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Beyond Suffrage: Weber State Celebrates Women

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote, which led to their having a greater voice in politics and a more influential role in the community.

Weber State University Archives, Special Collections and the Museums at Union Station have collaborated to present “Beyond Suffrage: A Century of Northern Utah Women Making History,” a multifaceted effort to examine the impact of women in northern Utah.

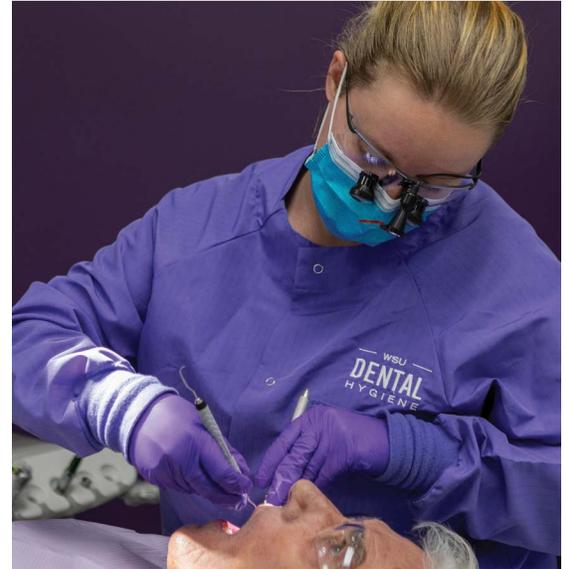
The project views the 19th Amendment as a catalyst for female involvement in the growth and development of the local region. “Beyond Suffrage” includes the 50 years before the amendment (1870-1920) and the decades that follow. It also chronicles how local women continue to make history in areas such as education, politics, economics, health care and the humanities.

The project encompasses multiple platforms, including a speaker series, music and online information at beyondsuffrage.org.

An exhibit featuring oral histories, photographs and other artifacts will go on display March 14 at Union Station.

In addition, each month during 2020, one woman will be highlighted in the “Women of Weber” exhibit outside Archives in the Stewart Library.

Head of Special Collections **Sarah Langsdon** said this project is a chance to explore and celebrate the history of women who too often have been left out of history.



DENTAL DUO

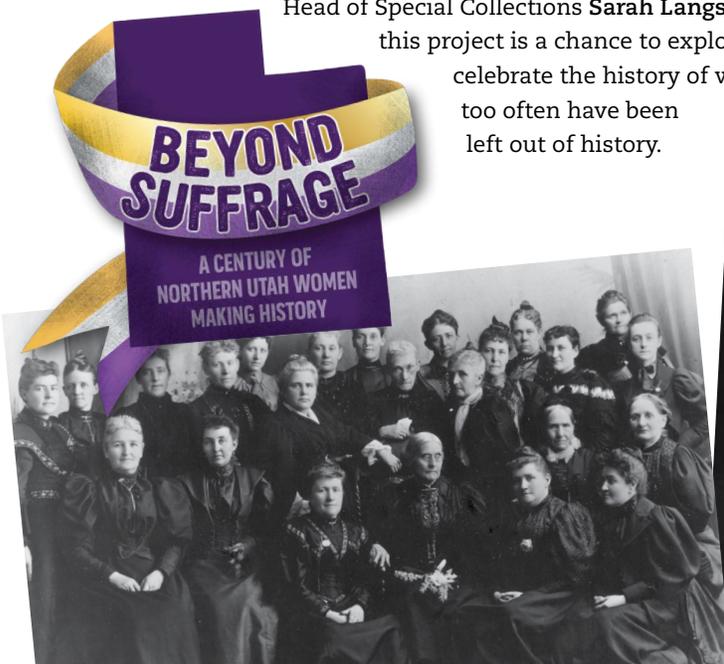
An innovative collaboration with the Department of Dental Hygiene and the University of Utah School of Dentistry is helping students at both schools learn from each other while providing care to underserved patients in northern Utah.

