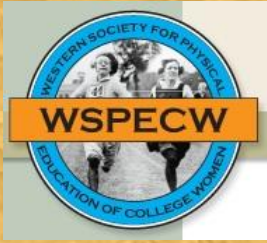


Western Society for Physical Education of College Women



Fall Newsletter: 2020

President's Message

note from Nicole Bolter Ph.D.

Greetings Members of Western Society!

Although some think we're back to "business as usual", that is simply not accurate. We are still in the middle of a deadly global pandemic, experiencing consistent and horrifying police brutality against Black women and men, seeing the devastating impact of growing health and economic inequities and facing potentially irreversible climate change.



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It's hard to understate the importance of the upcoming election, which has become even more obvious with the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

As expressed by WSPECW member Sandy Cottle, Justice Ginsburg's passing is particularly devastating given her fight for gender equality and women's rights and the unnerving possibilities of her replacement.



As we approach the 100th anniversary since the founding of WSPECW amidst the current climate, I am reminded that the members of this organization have been fighting for their entire lives and careers to advocate for theirs and others' civil rights. I am endlessly grateful to be a part of this organization and have learned so many things that help me better understand the injustices we're facing. I have also been reading a lot of Twitter these days (for better or worse) and think we have good reason to be hopeful. A recent tweet from activist, educator, and writer Brittany Packnett Cunningham was particularly inspiring: "I know the popular analysis is going to be 'we're screwed,' and I *feel you.* But nah. RBG didn't go out like that and neither are we."

Onto WSPECW news! As I mentioned in my June letter to the membership, our in-person conference has been cancelled for this Fall. We were fortunate to make this decision early when we had only placed a small deposit on the venue. Even better, conference manager, Alison Ede, has worked successfully with Asilomar to rollover our security deposit from this year into next year's conference. This means that for now, we are planning to have our in-person conference in Fall 2021 at Asilomar Conference Grounds. Our planned keynote speaker, SFSU President Lynn Mahoney, has agreed to be our keynote again next year and I couldn't be more grateful to her. She will have plenty to speak about, having finished her first full year in her role.



Like many of you, I am disappointed we will not have an in-person conference this Fall. Coming to Asilomar and gathering with the members of this organization is something I have looked forward to every year since 2012. However, we are still making space for us to come together.

On Friday, November 20th, we will have a two-hour event from 3-5pm PST over Zoom to celebrate our award winners and socialize with each other. The exact details of this event are currently being planned so we'll share more information soon. A big thanks to the planning committee helping to make this happen!

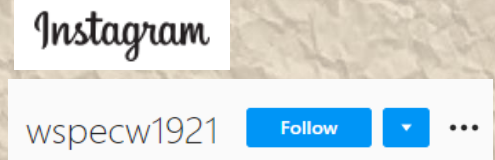
Speaking of awards, we are still having them! The Executive Board voted that funds from Karen Johnson's estate would be used for our awards for this year. These include the Emerging Professional Award, the President's Equity Scholarship, and Professional Development Grant and you can find more information about each of these [here](#).

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS
Western Society for Physical Activity of College Women
2020 Professional Development Awards

These awards are incredibly helpful to those who receive them, especially for our rising scholars and graduate students. As a reminder, our Emerging Professional Award requires a nomination from another member so please think of someone who you could nominate for that award. And while the President's Equity Scholarship and the Professional Development Grant is applied for directly by a member, send an encouraging text or email to another member who is eligible but might not realize it or hasn't yet thought about applying. All award applications are due on Monday, October 5, 2020 by 5pm.

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I also want to share is the wonderful work of Mikaela Fischer, who has joined Michele Barr and Sonja Lilienthal on our Media and Newsletter committee and has been expanding our social media presence. To this end, we now have an official Twitter account (@wspecw1921) and Instagram account (wspecw1921). The name is a tribute to the year we were founded and is particularly meaningful since next year will be the 100th since our founding. Mikaela has done a great job finding and following many of our members but please begin following the org on Twitter and/or Instagram so we can follow you back!



