



Professors Emeriti Network

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Retired professors use artificial intelligence (AI) tools. Sharing best practices

Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 17:00 – 19:00 CET

10:00 - 10:05 Welcome – Ann Hill Duin, ahduin@umn.edu and Jože Gričar, Joze.Gricar@UM.si

10:05 - 10:10 Working Group Update – [Retired Professors Associations Network](#)
[Al Hermesen, MBA](#), Past-President and [Member, Board of Directors, University of Michigan Retirees Association](#), United States, AHermesen@UMich.edu

10:10 - 10:25 Sharing best practices for the age of generative AI
[Daniel J. Anderson, Special Assistant to the President](#), Elon University, North Carolina, United States. Lead author, [Student Guide to Artificial Intelligence](#) series, AndersD@Elon.edu

10:25 - 10:40 Intersections between digital communication and aging
[Dr. Mireia Fernández-Ardèvol, Professor, Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Social and Cultural Transformations \(UOC-TRÀNSIC\)](#), Faculty of Information and Communication Sciences, Open University of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain, MFernandezAr@UOC.edu

10:40 - 10:55 Decision making with autonomous agents
[Dr. Maria Gini, CSE Distinguished Professor, Distinguished University Teaching Professor](#), College of Science and Engineering, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, University of Minnesota, United States, Gini@UMN.edu

11:00 - 11:15 AI-based retirement community info system: The good, the bad and the ugly

[Dr. Richard Welke, Regents Professor Emeritus](#), Computer Information Systems, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, United States, RWelke@RWelke.com

11:15 - 11:30 Online communities for retired professors
[Dr. Laura J. Gurak, Professor Emerita of Rhetoric and Writing Studies](#), University of Minnesota, United States, GurakL@UMN.edu

11:30 - 11:45 Response to best practices – based on research on the use of AI by older adults

[Dr. Wendy A. Rogers, Khan Professor of Applied Health Sciences](#), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, United States. [Director, Human Factors and Aging Laboratory \(HFA\)](#), WendyR@Illinois.edu

Conclusion and Thanks – Co-chairs Jože Gričar and Ann Hill Duin