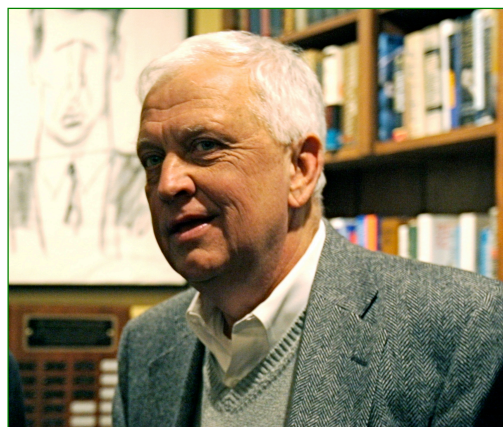


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Dr. George Liepa joined the EMU community in 1995 as the Head of the Department of Human Environment and Consumer Resources (HECR) and Professor of Human Nutrition. When HECR was re-organized in 2004, he returned to faculty and became the Graduate Coordinator for the Program in Human Nutrition within the School of Health Sciences.

He graduated with a B.A. and an M.A. from Drake University (Des Moines, IA) and received his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Dr. Liepa had a distinguished career receiving many honors including, a Senior Fulbright Scholar teaching award in Latvia in 1992; he was named a Fellow of the American College of Nutrition in 1995, a Fellow of the American Oil Chemists Society in 2008 and received their Award of Merit in 2009.

He was an active researcher authoring over 40 papers in professional journals, editing a nutrition textbook, and writing many book chapters. His research interests focused on the study of carbohydrates, proteins and lipids and their impact on chronic disease. He loved mentoring graduate students and junior faculty members.

Dr. Liepa was an active campus member of Sigma Xi. He supported the effort to include a science-related speaker presentation to enhance the Graduate Research Fair (GRF). He helped to secure funding from the national Sigma Xi organization to start the event. He was involved in helping to select the annual speaker and in marketing the event to students, faculty and the community.

After Dr. Liepa passed away in 2011, his colleagues at EMU wanted to remember him and also ensure that the lecture he supported remained an important part of the GRF. The lecture was renamed in his honor, and is now supported by donations from his colleagues, family, and friends. The George Liepa Sigma Xi lecture endeavors to continue the event he valued by selecting a science-related topic to excite students, faculty, and the community about current research. The Sigma Xi committee is proud to remember George's optimistic and generous spirit by supporting his interest in the continued growth of the sciences among our community through this annual lecture.

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