Campuswide

Ten UI faculty members, five graduate teaching assistants and an academic staff member were honored for excellence in teaching or advising students April 27 at the annual Instructional Awards Banquet at the Illini Union. (Graduate teaching assistants honored appear on Page 2.)

Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Five faculty members received the Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the principal award for undergraduate instruction at the UI. The award recognizes UI professors and graduate teaching assistants who display consistently excellent performance in the classroom, positively affect the lives of their students, take innovative approaches to teaching, and make other contributions to improved instruction, including influencing the curriculum.

Faculty winners of the award are Ollie Watts Davis, music; Mark Leff, history; Michael Madonick, English; Diane Musumeci, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese; and Robert Skirvin, natural resources and environmental sciences. You’ll find their pictures throughout this insert, featured in their classrooms or with some of their students. Faculty members receive $5,000 and a $3,000 raise.

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Joseph Squier, art and design, winner of the Campus Award for Innovation in Undergraduate Instruction Using Educational Technologies, will receive a $2,000 award that honors faculty members who have introduced particularly successful computing and communication technologies into undergraduate instruction.

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Jay Bass, geology, who received the Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research, will receive a $2,000 award designed to foster and reward excellence in involving and guiding undergraduate students in scholarly research.

Campus Award for Excellence in Extramural Teaching

Anthony Halter, social work, received the Campus Award for Excellence in Extramural Teaching, which honors a faculty member who teaches as part of the extramural credit program. Halter will receive $4,000, and his department will be provided with $1,000 to improve extramural instruction and to develop programs.

Campus Award for Excellence in Advising Undergraduate Students

Sister Marie Golla, an academic adviser in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, received the Campus Award for Excellence in Advising Undergraduate Students, which provides $2,000 to the recipient for personal use.

Campus Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Teaching

Elaine Shoben, law, received the Campus Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Teaching, which is designed to reward faculty in professional or graduate programs who normally wouldn’t have an opportunity to compete for undergraduate teaching awards. Shoben will receive $5,000 for her personal use and a $3,000 raise.

AMOCO Award for Innovation in Undergraduate Instruction

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College of Veterinary Medicine

Faculty and staff members and graduate students were honored at the fifth annual UI College of Veterinary Medicine awards program last fall.

Teaching Excellence Award
Allan Paul, professor of veterinary pathology and Continuing Education-Public Service/Extension, was selected by the third- and fourth-year veterinary students as winner of the Teaching Excellence Award for presenting material with enthusiasm, dedication, clarity and creativity and for integrating subject concepts into the framework of the curriculum.

Service Excellence Award
Charles W. Smith, professor and chief of small animal surgery in the department of veterinary clinical medicine, won the Service Excellence Award for outstanding committee work, clinical service and continuing education.

Dr. Robert and Lucy Graham Award
The Graham award went to Shirley Pelmore, secretary in veterinary administration. Awarded annually since 1957, this honor goes to a staff employee who has made outstanding contributions to the college.

Outstanding Instructor Award
Members of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association who graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine in the past two years selected Silvia Moreno, professor of veterinary clinical medicine, for the association’s Outstanding Instructor Award.

Helen and Norman Levine Award
The Helen and Norman Levine Award recognizes research productivity and excellence among young faculty members at the college. Winner of the 1997 Levine award was Silvia Moreno, professor of veterinary pathology.

Academic Professional Award of Excellence
Walter Crackel, nuclear medicine specialist in veterinary biosciences, won the Academic Professional Award of Excellence in recognition of outstanding performance and professional excellence at the college.

Research Excellence Award
Rex Hess, professor of veterinary biosciences and director of the Center for Microscopy and Imaging, garnered the Research Excellence Award, given in recognition of the quality and quantity of publications, research awards and outside recognition of his work.

Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence
Deoki Tripathy, professor of veterinary pathology, won the Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence. It is presented to a faculty member for research that shows promise of attaining or that has attained national recognition.

