



President's Corner:

A Long Obedience II

A few weeks ago I attended the Faculty "Celebration of Service" Retirement Dinner. I was struck once again with the relevance of Eugene Peterson's book title, *A Long Obedience In The Same Direction*, and how it also applies to this "class" of retiring Faculty, who now join us in our Emeriti ranks. They are 20 lives that are characterized by their faithfulness: to their families, to their students, to their disciplines, to SPC/SPU, and especially, to their God. Their combined service to SPC/SPU was 580 years. We celebrate their "long obedience" on the faculty, and now as they now join us "in the same direction," we welcome them with joy and thanksgiving. Alphabetically arranged they are:

JoAnn Atwell-Scrivner, PhD – 33 years	Dirk (Rick) Eigenbrood, PhD – 18 years
Arthur K. Ellis, EdD – 33 years	Dan W. Hess, PhD – 42 years
Ramona A. Holmes, DMA – 25 years	Richard P. Jackson, PhD – 24 years
Donald J. MacDonald, PhD – 42 years	Gaile L. Moe, PhD – 25 years
William E. Nagy, PhD – 23 years	Joanna K. Poznanska, PhD – 31 years
William H. Prenevost, EdD – 13 years	Richard L. Ridgway, PhD – 30 years
Micheal D. Roe, PhD – 31 years	Tina L. Schermer-Sellers, PhD – 21 years
Regina P. Schlee, PhD – 35 years	Frank A. Spina, PhD – 46 years
John W. Thoburn, PhD – 21 years	Douglas J. Thorpe, PhD – 31 years
Jeffrey B. Van Duzer, JD – 21 years	Elaine Y. Weltz, MSE – 35 years

We hope to have the opportunity to welcome them in person this fall when we again meet for the President's Luncheon in October (and add three or four more tables to accommodate them). At that time we will remember the "long obedience" of the life and legacy of Ray Wells, Professor of Philosophy for many years. Professor Steve Layman summed up Ray's legacy at SPC/SPU with this: "Ray was a Christian philosopher with a strong sense of vocation. The SPU philosophy program is what it is today in part because of Ray's deep belief in the value of philosophy and because of his advocacy for the program."

We will also remember the husband of our emeriti colleague Dr. Joy Hammersla. Floyd Hammersla passed away May 28, 2019 after a brief illness. He spent 34 years working in public education. Peace to their memory.

Purpose for The Emeri-Times *"to edify, encourage, and connect emeriti faculty; to profile emeriti achievements (past and present); to provide news and information about members and SPU; to encourage emeriti to continue to be involved in world change." The Emeri-Times newsletter is distributed by the Office of the Provost.*

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Provost Jeff Van Duzer hosted the Spring Tea for Emeriti

Tuesday March 19, 2019, Provost Van Duzer was host to about fifty Emeriti at his final hosting of the annual Spring Tea. His leadership and participation with Emeriti has been particularly wonderful and we shall miss him. Among the many contributions he made to Emeriti include a web page linked to Office of the Provost > Gateway > Emeriti Faculty; our own email listserv: !EmeritiFaculty <EmeritiFaculty@spu.edu>; access to the Faculty/Staff Bulletin and his support for our newsletter. Most of all we are grateful for his friendship and for his ability to keep us well-informed about SPU. And furthermore, we just learned that Dr. Van Duzer is now Emeritus Van Duzer.



Look for the fall President's lunch in October which will be a few weeks earlier than previous years.

This photo was from Spring 2019 on a light-filled day in Upper Gwinn.

AUTUMN QUARTER THEATER

Men on Boats

By Jaclyn Backhaus

Directed by Carol Roscoe

November 7, 8, 9 - 14, 15, 16 - 2019 at 7:30 pm; 1:00 pm matinee Nov 16

Ten explorers. Four boats. One Grand Canyon. *Men on Boats* tells the true(ish) history of an 1869 expedition to chart the course of the Colorado River. "...marvelously destabilizing both as history and theater. The stalwartness and selfishness of the adventurers—their cockiness and cluelessness—become biting satire when sent up by women." —*New York Magazine*. "[a] rollicking history pageant...[the play] makes canny use of the obvious distance between performers and their roles to help bridge the distance between then and now... And ultimately, you feel, the play respects its bold if fallible pioneers, in all their natural bravery and fearfulness." —*The New York Times*.