“We are enthusiastic about this partnership,” said Yasmen

Simonian, dean of the Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions.

“We pledge to enrich experiences for students at both institutions. We aim to address current and emerging needs in dental education.”

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Five dental students from the U and five dental hygiene students from Weber State will regularly visit the partnering campus to work in teams that simulate a private dental practice with a full range of services.

The arrangement fulfills a commitment to the state legislature to combine interprofessional educational experiences between students in state schools while providing care to the underserved.



Utah Senator and WSU professor Ann Millner stands between deans Yas Simonian (WSU) and Wyatt Hume (UofU) at the capitol to celebrate the collaboration.

PRESIDENTIAL *Teaching Excellence*

Nomination letters for 12 Weber State faculty selected for the 2019 Presidential Teaching Excellence Award consistently noted how much the professors cared about their students and had command of their subjects.

Praise included comments such as,

- She is approachable and kind.
- You would be hard-pressed to find another professor who cares about his students and their successes as much.
- One Sunday, my group and I were having some troubles in a lab, so we sent our professor an email to see if he could meet us on Monday. He

showed up about an hour later to help and teach us.

- She makes learning fun and fosters a safe classroom environment. The students can truly see her impact in their lives — and her impact is changing their world for the better.

Recipients will be honored at the Teaching and Learning Celebration Luncheon, March 25.

David Aguilar Alvarez, exercise and nutrition sciences
Brandon Burnett, chemistry
Sally Cantwell, nursing
Brian Chung, zoology

Tamara Goldbogen, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Endowed Chair for Arts Learning

Spencer Hilton, computing
Brandon Koford, economics
Kristina Moleni, social work
Marianna Norseth, foreign language
Will Pollett, English
Tressa Quayle, nursing
Gene Sessions, history

Thanks to the generous support of Marcia and Bob Harris, faculty selected for the prestigious honor receive a \$5,000 award either as a cash stipend or to enhance their teaching through professional development, curriculum development, research or acquiring equipment and technology.



Watch faculty receive the news at bit.ly/wsu-pte20



Ever Upward

To celebrate the grit and determination that drives Weber State students, the university just released a new commercial. Take the opportunity to be louder and prouder by watching and sharing on your social networks.

Watch the commercial at weber.edu/pursuit

The Office of Marketing & Communications also created a suite of coordinating campaign material you can easily use to market your department or program.

Get campaign materials at weber.edu/brand





Women's Center Celebrates 40 Years

The Women's Center is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, honoring a legacy of education, empowerment, social justice and advocacy.

The center has expanded its scope of services over the years and taken on major initiatives, including Safe@Weber to promote the safety and well-being of all individuals. The program provides violence-prevention education for the campus community on topics of consent,

healthy relationships and bystander intervention. Additionally, the center offers confidential advocacy services to survivors of sexual and interpersonal violence.

According to **Paige Davies**, Women's Center director, the center strives to create a safe and inclusive campus environment by addressing systemic oppression and working toward a vision of gender equity.

Announcing Change to Announcements

Want to find out what's going on at Weber State or let other people know what your organization is doing? Using announcements is a great place to start. On March 9, every employee and student began receiving a regular announcement email.

The announcements are grouped in categories based on topics of broad interest, such as wellness, presentations, student activities or WSU policy changes. You can now add events to your Google calendar directly from

announcements. You can also adjust how frequently you receive the email.

Authorized users in each division will continue to submit posts, but now the announcements can include fliers and images. You can find the list of approved users under the "Submit an announcement" tab on the main announcement page when you are logged into the eWeber portal.

