

**The Susan B. and William K Wasch Center for Retired Faculty
Wesleyan University
A Report for 2016-2017**

Introduction

The Wasch Center has completed its twelfth year of full operation in 2015-16. It has been a year of major and substantial change for the Center, with new Directorship and a newly expanded Advisory Board.

Changes in Direction and of Governing Bodies

In previous years, Karl Scheibe has served as the Director of the Wasch Center. This year, with his immanent retirement from this position, we created the positions of two Co-Directors who would work with Karl, as Director Emeritus, for the year. Peter Kilby and Yoshiko Samuel were appointed to serve as Co-Directors. During Peter's medical leave from October 15 through November 20, 2016, Joyce Lowrie, was suggested by Peter and she served as Acting Co-Director during this period.

In the Fall semester, Peter Kilby formed a group known as the Executive Council—meant to be comprised of individual with responsibility for Wasch Center programs and activities. The members were:

- Richard Adelstein, (fund-raising)
- Herb Arnold, (WILL)
- David Beveridge (at large)
- Peter Frenzel (Newsletter)
- Joyce Lowrie (Wednesday speaker program)
- Rick Friswell (WILL)
- Yoshiko Samuel (Film series)
- Karl Scheibe (Oral History)
- Duffy White ((Wednesday speaker program)
- Peter Kilby (Co-Director), Chair of Exec. Council

This group met more or less regularly from September through February, receiving reports and discussing new developments.

The Advisory Board of the Wasch Center continued its regular monthly meetings throughout the year. It was co-chaired by Yoshiko and Peter until February, with Karl often called upon to present certain topics.

The Advisory Board members were: Herb Arnold, Allan Berlind, Rick Elphick, Peter Frenzel, Peter Kilby, Joyce Lowrie, Pete Pringle, Yoshiko Samuel, Karl Scheibe, Andy Szegedy-Maszak, and Bill Wasch.

Peter Kilby and Yoshiko Samuel met with Sheryl Culotta of Academic Affairs for monthly report meeting. Kilby dropped out of these meetings after February.

On February 21, Peter Kilby resigned as Co-Director for personal reasons, and therewith withdrew from the Executive Council as well.

From this point on, Yoshiko assumed responsibility for the day-to-day activities of the Wasch Center, including the chairing of meetings. She also took on such tasks as the coordination of participation in the United Way annual appeal to retired faculty members.

The Executive Council was effectively discontinued after Peter Kilby's resignation.

The Advisory Board met with Joyce Jacobsen and Sheryl Culotta in early March. After that meeting, the decision was made to concentrate attention on two matters:'

- 1) The selection of new directors for next year.
- 2) The restructuring of the Advisory Board, to incorporate features of the old Advisory Board and the Executive Council.

The Selection of New Co-Directors

Yoshiko announced that she did not wish to continue as a Co-Director for an additional term. Karl's assignment as an active Director Emeritus terminates on June 30, 2017. It was therefore decided that we would cast out an invitation to the body of retired faculty members for nominations and self-nominations for the directorship.

This solicitation produced 10 names of people, including one person who was self-nominated. Karl and Yoshiko had personal meetings with each of the individuals nominated in order to determine their availability. In the end, we had three candidates who indicated a willingness to serve, but one of these withdrew after several days of deliberation.

In consultation with the Advisory Board, we then forwarded the names of Alex Dupuy and David Beveridge to Academic Affairs with the recommendation that they be appointed Co-Directors of the Wasch Center for a three-year term, beginning July 1, 2017. This was forthwith accomplished, and both parties accepted their appointments.

The New Advisory Board

At the same time, and again with Advisory Board consultation, we recommended the formation of an expanded Advisory Board, which would combine features of the previous Advisory Board and the Executive Council.

Karl Scheibe and Rick Elphick took up the task of redrafting the by-laws of the Advisory Board, using the previous by-laws as a guide, but giving recognition as well to

the new assignments and expanded size of the new board. These by-laws were unanimously adopted by the Advisory Board, and were then duly approved by the Office of Academic Affairs. A copy of the revised by-laws is appended to this report. (See Appendix A.)

The members of the new Advisory Board are listed below. All of these members have received letters of appointment or reappointment from the Office of Academic Affairs, and all have accepted their assignment. Assignments are for a period of two years, renewable.

