



# Emeriti News



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**The WMU Emeriti Council, wishes you and yours, peace, joy, and well-being in the Holidays and the New Year**



**Message from the Chair: Mary Lagerwey**

### Emeriti Student Scholarships

#### Make a gift to support our students!

WMU Emeriti have a strong tradition of supporting students by generously funding the Emeriti Medallion Scholarship and the Emeriti Book Scholarship.

#### Textbook Scholarships in need of Donations

In past years, donations from emeriti have supported around 25 sophomores, juniors, and seniors each semester with \$250-\$400 to defray the costs of textbooks, with scholarships which have ranged from 3.85-4.00. Nationwide, the average cost to first-year undergraduate students at public four-year institutions for books and supplies in one academic year is over \$1,200. We know that without this scholarship some students are not able to continue their education, and others take on additional debt or increase their working hours until they cut into their time for studies. WMU students receiving textbook scholarships have had GPAs that have ranged from 3.85-4.00. Unfortunately, donations have declined significantly in the past few years; the fund is at its lowest point since the inception of the scholarship.

**Due to insufficient funds, there were no Emeriti Book Scholarships awarded in Fall 2023.**

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution of any size to continue this support and help even more students. Doing so not only helps students financially but



also communicates belief in each student's potential and encouragement from those who have taught and done research at WMU for many years. Gifts can be made by using the form on the last page of this newsletter or by accessing the link below. Note that online donations are handled through an alumni web site.

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### **Bio-Sketch of Dawn L. Anderson, new Chair, Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies**

Dr. Dawn Anderson is the new Chair of Blindness and Low Vision Studies at WMU. She is PI with Rob Wall on a 2.5-million-dollar study for OSEP to expand the knowledge and skills in the area of brain based visual impairment across seven states and a 1.5-million-dollar personnel preparation grant, also from OSEP to increase the number and quality of TVIS and O&M Specialists with children. She also coordinates the Michigan Department of Education's MI VI Consortium, which provides full tuition to MI teachers seeking to add a VI endorsement to their teaching licenses. Her research interests include validity and reliability testing of assessment tools and interventions, assessment tool creation, access to curriculum and assessment for individuals with visual impairment, and the alternate techniques used by individuals with sensory impairments to effectively teach O&M. She earned a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary sciences from WMU. She holds certifications in Orientation and Mobility, Teacher of Children with Visual Impairment, Mental Impairment, Montessori Assistance to Infancy, and Neurological Visual Impairment in Children. Her K-12 teaching experience includes 25 years at the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped, across a Local Education Agency and at a Charter School.



### **Bio-Sketch of Darryl A. Salisbury, Master Faculty Specialist Emeritus, the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students (CELCIS)**

Darryl A. Salisbury joined the faculty of Western Michigan University in the fall of 1975 as a founding father of CELCIS. His five years in the United States Air Force language intelligence branch fueled his interest in languages, preparing him for a unique future at Western. After 38 years of service to the students of CELCIS and studying five interesting languages: Bulgarian, German, Swahili, Arabic, and Japanese, Darryl retired in 2013. All along the way, in addition to his teaching duties, Darryl edited and/or wrote a variety of newsletters for hobby and University organizations. Darryl joined the Emeriti Council in 2015 and has done its newsletter for most of his time in service.



In retirement, Darryl continues to use his language skills in writing and editing, plus he is heavily involved in stamp collecting, coin collecting, the car hobby (AMC), and traveling with his wife, WiSeon, a two-time M.A. Western graduate and former employee.



### **Bio-Sketch of Barbara U. Hemphill, Associate Professor Emerita, Occupational Therapy**

Dr. Barbara Hemphill retired from the Occupational Therapy Department at WMU in 2000. After attending seminary in Detroit, in 2005, she graduated from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary with a doctoral degree in ministry. Barbara became what is known as an itinerant minister, serving various churches in Kalamazoo County. Her doctoral dissertation was on the subject of spirituality in health care--connecting her professional scholarship in Occupational Therapy with spirituality.

She published a book entitled, *Occupational Therapy and Spirituality*, with Routledge publishers in 2020. She has given several presentations to the community in the area of spirituality in health care and has been called to talk about racism in health care. Barbara continues to be active in her profession by attending professional conferences, giving talks on spirituality and racism.

Her scholarship in occupational therapy centered on assessments in occupational therapy mental health and she published articles and a book entitled *Assessments in Occupational Therapy Mental Health*, fourth edition, published by Slack, Inc. For her contribution to research, education, and practice, Barbara is a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association, and was selected by her peers to be one of 100 occupational therapists to be one of the most influential OTs in the last 100 years.



