How to survive Thanksgiving dinner — CIVILLY

Civil discourse might not be as sweet as pumpkin pie, but it should be on your menu for Thanksgiving dinner. At a recent campus forum, political science professor Leah Murray explained that sharing and listening with humility is both difficult and essential.

“It is so important to remember civility at Thanksgiving dinner because it is around the dinner table that we solve our problems,” Murray said. "All of our society is based on mutual relationships — collective action requires our ability to talk to one another. Dinner tables are where we practice how to do that, with people who are our family. We need to learn to do this work.”

Thanks to the Engaged Learning Series, housed in the Center for Community Engaged Learning (CCEL), civility has been the center of campus conversation all year. Lawn signs with simple reminders such as “acknowledge others” have been a constant visual reminder. In addition, more than 1,000 individuals have participated in 10 events and discussions hosted as part of the series so far, with many more planned for spring semester. Groups have explored every angle of civility through the perspective of jazz, economics, diversity, activism and the arts.

“A campus is supposed to be a place with an inclusive environment — that is a key piece of civility — but it's also a place where we can voice our opinions and have crucial conversations,” said Melissa Yack Hall, CCEL director. “We're creating an environment where we encourage the dialogue to happen, not without debate, but with a reminder to be civil to each other.”

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2017 Hinckley / Collaboration Awards

The John S. Hinckley Fellow, economics professor Doris Geide Stevenson, focuses her teaching on global macroeconomics, international finance, money and banking.

As chair of WSU’s economics department for nine years, Stevenson helped develop a “two plus two curriculum” with Shanghai Normal University (SHNU) where SHNU students take courses in Shanghai for two years and then complete their education at Weber State.

The program has been so successful, it expanded to include students from Korea's Woongji Accounting and Tax College.

In fall 2017, 41 students from China and Korea are taking classes through the International Economics program. A total of 144 students have graduated so far.

Stevenson, a German native, regularly leads study abroad trips to Europe.

“Doris has been a consistent advocate for increased internationalization,” said Jeff Steagall, dean of the John B. Goddard School of Business & Economics. “Her contacts in Europe have allowed her to get our MBA students into top government

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agencies, such as the European Central Bank as well as influential for-profit companies.”

Stevenson is now serving her second term as the chair of Faculty Senate.

**EXEMPLARY COLLABORATION AWARD**

Approximately 40,000 students in Ogden, Weber and Davis school districts have benefitted from the Arts Learning Collaborative since its creation in 2013.

The collaborative has a two-prong approach: teach teachers how to incorporate the arts in their classroom curriculum and reach students with inspiring arts programs. The collaborative provides enhanced art education to 76 elementary schools, supports the statewide Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program, hosts an annual Arts Integration Conference at WSU and offers traveling workshops.

The collaborative is housed in the Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities and the Jerry & Vickie Moyes College of Education.

Directed by Tamara Goldbogen, the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Endowed Chair for Arts Learning; Monica Pendergast, program coordinator; and Erinne Roundy, program assistant, the collaborative advisory committee is comprised of Vincent Bates, teacher education assistant professor; Dianna Huxhold, art education assistant professor; Jenny Kokai, performing arts associate professor; Louise Moulding, teacher education professor; Thom Priest, music professor; Jack Rasmussen, Moyes College of Education dean; Amanda Sowerby, dance professor; Scott Sprenger, Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities dean; and Kathleen Stevenson, visual arts professor.

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**WELCOME to WSU**

- **Mark Ashby**, Academic Technology Services
- **McKenzie Baird**, Wildcat Stores
- **Steven Bateman**, Health Administrative Services
- **Audre Bitton**, Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities
- **Amy Blunce**, Counseling & Psychological Services Center
- **Catherine Burrell**, Human Resources
- **Elyse Catmull**, Financial Aid Office
- **Julie Couturier-VanRoekel**, Browning Center
- **Janae Crowther**, University Police
- **Derek Dawes**, Development
- **Adelaide Finsen**, Financial Aid Office
- **Brandon Flores**, Access & Diversity
- **Lucas George**, IT Business Services
- **Jeffrey Glover**, School of Accounting & Taxation
- **Wendy Holliday**, Stewart Library
- **Brandy Housley**, Development
- **Eric Hunter**, Goddard School of Business & Economics
- **Robert Hunter**, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
- **Katherine Johnson**, Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities
- **Chance LaVoie**, Facilities Management
- **Alex Leonard**, Athletics
- **Zachariah Long**, Facilities Management
- **Diana Meiser**, College of Engineering, Applied Science & Technology
- **Todd Meyers**, Performing Arts
- **Matthew Mitchell**, Financial Aid Office
- **Trevor Orgill**, Continuing Education
- **Isabel Pataro**, Goddard School of Business & Economics
- **Heather Penman**, Facilities Management
- **Breydin Petersen**, Facilities Management
- **Alexa Price**, International Student Services
- **Kalley Price**, Child and Family Studies
- **Kaila Rawlinson**, Dental Hygiene

