

Class Notes

An "x" before a class year indicates that the person attended, but did not graduate from, Whitworth.

2000s

2000 Tamara (Villegas) Elder is the district social studies specialist for grades 4-12 in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools system's Kaiserslautern District, which includes 19 schools and 10,000 students in four U.S. military communities in Germany. She taught history, Spanish, and language arts at Bitburg High School, in the Kaiserslautern District, and in the Wilbur School District, in Washington.

2001 Christina Close now lives and serves in Birmingham, U.K., with Operation Mobilization. She will be serving as the organization's finance manager and will be on the DanceLink ministry team. **Erin (Benson) Raska** recently accepted a call to be associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, on the north side of Chicago. Our deepest condolences go out to **Joel** and **Kate (Nuechterlein, '02) Robnett**, who are mourning the March 14 death of their daughter, Ava Katherine.

2002 Stephanie (Stern) Carlson and her husband, Ben, relocated to Corpus Christi, Texas, after Ben's promotion. **Josh Pasma** is a part of the Acts 29 network; he serves as pastor of Crossview Community Church, in Washington's Tri-Cities. **Abby (Hyder) Barrantes** and her family are in enjoying community life in Pasadena while her husband, Eliecer, studies at Fuller Theological Seminary. Abby's son, Isaiah, just started kindergarten. **Zachary Brown** became the new camp director of Sound View Camp and Retreat Center, in Longbranch, Wash., in June. **Nicole Craddock** and Robert Petrina were married on Aug. 20 in Rye, N.Y.

2003 Diana Huey completed a master of fine arts in creative writing from Seattle Pacific University. **Matthew Kaemingk** was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study in the Netherlands. **Dana Strait** will graduate from her doctoral program next September. She recently presented a paper at Edinburgh University, U.K., and gave an invited lecture at Cambridge.

2004 Drew Strait recently returned from South Africa, where he began work on his doctoral dissertation at the University of Pretoria. He is an adjunct professor in the theology department at North Park University, in Chicago. **Julie Grubb** married Matthew Mead on Jan. 16. The wedding party included matron of honor **Shannon (Tolley) Borgman**; **Nicole Grubb, '15**; and Julie's parents, **Paul** and **Laurie (Hall) Grubb**, both '78.

2005 Alyssa Bell graduated June 3 with her master of divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In August, **Justin Smith** earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Tennessee Knoxville; he completed his clinical internship at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, in Denver. In June, **Erik Lystad** graduated from Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, and he is now midway through his intern year of residency at Lancaster General Hospital. **Nathan Boyer** received the Army Achievement Medal for scoring in the 93rd percentile on the Internal Medicine Training Exam. **Caitlin Gregory** moved to Lake Stevens, Wash., in early March. She is in her fifth year of teaching sixth-grade students. **Katie Linder** earned her doctorate from Ohio State University in women's, gender, and sexuality studies. She accepted a job at Suffolk University, in Boston, as assistant director of the Center of Teaching Excellence. **Nathan Dresback** and **Julie (Karber) Dresback, '06**, both received their master's degrees in May. Nathan graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree, and Julie graduated from Rutgers with a master's in communication and information studies. They just relocated to Phoenix, where Nathan is with Teach for America. **Katie Brown** is back in the U.S. after completing Youth with a Mission's six-month Discipleship Training School, in

Proud Whitworthians gathered in Spokane last August to celebrate the marriage of Noree Johnson, '08, to David Dolphay, '08.



Pictured are (front row, l-r) Stephanie Hunter, '09; Noree (Johnson, '08) Dolphay; Stephanie Bisch, '07; Jeannie (Sibbett, '08) Huskisson; (middle row, l-r) Jason Hunter, '08; David Dolphay, '08; Jewel Chrisman, '06; Elizabeth Sutherland, '07; Kyle Bisch, '07; Delynn Hampton, '08; Travis Huskisson, '08; (back row, l-r) Kevin Wang, '04; Serena Wang, '05; Debbie Clark, '06; Pat Bech, '08; Justin Brandler, '09; and Luke Stocker, '08.

Rasmussen Named Gresham Officer of the Year

By Josh Cleveland, '01



John Rasmussen, '97, was honored as the recipient of the Gresham (Ore.) Police Department's Ron Crump Officer of the Year Award in 2010. The award is the result, in part, of Rasmussen's work with at-risk students involved in gangs. "He is part coach and counselor to kids who are leaning toward the dark side," wrote a police peer in one

of Rasmussen's six nominations for the award. And "he is who we want our officers to be."

Rasmussen, 36, attended Whitworth on a scholarship as a competitive swimmer. After earning his bachelor's degree in theology and speech communications, he worked for a Portland-based program as a residential treatment counselor for troubled youths and juvenile criminals. After working as a counselor for eight years for a nonprofit organization, Rasmussen joined the police force in Gresham, where his work allows him to continue using his skills as a counselor. "I try to approach people pretty compassionately," Rasmussen says. "I've had people on an arrest thank me," he adds. "Not necessarily for taking them to jail, but for treating them civilly."

Rasmussen believes that his Whitworth education prepared him well for his life as a police officer. "My years at Whitworth were very formative," he says, "and seeking to educate the

Chile. She also visited Colombia and Cuba during the outreach phase of her training. Katie works in West Texas and looks forward to new adventures.

2006 Christopher Holmes received his master in divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May and entered the Ph.D. program at Emory University this fall.

