Distinguished Professor Awards

2021-2022

Dr. Ronald Christensen  Department of Mathematics and Statistics
Dr. Kimberly Page, PhD, MPH, MS  Department of Internal Medicine
Dr. Akshay Sood, MD, MPH  Department of Internal Medicine
Dr. Angela Wandinger-Ness  Department of Pathology
Dr. Karin Westlund-High, PhD  Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care
Dr. Cosette Wheeler, PhD  Department of Pathology
Dr. Katie Witkiewitz  Department of Psychology

2020-2021

Dr. Lisa Broidy  Department of Sociology
Dr. Alex Buium  Department of Mathematics
Dr. Joseph Cook  Department of Biology
Dr. Laura Crossey  Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
Dr. Jeremy Edwards  Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology
Dr. Fernando Garzon  Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering
Dr. Kerry Howe  Department of Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering
Dr. Mary Ann Osley, PhD  Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology
Dr. Nina Wallerstein, Dr.P.H  College of Population Health
Dr. Douglas Ziedonis, MD, MPH  Department of Psychiatry

2019-2020

Dr. Yemane Asmerom  Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
Dr. Claudia Isaac  Department of Community & Regional Planning
Dr. Terry Loring  Department of Mathematics and Statistics
Dr. Sherman Wilcox  Department of Linguistics
Dr. Arup Das MD, PhD, FARVO  Division of Ophthalmology & Dept. of Surgery
Dr. Eve Espey MD, PhD  Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Dr. Mauricio Tohen MD, DrPH, MBA  Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

2018-2019

Dr. Vojo Deretic, Ph.D.  Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology
Dr. Adrian Johnston  Department of Philosophy
Dr. Marek Osinski  Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Eric Prossnitz, Ph.D.  Department of Internal Medicine

2017-2018

Dr. Mohamed El-Genk  Department of Nuclear Engineering
Dr. Timothy Graham  Department of History
Dr. Karl Karlstrom  Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
Dr. Vallabh (Raj) Shah, MD  Department of Internal Medicine and Biochemistry
Dr. Greg Taylor  Department of Physics and Astronomy
Dr. Mahmoud Taha  Department of Civil Engineering

2016-2017

Dr. Mark Burge  Department of Internal Medicine
Dr. Jian “Jim” Liu  Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Department of Neurology
Dr. Kurt Nolte  Department of Pathology and Radiology
Dr. Anil Prinja  Department of Nuclear Engineering
Jim Stone  Department of Art and Art History
Dr. Adrian Brearley  Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences

2015-2016

Dr. Jose M. Canive, MD, FRCP  Department of Psychiatry & Neurosciences
Dr. Scott Collins  Department of Biology
Dr. Martin Kirk  Department of Chemistry
Dr. Sharon Nepstad  Department of Sociology
Dr. David Whitten  Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering
Dr. Robert Williams, MD, MPH  Department of Family & Community Medicine

2014-2015

Dr. Arthur Bankhurst  Department of Internal Medicine Division of Rheumatology
Dr. Bill Gilbert  Department of Art & Art History
Dr. Hua Guo  Department of Chemistry & Chemical Biology
Dr. Robert Sapien  Department of Emergency Medicine & Pediatrics
Dr. Daniel Savage  Department of Neurosciences
Dr. Zachary Sharp  Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences
Dr. Cheryl Willman  UNM Cancer Treatment Center

2013-2014

Dr. Scott Burchiel  Department of Pharmaceutical Studies
Kathryn Foucar, M.D.   Department of Pathology
William Rayburn, M.D., MBA   Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Dr. Plamen Atanassov   Department of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering
Dr. Lani Gunawardena   Dept. of Organizational, Information and Learning Sciences
Dr. Gabriel Melendez   Department of American Studies
Dr. Edl Schamiloglu   Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Mansoor Sheik-Bahae   Department of Physics and Astronomy

2012-2013
Sanjeev Arora, M.D.   Department of Internal Medicine
Dr. Vince Calhoun   Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Christos Christodoulou   Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Stephanie Forrest   Department of Computer Science
Pope L. Moseley, M.D.   Department of Internal Medicine
Dr. Steven Walsh   Department of FIT Management

2011-2012
Dr. Marianne Berwick   Department of Internal Medicine in Epidemiology
Dr. David Brookshire   Department of Economics
Dr. Jane Lancaster   Department of Anthropology
Dr. Eric Samuel Loker   Department of Biology
Dr. David Schade   Department of Internal Medicine in Endocrinology
Dr. Victor C. Strasburger, M.D.   Department of Pediatrics
Dr. Howard Yonas   Department of Neurosurgery

2010-2011
James W. Ellis, J.D.   School of Law
Dr. O.C. Ferrell   Department of MIDS Management
Miguel Gandert, M.A.   Department of Communication and Journalism
Dr. Theodore Jojola   Department of Community and Regional Planning
Dr. Enrique Lamadrid   Department of Spanish and Portuguese
Dr. Virginia Scharff   Department of History
Dr. Christopher Shultis   Department of Music
Dr. David Sklar   Department of Emergency and Internal Medicine

2009-2010
No nomination/award process

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<td>2006-2007</td>
<td>Dr. David Craven</td>
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<td>Dr. Abhaya K. Datye</td>
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<td>Dr. Deepak Kapur</td>
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<td>Dr. Jonathan Abrams</td>
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<td>Dr. Howard Waitzkin</td>
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<td>Dr. Joan Bybee</td>
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<td>Dr. Steven Feld</td>
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PRIOR

Dr. James Brown  Department of Biology
Dr. Eric Charnov  Department of Biology
Dr. Henry Ellis  Department of Psychology
Dr. Louise Lamphere  Department of Anthropology
Dr. William Miller  Department of Psychology
Dr. Albert Thornhill  Department of Biology

From the Faculty handbook

2.2.5 Distinguished Professor

(a) Individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and are nationally and internationally renowned as scholars may be considered for this faculty rank. This is the highest faculty title the University bestows and is used only for a few of its most prominent faculty members.

(b) The Nomination Procedure originates at the department level and must have the recommendation of the departmental and/or college faculty with which the candidate is now or would be affiliated. Upon receiving a recommendation, the Provost shall, in consultation with the Faculty Senate Operations Committee, appoint a University-wide committee of no fewer than five non-administrative senior faculty who shall review the nominee’s dossier and make appropriate recommendations to the Provost who makes the appointment. The position of Distinguished Professor is not proprietary with a department or college. Upon termination of employment of a distinguished professor, the title may not be passed on to another individual unless the procedure described herein has been followed.