

# The College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

## Fall 2020 Newsletter

2020... *What a year.*

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## 2020: A Year of Change— A Year of Determination

- Julie Rich, Interim Dean

What an interesting year 2020 has been. It should have been filled with a clarity of vision—isn't that what 2020 means? Instead, our vision has been obscured by hurricane

force winds, a pandemic, an earthquake, murder hornets, and a contentious election. Given these times of uncertainty, our faculty, staff, and students have forged ahead with determination, boldly facing daily challenges. Our fall CSBS newsletter highlights three individuals that persevered in spite of obstacles. Archaeologist, Dr. Brooke Arkush was determined to overcome the barriers of a pandemic and stringent COVID protocols to complete field work in Idaho. His work provides a better understanding of how aboriginal groups adapted to a high desert ecosystem. Psychology alumnus Corbin Standley was determined to move forward and make a difference after losing his brother to suicide. The family tragedy he encountered forged an inspiring career path. Joshua Petersen was determined not to let a pandemic halt his university experience and is now our CSBS student senator, working to ensure all students feel like they belong and are part of our campus community. These individuals, along with our entire CSBS team, have clearly demonstrated that a year of desperation can ultimately be turned into a year of determination.



# Archaeology Program Completes Final Round of Excavation Work

- Brooke Arkush, Professor of Anthropology

After receiving approval from the WSU COVID-19 Task Force, a small group of WSU Archaeology Program faculty, students and associates recently conducted a final round of excavation work at Bobcat Rockshelter, a prehistoric bighorn sheep hunting camp located in the Birch Creek drainage of eastern Idaho that dates from approximately 6000 B.C. to A.D. 1700. The WSU Archaeological Field School previously excavated there during the summers of 2012 and 2013, documenting over three meters of highly stratified deposits and recovering modest amounts of artifacts and archaeobotanical remains, as well as the skeletal remains of at least 54 bighorn sheep. This site is one of four prehistoric seasonal camps in Birch Creek Valley that have been excavated by the WSU Field School during the last nine years.



The primary goal of this summer's investigation was to expose a new portion of Stratum 9, which dates from A.D. 130 to 320 and is associated with a major occupational episode that yielded various chipped stone tools and butchered big-game animal remains, as well as charred sunflower and tobacco seeds. Additionally, we were able to collect five bulk soil samples from these latter contexts in order to float organic remains from them and hopefully recover additional charred macrobotanical specimens. A total of five radiocarbon samples consisting of either charcoal or bone that were associated with Strata 7a through 9a have been submitted to a laboratory in Bothell, Washington, and these dates should improve our understanding of the absolute ages of the site's upper deposits.



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## Archeology Program

Upon concluding our work at Bobcat Shelter, the excavation area was lined with geotextile and backfilled to match its original surface contours. At this point, a few of us will process, catalog, analyze, interpret, and report on this summer's investigation. Within the next two-to three years, I plan to publish a monograph-length report concerning the entire site assemblage, making this information available to a broad audience of students, professionals, tribal stakeholders, and members of the interested public. Until now, the archaeological record in this part of far eastern Idaho was only superficially understood, but over the past decade, the WSU Archeology Program has helped to improve our collective knowledge of ancient human use and occupation of Birch Creek Valley. Hopefully, this effort will be continued in the near future, with additional academic-, agency-, and consultant-based projects revealing more about how aboriginal groups incorporated this high desert ecosystem into their wide-ranging settlement and subsistence systems.



## Corbin Standley: Suicidologist, WSU Psychology Alumnus

When Corbin lost his brother to suicide the summer before his senior year of high school, he was unsure how he could move on. However, rather than move on, he moved forward. Corbin turned his loss into a passion for change. His personal experiences inspired him to research and implement change in his community. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2015, Corbin decided he would continue finding ways to bring hope and resources to communities most affected by suicide.

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## Corbin Standley

Corbin's research examines how social and systemic contexts impact suicidality among youth and the role of schools and communities in prevention. Corbin prioritizes collaboration with community organizations in his work, which earned him the American Association of Suicidology's Citizen Scientist Student Award in 2020. In addition to working as a researcher and suicidologist, Corbin holds a variety of positions in his community including Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Michigan Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. This position allows him to oversee the state's education of suicide awareness, research, and advocacy. Corbin was also appointed to serve on the new State Suicide Prevention Commission. In this position, Corbin works with state departments and agencies, nonprofit organizations, and fellow commissioners to research the causes and possible underlying factors of suicide in Michigan. Some of the core values Corbin carries with him in his research and activism are those that he learned at Weber State including academic-community partnership, service learning, and equity. Corbin is grateful for his experience in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and at Weber State, which he credits for shaping his academic and career paths.

