



Emeriti News



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Message from the Chair: Mary Lagerwey

On behalf of the Emeriti Council, greetings and best wishes. My name is Mary D. Lagerwey. I was a member of the WMU Bronson School of Nursing for 26 years and retired on June 30, 2021. It is an honor to be serving as the Chair of the Emeriti Council and as an Emeriti Representative to the WMU Faculty Senate. Thank you to the Council for your warm welcome and to Megan Way, Executive Assistant in the Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, for your generous assistance and support for the Emeriti Council.

At its November meeting, the Emeriti Council welcomed Toni Woolfork-Barnes from the WMU Osher Life-Long Learning Institute (OLLI) to review the work of OLLI and discuss collaboration. Barbara Hemphill agreed to serve as a liaison between the Emeriti Council and OLLI.

Face-to-face Wednesday II presentations resumed in March, with Charles Ide, Professor Emeritus, Department of Biological Sciences, providing highlights from his work on WMU's Great Lake Center and Cleanup of the Kalamazoo River. In April, Associate Professor Elyse Connors from the WMU Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies, along with three of her graduate students, discussed Age-Related Vision Changes.

Please see the enclosed schedule of Wednesday II presentations for 2022.

And, if you are interested in serving on the Emeriti Council, please contact me at mary.lagerwey@wmich.edu or one of the above individuals for information.

University Updates:

University enrollment trends and initiatives:

Although enrollment has continued on a decline that began 20 years ago when enrollment was at a high of nearly 30,000 students, new initiatives have resulted in increased retention, applications, and confirmations of intent to enroll at WMU for fall 2022. A broad range of members of the campus community are engaged in current strategic planning initiative to address adaptation to the changing higher education environment, enrollment management, and meeting educational needs of students and the broader community. On-campus events are being held regularly with admitted student to familiarize them with the University, its faculty and staff, and WMU's unique opportunities

Administrative Updates:

The new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Dan Bartholomae, was welcomed to campus. After 42 years of service, Kathy Beauregard has retired from that position.

Jennifer Bott has stepped down from her position as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and is teaching in the Hayworth College of Business. Christopher Cheetham is serving as Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Remiz-Seker will be the new Vice President for Research and Innovation. He will start on 1 July 2022.

New and on-going administrative searches include those for Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Dean of the College of Aviation Dean, and for the Director of Academic Labor Relations,

COVID-19 Policy Updates:

An updated Mask Protocol went into effect on March 7. Indoor masks are now optional except for instructional and a few specifically designated higher-risk spaces. Mandated COVID-19 testing, the daily health survey, the badging system, and physical distancing on campus are no longer required as of March 28.

Scholarships:

According to the WMU Development Office, donations for Emeriti Scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year have been coming in, and more are always welcome and needed.

Thank you for all who have made the Emeriti Medallion Scholarship and the Emeriti Council Book Scholarship possible.

The Emeriti Medallion Scholarship supports three outstanding undergraduate students who receive financial support per year or over four years. Currently, \$4,600 is being awarded to them.

The Emeriti Book Scholarships support undergraduate students with up to \$50/year to help defray the costs of textbooks.

Donations may be made to the Emeriti Medallion or Emeriti Book Scholarships using the form at the end of this newsletter.

Staying in Touch:

✧ Communication: The non-standard method of communication from the Emeriti Council is electronic, through emails and the Emeriti webpage. If you know of any emeriti who do not have ready access to electronic communications and would like printed copies of Emeriti communications, please contact Emeriti Council Chair mary.lagerwey@wmich.edu or any other member of the Emeriti Council.

✧ Get involved:

- ~ Attend emeriti events (see schedule of Wednesday II events and the May 13 **Spring Fling** included with this newsletter)
- ~ Volunteer to serve as a member of the Emeriti Council for a two-year term
- ~ Serve as an emeriti representative to the Faculty Senate

✧ Make a contribution to support current students:

- ~ Donate to the Medallion Emeriti Scholarship
- ~ Donate to the Emeriti Book Scholarship to support the purchase of student course books (\$50 per student)

Spread the word about Wednesday II events. These are held the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 mostly in the Emeriti Lounge of Walwood Hall.



Coming Wednesday II Events (submitted by Gary Lawson)

Wednesday II offerings are engaging presentations on a variety of topics. They are traditionally offered at **2 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month**. The following list describes presentations for future events. The list includes a title, date, presenter, and description for each event. Although these programs are typically offered in The Heinig Emeriti Lounge in Walwood Hall on East Campus, the October program is being offered in the Michigan Geological Repository for Research and Education (MGRRE) and the Michigan Geological Survey (MGS) at 5272 W. Michigan Avenue near Cosco. No Wednesday II presentations are scheduled for June, July, August, or December. Emeriti and current faculty members are typically engaged in



other activities during June and July, and the second Wednesday in August is traditionally when the Emeriti Council hosts the Emeriti BreakFest.