James Chapman Stage

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service

"The best part of being 90 is the reduction in peer pressure" David McKenna

Emeriti updates

June 2019 Emeriti contributions to *Emeri-Times Newsletter*

Kathleen Braden, Geography and Political Science, (2016)

Here are some of my activities:

- Had a darn good time co-hosting the Retirement celebration with Todd Randleman May 9
- Finished a manuscript and am hoping to find a publisher. It is within the theme of animal-human relations and is a compendium of earth creatures who consume the human body. It sounds gruesome, but it really isn't!
- Am active in District 5 of North Seattle and working with a group to arrange a forum for candidates for the City Council seat from my district

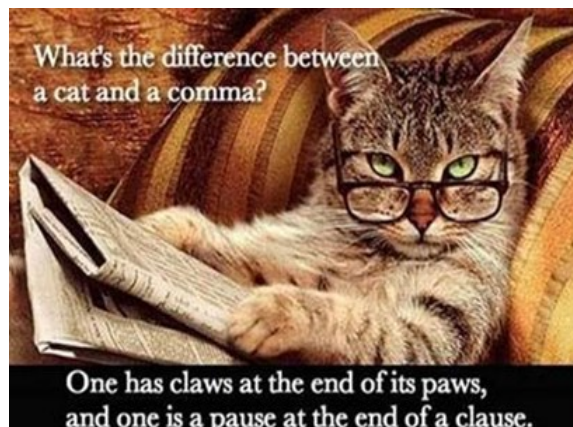
Doug Durasoff (Dana) Political Science, 2010? Enjoyed a wedding in Sweden last summer – Dana's nephew. He and his partner of 14 years walked together down the aisle of the old church in Sigtuna, Sweden, preceded by their three children strewing flowers! It was a fine, full-rites Lutheran ceremony. (Pretty good party afterwards at their house, too—went on until dawn.)

In October I sang at the 65th anniversary concert of the Yale Russian Chorus in New Haven, and this April accompanied Dana back to New Haven for the 50th anniversary concert of the women's Yale Slavic Chorus. These were marvelous events with about 150 singers in each. I am doing a little singing and a lot more golf out here on God's green Olympic Peninsula.

Next fall my 'old group' Orchestra Seattle/Seattle Chamber Singers will celebrate their 50th anniversary and I will have to ferry back to rehearsals and concerts at least for St. Matthews Passion! All these anniversaries and I hit 75 (youngster, I know...) in September and Dana and I hit 50 in April. (My parents always added, "Lord Willing!") Blessings to all, Doug.

Roger Feldman (Astrid) Art Department, 2017. I just completed a project that began with a conversation five years ago and resulted in a collaboration with Kanin Stevens Dance. I created a four wall structure that ten dancers moved into place creating an 8' x 8' x 8' space that was about climate change and its consequences for water. The one performance was called "Sea Change Within Us" and will be performed again on June 15 at the park at the South end of Lake Union.

I have also been commissioned by the Washington State Arts Commission to create a site-specific outdoor sculpture park for Marysville/Pilchuck High School and it should be completed and installed by the end of October 2019. We are continuing with a project in its early stages for a patron in Tuscany. I hope this will come to fruition! Astrid and I continue to enjoy doing little things together and continue to support our family in all kinds of ways. God is good.



Emeriti updates, continued

Claudia Grauf-Grounds (Larry Grounds) Marriage & Family Therapy, 2017. Claudia along with several other SPU faculty (Tina Schermer Sellers, Scott Edward, Hee-Sun Cheon, Don MacDonald, Shawn Whitney and Peter Rivera) have recently signed a contract to publish their textbook with Routledge. Their edited textbook will be titled: *A Practice Beyond Cultural Humility: How Clinicians Can Work More Effectively in a Diverse World* and will include chapters by their former students.

Eric Hanson (Susan) Music Department and Director of Symphony Orchestra, 2016. I continue to enjoy playing with grandchildren, teaching the adult Christian education class at our church, and bringing communion to shut-ins. I play golf twice a week and recently played the northern Idaho courses with my sons. I am also giving lectures at Aegis on Queen Anne near SPU.