2007 Toree Pfursich married Robert Double III on July 22 in La Cañada, Calif. They plan to move to Chicago, where Robert will soon begin studies at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. **Keith Petersen** is the worship pastor at South Hills Church, in Kennewick, Wash. **Jenell (Jennings) Morris** is now a stay-at-home mom to her eight-month-old son, Paul, after more than three years of medical-surgical nursing at Spokane's Sacred Heart Medical Center. Jenell and her husband, Jeremy, have been accepted with Africa Inland Mission as long-term missionaries; they will leave for Tanzania in early 2013. **Katelynn Brown** married Martin Lopes in 2008. They now reside in Ridgefield, Wash. **Kaley Hawk** participated in Youth with a Mission in France and Madagascar during 2009-10. She is a secondary history teacher at Liberty Christian School, in Richland, Wash. **Amy Newton** was accepted into the University of Washington School of Medicine. **Stephanie**

and hearts of the citizens I work with is something I continually strive for. Through the leadership of great people like Bill Robinson, Jerry Sittser, Ron Pyle, Rick Hornor, Jim Waller, and Roger and Dottie Morhlang, I continually learn to rely on Christ and represent Him in all I do." Rasmussen entered Whitworth planning to enter traditional full-time ministry, but "Dottie's wisdom in placing me in a prison ministry internship through the Certification for Ministry Program proved foundational to my recognition of God's plan for me in law enforcement. I am forever grateful to have learned that working for Christ includes putting on a uniform and running toward cries for help from those in crisis: "Being an ambassador for Christ at their doorstep" is the way in which Rasmussen lives out his calling in Gresham.

The Rasmussens – John and his wife, Kelly (Rodimel, '97) – are tireless supporters of Whitworth who have influenced a number of current students in their decisions to attend the university. And they're raising a whole new generation of potential Whitworth students, as well. They are the parents of three, with a baby due in February.

After serving on the Gresham force for two years as a patrol officer, Rasmussen worked at Barlow High School, where, during his four years as the school's resource officer, he collaborated with the East Metro Gang Enforcement Team. After his stint at Barlow, which ended in spring 2011, Rasmussen went back to patrol duty. He is now a lead for the Gresham P.D. crisis-negotiation team and a public information officer for the department. In his free time, he is an assistant coach specializing in stroke instruction for the Barlow High School swim team. Sometimes, he says, he dreams about trying to reclaim some of his swimming titles or trying to qualify for the 2012 Olympic trials. But considering his growing family, he laughs and says, "I don't know if my wife would like that."

Kreuter is pursuing a master's degree in international policy studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, in Monterey, Calif., after working for two years at Siguate Pegue Bilingual Christian School, in Honduras. **Emily Creek** married Patrick McHenry on March 19. They both practice nursing at Spokane's Sacred Heart Medical Center. The McHenrys plan to begin travel-nursing and serving with Mercy Ships in 2012. **Stephanie (Thurston) Hackbarth** and her husband, Ryan, just returned from Mongolia, where she has served with the Peace Corps for the past two years. She is currently looking for employment.

2008 Kara Hafner recently joined the Bay Area branch of Teach for America to further her efforts in helping to close the achievement gap. She has been teaching in Phoenix for three years. **Christina (Herman) Oscarson** received the Distinguished Educator Team 2010-11 Award from Spokane Public Schools in May. **Andrea Naccarato** received the Rookie of the Year Teaching Award for the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, School District. **Andrea (Mielke) Blackburn** and **Sean Blackburn, '07**, are in Texas while Sean pursues his master's degree in biblical counseling from Dallas Theological Seminary. Andrea is a cardiac nurse at Baylor University Medical Center.



Alums Serve through JVC Northwest

Three recent Whitworth alumni recently embarked on a year of full-time service and community transformation with Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, which sends volunteers where the needs are

greatest. Kristin Nilsson, '10, is serving at St. Labre Youth & Family Services, Ashland, Mont. Jeff Upton, '09, is serving at L'Arche Tahoma Hope, Tacoma, Wash. Laura Viducich, '11, is serving at the YWCA, Missoula, Mont. Throughout their year of service, these three will focus on four core values: social and ecological justice, simple living, spirituality and community.

Pictured (l-r): Kristin Nilsson, '10; Jeff Upton, '09; Laura Viducich, '11

2009 McLane Stone and **Charley Brinkman Stone, '10**, live in Princeton, N.J., where McLane attends Princeton Theological Seminary; Charley is enrolled in the master's degree in public policy program at Rutgers. **MaryKate Anderson** and Andrew DeBoer were married on July 24 in Nine Mile Falls, Wash. **Abby (Horner) Johnson**, and **Lindsay (Reitsema) Rodland** and **Jeff Rodland, '08**, were in attendance. **Jordan French** lives in Thailand and teaches accounting and economics courses at Whitworth's sister school, Payap University.

2010 Blair Daly returned to the U.S. to finish his final year at Whitworth and to apply for a position as an English teaching assistant for the Malaysian American Centre of Education Exchange Fulbright Scholar Programme, sponsored by the Terengganu state government. He was posted to SM Tengku Ampuan Intan, where he is off to a good start: The work of one of the students from a writing competition he organized was chosen to appear in the *New Straits Times*.

2011 Arthur Wisen is a proud United States Navy submarine veteran; he served from 1995 to 2004. **Angela Hartley**, winner of the 2011 Alumni Ideals Award, started her role as a resettlement case manager at World Relief, in Spokane, just days after receiving her diploma. **Rebekah Dunn** was recently hired as the social media/marketing manager for Spokane's River Park Square shopping center, where she works with community partnerships and general promotion.

