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 Archaeology 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 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 & Behvaioral 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**


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

**Geography**


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.


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)


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


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.
Faculty Accomplishments

Psychology (cont'd)


Sociology

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


Faculty Milestones

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

25 Years
Eric Amsel, Psychology

35 Years
Ronald Holt, Anthropology

45 Years
Gene Sessions, History

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

Congratulations!
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

Make a gift to the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences in honor or memory of someone.

Have CSBS Humor to Share? Comments? Questions?

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