Richard Adelstein	The Emeriti College
Herb Arnold	The WILL program (Co-Director)
Allan Berlind	The Oral History Project
David Beveridge	Co-Director, Co-ordination with Academic Affairs, Gift management
Alex Dupuy	Co-Director, Co-ordination with Academic Affairs, Gift management
Rick Elphick	at large
Peter Frenzel	Editor, The Newslewttter
Richard Friswell	The WILL program (Co-Director)
Mike Lovell	The Brown Bag Luncheon Seminars
Joyce Lowrie	The Wednesday Afternoon Lectures
Paula Paige	The Film Series
Pete Pringle	at large
Andy Szegedy-Maszak	The WILL Program Committee
Bill Wasch	ex officio
Jerry Wensinger	at large
Duffy White	The Wed. Afternoon Lectures, The WILL Program Committee, The Brown Bag Luncheon Lectures

The WILL program

The Wesleyan Institute for Lifelong Learning (WILL) has from its inception (in August, 2009) operated under the auspices of the Wasch Center. In this, its 8th full year of operation, the program continues to grow and flourish, providing opportunities for many of our retired faculty members, and others similarly qualified, to teach brief courses, not for credit but for their intrinsic merit. WILL has served to strengthen the ties between Wesleyan and the surrounding community. This year, in several significant ways, this effort is being extended and expanded.

First of all, we have been able to name new Co-Directors of the WILL program: Herb Arnold is a seasoned Wesleyan hand with strong involvement in the kind of teaching WILL provides. Rick Friswell, Editor of ARTES magazine, published in Guilford, adds new and fresh opportunities for developing opportunities for lifelong learning.

In July, 2016, Karl, Peter, and Yoshiko met with representatives from Essex Meadows , a retirement community located in Essex, Ct., and discussed the possibility of collaboration with them for our WILL Program. Herb Arnold and Rick Friswell took up this opportunity. This development proved to be desirable for both parties; with Rick's innovative ideas and enthusiasm for expansion, both enrollments and income might grow significantly.

Reflecting the close association between the Wasch Center and WILL, It made sense to form a new WILL committee within the Wasch Center Advisory Board, rather than continue a separate WILL Advisory Board which has been in place since 2009. Accordingly, The WILL program will have its Advisory Committee, consisting of Herb Arnold, Rick Friswell, Alex Dupuy, David Beveridge, Any Szegedy-Maszak, and Duffy White, with Jennifer Curran, Director of the Graduate Liberal Studies Program serving an ex-officio member.

The WILL curriculum for next year, both Fall and Spring, is already well advanced in planning. The collaboration with Essex Meadows appears to be well established and will be mutually beneficial. The general objective will be a careful and well controlled expansion of WILL offerings and outreach, in close connection to the Wasch Center.

The content and enrollments in the 2016-2017 WILL programs are listed in Appendix B. It will be seen that we showed a positive financial balance in both semesters. It is also clear that enrollments were reduced by about 1/3 from fall to spring semesters. This is most likely attributable to a less effective system of marketing and distribution of brochures in this term. This is a problem that can and will be corrected in future years.

The Oral History Program

This year, a new set of six oral history interviews were completed and deposited in the University Archives, and are available as well on-line, through the WesScholar link. Three more interviews are completed, and await only final distribution permission from their subjects. Several additional interviews have been completed and are being edited. Leith Johnson, University Archivist, continues to be our active liaison with the library. Our two interviewers are Heather Zavod and Christine Foster.

Allan Berlind has agreed to be the new Wasch Center Coordinator for the program and has already lined up some new candidates for interviews in the next year.

The Emeriti College

The Office of Academic Affairs has agreed to sponsor and support a pilot program we have initiated under the name of The Emeriti College. The major purpose of this project is to make more conspicuous a curricular option that has long been possible at Wesleyan but which has been underutilized. The Emeriti College is meant to serve as an honest broker for bringing together retired faculty members and selected undergraduates for the purpose of conducting individual tutorials on selected topics, including the possibility of supervision of honors theses. Participation in these tutorials is by mutual agreement between the tutor and the student and is subject to approval by a parent department in every case.

In order to participate in the Emeriti College, faculty members must first be approved by their parent departments, for a period of three years, which may then be reviewed for continued participation. This year, we have enrolled eleven retired faculty members in this pilot

program. They will be eligible to have students under their tutelage starting this coming fall semester.