BIRTHS

2002 a girl, Anna Sage, to **Pamela (Johnson)** and **Todd Goselin, '03** Dec. 9, 2009

2002 a boy, Eli Mathis, to **Nicole (Nyberg)** and Jeremy **Herring**, Oct. 2, 2010

2002 a boy, Bradley, to **Meri (Aijian)** and Travis **Keller**, July 17, 2008

2002 a boy, Aaron, to **Meri (Aijian)** and Travis **Keller**, May 21, 2010

2002 a girl, Kayla Elizabeth, to **Elizabeth (Kear)** and Zachary **Kintner**, June 2, 2008

2002 a boy, Ethan Charles, to **Elizabeth (Kear)** and Zachary **Kintner**, Feb. 24

2002 a girl, Kerri Ann, to **Kasey (Kirk)** and **Douglas Lupton**, April 21, 2009

2002 a girl, Morgan Grace, to **Kasey (Kirk)** and **Douglas Lupton**, Dec. 26, 2010

2002 twins, a boy, Charlie, and a girl, Gracie, to **K.C. and Sarah (Ambrose) McVey**, May 18

2002 a boy, Beckett Thomas, to **Allison (Pemberton, '04)** and **Christopher Noland, '02**, Sept. 6, 2009

2002 a boy, Brooks Gary, to **Allison (Pemberton, '04)** and **Christopher Noland, '02**, July 16

2002 a boy, Nathaniel Joel, to **Adam and Stephanie (Ball, '03) Van Ornum**, April 17

2003 a boy, Calvin Henry, to **Colin and Jennifer (Brandler, '02) Hesse**, Jan. 6

2004 twin girls, Clara June and Eliza Ruby, to **Bryan and Jaime Tidwell**, March 8

2004 a girl, Kiana Marie, to **Kristin (Tewell, '07)** and **Kevin Swisher, '04**, March 14, 2009

2004 a boy, Keaton Robert, to **Kristin (Tewell, '07)** and **Kevin Swisher, '04**, March 1

2006 a girl, Makaylin Grace, to **Cameron and Amy (Bowers) Collings**, Sept. 22

2006 a boy, Graham David, to **Jon and Valerie (Iverson, '08) Brewer**, April 27

2007 a girl, Brooklyn Ann Marie, to **Emily (Johnson)** and Jerrod **Miller**, Dec. 11

2007 a girl, Grace Evangeline, to **Kristi (Bechtel)** and Daniel **Mullen**, April 26

2007 a girl, Lexy, to **Kate (Fuller)** and Marc **Peterson**, Dec. 16, 2009

2007 a boy, Josiah, to **Kate (Fuller)** and Marc **Peterson**, May 14

DEATHS

Corinne Cridland, '06, died July 3. She was born Feb. 28, 1954, in Pierre, S.D. She moved to Tekoa, Wash., when she was a child and lived in the Spokane area for the rest of her life. She is survived by her children, two granddaughters, her siblings, and other family.

1990s

1991 Staci (Baird) Stoller earned her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center, in Houston, in May. Throughout her time in law school, she worked for Cyberonics, Inc., a medical device manufacturer. She plans to stay with the company. **LaRinda (Utter) Chapin** began teaching humanities at Pascal Academy, a new private Christian school, in Post Falls, Idaho.

1992 Kalani Fronda, who is senior land asset manager with the Kamehameha Schools Endowment Group (a \$6.5 billion trust), co-led a regional land-planning team that received the 2011 National Plan of the Year for Innovation in Sustaining Places from the American Planning Association, as well as the 2009 Plan of the Year for the work they completed on Kamehameha Schools' North Shore Plan. **Diane M. Hanson** just finished her seventh year as an intensively trained dialectical behavior therapist. She works with the poor, the mentally ill, and often the suicidal clients of Spokane County, and she "asks God to help with the words my clients need to hear." **Courtney McDermed** and a partner opened an immigration law firm in San Francisco last April.

1993 Kyrsten (Lee) Weber was production assistant and researcher on an upcoming KSPS documentary on 1920s bootlegging in the Northwest. Kyrsten and her husband, **Daniel Weber, '91**, have two children, Karsten (6) and Annika (3), who debuted on TV this spring. Both were on camera for Spokane's new "Best of Broadway" ads.

1994 Michelle-Lynne (Cron) Morimoto and her husband, **Hide Morimoto, '97**, work together as co-owners of Clear Skies English School. Though teaching children to speak, read, and write in English is the obvious objective, "abiding in Christ in order to love them" is their deeper purpose. To see what they are up to, please visit www.clearskieskids.com.

1997 Sharon Olney married Timothy Louie on Oct. 3, 2009. **Stephen**

Jost graduated from medical school in 2009 and will finish his pediatric residency at the University of Utah in June 2012. **Erica Horn** is an executive director at a nonprofit health and human services organization in Bellevue, Wash. **Troy Miller** is the area manager for National & Alamo Car Rentals at the SeaTac Airport and Downtown Seattle. His wife, **Jamie (MacKenzie, '98) Miller**, as a senior project engineer at Sellen Construction, which is finishing up work on the new Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation campus. The Millers are enjoying life with their four-year-old daughter, Maryn.

1999 Megan Banasek is the systems and applications librarian at Pacific University. **Nicole Polen** married Damon Petit on Jan. 15, 2010. She now goes by Nicole Polen-Petit. **Dick Powell** accepted a new position as the executive director for Clatsop Economic Development Resources in Clatsop County, Ore., late last year.

