A Celebration of the Life and Career of
Regents Professor Emeritus
Herbert E. Wright, Jr
(September 13, 1917 – November 12, 2015)

Hosted by the N.H. Winchell School of Earth Sciences
The University of Minnesota

April 3, 2016, 2:00 to 6:30 pm
Memorial Hall
McNamara Center
The University of Minnesota
A Very Brief Biography

BA, MA and PhD (Kirk Bryan, advisor) from Harvard. PhD in absentia in 1943 while serving as a bomber pilot during WWII.
First faculty appointment at Brown University (then Brown College). Spent the summer of 1946 in Lebanon, working as a geologist assisting two Jesuit archaeologists studying Paleolithic rock shelter at Ksar Akil.
Arrived at the University of Minnesota in fall of 1948.
Invited by Robert Braiding of the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago to join the archaeological expeditions (1950s and 60s) to Kurdistan and Iran as project geologist. Braiding had access to very early radiocarbon dating (Libby was at Chicago) and Herb was introduced to this age determination method at its infancy.
Wednesday evening seminars at 1426 Hythe Street, St. Paul starts shortly after his arrival at Minnesota. The seminars continue to this day.
Established Pollen Laboratory in 1958.
Established Limnological Research Center in 1962.
Retired (mandatory) in 1988.
Led a day-long fieldtrip on occasion of AMQUA meeting (University of Minnesota Campus) 2 weeks after his open heart surgery in 1994, and participated in the last COHMAP meeting at University of Wisconsin at Madison immediately following the AMQUA meeting.
Studied or visited, in addition to numerous lakes and bogs in Minnesota and Northern Great Plains, sites on all seven continents.
Advised more than 80 Ph.D. and Masters students, 19 of them after his official retirement in 1988.
Honorary degrees from:
Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, 1966,
Lund University, Sweden, 1987, and
The University of Minnesota, 1996.

Member of the National Academy of Sciences, 1977.
Program Schedule

2:00 pm - Memorial Hall opens for the celebration
  Refreshments will be available

2:20 pm - Start of the formal program

Welcome remarks:
Emi Ito, Director of LRC;
Donna Whitney, Head, Winchell School of Earth Sciences
Dan Engstrom: Announcements about Sedimental Journeys and
  GSA Topical Session
Jim Almendinger: A brief biography of Herb
Paul Glaser: Herb's early years: 1935-1957
Scott Anfinson: Herb's contributions to archaeology
Carrie Jennings: Herb's contributions to Minnesota Quaternary
  geology
Sheri Fritz: Herb's international academic family tree and how he
  influenced my academic life
Tom Shay: Some personal recollections
Dave Foster and Henry Lamb: Labrador and other expeditions
  (includes Nancy Eyster-Smith's contributions)
Eric Grimm: Some personal recollections
Kerry Keen: Some personal recollections
Pim van der Knaap: Herb's European and African travels (includes
  Brigitta Ammann and Dirk Verschure's contributions)
Ken Hopkins: Some personal recollections
Tom Johnson: Some personal recollections
Other stories – You are invited to come up to the podium and
  share short reminiscences

Closing remarks:
  Andy Wright, family
  Emi Ito, Director of LRC

~5:00 pm - End of the formal program
  Refreshments will be available. Guests are invited to stay and
  visit.

6:30 pm - Memorial Hall closes
Please consider contributing:

**An abstract to GSA National Meeting Topical Session:**
T180. The Legacy of Herbert E. Wright, Jr.: Seminal Contributions Towards Understanding Interactions Among Quaternary Climate, Landscape Processes, Vegetation and Human Society.

The abstract form page will open in early April.
http://community.geosociety.org/gsa2016/home

Note that GSA is early this year: September 25-28. It is being held in Denver, Colorado, USA.

**A story, a photo or an annotated photo album to Sedimental Journeys – The Life and Legacy of Herb Wright.**

Visit http://www.eecrg.uib.no/SedimentalJourneys.htm to see what has been contributed to date.

John Birks and Cathy Jenks are compiling an eBook comprised of contributions from Herb’s friends and colleagues.

**A donation to Herbert E. Wright, Jr. Footsteps Award** – a scholarship fund for graduate students pursuing thesis research in any of the areas that broadly encompass Herb’s interests: Quaternary climate and geology, glacial geology, paleoecology, landscape processes, vegetation, ancient studies.

The donation may be mailed or submitted online.
Mail: Check made out to the University of Minnesota Foundation (mention or include in the memo “in honor of Herb Wright”) in care of Ms. Sharon Kressler, Dept. Earth Sciences, University of Minnesota, 310 Pillsbury Drive, SE., Minneapolis, MN 55455.
Online at: www.esci.umn.edu, in the Earth Sciences banner, click on “Make a Gift”. Once there, click on ‘Graduate Fellowships/Awards’, then click on the green Give Now button for 'H.E. Wright, Jr. 'Footsteps Award” which is the second from the last one on the list. Click on the green “Give Now” button.