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**THANKSGIVING DINNER TIPS**

- 82 percent of people say controversial things — expect it for dinner.
- Remember that problems are wicked — not people.
- Be humble. Don’t assume you are the only one with all the answers.
- Don’t expect easy conversations.

How to Survive Thanksgiving - continued from page 1
After more than a year of vendor presentations, workshops, Q&A sessions, harried phone calls, lots of communication among numerous instructional technology experts and feedback from faculty and staff, WSU launched Starfish, our student success software system, earlier this fall.

The first real test of Starfish came Oct. 4, when the system sent messages to 789 faculty members teaching international students, athletes, veterans and students enrolled in developmental math, developmental English and First Year Experience (UNIV 1105).

The message to faculty members was simple: Each was asked to review his/her rosters and identify students who might benefit from personal messages, outlining issues to be remedied or items meriting praise. Starfish then routed the faculty members’ messages not only to students, but also to assigned advisors, who, as needed, could provide additional resources to students.

The 789 faculty initially contacted generated 3,244 messages to students. Interestingly, 65 percent of those messages were in the form of kudos and compliments. Students seemed to appreciate the contact; several sent grateful replies to faculty asking for more information about improving their performance.

Soon, those faculty who participated in the initial messages to students will receive a survey soliciting feedback about their experience. The Starfish team, led by Student Success Center Director Leslie Park and Assistant Director Camille Gooch, plans to share survey feedback with the Starfish Faculty Advisory team. Scheduled to meet in November, the team will prepare for a wider launch of the software system this spring. We look forward to increased participation numbers — and a greater number of success stories.

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**On the Move/Promoted**

Troy Bell, Facilities Management  
Nicholas Berg, Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities  
Carlos Bombela, Facilities Management  
Braden Braegger, Facilities Management  
Kristy Byington, Human Resources  
Lyndsay Carter, Admissions Office  
Martin Carver, Application Development  
Cary Chapman, Application Development  
Cathy Christensen, Stewart Library  
Larry Collinwood, Facilities Management  
Rachael Combe, Financial Aid Office  
Mary Condra, Facilities Management  
Kenton Cummins, Medical Laboratory Sciences  
Julie Gee, Nursing  
Seth Gilmore, Facilities Management  
Christian Goodrich, Application Development  
Gilbert Green, Facilities Management  
Sonja Green, University Advancement  
Stephen Guzzetti, Application Development  
Edwin Hymas, Application Development  
Mark Isakson, Application Development  
Lisa Jamison, Student Success Center  
Nancy Jarvis, IT Business Services  
Crystal Knippers, Child and Family Studies  
Connor Larsen, Payroll  
Jeanette Lowe, Human Resources  
Suzanne Matby, Admissions Office  
Taylor Mason, Admissions Office  
Samantha Mikesell, Dumke College of Health Professions  
Galynn Mook, Continuing Education  
Elizabeth Morris, Financial Aid Office  
Max Morris, Facilities Management  
Coleman Nichols, Facilities Management  
Gregory Noel, Admissions Office  
Levi Slade, Application Development  
Brogan Stempick, Teacher Education  
Ronald Stuart, Facilities Management  
Lisa Vermillion, Financial Aid Office  
Rick Wade, Environmental Health and Safety  
Jacob Wilson, Application Development  
Christopher Woodhave, College of Engineering, Applied Science & Technology  
Weston Woodward, Facilities Management

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**Retired**

Lorinda DeBoer, Payroll  
Cheri Hill, Parking  
Diane Jones, University Advancement  
Debra Schiffman, Student Health Center  
Lynn Thompson, Facilities Management  
Leslie Trottier, Child and Family Studies  
Janet Winniford, Student Affairs
Nazneen Ahmad, associate professor of economics, presented a joint work with Sandeep Rangaraju, assistant professor of economics, titled “The Differential Industry Level Impact of Monetary Policy in Good Times and Bad Times” at the Western Economic Association International Conference in San Diego in June.

