

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Planning is underway for the first in-person MIHS function since February 2020. The MSU Management Center in Troy, which is our go-to venue for the Fall Mini Conference, is taking reservations, and we are going to make one! We are planning to book a date in early October, so stay tuned to the MIHS website for details.

Speaking of the MIHS website, that is probably our next big issue to tackle. When we migrated the website a few years ago, we lost some of the functionality that we use to have, and we are considering our options. AIHA hosts local section websites free of charge, but with limited functionality. Some of the local sections are using a website format called Wild Apricot, which may be the way to go. We have spoken with the Georgia local section about their experience using this platform. As always, we would welcome any input from the membership. If anyone has any expertise in website development, in general, or the Wild Apricot format, in particular, we would love to hear from you. A couple of the improvements we would like to make to our current site are the "back of house" things like ease of maintaining the membership list, ease of messaging the membership, and ease of tracking payment.

The public-facing part of the website looks great. We just need to make it function like it's 2021 rather than 1999.

While our Fall Conference will (hopefully) be a gathering of people in one room, some upcoming events will be virtual. The Fall MIHS/U of M Comprehensive Review Course will be offered online for 4 hours per week, over a 10-week period, starting August 24. For any CIH looking for maintenance points, proctoring an online course is about as easy as it gets. If you are interested in proctoring, contact Bill Kilgore.

Finally, just as it seemed like the COVID cloud might be lifting, we have this recent surge in cases. MIOSHA revised its [emergency rules](#) at the beginning of the summer, and mask guidance was significantly revised. Now it seems that mask guidance may be shifting once again. The unvaccinated seem to be more at risk than those that are vaccinated, so we will leave the COVID Resources page (Page 3) for one more issue, to help those that wish to get vaccinated find local resources to do so.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review

Virtual

August 24-October 26

[U of M CHR](#)

### IOHA

Virtual (or in Korea)

September 11-15, 2021

[IOHA](#)

### PSX 2021

Virtual

September 28-30, 2021

[PSX](#)

### MIHS Fall Mini Conference

Planned as a **LIVE** Event this year!!

October 2021

MSU Management Center, Troy, MI

[MIHS](#)

### 58th Annual Warren Cook Discussional

Planned as a **LIVE** Event this year!!

Ann Arbor, MI

October 21 and 22, 2021

[Warren Cook](#)

# IN MEMORIAM: JIM D'ARCY 1949-2021

MIHS Past President, and all-around great guy, Jim D'Arcy, passed away on June 26<sup>th</sup>. He was a beloved husband and father who positively touched and generously helped all the members of his extended family. Among his many talents and achievements, Jim also was a long time and active member of MIHS. Jim served on the MIHS board and was MIHS President multiple times each. Jim made numerous presentations at meetings and conferences, and even earlier this year, lead the MIHS Best Paper selection process one last time. If you had the opportunity to meet Jim and get to know him, you soon understood what a wealth of knowledge, expertise and graciousness he brought to the discussion.

Jim grew up in Almont and then on a farm in Waldenburg, Michigan. While learning farming life he also got into many legendary antics with his brothers Donald and Robert (involving pulleys, ladders, vehicles, minor explosives, etc.). After dropping out of high school, he became a self-studied certified auto mechanic, working on cars full-time and helping friends with muscle cars. In fact, his first date with Kris his wife of nearly 52 years, was at a stock car race in Mount Clemens. They were married September 13, 1969.

Jim served in the Air Force after being drafted, and then attended college on the G.I. Bill. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from Oakland University. After graduating, Jim began working at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren. In 1974, Jim and Kris's daughter Hannah was born, and then in 1979, son Ethan was born. Jim worked as a research scientist in toxicology for nearly twenty years before going back to



Jim, at right, receiving the Golden Impinger award from Bill Kilgore at the 2018 Past President's Breakfast

school to attain a PhD in Environmental and Industrial Health from the University Michigan in 1997.

Jim was dedicated to protecting workers from occupational health hazards; pioneering the process of mapping aerosol concentrations at machining operations and advancing methods to evaluate and control the hazards posed by mycobacteria and asbestos. He also attended UAW contract negotiations and made many contributions to ensure that appropriate worker safety measures were implemented. His career achievements received special recognition as he was awarded the status of GM Technical Fellow from GM Research and Development leadership.

Jim also had many interests outside of work, including maintaining antique John Deere tractors (eventually owning two); using them to grow a large garden; teaching chemistry at a community college; pursuing a private pilot's license; storm spotting as a trained Sky Warn volunteer; and in his spare time, chairing the Arcadia Township planning commission. And of course, Jim developed and used numerous spreadsheets to track data regarding bird sightings, ambient temperatures, and ice formations on the lake in view of his home.