### **Emeriti Medallion Scholars**

This scholarship is funded by generous donations from emeriti. Sizable gifts have allowed for full Medallion Scholarships to be offered on a regular basis every three out of four years. The criteria and process for selecting awardees and the amount awarded are the same as for other Medallion Scholarships.

#### **Current Emeriti Medallion Scholars:**

~ Rebecca Fraley  
Incoming Class of 2020  
Major: Nursing

~ Avery Molnar  
Incoming Class of 2021  
Major: Music Education: Instrumental

~ Anastasiia Hrukach  
Incoming Class of 2023:

The most recently named Emeriti Medallion Scholar, Anastasiia Hrukach, comes to Western Michigan University from Ukraine and Traverse City. She graduated from Traverse City Central High School two years after coming to the states as a Future Leaders Program scholar. She is majoring in Chemical and Paper Engineering, speaks three languages, and is learning a fourth. She enjoys playing tennis, hiking, and wake surfing.

Welcome, Anastasiia!

**Tax-deductible donations for Textbook and Medallion Scholarships can be sent directly to:**

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or by using the form on the back of this newsletter. Donations also can be made by accessing the link below. Note that online donations are handled through an alumni web site. [Give Now V2.0 \(wmualumni.org\)](https://wmualumni.org)

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**Reminders from the Chair**

In collaboration with Information Technology, WMUx, and the Office of the Provost, the EC has set up a new emeriti council email address for communicating with emeriti. The address is [emer\\_council@wmich.edu](mailto:emer_council@wmich.edu)

**Emeriti Council: Purpose and Functions**

- ~ Maintain open lines of communication between the emeriti, the administration, and the faculty of WMU
- ~ Foster strong relationships between the emeriti and the University
- ~ Support and serve the emeriti in various ways
- ~ Support the growth and development of the University

**Goals for 2023-2024 Academic Year**

- ~ Establish remote access to Wednesday II presentations
- ~ Explore new topics and activities for Wednesday II events
- ~ Find a new chair for the Emeriti Council
- ~ Highlight emeriti accomplishments on a regular basis in fall and spring newsletters

## **New Members Needed for the Emeriti Council**

I have been serving as chair of the EC for two academic years. At the end of the 2023-24 academic year, my term will be expiring, and I will be stepping down as chair. Anyone interested in nominating someone or volunteering to serve in this capacity is encouraged to reply by email to the EC or to a member of the EC and to join the EC this year to learn about its function, goals, etc. This is a three-year term. Thank you to the colleagues who have faithfully served on the Emeriti Council, presented as part of the Wednesday II series, attended EC programs, and worked in partnership with the EC. News from across the campus from *WMU News* and web sites.

## **Family Friendship Program**

The Office of Community Partnerships is launching this program which encourages Kalamazoo residents to host international students during various cultural festivities such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Emeriti are more than welcome to participate. To do so, visit: <https://wmich.edu/community/familyfriendship>

## **Asylum Lake Water Quality Project**

Work has begun on a project employing a two-pronged approach to improving the water quality of Asylum Lake. Located just south of Stadium Drive and east of Drake Road, Asylum Lake is part of the Arcadia Creek-Portage Creek Watershed and the broader Kalamazoo River Watershed and is situated in Western's 274-acre Asylum Lake Preserve. Continuing monitoring over many years has revealed the impact and presence of phosphorus and salt in the lake from nearby roadways.

The core of the Asylum Lake Stormwater Treatment System project involves installing a stormwater treatment device that uses technology and natural processes to prevent phosphorus, sediment, and other pollutants from being released into the lake from untreated urban stormwater. A second element includes a never-before-tried technique designed to safeguard the lake from contamination caused by road salt runoff. Western Michigan University researchers and Kieser & Associates, an environmental consulting firm, are engaged in this aspect of the project. Work to install the system began in September. The potential to mitigate chlorides could revolutionize not only this lake's health but also serve as a "game changer" more broadly for bodies of water impacted by road salt runoff. The \$775,000 project is funded by a \$550,000 grant from the state of Michigan allocated to the Asylum Lake Policy and Management Council, a group that is in partnership with Western, helps manage the preserve. The remaining \$225,000 required for this project is funded by the council through a Kalamazoo Foundation endowment restricted for the benefit of the preserve.

