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President’s Post



Looking Backwards Through the Telescope: Making Sense of a Faculty Career

Richard Altick, whose books on literary research and bibliography were once required reading for anyone pursuing a graduate degree in English (and from whom, incidentally, I took two doctoral graduate courses at Ohio State; when asked about using his own books in his courses, he smiled and said, “My books are required in all English graduate programs in the United States and the British Commonwealth” – and it was true) once wrote that when the average English graduate student thinks about what his career will be like, he expects that he will be sitting in his office with his feet on the radiator, reading Henry James. Well, except for the difference that I expected to be reading Hawthorne and Melville, that was me, back in the day. I **knew** that I would teach mostly literature courses. I **knew** that I would be advising English majors planning to go into teaching or graduate school.

Of course, even if your career wasn’t spent teaching English, your experience at Ferris and elsewhere tells you that my actual career was nothing like that at all. By the end of my career, the writers studied were no longer just Dead White Males. The number of English majors plummeted – but the number of students wanting careers as professional writers or taking multiple English courses to become job-ready ballooned. International students, no longer just from Europe or Japan, were suddenly omnipresent. Online and asynchronous teaching put new demands on my skills – and my time. With so many faculty teaching so many online or off campus courses, the hallways where our offices were located became gradually less populated. But mobile phones, the Internet, and IM meant that our office hours were now 24/7.

But I don’t want you to think that I didn’t enjoy my forty – two years teaching in four institutions. On the contrary, it was a wonderful career. Back then, and today, the fundamental transaction was and is helping people learn to express themselves better, and that will never change. I used to tell my students that in my class they were going to give birth to a better writer, and I was the midwife. But in addition to being a coach in the classroom, I also had the opportunity to expand my professional skills.

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Donate to the Emeriti Association

Please consider donating \$10 or more to your Emeriti Association, if you haven't already. Your EA is funded solely by member donations. Your donations help support the publication and mailing of our directory, as well as the EA newsletter. Make checks payable to Ferris State University with FSUEA in the memo. **Send to Attn: Sherry Erbes, Advancement Services, PRK 101, 420 Oak Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307.**

Questions about your Emeriti benefits?

If you have questions about any of your emeriti benefits, contact:

Emeriti Association Liaison Mary Kay MacIver
Phone: 231-591-3739 or toll-free 888.378.3647

Email at MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu

Emeriti Association members may access a list of benefits available on the EA website at:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/Emeriti/>

Emeriti Directory Available

The 2015-17 Emeriti Association Membership Directory is available by contacting MaryKay MacIver at MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu or by phone at (231) 591-3739. The electronic version is kept up to date with information provided by Emeriti members. Contact MaryKay with address updates and corrections.

Emeriti Discounts

Emeriti Association members are entitled to the same faculty/staff discounts and rates for on-campus services. Off-campus discounts by third party vendors are not guaranteed. We recommend that you ask if an FSU discount is offered and show your Emeriti ID to verify your association with the University.

The Emeriti Voice at Academic Senate Meetings

The Academic Senate meets on the first Tuesday of every month between September and April. The EA President or another EA Board member attends every meeting to voice emeriti concerns and to report proceedings to the EA Board. The public is welcome to attend Senate meetings. More information can be found at this link:

<http://ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/vpoffice/senate/homepage.htm>

Helen's Gardeners Service Project Update

Helen's Gardeners have met and worked regularly on the project, but the volunteer number has unfortunately been only 4 people. While the Fall cleanup is getting done this year, if there are no additional volunteers, then the Emeriti Association will not continue the project next Spring.

Project leader Alice Bandstra plans on regular maintenance sessions, which are currently scheduled for Tuesday mornings from 10 to noon. Members are encouraged to bring their own gloves and hand tools. The University agreed to provide additional tools, plants, fertilizer, mulch, grounds crew support and other necessities. Please contact Alice at jbandstr@charter.net with questions or to volunteer for this project.

