

The Department of
Chemistry and Biochemistry
at the University of
Missouri-St. Louis



Presents the 29th in the Series of
Distinguished Alumni Lectures

Michael J. Finkes

BS 1973, MS 1978. (Retired Monsanto Co)

**"My Journey with Monsanto:
from Herbicides to GMOs"**

and the Departmental Awards Presentations for 2016

**Monday, May 2, 2016
Room 451 Benton Hall**

Coffee: 3:15 pm, Awards: 3:30 pm, Lecture: 4:00 pm

Michael Finkes would have graduated from the department in 1969 but after his second year he enlisted in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He joined Monsanto in 1974 and spent 37 years until his retirement in 2010. Michael was a synthetic organic chemist until 1989 and finished his career as a quality assurance specialist. Over the years, we called upon him to give presentations to chemistry students on careers and related topics—he has been a most supportive and loyal alumnus. In 2005 he became a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. That year Mike was instrumental in helping set up the Monsanto Endowed Scholarship for students in the Biochemistry and Biochemistry degree program. He was very active in the Alumni Association and served as President from 2013-2015. Perhaps his greatest contribution to the department was his involvement in the establishment of the Chemistry Alumni Council, which recently became an official “Alumni Affinity Group” of the Alumni Association.

A reception will follow the lecture to honor the senior class, the department award winners and the Distinguished Alumni Lecturer on the second floor atrium of the Center for Nanoscience

Parking should be available in the West Drive Garage