

In Memoriam

Emeritus Professor Donald Edward Sievert, Dec. 26, 1942 — Aug. 24, 2020

Don had a very rich academic life. He graduated from Harpur College of Arts and Sciences in Binghamton, New York with degrees in math and physics and then earned a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Iowa. He began teaching as a faculty member at Washington University in St. Louis and then moved to MU where he taught for forty-five years before retiring in 2018. The works of Descartes and Wittgenstein were the focus of his research. “He was ready to engage with the students about the material in whatever way and at whatever level the students were willing and able,” said Mike Bostwick, a former student and a close friend of Sievert. “This speaks to his generosity as a listener and a thinker.” His colleagues and thousands of students have fond memories of Don and will miss him immensely.