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One Mason Faculty Member is Honored by Governor McDonnell Honors with the 2010 Outstanding Faculty Award

RICHMOND - Governor Bob McDonnell honored 12 Virginia educators as recipients of the 2010 Outstanding Faculty Award (OFA) for excellence in teaching, research and public service. The faculty members from public and private colleges and universities across the Commonwealth were recognized during an awards ceremony at the Jefferson Hotel as part of the annual OFA program administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and sponsored by Dominion Resources.

Speaking about the award recipients, Governor McDonnell remarked, "This year's recipients come from across Virginia and represent different institutions and academic disciplines. Yet all 12 share a commitment to helping their students, their campus communities, and the citizens of the Commonwealth who benefit from their scholarly research and academic knowledge."

SCHEV Executive Director Daniel J. LaVista commented, "These faculty members were selected by their peers as among the best and brightest that Virginia's colleges and universities have to offer. Each year the Council and Dominion Resources are awed by the extraordinary achievements of these inspiring educators."

William C. Hall Jr., a Dominion vice president and president of the Dominion Foundation, noted, "Dominion values the opportunity to recognize these distinguished faculty members for their unparalleled contributions to the Commonwealth's educational system, economy and cultural resources."

Margo Mastropieri is a University Professor of Special Education at George Mason University, whose research has led to improved opportunities for inclusion of students with disabilities in general education settings.

Article from <http://www.governor.virginia.gov/MeidaRelations/NewsReleases/viewReliese.cfm?id-879>

Photos from <http://www.schev.edu/AdminFaculty/OFAprogramindex.asp>





3 of Top 10 Best Places to Work Are Universities, AARP Says

Three of the top 10 organizations cited in the AARP's annual survey of the best places to work for employees over the age of 50 are universities. According to the November-December 2009 issue of [AARP: The Magazine](#), they are Cornell University (No. 1), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (No. 7), and George Mason University (No. 10). The AARP, formerly the American Association of Retired Persons, lists more higher-education institutions in an expanded ranking online. (Excerpts from Mason Gazette, October 23, 2009)



Provost Peter Stearns greets distinguished faculty at a reception on Aug. 26.

President Alan Merten and Provost Peters Stearns honored the university's most distinguished faculty — endowed chairs, Clarence J. Robinson Professors, Distinguished Service Professors and University Professors — at a reception held in the Mason Hall Alumni Atrium on Wednesday, Aug. 26.

New to the ranks this year are Deborah Goodings, Sidney O. Dewberry Endowed Chair for Civil, Environmental and Infrastructure Engineering; Dennis Layendecker, Heritage Chair in Music; and University Professors Giorgio Ascoli, Kenneth De Jong, Faye Taxman, Lois Tetrick and Martin Winkler.

Photo by Evan Cantwell

The list of honorees follows



Endowed Chairs

Bartoli, Andrea, French Cumbie Chair of Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Behrmann, Michael, Helen A. Kellar Professor of Special Education

Bennett, James T., William P. Snively Professor of Political Economy and Public Policy

Buckley, Francis H., Mason Foundation Professor of Law

Cheldelin, Sandra, Vernon M. and Minnie I. Lynch Professor of Conflict Resolution

Cook, Gerald, Earle C. Williams Professor of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering

Cowen, Tyler, Holbert L. Harris Chair in Economics

Dutta, Amitava, LeRoy Eakin Senior Professor of E-commerce

Ferri, Michael G., GMU Foundation Professor of Finance

Fuller, Stephen F., Dwight C. Schar Faculty Chair in Public Policy and University Professor

Goldstone, Jack A., Virginia E. and John T. Hazel, Jr. Endowed Chair

Goodings, Deborah, Sidney O. Dewberry Endowed Chair for Civil, Environmental and Infrastructure Engineering

Gopin, Marc, James H. Laue Chair in World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution

Haynes, Kingsley E., Ruth D. Hazel and John T. Hazel, M.D. Faculty Chair in Public Policy

Iannocone, Laurence, R., David H. Kock and Charles G. Koch Professor of International Economics



Jajodia, Sushil, BDM International Professor of Information Technology and University Professor

Kreps, Gary, Eileen and Steve Mandell Term Professor of Health Communication

Krishnan, Gopal, VSCPA Northern Chapter Professorship in Public Accounting
Layendecker, Dennis, Heritage Chair in Music

Lund, Nelson R., Patrick Henry Professor of Constitutional Law and the Second Amendment