BIRTHS

1992 a boy, Marcus Stuart, to **Susan (Thurman)** and Brian **Smiley**, March 9

1995 a boy, Grady Ronald, to **Todd and Kirstin (Schmidt, '97) Orwig**, Feb. 22

1997 a girl, Kara Maile, to **Sharon (Olney)** and Timothy **Louie**, Nov. 2, 2010

1997 a boy, Luke Anthony, to **Terry (Hochstatter)** and Alan **Nicholas**, April 10, 2009

1997, a girl, Lily Alayna, to **Terry (Hochstatter)** and Alan **Nicholas**, March 2

1997 a boy, Jacob Mathew, to **Mathew Scamahorn** and Debbie Starr, Aug. 19

1999 a girl, Presley Elizabeth, to **Nicole Polen-Petit** and Damon Petit, Oct. 3, 2010

DEATHS

Kimberly (Kopp) Ellis, '92, died on May 6. She was born on Jan. 10, 1969, in Seattle, and she lived there for most of her life. She worked for CB Richard Ellis, in Tukwila, and enjoyed serving at her church, gardening, Sudoku, volleyball, and poetry. She is survived by her parents, her brother, **Kevin Kopp, '86**, her cousin, **Gwyn (Millar, '91) Kopp**, and many other family members. **Thomas Capp, '94**, died on May 27. He was born on June 9, 1959, in Butte, Mont. After graduating from Montana State University, he fulfilled his dream of being a teacher. He married Karen Cossey on July 19, 1985. He is survived by his wife, their children, and his father, brother, and other family. **Dale Macomber, '98**, died Aug. 9. He received a master's degree in education from Whitworth and worked at John Sedgwick Junior High School from 1999-2007, teaching physical education and adaptive PE. for students with disabilities, and coaching sports. He was recognized twice as Teacher of the Year. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and his parents, siblings, and other family.

1980s

1982 Bobbi Polkinghorn works as a psychotherapist with kids, parents, and families who have dealt with child abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, and/or sexual abuse. **Charlie Lewis** and his wife, Ann Lewis, have been co-pastors of First Presbyterian Church, in Snohomish, Wash., for the past 12 years. One son, **Daniel Lewis, '10**, just began graduate school in medical physics at the University of Kentucky. The other, **Andrew Lewis, '13**, began his junior year at Whitworth this fall. **Juleann (Howell) Miller** successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in July 2008. She and her family then moved to Davenport, Iowa, where she is director of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at St. Ambrose University. In 2005, **Susan (Jeffreys) Vinton** and her husband, Steve, founded Village Schools International with a group of their former students. They work so that one day every child in every village will be able to attend school. **Kim (McCray) Carnazzola** lives in Libertyville, Ill., with her husband, Amerigo, and their three children. She opened a private practice in Libertyville as a family physician. **Margaret (Symons) Gregory** lives in Western Washington, raising three boys and 80 sheep, making and selling sheeps' milk and cheese. In her spare time (!), she does public-health nursing. **Kelly (Winkleman) Prudek** and her husband, Fred, are in Prague working with the Cirkev Bratska (Brethren Church) through the International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches.

Their work includes church planting, theological education, ministries of compassion and justice, and spiritual direction. Following the merger of Arab World Ministries and Pioneers, **Ruth Ann (Heddendorf) Leduc** and her husband, Norm, relocated to Orlando, Fla. Norm serves on the evacuation team and Ruth Ann serves field missionaries in member development.

1985 Jim C. Richards is a financial planner in the Seattle area, providing financial advice with a different kind of goal in mind—one of happiness and well-being, not only of wealth. He recently wrote a book, *Better is Better*.

1986 Jill Gill recently published her book, *Embattled Ecumenism: The National Council of Churches, the Vietnam War, and the Trials of the Protestant Left* (Northern Illinois University Press).

1987 Deborah Burkhart married Tracy Peterson in November 2007. Deborah is a senior sales representative with Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals. **Linda (Washburn) Delong** works for the Newberg School District as an instructor assistant with small groups of children. Her husband, Aaron, owns his own business, The Dark Chocolatier, making hand-dipped candy. Their oldest daughter is a freshman at Whitworth. **Marty Cosby** works with at-risk populations and sponsors relatives from Nepal. He enjoys the outdoors, NASCAR, and football. **Rev. Kristin Will-Pratt** serves as chaplain of The Terraces at Los Altos, a continuing-care retirement community. She also continues her role as psychotherapist at The Pratt Center, a family mental health clinic in Los Altos, Calif. She lives with her husband and two children in Los Gatos.

BIRTHS

1985, a girl, Katriel Aletheia, to **Pamela (Jacobi, '92)**, and **Scott Starbuck**, May 18

1987 a girl, Reese Bella, to **Deborah (Burkhart)** and Tracy **Peterson**, May 22, 2008

DEATHS

Douglas Balandis, '81, died April 2. He was born in San Jose, Calif., Jan. 11, 1958. **Steven Sutton, '86**, died April 5. He was born Jan. 12, 1964, in Everett, Wash., and he is survived by his siblings and many nieces and nephews.

1970s

1971 Dr. Mark Snelling, '71, and his wife, **Sue (Julian) Snelling**, live in Bremerton, Wash., near their three daughters. Sue is the librarian at her school and serves as an educational technology specialist for Central Kitsap

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Feb. 16-18, 2012

Please join the Whitworth community for the fourth annual Leonard Oakland Film Festival. Films will be shown at 7 p.m. all three evenings in Robinson Teaching Theatre, in Weyerhaeuser Hall. For complete details, visit www.whitworth.edu/oaklandfestival.

The Roots of Christianity in America with the Rev. Dr. Jerry Sittser May 14-24, 2012

Explore the history of the Christian faith tradition in the United States with theology professor and religious historian Jerry Sittser, a member of the Whitworth faculty since 1989. Learn together as you experience some of the most important sites in our nation's history, including Salem, Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. All details are available at www.whitworth.edu/christianityinamericatour.