Merial Award for Educational Creativity
Ronald Smith, professor of veterinary pathology and director of Medical Informatics, received the Merial Award for Educational Creativity for his project titled “Computer-Aided Instruction in Food Safety/ Food-Borne Disease on the World Wide Web.”

Dr. Gordon and Helen Kruger All-Round Excellence Award
Matthew Wallig, professor of veterinary pathology, received the Kruger award signifying excellence in the college’s three-fold mission of teaching, research and service.

Outstanding Mentorship of Graduate Students
The Graduate College Award for Outstanding Mentorship of Graduate Students recognizes exemplary efforts by graduate faculty members in advising and serving graduate students. Recipients are Kent B. Monroe, professor of business administration, and Linda C. Smith, professor of library and information science.

Graduate Teaching Assistants

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College of Applied Life Studies

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award
Kimberly Shislow, professor of leisure studies, and Ruth Watkins, professor of speech and hearing science, were honored by the College of Applied Life Studies for excellence in undergraduate teaching. Susan Edwards, a graduate assistant in the department of kinesiology, was honored for excellence in undergraduate teaching by a graduate assistant.

Staff Excellence Award
Kathy Lankster, secretary IV (transcribing) in the department of leisure studies, received the Staff Excellence Award. The award recognizes a staff member who displays excellence in overall work performance, promotes positive morale, exhibits professional growth, displays creativity and initiative, and enhances the image of the unit and university.

Academic Professional Excellence Award
Marty Morse, a teaching associate and interim supervisor of recreation and athletics in the Division of Rehabilitation Education Services, received the college’s first Academic Professional Excellence Award. The award recognizes an academic professional in the college who displays excellence in overall work performance, promotes positive morale, exhibits professional growth, displays creativity and initiative, and enhances the image of the unit and university.

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College of Medicine

Raymond B. Allen Instructorship Award
A faculty member is selected by each class of medical students annually to receive this award for distinguished teaching. Named for the college’s former dean, the awards are also known today as the Golden Apple Awards. The recipients and the class that honored them are Sam Hsieh (fourth-year students), clinical instructor in the department of obstetrics and gynecology; Garron M. Lukas (third-year students), clinical associate professor in the department of surgery; Patricia J. O’Morchoe (second-year students), professor and head of the department of obstetrics and gynecology; and William L. Daniel (first-year students, academic year 1996-97), professor of pediatrics-medical genetics section.

Academic Professional of the Year
Diana L. Gottbole, acting director of the Medical Scholars Program, was honored as the College of Medicine’s Academic Professional of the Year. The award was established to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the success of the college in the previous year.

Staff Employee of the Year
Julie W. Wyant, secretary IV (transcribing), Medical Scholars Program, was selected as the College of Medicine’s Staff Employee of the Year. Wyant has served as a secretary in the Medical Scholars Program office since 1986. The award was established to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the success of the college in the previous year.

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Graduate School of Library and Information Science

Centennial Scholar Award
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College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Faculty Awards for Excellence

Six faculty members were recognized for outstanding professional achievement and demonstrated excellence in teaching, research or extension. Senior College Faculty Awards are presented to faculty members who have at least 10 years of service to the college. College Faculty Awards are for faculty members with five to 10 years of service.

Senior College Faculty Awards

Robert G. Hoeft, professor of soil fertility in the department of agricultural and consumer economics; and Jasna D. Jovanovic, professor of human development in the department of human and community development, were recognized for excellence in teaching.

Robert W. Larson, professor of family ecology in the department of human and community development, was recognized for excellence in research.

Robert M. Skirvin, professor of horticulture in the department of natural resources and environmental sciences, was recognized for excellence in research.

