



*University of Wisconsin-La Crosse*

# CLASS NOTES

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## '62

**George W. Schubert**, Grand Forks, North Dakota, created an endowed scholarship at the University of North Dakota Law School in honor of his wife, Arline, who died June 11, 2016. She was a graduate of the university with a major in English education and a graduate of the Law School. In honor of Arline, who attended UWL part time from 1958-62, George has refurbished the George & Arline Study and Academic Advisement Center for Student Athletes. He is finishing a book — expected to be published in May 2018 — pertaining to coping when losing a spouse.

## '69

**James J. Bird**, Mooresville, North Carolina, is retiring from the University of North Carolina Charlotte at the end of spring semester, 2018. He came to UNC Charlotte in 2006 following 31 years as a school administrator, the last 16 as the superintendent of schools in Auburn Hills, Michigan. He and his wife Linda, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in August. Bird earned a

master's in 1970 and a doctorate in 1976 from Ohio State University. Since graduating from UWL, he has worked in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and North Carolina. He and his wife, Linda, have two daughters and two granddaughters.

## '75

**Joyce Sisson**, Locust Grove, Virginia, has retired as the assistant director of the Virginia High School League.

## '79

**Grant B. Brekke**, Minnetonka, Minnesota, travelled to South Korea for the 2018 Winter Olympics — his 10th Olympic games.

## '80

**David A. Martinsen**, Greenfield, plans to retire after more than 33 years working in state corrections and law enforcement. He is retiring with the rank of sergeant.

**Paul Nelson** was named Cumberland's Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Nelson's grandfather was awarded the honor in 1969, and his father in 1993 before Nelson earned the honor



in 2017. The Nelson family has owned and operated the Nelson True Value Hardware store for more than 80 years. Nelson has been active in Cumberland for many years, but is most well-known for his work with the Rutabaga Festival and has been instrumental in growing Northwest Wisconsin's best festival. Nelson served as parade marshall for the Rutabaga Festival last August. He is past president of the Chamber of Commerce and has served on its board for more than 30 years. He and his wife, Deb, pictured above, live in Cumberland.

## '82

**Steve Harms**, Oxford, Michigan, had his debut novel, "Give Place to Wrath," published in October 2017. It's a fictional mystery novel, the first of a series, and takes place in Wisconsin. See more at: [Stevencharms.com](http://Stevencharms.com). Harms is the vice president of corporate partnerships for the Detroit Tigers.

# '91

**Tami A. Carpenter**, Phoenix, is an adjunct professor of English at Maricopa Community College-Glendale. She recently finished a second master's degree in psychology and is adding forensic psychologist certification. Carpenter graduated from Grand Canyon University in December 2017. She plans to return to Wisconsin within a year to "start my new career and live out my golden years."

# '95

**Gregory S. Anderson**, Louisville, Ohio, has returned to Oracle Corp. to lead its North America Strategy & Programs group. Anderson says his 20 years in the private sector technology industry is a testament to the transferability of the skills he learned in the UWL student affairs program to other industries. "I use skills like program management, leadership and learning theory every day," he says.

# '99

**Diana Luttmann**, Milwaukee, has been named a partner, effective Jan. 1, 2018, at RitzHolman CPAs. Luttmann focuses on nonprofit audit, tax and financial management services. She works with many nonprofits.

# '02

**Brent Sanderfoot**, Ripon, has been the Windows to Work Manager for the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board in Neenah since 2012. He was recently certified as a lead trainer in Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions for Offenders Seeking Employment (CBI-EMP). Sanderfoot received the certification from the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute, which led the four-day training course for Wisconsin-based professionals serving incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

# '05

**Jessica (Karis) Mulligan**, Pewaukee, is the executive director of the Community Memorial Hospital Foundation in Menomonee Falls. She is a Froedtert Health System employee.

