



# Emeriti News



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## FACULTY SENATE EMERITI COUNCIL MEMBERS (2023-2024):

Mary D. Lagerwey ~ *Emerita from the College of Health and Human Services and the WMU Bronson School of Nursing*

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## Message from the Chair: Mary Lagerwey

On behalf of the Emeriti Council, I wish to extend a warm welcome to members of the WMU faculty who are retiring in 2024 with emeriti status. We hope that you will stay in touch, participate in emeriti events, consider serving on the Emeriti Council, and take advantage of opportunities to support WMU students.



José António Brandão ~ *Professor Emeritus of History; Department of History*

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Ralph Tanner ~ Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Donna Weinreich ~ Associate Professor; School of Social Work



## Wednesday II Events

**Jeffrey Angles**, Professor, Japanese Literature and Translation, and author of the bestselling and acclaimed translation of Kayama's Godzilla novels, *Godzilla and Godzilla Raids Again*, presented April 10 on "Godzilla as Anti-nuclear Activist and Anthropocene Guerilla." His presentation in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge focused on the monster's history and what messages the story has for us in the Anthropocene. His book is available for purchase at "This is a Bookstore" in Kalamazoo.

**Miranda Pearson** from the Kalamazoo Area Agency on Aging spoke in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge May 8 on **Medicare Benefits**. She addressed how Medicare articulates with issues such as aging in place, long term care, and hospice, and answered questions about navigating and accessing Medicare benefits. The Kalamazoo Area Agency on Aging (3A) can be reached at 269.272.5173 for information on Medicare or to access other services available to Kalamazoo County residents 60 and over.



## 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.

### 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  
Majors: Chemical and Paper Engineering



## Emeriti Scholarships for Books

In the Fall 2023 *Emeriti Newsletter*, we noted that there were insufficient funds for the textbook scholarships. Your generous donations have made possible twelve awards for \$400 each for undergraduate students. These students have GPAs ranging from 3.86-4.0 and come from nine different colleges across campus.

Your ongoing support for WMU students will allow these scholarships to continue.

Tax-deductible donations for Textbook and Medallion Scholarships can be sent directly to Gift Processing, WMU Foundation, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008, using the form on the last page 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)

**Go to the “Can't find what you're looking for? Search for something specific.”**

Box and type in “Emeriti” and choose from either Emeriti Council's Book Scholarship Fund or the Emeriti Medallion Scholarship by clicking on the plus sign (+) to the left. This will take you to a form that you can fill out to make a donation.

## UNIVERSITY NEWS



### Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday, April 27, 1,500 degrees at the Bachelor level, more than four hundred at the Master level, and over 110 at the Doctoral level were awarded during commencement ceremonies. Summer commencement will be held on Saturday, June 29. See [https://wmich.edu/commencement for more details](https://wmich.edu/commencement-for-more-details).

**Dunbar Hall** has been significantly remodeled and reopened as of 25 April.



### 25 Year Club

The Board of Trustees established the 25 Year Club in 1982 honoring ninety-eight charter members, with the goal of recognizing faculty and staff who have at least 25 years of service to Western Michigan University. New members are "inducted" into the

club during the calendar year in which they achieve 25 years of service. These new members receive a gift from the University, a commemorative certificate, and a 25 Year Club mug.

Starting this year, WMU is making some changes to the 25 Year Club Gala going forward. These changes come following the closure of the Bernhard Center, which has long hosted the event. There are two changes to announce.

First, the 25 Year Club Gala has been streamlined to present a celebration program designed specifically for new inductees and their guests to attend. The new club inductees were recognized at this event designed for their attendance. This 25 Year Club Induction ceremony for inductees and their guests was held on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**.

Second, a separate event to recognize all 25 Year Club members is scheduled for **Friday, June 7, 2024**. All active and retired members of the 25 Year Club have been or will be invited to this event.

The 25 Year Club membership is purely an honorary designation. Other than the two events scheduled for 2023-24 fiscal year, there are no other official functions or responsibilities affiliated with the club.

If you have questions, send an email to the HR 25 Year Club email: [25yearclub@wmich.edu](mailto:25yearclub@wmich.edu) or you may contact the HR Service Center at 269.387.3620.

For more information, see <https://wmich.edu/hr/25yearclub>



### **Senior Citizens' Opportunity Program in Education (SCOPE)**

Emeriti are eligible to take part in Western Michigan University's Senior Citizens' Opportunity Program in Education. This program offers individuals age 62 or older the opportunity to register for one class each semester or session tuition-free. Tuition is waived, but costs may include books and any special course fees.

