

Notes that you might like to share with Anne, on the occasion of her retirement

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Please include your name and, if relevant, your graduation date and/or classes you had with Anne.

I graduated in 2006 with as BA in English and in Linguistics. Anne was the reason I went on to specialize in theoretical syntax in graduate school at the University of Washington. I still have a marked-up first edition Andrew Carnie text as a keepsake from undergrad! Anne, your passion for teaching was inspiring and your ardent support meant the world to me. Thank you so much for all of the growth, curiosity, and scholarship you've fostered in the world! I hope you enjoy a long, wonderful, well-earned retirement.

- Kristi René Krein

As a first-generation college student, I enrolled at Western with little to no understanding of what the college experience was going to look like aside from what I saw in movies and TV shows. On top of that, I had no idea what the field of linguistics was until I took an introductory course and can only describe myself as the real life depiction of the mind-blown emoji every single class. I declared linguistics as my major and took a number of courses by Anne, and I distinctly remember spending a day creating syntax trees for pop songs while eating various desserts that we were allowed to bring to class at the end of a quarter. Anne was such an inspiration and it was evident that she cared for each and every one of her students - not only their academic progress, but holistically. I've worked at a number of institutions of higher education and have since learned that not all faculty share this commitment to fostering such positive relationships with their students, which makes me incredibly grateful that my fond memories of Western and the college experience is due in part to Anne and the entire Linguistics Department. Thank you, Anne, for your contribution to such an incredible undergraduate experience for all of the students who had the privilege of working with you. Wishing you the best in your retirement.

-Carolynn Tulluck, BA Linguistics and TESOL Certification, 2012

I had a handful of classes taught by Anne, every one of them I enjoyed completely. I was pursuing my BA in French and had decided on a Linguistics minor when one day while sitting in her office Anne explained "You're already so close! You should double major!" So I did! I also had the absolute pleasure of being saved from working a retail nightmare at the Kohl's in the mall when Anne and Kristin created a role for me as their Manuscript Preparation Assistant through a grant. I will never forget how much fun we had. Congratulations to you, Anne, and thanks for everything! Have a blast as a retiree! You've earned it and then some.

- Nick Cousino, BA French and Linguistics, 2012

I didn't know what linguistics was before beginning college education. After taking one class, I fell in love. Linguistics is such an interesting subject and I wanted to learn everything I could. Anne Lobeck helped sustain and solidify my love for linguistics for post graduation. I took a class with Anne during Covid over Zoom. The class was called "Bad Grammar" and although it

wasn't the ideal situation, Anne was just as passionate as I imagine she would've been in person. She was excited about the discussions we were having and she was actively listening to her students as we shared our experiences with linguistics in real life. Anne's passion to teach and engagement with the class kept me motivated to fully engage. I don't remember what I did for my final project, but I remember Anne's encouragement throughout the project. I'm thankful to have learned from Anne Lobeck and wish her happiness in her retirement.

-Emily Kickner, BA Linguistics, 2021

Anne,

I so enjoyed your classes at Western! You positively vibrate with energy and passion for syntax and English. What sticks out most about your teaching was your excitement for new ideas, your ability to reframe a mistake as an opportunity, and your creativity in concretizing abstractions. Thanks so much!

-Jeffrey Guptil, BA Linguistics, 2017

Anne was an incredible asset to my education in Linguistics, and a significant contributor toward my enjoyment of the subject. Her palpable passion and deep curiosity set the tone in the courses I took under her guidance ("Syntax," "Language and Gender," and "Creoles and Pidgins"). I remember Anne's classes as being full of discussion and laughter. Her genuine excitement and validation of her students' academic pursuits made such a difference in their success: Anne suggested that I participate in Scholars Week 2016, which was a rewarding experience I never would have thought to pursue without her encouragement.

Anne is also at the center of one of my favorite anecdotes from my time at WWU: on a random day in Syntax, Anne asked who among the class natively uses the phrase "No wonder why" as interchangeable with "No wonder." I raised my hand only to sheepishly realize that I was the only student doing so! She asked me where I was from and I replied "Here in Washington." She prodded, "No, where specifically?" and I said a couple hours south, near Tacoma. She snapped her fingers and said, to my shock as she pinpointed my hometown, "Yes! It's Puyallup!" I was blown away and so is everyone else from Puyallup when I share this story.

Anne Lobeck made an impact in my life, and I wish her the happiest of retirements!

-Emily Bolam, BA Linguistics, 2016

College came with late growing pains for me. My emerging adulthood as a queer former homeschool kid and transfer student left me a bit out from shore, wading with a single oar in a pool floatie. With my life in flux, the anchor I needed for my final 2 years of education was guidance, and I'm so grateful to have received that from Anne. While attending her courses and helping out as her support, the perspective I witnessed in her work – humility, a lifelong learner's curiosity and the fearlessness to pave paths for growth through mistakes – helped build and continues to inform the kind of person I want to be. I haven't lost my heart for language for a moment because Anne and the linguists I met during my time at WWU all fostered that passion

in each other. And though my career ultimately took me in a different direction, you know I'm still pulling out linguistics trivia as my go-to icebreaker!

Wishing you the absolute best with all that's to come, and that the years you've given to us will be returned to you in good rest, plentiful joys and fulfillment.

- Ashley McDuffie, BA Linguistics, 2019

Thank you to Dr. Anne Lobeck for being such an incredible educator. You are very loved and admired! - Maria Jose Palacios Figueroa

She's an amazing instructor and researcher. - Pam Becker

Anne is one of the best! - Alicia Simpson_Kennedy

It was an honor to teach linguistics to my high schoolers alongside one of my favorite professors of all time! Love you Anne! -Dana Smith

The linguistics professor who looks like a movie star playing a linguistics professor. - Tim Appelo

I learned so much in her class! - Emilia Neige

This queen is the reason (along with Kristin Denham) I found my love of linguistics ❤️ And I am a person who just got lucky to take it in college; wouldn't it be great if all K12 schools could incorporate linguistics? ❤️ Katie Lineberger Thomas

Faculty

Dear Anne,

It has been wonderful to teach and collaborate with you together over these past years. Wishing you the very best retirement, which you have earned. I know I join with other faculty, as well as with our linguistics students, in the hope that, even in retirement, you continue to make contributions to linguistics science and pedagogy.

Best wishes,
Edward Vajda

Dear Anne. Thank you for your generosity and your dedication to linguistics at Western. I still remember the first time I met you at a linguistics program meeting before Linguistics was a department. I am so lucky that I got to work alongside you. I wish you a relaxing and refreshing life as you embark on this new journey. Your influence in our lives as linguists at Western is a complement and not an adjunct– and it can never be dislocated! Many thanks, R. Mata