School District. Mark works in global missions with a focus on microenterprise development in West Africa and other Islamic areas of the world.

1972 Donna (Spencer) McComas and Mark McComas became grandparents on Sept. 28. **Jeanne (Larsen) Baranski** retired after 38 years of nursing and is enjoying retirement, which gives her the time to appreciate family, friends, God's blessings, and new areas of service. **Judy (Scott) Williams** completed her doctorate in education. Her husband, **Robert Williams** has taught and worked at Disneyland for 23 years. They have two granddaughters and two grandsons. **Kenneth Young** recently retired as chief U.S. probation officer (So. District Calif.) in San Diego, and is now the chief deputy of administration for the U.S. District Courts in Los Angeles. **Sandra (Pederson) MacQuinn** and her family just returned from a two-month sabbatical service trip to New Orleans, where they worked at the St. Bernard Parish Community Center distributing food and clothing and helping to refurbish the center. **Nancy Brookie-Connor** is involved in the arts, and she displays her paintings in various venues. **Ricardo Bravo** is an attorney in his own law firm, practicing general law with an emphasis in personal injury, family law, criminal law, and immigration law. **Carol (Isaac) Reineck** was promoted to a full professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center of Nursing, in San Antonio. Since retiring in 1992, **Eufemia (Tobias) Munn** has helped to develop a Christian school in her hometown in the Philippines. To earn the funds to build classrooms and put personnel into place, she taught in China for four years and in Chile for two years.

1977 Kellie (Warriner) Doyle and her husband, Jim, live in Culpeper, Va., with their cat, Mystic, and border collie, Cogan. Kellie is a writer, and Jim is a senior principal programmer. **Marybelle (Passmore) Savage** finds that her Whitworth degree has helped her maintain status as a second-year, medical-surgical nursing instructor at Walla Walla (Wash.) Community College. She was the director of the college's associate degree in nursing program from 1983-86; she taught registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, led refresher nursing programs, and was the relief supervisor at St. Mary Hospital. **Richard Waite** is now retired from the U.S. Air Force and US Bank.

DEATHS

John Henry, '70, died Aug. 23. He was born in Spokane in 1926, and he spent his early life on an apple farm in Green Bluff. He attended Eastern Washington State College after a Navy stint during World War II, and he married Bernadine Robinette in 1948. John had a long career with the Central Valley School District, as a teacher and later a vice principal. He is survived by his son, daughter, and other family. **Helen (Renfro) Wilson, '71**, died June 21. She was born on April 3, 1917, in Butte, Mont. She and Glade Wilson were married for 59 years, until his death in 1998. Helen was an active member of Knox Presbyterian Church as an elder and church treasurer. She enjoyed playing bridge, painting china, traveling, and spending time with family. She is survived by her children and other family. **Wilma McIntosh, '72**, died May 4, 2009. **Christine (Gifford) Triano, '74**, died Oct. 2, 2008. **Darrell DuChene, '75**, died Feb. 26. He was raised in Spokane, graduated from Shadle Park High School, attended Whitworth, and worked at Morning

Star Boys Ranch for 17 years and at CCS District IEL for 19 years. From just after his graduation until the time of his death, he was a foster parent; he served as foster father to 114 kids over the years, and he loved each one. He is survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. **Ruth Siria, '77**, died March 18. She was born Dec. 24, 1921, in Thermopolis, Wyo., and was raised in Ferdic, Mont. She loved Jesus Christ and taught Sunday school for her entire life. Ruth enjoyed traveling, golf and gardening. She is survived by her three daughters, grandchildren, and other family. **Tamara Paulson, x'77**, died April 14. She was born July 23, 1957, in Yakima. After attending Whitworth, she went on to work for the Purple Cross Insurance Company in Seattle, where she met her husband, Vaughn Langley. She is survived by her husband, three sons, brother, father, and other family. **Mary (Case) Reed, '78**, died on June 8. She was born Jan. 7, 1928, in Grand Junction, Colo. She served on the board of directors of the University of Colorado Alumni Organization and was one of the founding women of the Grand Junction Women's Resource Center. She is survived by her five children, her sister, and other family. **Mark Jensen, '79**, died June 11. He was born March 5, 1955, in Walnut Creek, Calif. He married Marilyn Powell on Oct. 24, 1987. They had three children, of whom he was very proud, and settled down in Mercer Island. He is survived by his children, sisters, and mother.

1960s

1961 Charlotte (Schmutz) Mills was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 27, 2010.

1962 Geraldine (Nanz) Draper retired after 39 years of teaching. She lives in Nampa, Idaho, and enjoys the Nampa Art Guild, gardening, writing, and volunteering with Love INC. **Ronald Haffner** enjoyed the fourth annual Sam Adams reunion in Spokane, attended by more than 65 former football players and friends. **Lois (Stewart) McDonald** received a bachelor's degree in geology in 2008, and she designs geology programs and classes for kids and adults in the Boise area. **Ann (Miller) Moore** retired from a multifaceted nursing career, which included instructing student nurses in pediatric care. She is busy now with deacon calls, caring for grandchildren, leading a small-group women's Bible study, and quilting.

1965 Dave Gunderson was featured in Spokane's *Spokesman-Review* for his lifelong achievements as a teacher and coach in the Inland Northwest. In 2010, Dave was inducted into the Inland Empire Softball Hall of Fame.

