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CLASS NOTES

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'52 & '62

Richard A., Sr., '52, and Joan (Barwind) '62, Hinchcliffe, live in New Berlin. Their grandson, Luke Hinchcliffe, joined the family legacy of many UWL alums when he began as a freshman on campus this fall.

'77

Gregory Ormson, Apache Junction, Arizona, is a retired communication instructor from Northcentral Technical College in Wausau. He published "Yoga Song" on June 21, 2022 (the 8th International Yoga Day) by Rochak Publishing. Ormson writes for American Rider (formerly Thunder Press), and many yoga publications. This fall, for the fifth year, he plans to teach yoga for bikers at Superstition Harley Davidson in Apache Junction. It's the only dealership in the country to offer indoor yoga classes for bikers.

'79

Scott Gilbertson, Houston, Texas, is an M.D. Anderson Professor at the University of Houston.



Mary P. Mulvaney-Kemp, '82

'82

Mary P. Mulvaney-Kemp, Viroqua, has started a free mobile library service for the community. The free organization serves seniors, people with disabilities and children. The RedLou Library started serving the Viroqua area in November 2021 and by July 2022 had circulated over 6,000 items. It is operated solely by

volunteers, with its main purpose to serve underserved individuals. **See more.**

'84

Terri Granger recently retired from teaching with the Department of Defense Schools (DoDEA) for 27 years, teaching in Italy, Korea, Turkey and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The early childhood education major also taught for school districts in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and Midlothian, Virginia. Granger received a master's in early childhood education from UW-Whitewater in 1993. She credits her degree from UWL for launching her on a lifetime adventure and is eternally grateful to UWL's teacher education department. "Dean Rose crafted a multi-layered program that not only prepared me for the classroom," she explains, "but provided me with skills that lasted my entire teaching career."

'86

Scott Sommers, Markesan, is vice president of National Exchange Bank and Trust in Kingstons.

Terry Tveita, Oak Creek, has been named 2021 Oak Creek Citizen of the Year. Tveita was recognized in August 2022 at a community center celebration.



Kennan Timm, '90

'90

Kennan Timm, De Pere, retired June 30 after serving 37 years as the sports information director at UW-Oshkosh. Timm was UWL's sports information director from 1983-85. He was

inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Fame in 2012 and the UW-Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame in 2021.

'91 & '94

Corrie Korn, '91, and Rebecca Hyland, '94, live in La Crosse. Korn is employed by BNSF Railroad. Hyland is an operations manager at Optum Serve in La Crosse.

'00

Ben Fehrenbacher, Centerville, Minnesota, is senior director of product marketing for Ameriprise Financial, Minneapolis.



Elena (Kabet) Popowitch, '00

Elena (Kabet) Popowitch, Durham, North Carolina, accepted a new position as laboratory manager at Duke University. The research is focused on the microbiome of the upper respiratory tract, with a goal of finding ways to prevent children from dying of bacterial pneumonia.

'01

Ben Weihrauch, Littleton, Colorado, earned a Doctor of Education from the University of Colorado Denver. He is the senior director of Student Professional Development at the

University of Colorado Boulder. He and his wife, Allison, have two children, Blaire (7) and Nolan (5.)

'02

Shannon Kennedy, Madison, is a legal intern with the Kohler Co. in Kohler. She is attending law school at UW Madison and plans to graduate with a J.D. in May 2024.

'02 & '03

Kelle (Shea), '02, and **Steven A.**, '03, **Lalko** live in Oswego, Illinois. Kelle is employed by the Indian Prairie School District. Steven is a senior account manager with C. H. Robinson, Oswego.

'04

Sara (Brunner) Broge, Stoughton, is a benefits analyst with UW Health.

'05

Kendra (Hewitt) Gabriel, Burlington, is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch.

'06

Melissa Engen, West Salem, is a talent advocate for Optum Serve, La Crosse.

'08

Chris Jones, Chicago, Illinois, is self-employed as a hypnotist.

[Read more](#)

'10

Scott Birrenkott, McFarland, has been promoted to director – legal at the Wisconsin Bankers Association (WBA). Birrenkott joined WBA in June 2015 as assistant director – legal and over seven years has provided WBA members with current information on the banking industry's changing regulatory, legislative

and judicial requirements. In his new role, Birrenkott will continue to collaborate with the WBA government relations team on advocacy efforts, speak at WBA education programs, and act as senior writer for the WBA Compliance Journal.

Daryl R. Lawrence, East Bethel, Minnesota, recently published his first book, "On The Go All The Time: The Unusually Usual Lives Of Two Midwestern Women," based on original research into his own family history. The book pairs with a grant recently awarded to the Anoka County Historical Society by the Minnesota Historical Society, which Lawrence co-authored, to digitize thousands of items in the family collection, part of which served as primary materials for the book. Lawrence is the museum facility manager at Bell Museum at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

'11

Tristan Bale, Emerald, is a staff accountant with Daren Powers CPA, New Richmond.