William Kauppila (Carol) Business, Government and Economics, 2017. In May, went on a twelve day driving trip to six Midwest states to attend family graduation, visit relatives and friends and drive the Mississippi River from Minneapolis to St. Louis.

Mike Macdonald (Karen) Professor of European Studies, 2007. Karen and Mike are trying to be balanced between worthwhile endeavors, healthy pleasures and enjoyable activities. Mike lectured where we live (Emerald Heights) on "European Highlights in 2018" and plans to do the same next year in 2019. Both are active in Spiritual Life matters at Emerald Heights. As for a recent book, Mike recommends Jordan B. Peterson's best seller *12 Rules for Life An Antidote to Chaos*. Both Karen and Mike love to travel, cruising in February for 11 days with Norwegian Cruise Lines in the Caribbean and then spending several days in New Orleans. As we write this, we are planning to leave town to tent-trailer in BC and Alberta and come back thru Idaho and Washington. Life is filled with blessings!

Vicki McClurg (Jim), School of Health Sciences, Nursing. In March, Jim and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary by fulfilling a couple of items on our bucket lists. We traveled to Australia and snorkeled at the Great Barrier Reef and toured all over New Zealand. We spent about a week in Australia and then another 3 ½ weeks in New Zealand. We are both fans of JRR Tolkien's Hobbit and Lord of the Rings books. I have read them many times since the late 70's so I looked forward to the movies with much anticipation. Was disappointed in the movies, but we wanted to see where they were filmed. We took several "Lord of the Rings" tours out of Wellington, Mata Mata and Christchurch. Those were especially fun. We drove over 6000 km on the wrong side of the road and had a memorable trip. We made large circuits around both NZ islands and had a wonderful time. Now we're back to the mundane, working about 2 days a week – Me at Virginia Mason University Village Clinic and Jim at Campbell/Nelson Volkswagen/Nissan delivering cars. Nice gigs for retired people.

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**We owe thanks to
Karen Macdonald
For finding creative
Cartoons.**



Annalee Oakes (Phillip) School of Health Sciences – Nursing (“I’ve tried to retire 3 times!!! Haven’t made it yet.) Dear colleagues, I enjoyed the Emeriti Faculty Tea immensely! I had not attended for more than 20 years—so good to see many cherished friends/faculty. You all looked exactly as I remembered.

April 26-May 1, I was honored by a group of top government and military nurse leaders from Taiwan ROC that I worked with over 40 years. They were instrumental to help forge a bond between SPU nursing and Taiwan’s nurse groups...Then over twenty years with the nursing program at Northwest University, Kirkland, for student/RN exchanges. Their trip was a “final goodbye” with me, but a firm commitment to continue the exchange programs between the U.S. and Taiwan. Phillip and I hosted our last “welcome dinner” with the nurse-leaders and made it happen using Chinese cultural protocols to reverse the honors of their friendship and service. I even gave a very short welcome using Mandarin language!!!

Most recently the purpose of my remaining days has been to build stronger discipleship in the believers, encourage those who are aging, suffering with physical health problems and feeling useless. Billy Graham’s book, *Nearing Home: Life, Faith and Finishing Well*, has been my gift to more than thirty people. I am sure the publishers are wondering why they run on this book!! The results are in God’s hands, but the seeds are planted.

To paraphrase Maya Angelo, remember we don’t arrive at the finish line looking in perfect shape. We should expect (if we are really on fire for the Lord) to arrive looking totally spent – out of gas, probably gasping for breath, and saying, “Wow! What a ride!”

Praying for all of you folks. Thanks for your dear friendship since 1971, the year of my SPU hire.

Charles A. Olson (Judy) Mathematics Education, 1993? I have been in a nursing home the past 3 ½ years. I enjoy hearing about my former colleagues.

Don Peter (Jo Ann) Engineering, 2017. I am thanking the Lord for his mercy in escaping serious medical injury during my traffic collision at the Alderwood Mall May 23rd. It could easily have been much worse with a small change in circumstances. However, my SPU 25-year-service watch received a blow that cracked the crystal—but it is still ticking as am I!

