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## Retiring Employees Leave their Mark

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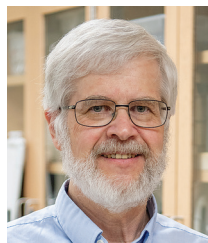
## FACULTY NOTES

# RETIRING EMPLOYEES LEAVE THEIR MARK

The Dordt community is thankful for the employees' 131 combined years of service.

### DR. JOHN ZWART

Dr. John Zwart taught physics at Dordt for 36 years. "Zwart has so much joy for teaching physics," says Elayne (Apol) Heynen, a senior mechanical engineering student. "He isn't satisfied with his students simply knowing how to use a set of equations. What he really wants us to understand is why. I believe Dordt wouldn't be number one in student engagement without the passion and care of professors like Zwart."



### DR. MARY DENGLER

English Professor Dr. Mary Dengler has taught at Dordt since 2000. During her tenure, Dengler also directed the Kuyper Scholars Program, an honors program providing highly motivated students with scholarly challenges. "Dengler believes in you no matter what and holds you to a high expectation," says Staci Seaman, a junior social work major and a Kuyper scholar. "She is willing to invest time and energy in her students. I am so grateful for her strength and for her dedication to her students."



### DAVID VERSLUIS

In addition to teaching art and design since 2001, David Versluis served as gallery director and created artworks that are part of Dordt's permanent art collection. "Every time he makes something, it's very well-thought out, very professionally done," says Retasya Badudu, a junior art and design major. "I admire his work. You can see the years of skill that he's put into his work—the craftsmanship and creativity. I want to thank him for the impact he's had at Dordt and through the gallery shows he coordinates."



### JAN VERSLUIS

Jan Versluis has served as reference and user services librarian at the Hulst Library since 2002. "In recent years, Jan selected most of the materials for the library's collection. Her heart for fairness and social justice influenced her selection choices," says Jennifer Breems, library director. "Because of her work, Dordt's collection includes books with multiple points of view on racial justice, the environment, faith and science, immigration, and other topics."



### FRED HAAN

Fred Haan has worked at Dordt since 1978, most recently as director of the printing and mail center. "Fred did a great job on the business end and as a purchasing director," says Carla Goslinga, assistant to the director of the print and mail center. "He was organized and very invested in helping us succeed while making customer service a priority."



SARAH MOSS ('10)

Dr. Tom Prinsen, professor of communication, gave a presentation titled "Advertising and Public Relations Experiential Learning: New Ideas on an Old Theme" at the 2019 International Academy of Business Disciplines Conference.

In April, Dr. Sacha Walicord, professor of business administration, presented three papers in a series titled "Taking Every Thought Captive: The Absolute Necessity of a Christian Worldview" at the Eastcombe Conference in the United Kingdom. Walicord's paper "Weltanschauung—Wie Christen die Welt sehen (sollen)," presented at the 2018 convocation conference of the Akademie fuer Reformatorische Theologie in Giessen, Germany, was published in *Bekennende Kirche* Nr. 76.



Mark Volkers, instructor of digital media, served as judge of the short film category at the Iowa High School Speech Association at Iowa State University. Nearly 2,400 students from across the state participated.

Professor of Engineering Jason Wyenberg co-authored a paper titled "Direct Detection Experiments at the Neutrino Dipole Portal Frontier," which was published in *Physical Review D* in April.



Dr. Kevin Timmer, professor of engineering, co-authored an article titled "Transformation of Char Carbon during Bubbling Fluidized Bed Gasification of Biomass" in *FUEL*.



MaryLou Wielenga, an adjunct instructor of music, was guest organist with the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra in their spring concert "The Organ, King of Instruments." This was also her 40th year of teaching piano and organ.