGIN

The Beatles and Us
Taught by Tim Hatfield
Begins Wednesday, August 17th

The Science of Climate Change
Taught by Richard Shields
Begins Tuesday, August 23rd

September

BIG MUDDY BREW 'N QUE

Saturday/Sunday
September 3-4, 2022
Levee Park



9/5/22
WSU Closed



RETIREE BREAKFAST

Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Aboard the Cal Fremling
Details will be sent via email

BOATS & BLUGRASS FESTIVAL

September 22-25, 2022
Prairie Island, Winona



AROHE VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education
Thursday, September 22, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SENIOR U CLASSES CONTINUE

Fossils of the Driftless Area
Taught by Lee Beatty
Begins Thursday, September 1st

Philosophy of Religion
Taught by David Speetzen
Begins Tuesday, September 20th

MINNESOTA MARINE ART MUSEUM

Karen Savage-Blue: Laughing Waters
September 16 - December 31, 2022



CALENDAR

October



RETIREE CENTER COFFEE BREAK

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
10:00-11:00 a.m. - Via Zoom
Speaker To Be Announced

WSU HOMECOMING

Theme: Disco Fever
October 20-22, 2022



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

SENIOR UNIVERSITY CLASSES CONTINUE

Election 2022
Taught by Jim Bromeland
Begins Thursday, October 20th

RETIREE CENTER CUBA TRIP

October 17-23, 2022



RETIREE CENTER FALL SOCIAL

Tuesday, October 25, 2022
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
American Legion
302 E. Sarnia/Winona



November and Beyond



ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

VETERAN'S DAY

Friday November 11, 2022



SENIOR UNIVERSITY CLASSES CONTINUE

Abolitionists, Underground Railroad,
Freedmen's Bureau: The Winona Connection
Taught by Carol Jefferson
Begins Tuesday, November 1, 2022

LIVING HISTORY PREMIERE

Monday, December 5, 2022
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Stark Hall 103 Auditorium

WSU COMMENCEMENT DAY

Friday, December 9, 2022



RETIREE CENTER WINTER SOCIAL

Thursday, December 1, 2022
2:00-4:00 p.m.
American Legion
302 E. Sarnia/Winona



UPCOMING RETIREE CENTER DAY TRIPS

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD - ORPHEUM - FEBRUARY 2023

HAMILTON - ORPHEUM - APRIL 25, 2023

BEETLEJUICE - ORPHEUM - SEPTEMBER 2023



THANKSGIVING BREAK

Retiree Center Closed
November 23-25, 2022



Jean Billman
Education
April 7, 2022

IN MEMORIAM



*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 the loss felt by
family and friends.*



Jacob Steigermald
Foreign Language
June 1, 2022



Cleo McMillen
Education
May 4, 2022



Dorothy Shaughnessy
Spouse of Pat Shaughnessy
July 11, 2022

THE PERKS OF BEING A WSU RETIREE

- Athletic Events: Free admission to regular scheduled campus athletic events
- Teaching, Learning and Technology Services: Free campus offered classes when space available
- Free WSU retiree e-mail
- WSU Fitness Center access at employee rate
- ID card for all retirees
- Free parking pass for all lots, must renew each year
- Printer, scanner and copy access at the Retiree Center (up to 10 pages)
- Notary Public Services available at no charge
- WSU Library privileges (Retiree ID card serves as library card)