## **58<sup>th</sup> International Medieval Congress**

Medieval scholars from around the world convened on Western Michigan University's campus Thursday through Saturday, May 11-13, for the 58th meeting of the International Congress on Medieval Studies. This annual event returned to a hybrid format after being held virtually the past two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



There were 268 traditional in-person sessions, 151 virtual sessions, and 45 blended-format sessions which made it possible for speakers to present and audiences to attend both in-person and online. There were more than 2,000 participants registered, with 1,700 attending here in Kalamazoo. <https://wmich.edu/news/2023/05/71446>

### **DownBeat Music Awards**

Western Michigan University's jazz studies program is boasting three student soloist awards from international magazine *DownBeat* in its 46th annual Student Music Awards. The undergraduate students secured the awards in what's considered the most prestigious competition in jazz education. The winners from Western are all jazz studies majors:

- ~ Jace Frederick of Plainwell, Michigan, Joe Miller Trio, Tenor Saxophone, Undergraduate College Outstanding Soloist (Keith Hall)
- ~ Anastasia Chubb of Kalamazoo, Michigan, vocal jazz soloist, Undergraduate College Co-Winners (Gregory Jasperse)
- ~ Lillian Alter of Kalamazoo, Michigan, vocal jazz soloist, Undergraduate College Outstanding Performances (Gregory Jasperse)

### **Faculty Awards from CHHS**

CHHS has added a link on its research page: <https://wmich.edu/hhs/research> to highlight new grant awards in the college. Dr. Danna-dos-Santos has plans for many more additions and updates to this part of the CHHS website. Please check back frequently to stay informed about what's happening in that area of the college. Here are some of the most recent grant awards for fall 2023:

- ~ Dr. Michelle Suarez - Youth Mental Health Interprofessional Networking and Workforce Development (Y-MIND)
- ~ Dr. Benjamin Brady - Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program and Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program/Project (FUTRE)
- ~ Dr. D'Jaris Coles-White – Pre-School Autism Communication Education (PACE)
- ~ Dr. Maureen Mickus - Health Careers Opportunity Program
- ~ Dr. Dawn Anderson and Dr. Robert Wall Emerson - Orientation and Mobility: Facilitating Learning and Improvement of Proprioception (OMFLIP) and CVI Training for Effective Teaching of Students with Visual Impairments



### **Administrative Updates**

#### **Merze Tate College**

Western Michigan University's Merze Tate College is dedicated to helping exploratory students discover their career purpose and has a new leader. Dr. Staci Perryman-Clark, Director of the Institute for Intercultural and Anthropological Studies and Professor of English and African American Studies, has been named interim dean of Merze Tate College. Dr. Perryman-Clark is widely known as a diversity advocate and renowned rhetoric scholar. The search for a permanent dean has been initiated by academic affairs.

## **Facilities Management**

Chad M. Stirrett, a construction and planning professional, joined Western Michigan University as Associate Vice President for Facilities Management on August 21, 2023. This department is responsible for Western's construction, custodial, landscaping, power plant operations, capital projects, and space planning. He oversees day-to-day operations on campus as well as helps position the University for future growth and development. This includes focusing on sustainability and efficiency with new projects, Stirrett has earned B.S. and M.B.A. degrees, is a LEED-Accredited Professional, holds a Michigan Residential Builders License, and has served on the national Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award Board of Examiners, with over 25 years experience with management of the building environment, much of it at institutions of higher learning.

## **College of Health and Human Services**

A search firm has been selected for the dean of the College of Health and Human Services. Dr. Jennifer Harris, Director of the School of Social Work, is serving as Interim Dean. See <https://wmich.edu/provost/administrative-searches> for more information.

## **Academic Affairs Updates -- Articulation Agreements with Kalamazoo Valley Community College**

Administrators from Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo Valley Community College signed more than 50 articulation agreements Monday, November 6, 2023, which will allow students to transfer seamlessly between the two institutions. Kalamazoo Valley students in more than 50 programs can transfer seamlessly to WMU to continue pursuing a bachelor's degree. The deal includes three innovative 2+3 programs, which offer students the opportunity to earn their associate, bachelor, and master degrees in five years in a variety of areas.

## **AI and Writing in Fall 2023**

Department of English professor Dr. Brian Gogan began leading a new course titled "AI Writing: Prompt and Response." This innovative offering, developed in collaboration with WMUx, provides students the chance to delve into the intersection between human intelligence and AI-generated text. The course, rooted in principles of "engagement and exploration," encourages students to actively investigate the connections between AI and writing. Through the utilization of advanced technologies such as GPT, Bard and Copilot, students will engage in targeted learning activities, experiment with different strategies, and design AI-focused projects. Courses on AI are also planned in the Haworth College of Business and Department of Philosophy, and WMUx has launched AI @ WMU, a knowledge hub, which is complemented by a series of events and workshops focusing on essential AI topics. Additionally, two dedicated working groups have been formed to explore crucial aspects of AI, one addressing ethics and bias, and the other focusing on AI in teaching.