**"My experience at Weber State truly shaped my academic and career paths."**

- Corbin Standley

# Joshua K. Petersen: CSBS Student Senator & Political Science Major

Joshua cares deeply about his community, university, and people, which is why he chose political science as his major and sociology as his minor. Being an active member of the community is important to Joshua, which is why he makes time to contribute to the campus and local communities. He is the President of the Weber State College Democrats; Their mission is to inform, register and mobilize Weber State students regardless of political ideology. Joshua became an in-house intern for the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service during his first semester at Weber State. In this position, Joshua has had incredible real-life experiences and has been able to meet "some of the most influential people across the state of Utah." As the CSBS Student Senator for the 2020-21 academic year, Joshua's goal is "to make sure that all students regardless of race, gender, religion, or beliefs feel safe to pursue their education and dreams in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences."



**"I am majoring in Political Science because like every other political science major, I want to make a difference in the world. I hope to use my degree to help make this city, state, and country more just and equitable for everyone."**

- Joshua K. Petersen

## Students — Get Involved on Campus

"As a non-traditional student who just recently began my educational journey at Weber State University, I implore you to get more involved on campus. By doing just this I have gained the confidence and support to push myself harder than I ever thought was possible and I feel like I am a part of something bigger than myself. Join a club, make new friends, come to WSUSA's virtual and in-person events, join me for my monthly Student Town Hall and express your opinions. Take advantage of the resources that are available to you as a WSU student. Make the most of your college experience, get involved in extracurricular activities, and give every semester your best."

- Joshua K. Petersen

# Faculty Accomplishments



## Anthropology

**Joanna Gautney-** Published peer-reviewed paper, "Effects of Indigenous Diet Iron Content and Location on Hemoglobin Levels of Ghanaians" in *Nutrients*.

## Criminal Justice

**Heeuk Lee, Brad Reys-** Along with David Kim and Cooper Maher, published "Fear of Crime Out West: Determinants of Fear of Property and Violent Crime in Five States" in *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

**Monica Williams-** Published "The Politics of Symbolic Laws: State Resistance to the Allure of Sex Offender Residence Restrictions" in *Law & Policy* 42.

## Geography

**Eric C. Ewert-** Published "Map of Great Salt Lake Region, Utah," in *Great Salt Lake Biology: A Terminal Lake in a Time of Change*, Trentelman, Carla Koons. Published "Relationships between Humans and Great Salt Lake: Dynamics of Change" in *Great Salt Lake Biology: A Terminal Lake in a Time of Change*. Published "Designed for Clean Air: The Role of Urban Planning and Transit in Solving Wasatch Front Air Quality Issues" in *Utah's Air Quality Issues: Problems and Solutions*, University of Utah Press. Published editorial, "Maybe Utahns will Finally Vote in Their Own Best Interests" in *The Salt Lake Tribune* (Oct. 2020). Published editorial, "Righting our botched COVID-19 response is just the beginning of geospatial technology's power" in the *Standard Examiner* (August 2020). Published editorial, "Want to clean the air? Plan for people instead of cars" in *The Salt Lake Tribune* (March 2020).

**Maria Groves-** Published "Late Holocene Paleo-Moisture Variability in Range Creek Canyon, UT" in *The Holocene*.

**Julie Rich-** Co-director of the Global Community Engaged Learning program which received the Exemplary Collaboration Award for its work in providing WSU students the opportunity to learn and serve in the design, fundraising, planning, and execution of humanitarian trips.

## History

**Brady Bower-** Recipient of a 2020-21 Honors Eccles Fellowship (along with Robert Fudge), for team-teaching the course, "Nietzsche contra Wagner: Art, Philosophy and Politics in the Age of German Romanticism."

**Kathryn L. MacKay-** Published two sections in *This is the Plate: Utah Food Traditions*, University of Utah Press.

**Matthew Romaniello-** Edited *Russia in Asia: Imaginations, Interactions, and Realities*. Published "Astrakhan and Orenburg: Russia's Asian Trade in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries" in *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian Commercial History*, Oxford University Press.

**Eric G. Swedin-** Published "Homosexuality and Therapeutic Culture in Mormonism" in *The Routledge Handbook of Mormonism and Gender*.

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# Faculty Accomplishments



## History (cont'd)

**Branden Little-** Published book chapter, "Useful Allies: Theodore Roosevelt's Secretaries of the Navy and America's Naval Ascendancy," in *Forging the Trident: Theodore Roosevelt and the United States Navy* (Nov. 2020). Published book chapter, "Failure to Launch: The American Red Cross in an Era of Contested Neutrality," in *The Red Cross Movement: Reevaluating and Reimagining the History of Humanitarianism* (April 2020). Published journal article, "Tarnishing Victory? Contested Histories and Civil-Military Discord in the U.S. Navy, 1919-24," in *Defense & Security Analysis*, Vol. 36, No.1 (Jan. 2020). Published book review, "Review of Scott Mobley, *Progressives in Navy Blue: Maritime Strategy, American Empire, and the Transformation of U.S. Naval Identity, 1873-1898*" in *Defense & Security Analysis*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (Jan. 2020). Online lecture, "Shifting Horizons, 1890-1892: Beyond Wounded Knee and the True Blue Saloon," available on C-SPAN Lectures in History Series (Apr. 2020).