Spring quarter has seen me teaching two courses back at SPU so it feels like full time except I don’t have to attend meetings! The commute from Lake Stevens, however, is quite the trek. I am enjoying a lot of reading on my long bus trips. *Cold Case Christianity* by Warner Wallace is a fascinating account of the author’s journey from atheism to faith in Christ as a result of applying principles of legal evidence to the credibility of the truth claims of Christianity. It is both fascinating to me and educational.

We are excited to welcome our fifth grandchild in August, the fourth from daughter April. She is a great mommy. Our other daughter Beth dragged me up Mt. St. Helens April 14th in near Arctic conditions. What was the view like from the rim? I wouldn’t know! The visibility was zip! Zilch! Nada!

Christina Roseman, C. May Marston Professor of Classics (2001). I am still enjoying life at Timber Ridge in Issaquah and doing more socializing than had been possible for many years. During the school year there are courses offered here on many subjects, and I have found serving on the Education Committee most interesting. It is also a blessing to have my closest family all here in the Seattle area after many previous years when my oldest daughter was back east and my sister was in Texas and Hawaii. I am told I will become a great grandmother in the fall! The baby and parents are in Massachusetts, alas, but visits are probable.

If anyone in this community has experience with recent cochlear implants, I would be grateful to hear from you. My younger daughter, hearing impaired from birth, is being considered for one as she is now beyond help from hearing aids. It would be much appreciated and expand what we can get from medical personnel or literature as she and the family consider such a change in her circumstances. chroseman@comcast.net; 425-392-8534.

SPU Retirement Commissioning Prayer 5/9/19

Delivered by Kerry Dearborn

Loving God, we thank you for each of these wonderful faculty members who have served you and your people so well and who are now beginning a new chapter of life.

Thank you for their courage in being willing to let go of the former ways and to seek your guidance and provision as you do a new thing in their lives.

May they have the deep trust of Abraham as they are led by you to new places, new roles, and new communities.

May they be granted the humor of Sarah, yet with deep faith, so they may receive the miracles of these years with joyful gratitude;

May they have the freedom of Paul who could count all things as loss but for the surpassing knowledge of you, Lord Jesus;

And may they be granted times of wonder and gratitude in your presence, like Anna experienced that day in the temple seeing you, O Lord.

Holy Spirit, please strengthen them as they face the challenges that come for all of us in this season of life.

Please send them out with joy because though the husk of our bodies may wither, the inner life within can ripen to bring beauty and strength wherever we are.

Send them out with peace, freeing them from anxious striving, to experience these new chapters as a broad place of encountering you and others more deeply.

Send them out with rich hope anticipating change that brings new opportunities, new beginnings, and not merely loss.

And may your love fill them and surround them, reminding them that their primary identity is as your beloved sons and daughters. May your love empower them to hear your voice and to participate in your loving overflow of living water wherever they are, and with whomever they encounter.

Once again we thank you for the ways each of these dear colleagues and now fellow Emeriti have enriched our own lives and have contributed to the equipping and empowerment of so very many others.

We bless them and honor them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen



"Bad news, its curiosity"



JoAnn Atwell-Scrivner, PhD

Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance | 33 years

JoAnn started SPU's volleyball program in 1986 and served as its award-winning head coach through 13 seasons. In 2002, SPU initiated the JoAnn Atwell-Scrivner Ambassador Award, presented annually to a Falcon volleyball player. As professor and HHP department chair, JoAnn oversaw undergraduate research and taught courses on topics from community health to fencing.



Dirk (Rick) Eigenbrood, PhD*

Professor of Education | 18 years

Rick served in several leadership positions in the School of Education, including nine years as dean. A former special education teacher committed to quality education to all children, he wrote and presented on special education law and practices in the United States as well as overseas. Post-retirement, he looks forward to staying active with his wife and spending time with his grandkids, church, and community.



Arthur K. Ellis, EdD

Professor of Education | 33 years

A former public school teacher who believes in the impact caring education has on the lives of young people, Arthur taught in SOE's doctoral studies program, specializing in curriculum and instruction, and directed the Center for Global Curriculum Studies. The author of 20 published books, Arthur has presented at conferences worldwide and serves on the editorial board of two international education journals.



