



College of Arts and Sciences

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FACULTY

[Caren Goldberg](#), environment (Pullman), is leading a \$1.4M Department of Defense grant to develop new eDNA techniques and improve our understanding of endangered amphibians.

[Thabiti Lewis](#), English (Vancouver), received the 2019 Black Metropolis Research Consortium Short-term Fellowship to support his research on Chicago's role in shaping the Black Arts Movement. During the summer, he will work with the Vivian Harsh collection, the Harold Washington Library, and University of Chicago.

The *Journal of Forensic Sciences* selected a WSU [criminal justice and criminology](#) paper as a 2018 Noteworthy Article. Coauthors of "Certifying Death in the United States" include Pullman faculty Melanie Neuilly, Craig Hemmens, and Mary Stohr, along with doctoral students Leah Ruiz and Brianne Posey.

OUTREACH

[Janet Peters](#), psychology (Tri-Cities), coordinates undergraduate service-learning projects with local organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, and the Union Gospel Mission to provide a hands-on experience of how statistics can be used in psychology.

[Kim Vincent](#), mathematics (Pullman), conducts an annual pre-service teacher workshop with disadvantaged, mostly Native American middle school students in Nespelum (north of Spokane).

Five CAS faculty are [serving as Foley Fellows with Humanities Washington](#) and spoke at venues around the state this past spring. More public talks by Rebecca Craft (psychology), Matthew Sutton (history), and Travis Ridot, Steven Stehr, and Carolyn Long (all PPPA) are scheduled for the fall.

The WSU [Meyer's Point Environmental Field Station](#) was featured in the spring issue of *Washington State Magazine*. This 95-acre, multi-faceted educational and research station located on the shores of South Puget Sound offers numerous opportunities for local and regional science and arts programming.

STUDENTS

This spring, [Hayley Murray](#), the 2019 Outstanding Senior for data analytics (Everett), and her capstone team presented their United Airlines data science project to company executives. After graduation, Hayley was hired as a data analyst by EagleView, an aerial imagery and data solutions company in Bellevue, Wash.

Pianist [Garrett Snedecker](#), music '19 (Pullman), earned Fulbright U.S. Student grant to pursue a master's degree at Trinity Laban Conservatoire in London and explore harnessing music's ability to inspire social change.

[Miles Roberts](#), biology '20 (Vancouver), received the WSU Library Research Award for his scientific literature review on antibiotic resistance.

Former prison inmate [Noel Vest](#), psych '13, '16, received his PhD in psychology (Tri-Cities) in May 2019 and will begin a post-doc appointment at Stanford in the fall.

DEVELOPMENT

For FY2019, the college raised \$7.8 million in support, which is 104% of goal and a 17% increase over FY2018.

A recent \$50K gift from Dick and Nancy Mack aided in the recruitment of new a SBS faculty member: Jenny Zambrano, a plant ecologist who won the 2017 Harper Prize, accepted a summer appointment at WSU in advance of her official August 16 start date.

Received a commitment from retired SBS faculty member Gary Thorgaard and his spouse, Becky, to fully fund the Arthur Cohen fund for microscopy.

Received a \$30k pledge to create and endow the Matthew Brzostowski Scholarship in geology.

CAS fundraising has increased 144% since FY2016.