1967 Florene (Eickmeyer) Moore retired, but is busy with Friends of the Library, Deer Park Dollars for Scholars, and other community volunteer projects, as well as with family. **Karen Byrne** retired after 40 years working in public, academic, and school libraries. Spokane is her base for travel, catching up with family and friends, and volunteer work. **Gary Stanford Raymond** retired but works part time as a limo driver and a high school cross country and track coach. He is happily married to Mary Beth Christensen-Raymond. They are raising two six-year-olds adopted from China and they are the grandparents of seven-month-old Sophie. **James A. Ross** retired in 1989; he says that his Whitworth education opened great doors in his life, and he is still preaching and serving the Lord in various churches.

1968 Eugenia Eleanor Stewart Thorp used her fields of education and art from college in faith expression in church. Her other interests over the years have been in the needle arts, travel and museums.

DEATHS

John Dee, '61, died June 26, 2005. **Gertrude Wardwell, '62**, died March 5. She was born in Colorado Springs in 1937. She attended Mills College and Whitworth, going on to teach kindergarteners and work as a real estate broker. She retired in 1981 and moved to Colorado, to a homestead ranch. She is survived by her husband, two children, brother, and other family. **Howard Robbins, '63**, died April 3. **Ann (Parks, '64) Hayden** died May 21. She was born May 15, 1940, in Boise, Idaho. She worked as a nurse for 20 years and was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps. It was during that time that she met and married 2nd Lt. Robert Duane Hayden. She is survived by her husband, brother, grandchildren, and other family. **Bruce McCullough, '66**, died Nov. 23, 2010. He earned his J.D. from the

Whitworth Takes Chicago! Act Six graduates converge in the Windy City

By Katie Palmer, '13

While Whitworth Act Six graduates are working all over the world, Chicago has become an epicenter for alumni who participated in that program. Luis Flores, '11, Tiffanie Beatty, '07, and Michelle Bess, '09, all are currently working in urban Chicago communities.

Beatty is the program director at the Chicago Center for Urban Life & Culture, which equips college students to learn from the city's diverse urban communities through innovative programs, seminars and internships.

"Chicago is a historically segregated city," Beatty says, "and Chicagoans, whether due to racism or discomfort, tend to stick to their neighborhoods, while tourists tend to stay downtown and on museum pathways." She continues, "At the Chicago Center, we like to say that we are interested in the 'real Chicago.' I love being able to help others see the big picture." Beatty says she was first introduced to this "big picture" concept during her time in the Act Six program. She says that at Whitworth, she learned to see her culturally diverse background as an asset, which then empowered her to see herself as a leader.

Beatty first visited Chicago during Jan Term of her senior year at Whitworth, when she studied at the Chicago Center and interned with a dance company. She enjoyed the city and the experience so much that she applied to Chicago Center's apprenticeship program.

Since her move to Chicago last year, Beatty has become a part of the open-mic poetry community and has formed many relationships with Chicago's "faithful poets," she says. Eventually, Beatty aims to start her own community-based nonprofit organization that promotes leadership and community development through the arts.

Bess is the assistant to the director at Chicago's Posse Foundation. The Posse Foundation is a college-access and youth-leadership development program rooted in the belief that a small, diverse group of talented students can serve as a catalyst for increased individual and community development.

"It is so amazing to know that the students we work with are going to be the movers and shakers of the world," Bess says. "I don't know if I have ever met more inspiring young leaders."

Bess also studied in Chicago during the Jan Term of her

University of Michigan in 1969 and was installed as a bankruptcy judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania in 1995, serving as chief judge from Jan. 2005 until Dec. 2008. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Ruth, and other family. **Frank Waymire, '67**, died Feb. 25. He was born April 2, 1933, in Spokane. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and retired from the U.S. Army Reserves. He is survived by his son, daughter, and two grandsons. **Dianne Higgins, '68**, died Aug. 7. She was born July 29, 1935, in Spokane. She spent most of her teaching career at Bryan Elementary. She married Bruce Higgins in 1957; they had four children and she and her



sophomore year at Whitworth.

"I have been having a love affair with the city of Chicago ever since," she says. "I finally felt at home here and learned a lot about myself and gained an enormous amount of self-confidence."

Bess says that there are many parallels between Whitworth's Act Six program and the Posse Foundation, and those parallels have given her a unique perspective that enables her to connect even further with the students with whom she works.

As for future career plans, Bess has "embraced the idea of living in ambiguity," she says. "I'm a free agent, looking for the next great adventure."

Flores is an intern for the Christian Community Development Association, a faith-based organization that helps restore under-resourced communities. He first learned about CCDA during the "Prejudice across America" Jan Term trip, during which he met the CEO of CCDA, who subsequently asked him if he was interested in doing an internship.

"CCDA is allowing me to continue my passion for helping others through the act of community development," Flores says. "Act Six taught me to speak up for others and to be the voice of the voiceless, and that's what I'm doing through my role at CCDA."

Flores plans to work as a college preparatory advisor in a high school setting in his hometown of Tacoma. "I want to work with students who are struggling in high school and motivate them to pursue a post-secondary education," he says. (See the Whitworth Today feature about Act Six alum Holy Chea, '07, on Page 12 of this issue.)

husband spent the rest of their lives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She is survived by her children and other family. **Barbara (Fellows) Gemberling, '69**, died June 8. She was born April 14, 1915, in St. Paul, Minn. She was president of Strato Equipment Corporation during World War II; she and Page Fellows were married in 1946. She later pursued her passion for painting, taking courses at Washington State University extension service in Spokane. After attending Whitworth, she began teaching art in Spokane schools. She married Richard Gemberling, moved to Port Townsend, Wash., in 1971, and lived there until 2001. She is survived by her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

1950s

1952 Sterling Rainey is the organist and choir director at First United Methodist Church, in San Rafael, Calif.; this is his 56th year in that position.