Dan W. Hess, PhD*

Professor of Finance | 42 years

With a background working at the Board of Trade in Chicago, Dan not only equipped students with the knowledge to work in the financial industry, but he also connected them with internships, mentors, and potential employers. With students now working successfully throughout the business world, his impact is global. Dan also advised the student investment fund and has enjoyed collaborating with faculty on many research projects.





Ramona A. Holmes, DMA

Professor of Music Education | 25 years

Ramona taught K–12 music strings for 20 years before coming to SPU. Her work combines music education and ethnomusicology, with focus on string music around the world. As a professor, she brought her global experience to Seattle Pacific, inviting global musicians to class and teaching gamelan. She has loved watching students grow into outstanding scholars, musicians, educators, and friends.



Richard P. Jackson, PhD

Assistant Professor of Journalism | 24 years

With 13 years of copy editing and reporting experience before coming to SPU, Rick served as faculty advisor for SPU's award-winning student newspaper, *The Falcon*. In the classroom, he combined building reporting and writing skills with examining the role of journalism and mass media in current society through a critical lens informed by Christian faith and ethics.



Donald J. MacDonald, PhD

Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy | 42 years

During Don's years at Seattle Pacific, the MFT master's program grew to a nationally recognized program. Don studied and taught courses on worldviews, culture, relational philosophies, psychotherapy law and ethics, and family therapy, also teaching psychology courses at universities overseas. Many of Don's students have become instructors, supervisors, and directors in the field.



Gaile L. Moe, PhD

**Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences;
Director of General Education | 25 years**

In addition to her roles of professor and general education director, Gaile directed SPU's dietetics emphasis for ten years, helping launch dozens of students into dietetic careers. She also helped direct the remodel of the Peterson Hall foods lab and develop SPU's first year writing curriculum. Gaile looks forward to more time for family, friends, travel, and taking art and history classes.

I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together!!!



William E. Nagy, PhD

Professor of Education | 23 years

Bill taught master's and doctoral courses in literacy and research methods, with special interest in how children learn words, how vocabulary can best be taught, what teachers can do to help English language learners, and how students' awareness of language contributes to their reading ability. He was elected into the Reading Hall of Fame in 2009.



Joanna K. Poznanska, PhD

Professor of International Business | 31 years

During her time at SPU, Joanna led several study abroad trips to China. She has published and presented research at conferences around the world, but counts letters from her former students describing how her classes changed their lives among her greatest accomplishments. She is looking forward to writing a book about her experiences emigrating from communist Poland to the United States.



William H. Prenevost, EdD

Associate Professor of Educational Administration and Supervision | 13 years

Bill brought over 33 years of educational leadership to SPU, having served as superintendent, principal, and athletic director in Washington state schools. He also launched initiatives aimed at meeting the education needs of various student populations. At SPU, he sought to prepare his students to be educational leaders of character, also serving as chair of Education Leadership.



Richard L. Ridgway, PhD

Associate Professor of Biology | 30 years

Rick's research has focused on cellular biology, using invertebrate animals as model systems for neural disorders like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. He has also collaborated with many other researchers, most recently in investigating anti-herbivore molecules that contribute to harmful "green tides" in Puget Sound. An SPU alumnus, Rick taught courses both at SPU's campus and at the Blakely Island Field Station.

If you haven't grown up by age 50, you don't have to!



Micheál D. Roe, PhD

Professor of Psychology | 31 years

Micheál is a developmental psychologist with anthropological training, with interests in the intersection of life span human development and social justice concerns. Named a Professor of the Year, his teaching focused on development and research psychology. He also served as the psychology department chair for 16 years and the School of Psychology, Family, and Community dean for 12 years.



Tina L. Schermer-Sellers, PhD

Associate Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy | 21 years

Tina is a licensed marriage and family therapist, professor, writer, and blogger. As MedFT director, Tina helped develop the nationally recognized, holistic MFT program currently at SPU. She also launched the Northwest Institute on Intimacy as a resource to therapists, pastors, and physicians. Post-retirement, she plans on continuing her work writing and speaking on spiritual intimacy and erasing sexual shame.