Welcome to WSU

Matthew Ah You, Athletics Admin & Support
Michael Alvarado, Facilities Management
Corinne Bigler, College of Science
Nathan Boettcher, Continuing Education
Justin Burr, Health Sciences
Rebecca Christopherson, Financial Aid Office
Rachel Densley, Medical Laboratory Sciences
Tony Francis, Facilities Management
Marc Gangwer, Financial Aid Office
Janelle Harvey, Nursing
Benjamin Heaton, Student Health Center
Crysta Herman, Radiologic Sciences
Alonzo Irvine, Facilities Management
Lisa Karle, Teacher Education
Jessica Kokesh, Marketing & Communications
Paul Kotter, Continuing Education
Sauna Lowder, Sports Facilities Management
Kyra Neeley, Nursing
Veronica O'Brien, Administrative Services
Chelsea Pike, Nursing
Kelani Purvis, Admissions Office

Britnee Ramirez, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Camilla Rees, Jerry & Vickie Moyes College of Education
Logan Serr, Facilities Management
Patrick Tadlock, Student Affairs Office
Joann Tolman, Nursing
Sarah Tooker, Wildcat Stores
Kelley Trump, Nursing
Elise Waikart, Academic Support Centers & Programs
Jacob Webster, Academic Support Centers & Programs
Jonathan West, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Tim Willard, Construction & Building Sciences

On the Move/Promoted

Alfred Barnett, Facilities Management
Matthew Bass, Facilities Management
Braden Braegger, Facilities Management
David Brogan, Marketing & Communications
Tyler Cahoon, Wildcat Stores
Melanie Flores, Student Success Center

Amy Hajdas, Continuing Education
Holly Hastings, Financial Aid Office
Russell Hatch, Facilities Management
Drew Hodge, Facilities Management
Travis Hogge, Facilities Management
Chris Housley, Health Sciences
Nancy Jeffery, Facilities Management
Lynn Martineau, Facilities Management
Matthew Mitchell, Financial Aid Office
Coleman Nichols, Facilities Management
Hector Rodriguez, Wildcat Stores
Carol Ruden, Advancement Services
Craig Sanders, Athletics Admin & Support
Kelly Simerick, Student Affairs
Kendra Smith, Athletics Admin & Support
Denae Sportsman, Registrar
Michael Tesch, Accounting Services
Meagan Thunell, Athletics Admin & Support
Lisa Vermillion, Financial Aid Office

Retired

Anthony Daniels, Facilities Management
Jack Rickards, Continuing Education

PRESIDENTIAL *Outstanding Staff Awards*

Four Weber State employees, nominated by their peers and chosen by committee, were presented with this year's Presidential Outstanding Staff awards. The employees each received \$2,000, a plaque and reserved parking for three years.



As the executive director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, **Gail Niklason** leads the university's assessment efforts, coordinating reports and program reviews.

Niklason patiently teaches departments and faculty members how and why to do assessment. She helps individuals identify learning outcomes and determine how best to measure them to

enhance student success.

In her 21 years at Weber State, Niklason has also taken a leadership role in student success initiatives, the Staff Advisory Council and the General Education Council. She is an adjunct instructor for FYE and the Management Information Systems program.

Perhaps the most notable impact of the collaborative work of Niklason's team is that the quality of university data, and its effective use for evaluation, planning and decision making, has increased, moving Weber State to a data-informed campus.



Beth Rhoades attracts students to attend Weber State. As Continuing Education Programs director, she is responsible for both Concurrent Enrollment and Professional Development, and her work has paid off.

Concurrent Enrollment students have helped drive Weber State's record enrollment numbers. Since 2015, students taking university

courses while in high school have increased almost 46%, with more than 11,000 students participating per year.

Rhoades recently assumed responsibility for expanding the university's professional development offerings. Two campus departments have taken advantage of her skills: Automotive Services and Construction & Building Sciences. Both departments started professional development courses in 2019, and both have seen impressive enrollments in their programs.

Rhoades' ability to create relationships in the face of change helps shape professional development opportunities for the Weber State community.



Joan Gustafson serves as budget specialist for three High Impact Programs: the Sustainability Practices and Research Center (SPARC), the Office of Undergraduate Research and the Center for Community Engaged Learning.

