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New Staff Welcome

There have been quite a few staff members added to the WOU family since last spring. If you did not attend the President's Welcome during In-Service Week and did not get to meet any of the sixtyseven new staff, there will be another opportunity on Wednesday, November 6 (see info in next column).

Inside this issue, you will find a list of these staff members & where they can be found on campus. In addition, several staff were asked a variety of "Get to Know Me" questions and many of their responses fill the following pages.

If you have a chance, be sure to extend your personal welcome to as many of our new staff as you can when you have the opportuni-



invited to the

NEW STAFF WELCOME

Wednesday, November 6th 11:30 am—1 pm Willamette Room, WUC



Come & meet the new faces on campus!



Light Refreshments will be served



All new staff attending will be

Staff Senate Nominations & Elections

If you would like to be a voice for all the WOU staff — or if you know someone who could be that voice — nominations were accepted for 3 open positions on Staff Senate until 5 pm on Friday, November 1. The nomination form was available on-line at

http://goo.gl/0QjODy

If you have any questions regarding nominations, please contact Brandon Neish (neishb@wou.edu) or Heather Mercer (mercerh@wou.edu) directly.

Elections will be held November 4—8. Watch for your ballot and remember:

Your vote can make a difference!!

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Oregon Election Day	11/5
New Staff Welcome	11/6
Fall Preview Day	11/9
Veterans Day	11/11
Thanksgiving Holiday	11/28-29
Holiday Tree Lighting	12/6
Finals Week	12/9-13

Support the Governor's **FOOD DRIVE!!**

Sixty-Seven New Staff at WOU!

Admissions

Jody Jones

Micah Howe

♦ ASWOU

Adela Aguilar Arreola

Athletics

Ken Slough

Barbara Dearing

Abigail Farler

Katie Girten

Barrett Henderson

Holli Howard-Carpenter

Ben Kaufman

Randi Lydum

Kevin Mahoney

Lonny Sargent

Maila Shoji

Seth Miller

Clara Stone

Tyler Cooper

J.J. Mascolo

Ashley Potter

Rebecca Smith

♦ Bookstore

Mara Hoaglin

◆ Budget/Payroll

Kelli Whisenhunt

Business Office

Robin Bauer

Dawn Brown

Jenetta Smith

◆ Computer Science

Sarah Alvarado

♦ Computing Services

Shea Hawes

Nick Miller

Megan Eichler

♦ Creative Arts

Minetta Sampson

Dining Services

Francisco Arenas

Disability Services

Stacey Rainey

Extended Programs

Dan Clark

♦ <u>Health & Wellness</u> Center

Ben Prahl

Health/

Physical Education

Diana McAlpine

Humanities

Mylisa Behling

◆ International Students & Scholars

Sarah Nagal

Anne Rohlfer

◆ <u>Liberal Arts</u> (Dean's Office)

Susanne Monahan

Library Operations

Chris Mansayon

Elizabeth Brookbank

Natural Science/ Math

Jean Stuntzner

Physical Plant

John Hogate

LaMont Jarvis

Russell Lee

Abram Powell

Virginia Estrada

♦ Registrar's Office

Arthur Anderson

Ronald Mercer

◆ Student Health & Counseling Center

Jennifer Grover

Jennifer King

Isabella Vickers

Keely Hannon

Teaching Research

Aaron East

Eric Enright

Melissa Gritz

Robyn Lopez Melton

Amber Rverson

Candice Scott

Kjerstin Stanavige

Lindsay Trant

Jane Barnett

♦ <u>University Advance</u>

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Erin McDonough

University Housing

Ashley Kysor

♦ Writing Center

Rosario Peralta-Cortez

♦ WUC/SLA

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"Get to Know Me" Questions Answered

Several of our new staff were asked to answer any of a series of questions, to help us get to know them better. Here are some of their answers:

My hometown is Battle Creek, MI. I worked for the city of Adair Village as an Assistant Planner before coming to WOU. And I've been a member of the Air National Guard for over 10 years.

Ronald

I came to WOU to fill a vacancy in ISSA as an International Student Advisor and am very excited to start a career in International Education as it is a passion of mine.

My hometown is Ukiah, CA. Before I came to

WOU, I was volunteering in San Francisco, CA at the Institute of International Education. If I were an animal, I'd be a cat.

My favorite part about working at WOU so far would be working with an incredibly nice staff and international students as an advisor for the International Club and International Cultural Service Program. The best advice I've received so far is to take time for myself and to

Luck and good fortune brought me to WOU. My hometown is Contoocook, NH. I worked for the Portland Business Alliance before coming to WOU. I enjoy being back on a University campus and all the activity. And I like to walk, tailgate, cook, watch

I'm from Nashua,
New Hampshire. Go
Patriots! Here at WOU,
I have met some super
fantastic people so far
that I am so happy to
work with! Ash-

Why WOU? A great job opportunity at Teaching Research Institute's Center On Inclusion.

My hometown was Vancouver, Washington growing up, and Corvallis



for the past 27 years. Before WOU, I was an Early Childhood Education and Development Practicum Instructor at OSU for the past three years and taught in public schools for 15 years. I'd be whatever animal has few or no predators!