Regina P. Schlee, PhD

Professor of Marketing | 35 years

Regina used her experience as a marketing research director to enhance her SPU classroom for 35 years using real-world examples of her past and current work to prepare hundreds of students for marketing careers. She continued to win awards for her marketing research, including Marketing Educator of the Year, and served on the leadership boards of several professional marketing organizations.



Frank A. Spina, PhD

Professor of Old Testament | 46 years

Hired in 1973, beloved professor Frank has now taught the children — and grandchildren — of many of his first students, inspiring an understanding and love of Scripture. Named a Professor of the Year, Frank has been called tough but fair by students. An Episcopal priest and prolific speaker around the country, Frank has most recently published in the area of theological readings of Old Testament narratives.

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Lilyan Snow (Don) School of Health Sciences – Nursing (1998). Our spring has not been what we anticipated. Don was diagnosed with lung cancer in early February. After several weeks of diagnostic work, he began chemo eight weeks ago. He is doing better than we expected: tired, skinny, and balding, but not experiencing many unpleasant symptoms. He had last week off, so we flew to the Bay Area to visit old friends and family. It was a great boost to visit our son and his family, including our 8-year-old great-grandson, a fountain of energy. Our youngest son, Andy, made the trip possible when he volunteered to be our chauffeur. We are so blest to have the support of our three Seattle-area sons and their wives, our many friends at Skyline in Seattle, and the prayers of SPU friends.

Bob Weathers, (Judy) Physical Education & Exercise Science, 2010. Judy and I continue to love life in Anacortes, but we've been traveling so much that one might wonder about that. In the past 3.5 years, we've cruised from Venice to Singapore (through the Suez Canal), Buenos Aires to "Santiago" (by way of the Antarctic Peninsula), Hong Kong to Singapore and throughout Indonesia, and Auckland to Sydney (by way of South Island and Tasmania) – in addition to spending times with family in Hawaii and Mexico.

While home, I volunteer in a variety of capacities at Westminster Presbyterian Church, occasionally recruiting former SPU colleagues to teach Sunday school classes, and I just concluded a couple of terms on the board of Esperanza Ministries on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, which Judy and I have supported for years.

I also volunteer to teach occasional courses for the Anacortes Senior College – most recently, *Tropical Adventures: Belize to Galapagos*, *Charismatic Megafauna of the Salish Sea*, and *Physiology of Exercise*. More commonly, though, I help with citizen-science surveys of bull kelp beds, forage fish spawning, and intertidal invertebrates around Anacortes. I also serve as a marine naturalist at Lime Kiln Point State Park on San Juan Island during the summers when Southern Resident Killer Whales are more reliably resident. Beyond kayaking to survey kelp beds, I lead and take trips with the Hole in the Wall Paddling Club.

When traveling in the tropics, with or without family, I spend a lot of time snorkeling and scuba diving to conduct surveys of fish diversity, distribution, and abundance. The results are submitted to the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) for inclusion in its data set. In addition to doing independent surveys, I have recently participated in organized REEF field surveys to Bequia, Bonaire, Cozumel, and Dominica.

Bill Woodward (Tina) History, 2017 (sort of). Three weeks trip to Spain, Italy, Hungary and Germany including time with alumni Dave and Janet (Nyland) Kronback and Emeritus Music Professor Vernon Wicker. I received a notice from my publisher that our co-authored book, *Images of America: The Washington National Guard* will be released on 28 October 2019. And yes it is a tough baseball season.

Tom Trzyna (Martha) Professor of English and Dean of Arts and Sciences, 2016. Dr. Trzyna is now President of the Friends of CASA of King County, a small foundation that funds the emergency needs of children in court dependency. Let this be an appeal for people to volunteer to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates for these children. About 600 children in King County are currently in need of a CASA, and the system also needs additional funding to investigate and to close cases. You are also welcome either to donate to Friends of CASA of King County or to write me directly with suggestions of new foundations and donors interested in child welfare issues. Friends of CASA steps in when there are no other resources available. CASA work itself is challenging though uplifting and highly rewarding. The learning curve is steep but fascinating, and the work brings you in contact with a broad cross-section of the regional population, most of them very good people working hard to rectify the consequences of abuse, including substance abuse.

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