

UMBC Association of Retired Faculty & Staff



UMBC values its retired faculty and staff members and encourages them to maintain contact with the University as members of the UMBC Association of Retired Faculty & Staff and to continue their engagement with the campus community.

Staying Connected

All retired UMBC faculty and staff members are members of the non-dues paying UMBC Association of Retired Faculty & Staff and may partake of the benefits listed below.

Help us stay in touch with you! Please share your address, phone number and e-mail address by [clicking here](#). This will not only allow us to keep your record up to date and provide a way for you to share your campus involvement and interest with us, but also help us make sure you receive *UMBC Magazine* and other campus publications. For questions or concerns, please contact Patrice McDermott, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, mcdermot@umbc.edu, 410-455-3150.

Benefits

Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery Privileges

Retired faculty and staff have borrowing privileges at the Library with their UMBC Campus ID Card. To reactivate your Campus ID card, please contact your department.

E-mail Privileges

Retired faculty and staff are invited to continue to use their UMBC e-mail accounts. To reactivate your e-mail account, please contact your department.

Athletic Events and Facility Use

Enjoy faculty and staff admission rates for athletic events and, with a valid UMBC ID card, use of facilities and programs at the [Retriever Activities Center](#).

UMBC Bookstore

Retired faculty and staff are welcome to shop online for books and UMBC merchandise at <http://bookstore.umbc.edu/Home.aspx>.

News Information

[UMBC News Releases](#)

INSIGHTS WEEKLY

To subscribe to the INSIGHTS WEEKLY Listserv at UMBC for weekly update, please click [here](#)

[UMBC Alumni News](#)

[UMBC Magazine](#)

Engagement Opportunities

The Wisdom Institute: UMBC's Association for Retirees

Background

The UMBC community, like other universities, is experiencing an increase in retirements as baby boomers mature. Recognizing this demographic shift, more campuses are creating formal programs to channel the knowledge and energy retired faculty and staff can continue to provide to their university community. Importantly, campuses also continue to provide opportunities for retirees that offer personal and social enrichment. UMBC is no exception.

To tap into the valuable potential of emeritus professors at UMBC, a Hrabowski Innovation grant was awarded to Craig Saper and Leslie Morgan in 2012 to create the Wisdom Institute. The three stated primary purposes of the initial Wisdom Institute were: 1) to tap the valuable potential of UMBC's emeritus faculty by inviting and organizing their continuing association with UMBC; 2) to connect the participants to the ongoing life and growth of the University; and, 3) to have participants teach in the wisdom tradition. Many emeritus faculty were successfully engaged through the Wisdom Institute. UMBC is building on these efforts and a new Wisdom Institute with a broader mission has been created.

Purpose

The purpose of the new Wisdom Institute is to reinvigorate and expand the work of Drs. Saper and Morgan. Toward this end, UMBC is inviting all retirees, both faculty and staff, to remain formally connected with our campus community. The goal is to promote a strong and enduring retiree and campus connection benefitting both retirees and UMBC. Thus, UMBC will contribute to the continued wellbeing and development of retirees, while simultaneously engaging and acknowledging retirees as an asset for our campus community and beyond.

Organization

The concept of community is central to this new organization. The Wisdom Institute is UMBC's association for all retirees. Community from the Old French *communitate* referenced "commonness, everybody." The Latin *communitatum* was "merely a noun of quality" meaning "community, society, fellowship, friendly intercourse..." and *communis* "common, public, general, shared by all or many." In English, community refers to "a sense of society, or association of persons having common interests or occupations." (Online etymology <https://www.etymonline.com/word/community>) The Wisdom Institute, as newly constituted, will offer opportunities to all retirees for continued connection with the campus community consistent with the focus on community embodied in the root meaning of the word community.

Recognizing community as a seminal theme, all retirees will automatically be members of the Wisdom Institute upon retirement. Persons already retired will be "grandfathered" into the Association. There is no cost for membership and the type and degree of ongoing engagement is to be determined by the retiree. The task of the Wisdom Institute is to create a menu of possibilities to benefit retirees, and/or the campus, as well as the broader community. A governing Board comprised of retired faculty and staff is in place to begin this work.

Faculty Development Center Programs

Retired faculty and staff are welcome to participate in events sponsored by the Faculty Development Center, including workshops, seminars and book discussion groups. <http://www.umbc.edu/fdc/>

Friends of the Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery

Check-out the Friends of the AOK Library [website](#) to learn more about benefits of joining this group.

[Learning Resources Center](#)

Serve as a leadership mentor for interim or acting staff.

Teach modules of EDUC 313/314 or other classes to enrich the curriculum.

Teach additional sections of LRC 100, LRC101, or LRC 101A as we add classes to meet enrollment demands.

Undergraduate Admissions

Assist in the recruitment of new students by attending receptions that UMBC hosts for new students in various parts of Maryland (Baltimore County, Montgomery County, etc.).

For more information about admissions receptions and events, contact Dale Bittinger, bittinge@umbc.edu, 410-455-2278.

Undergraduate Orientation

[New Student Advising Opportunities](#)

Undergraduate Student Experience

The undergraduate student experience is important to retention and student success. Consider participating in the following programs:

[Introduction to an Honors University Seminar](#)

[First Year Seminar](#)

[Collegiate Success Institute Summer Bridge Program](#)

[New Student Book Experience](#)

[UMBC Training Centers](#)

Serve as a part-time teacher for our professional master's programs, undergraduate programs at Shady Grove, or Summer/Winter sessions.

Help with research or analysis of data, either at CPS/DPS.

Assist staff around a particular project like Industry Boards (that advise us on professional master's degrees).

Consult around a particular problem or issue that a department is dealing with supporting outreach or recruitment, especially working professionals (for professional master's), for summer and winter students and for undergraduate and graduate programs at Shady Grove

[Shriver Center](#)

Mentor and advise students on career issues, internships, etc., through The Shriver Center and/or the Career Development Center.

UMBC Relationship Violence Prevention Advocates

Serve as an advocate for relationship and violence prevention advocate. For more information about becoming a relationship violence prevention advocate, contact Kim Leisey, Student Affairs, studentaffairs@umbc.edu, 410-455-2393.

Attend UMBC Events

[Arts and Culture Calendar](#)

[Albin O. Kuhn Library Gallery](#)

[Center for Art Design and Visual Culture](#)

[Dresher Center for the Humanities](#)

[Friends of the Library](#)

[Humanities Forum](#)

[Social Sciences Forum](#)

[Athletics Events](#)

Give

Retired employees of UMBC already made an important impact in the lives of our students; supporting UMBC with a financial gift is one more important way of making a difference in the lives of others. Even modest gifts add up to help current students, faculty and staff succeed. Your gift demonstrates an important vote of confidence in our University and shows our students how much we care about their success at UMBC.

[UMBC Annual Fund](#)

[Planned Giving](#)

[Retriever Learning Center](#)

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