

# *COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES*



## *WELCOME TO SPRING 2019!*

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Welcome to spring! It's my favorite time of year, when the days begin to warm and lengthen, daffodils and tulips poke through the ground, and cherry blossom trees turn pink. It's a season of renewal and hope.

While we typically think of fall as the official "start" of the academic year, I find that spring is a season for renewal on the academic calendar as well. It's a time to look forward, with graduation ahead for our seniors on June 15, our returning students about to cross the next milestone, and our incoming freshman class beginning to take shape. This fall we'll roll out the much-anticipated new General Education program, and we'll welcome a new group of promising new faculty members. In the nearer term, on April 9 we'll welcome Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Ayad Akhtar to campus as our 2019 Jensen Lecture speaker. On April 24 and May 15, we'll welcome two guests to campus as part of the new speaker series, "Creating a Sustainable Future." Read ahead for more information on all these exciting events.

Spring is also a time to stock and publicize our many collective achievements. One of the WOU's annual highlights is our Academic Excellence Showcase, in which students across campus highlight their many accomplishments in a variety of disciplines. This year's Showcase will take place on Thursday, May 30.

I look forward to seeing you at all these events and more. See inside for just a taste of the many things we have upcoming in what promises to be an exceptionally invigorating and renewing Spring term.



*Lights,  
Camera,  
Action!*

## *30 SECONDS OF FAME*

### **WHY PEOPLE CHOOSE WOU**

Faculty from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences volunteered at the end of Finals Week to serve as set advisors or actors for a new WOU commercial.

This is a new thirty-second video highlighting the message that at WOU, students find their empowered "voices" through our engaged faculty and smaller classes. (The scriptwriter is a WOU alum, Jessica Moch.) With filming completed, the video is now in production and heads next to a focus group test with local high school students.

WOU's Cat McGrew (Enrollment Marketing) has been working with director Brad Steiner from Salem's Allied Video on this multi-video project. Special thanks go to the campus staff and students who assisted with the 12-hour filming schedule or served as actors, as well as to the faculty who served as set advisors or actors: Dr. Tom Kelly, Professor Jen Bracy, Dr. Misty Weitzel, Dr. Vivian Djokotoe and Dr. Rob Troyer.



Photo Credit: Allied Video Production





# SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

Shared by Dr. Mark VanSteeter

WOU students Juneau Singleton and Morgan Williams attended the Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference in Seattle, where they learned about campus sustainability initiatives at universities in the Pacific Northwest. One highlight for the students was learning that most universities hire sustainability coordinators who develop campus-wide initiatives aimed at making universities more sustainable, and providing students with hands-on experience and skills that they can use to market themselves after graduation. Both Juneau and Morgan are now eager to pursue this type of employment after graduation. They were accompanied by WOU Geography and Sustainability faculty Michael McGlade and Mark Van Steeter. Professors McGlade and Van Steeter were impressed with the ongoing sustainability actions taking place at other campuses. Programs include composting, energy audits, landscape design, recycling, and water conservation. Sustainability coordinators work closely with academic programs and facilities services to provide work study and internships for students from a large array of disciplines.

It was especially encouraging to learn that these initiatives often save universities money. The conference provided all participants with new ideas of how to integrate sustainability into academic programs, and how social justice and sustainability work hand in hand.

## We learned at the conference that:

- Campus sustainability programs do things like composting, recycling, energy savings education, redesigning and changing landscaping, tree grove establishment, water conservation, and more. In many cases these programs can actually save the campus money.
- Students in sustainability programs can do internships and work study programs on campus.
- Many universities are hiring directors/coordinators of campus sustainability who work closely with the academic programs and students enrolled in them.
- A university with our level of enrollment could be well served by a sustainability director whose duties would include some teaching of the more applied subjects (perhaps 50% director, 50% teaching).



## Social Justice, Diversity, Inclusion

Educate and provide skills to students that are used to market themselves after graduation.

Integrate campus operations with student learning opportunities.



Photo credit: Dr. Mark Van Steeter

## **PROFESSOR DELIVERS TALK ON "THE SENSUAL FISH" AT MONTANA STATE**

*By: Dr. Henry Hughes*

Henry Hughes will deliver Montana State University's 2019 "Trout Lecture," and it promises to make a big splash. "The Sensual Fish: A Playful and Scholarly Evening," will be held at 7 p.m. on April 2, at the Rialto in downtown Bozeman, Montana. The talk is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow. Hughes, who has published extensively on the literature and culture of fish and angling, will examine the sensual connection between the salty pleasures and tensions of human and fish life. "This year we're trying something completely different with the Trout Lecture," said MSU Library Dean Kenning Arlitsch. "Henry is an engaging speaker, and we look forward to his exploration of literature, art and popular culture at the confluence of piscine and human existence."