Collegiate Student Awards for Excellence

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Professional Staff Awards for Excellence

Four staff members received Professional Staff Awards for Excellence. The awards are presented for sustained excellence or for innovation and creativity. This year’s award winners: David W. Seibert, extension educator in animal systems with the Illinois Extension Service at the East Peoria Extension Center (Sustained Excellence); Anne Heinzle Silvis, extension specialist in agriculture and education outreach in the department of natural resources and environmental sciences (Innovation and Creativity); Robert E. Wolf, extension specialist in the department of agricultural engineering (Innovation and Creativity)

Service Recognition Award

Loyd M. Wax, research leader of the USDA-Agricultural Research Service Crop Protection Research Unit, was presented the Service Recognition Award that honors outstanding professional achievement and demonstrated excellence. A U.S. Department of Agriculture employee with a joint appointment in the department of crop sciences, Wax was cited for his research in weed science. He has taught in the classroom, mentored graduate students and hosted scholars and scientists visiting the university.

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Award for Excellence in Advising Undergraduate Students

Carol Stickrod, lecturer in journalism, was recognized for excellence in advising undergraduate students. She was selected for the award through a student poll, which rated her as an outstanding adviser.

Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Cele C. Otnes, professor of advertising, was honored for excellence in undergraduate teaching. She was selected as the best teacher by graduating seniors in the college. Also honored was Jonathan E. Sterne, a teaching assistant in the Institute of Communications Research, for excellence in undergraduate teaching by a TA.

William F. Prokasky Award for Distinguished Teaching

The four professors judged to be outstanding teachers of undergraduates were Stephen P. Altaner, professor of political science; Michael Madonick, professor of English; and Sarah Mangelsdorf, professor of psychology. The award is named in honor of former dean William F. Prokasky, who founded the award to promote exceptional achievement in undergraduate teaching. Criteria include consistent excellent performance, impact on students, innovative approaches to teaching and other contributions to improved instruction, including influence on the curriculum.

Humanities Award for Excellence in Teaching

Lynn M. Martin Award for Distinguished Women Teachers

Diane Musumeci, professor of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, received the Lynn M. Martin Award for Distinguished Women Teachers. This award is dedicated to promote exceptional achievement in undergraduate teaching by women. The emphasis of the award is on innovative approaches to undergraduate education, including unusual course content, format, style of presentation, ways to involve students, and/or the use of instructional technologies.

Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Assistant

Six graduate assistants were honored for excellence in teaching. They are Dennis Grammenos, geography; Christopher B. Hill, mathematics; Montserrat Oliveras-Heras, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese; Amy J. Pierce, speech communication; Urmila S. Seshagiri, English; and Randi J. Storch, history.

Academic Advising Awards

The Academic Advising Award recognizes and encourages quality advising of undergraduate students in the college. Recipients are Sister Marie Golla, LAS Student Affairs; and Richard Leskosky, professor of cinema studies and assistant director of the Unit for Cinema Studies.

Academic Professional Awards

The LAS Academic Professional Award was established to identify and honor selected academic professionals for their outstanding contributions to the college. Recipients this year were Earle Heffley, manager of system services in the department of psychology; and Joann Hower, assistant to the chair for program development in the department of mathematics.

Staff Awards

The LAS Staff Awards honor selected staff members for their outstanding contributions to the college. Recipients were Jim Fitzsimmons, facilities manager in the School of Life Sciences; Dianne Meredith, administrative assistant in the Russian and East European Center; and Carol Stickrod, administrative program assistant in astronomy.


College of Engineering

Stanley H. Pierce Award
Arthur M. Clausling, professor of mechanical engineering and associate head of the department of mechanical and industrial engineering, was cited for his tireless enthusiasm and efforts on behalf of the students. Clasing initiated and developed a Freshman Discovery course and has aggressively sought scholarship support and awards for undergraduate students.

During his years as associate dean of the college, Stanley H. Pierce was an inspiring leader in the constant endeavor for better relations between faculty members and students. This award is presented to a faculty member and student who have “done the most to develop empathetic student-faculty cooperation.”

Tau Beta Pi Daniel C. Drucker Eminent Faculty Award
Gregory E. Stillman, professor of electrical and computer engineering, was honored for making enormous contributions to the UI in all areas of scholarship, research and academic life. The award recognizes faculty members who have received national or international acclaim for dedication to academic excellence through teaching and research and have made exemplary contributions to the understanding of their fields.