Ferris Emeriti Association Scholarship Endowment Update

The upcoming Winter Dinner will feature a silent auction for 3 gift baskets to benefit the Scholarship Endowment. The Ferris Emeriti Scholarship Endowment campaign kicked off 2 years ago. We are currently at 27% of our goal of at least \$25,000 for the endowment. When the endowment is fully funded, we expect to have an annual scholarship of at least \$1,000 to award to a deserving student. Scholarship recipients will be chosen by a committee of Emeriti Association members. Please consider a gift today to help us reach our goal to assist needy students at Ferris. Visit the [FSUEA website](#) for details. Interested in getting involved with our fundraising efforts? Contact MaryKay MacIver at (231) 591-3739 or at MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu.

Board Member Profile— Randy Vance



(Courtesy FSU Photographic Services)

FSUEA Newsletter editor Dr. Randy Vance joined the faculty in July of 1979 and retired last May after 36 years of service to the Michigan College of Optometry and Ferris State University. While a student at The Ohio State University College of Optometry, Dr. Vance received a U.S. Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and, following his graduation in 1977, spent two years practicing Optometry in the United States Army. While serving in the Army, Dr. Vance participated in the optometry externship program of the Indiana University School of Optometry, where he and his two O.D. colleagues worked with approximately 45 fourth-year students who rotated through their clinic at the U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Campbell, KY during that period. This experience sparked an interest in trying out a role in optometric education. As the date for fulfilling his military obligation approached, he began looking for a faculty position at various colleges of optometry including the Illinois College of Optometry and his alma mater. He favored MCO because it was the newest at the time, allowing better opportunities for both the faculty and the program itself to grow and develop, while also maintaining a small enough atmosphere to know the students and his fellow colleagues. In addition, some of his previous professors had also decided to make the journey to Big Rapids, adding a sense of familiarity to the newly founded school.

Since joining the faculty in 1979, Dr. Vance has taught in numerous courses and clinics at MCO but his overall favorite, and longest tenure has been in the clinical procedures courses, teaching hands-on skills, and the analytic and interpretive skills necessary to examine and treat patients. Also, he started a web seminar course fifteen years ago via the internet for fourth year students while they were participating in externships, which continues. This wide range of course load has led to semesters where he has taught in all four class years at once! Situations like this allowed him to see the maturity and growth of each student from start to finish. The one-on-one time and his ability to know each student by name sustained Dr. Vance through his 36 years at MCO and was one of his favorite aspects of the college.

The new building, which opened in January of 2011, was certainly a standout among the many great memories Dr. Vance accumulated during his teaching career. He was able to be in on the early planning stages, working with the architects and fellow staff and faculty members to shape the structure into the ideal facility for learning and interaction. The design process led to a special display area on the third floor of the facility that is lined with the graduating class composite photos. Dr. Vance enjoyed walking by these and seeing the names and faces of the more than 1100 students who have graduated from MCO during his time here.

Both the college and profession of Optometry have changed since Dr. Vance graduated in 1977. The addition of computers and learning technologies has changed the way he was able to teach by adding online supplements and activities to his course content, and by increasing interaction and communication with students. In the previous building there were not enough wall outlets in his office to accommodate those changes in technology. Power strips were plugged into other power strips in order to have enough outlets for all of the electronics that were added! Likewise, the rapid increase in technology involved in patient care brought about tremendous change in not only *what* optometrists can do for their patients, but also *how well* they can do it. The challenge of meeting the increasing curricular demands in new and innovative ways was a great motivator, and Dr. Vance became heavily involved with both promoting learning technologies and training faculty in their application. He is the recipient of the FSU Distinguished Teacher Award, the FSU Award for Academic Excellence, and the Michigan Optometric Association Educator of the Year Award.

Randy and his wife Linda enjoy being on, in or near the water at their cottage on Bear Lake and plan to spend as much time as the season allows there during his retirement. He has been tossing around the idea of taking a few history classes taught by some of the many other professors he has met at Ferris.