- David Beveridge, Chemistry; John Carr, Theater; Alex Dupuy, Sociology; Richard Elphick, History and CSS; Al Fly, Chemistry; Russell Murphy, Government; Yoshiko Samuel, Asian Languages and Literatures; Karl Scheibe, Psychology; Al Turco, English; Jerry Wensinger, German Studies; and Duffy White, East European, and Eurasian Studies), all of whom were accepted by the departments in which they would teach. The program will commence in Fall, 2017

Richard Adelstein has agreed to be the new Wasch Center Coordinator for the Emeriti College.

The Brown Bag Series

At the initiative of Mike Lovell, and with the support of Peter Kilby, we established this year a program of presentations guided by retired faculty members to provide their perspectives on developments in their respective disciplines over the course of their academic careers. We had about six such programs in the current year, meeting at noon in the Butterfield Room with brown bag lunches. Attendance has been strong. Everyone agrees that this is a program that should be continued in future years.

Duffy White has agreed to join Mike Lovell in the organization and promotion of this program.

The Movie Program

Since its inception, the Wasch Center as featured a series of films to be shown in the Butterfield Room on Tuesday afternoons—usually at the rate of one per month during the academic year. Joe Reed was the main sponsor of this program. As Joe has had to withdraw, Yoshiko took over the organization of this program for the past two years.

Now Paula Paige has agreed to assume responsibility for the continuation of the movie series.

Newsletter

In order to enrich the availability of information about members of Wesleyan's community of retired faculty members, we established a newsletter in 2009-2010. Issues have been published each semester for the past eight years. The same schedule of publication is planned for the coming year.

The newsletter is edited by Peter Frenzel, who has the support of an Editorial Board consisting of Allan Berlind, Jerome Long, Joyce Lowrie, Paula Paige, Al Turco, Karl Scheibe, and Jerry Wensinger. Both issues of our newsletter for this past year were popular and well received. We expect to continue and even expand this publication.

Informational Meetings

We continued our custom of providing information for faculty members considering retirement. The centerpiece of this effort was a meeting in the spring

semester with representatives of the Office of Human Resources, TIAA-CREF and the Office of Academic Affairs to present information and answer questions about financial benefits, insurance programs, and ongoing support for research and professional activities for retired faculty members. In addition, the Directors has conferred with senior members of the faculty who are considering retirement or who have recently retired.

Fund Raising

In 2012, a Memorandum of Understanding was established between the Administration and the Wasch Center that was meant to provide specific guidance on the practice of making gifts or bequests to the Wasch Center and the utilization of those gifts. In practice, this memorandum was difficult to apply—and has led to some confusion. This year, with the full compliance of the Wasch Center, the administration formally rescinded the 2012 MOA and at the same time has notified the Wasch Center that fundraising of this kind is no longer in our domain of responsibility. Instead, the Wasch Center is to be regarded henceforth as a structure analogous to a department, for which the Wesleyan administration will provide needed support—both for operations and for capital projects.

This leaves open the question of how funds previously given to the Wasch Center as part of a Wasch Center endowment are to be treated. Some future gifts to the Wasch Center are already promised as bequests, and these would logically become part of the Wasch Center endowment fund.

At its final meeting of the year, the Advisory Board unanimously passed a resolution requesting the new Co-Directors to engage in discussions with the Administration for the purpose of clarifying these and related issues.

We have continued to encourage retired faculty members, alumni and others to make contributions to the endowment fund of the Wasch Center. Income realized from our endowment fund can be used to support research and travel for retired faculty members, and also to provide support for computer acquisition and repair. More generally, such income might be used to enhance other programs and activities of the Wasch Center. A number of such gifts have been received in the past academic year. A notice in the Newsletter reminds people of this gifting opportunity.

Reception for Retiring Faculty Members

This year we resumed our practice of holding a reception and brief ceremony to honor newly retiring faculty members. This year, two faculty members who retired last year were joined by four newly retiring faculty member on the afternoon of Saturday, May 27 to celebrate the formal completion of their careers at Wesleyan.

Administrative Assistant Change

We have been most fortunate this year to enjoy the services of Jessica Steele as our new Administrative Assistant. Jessica completed her first year of work in fine style, and quickly came

to enjoy the respect and appreciation of our retired faculty members for her high competence and her steady good humor. Jessica is employed at a .75FTE rate, the first such AA at the Wasch Center to have this level of employment.

