

Paul Grant '53 to Present Annual Herzog Lecture on “A Life Journey in Physics and Beyond”

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Following his high school graduation in 1953, Alumnus Paul Grant was hired as the mail boy in the IBM High Street laboratory in Poughkeepsie which housed the development of the SAGE computer that eventually became the core of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD). He attended Clarkson University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, followed by a PhD in Applied Physics from Harvard University in 1965.

His doctoral thesis was one of the pioneer experiments in the current field of topological semiconductors. In 1986, he was part of the IBM team engaged in the discovery of high temperature superconductivity.

Upon retiring from IBM in 1993, he achieved appointment as a Science Fellow at the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto where he collaborated with the DOE and the staff of our national laboratories on power applications of superconductivity, smart grid technologies and climate change mitigation strategies.

Paul now pursues full time his “hobby” as a freelance science write and serves as a consultant to several international-governmental agencies involved with promoting energy efficient technologies. Paul is a Senior Life Fellow of the American Physical Society.

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