Gustafson works with many accounts, many students and lots of travel and p-cards. In 2019, she successfully shepherded all three offices through an institutional audit, implementing

procedures and documentation standards that were easy to adopt and maintain.

She was then asked to train other high-impact programs, making the process of accounting and tracking easier for everyone.

In addition, Gustafson provides administrative support for the SPARC office, where she goes out of her way to help others and support students. Co-workers say Gustafson's help and positive attitude contribute to a healthier, more team-oriented, productive work environment.



The official title for **Anita Preece** is administrative assistant to the vice president of Administrative Services.

She efficiently manages an executive office and serves as secretary for multiple groups, including the Investment Committee, Athletic Board and Trustees Business Committee. In her 20 years at WSU, Preece has served on the Staff Development Committee, the Staff Advisory Council and the

graduation committee. Recently, Preece worked double duty as the administrative assistant to the interim university president.

Unofficially, Preece could be crowned "Queen of Weber State." She is always in Weber Wear, always at ballgames, always encouraging others to get involved. She coined the term "Weberlicious."

Preece is famous for giving birthday, wedding, Christmas and Ground Hog's Day gifts. With every act of kindness, Preece makes WSU a better place to work.

Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

#LouderandProuder

Tomono Adachi, instructor of Japanese, presented “How can a language club support the language program, students and community?” at the 2019 Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Convention in El Paso.

Assistant professor of English **Christy Call** received the first Joseph and Holly Nye Bauman Outstanding Faculty in Honors Award, presented during the Fall 2019 Honors Program banquet in recognition of teaching and mentoring.

Spanish Instructor **Chantal Esquivias** co-presented the poster “el Ejemplo del bridge program en Utah como iniciativa de apoyo al bilingüismo” at the IV Congreso Internacional en Lingüística Aplicada a la Enseñanza de Lenguas: en camino hacia el plurilingüismo at Nebrija University in Madrid, Spain.

Professional sales assistant professor **Alex Lawrence** co-authored

“Entrepreneurial Grit: A Reflective Review” in the *International Journal of Business and Globalisation*.

Medical laboratory sciences professor **Scott Moore** presented “The Efficacy and Acceptance of Brief Intentional Teachings to Ensure Success (BITES)” at the 2019 Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference in Maryland.

Kacy Peckenpaugh, associate professor of German, was elected president of the Utah Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German.

History instructor **Nathan Rives** presented the paper “The Transatlantic Character of the Mills-Schermerhorn and Steinkopf Bible Tours in the Western U.S. and Continental Europe, 1812-1815” at the American Society of Church History 2020 annual meeting in New York City.

Zoology professor **Michele Skopec**, co-authored “Terpenes may serve as feeding deterrents and foraging cues for mammalian herbivores,” in the *Journal of Chemical Ecology*.

The Utah Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics honored nutrition professor **Jennifer Turley** with its 2019 Award of Distinction, given to individuals outside the industry who have made significant contributions through service, promotion or research.

Director of keyboard studies, **Yu-Jane Yang** was selected as the 2020 Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Teacher of the year; she is the first Utahn to receive the national distinction for teaching and service. MTNA has more than 22,000 members from across the U.S.

Planning Weber State’s Future

President Brad Mortensen is inviting everyone to help shape the future of Weber State by participating in the next university-wide strategic plan.

“I appreciate your continued efforts to be louder and prouder about Weber State’s storied history and today’s achievements,” Mortensen said. “But as the saying goes, ‘There is always room for improvement.’ We want to unleash our creative potential as a community of learners to pursue an even brighter future for our university.”

Don’t miss the first round of on-campus sessions March 16 and 17.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Shepherd Union Ballroom B

Town Hall 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Stewart Library Hetzel Hoellein Room 321

Staff 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Faculty 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Faculty 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Faculty 2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.



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