Mattusch, Carol C., Mathy Professor of Art History

Muris, Timothy J., Mason Foundation Professor of Law

Pankey, Eric, Heritage Chair in Writing

Polsby, Daniel, Mason Foundation Professor of Law

Reeder, William, Heritage Chair in Arts and Cultural Criticism

Ritchie, Dennis J., Elisabeth Shirley Enochs Chair in Child Welfare

Rouhana, Nadim, Henry Hart Rice Chair of Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Rowley, Charles K., Duncan Black Professor of Economics

Sage, Andrew P., First American Bank of Virginia Professor of Information Technology and University Professor

Stough, Roger R., Northern Virginia Chair in Local Government/Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Wagner, Richard E., Holbert L. Harris Chair in Economics

Wegman, Edward J., Bernard J. Dunn Professor of Information Technology and Applied Statistics

Williams, Walter E., John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics



Clarence J. Robinson Professors

Thanks to the vision and generosity of the late Clarence J. Robinson, Mason undergraduates have the opportunity to learn from faculty members recruited to Mason from senior positions at prestigious institutions. The mission of the Clarence J. Robinson Professors is to enrich the academic experiences of undergraduate students. At the same time, the professors continue their scholarly pursuits on broad and fundamental intellectual issues.

Bakhash, Shaul, History

Crew, Spencer, History and Art History

D'Andrea, Paul, Theater and English

Hazen, Robert, Earth Sciences

Heclo, Hugh, Public Affairs

Hinton, Carma, Visual Culture and Chinese Studies

Morowitz, Harold, Biology and Natural Philosophy

Paden, John, International Affairs and Public Policy

Trefil, James, Physics



Distinguished Service Professor

Distinguished Service Professorships are bestowed on faculty members whose scholarly and/or service contributions win international distinction.

Kelley, Michael R., School of Public Policy

Malawer, Stuart, School of Public Policy





University and Distinguished Professors

According to the Faculty Handbook, University Professors are “men and women of unusually great stature and eminence from the world of national and international achievement.” They are appointed by the president and the Board of Visitors with the advice and consent of an ad hoc faculty committee; although they are appointed as at-large members of the general faculty, they may also be invited to accept primary affiliation in one or more departments, colleges, schools or institutes.

Acs, Zoltan, Public Policy
Ascoli, Giorgio, Molecular Neuroscience
Boehm-Davis, Deborah, Psychology
Boettke, Peter, Economics
Button, Kenneth, Public Policy
Cheuse, Alan, English
Conlan, Timothy, Public and International Affairs
De Jong, Kenneth, Computer Science
Denham, Susanne, Psychology
Foster, John, English
Gentle, James E., Computational Statistics
Gerber, Naomi L., Health and Human Services
Levis, Alexander H., Electrical and Computer Engineering
Liotta, Lance, Molecular and Microbiology
Maddux, James, Psychology
Maiello, Anthony, Music
Mastrofski, Stephen, Administration of Justice
Mastropieri, Margo, Education and Human Development
Miller, Patricia, Music
Olds, James L., Computational Neuroscience
Parasuraman, Raja, Psychology
Pfiffner, James, Public Policy
Rubenstein, Richard, Conflict Analysis and Resolution
Scruggs, Thomas, Education and Human Development
Sherwin, Martin, History and Art History
Shukla, Jagadish, Climate Dynamics
Sibley, Edgar, Information Systems and Systems Engineering/School of Public Policy
Soyfer, Valery N., Molecular and Microbiology
Tangney, June, Psychology
Taxman, Faye, Administration of Justice
Tetrick, Lois, Psychology
Tolchin, Susan, Public Policy
Wade, Rex, History and Art History
Weisburd, David Lee, Administration of Justice (Distinguished Professor)
Winkler, Martin, Modern and Classical Languages
(Excerpts from Mason Gazette, August 27, 2009)





University Day Celebration

The University Service Award recognizes employees who have served George Mason University and/or the Commonwealth of Virginia for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years of service. This year's University Day Celebration was held on April 7th, and 493 employees were honored. Eight employees were honored with 35 years of service, and five 40-year recipients were honored!

35 Years

Richard Coffinberger, *School of Management*
Donald Gantz, *Applied Information Technology*
Roger Lathbury, *English*
Robert Nadeau, *English*
Larry Rockwood, *Environmental Science and Policy*
Andrew P. Sage, *System Engineering and Operations Research*



Also recognized (no photo available)
David Kuebrich, *English*
Amelia Rutledge, *English*

40 Years

Marion Deshmukh, *History and Art History*
Jane Flinn, *Psychology*
Catherine Hoover, *Office of Continuing Professional Education*
William Kiley, *Mathematical Sciences*
John O'Connor, *Higher Education Program*





University Employee of the Month

The Employee of the Month award is available to administrative faculty, classified and wage employees who have been with the University for one year and who are in good standing.