Don't forget to pay your membership dues if you haven't already (use [this link](#) to pay online). Remember that for this year, if you cannot pay your full dues (\$50 for professionals, \$12 for graduate students), pay what you can, even if it's a \$1. For those of you who have the interest and ability to give more, you can always donate using [this link](#) (click on "Make a Donation" at the bottom of the page). I also encourage, if possible, our Honorary and Emeritae members to pay membership dues as a donation. Every donation supports the Society and its members so thank you in advance for any contributions you can make.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter and most importantly to Sonja Lilienthal for putting it together. It's far more work than you might expect, and Sonja consistently gets the job done. Thank you! Otherwise, I look forward to seeing everyone at the awards presentation on November 20th.

Stay safe and healthy!

Nicole Bolter, Ph.D.
President, WSPECW



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2020 Election of New Officers: The Results Were Unanimous!!

Emily Houghton (Past President), reports that the result of our elections were awesome!

Thank you to all members who voted.

The Executive Board congratulates and welcomes Za'Neen and Jen to the WSPECW Executive Board.

President-Elect:
Za'Neen D. McClain, Ph.D.
California State University, East Bay



Secretary: Jen Bhalla, Ph.D.
Pacific University

"Zoom Celebration: Seeing Each Other....LIVE"

- Zoom to celebrate our award winners and socialize with each other.
- More information soon.
- A big thanks to the planning committee helping to make this happen!

Friday November 20, 2020.
3pm-5pm PST



PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Western Society for Physical Activity of College Women 2020 Professional Development Awards

Call for Professional Awards Nominations:

[Emerging Professional Award](#)

[President's Educational Equity Scholarship](#)

[Professional Development Grant](#)

Nomination Deadline: October 5, 2020

Click on each of the hyperlinks above to find out more about the **nomination criteria, instructions and submission** for professional awards and abstracts. You can also find more information on the "[Awards, Scholarships, & Grants](#)" page on the WSPECW website.

Congratulations to our 2019 award winners!

President's Educational Equity Scholarship: **Judy Liao**

Professional Development Grant: **Sae-Mi Lee**



New
members
welcome
to apply!

Contact **Jo Morrissey**, Professional Activities Chair,
with any questions: morrissj@uwgb.edu

Help Grow Our Membership

This is your opportunity to invite a colleague, no matter where they are in the country!

Our membership will only grow if you help!

Are you thinking of joining, or convincing a colleague to join?

- Become part of a national network of supportive and engaged professionals in the field
- Have access to professional grant opportunities
- Are you a student? Undergraduate and graduate students can submit abstracts for peer-reviewed conference presentations

As a current member, you have the power to:

- Invite a colleague to present at next year's conference or simply think about attending
- Encourage this new member to apply for a Professional Award
- Send an electronic copy of the Newsletter to potential new members and promote our wonderful organization!

Becoming a member is easy!

- Visit us at <http://www.wspecw.org/become-a-member>
- Email Alison Ede Alison.ede@csulb.edu with questions



Help Grow Our Membership

Honorary, Emeritae, and Necrology

Nominations for Honorary Membership

Honorary memberships shall be given to women who have been members of the Society for a period of at least eight to ten years immediately prior to retirement from teaching or administration in physical education, and who have given outstanding service to the Society.

Because the 2020 conference has been canceled due to COVID-19, we will defer any Honorary nominations until 2021.

Nomination Criteria:

- Elective office or member of the Executive Board.
- Member or Chair of committees.
- Participant on conference programs (panel member, speaker).

If you have a candidate to nominate for next year, please forward the following information to Gail Evans at gevans@sfsu.edu by October 1, 2021.