Assistant English professor Christy Call published “Literary Exposures in an Ecological Age” in the August 2017 issue of The Goose: A Journal of Arts, Environment, and Culture in Canada. Her paper was featured in a special edition on the environmental humanities in a “post-truth” world.

RC Callahan, instructional designer and adjunct communication instructor, co-presented “Promoting growth mindset in online education” with Melina Alexander, teacher education associate professor, at the 12th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences in Hiroshima, Japan.

Zoology professor Jonathan Clark presented “Genetic Studies of Invertebrate Diversity in the Great Salt Lake Ecosystem” with zoology students and coauthors Oscar Bedolla and Sabrina Haney, at the 13th International Conference on Salt Lake Research held in Ulan-Ude, Russia. The meeting is the world’s premier conference on the biology, chemistry, and geology of saline lakes and was attended by scientists from 15 countries.


Pepper Glass, associate sociology professor, had his article “Dividing and defending Ogden: The intersection of race making and space making in a diverse community” published in the journal Ethnic and Racial Studies. He also presented “The wicked people of gangster’s village: Historical continuity and the incorporation of Latino immigrants” at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Montreal.

Professor of economics Therese Grijalva presented a joint work, “Interpersonal Discount Rates: An Experiment,” at the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Conference in Athens in June.

Weber State was named as a finalist for Best Radiologic Technologist Training program in the nation in the 2017 edition of the Minnies, published by AuntMinnies.com. Professors Wynnnie Harrison and Robert Walker were finalists in the category of Most Effective Radiologic Technologist Educator.


Andrew Keinsley, assistant economics professor, presented “Generalizing the choice of inflation target measures” at the Society for Economic Measurement Conference in Boston.

Assistant professor of economics Alvaro La Parra-Pérez presented his paper “Disloyalty and Logics of Intercenic Violence in Civil War: Evidence from Spain” at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Associate professor of history Branden Little received the Naval Order of the United States award for “exemplary scholarship” in September 2017. He also received the Gustav Ador Foundation Travel Grant to Switzerland and joined the Utah State World War I Centennial Commission this year.

Assistant psychology professor Shannon Mcgillivray helped author “Older and younger adults’ strategic control of metacognitive monitoring: The role of consequences, task experience and prior knowledge,” published in the journal Experimental Aging Research.

History professor Susan Matt gave an invited colloquium on homesickness and American individualism at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin in June 2017. She also co-presented “Lonesomeness and Technology in America” with Luke Fernandez, school of computing instructor, at the Seminar for Modern History at the University of Tübingen in Germany.

The Brookings Institution posted an online article in September 2017 by economics professor John Mukum Mbaku on the presidential elections in Kenya and the rule of law.

R.C. Morris, assistant sociology professor, published “Mitigating the Effects of Parental Incarceration through Social Intervention: A Longitudinal and Comparative Analysis of the Efficacy of Big Brothers Big Sisters” in the Journal of Applied Social Science.

Microbiology professor Craig Oberg and adjunct instructor Evan Call had the article “Off loading wheelchair cushion provides best case reduction in tissue deformation as indicated by MRI” published in the Journal of Tissue Viability.

Gavin Roberts, assistant professor of economics, presented “Kirznerian Oilmens: the role of entrepreneurship in resource extraction” at the American Institute for Economic Research Conference in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Carla Trentelman, sociology associate professor, co-presented “Campus Research that Matters: Making a Difference in Campus Sustainability Efforts” at the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management in Umeå, Sweden, in June 2017.


Stephanie Wolfe, political science assistant professor, was an invited lecturer at Building Peace after Genocide: Lessons from Rwanda, at the American University of Paris in March 2017. Also, she was the keynote speaker at the 23rd Commemoration of the Genocide against Tutsi of Rwanda in Hamilton, Canada, in April 2017 and a panelist and presenter for two sessions at the International Association of Genocide Scholars Conference in Brisbane, Australia.

In June, electrical engineering associate professor Larry Zeng co-organized the 2017 International Meeting on Fully Three-Dimensional Image Reconstruction in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine in Xi’An, China, which had 320 international attendees.