The award demonstrates the ideals of Daniel C. Drucker, the college’s dean from 1968 to 1984, who worked with and personally supported many programs of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society.

Collins Award for Innovative Teaching
Ricardo B. Uribe, professor of electrical and computer engineering, was honored for innovative teaching. Uribe has made significant contributions to the instructional laboratory programs incorporating many innovations. Named for W. Leighton Collins, a faculty member in the college from 1929-65 and former executive director of the American Society for Engineering Education, the award recognizes outstanding development or use of new and innovative teaching methods.

Everitt Award for Teaching Excellence
Michael Heath, professor of computer science, and Vernon Snoeyink, professor of environmental engineering, were honored for teaching excellence by the College of Engineering. Established in 1968 to honor retiring Dean William L. Everitt, the award annually recognizes two or more faculty members for their outstanding undergraduate teaching. The award is one of the most coveted by faculty members and serves to emphasize the value that is attached to good teaching in the college. The award is made possible through an endowment contributed by personal and corporate friends of Everitt.

Xerox Awards for Faculty Research
The Xerox Foundation established the Xerox Awards for Faculty Research to honor faculty members for outstanding research as judged by their colleagues. Three awards are given to associate professors judged to have conducted the best research during the past five academic years; three awards are given to assistant professors judged by colleagues to have conducted the best research during the last academic year. This year’s award winners are associate professors Yoram Bresler, electrical and computer engineering; Philip W. Phillips, physics; Jean A. Ponce, computer science; and assistant professors Aida El-Khadra, physics; Deborah Leckband, chemical engineering; and Klara Nahrstedt, computer science.

Rose Award for Teaching Excellence
Gary E. Gladding, physics, was given the Rose Award for Teaching Excellence. Gladding was commended for his outstanding leadership efforts in a massive curriculum revision that recreated introductory engineering physics, taken by every freshman and sophomore engineering student – 2,000 each semester. Intended to foster and reward excellence in undergraduate teaching, this award recognizes teachers who excel at motivating undergraduate students to learn and appreciate engineering.

Teaching Excellence Award
M. Selin, professor of physics, received the College of Engineering Teaching Excellence Award. Selin was cited for being an outstanding educator and a powerful creative force. Funded through an endowment by an alumnus and his wife, the award is given to help motivate teachers to increase the educational impact they have on their students.

College of Law
Outstanding Faculty Member Award
John E. Nowak, the David C. Baum Professor of Law, was honored for outstanding teaching and contributions to students of the College of Law. He was selected by the graduating third-year students. He also received the award in 1992.

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Sandra Altshuler, professor of social work, received the Marjorie Monkman Research Award. The annual award is presented in support of outstanding research proposals, with an emphasis on promising junior faculty members. Altshuler’s research focuses on addressing the well-being of children in foster care, and particularly, social work approaches to supporting the educational success of those children.
College of Education

Distinguished Teaching Career Award
This award recognizes sustained commitment to and excellence in teaching, course development and program building at both graduate and undergraduate levels by a faculty member over his or her career. Honored this year was James Leach, professor of human resource education.

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award
This award recognizes a faculty member for a sustained commitment to and excellence in teaching, course development and program building. Honored this year was Arlette Willis, professor of curriculum and instruction.

Russell E. Zwoyer Academic Professional Excellence Award
This award recognizes the contributions of outstanding academic professionals to the college. Honored this year is Sonda Gabriel, director of school-university relations, Bureau of Educational Research.

Distinguished College Senior Scholar
This award was established to recognize the quality, influence and significance of the scholarship and productivity of faculty members who are more than 12 years past a terminal degree. Honored this year were Arthur Baroody, professor of curriculum and instruction; and James Rounds, professor of educational psychology.

Distinguished College Scholar
This award recognizes the quality, influence and significance of the scholarship and productivity of a faculty member who is within the first 12 years of teaching after finishing a terminal degree. This year’s award winner was Nona Prestine, professor of educational organization and leadership.