Residency Changes

Our house at 51 Lawn Avenue has been fully occupied throughout the year. We were able to add one space in the house in virtue of Herb Arnold's move to Room 210 to Room 211, allowing Alex Dupuy to move into Room 210 as a third occupant. Tony Infante and Allan Berliand have divided Joe Reed's former office into a double office and now occupy that space.

At the end of the year, several people moved out of the house at the end of their regular terms: These include John Driscoll, Peter Kilby, and Paul Schwaber. David Beveridge will be moving into the building, perhaps in Room 210.

Karl Scheibe is vacating Room 208 and is moving into Room 309.

Special Event for Karl Scheibe

May 24 was "Karl Scheibe Day." It featured an afternoon event to mark the end of Karl's service in directing the Wasch Center and to thank him for his many years of outstanding contributions to the center since before its inception. Approximately 60 invited guests gathered in the backyard of the Center for this celebration at which Peter Frenzel officiated. Joyce Jacobson, representing the University, praised Karl for his dedication to the Center and to wellbeing of the retired faculty. She presented Karl with a gift of \$15,000 in the form of GISOS funds to be used in the future. A fund of \$7500 was raised from a solicitation of retired faculty members conducted by Peter Kilby. This amount was matched by the Academic Affairs Office. Following Joyce, Bill Wasch introduced his daughter, Christina, who read, as tributes to her mother Susan and to Karl, Peter's Kilby's version of the history of Wasch Center. Thanks are due to Duffy for bringing us the Hammonaset String Collective led by Barry Charnoff, and to Jessie for her meticulous attention to every detail of the event, and to the lovely weather. The celebration was much enjoyed by everyone to express appreciation fo Karl's work over the past 13 years.

Summary

With the end of Karl Scheibe's service as Director or Director Emeritus, the end of Yoshiko Samuel's term as Co-Director and with the appointments of Alex Dupuy and David Beveridge, this is clearly a turning point in the life of the Wasch Center. We have enjoyed an increased level of involvement of a number of retired faculty members, particularly those who serve on new expanded Advisory Board. This increased activity gives reason for solid optimism for the Wasch Center and its programs. We have many good and talented people who are pitching in with their resources.

More than a year after the death of Susan, Bill Wasch has continued his faithful and constructive participation in the Wasch Center's activities and programs. We are lastingly indebted to his vision and to his energy.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl E. Scheibe
Director Emeritus
Yoshiko Samuel,
Co-Director

Appendix A

Adopted, May 2, 2017

By-Laws for the Wasch Center for Retired Faculty

- I. The Office of the Director or Co-Directors
 - A. The principal executive functions of the Center will be exercised by a Director or Co-Directors.
 - B. Directors and Co-Directors will be nominated by the Wasch Center Advisory Board and appointed by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.
 - C. Directors and Co-Directors will serve three-year terms, which will be renewable.
 - D. The Directors and Co-Directors will supervise the Center's Administrative Assistant. They will appoint organizers of the various programs of the Center, and will oversee and, where necessary, coordinate such programs. They will have final authority over the allocation of space, including the assignment of offices and use of the Center for functions initiated by others in the Wesleyan community. They will also negotiate the Center's annual budget with the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

- II. The Wasch Center Advisory Board
 - A. The principal decisions on the overall direction of the Center will be made by the Wasch Center Advisory Board, which in regularly scheduled meetings will also advise the Director or Co-Directors on the Center's policies and programs and on any other matters raised by the Director or Co-Directors.
 - B. Members of the Board will be nominated by currently serving members of the Board and appointed by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs from the pool

of emeriti/ae, from the active faculty over sixty years old, and from the broader Wesleyan community.

- C. Membership of the Board will normally consist of the organizers of the principal programs of the Center, along with persons appointed because of their special knowledge of the Center, its activities, and its history. Every effort should be made to ensure that each Division of the University is represented on the Board. Currently serving Directors and Co-Directors will also voting be members of the Advisory Board. William Wasch is an *ex officio* member.
- D. Board members who are not *ex-officio* will serve three-year terms, which will be renewable.

III. Revision of By-laws

- A. With ten day's written notice, these by-laws may be revised or extended By a favorable vote of two thirds of the Advisory Board and approval of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.
- B. Proxy votes, both written and e-mailed, will be allowed if received by the Director(s) before the announced meeting.

