

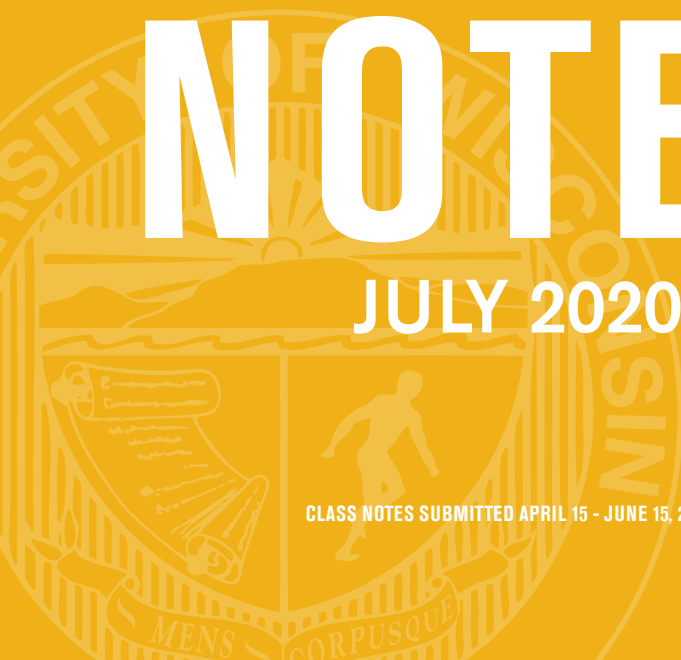


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# CLASS NOTES

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# '60

**Theodore “Ted” Knudson**, and his wife, Yvonne, have moved into “leisure living” at Eagle Crest South in La Crosse. Knudson is retired head of logistics and ground processing for the European Space Agency.



Shevivor cover

# '72

**Terry C. Misfeldt**, Green Bay, who attended UWL from 1968-72 and helped launch radio station WLSU, has written his first novel, “Shevivor.” Misfeldt owns Brand Irons, a business and marketing consultant firm. He is a member of the Wisconsin Writers Association and has served as president of Shawno Area Writers since April 2018. Find out more about him and his book at: [terrycmisfeldt.com](http://terrycmisfeldt.com).

# '78

**Bonnee R. Nelson**, Lakeway, Texas, has retired after 38 years as a registered nurse and has moved to the Austin area after 31 years in Mission Viejo, California. At a “Newcomers” club gathering, Nelson ran into Joy Sheehan Maytnier, '76, a fellow UWL alum and pompom whom she hadn't seen in 44 years.

# '80

**Lynn (Hastreiter) Vande Sande**, Middleton, retired from full-time public school teaching in physical education and is now leading an adult fitness class. The group of women (and one man) has been together for over 25 years, ranging in age from 55-84 ½. The class follows a program designed by the Jacki Sorenson franchise. Normally they meet in a rented dance studio space, but since mid-March they have been meeting via Zoom. Those looking for articles on staying active during COVID-19 may contact Vande Sande at [lynn.vandesande@gmail.com](mailto:lvandesande@gmail.com) and she will share a link to recorded classes.

# '86

**Richard Hefner**, Minocqua, is an independent gym owner. Hefner has been involved in bicycle racing for more than 44 years. He's divorced and has two sons.



Jennifer (Ehlenfeldt) Shilling

# '92

**Jennifer (Ehlenfeldt) Shilling**, La Crosse, was named government relations manager, effective June 1, 2020, at Dairyland Power Cooperative in La Crosse. In May, Shilling resigned as Wisconsin State Senate minority leader. She had represented the 32nd Senate District in western Wisconsin since 2011. Shilling previously served as the state representative for the 95th Assembly District and worked as a legislative aide to state representative Mark Meyer and Congressman Ron Kind. She's a former La Crosse County supervisor.



Gina K. Janeiro

## '96

**Gina K. Janeiro**, St. Paul, Minnesota, was recently featured in the Chambers USA 2020 Guide, a publication ranking leading lawyers and law firms across the U.S. Janeiro is a principal in the Minneapolis office of Jackson Lewis P.C. where she focuses on all aspects of employment law.

## '00

**Dana Pond**, Frisco, Texas, moved to the Dallas area in 2004 and has worked in the commercial printing/direct mail industry for 20 years, most recently as a strategic accounts sales manager with Freedom Graphic Systems in Grand Prairie. Pond has lectured at colleges in collaboration with the USPS on creating a successful direct mail campaign.



Meredith (Stone) Conn

## '03

**Meredith (Stone) Conn**, Tomah, has been selected as the Wisconsin State Command Chief, the highest enlisted rank in the Wisconsin Air Force. She is the first female to hold this position.



