



## OEHS Newsletter

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Michigan's reduction in support for universities will hit WSU and OEHS soon. We are waiting to see what the impact will be.

### University Organization

New University President

Dr. Jay Noren resigned after a short tenure as the university's president, effective August 6, 2010. Dr. Noren left to spend more time with his wife who had been diagnosed with breast cancer.

The Board of Governors hired Allan Gilmour, a former Ford Motor Company Vice Chairman, to act as an Interim President. After starting a search for a permanent president, it was determined that Gilmour was the best candidate and he was elected as the 11<sup>th</sup> President of the university.

Gilmour began his tenure as Interim President on Aug. 30, 2010, and will continue as President through the 2012-2013 academic year.

President Gilmour, a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Michigan, is best known for his career at Ford Motor Company, from which he retired in 1995 as vice chairman. He rejoined the company as vice chairman in 2002, and retired again in 2005, having overseen Finance, the General Auditor's office, Human Resources, Corporate Affairs and Corporate Strategy. He also led Ford's financial services sector- Ford Motor Credit and Hertz.



**Allan Gilmour**

### Faculty

Four new faculty have joined the department, Cindy Ostrowski, Bob Pawlowski, Dan Maser and Maha Srinivsan.



Cindy Ostrowski joined the department in August of last year as an Assistant Professor. Cindy has degrees in Medical Technology and OEHS from WSU and has a background in the insurance industry and as an IH consultant where she is President of CAO Consulting, LLC. She is a Certified Industrial Hygienist and has been active in professional societies including past president of the MIHS and as a board member and secretary of the AIHA. Cindy teaches in Air Sampling, Toxicology and Institutional H&S.

Bob Pawlowski joined the department in January of this year as an Assistant Professor. Bob has degrees in Environmental Health from Oakland University and OEHS from WSU. He retired from MiOSHA after 22 years, where his most recent position was director of the Construction Safety and Health Division. He is a Certified Industrial Hygienist and a Certified Safety Professional and is a member of the ACGIH. Bob teaches Safety and Construction Safety.



Dan Maser is President of Enviroair Consultants, Inc. and has over 30 years experience in EHS. He has degrees in OS&H from Ferris State University and Hazardous Waste Management from WSU. He is active in professional societies including AIHA, ACGIH and MIHS where he is a past president. He is a Certified Industrial Hygienist, a Certified Safety Professional and a Registered Occupational Hygienist. He joined the part time faculty this January to teach Ventilation.

Maha Srinivasan is the Radiation Safety Officer for the University. She has a BS and an MS in Physics from the University of Madras and an MS in Radiological Physics from WSU. She joined the part time faculty as an instructor this January, to teach the Radiation Safety class.



Here is the current OEHS faculty:

- Fractional
  - Ed Kerfoot, Program Director & Associate Professor
  - Sharkey Mingela, Associate Professor
  - Bill Watt, Associate Professor
  - Cindy Ostrowski, Assistant Professor
  - Bob Pawlowski, Assistant Professor
  
- Adjunct
  - David Bassett, Professor
  - Deepak Bhalla, Professor
  - Pat Brogan, Associate Professor
  - Earnie Chiodo, Associate Professor
  - Dennis O'Brien, Associate Professor
  
- Part-time
  - Tony Casaletta
  - Brad Joseph
  - Dan Maser
  - Steve Paul
  - Tom Schenk
  - Maha Srinivasan
  - Doug Thiel
  - Roger Wabeke
  - Pete Warner, Professor
  
- Graduate Assistant
  - Maya Zein
  
- Emeritus
  - Andrew Reeves

### Students

The program continues to offer the MS in OEHS with a major in Industrial Hygiene (IH) or Industrial Toxicology (IT) along with Graduate Certificates in Occupational Safety (OS) or Environmental Health and Hazardous Materials Control (EHHMC) and a Post-Masters Certificate in Industrial Toxicology. For the 2010-2011 year we had 43 graduate students (not counting outside students taking our classes) which breaks down as follows; 29 MS students (9 IT/20 IH) and 13 Certificate students (5 OS/8 EHHMC). Some students are pursuing a “double major”; taking all the required courses for both tracks. In addition, many of the MS students are combining a graduate certificate with their degree to broaden their background and increase their marketability, e.g. MS in IH with a graduate certificate in OS for a total 39 credit hours.

The students come from a fairly broad set of backgrounds. Undergraduate schools include WSU, U of M, U of M-D, U of D-M OU, Madonna, MSU, EMU, York, Xavier, Aquinas, Brock and Coventry. Undergraduate majors include Chemistry, Biology, Environmental Health, Kinesiology, Fire and Safety. As always with OEHS students, most are working and going to school part time, and many of those who work, are working in the EHS field. In addition, a number of our students have several years experience in EHS fields.



OEHS student, Chris Tiede, received the 2010 MIHS WSU Outstanding Student Award at Student Night in February. Chris was an IH major and graduated with a 3.85 GPA. Chris was awarded three scholarships during his tenure, the Thorton, AIHF and Michigan Safety Conference. Here Sharkey Mingela congratulates Chris on his award.

## Scholarships

Several students have been awarded scholarships this year. Chris Tiede won an AIHF scholarship last spring. It was just announced that Barb Kollar was awarded one this spring. Barb Kollar also won a Michigan Safety Conference Scholarship, as did Lynnell Davis. Mark Mau, Anna Laboviti and Johnathon Davis won Thornton scholarships. EACPHS Entry Scholarships went to Lorieen Brock, Anthony Smykla, Ryan Kemmerling. Ryan Kemmerling also won the Watt Endowed Scholarship.

## New Class

A new class has been developed and will be introduced this fall.

OE7150 Health and Safety for Hospitals and Other Institutions has been approved by the University and will be offered on Friday afternoons this fall. Cindy Ostrowski developed the class to meet a perceived need in hospitals, universities, etc. Cindy is working on developing a graduate certificate on the same subject.

## Supporting the EHS Community

OEHS continues to support the EHS community. For the last four years, our seminar program has been opened up to the public, mainly the IH community. IHS can keep current and pick up (CIH, CSP and CHMM) continuing education credits for free. If you are still in SE Michigan, please join us this fall.

## Alumni Role

We are proud of the more than 500 OEHS alumni and value their opinions. There are many things you can do besides being an outstanding EHS professional and enhancing our reputation. Consider actions like:

- Express your opinion to us on classes and subject matter that should be included in the OEHS curriculum.
- Offer to give a seminar or a guest lecture.
- Keep us abreast of trends and needs in the EHS real world.
- Identify yourself as a WSU-OEHS grad.
- Recommend potential students to our program.
- Offer financial support.

We would like to keep in touch with our friends and alumni. Please visit us or e-mail us at [ac2605@wayne.edu](mailto:ac2605@wayne.edu) and give us your current contact information. The general OEHS phone number is (313) 577-1551 and our website is <http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/oehs>.

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## Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

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