- Name of nominee
- Institution at the time of retirement
- Date of Retirement
- Your name
- Your email address
- A description of how the nominee meets the criteria (include a resumé if possible)

Emeritae Membership

Emeritae membership is conferred upon notification of retirement to those who have been active members of the Society eight out of the ten years immediately prior to retirement from the institution with which she has been affiliated.

If you or someone you know has retired recently, please send their name and institutional affiliation to Gail Evans at gevans@sfsu.edu

Necrology Notice

If you know of recently deceased WSPECW members, please send the following information to Gail Evans at gevans@sfsu.edu

- Your name
- Your address
- Name of Deceased
- Most recent institutional affiliation
- Name and address of person who could write a memorial statement

Memorial Fund

A note from Past President, Emily Houghton

Commemorate. Honor. Dedicate. Celebrate.

Hello all! You have reached the portion of the newsletter in which the Past President usually pleads for donations to help our wonderful organization continue to fulfill its' mission!

I am not one to break tradition...

The WSPECW Memorial Fund is an excellent way to honor a departed member of the WSPECW family and support the organization financially. I am asking you to consider celebrating the life of a past member by donating to the organization in their name.

In the past couple of years the Memorial Fund has been used to support the Annual Conference Program. The money has helped pay for exceptional keynote speakers like Layshia Clarendon and Wyomia Tyus. I know that our current President and the conference planning committee will put together a great conference for 2021 and this would likely not have been possible without contributions from our generous members.

Use of Memorial Fund donations will be acknowledged in the Conference Program and announced at the Annual Conference.

If you are interested in honoring a past member and supporting our organization your tax-deductible donation can be submitted directly to our Treasurer, Missy Wright. Missy may be reached at missy.wright@csueastbay.edu for submission details.

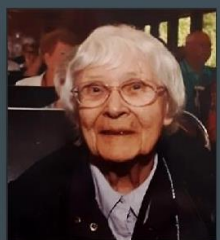
Thank you for your continued support of WSPECW.

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In Memory of... Losses in the WSPECW family...

**Joanne Ruth
"Jo"
WASHBURN**

1937 - 2020



Submitted by Gail Evans

Joanne Washburn, former Women's Athletic Director at Washington State University, passed away on September 15th at the age of 83. She had bladder/bone cancer and died at home while on hospice.

Jo served as women's AD from 1965-1982. During that time, the women's athletic program grew to eight varsity sports: volleyball, basketball, field hockey, skiing, tennis, track and field, gymnastics and swimming. And the budget grew from \$2000 to more than \$1 million.

Jo was a pioneer in women's athletics in many ways. In 1979, Jo, 12 coaches, and 39 student athletes filed a lawsuit against WSU for failing to comply with Title IX. The lawsuit became a landmark women's rights case, setting a precedent for all public four-year colleges and universities in the state.

Following her time as an administrator, Jo became a full-time professor of physical education in the area of sport management. She retired in 2004.

On a personal note, Jo was my AD when I was the assistant gymnastics coach at WSU while in graduate school. She was always supportive and gave very wise counsel. I valued her as a colleague and a friend. We still emailed regularly, and I will miss her.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/spokesman/obituary.aspx?n=joanne-ruth-washburn&pid=196859688>

In Memory of... Losses in the WSPECW family...

Dr. Roberta J. Park

1931-2018

Submitted by Alison Wrynn

Roberta J. Park was born on July 15, 1931 in Oakland, California, the daughter of Robert Donald and Grace E. Park. She earned an AB degree from UC Berkeley; an MA from The Ohio State University; and PhD from UC Berkeley.

She was an Instructor at The Ohio State University; a teacher in the Oakland Public Schools; and a supervisor and then professor, at UC, Berkeley.



She was inducted into the Academy in 1979 (Fellow #261), was President from 1990-1991, and won the Hetherington Award in 1996. From 1982-1992, she was Chair of the Department of Physical Education at UC Berkeley, which then became the Department of Human Biodynamics in (1995), merging in 1997 with the Department of Integrative Biology.

