

**Sauk Valley Community College  
December 18, 2023**

**Agenda Item 3.1.1**

**Topic:** Faculty Retirement – Sociology

**Mission:** Sauk Valley Community College is dedicated to teaching and scholarship while engaging the community in lifelong learning, public service, and economic development.

**Presented By:** Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell

**Presentation:**

Dr. James Wright has long been a supporter of higher education. He first earned his Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Western Illinois University in 1984. He continued his education at Western Illinois University and, in 1986, earned his Master's in Sociology. Jim continued his education by attending the University of Delaware where he earned his Doctorate in Sociology in 1993.

Jim began his career at Sauk Valley Community College in August 1999. In his twenty-four and a half years with SVCC, he taught 297 courses with more than 5,500 students. Throughout his years at Sauk, Jim has not only taught several different Sociology courses, but also taught Psychology courses.

We celebrate the career of Dr. Jim Wright as he retires at the end of this semester.