The winner is presented the award and various gifts at a ceremony with the University's President. To nominate a coworker for the Employee of the Month award, please visit <http://hr.gmu.edu/awards/everyday.php#empl>

July	Robert Counts, <i>Registrar</i>
August	Annette Tallant, <i>Provost Office</i>
September	Sarah Gingerich, <i>ITU - Advanced Desktop Technology</i>
October	Catherine Ferraro, <i>Media & Public Relations</i>
November	Sara Morrisroe, <i>Student Activities</i>
December	Colleen Kearney Rich, <i>University Relations</i>
January	Kathleen Powell, <i>COS - Biodefense Initiatives</i>
February	Mari Elaine Triolo, <i>COS - Physics & Astronomy</i>
March	Mary Byerley, <i>SOM - Academic Admin. & Student Svcs</i>
April	Teresa Gibbons, <i>ITU - Support Center Services</i>
May	Jennifer Torney, <i>School of Public Policy</i>
June	Archie Nesbitt, <i>Facilities</i>



Facilities Employee of the Month

July	Alex Iszard - <i>Project Management</i>
August	Efrain Chalco - <i>Paint Shop</i>
September	Kevin Miller - <i>Heating and Cooling Plant</i>
October	Gordon Maginness - <i>PW Building Maintenance</i>
November	Terri Russell - <i>Facilities Management</i>
December	Steve Rice - <i>Maintenance Shop</i>
January	Greg Stockslager - <i>Electric Shop</i>
February	Archie Nesbitt, <i>Fairfax Grounds</i>
March	Glenda Weston-McCray, <i>Facilities Administration</i>
April	Stella Geraty, <i>ITU - Facilities Administration</i>
May	Adelmo Lugones, <i>Paint Shop</i>
June	Jeff Allcroft, <i>Energy Management</i>



ITU's Employee of the Month

July	Teresa- Gibbons, <i>Technology Support Services</i>
August	Sandra Winter, <i>Ent Servers & Messaging</i>
September	Tian hui Wang, <i>Databse Application Services</i>
October	Tommy Dang, <i>Network Engineering & Tech</i>
November	Marley Withrow, <i>Technology Support Services</i>
December	Pam Thomson, <i>Administrative Services</i>
January	David Petty, <i>Learning Support Services</i>
March	Gary Lee, <i>Technical Support Services</i>
April	Dan Dowdy, <i>Desktop Support</i>
May	Lisa Andion, <i>Learning Support Services</i>
June	Phat Le, <i>Desktop Support</i>



SOM Instructional Faculty Award Recipients

2009-10 Excellence in Research Award Recipients (Premier Publication Award)

ACCT — Edward Douthett

ACCT— Gnanakumar Visvanathan

FNAN— Alexander Philipov

FNAN — Fei Xie

ISOM — Jesse Bockstedt

ISOM — Jesse Bockstedt

ISOM — Nitup Menon

MGMT — Matthew Cronin

MGMT — Yan Ling



2009-10 Teaching Award Recipients

ISOM— Kumar Mehta

Undergraduate Student Teaching Award

MGMT— Cindy Parker

Graduate Student Teaching Award

MGMT— Kevin Rockmann

SOM Excellence in Teaching Award



2009-10 Service Award Recipients

ACCT — Philip Buchannan

ACCT — Anne Magro

FNAN— John Crockett

ISOM— Sid Das

ISOM— Kumar Mehta

MGMT— Mahesh Joshi





2009 CHSS Mary Roper Award Ceremony

Mary Roper Award Recipients

Karen Secrist *Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

Andy Privee *Center for History and New Media*



Other Award Recipients

Frah Abdi *Outstanding Contributions in HR & Finance Support
Department of Psychology*

Dana Vogel *Outstanding Contributions in Administrative Support
Department of Economics*

Mary Jackson *Outstanding Contributions in Graduate Programs Support
Department of Economics*

Carrie Grabo *Outstanding Contributions in Undergrad. Programs Support
Department of History and Art History*