To enroll in the program, submit an admission application. Applications differ depending on the level of study in which you are interested. For undergraduate courses, [apply online](#). For graduate courses, submit the [graduate SCOPE application](#). The admission application fee is waived. After enrolling:

- Participants may register in one regularly scheduled class each semester or session on a seat-available basis. Once registered, SCOPE students cannot change their registration except to drop or withdraw.
- Permission from the department must be obtained prior to registering in courses which require department approval, prerequisites, or have other restrictions which limit registration.
- Specialized classes may not be made available to participants due to space availability.

- Registration is processed by the Registrar's Office during the drop and add period.
- Registration for SCOPE students begins on the third day of the semester and ends on Census (Department Cleanup) day. See the academic calendars at <https://wmich.edu/registrar/calendars/academic>.
- SCOPE participants do not have access to services available to typical students, such as student discounts, on-campus housing, the Health Center, and the Student Recreation Center. Special WMU identification cards are issued to SCOPE participants to allow access to the library and academic facilities necessary for class participation.

If you are interested in earning course credit, you would not be eligible for SCOPE.

**Total waived tuition** received under the SCOPE program may be **taxable for federal and state income tax purposes**. Please consult with your tax advisor for further guidance.

For more information and application forms, see:

<https://wmich.edu/registrar/students/scope> Note: You may be required to obtain department / instructor permission when classes have restrictions.



## From the Faculty Senate

Lester Wright and Mary Lagerwey will continue as Emeriti Representatives to the Faculty Senate. John Jellies, newly retired from the Biology Department and an active member of the Faculty Senate for many years, is our new Emeriti Representative to the senate. Welcome John!

Amy Naugle and Dennis Simpson were elected as the next Faculty Senate President and Vice President, respectively.

Much of the work of the Faculty Senate is completed by its councils. There are seven councils: Academic & Information Technology, Campus Planning & Finance, Graduate Studies, International Education, Research Policies, and Undergraduate Education. You can learn more at <https://wmich.edu/facultysenate/councils>.

**Presentations to the Faculty Senate** from various councils and other campus groups can be found as follows:

**Campus Planning and Finance Council:** Report by LuMarie Guth, Secretary of the CPFC:

<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2023/20231207-CPFC.pdf>  
<https://wmich.edu/facultysenate/councils/finance>

**Government Affairs:**

<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2024/20240229.OER-Presentation.pdf>

**Open Educational Resources:** Presentation by Associate Dean for Resources and Digital Strategies, Paul Gallagher, and Michele Behr, Scholarly Communication and Open Education Resources Librarian.

<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2024/20240229.OER-Presentation.pdf>

**Annual Athletic Board Report:** Given by Luchara Wallace, Chair of the Athletic Board

<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2024/20240229.Athletic-Report.pdf>

**Disability Services for Students:** Director Jayne Fraley-Burgett provided an update:

<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2023/20231207-TestngAccommodations.pdf>

**Annual Development Report:** Vice President for Development and Executive Director of WMU Foundation Kristen DeVries provided the annual development report:

<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2023/20231207-UniversityAdvancement.pdf>

### **Selected Informational items from the Faculty Senate:**

**Rising Student Athlete GPA:** WMU student athletes have set an all-time high GPA of 3.43. That comes after the record set in the fall, which came after the record set last spring. The overall GPA of 3.43 was the highest WMU student athletes have ever had.

**College of Aviation:** Thirty-two new aircraft will be flown to WMU and replace the current 28 Cirrus SR20 Generation 2 aircraft. This upgrade will enable the College of Aviation to provide training with the most cutting-edge equipment.

**Taiwan MBA Program:** The Provost traveled to Taiwan with members of the Haworth College of Business and the Heinicke Institute of Global Education last month to attend graduation ceremonies for the WMU Haworth College of Business Taiwan MBA program. There have been more than seventy graduates so far. For more information see: <https://wmich.edu/mba/taiwan>

**Kalamazoo Valley Community College:** WMU celebrated a significant milestone of the collaboration with Kalamazoo Valley Community College by formalizing the partnership through marking the signing of over 50 program-level agreements.

**Consortium Grant:** WMU recently joined forces with Michigan's other leading universities to establish the Michigan University Innovation Capital Fund and Michigan University Innovation Capital Consortium. With a \$5 million award is an effort to spur the creation of new startups and ventures.