Throughout his career, Dr. Vance has seen hundreds of students grow and transition into the field of Optometry. They have fanned out across the country to provide patient care, to conduct research, to teach in this and other institutions, to become deans of colleges of optometry, and to contribute to their communities. What a privilege it has been to help "make the world better" in that way.

Photo caption: At the conclusion of the annual MCO White Coat Ceremony last January 30th, where the 2nd year class receives their white clinic coats and clinical privileges certificates to begin seeing patients in the University Eye Center, Dr. Vance was surprised with a new white coat signed all over with messages of thanks and good wishes in anticipation of his upcoming retirement. It was signed by the members of the 2nd year class, faculty and staff.

Report from the Social Chair

47 Emeriti and guests enjoyed each other's company and a Pasta Buffet at Falcon Head Golf course on October 7th of this year. The conversation was lively and the food was excellent.

We are returning to Falcon Head for the Winter Dinner on **Tuesday, December 8th**, 5:15 pm social time, 6:00 pm dinner. We will have a Prime Rib Buffet, with all the trimmings. The price is \$22 per person, and includes the meal, dessert, beverages, and gratuity, all inclusive.

Reservations are due by **Monday, November 30, 2015**. Send the reservation form (see p.7) with check payable to FSUEA to:

Walter Luecke
16270-220th Ave.
Big Rapids, MI 49307
phone: 231/796-4989

PLEASE try to be early with your reservations, as the food has to be ordered early, especially the prime rib.

New this year!!: There will be a silent auction for three gift baskets, to raise money for the Emeriti Scholarship Fund. Come prepared!!

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EVENTS CALENDAR



Emeriti Association Upcoming Events November 2015 – June 2016

Post this handy calendar on your refrigerator so you won't miss the events!

Members are welcome to all BOD meetings which are held in Prakken 114 at 10:00 a.m. April through December unless otherwise noted.

2015

November 2 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

December 7 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

December 8 - Winter Dinner, 5:15 pm Social gathering, 6 pm Dinner, Falcon Head Golf Club

December 16 - Florida Emeriti Luncheon, Sarasota, FL*

2016

January 11 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

January 13 - Florida Emeriti Luncheon, Sarasota, FL*

February 1 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

February 3 - Soup Talk, 12 pm, United Church of Big Rapids, 120 South State St

February 17 - Florida Emeriti Luncheon, Sarasota, FL*

March 7 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

March 16 - Florida Emeriti Luncheon, Sarasota, FL*

April 4 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

April 6 - Florida Emeriti Luncheon, Sarasota, FL*

May 2 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

May 11 – Spring Luncheon, 11:30 am social time, 12 pm lunch, The Rock

June 6 - Board meeting, 10 am, Prakken 114

* Florida luncheons meet at Mattison's 41, 7275 South Tamiami Trail (US 41), at 12:30 pm

In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff* and Emeriti Deaths, March – August 2015

Emeriti Status was granted posthumously to the following individuals, as of the date of their passing:

Scott D. Atwell – Librarian/Professor, FLITE, December 19, 2014

Lon C. Green – Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, September 13, 2015

Emeriti Deaths:

Nick Coso, September 9, 2015

Paul Schell, September 23, 2015



FSU Emeriti are encouraged to participate in the university-wide United Way campaign, and help the university reach its goal. You hopefully received an informational letter dated October 1 from Emeriti campaign co-chairs Jerena Keys and Bob Friar. Mail checks (payable to **Mecosta-Osceola Area United Way**) to Jerena at 203 W Pine St., Big Rapids MI 49307. The university will accept donations until the semester break in December.

