

**MSSC ZOOM MEETING**  
**Friday, March 12, 2021, 7:30pm**

*Dr. John Rakovan: New insights into the structure and formation of wire silver and gold.*



Dr. John Rakovan is a professor of mineralogy at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. John has been a mineral collector for more than fifty years, and it was collecting that opened his eyes to the science of mineralogy. His current collecting interests are heavily influenced by his research and include apatite, layer silicates, and specimens with interesting mineralogical characteristics (i.e. twinning, epitaxy, etc.). John has broad research interests including crystal growth, structural and morphologic crystallography, mineral-water interface geochemistry, and mineral deposit formation. He has been an executive editor of and regular contributor to *Rocks & Minerals* magazine since 2001. John is a fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America (MSA), a recipient of the Carnegie Mineralogical Award, and is the eponym of the decavanadate mineral rakovanite.