1957 Audrey (Olson) Jobson wrote four books under the name Audrey Leighton: *A Window of Time*, *Alaska Knock-Knock Jokes*, *Alaska Riddles*, and *Grandma Moons*. **Dewey Wallace** published a book, *Shapers of English Calvinism, 1660-1714: Variety, Persistence, and Transformation*.

Arlene (Carr) Loder earned a master's degree in teaching from Harvard University, taught in two high schools, took one year of New Testament Greek at Princeton Seminary, and taught the scriptures in her home. **Robin (Alford) Adams** served in Nara, Japan, for 30 years, inspired by Whitworth's Frank Warren and Toyohiko Kagawa. She returned to Nara City on Oct. 5 for two months, praying for "a tsunami of repentance and spiritual awakening."

1959 Joyce (Anderson) Miller and Galen Miller, '72, are volunteer firefighters in the North of the Narrows Fire District in Huckleberry Bay at Priest Lake. Galen is a commissioner and treasurer of the district. Joyce recently participated in a demonstration water rescue with the district's fireboat.

DEATHS

Allen Good, '50, died April 9. He was born Aug. 27, 1927, in San Diego. He attended Hoover High School and San Diego State College and earned two master's degrees. After attending Whitworth, he became a missionary, teaching and coaching Navajo boys at a Presbyterian boarding school in Ganado, Ariz. He is survived by his daughters, son, grandchildren, and other family. **Robert Notson, '50**, died May 10. He was born on Dec. 15, 1926, in Tonasket, Wash. He joined the Navy in Sept. 1944, after graduating from high school. After being honorably discharged, he married his childhood sweetheart, Barbara, and after he graduated from Whitworth he began his career with Boeing. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara. He



Sam Adams, '52, Honored by Fellow Alumni

Whitworth football alums from the 1960s and many of their spouses gathered in August to celebrate the legacy and spirit of legendary Whitworth athlete and coach Sam Adams.

Pictured are (front row, l-r) Bill Denholm, '66; Tom Black, '61; Les Rury, '62; Don Samuels, '65; John Murio, '63; Jim Woodworth, '67; Craig Costa, '64; (middle row, l-r) Gene Baker, '64; Denny Rieger, '62; Bruce Wendelburg, '65; Fred Shaffer, '65; Sam Adams, '52; Eddie Mathews, '65; Jerry O'Callahan, '66; Rex Schimke, '62; Ron Haffner, '62; Les Hogan, '57; (back row, l-r) Wes Leid, '67; Marty McWhinney, '65; Don Fries, '61; Jim Cole, '64; Mike Edmunds, '63; Dick Washburn, '66; Warren Lashua, '60; Perry Morton, '63; Lavaughn Stephens, '65; Shorty Bennett, '62; Bill Sperling, '63; Jim Upchurch, '60; Wendell Witt, '63; and Doug Venn, '66.

is survived by his second wife, Patricia, his five children, and other family.

John L. Raibley, '50, died May 29. He was born Oct. 7, 1928, near Visalia, Calif. After serving in the Pacific during World War II, he attended Whitworth and later married Jean Waltner. He taught for 20 years and retired to work on his family farm. He is survived by his wife, son, and other family. **Donn Jann, '51**, who died Sept. 5, was retired from the Presbyterian National Church Headquarters. He is survived by his daughter, **Lucinda Jann, '81**. **Carolyn (Douglass) Leavens, x'51**, died April 5 in Ventura, Calif. She was born Nov. 27, 1930, in Ephrata, Wash. She and her husband of 60 years, **Paul Leavens, '52**, met at a freshman mixer at Whitworth and were married a year later, in 1950. She was very involved with the agricultural and political affairs of Ventura County, Calif. She is survived by her husband. **Jean Paeth, '51**, died Sept. 2. **Richard Peters, '51**, died June 7. He was born Nov. 10, 1925, in Priest River, Idaho.

Richard joined the Army in 1944 and served in Europe until he was wounded. After the war, he attended Whitworth and met his wife, Joyce Trail. He taught at an elementary school until retiring in 1987. He is survived by his wife, son, and other family. **Ruth (Wimpy) Smith, '51**, died Feb. 22. **Ruth Beeman, '52**, died on April 19. She was born on Dec. 19, 1930, in Lindsay, Calif. Later, she organized and directed a child-care center for abused and neglected children. She is survived by her daughter, stepdaughter, grandsons, and other family. **Lois Hastings, '52**, died Nov. 28, 2010, on her 79th birthday. Lois earned her nursing degree before joining the USAF Nurse Corps in 1956. After her discharge, she moved to Maple Valley and worked in the labor and delivery section of the Group Health Hospital in Redmond, Wash., for 14 years. She is survived by her brothers and sister. **Laura Young, '52**, died Sept. 8. She served as a volunteer mission worker in rural Nebraska and worked at Ming Quong Orphanage, in Los Gatos, Calif. She married **Herbert Young, '49**, on June 24, 1954. She was active in local and state Presbyterian women's groups. She is survived by her husband, Herbert, her son, and other family. Lt. Cmdr. **Jack E. Dowers, '53**, died March 13. **Wallace Moseley, '54**, died May 31. He was born Sept. 28, 1932, in Spokane, and married his wife, Martha, in 1975. He graduated from Whitworth and was ordained as a minister at Central Christian Church. His focus in life was God and his family. He is survived by his wife, daughters, sons, and other family. **Robert Lantz, '55**, died April 9. He was a Presbyterian minister who served in the U.S. Air Force as a chaplain. He is survived by his wife, **Diana Lantz, '93**, his sons, Bob, Tim, Chip, Mark and Jack, his daughter, Susan, and his numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. **Dick Myers, '56**, died July 21. He was born on Nov. 23, 1934, in Seattle. His passions in life were his wife, family, and being a shining light of Jesus. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son, and other family. **Elizabeth Norman, '58**, died July 19. She was born on Feb. 22, 1928, in Baker, Mont. She grew up on a ranch in Fallon County, in southeastern Montana, where she discovered her lifelong love for horses. She was a registered nurse from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, and she retired in 2002. She is survived by one brother and other family. **Gary Turner, '59**, died April 8, 2010.

