Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

In addition to the faculty featured on the preceding pages, excellent faculty across campus have distinguished themselves recently with notable accomplishments.

Palwasha Ahad, psychology: College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Special Award for Professional Excellence in Service.

Dr. Miriam Bar-on, graduate medical education: elected to the membership of the American Pediatric Society.

Diane Barone, educational specialties: Albert Kingston award from the National Reading Conference, John Manning Public School Service Award from the International Reading Association.

Phillip Boardman, English: Faculty Senate’s Award for Outstanding Committee Service.

Ian Buckle, Sherif Elfass, Patrick LaPlace and Chad Lyttle, civil and environmental engineering: 2009 NEES Outstanding Service Award University of Nevada, Reno Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation Team. Darcey Donovan ’06M.S., principal investigator for the straw-bale house project, nominated the team.

Sudeep Chandra, natural resources and environmental sciences: American Fisheries Society California-Nevada Chapter Award of Excellence.

Dr. Diane Chau, internal medicine, Reno: Hartford Leadership Scholar 2007-09, Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs, and the Health Resources and Services Geriatric Academic Career Award 2010.

Sarah Cummings, chemistry: College of Science LeMay Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Jane Detweiler, English: College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Award for Service.

Rosemary Dixon, women’s studies: College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Member of the Continuing Faculty.

Betty Dodson, gerontology academic program: Fellow for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

Rachel Dolbier, Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering: Mackay Award for Excellence.

Dr. John Fildes, surgery, Las Vegas: named trauma medical director of the American College of Surgeons Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care.

Dr. Murray Flaster, internal medicine, Las Vegas: 2009 Neurologist of the Year, Nevada branch of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association.

Alan Fruzzetti, psychology: Mikawa Award, Nevada State Psychological Association.

Darren Griswold, foreign languages and literatures: College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service by a Member of the Contingent Faculty.
Mary Groves, managerial sciences: Business Student Council’s Most Outstanding Professor 2009-2010.


Dr. Daniel Kirgan, surgery: elected to the board of governors of the American College of Surgeons as governor-at-large representing the college’s fellows in Nevada.

Andrea Lenz, music and dance: College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Award for Outstanding Research and Artistry.

Chunlin Liu, managerial sciences, and Alexander McLeod, accounting and information systems: College of Business 2009-2010 Beta Gamma Sigma Researchers of the Year.

Kenneth Maehara, pathology: Division of Health Sciences Teaching Award 2009.

Eric Marchand, civil and environmental engineering: Distinguished Service Award, Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors, for exceptional service from 2006-2009.

Bruce Moran, history: Dibner Distinguished Fellow in the History of Science and Technology at the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif. for 2010-2011.


Elliott Parker, economics: College of Business 2009 B.J. Fuller Teaching Excellence Award.

Daniel Enrique Pérez, foreign languages and literatures, and Jonathan Weinstein, physics: Dr. Donald Mousel and Dr. William Feltner Annual Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Activity.


Dale Rogers, managerial sciences: appointment at a Brazilian research institute as Leader of Sustainability Research and Practice.

Howard Rosenberg, art: Wells Fargo/KNRV Jefferson Award.

Alla Safronova, physics: College of Science Hyung K. Shin Award for Excellence in Research.

David Sanders, civil and environmental engineering: American Society of Civil Engineers Fellow.

Stephanie Sant’Ambrogio, music and dance: Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award.

Erin Stiles, anthropology: Eleanor Roosevelt Global Citizenship Award.

Judith Sugar, School of Community Health Sciences: Connecting Our Community Award; Northern Nevada Immunization Coalition, for her course, “Aging: An Interdisciplinary Approach.” Certificate of Commendation from Senator Harry Reid.

Jim Taranik, geological sciences: Service to Mackay Award.

Scott Tyler, geological sciences: Mackay Researcher of the Year and was appointed to National Academy of Sciences panel on water research and hydrology funding.

Richard Wirtz, mechanical engineering: American Society of Mechanical Engineers Lifetime Member Award.