# '07

**John D. Grabow**, Bloomington, Minnesota, has taken over day-to-day operations of his company, AIM Electronics.

**Nikki Kogan**, Kennesaw, Georgia, was recently selected as one of the contributing authors for a book sponsored by ASCA and ACUHO-I, "Conduct and Community: A Residence Life Practitioner's Guide." It will be available in June 2018. Kogan is assistant director for student conduct at Kennesaw State University.

**Mai J. Lo Lee**, Appleton, has been named diversity director for the Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs (MESA) Office at UW-Green Bay.

# '08

**Cheryl Lange**, Platteville, is presenting on distance education alumni engagement at the U.S. Distance Learning Association National Conference in Indianapolis for the second year in a row.

# '09

**Tanya Adelman**, Saint Paul, Minnesota, a certified physician assistant who graduated from the UWL PA program in

2009, has been awarded a specialty credential, a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ), from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Adelman received the CAQ in psychiatry, a distinction earned by meeting licensure, education and experience requirements and then passing a national exam. She works at Regions Hospital in St. Paul.

**Luke E. Leitner**, Ripon, is celebrating his fifth year with Fox Valley Technical College in the Office of Student Life. He is coordinating leadership development opportunities and programs, and advising the Student Government Association. Before FVTC Leitner spent five years working for his alma mater, UW-Oshkosh, as a financial aid counselor. He met the love of his life and got married in 2012. "I look forward to seeing what the future holds and staying connected with UWL," he says.

## '11

**Kayla Giese**, Gresham, has joined Hellmuth & Johnson as a litigation attorney. In her practice, Giese represents individuals and companies in

various types of litigation, including commercial matters, construction defects, contract disputes, and more. Giese earned a Jurist Degree from Hamline University School of Law.

**Robin A. Gore**, Malibu, California, is finishing up the last year of a doctorate program with Edgewood College. Gore is director of Housing Operations at Pepperdine University.

**Libby Thorson** has changed positions from coordinator for Healthy Masculinity and Violence Prevention Programs at West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania, to sexual misconduct investigator in the Dean of Students Office at the University of Wyoming, Laramie.

## '12



**Sulaimon (Wale) Elegbede**, Rochester, Minnesota, is a senior project manager in the Enterprise Portfolio Management Office at Mayo Clinic. He

has worked on creating a small software development company; helping run business startups; leading public speaking; coaching; mentoring; being part of the team that helped Ashley Furniture Industries implement an Omni channel strategy similar to Amazon; and serving on for-profit and non-profit boards. He says his biggest accomplishment is having led a multidisciplinary team at Mayo Clinic to implement a novel cancer treatment that got FDA approval in October. He is very engaged in the La Crosse and Rochester communities and serves on several boards. He is vice president for the La Crosse–Rochester Project Management Chapter and board of directors member of the People's Food Coop based in La Crosse. He is one of the founding members of the La Crosse Interfaith Shoulder to Shoulder Network, a La Crosse-based working committee established in February 2016 to empower people of all faiths to work together to end anti-Muslim sentiment and hatred.

**Andrew J. Zink**, Washington, D.C., works for a segment of the NFL Players Association that as-

sists former NFL players with transition benefits as they leave the league and move into their post-playing career.

## '14



**Cody Michael Henderson**, Charleston, South Carolina, was asked to write an article for an online magazine about living as a gay man with a disability and identifies as a Christian. Read it at: <http://www.chosenmag.com/as-if-being-gay-wasnt-enough/2018/3/5/as-if-being-gay-wasnt-enough>. He is a program coordinator with the Medical University of South Carolina.

**Briana Justin**, Fargo, North Dakota, has accepted a sales development specialist position at Microsoft in Fargo. She had been an admissions counselor at North Dakota State University.

**Emily Mitch**, Raleigh, North Carolina, has been named assistant director of Fraternity & Sorority Life at North Carolina State University.

