

## Biographical information

Donald H. Pfister

Current positions: Asa Gray Professor of Systematic Biology, Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology; Curator of the Farlow Reference Library and Herbarium of Cryptogamic Botany; Dean Harvard Summer School; Interim Dean of Harvard College

### Previous employment history and responsibilities:

1971-1974 – Assistant Professor of Biology, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez

1974-1979 – Assistant and Associate Professor of Biology, Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University

1979- present – Professor of Biology, Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology

### Concurrent positions and committee assignments –

1983-2000 – Master of Kirkland House, Harvard University

2003-2009 – Committee on Advising and Counseling. Chair, during a period of transition and formation of the Advising Programs office

2005- present – Chair of Faculty Committee for Endorsement Committee for the Rhodes and Marshall Fellowships

1984- and following, intermittent terms as Director of the Harvard University Herbaria

Miscellaneous committees and charges – Review committee for several renewals of House Masters, Chair of the committee on House Renewal; Member of the various committees related to undergraduate residential life; chair of a committee to review the Harvard College Administrative Board; member and subcommittee chair of Faculty Library Advisory Board.

Research: Fungal systematics and taxonomy with an emphasis on the Pezizales; history and documentation; biography of botanists.

### Teaching:

OEB 54 – Biology of Fungi, with Associate Professor Anne Pringle

OEB 59 – Plants and Human Affairs, with Professor Charles Davis

Science of Living Systems 25 – Tree Forests and Climate Change, with Assistant Professor Andrew Richardson