2019 UMSL Retiree of the Year Award Recipients

FACULTY CATEGORY

David L. Garin joined the chemistry department faculty in 1966 and retired in 1999. He was an organic chemist. Since retirement he has been very active with the University, serving as President of the Retirees Association for 10 years. During that period, at times he did almost everything for the association including writing meeting minutes and the newsletter, arranging events and essentially keeping the operation going. He has also been very active with the MO Coalition for the Environment, where he has served continuously on the board for 20 years. He has also been very interested and active in science policy and this interest has coalesced with his interest in education in many aspects. For example he funded a UMSL Science Policy Award and continues to promote activity in science policy on the campus. He has a record of participation in a range civic activities and in preserving Forest Park and other parkland in the City of St. Louis.

STAFF CATEGORY

Since Nan Kammann-Judd retired from UMSL in 2000, she has volunteered countless hours in planning, designing, and promoting the St. Louis Storytelling Festival. This Festival, begun at UMSL in 1979, is a nationally-respected Festival dedicated to the oral tradition of storytelling and serves as an important community connection between the University and the community. Inspired by her work with the UMSL’s Festival, Ms. Kammann-Judd copied the concept to plan similar festivals in Belleville, Illinois. She has also served as an honorary chair of the national festival and as a guest editor for one of the National Storytelling Association’s publications. Even though retired for almost two decades, Nan Kammann-Judd retains a close connection with the campus by working closely with campus and system staff in designing, coordinating, and publicizing each year’s Storytelling Festival.