What's the best about WOU? EVERYTHING! Disneyland is a distant 2nd: WOU is the "happiest place on earth"! The best advice my co-workers have given me is to keep asking

I came to WOU from Penn State University, where I completed my master's degree in College Student Affairs. I am originally from the Seattle area, so it is great to be

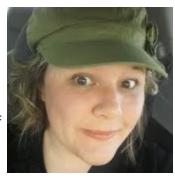
WOU is a great University and I have wanted to coach here for quite some time. Before WOU, I was the head softball coach at Reynolds HS, before that I was the head coach at Utah State.



My favorite parts about WOU are that my coworkers are great and, more importantly, that the student athletes I am fortunate to interact with daily are incredible. Best advice from coworkers? Be patient!

I consider Casper, Wyoming as my hometown and I like to gather with friends and family and

I attended WOU for a year and a half about 13 years ago and adore the campus and community. A dream of mine is to finish my degree, even if I am 50 before graduat-



ing. Before WOU, I was the Executive Assistant, Creative Strategies at Umpqua Bank in Portland, Oregon + Executive Assistant at Bank of America-Merrill Lynch. Most definitely the people are the best part of WOU. The faculty, staff and students I meet daily are extraordinary and create such a unique working experience. I love to learn, I am appreciative to be surrounded by such brilliant beings. The best advice from coworkers? **Always** be kind first.

My hometown is Grants Pass, Oregon. Most recently moved back home to Oregon from Phoenix, Arizona where my husband and I resided for 10 years. I enjoy a nice book, crocheting, playing Lego's and cars with my 3 year old son, Pinterest projects galore, listening to music, experimenting with sprouting and growing herbs | food and cooking. I love frequent getaways to the Oregon beach. My sole purpose is simple: Be happy! I often find happiness in talking with people and learning their story and journey in life. I enjoy feeling connected. I am pas-

Before coming to WOU I was in high school! I came to WOU as a freshman and never left. I absolutely love it here:) I worked in the Vice President for Student Affairs office as a student before applying for my current position in ASWOU. If I were an animal it would be a lion or tiger for sure. I've always wanted to have one as a pet.

My favorite part about working for WOU? The sense of community and all

My wife and I moved here from the Boston area, where I worked at Northeastern University, for my job in the Athletics Department. By far, my favorite part of WOU is the people here. I love music and home brewing beer. My co-workers say that if you want to get involved with what is going on at WOU and in the community, there are plenty of opportunities to do so,

I love working in such a supportive, enthusiastic environment! At the Teaching Research Institute's Center on Inclusion, I work with some amazingly talented people who



are doing their best every day to better the lives of children -- what could be better than that?

Most evenings, you'll find me creating with textiles while watching Netflix. At the moment, I'm crocheting rugs and finishing up

Before coming to WOU, I worked at Oregon Department of Justice. And if I were an animal, I'd choose to be an alligator.

Jean Stuntzner

I came to WOU when searching for an opportunity to work with student leaders in higher education. I was in Sales/ Marketing before coming to WOU in Fontana, Calif. I was born in Los Angeles, California and raised in Rancho



Cucamonga so my move to Oregon became my first time away from California...so far so GOOD! In my spare time I like to do community service, watch movies, tv shows and sports (ESPN) and more football, and support my Los Angeles Lakers, of course.

WHY WE ARE HERE

The purpose of the Staff Senate is....
....to promote positive dialogue among staff,
faculty, administrators and students;

....to advise and recommend to the university president on matters outside the scope of collective bargaining;

....to make resolutions on behalf of constituencies and outside the scope of collective bargaining;

....to consider ideas or projects of importance to the university.

Upcoming Survey

In an effort to help identify what types and topics of professional development are important to WOU staff members, Staff Senate will be sending out a on-line survey soon. All staff are encouraged to complete the survey (10 questions or less — we promise!). Results will help determine not only what topics are of interest, but also their format (lecture? hands-on? on-line tutorial?) and when they are offered. And if you know of a particular presenter or program that you would like to recommend, suggestions can always be sent to any of the Staff Senate members.

Your Staff Senate

- Heather Mercer, President mercer@wou.edu
- Brandon Neish, Vice President/ Recorder neishb@wou.edu
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- Your Name Here

Under (re)Construction:
http://www.wou.edu/staffsenate

On the Move

Rising to the challenges that come with change, several current staff members have made moves in campus. Here's a list of who has moved where:

LouAnn Vickers, Executive Assistant to the President (from Recruitment Manager, Human Resources)

Kathy Bolen, Recruitment Manager, Human Resources (from Facilities & Conference Scheduling, WUC)

Don Boderman, Conference and Facilities Scheduling Manager, WUC (from Student Enrichment Program) Kathy Hill, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs (from Administrative Assistant for the Dean, CLAS)

Debbie Braun, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, CLAS (from Administrative Program Assistant, Humanities Division)

Mylisa Behling, Adminstrative Program Assistant, Humanities Division (from University Advancement)

Kristen Brauer, Admissions Evaluator, Admissions Office (from Humanities Division)