Career Achievement Award
This award recognizes the quantity and quality of a senior faculty member’s career contributions to teaching, research and service, as well as for leadership in the field of higher education. The recipient of this award is James Farmer, professor of educational organization and leadership.

Distinguished Staff Award
This award recognizes demonstrated excellence of top performing civil service staff members and their contributions to the college throughout the year. Myrna Craig, staff secretary, curriculum and instruction, is this award’s first recipient.

College of Fine and Applied Arts

Outstanding Faculty Awards
Five faculty members nominated by their peers received Outstanding Faculty Awards. Nominees are evaluated on the basis of their accomplishments in research, teaching, creative activity, professional activity and public service. Recipients usually display excellence in more than one of these areas. This year’s recipients: Kenneth Carls, professor of art and design; Michael Kim, professor of architecture and on the Building Research Council; Rebecca Nettl-Fiol, professor of dance; Debra Richtmeyer, professor of music; and Jeryldene Wood, professor of art and design.

Since becoming a faculty member in 1989, Diane Musumeci, professor of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese and winner of the Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, has worked to redefine basic language instruction, not only in her own classroom but also in the department. As director of Italian language instruction, she has brought innovation to the introductory language program with the same concerns for supportive classroom environment, course organization and excellence in teaching that characterize her own classes.
College of Commerce and Business Administration

Excellence-in-Teaching Awards

Two faculty members and two teaching assistants were honored by the Commerce Alumni Association for excellence in teaching:

Neil D. Pearson, professor of finance, teaches options and futures, financial institutions and financial engineering. His research focuses on asset pricing theory, the valuation of derivative securities, risk management and financial institutions. Pearson developed a new course in financial engineering for the revised MBA program.

Elizabeth Moore-Shay, professor of business administration, teaches promotion management, consumer behavior and principles of marketing. Her research focuses on the effects of advertising and promotion on children, consumer decision processes within households, and consumer learning and information use.

Ihsan Ajwad, a fourth-year doctoral student in economics, and Rahim Quazi, a fifth-year doctoral student in economics, received teaching awards for teaching assistants.

Emerson Cammack
Outstanding Service to Undergraduate Students Award

Patrick J. Cleary, assistant dean and director of budget and resource planning, was recognized for outstanding service to undergraduate students. Cited in the nomination papers was his 16 years of service to students as a faculty adviser for Phi Gamma Nu. Candidates for the award are nominated by students and faculty members. Cammack was the first recipient of the award, which is given by the Commerce Alumni Association. After the first year, the award was renamed in his honor.

Executive and Professional Development Award

Charles M. Linke, associate dean for graduate studies and IBE Distinguished Professor of Finance, was honored for his outstanding teaching and other contributions to the programs of the Executive Development Center. The award is made possible by Investors in Business Education and is given by the Business Advisory Council.

Executive MBA Outstanding Instructor Award

Larry DeBrock, professor of economics, and Joe Mahoney, professor of business administration, were honored for their contributions to the Executive MBA class over a period of two years. The recipients are selected by a vote of the graduating students.

Commerce Council Outstanding Teaching Awards

Four faculty members and four teaching assistants were recognized for outstanding teaching by the Commerce Council. Recipients are elected by the college’s students. Faculty members honored are Michael A. Dyer, visiting professor of finance; Ralph S. Goodwin, lecturer in accountancy; Fred Gottheil, professor of economics; and José Antonio Rosa, professor of business administration. Teaching assistants honored are Konan Chan, finance; Douglas Gutsell, accountancy; Nader Hasam, business administration; and Robert Miller, economics.

Keith E. Sawyer Service Award

Zvi Ritz, professor of business administration and director of the Office of Information Management, was recognized for outstanding service and commitment to the Executive MBA program, its students and alumni.

Michael Madonick (left), professor of English and winner of the Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, has taught creative writing at the UI for the past seven years. Students have found in him an openness, a wit, an outrageousness, a perceptiveness, a receptiveness and a drive that energizes them. They also found in him a no-nonsense taskmaster. No pushover for mere artiness, Madonick finds a way to get writers to wrestle their own work toward perfection.