May 11, 2022: Achieving Resilient and Survivable Structures

- ~ 2 p.m., Heinig Emeriti Lounge, West Walwood Hall, 601 Oakland Drive
- ~ Presenter: Brian Montgomery, Director, Bronco Construction Research Center, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Western Michigan University

Turbulent and laminar wind flow over a geometric structure induces an uplifting force. This force, subjected to low/no-slope commercial roofing systems, creates catastrophic failure of the system as a result of hurricane/tornado events. Our Dynamic Wind Uplift chamber simulates the pressures associated with these systems and induces a cyclic loading effect upon the test specimens we assemble. Often, if not completely, the fatigue effect of this cyclic loading is overlooked in the design codes, yet the current industry MODEL is to "build, destroy, and rebuild;" our MOTTO is to "build...sustain...survive." We are designing innovative construction solutions to absorb or transfer these forces elsewhere within the structure, or to increase the elasticity of the entire system, and thus, have a more resilient and survivable structure.

September 14, 2022: Just in Passing (A New Set of Original Monologues)

- ~ 2 p.m., Heinig Emeriti Lounge, West Walwood Hall, 601 Oakland Drive
- ~ Performer: Stanley Robin, Professor Emeritus, Sociology, Western Michigan University

In addition to his performances in several theatrical productions, Stan has created and performed a substantial number of original monologues. A new set of monologues is, *Just in Passing*. It's funny how the ephemeral things add up, leaving their mark, until the sum of them becomes what we are. Names of the individual monologues are: *FDR*; *The Sweet Science*; *Miss Malfatano*; *The Blessing*; *The Friend*; *What Is Wrong with That Man?*; *At The Theater, America*; *On Being a Professor, Aging, and Regrets*.

October 12, 2022: An Introduction to the Michigan Geological Repository for Research and Education (MGRRE), the Michigan Geological Survey (MGS), and the Search for Critical Minerals

- ~ 2 p.m., The Michigan Geological Repository for Research and Education (MGRRE) and the Michigan Geological Survey (MGS) at 5272 W. Michigan Avenue near Cosco
- ~ Presenter: William B. Harrison, III, WMU Professor Emeritus and MGRRE Director, Western Michigan University

Professor Harrison will discuss the geological samples and data preserved at the MGRRE facility and share research focused on finding prospective sites in Michigan where critical minerals might be found. Such minerals are needed in cell phones, medical equipment, military communications, and farming. Many states are working to find domestic sources of these materials that the US currently imports from other countries.

November 9, 2022: Racism

- ~ 2 p.m., Heinig Emeriti Lounge, West Walwood Hall, 601 Oakland Drive
- ~ Presenter: Barbara Hemphill, Professor Emerita, Department of Occupational Therapy, Western Michigan University

People of color in the US are systematically denied access in economic capital, bodily security, health, recreation, education, and ownership. The presentation will provide an overview on racism. The presenter will define racism and define terms that are related to what it means to have white privilege.

January 2023: Why do Fairy Tales Continue to Interest Us?

- ~ 2 p.m., Heinig Emeriti Lounge, West Walwood Hall, 601 Oakland Drive
- ~ Presenter: Dasha Nisula, Professor Emerita, World Languages, Western Michigan University

(Draft description of presentation)

The presentation will explore why interest in fairy tales has been on the rise among adult as well as young audiences. Dressed in modern technological advances and magnificent visual reproductions, fairy tales have been artistically expanded and transformed. Yet the basic structure of a fairy tale is quite simple. Three examples will be given.



In Remembrance

The following emeriti have passed since the fall Emeriti Newsletter was published:

Michael Atkins, Professor and Dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences
Marguerite Baechtold, Professor Emerita of Library Sciences
Ken Dickie, Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership
Adrian "Ed" Edwards, Dean Emeritus of Business
Thomas Houser, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry
Rachel Inselberg, Professor Emerita of Education and Professional Development
Maynard Kaufman, Professor Emeritus of Religion
Eugene Kirchherr, Professor Emeritus of Geography
John Link, Professor Emeritus of Art
Onaiwu Ogbomo, Professor Emeritus of Africana Studies
Sharon Peterson, Professor, Education, Leadership, and Research Technology
William Schreiber, Health Education
Paul Szarmach, Director Emeritus of the Medieval Institute
Mark Wheeler, Professor of Economics
Joyce Zastro, Music

Please contact the Emeriti Council at mary.lagerwey@wmich.edu if you know of other emeriti who have passed on. Their names and affiliations will be included in the next Emeriti Newsletter.

Tired of Staying Home?

Come One, Come All...to the "Spring Fling"

***Originally scheduled in 2020 and cancelled due to COVID,
the celebration is back!***

A party sponsored by your **Emeriti Council** with
D. Terry Williams
as emcee, to honor
Garrard Macleod
for the enjoyment he has provided so many of us so often,
to listen to **Robert Ricci** perform,
and to enjoy wine from
Tiffany's,
all accompanied by hearty hors d'oeuvres.

Date: Friday, May 13, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: The Kiva Room at Friendship Village
1400 N. Drake Road, Kalamazoo

What good is sitting alone in your room staring out at the bleakness and hiding under your bed from the cold and COVID? Come to the **Spring Fling** and mingle with old friends and new. Sponsored by your **Emeriti Council**, this reception will celebrate the coming of Spring. The event will be held in the Kiva Room at Friendship Village where the parking is easy.



Emeriti Council's Spring Fling
Friday, May 13, 2022, 5:00 pm
\$18 per person

*For those who did not pay for the event when it was originally scheduled,
you may return this form with your check, a donation to WMU.*



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Guest(s) _____

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- ☐ Please send information on how to include WMU in my estate plan
- ☐ I would like to mentor a student

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\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

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MULTI-YEAR GIFT

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