Kristine Van Handel

## '05

**Kristine Van Handel**, Madison, recently published a book about a section hike of the Ice Age Trail called, "[Hiking with Hair Tie: Section Hiking the Ice Age Trail](#)". Van Handel also published a photography book of the Ice Age Trail called, "[Ice Age Trail Through the Seasons](#)."

## '07

**Stephanie (Kotsovos) Strupp**, Milwaukee, is manager of Single Game Sales & Promotions for the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club.

## '17

**Joshua Rostek** took a leap and moved to Washington, D.C., to become a GIS analyst with the U.S. Agency for International Development to contribute to humanitarian efforts throughout the world. "I'm really excited be applying what I studied at UWL in the real world, especially in the nation's capital," Rostek says.

## '19

**Tam Nguyen**, Blacksburg, Virginia, is a first-year doctoral student in the Biochemistry Department at Virginia Tech.

# In Remembrance

- 1950** — Esther Schaaf, Amherst Junction.  
**1951** — Phyllis Jones, Madison.  
**1953** — Betty Wyss, Black River Falls.  
**1955** — Joyce Halvorson, Holmen.  
**1956** — Carol Walcker, Stoddard.  
**1959** — Jim Peotter, Kodiak, Alaska.  
**1959** — Sharon Powell, Tomah.  
**1960** — William Brehm, Jim Falls.  
**1960** — Roger Roloff, Stoughton.  
**1960** — Donald Smick, Rochester, Minnesota.  
**1961** — Sharon Lee Lietzow, La Crosse.  
**1962** — Carole Haefs, La Crosse.  
**1962 & 71** — Edward Klos, Westby.  
**1962** — Norma Vinger, La Crosse.  
**1963** — Steven Evert, Elk Grove, California.  
**1966** — Alfred “Fred” Jurewicz, Shakopee, Minnesota.  
**1966** — Gay Wiebe, Madison.  
**1967** — Thomas Kerrigan, Kahului, Hawaii.  
**1968** — George Shalabi, Dubuque, Iowa.  
**1969** — Judith Ann Williams, Viroqua.  
**1970** — James Harrison, La Crosse.  
**1971** — Lillian Rumppe, Victoria, Minnesota.  
**1971** — Mary Shanklin, La Crosse.  
**1971** — Marian Swanson, Gays Mills.  
**1971** — Eugene Witek, Prairieville, Louisiana.  
**1972** — Donald Baltz, Merrill.  
**1972** — Lawrence Faus, Sturtevant.  
**1975** — Roger Randall, Surprise, Arizona.  
**1976** — Michael Schmitt, La Crosse.  
**1977** — James Lee, La Crosse.  
**1978** — Donna Schoenfeld, Beaver Dam.  
**1978** — Steve Terry, Menomonie.  
**1978** — David Paul Wilhelm, Shell Knob, Missouri.  
**1980** — Stephen Neubauer, New Berlin.  
**1981** — Inga Gerber, Ontario.  
**1981** — Gary Isakson, La Crosse.  
**1983** — Brian Slator, Fargo, North Dakota.  
**1984** — Joseph Libera, Fountain City.  
**1985** — Paul Holland, Lake City, Minnesota.  
1985 — Stacy (Hexum) Lundberg, Spring Park, Minnesota.  
**1986** — Luann Bilodeau, Chetek.  
**1987** — Scott Ingalls, Westby.  
**1988** — Joseph Daniels, San Diego, California.  
**1988** — Johanna Hoerstmann, Merrill.  
**1980** — Timothy Vandehei, Janesville.  
**1990** — Michael Grambo, Chicago, Illinois.  
**1990** — Robert Storbakken, Chaseburg.  
**1993** — William Barry, Eau Claire.  
**1995** — Faith Esser, Alma Center.  
**1999** — Dennis Alton, De Forest.  
**2007** — Jamie Korth Tennant, La Crosse.

# Faculty & Staff

## Charles Marx

Charles Marx, La Crosse, died May 31, 2020. Marx led the cataloging unit in Murphy Library from 1980-2005. He's credited with having the library's massive print catalog card drawers converted into machine readable format when computerized catalog and circulation systems were being implemented in libraries in the '80s. He is survived by two sisters, nephews and nieces. See a complete obit at: [schumacher-kish.com/obituary/charles-marx](http://schumacher-kish.com/obituary/charles-marx).

## Eugene Elroy Williams

Eugene "Gene" Elroy Williams, 90, died May 11, 2020, at United Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. Williams taught English and American literature at UWL from 1962-1994. In 1990, he spent several months in Latvia as part of a teaching exchange program teaching English to Latvian college students. In 1998, Williams wrote *The Herring Era*, about the 30-year career of Roger Haring, football coach at UWL.

See a complete obit at: [obituaries.lacrossetribune.com/obituary/eugene-williams](http://obituaries.lacrossetribune.com/obituary/eugene-williams)



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