

**David E. Cartwright**

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Philosophy

M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Philosophy

M.A., University of Wyoming, Philosophy

B.S., University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Biology and Philosophy

WHEREAS, Professor David E. (Dave, D'Ernst) Cartwright has labored with distinction in the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies as Professor, 1991-2017; Chair, 1993-1996 and 2011-2014; Associate Professor, 1988-1991; Assistant Professor, 1985-1988; and Lecturer, 1982-1985, and;

WHEREAS, Dave Cartwright developed numerous courses: Contemporary Moral Issues, Military Ethics, Business Ethics (co-sponsor), Environmental Ethics, Epistemology and Metaphysics, Contemporary Philosophy, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy, World of Ideas (co-sponsor), and taught additional courses: Introduction to Philosophy, Logic, Introduction to Ethics, Social Philosophy, Epistemology and Metaphysics, Classical Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Seminar: Nietzsche, Senior Thesis, and;

WHEREAS, Dave Cartwright has received wide acclaim for his teaching, including the College of Letters & Sciences Excellence in Teaching award, the David Saunders Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching in the Humanities award, the Everett Long Award for the Advancement of General Education, and twice was the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's Nominee for the University of Wisconsin System's Regents Teaching Excellence Award, and;

WHEREAS his students have commended his teaching throughout his career, including one who exhorted him to "Schopenhauer til you drop!" and;

WHEREAS Dave Cartwright Schopenhauered enough to be awarded an NEH research grant (with Ed Erdmann), an NEH summer stipend, two UWW state research grants, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Outstanding Research award, and the College of Letters and Sciences Excellence in Research award, all of which resulted in the publication of two books, six translations or editions, three bibliographies, thirty articles, and four book reviews, not to mention countless presentations, most of which were on the philosophy of Arthur Schopenhauer, and;

WHEREAS Dave Cartwright was a founding member and inaugural Director until this year of the North American Division of the Schopenhauer Society, and;

WHEREAS Dave Cartwright performed meritorious service at all levels, to the profession, to the university, the college, the department, and the community, with humor and good cheer, and;

WHEREAS Dave Cartwright served on the monumental Promotions and Guidelines Task Force, which involved numerous subcommittees, reports, and presentations, and, no good deed going

unpunished, led to his position on the TQM Faculty Reward Committee (the then notorious, “They” committee) wherein “they” were charged with working with every department on campus to develop a decent and humane set of standards by which to award tenure and promotion, and wrote such standards for the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, and generally has demonstrated that, in the words of Arthur Schopenhauer, “Compassion is the basis of morality,” and;

WHEREAS, Dave Cartwright’s service includes twenty-two years on the Faculty Senate including service on the not-so-successful taskforce on the Proliferation of University Committees, thirty-two years of hard labor on the L&S Curriculum committee, two three-year stints as department chair plus seven long hot summers as summer chair, participation on numerous department committees and attendance at nearly every department meeting, vexatious or vital, and;

WHEREAS, Dave Cartwright has earned the College of Letters and Sciences Excellence in Service Award and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Faculty Service Award, and was nominated by the Dean of Letters and Sciences for the U.S. Professor of the Year Award, and;

WHEREAS, Dave Cartwright will conclude his 35-year career as a faculty member at UW-Whitewater on June 21, 2017, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies recommends that Professor Cartwright be awarded emeritus status upon his retirement from UW-Whitewater, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the faculty and staff of UW-Whitewater, congratulate him as he embarks on a well-earned retirement, declare him to be more than just human-all-too-human, and wish him the best in his endeavors in the Existential Garden, “Where life is tenuous,” and beyond, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he was more than just a colleague to many in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. He was a guide, a mentor, someone who always encouraged the best of one’s potential, a role model, and most of all, a dear friend. David Cartwright is a man who will be dearly missed. “*Das also was des Pudels Kern.*” –Goethe.