Appendix B

First Semester Programs Fall 2016

The Great War to End All Wars

Herb Arnold, Erik Grimmer-Solem, Phillip Pomper
Allbritton - \$125.00

The Enduring Book: From Medieval Manuscripts to Artists' Books

Suzy Taraba
Olin Library - \$70

Emily Dickinson and the Poetry of Presence

Howard Einsohn
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$90

The Science and Art of Meditation

William Arsenio
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$90

Murder with Malice in Mind

Andrew De Rocco
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$110

In the Belly of the Whale and Other True Stories: A Writers' Workshop

Sari Rosenblatt
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$125

Connecticut Civil War Soldiers Tell Their Stories

Dione Longley
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$90

Revolutionaries in the 19th-Century Paris: Manet, Monet, and the Impressionists

Rhea Higgins
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$70

Ode on an Oyster: A Cultural Odyssey

Richard Friswell
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$125

Fall 2016

Instructor/Course Name	Enrollment	Course Fee	Gross	Honoraria	Other Expenses	Net
Herb Arnold-The Great War	34	\$125	\$4,250	\$500	\$828	\$2,240
Erik Grimmer-Solem-The Great War				\$300	\$82	
Philip Pomper-The Great War				\$300		
Suzy Taraba-Enduring Book	14	\$70	\$980	\$450		\$530
Howard Einsohn-Emily Dickinson	18	\$90	\$1,620			\$1,620
William Arsenio-Meditation	12	\$90	\$1,080	\$600		\$480
Andrew De Rocco-Murder	15	\$110	\$1,650	\$750		\$900
Sari Rosenblatt-Writers Workshop	11	\$125	\$1,375	\$1,200		175.00
Dione Longley-CT Civil War	8	\$90	\$720	\$600		\$120
Rhea Higgins-Revolutionaries	33	\$70	\$2,310	\$450		\$1,860
Richard Friswell-Oyster	13	\$125	\$1,625	\$600	\$529.94	\$495
Total	158					\$8,420
				printing brochure	\$2,960	
				Mailing	\$270.35	
				TMS	\$152	
				Physical Plant	\$408	
			Total Net/Semester			\$4,629.65

Second Semester Programs (Spring 2017)**The Clown and the Camera: Silent Film Comedy**

Marc Longenecker
Center For Film Studies - \$115

Dante: Commedia

Herb Arnold
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$120

Mythmaker: The Poetry of William Butler Yeats

Lee Jacobus
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$120

Odysseus, the Trickster Hero

Elizabeth Bobrick
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$135

How Did Base Ball Become Baseball? The Origin and Growth of the Sport in the 19th Century

Bill Ryczek
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$100

Three Places in New England: A Tour of the 19th Century Art and Literature

Richard Friswell
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$125

Passing by the Dragon II: More Stories of Deracination and Restoration by Flannery O'Connor

Howard Ira Einsohn
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$100

Connecticut House

Dione Longley, John Giammatteo
Wasch Center Butterfield Room - \$80

A Tour of the Universe and How We Got Here

Bill Herbst
Usdan University Center - \$110

Instructor/Course Name	Enrollment	Course Fee	Gross	Honoraria	Other Expenses	Net
Marc Longenecker-Clown	11	\$115	\$1,265	\$600	\$219	\$446
Herb Arnold--Dante	18	\$120	\$2,160	\$750		\$1,410
Lee Jacobus-Mythmaker	12	\$120	\$1,440	\$750		\$690

Elizabeth Bobrick-Odysseus	12	\$135	\$1,620	\$1,200		\$420
Bill Ryzcek-Baseball	7	\$100	\$700	\$600		\$100
Rick Friswell-New England	12	\$125	\$1,500	\$1,000		\$500
Howard Enisohn-Dragon	6	\$100	\$600			\$600
Dione Longley-CT house	16	\$80	\$1,280	\$900		\$380.00
John Giammatteo-CT house						\$0
Bill Herbst-Universe Tour	14	\$110	\$1,540	\$600	\$279	\$661
						\$0
Total	108					\$5,207
				printing brochure	\$3,004	
				Mailing	\$275.00	
				TMS	\$156	
				Physical Plant	\$153	
				Poster	\$30	
			Total Net/Semester			\$1,588.98