Find the full article here:

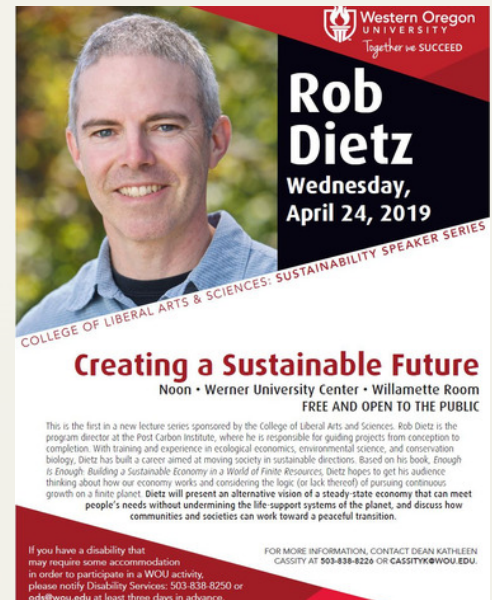
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# A Few Good Reasons to Leave the Couch: Upcoming Events

- 4/6: 7:30pm at Rice Auditorium: Smith Fine Arts Series presents The Hot Club of San Francisco Presenting Cinema Vivant
- 4/9: 5:30pm at Rice Auditorium: An Evening with Ayad Akhtar, A Jensen Lecture Event
- 4/10: 12pm at DeVolder: "NSM Data Bites," Brown Bag Informal Research Presentation & Discussion by Dr. Mike Baltzley, Biology Department
- 4/11: 7:30pm at Smith Music Hall: An Elegant Evening of Vocal Music with Claire Hudkins & Deac Guidi
- 04/15-04/17: Eighth Annual Careers in Aging Week (contact Dr. Margaret Manoogian for more details)
- 4/17: 4:00pm at RVEC 101: "From 'Doing No Harm' to 'Doing Good': The Past, Present, and Future of Human Subjects Research"
- 4/19: 10:30am at Smith Music Hall: Alon Goldstein Masterclass on Piano
- 4/24: 12:00pm at WUC Willamette: "Creating a Sustainable Future," by guest speaker Rob Dietz
- 4/26: 12:00pm at Campus Walk: Arbor Day Celebration
- 4/27-28: All day, WUC: 26th Annual Pow Wow
- 05/01: 7:30pm at Smith Music Hall: An Elegant Evening of Piano Music
- 05/04: 6:00pm in NPE: Hawai'i Club Luau
- 5/14: 7:30pm at Smith Music Hall: Velez and Friends, Chamber Music
- 5/16: 7:30pm at Smith Music Hall: Salem String Quartet
- 05/17-18: 8:00am-1:00pm at WUC: Nuestra Fiesta Latina



Western Oregon UNIVERSITY  
Together we SUCCEED

**Rob Dietz**  
Wednesday,  
April 24, 2019

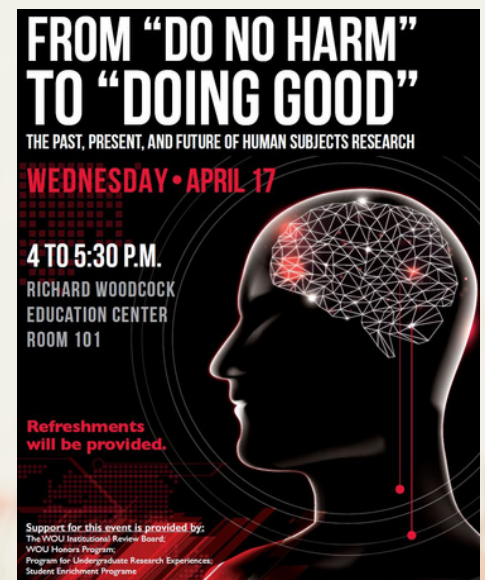
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES: SUSTAINABILITY SPEAKER SERIES

**Creating a Sustainable Future**  
Noon - Werner University Center • Willamette Room  
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This is the first in a new lecture series sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Rob Dietz is the program director at the First Carbon Institute, where he is responsible for guiding projects from conception to completion. With training and experience in ecological economics, environmental science, and conservation biology, Dietz has built a career aimed at moving society in sustainable directions. Based on his book, *Enough is Enough: Building a Sustainable Economy in a World of Finite Resources*, Dietz hopes to get his audience thinking about how our economy works and considering the logic (or lack thereof) of pursuing continuous growth on a finite planet. Dietz will present an alternative vision of a steady-state economy that can meet people's needs without undermining the life-support systems of the planet, and discuss how communities and societies can work toward a peaceful transition.

If you have a disability that may require some accommodation in order to participate in a WOU activity, please notify Disability Services: 503-838-8250 or [odsl@wou.edu](mailto:odsl@wou.edu) at least three days in advance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DEAN KATHLEEN CASSITY AT 503-838-8226 OR [CASSITYK@WOU.EDU](mailto:CASSITYK@WOU.EDU).




**FROM "DO NO HARM" TO "DOING GOOD"**  
THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH  
WEDNESDAY • APRIL 17  
4 TO 5:30 P.M.  
RICHARD WOODCOCK  
EDUCATION CENTER  
ROOM 101  
Refreshments will be provided.  
Support for this event is provided by:  
The WOU Institutional Review Board,  
WOU Honors Program,  
Program for Undergraduate Research Experiences,  
Student Enrichment Program

**NSM DATA BITES!**

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND ENJOY AN INFORMAL RESEARCH PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

DEVOLDER FAMILY SCIENCE CENTER LOBBY  
NOON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

Featuring: Dr. Mike Baltzley




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