## Philosophy

**Robert Fudge-** Recipient of a 2020-21 Honors Eccles Fellowship (along with Brady Bower), for team-teaching the course, "Nietzsche contra Wagner: Art, Philosophy and Politics in the Age of German Romanticism."

## Political Science

**Janicke Stramer-Smith-** Published co-authored article, "Securitizing the New Egypt: Partisan vs. Revolutionary Demands" in the *Journal for North African Studies*. Book chapter, "Socio-economic factors and political mobilization in the Maghreb: lessons from the Arab Spring" will be published in *Entanglements of Maghreb: Cultural and Political Aspects of a Region in Motion*, Transcript Verlag. Conference presentation, "Female Leadership and the Coronavirus," at the ISA-West virtual conference, Sept, 2020.

**Stephanie Wolfe-**Published book chapter, "Memorialization in Rwanda: The Legal, Social, and Digital Constructions of the Memorial Narrative" in *Mass Violence and Memory in the Digital Age: Memorialization Unmoored*, July 2020.

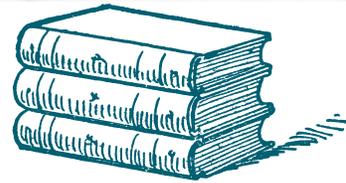
## Psychology

**Aminda O'Hare-** Co-authored paper, "Mediation interventions among heart failure patients: An integrative review," was awarded paper of the year by the European Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing. Co-authored paper, "Teaching undergraduates to understand published research through structured practice in identifying key research concepts," accepted for publication, *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*.

**Cade Mansfield-** Published "Narrative Methods in Autobiographical Memory" in *Autobiographical Memory Development: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches*.

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# Faculty Accomplishments



## Psychology (cont'd)

Cade Mansfield, Leigh Shaw- Posters accepted for presentation: *Reviewing and correcting exams: A boon to learning or a waste of time?* at the 42nd Annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology Conference (Jan. 2020), *Adult experiences of harm. Is there a positivity effect?*, at Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research (Feb. 2020), *Exploratory Narrative Processing of Relational Victimization Experiences* at the Western Psychological Association Annual Meeting (May 2020), *Parent-child interaction in the context of informal learning environments* at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Annual Meeting (May 2020), .

## Sociology

Pepper Glass- Published his book *Misplacing Ogden, Utah: Race, Class, Immigration, and the Construction of Urban Reputations* through the University of Utah Press.

Carla Koons Trentelman- Panel presentation, "Teaching Strategies for Bridging the Social-Environmental Binary," at the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) Virtual Conference (July 2020). Published book chapter, "Relationships between Humans and Great Salt Lake: Dynamics of Change," in *Great Salt Lake Biology: A Terminal Lake in a Time of Change*.

# Faculty Milestones

### 10 Years

Pepper Glass, Sociology  
Frank Harrold, Anthropology  
Brian Namba, Criminal Justice  
Bradford Reyns, Criminal Justice  
Molly Sween, Criminal Justice  
Mary Beth Willard, Philosophy

### 15 Years

Aaron Ashley, Psychology  
Gary Johnson, Political Science

### 20 Years

Sara Dant, History  
Eric Ewert, Geography  
Richard Greene, Political Science  
Theresa Kay, Psychology  
Eric Swedin, History

### 25 Years

Eric Amsel, Psychology

### 35 Years

Ronald Holt, Anthropology

### 45 Years

Gene Sessions, History



# CSBS Humor



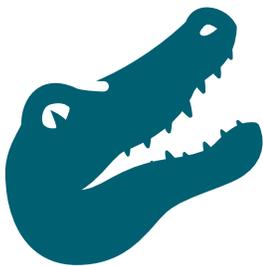
History professors...  
always bringing up the past.

Have any psychology jokes?  
I'm a-Freud not!



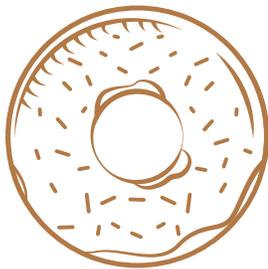
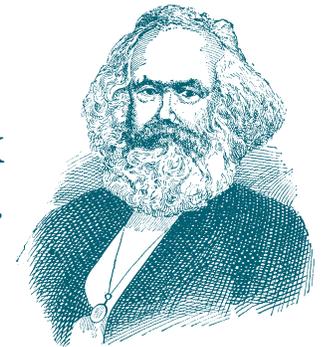
I'd make a pun about  
philosophy, but I Kant.

Archaeologists...  
they'll date any old thing.



What do you get when  
an alligator eats a GPS?  
A navigator.

A good sociologist studies Marx  
from every Engel.



The case against the donut  
thief was full of holes.

# Thank You



## Making Dreams Happen

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## Have CSBS Humor to Share? Comments? Questions?

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