## '15

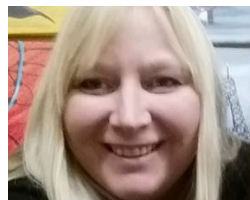
**Karen S. Thomas**, Madison, joined the Wisconsin School of Business as a pre-business academic advisor within the BBA program in 2016. In fall 2017, she transitioned to a new role with the BBA program and currently works as a student life program coordinator. In this role, Thomas administers the one-credit Personal and Professional Foundations in Business courses required for all newly admitted business students. She is active in several other cross-campus learning communities.

**Anna F. (Turriff) Thompson**, Oak Creek, just finished her first year at Carthage College in advising. In the first year, she revamped curriculum for the first-year seminar class taught by advisors to their first-year students and co-created and implemented Carthage's first pre-orientation for first-generation college students. She and her husband are expecting their first baby in May.

## '16

**Kaila B. (Henry) Aimino**, Utica, New York, started a new job as an assistant director at State University of New York in Utica. At the beginning of March, she, her husband, Ben, and son, Josh, moved to upstate New York to start a new chapter of her professional career.

## '17



**Sarah Koenigs**, Fond du Lac, started at Upward Bound math and science in December at Marian University. She looks forward to a great year.

**Nicolette Scaffidi**, Mukwonago, plans to continue her education in fall 2018 at Metropolitan State University of Denver pursuing a master's in social work.

# That was then, this is now



The spring 1976 pledge class from UW-L's Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Alpha Chapter got together last summer at Apple Canyon Lake, Illinois. Re-creating their photo from then, with their names while in college, were, front row, from left, Cheri Broderick, Wendy Kerr, Linda Peterson and Lori Kasper. Back row, from left, Diane Gmoser, Candy Headson, Lynn Mattison and Patti Pagel. The other pledge in the class was Kathy Olenchek who is not pictured.



## Alumni Remembered

- 1947** — Agnes M. Fortney, Viroqua  
**1950** — Amelia (Thompson) Nelson, Rockford, Illinois  
**1956** — Mary Plante McJoynt, Fort Meyers, Florida  
**1959** — Sally Baumgart, West Salem  
**1959** — Richard D. Heller, Bristol, Tennessee  
**1975** — Dawne Cramer, Green Bay  
**1980** — Rebecca (Belawnger) Treado, Marquette, Michigan  
**1983** — David J. Wilde, Fond du Lac  
**1989** — Mitchell Thompson, Rushford, Minnesota  
**1994** — Karen Walsko, Lake Wales, Florida  
**1941-43 Attendee** — Harvey Arthur Mahlman, Knoxville, Tennessee

# Faculty & Staff Remembered

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## Barry Clark

Barry Clark died Dec. 21, 2017, in Boulder, Colorado. In the College of Business Administration from 1978-2006, Clark taught courses in comparative economics systems, history of

economic thought, and modern political economy. For this latter course he had written his own book which was well respected and widely adopted. Memorials may be given

to the Barry Clark Fund at the UWL Foundation to support undergraduate research in economics. Give at [www.uwlax.edu/foundation](http://www.uwlax.edu/foundation).

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## Susannah Lloyd

Susannah M. Lloyd, 75, of La Crosse died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017, at her home. She taught in

Sociology/Anthropology Department from September 1969 to May 2013 when she retired.

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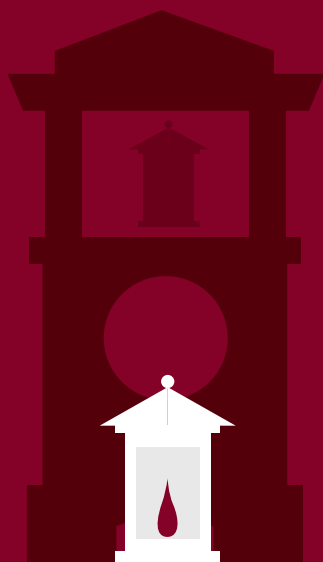
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