**Search Updates:** There are three senior level searches in process:

- Dean of Merze Tate College
- Director of the Louis Walker Institute



- Director of Academic Labor Relations, David Thorne resigned. Christopher Cheatham, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, has assumed the duties of the position while the search is conducted.

Dr. Lillian Upton Smith has been hired to fill the position of Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, effective July 1, 2024.

**Accreditation:** Congratulations to the Hayward College of Business, which received its renewal of accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International.

#### Memoranda of Action:

- [MOA-24/01](#): Unaffiliated Units Curriculum Committee Creation was passed.
- [MOA-24/02](#): Faculty Research Travel Fund Distribution Process was returned to the Research Policies Council for further review. As a result, and pursuant to AAUP Agreement, Article 34, the RPC must adhere to procedures defined in [MOA-03/10](#) to distribute FRTF for the 2024-25 fiscal year.
- For more on these and other MOAs see: see: <https://wmich.edu/facultysenate/policies/moa>



#### In Memory of...

The Emeriti Council recognizes emeriti who have passed since the previous newsletter was published. Please contact the Emeriti Council at [emer\\_council@wmich.edu](mailto:emer_council@wmich.edu) to add names of emeriti who should be recognized here.

- **Richard D. Brewer**, Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences; March 25, 2023; Kalamazoo, MI
- **Edith Coleman-Caughill**, Associate Professor Emerita of Counseling; April 2023
- **Seamus Cooney**, Professor Emeritus of English; December 10, 2023; Kalamazoo, MI
- **Thomas E. Coyne**, Vice President Emeritus for Student Services; January 14, 2024; Kalamazoo, MI
- **Kenneth A. Dahlberg**, Professor Emeritus of Political Science; May 1, 2023; Kalamazoo, MI
- **Joseph DeLuca**, Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts; June 6, 2023; Traverse City, MI
- **William (Bill) Fenn**, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Physician Assistants; November 28, 2023
- **Clara L. Gamble**, Professor Emerita of Dance; June 8, 2023; Kalamazoo, MI
- **Constantine (Gus) Gianakaris**, Professor Emeritus of English; April 26, 2024.
- **Russell M. Goldfarb**, Professor Emeritus of English; September 11, 2023
- **Jerry Hamelink**, Professor Emeritus of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering; October 15, 2023; Wakeshma Township, MI
- **Charles F. Heller**, Professor Emeritus of Geography; July 25, 2023; Kalamazoo, MI

- **R. Dean Kaul**, Associate Professor Emeritus of Physics; November 20, 2023
- **James F. McCarthy**, Associate Professor Emeritus of Music; July 9, 2023
- **Thomas F. Piatkowski**, Professor Emeritus of Computer Science; August 6, 2023; Raleigh, NC
- **Erlinda S. Rolls**, Professor Emerita of University Libraries; May 14, 2023; Portage, MI
- **Thomas Seiler**, Professor Emeritus of English; September 7, 2023
- **Joanne A. Ursprung**, Associate Professor Emerita of Physics; October 26, 2022
- **Lawrence A. Williams**, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering and Director Emeritus of the Cooperative Extension and Internships Office; August 13, 2023
- **Zahir Quraeshi**, Professor Emeritus of Marketing; May 26, 2023; Kalamazoo, MI
- **Harold Ray**, Professor Emeritus of Human Performance and Health Education; May 26, 2023; Kalamazoo, MI
- **Norman E. Slack**, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Consumer Resources and Technology; June 27, 2022; Kalamazoo, MI
- **Lloyd Schmaltz**, Professor Emeritus of Geology; May 26, 2023; Kalamazoo, MI
- **Robert M. Wygant**, Professor Emeritus of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering; April 8, 2023; North Muskegon, MI

Glyni Fenn, wife of **William (Bill) Fenn** for over 40 years, has written a biography of her late husband, and asked that it be included in our emeriti newsletter. In keeping with the Emeriti Council's dedication of honoring WMU emeriti and promoting communications from and about our alumni, we are pleased to share her words and welcome future requests to honor emeriti who have passed.

"My husband, William (Bill) Fenn was a professor at WMU for many years in the Physician Assistant program. Sadly, he was forced to retire after sustaining a severe traumatic brain injury in 2010. Bill passed away in November 2023.