Yes, Jim was a gentleman of many interests and incredibly wide and varied knowledge and he is certainly missed by those who had an opportunity to know him.



2017 Past President's Breakfast (Jim is 2nd from right)



2019 Past President's Breakfast (Jim is 3rd from right)

## COVID RESOURCES



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

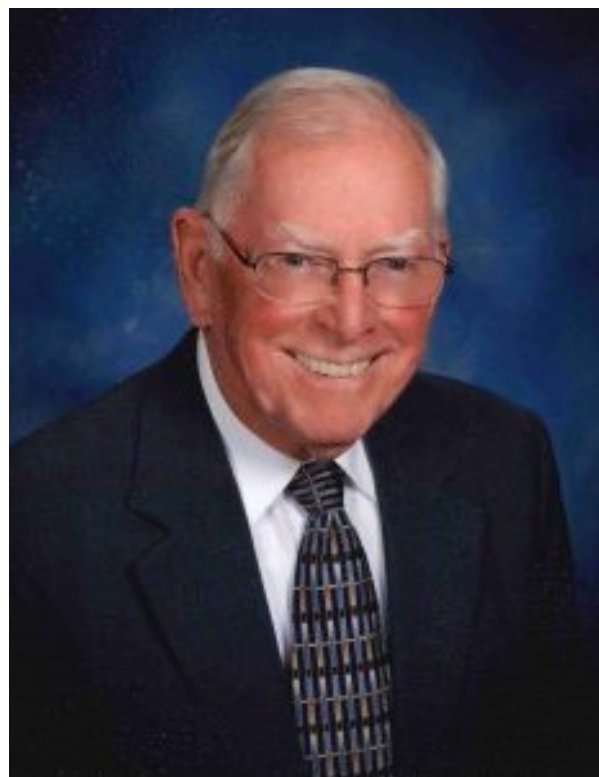


Click on the graphic of your choice above to be taken to the COVID-19 resource website for that entity.

## BILL CLEARY MEMORIAL SERVICE AUGUST 14, 2021

Last Spring, MIHS lost one of the greats when Bill Cleary passed away on April 1, 2020. The family's intent was to have a memorial service for Bill later in 2020, but that was not possible due to COVID restrictions.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 14, 2021, at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church (1315 Abbott Road in East Lansing, MI 48823) with a visitation to follow. Masks are required for all those attending. The family is being served by the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel. Those desiring may make contributions to Eastminster Presbyterian Church, East Lansing, in memory of Bill Cleary (he really wanted the elevator to be paid off).





## XIN ZHANG IS MIHS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Earlier this year, the American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF) Scholarship Selection Committee selected Xin Zhang from University of Michigan to be the recipient of the scholarship endowed by MIHS.

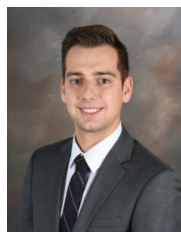


XIN Zhang

The AIHF also awarded general scholarships to 17 students in 2020-21, and Trevor Hartman and Gyan Rusconi-Rodrigues of U of M received scholarships. The complete list of AIHF general scholarships is below.

- Ines Beganovic, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Ryan Cirillo, The City University of New York - CUNY
- Catherine Crott, Montana Technological University
- **Trevor Hartmann, University of Michigan**
- Carmel Hilal, University of Toronto
- Michael Jeffrey, University of Toledo
- Molly Hischke, Colorado State University
- Lu Li, University of Central Missouri
- Alex McCann, Tulane University
- Kassie Olin, University of Washington
- Toluwanimi Oni, University of Oklahoma
- Scott Pottorff, Montana Technological University
- Yoni Rodriguez, University of Washington
- **Gyan Rusconi-Rodrigues, University of Michigan**
- James Seidel, Colorado State University
- Kelsey Townsend, Colorado State University
- Jasna Williams, University of Alabama at Birmingham

MIHS extends its congratulations to all of the AIHF scholarship awardees.



Trevor Hartmann



Gyan Rusconi-Rodrigues

## MIHS BEST PAPER AWARD

The Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society Best Paper Award was established by MIHS in 1957 for recognition of an outstanding publication in the *American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal*. In 1989, the MIHS board of directors voted to also recognize the authors of the best paper in applied industrial hygiene from the *Applied Occupational and Environmental Hygiene Journal*. In 2004 both journals were combined to form the current *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene* (JOEH). MIHS continues to present a Best Paper Award each year. This year's recipients are **Lee Ann Greenawald, Kent C. Hofacre, and Edward M. Fisher** for *Fentanyl and Carfentanil Permeation through Commercial Disposable Gloves*.

If you would like to become part of the team that reviews papers and eventually decides on which paper receives the award each year, contact Matt Macomber.



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Each year the activities of the MIHS have been supported by our Organizational Members. The MIHS appreciates the support and generosity of our Organizational Member.

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