1940s

1947 Rev. Ted Hegg and his wife, Edith Hegg, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on Sept. 13. **Betty (Douglass) Williams'** reports that her husband, M.E. Williams, died in 2006.

DEATHS

Harold Borhauer, '47, died Feb. 7. He was born on May 15, 1922, to George and Ida Borhauer, in Spokane. He was married to **Ida (Castleman, x'46) Borhauer** for 64 years. He is survived by one daughter, five sons, and other family. **Rudy Bradshaw, '47**, died June 11, 2009. She is survived by her

Clark's Korea Commitment Extends beyond Classroom

By Karen Robison, '12



Whitworth's mission to "honor God, follow Christ, and serve humanity" is evident in the significant accomplishments of Donald Clark, '65. Not only has Clark succeeded in the classroom and as a published author, but he has also lived, worked, and served extensively overseas.

Being overseas is not a foreign concept to Clark, who says, "I am an international person." He was

born in Medellin, Colombia, and, before he was 11, had lived in five countries: Colombia, Venezuela, America, Japan and South Korea. His parents and grandparents were Presbyterian missionaries, and all spent a large portion of time living overseas. In fact, Clark is the third generation of his family – and his children are the fourth – to live in South Korea.

His main work is as a professional in Korean affairs, keeping up with change and culture on the Korean peninsula, south and north, visiting often, working and teaching there, leading groups, and spending time with interesting people who share his interests. One special project is his participation in "Christian Friends of Korea," which supports tuberculosis patients in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). He travels to the DPRK with Christian Friends, monitoring the delivery of medical and other supplies, traveling to remote corners of the country and experiencing what he calls the "real place with real people and problems." And he is grateful for the opportunity and privilege to make a

positive difference in the country.

Clark holds a bachelor's degree from Whitworth, a master's from Washington State University, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He has been awarded three Fulbright grants, all to South Korea, where he worked with the Peace Corps immediately after graduating from Whitworth.

A professor in the history department at Trinity University, in San Antonio, Texas, since 1978, Clark built the university's international studies program and founded its East Asian studies concentrations. He says, "I love my job, my office, my staff, and my students at Trinity, and I feel fortunate to have a life that keeps me interested and active."

Remembering the time he spent at Whitworth, Clark says that aside from meeting his late wife, Linda (Harton, '66) here, the contact he had with the faculty was one of the most important things about his time in Spokane. Clark says of the professors, "These were warm human beings who had high personal standards, who could show students how to balance the sacred and the secular, who gave graciously of themselves to students by inviting them to dinner and taking them skiing, and who demonstrated their commitment to Whitworth as an institution."

The community and environment at Whitworth made a significant impression on Clark. Over the years, he has been associated with every kind of university. But in the end, he says, it is the liberal arts environment that he values most. He goes on to say that institutions like Whitworth provide a "foundation of general knowledge, adaptability, resilience, and human values." These skills and values are highlighted in Clark's significant accomplishments since graduating from Whitworth and as he continues to serve throughout the world today.

daughter, Cheryl Bradshaw. **Alvida (Lehn) Merrimac, '47**, died on July 11. She was born Oct. 16, 1925, in Spokane. She married Howard Williams in 1946, after he returned home from the service. They later moved to the Lehn farm, near Waukon, Iowa. Howard passed away in 1988. She enjoyed being a farm wife and raising their children there. In 1998, she married James Merrimac. She is survived by her husband, James, her brother, her six children, and other family. **Mary (Nutwell) Elder, '48**, died March 12. She was born in Fresno, Calif., on March 30, 1926. She loved Jesus Christ, family and friends, gardening, and their family cabin at Mt. Hermon. She taught for a few years, served as a missionary in Brazil with her husband, and was a homemaker for her family. She is survived by her husband, Ken, two sons, and other family. **Mildred (Nelsen) Lehmann, '48**, died Dec. 11, 2009. **Marjory (Collord) Anderson, '49**, died June 20. She was born May 23, 1922, in Barton, Ore. Marjory attended Simpson Bible Institute and Nyack Missionary Training Institute, and she graduated from Whitworth. She then taught high school in Seattle, Port Angeles, and Spokane. She married Howard Eugene Anderson in 1956. She was a devoted member of Christ Community Church for almost 30 years. She is survived by her husband, daughter, and son. **Dr. Gerald Mahaffey, '49**, died April 5. He was born

June 13, 1923. He served his country in two wars as both a B-25 pilot and a urologist. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Velma, his twin brother, **Jack Mahaffey, '49**, his five children, and other family. **Carolyn (Erickson) Wallace, '49**, died Dec. 15, 2010. She is survived by her husband, **Malcolm Wallace, '49**.

1930s

DEATHS

Blair Cosman, '39, died July 30. He was born in Rockford, Wash., on Sept. 8, 1918. After graduating from Whitworth, he attended Eastman School of Music, where he was later hired as a classical piano teacher. During and after his retirement, he was an organist and choir director in Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches. **Edward Machle, '39**, died Aug. 4. He was a religious studies educator at the University of Colorado from 1953-81; he was also the director of music at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church from 1961-70 and the interim pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in Port Angeles, Wash. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Machle, seven children, 13 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.