From the Social Media Coordinator

We are looking to enrich our media sites (Facebook/web page). To do that we would like Ferris emeriti to submit pictures, stories and information about things that Emeriti are doing. People that have them can email them to me or upload them onto our Facebook page. In either case a description of the activity should be included. Thanks,

Dale Hobart

DaleHobart@ferris.edu

The emeriti web page can be found here

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/Emeriti/>

And the Facebook page can be found here

<https://www.facebook.com/FSUEA>

Granting of Emeriti Status by the FSU Board of Trustees

Landreth, Barbara J. – HRIS Coordinator, April 21, 2015

Robinson, Ramon – Assistant Professor, Marketing, January 8, 2015

Tomczyk, John – Professor, HVACR, May 11, 2015

Blakemore, Douglas – Professor, Accountancy, Finance and Information Systems, May 9, 2016

Davis, Susan – Staff Physician, Birkam Health Center, August 21, 2015

Dempsey, Harry – Associate Professor, Music, May 9, 2016

Dilley, Mary – Graphic Designer, Extended and International Operations, July 30, 2015

Doyle, Terrence – Professor, Developmental Curriculum, May 15, 2015

Gasper, Wilbur – Grounds Supervisor, Physical Plant, August 21, 2015

Martell, Phillip – Assistant Professor, Retention and Student Success, August 15, 2014

Olson, Colleen – Secretary Level 3, Michigan College of Optometry, April 30, 2015

Quick, Paul – Manager of Business Operations, May 15, 2015

Warner, Jackie – Executive Secretary to the Vice President, Administration and Finance, September 30, 2015

President's Post (continued from page 1)

To teach an advanced writing course for pharmacy and nursing students (a course I taught for seventeen years), I took eight undergraduate health care and science courses and joined the American Medical Writers Association (amwa.org), an organization of which I was subsequently elected president. Independently of my university job, I started a part-time writing and editing business. None of that was even on the horizon in 1972. And what an adventure it was!

I suspect that when most of you finished your careers, you noticed what I did – your roles and responsibilities were far beyond what you had thought they would be. And I think that this is one of the most wonderful things about a higher education career: while you're in it, you are constantly growing – professionally and personally – and you come to have a special appreciation of a job where you are being paid not only to teach, but to learn.

I'd love to hear some of your career reflections. Send them to me at hanelind@ferris.edu and we'll publish them online or in the next newsletter.

Oh, one thing didn't change. Because English and humanities courses tend to be taught in the oldest buildings on campus, I had many offices heated by a radiator.

Doug Haneline, FSUEA President (hanelind@ferris.edu)

Emeriti Can Now Use the Wireless Network on Campus

Emeriti Association members have access to the secure wireless service while on the Ferris State University Big Rapids campus. Mobile devices must be registered in order to access the secure wireless service. Instructions for registering your device can be found on the My Tech Support page at <http://wwwf.ferri.edu/htmls/mytechsupport/>.

- From the red dropdown menu at the top of the page, select “Network, Internet and Printing – Wireless Networking” from the “Our Services” menu button.
- On the Wireless Networking page, select the type of device you are registering from the top right menu and follow the instructions.
- Note that you must be on campus when registering your device.

You must connect at least once every 30 days to the secure wireless network, or when you return to campus you will need to register your device again.

For technical support, contact:
Technology Assistance Center
<http://www.ferris.edu/techsupport>
231-591-4822 or toll free at 887-779-4822
24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year



EMERITI WINTER DINNER **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015** **Reservation Form**

The Emeriti Winter Dinner is scheduled for 6 pm (5:15pm social time), December 8, 2015, at Falcon Head Golf Club. A prime rib buffet with beverages and dessert will be served. Cost -- \$22/person. Reservations and checks due **November 30**. Make checks payable to FSUEA.

PLEASE complete and return with your check

Reservations for the Emeriti Winter Dinner at Falcon Head Golf Club

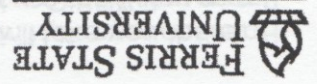
Name(s): _____

Address: _____

| | Number participating | Total cost |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Dinner buffet | | |
| Total amount enclosed | | |

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