Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

In addition to the faculty featured elsewhere in this issue, outstanding faculty across campus and the state have distinguished themselves with notable accomplishments.

Gary Blomquist, biochemistry and molecular biology: Entomological Society of America’s Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology.


Christine Cheney, College of Education: 2011 Distinguished Alumna, Indiana University School of Education.

Amy Childress, civil and environmental engineering: 2011 Technology Educator of the Year, Nevada’s Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology; Nevada Women’s Fund Salute to Women of Achievement honoree.

Rod Davis, Cooperative Extension: MetLife Citizen Development Award; Bureau of Land Management Community Outreach and Security Award.

Greta De Jong, history: Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Activity.

Joseph Delappe, art: College of Liberal Arts Award for Outstanding Research and Artistry.

Sue Donaldson, Cooperative Extension: Joint Council of Extension Professionals Award of Appreciation.

Staci Emm and Loretta Singletary, Cooperative Extension: National Round Book First Place Award; National Association of County Agriculture Agents; National Round Book Gold Award; Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals for “People of the Land” curriculum.

Imelda Espejo, Cooperative Extension: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Award of Excellence.


Sue Ferrara, curriculum, reaching and learning: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Award of Excellence for use of the Civic Engagement and Reflection Program.

Stacy Gordon Fisher, political science: College of Liberal Arts Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award.

Catherine “Kay” Fowler, anthropology: 2011 Fellow to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; 2011 Fellow to the National Academy of Sciences.

Patrick Ghezzi, psychology: College of Liberal Arts Special Award for Outreach.


Robert “Jake” Highton, journalism: Reynolds School of Journalism Nevada Seminoma Teaching Award.

Jennifer Hollander, biology: College of Science LeMay Excellence in Teaching Award.

Fred Holman, Extended Studies: appointed to executive boards for the international University and Professional Continuing Education Association and the national Education Advisory Board.

Thomas J. Hunt, family and community medicine: Elected president of the Nevada chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Roseann Keegan, donor relations: USC Annenberg School for Communications and Journalism 2010-11 California Endowment Health Journalism Fellow.

Sang Don Koh, physiology and cell biology: American Gastroenterological Association Masters Award for Basic Research in Digestive Sciences.

Cornelis Kreemer, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology: American Geophysical Union’s Geodesy Section Award for 2010, Mackay Researcher of the Year.

Deborah Kuhls, surgery: Royal College of
Surgeons of Thailand Honorary Fellowship.

Daphne Lapointe, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Mackay Award for Excellence.

David Leitner, chemistry: College of Science. Hyoung K. Shin Excellence in Research Award.

Andrea Lenz, music: Governor’s Art Award for Excellence in the Arts.

Matthew Leone, criminal justice: College of Liberal Arts Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Member of the Continuing Faculty.

Anne Lindsay, Cooperative Extension: National Television Award, third place; Western Regional Television Award, first place, from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for “All 4 Kids.”

Kent McAdoo, Cooperative Extension: National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award.

Ron Phaneuf, physics: Faculty Senate’s Award for Outstanding Service.

Mark Pingle, economics: College of Business 2010 B.J. Fuller Teaching Excellence Award.

Sonja Pippin, accounting and information systems: College of Business Beta Gamma Sigma Researcher of the Year 2011.

Robert Morris, Cooperative Extension: International Volunteer Award, awarded by President Obama for volunteer work in Tajikistan.

John Muntean, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Mousel-Feltner Award in Research.

Tom Nickles, philosophy: American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow.

Michele Peiter, Orvis School of Nursing, and Alina Soloyova-Vincent, Teaching and Learning Technologies: Third year in a row: Blackboard Exemplary Course Award; in an international competition, for their online course. Soloyova-Vincent also won the 2011 Blackboard Catalyst Award for Excellence in Online Professional Development.

Lynda Wiest, educational specialties: Co-chair for the Psychology of Mathematics Education–Northern American Chapter Conference, Fall 2011.

Don Winne, managerial sciences: College of Business Student Council Outstanding Faculty Award 2011.

Jeff Wong, accounting and information systems: College of Business Beta Alpha Psi’s Outstanding Accounting Faculty in 2010 and 2011.

Wei Yan, physiology and cell biology: membership in the National Institutes of Health’s Cellular, Molecular and Integrative Reproduction Study Section of the Center for Scientific Review.

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