

Biographical Sketch
Steven J. Wright – Arthur F Thurnau Professor, Civil and Environmental
Engineering

Education

B.S.E., Agricultural Engineering, Washington State University, 1971

M.S.E., Hydraulic Engineering, Washington State University, 1973

Ph.D., Civil Engineering, California Institute of Technology, 1977

Steve Wright has been on the College of Engineering faculty since 1977. His area of specialty is water resources and he has published over 200 journal articles and conference proceedings papers on various topics within this general field. He has co-authored an undergraduate textbook entitled Essentials of Engineering Fluid Mechanics.

He has been involved with numerous student organizations and currently advises the civil engineering honorary society Chi Epsilon and the Pantanal Partnership. In addition he has become involved with a number of interdisciplinary educational initiatives including a three year appointment as the Faculty Director for Education for the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute. During this time, the Graham Undergraduate Sustainability Scholars Program was initiated. He also co-taught a number of international courses involving student travel to international study site through the sponsorship of either the Graham Institute or the Global International Experience for Undergraduates (GIEU) program. He was involved in the founding of the Engineering Sustainable Systems dual degree program between Engineering and the School of Natural Resources and the Environment. He has received numerous teaching awards including the Arthur F. Thurnau appointment, the University Undergraduate Teaching Award and the President's Council State Universities of Michigan: Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year.

He has served on a number of college committees including the Honors and Awards and the Rules standing committees, the COE Safety Committee, the International Programs Committee and the Commission on Undergraduate Engineering Education. At the university level, he has served on the CRLT Advisory Committee, the Faculty Senate, the steering committee for President Coleman's initiative on Ethics in Public Life, the OVPR Advisory Committee on Culturally Unidentified Human Remains under Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and the African Studies Center STEM Africa committee. He has been involved with the organization of Martin Luther King Jr. activities over a number of years and has served as the chair of the college committee.