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WMU Faculty Senate 2024 Elections

The WMU 2024 Faculty elections are now open until 5 p.m. on Feb. 16. [Please vote!](#) The candidate for President and the two candidates for Vice-President have submitted biographical information for your consideration, please see below. This information is also posted on the [Senate website](#)

President Candidate Amy Naugle

Dr. Amy Naugle is Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychology at WMU. She earned her PhD from the University of Nevada, Reno and completed an APA-accredited internship and NIH funded post-doctoral fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina prior to joining the faculty at WMU in 2000. Currently, Dr. Naugle is Co-Director of the APA Accredited Clinical Psychology Program at WMU and her professional activities focus on training, advising, and mentoring graduate students in both clinical work and research. She maintains an active research lab and has been the primary advisor for 38 doctoral students and has worked with dozens of undergraduate research assistants as well. She has served as Chair of the WMU Institutional Review Board since 2006. In this role, Dr. Naugle works closely with the Associate Director of Research Compliance to ensure a research environment that protects human subjects, promotes safe and ethical behavior, and facilitates the work of WMU researchers. She has worked diligently in this role to improve accessibility to researchers and to facilitate the success of WMU research enterprises. Dr. Naugle also served as a Faculty Fellow for the Office of Research and Innovation from 2020-2022. Additionally, she has provided service to her Department, College and the University in a number of capacities including serving on the WMU Essential Studies Committee and as a faculty senator. In 2021, Dr. Naugle was awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Professional and Community Service Faculty Achievement Award.

Vice President Candidate David Rudge

Professor David W. Rudge has a joint appointment in the Department of Biological Sciences and the Mallinson Institute for Science Education. He began work at WMU in the Fall of 1999. Dr. Rudge graduated with a B.S. from Duke University and has both an M.S. in Biological Sciences and a Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science from the University of Pittsburgh. His research focuses on how history of science can promote the learning of and about science. He served as president of the International History, Philosophy and Science Teaching Group (2009-2011) and is an active member of the editorial board of its official journal, *Science & Education*. He has been a board member of WMU's University Center for the Humanities since 2010. Dr. Rudge has been a member of numerous university and college level committees, including the Graduate Program Review Committee (2005-2006), and more recently, the College of Arts & Sciences Strategic Planning Committee. In 2022 the Michigan Science Teacher Association named him College Science Teacher of the Year, and this past fall he was chosen as a recipient of WMU's Faculty Distinguished Teaching Award. For several years he was the Department of Biological Sciences AAUP representative. He has been the Department of Biological Sciences' representative in the Faculty Senate since 2016 and has distinguished himself in this capacity as a vocal advocate of faculty concerns.

Vice President Candidate C. Dennis Simpson

Dr. C. Dennis Simpson received his B.A., M.Ed. and Ed.S. from the University of Louisville and his Ed.D. from Indiana University. He is a Professor in the School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs and has served as the Director of the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SPADA) in the College of Health and Human Services. Dr. Simpson has twice served as Vice-President and once as President of the WMU Chapter of the AAUP. He has served for many years on the Faculty Senate Executive Board and four years as Vice President and two years as President. Dr. Simpson was the Founding Chair of the Extended University Programs Council and was a member of the Academic and Information Technology Council, the Campus Planning and Finance Council, and the Research Policies Council. Dr. Simpson has served multiple terms and chaired the University's Distinguished Service Award Committee. He is a recipient of the WMU Distinguished Service Award. During his years of service at Western Michigan University, Dr. Simpson has consistently published in professional journals and has been principal investigator on over 160 grants and contracts totaling in excess of \$28,000,000.

Thank you,
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