Ohio Wesleyan University

Honorary Alumnus / Alumna

Loyd D. Easton

It is a privilege and a pleasure to bestow upon Loyd D. Easton the status of honorary alumnus of Ohio Wesleyan University.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of DePauw University, with advanced studies at Boston, Harvard, and Glasgow Universities, Dr. Easton joined Ohio Wesleyan's philosophy department in 1946 and has been challenger and mentor to decades of students who had the foresight and stamina to enroll in his courses. The breadth and depth of his knowledge and contagious enthusiasm for his subject invested each class session with an air of excitement and the possibility of the unexpected, sometimes in the form of a hearty and explosively sudden guffaw.

His name is recognized throughout the United States and Europe for scholarly presentations and publications, principally on the intricacies of Hegelian thought and the writings of the young Karl Marx.

During the troubled '50's, Dr. Easton served as role model for confused generation of undergraduates. His intellectual and moral integrity and fearlessly outspoken stance in defense of principle provided for future alumni an example to be remembered and emulated.

In 1965 he was recipient of Ohio Wesleyan's recently established Bishop Herbert Welch award for Meritorious Teaching and has been recognized for professional achievements through numerous grants, awards, and fellowships.

Retiring in 1980, he has continued to be a campus presence through part-time teaching, generous support, and cordial hospitality to returning former students.

For the luster and devotion he has brought to this institution over an association of thirty-nine years, an affectionate and worm welcome to Loyd Easton to the ranks of Ohio Wesleyan alumni!

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