'16

Rebecca F. Olson, Rochester, Minnesota, is a physician assistant with Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

'18

Mikayla (Giles) Vogel, Belle Plaine, Minnesota, is an occupational

therapist at River's Edge Hospital and Clinic in St. Peter.

'19

Ross R. Jones, Onalaska, has started his third year as an instrumental music instructor in the Bangor (Wis.) School District, teaching 6-12th graders.

'21

Michael Boerboon, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is a solar designer with Xcel Energy, Minneapolis.

Troy De Bruin, Little Chute, is an audit associate with Baker Tilly.

Katie M. Newborg, Racine, is a member finance representative with Educators Credit Union in Oak Creek.

'22

Lauren Driscoll, Plano, Texas, is an early childhood special education teacher with the Plano Independent School District.

In Remembrance

Alumni

1957 — Richard "Dick" Iglar, Oconomowoc.

1958 — Judith "Judy" Ulrich Onsrud, La Crosse.

1963 — Frank Jambois, La Crosse.

1967 — Gerald Borseth, Madison.

1970 — Susan (Thompson) Degenhardt, Norwalk.

1970 — Earl Foster, Greeley, Colorado.

1971 — Daniel A. Ekern, Galesville.

1971 — Lawrence "Larry" Weibel, La Crosse.

1975 — Beverly Jane Batchelder, Wilmington, North Carolina.

1975 — Signe Gundersen Schroeder, La Crosse.

1975 — Lenna M. Hanson, Sparta.

1978 — Rachel (Gutzke) Gundersen, La Crosse.

1979 — Richard Lee Staszewski, La Crosse.

1981 — Judy Lynn Hill, Marshfield.

1984 — Charles "Chuck" Bailey, Janesville.

1985 — Susan "Sue" Quillin, La Crosse.

2006 — Mari Anderson, Janesville.

Faculty & Staff

"Burt" Edmund Altman

Burton (Burt) Edmund Altman, 91, died July 18, 2022. Altman served in the military during the Korean War and earned degrees from the University of Illinois and Northwestern University. He was a principal in suburban Chicago before becoming a UWL professor in 1965. He taught graduate and undergraduate courses in curriculum development, human relations and educational research. He served as department chair of elementary education and chair at that time of the newly formed Division of Teacher Education. He retired in 1993. Upon retirement Altman became actively involved with two campus organizations: Learning in Retirement and La Crosse Friends of International Students. He and his wife, Norma, organized worldwide tours to Cuba, Vietnam and South Africa. Altman is survived by his two sons. **See his full obituary**

Harry Gardiner

Harry Gardiner died in June 2022 in Hawaii. Gardiner taught in the UWL Psychology Department from 1974-99. He was a cross-cultural psychologist whose textbook, "Lives Across Cultures: Cross-Cultural Human Development," went into six editions. He and

his wife, Ormsin Sornmoonpin, established a UWL scholarship to recognize academic achievement by psychology majors participating in study abroad programs through International Education & Engagement. Along with his wife, he is survived by four children.

Kent Koppelman

Kent L'Roy Koppelman, 74, died Aug. 30, 2022, at his home in La Crosse. He was a life-long learner, educator, advocate, mentor, writer and friend in his communities. He came to campus in 1979 to join the education faculty. Over the next 28 years, he focused on developing and teaching his course on multicultural education and human relations, and he eventually served as department chair and as co-dean for the School of Education. His devotion to teaching about multicultural education became the focus of his textbook, "Understanding Human Differences," which became an influential work in the field of diversity education. He also taught abroad. He is survived by his wife, Jan, daughter and grandsons. Memorials are suggested to the UWL Foundation, School of Education. **See his full obituary**

David John Phipps

Professor Emeritus David Phipps, 72, died Aug. 4, 2022. Phipps joined the Music Department in 1999 and retired in May 2022. His primary responsibilities were teaching violin, viola, coaching string quartets, as well as coordinating Music Appreciation (MUS 105), which had 600 students enrolled every semester. He taught composition and orchestration as needed and conducted or performed as violin soloist with the UWL Orchestra several times. He assisted the orchestra as a coach, mentor and colleague to its directors.

See his full obituary

Vere V. Vance

Vere V. Vance, 83, died July 7, 2022. Throughout his career, Vance worked as a probation and parole agent, as well as a professor of social work at UWL from 1970-1995. He had a passion for farming. Vance is survived by his wife, LaDonna, and their two children.

See his full obituary

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