William H. Fenn, Ph.D., PA, DFAAPA, (April 27, 1955 – November 28, 2023) fell in love with medicine when his hair was long, the peace sign was everywhere, and it was advised never to trust anyone over 30! He started his medical career as an EMT in New York State, where he was theoretically going to college in the Albany area. He met a physician assistant at one of the hospitals there. The concept of the PA intrigued Bill. After some research, he learned that he could get the necessary training in the U.S. Air Force. Bill was one of only three applicants in his class chosen from the Air Force; the rest of the students were from the other branches of the service. He had to do well, and did. He became a certified PA in 1981 and never looked back. He held several clinical and administrative positions over the years, and wrote more than 60 articles for numerous national and international health care and education publications, including the *British Medical Journal*.





After serving in Desert Storm (1990-91) and practicing dermatology in specialty clinics on the bases at which he served, Bill retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1995, having put in 20 years of proud service to his country.

Bill acquired several degrees over the years, including: an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences from the Community College of the Air Force; a Bachelor of Science from the University of Oklahoma; a Master Degree in Business from Aquinas College; and a PhD in Health Policy from Pacific Western University.

Believing in giving the highest level of care to his patients, Bill also believed in becoming involved and giving back to his state and national organizations. In 1999, he was awarded one of the American Academy of Physician Assistants' highest honors, the House Outstanding Service Award. In 2007, he was recognized as an AAPA Distinguished Fellow. A fellow member of the Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants (MAPA), he was awarded PA of the Year in 2003, and held the positions of chief delegate, vice president, foundation trustee, and treasurer. He served on the Michigan Board of Medicine, and was the chair of the PA Licensing Board. He was a fellow of the Society of Dermatology PAs, writing many articles for their publication over the years. He was a life member of the AAPA Veterans Caucus and was a founding fellow and president-elect of the Veterans Affairs PA Association.

Bill started his service on the AAPA Board of Directors in 2003. He proudly served as AAPA vice president/speaker of the House of Delegates. In that role, he helped bring important legislation to life, including testifying before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs in the U.S. Senate in 2009. He spoke to the committee about a bill to establish a full-time Director of Physician Assistant Services within the VA. This position was established. He had helped make it happen. He was also honored to be invited to the White House to meet with Zeke Emanuel, Health Policy Advisor to then-President Obama, to discuss health care reform and what became the Affordable Care Act.

While serving his state and national organizations, Bill worked in various clinical settings. He settled at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where, after serving as chair of their PA Program, he stepped down and taught as a tenured full professor for the program. He also taught and supervised doctoral students in the interdisciplinary health doctoral program.

For Bill, there were never enough hours in the day, but he managed to have fun too. He performed in community theaters in Texas and Michigan (sometimes with his wife, Glyni), took classes in photography (where having the latest equipment was essential!), and was fascinated by computers. He loved troubleshooting computer issues (puzzles he loved to solve) for his friends.

Bill strongly believed that "an essential part of leadership is making plans to step back." He was less than a year from retiring from Western Michigan, when he suffered a severe traumatic brain injury in 2010. Although he could no longer practice medicine, he found joy in other pursuits, like hippo therapy, aquatic therapy, and music therapy

(where he rocked a mean guitar!). Life had thrown Bill a curve ball, so he embraced the new normal.”

William (Bill) Fenn passed away on November 28th, 2023.



### **Stay in Touch, Share Your Story**

The semi-annual *Emeriti Newsletter* is one way for emeriti to stay in touch and let others know what you have been doing. To facilitate this, the Emeriti Council has developed a suggested format for contributions about your post-retirement life of that of a colleague.

Information should be sent directly to the emeriti email address [emer\\_council@wmich.edu](mailto:emer_council@wmich.edu) or to the E.C. chair, [Mary.Lagerwey@wmich.edu](mailto:Mary.Lagerwey@wmich.edu).

Your submissions will be included in the next Emeriti Newsletter. Please feel free to share this invitation and form with other WMU emeriti.

- ~ Your Name
- ~ Your email address
- ~ Your years at WMU
- ~ Department or School in which you have emeriti status
- ~ Other academic or administrative appointments at WMU

#### **Suggested Updates on Post-retirement Life**

- ~ Where do you live?
- ~ Interests and activities
- ~ Ongoing professional activities
- ~ Accomplishments, Awards, and other highlights
- ~ Other Life events or activities

We all look forward to hearing from/about you!





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