Robbie, as she was known by her close friends and colleagues, was a passionate scholar in the field of sport history with a specialty in the history of health, exercise and physical education in the 18th and 19th centuries. She edited a number of seminal books and monographs and published at least one hundred articles in scientific journals (and another sixty in proceedings, abstracts, book reviews and other journals). She was the recipient of countless awards recognizing her outstanding and extensive contribution to the field. Her research output is truly outstanding and her extensive work on embodiment, sport, health and physical practices in historical context is widely admired.

Alison Wrynn writes "I had no idea what I was doing when I applied for the PhD program at Berkeley—after growing up in the Northeast, I just wanted to stay in California. For some reason Robbie accepted me into the program without ever speaking to me—she read my application, and I received a letter of acceptance. In hindsight, her faith in me was vitally important to my success—my parents did not have bachelor's degrees and could not understand why I would give up a secure job as a high school teacher to pursue a doctorate, I needed someone in my life who believed that I could do this."

Dr. Roberta J. Park

It was a definite challenge, something that Paula, Susan and Deane would understand, as well as Jarrod, Gwen and other master's students—papers were returned covered with comments, in four, sometimes five different colored pens—it often felt like whatever you wrote would never be enough. When you were called to a meeting with her in the Department Library or Archive, you knew you were about to be given another dozen secondary sources to consult to strengthen your work, and primary sources that were too numerous to count. But the challenge made us better writers and stronger scholars. I was fortunate to be able to say “thank you” to her on a number of occasions—when I got my first tenure-track job, then a prestigious Olympic research fellowship, my second tenure-track position back in California, all of those early career milestones were reached based on my own hard work, but having Robbie as a reference certainly helped. She made sure to nominate me for the National Academy of Kinesiology later in my career and, when I stepped in as editor of the *Journal of Sport History*, I got the chance to thank her publicly: something I probably should have done more often. I also had the chance to review and edit one of her articles for the *Journal*—I resisted the temptation to cover it in four colors of ink with my comments!

I didn't get the chance to talk to her much in the last few years, new challenges in my career focused me in an administrative direction, but whenever I shared a new email address, or job title, she always wrote back about how proud she was of the work I was doing.

I have tried, throughout my career, to reflect on the lessons learned from Robbie—both good and bad—when working with students. I like to believe I was a tough editor, but supported young scholars in particular with perhaps less red pen; I was a rigorous scholar, but I probably submitted papers that were not yet perfect; and I was always a demanding teacher and mentor, but maybe a little bit more accepting.

During her retirement, Dr. Park never wavered from her strong stance on the importance of exercise and sports for children and everyone else. She came to her campus office every day, swam in Hearst pool at noon, and spent the afternoon with her research. She was a force of nature, never missing an opportunity to educate anyone willing to listen to the attributes of staying active, and the many benefits to the mind and society as a whole.

Roberta J. Park was a gifted scholar, a generous mentor, and a wonderful, supportive friend to many. She will be greatly missed.

For the first six and half years that I knew her she was Dr. Park—as soon as she signed my dissertation, she said, “call me Robbie” and that is how I knew her for the past 22 years. So once again, I will thank Robbie for all she did for me to get me to become the best teacher, scholar and administrator that I could be.

Alison Wrynn

Thank you to our WSPECW Donors!

Any contributions may be earmarked for a special fund or contribute to the General Fund of the Society.

If you are considering donating and do not have a preference, the Presidential Scholarship and Memorial Fund need increased funds.

Other special funds include: Professional Development, Historical Records, Equity Fund, and Emerging Professional.

Those wishing to donate can make checks payable to WSPECW and send to:

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Please....Mark Your Calendars!
Important Dates for Fall 2020

**October 5: Nomination Deadline for all
WSPECW Professional Awards**

If you would like to contribute to future newsletters, please contact Sonja Lilienthal at sonja.lilienthal@sjsu.edu