## Faculty Senate Highlights and Updates

The Faculty Senate meetings are available to stream live. However, technical difficulties did not allow for the viewing of the November 2 meeting live. It can be viewed now at: <https://wmich.mediasite.com/Mediasite/Play/15ed2606f9884c43beded24b1642e6fc1d>

Memoranda of Action approved by Administration over the summer:

~ MOA-20/03: WMU Syllabus Requirements

<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2023/moa2003.WMUSyllabusRequirements.7-19-23.pdf>

~ MOA-21/04: Revision of Accelerated Graduate Degree Program

<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2023/moa2104.RevisionAcceleratedGraduateDegreeProgram.7-19-23.pdf>

Memorandum of Action passed by the Faculty Senate:

~ MOA-23/01: Recommended Revisions of General Principles of Curriculum Change was passed.

[https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2023/MOA2301.revisionscurriculumchange\\_0.pdf](https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2023/MOA2301.revisionscurriculumchange_0.pdf)

A record of all MOAs approved since the year 2000 is available at

<https://wmich.edu/facultysenate/policies/moa>

## Ad Hoc Committees

Recently, the Faculty Senate Executive Board seated two new Ad Hoc Committees for work on the Senate initiatives for the 2023-24 academic year:

~ Artificial Intelligence <https://wmich.edu/facultysenate/committees/adhocaicmt>

~ Centers and Institutes <https://wmich.edu/facultysenate/committees/adhocci>

## Graduation Rate

WMU posted its highest six-year graduation rate in the last 25 years. The year-over-year improvement was 2.7 percentage points. While the graduation rate is close to exceeding the best WMU has ever had, it remains below the national average.

<https://wmich.edu/institutionalresearch/reportsanddashboards/retention-graduation>

## Wednesday II Events

~ September 2023: Dr. Stan Robin: Monologues

On September 13, Dr. Stan Robin, Professor Emeritus, Sociology, presented a new set of Monologues, entitled, "Along the Way:" The things we encounter along the way become part of us. Piece by piece they build the people we become. Thank you, Stan, for your most enjoyable presentation. We hope you will join us again in 2024.

## Upcoming Wednesday II events, Spring Semester 2024

~ February 2024: Denise M. Keele, Ph.D. Executive Director, Michigan Climate Action Network Dr. Keele will speak on the work and goals of the Climate Action Network and



the Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition, including climate and energy legislation in Michigan.

~ April 2024: Jeffrey Angles: Dr. Angles will speak on Godzilla, translation, and Japanese society.

The Emeriti Council welcomes any suggestions for topics, speakers, and venues.



### News from WMU Emeriti

~ Dr. Yvette Hyter Professor Emerita of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at Western Michigan University; for being awarded the ASHA Honors of the Association, the highest professional honors one can receive in her field. Dr. Hyter has been a pioneer and champion for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the discipline. Details on the award are available at [asha.org/about/awards/honors-of-the-association](https://asha.org/about/awards/honors-of-the-association). Read more about Dr. Hyter here: <https://wmich.edu/news/2023/11/73379>. Congratulations Dr. Hyter!

~ Andrew S. Targowski, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Business Information Systems. Andrew and his wife, Irmina, moved to Los Angeles in 2017, where their son, John, practices law at the Federal Court. They enjoy the excellent weather at Playa Vista (west part of L.A.), which is the so-called Silicon Beach. Dr. Targowski maintains an active scholarly life in retirement, particularly in wisdom and civilization studies. Since 2017, he has published five scholarly articles and three books (one of which has been translated into Polish). He makes regular presentations in academic venues and is working on another book. He serves as Honorary President of the Association of the Children of the Polish Warsaw Uprising 1944 and Honorary President of the Association of the Developers of the Polish Security Number (PESEL).



### In Memoriam

The following emeriti have passed since the spring publication of the *Emeriti News*:

Richard D. Brewer ~ Biological Sciences; March 25, 2023

Kenneth Dahlberg ~ Political Science; May 1, 2023

Joseph DeLuca ~ Fine Arts; June 6, 2023

Clara L. Gamble ~ Dance; June 8, 2023

Charles F. Heller ~ Geography; July 25, 2023

Zahir Quraeshi ~ Marketing; May 26, 2023

Harold Ray ~ Human Performance and Health Education; May 26, 2023

Norman E. Slack ~ Consumer Resources and Technology; June 27, 2023

Lloyd Schmaltz ~ Geology; June 26, 2023

Robert M. Wygant ~ Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering; April 8, 2023



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