CHSS Fall 2009 BTS Upload Contest Winners

Annie Lonetti *Department of Administration of Justice*

Laura McCloskey *Department of History and Art History*

Barb Gomperts *Department of English*

Ann Ludwick *Department of Public and International Affairs*

Sue Woodfine *New Century College*

Jennifer Stone *Department of English*

Karen Secrist *Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

Michelle Carr *Cultural Studies Program*



CHSS Spring 2010 BTS Upload Contest Winners

Annie Lonetti *Department of Administration of Justice*

Laura McCloskey *Department of History and Art History*

Jen Barnard *Department of Modern and Classical Languages*

Ann Ludwick *Department of Public and International Affairs*

Sue Woodfine *New Century College*

Kristin Fairchild *Department of Psychology*

Sara Montiel *Department of Psychology*

Dana Vogel *Department of Economics*

Mary Jackson *Department of Economics*

Andy McDonald *Department of Philosophy*



CHSS Fall 2010 BTS Upload Contest Winners

Annie Lonetti *Department of Administration of Justice*

Maria Carabelli *Department of Communication*

Ann Ludwick *Department of Public and International Affairs*

Sue Woodfine *New Century College*

Jennifer Stone *Department of English*

Jen Barnard *Department of Modern and Classical Languages*

Michelle Carr *Cultural Studies Program*





Teaching Excellence Awards - 2010

2010 David J. King Award

Dr. Paula Ruth Gilbert

Professor
*Department of Modern & Classical Languages
(CHSS)*



Teaching Excellence Award Recipients

Dr. Jose Cortina

Associate Professor
Department of Psychology (CHSS)

Dr. Rebecca Fox

Associate Professor/Co-Director
College of Education & Human Develop. (CEHD)

Dr. Devon Johnson

Assistant Professor
Administration of Justice (CHSS)

Dr. Tom Owens

Associate Professor
Department of Music (CVPA)

Dr. Daniel Sklarew

Associate Director
Department of Environmental Science & Policy



2010 General Education Award

Professor Twila Johnson

Term Assistant Professor
Department of English (CHSS)



2010 Teaching with Technology Award

Dr. Mark Sample

Assistant Professor
Department of English (CHSS)



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Human Resources & Payroll Awards Ceremony – Fall 2009

Sixteen University employees were honored at the Fall Award Ceremony on October 21st. These employees were presented with Outstanding Achievement Awards, Exceptional Support Awards, the Martha J. Reiner Quality Customer Service Award, and the David W. Rossell Quill Award. In addition, the Staff Senate presented the Outstanding Supervisor Award, and The Environmental Health and Safety Office presented the Safety Recognition Award. The University Sustainability Office presented the Sustainability Hero Award and there was one Presidential Citation.



Outstanding Achievement Awards

Jennifer Antonini
Jennifer Bazaz
Robert Bussjaeger
Jessica Bowdoin
Ellen Rodgers

Career Services
Provost's Office
General Accounting
University Libraries
College of Education & Human Development



Exceptional Support Awards

Sandra Beckett
William Jackson
Joan Mlotkowski
Aurora Roque
Tania Vega-Morales

Facilities
Facilities
College of Humanities & Social Sciences
Space Management
School of Management





Outstanding Supervisor Award

Karen Pirhalla
Arlington Operations



Safety Recognition Award

William Jackson
Facilities



Sustainability Hero Award

Dr. Susan Crate
Environmental Science & Policy



Martha J. Reiner Quality Customer Service Award

Tara L. Hammond
School of Management



David W. Rossell Quill Award

Mike Laskofski
Office of Sponsored Programs



Presidential Citation

Officer Andrew Galle
University Police





Human Resources & Payroll Awards Ceremony – Spring 2010

Thirty-four University employees were honored on May 3rd at the 26th Outstanding Achievement Awards Ceremony. The awards included Outstanding Achievement Awards, Exceptional Support Awards, the Margaret C. Howell Award, the David W. Rossell Quill Award, and the Team Excellence Award. In addition, the Staff Senate presented the Outstanding Supervisor Award, and the University Sustainability Office also presented the Sustainability Hero Award. Two individuals were honored with Presidential Citations.



Outstanding Achievement Awards

Edmund T. Daniels
Kimberly S. Dight
Kathryn Mangus
Nathan Putnam
Joy Sobieralski
Joy Staulcup
Janet Walker

Facilities
Fiscal Services
Student Media
Fenwick Library
General Accounting
Space Management
Human Resources & Payroll



Exceptional Support Awards

Angela Albanese
Betsy Appleton
Jeff Counts
Crystal Harris
Alice Hreiz
Basma Ishak
Susan Pufnock

Human Resources & Payroll
University Libraries
Facilities
Administration of Justice
College of Health & Human Services
School of Management
Social Work



Presidential Citations

Lauren Iu
*Senior Cadet
University Police*

Jill E. Jakulski
*Adjunct Instructor
College of Education &
Human Development*



Outstanding Supervisor Award

Cathy McCormick
Career Services





Sustainability Hero Award

Catherine "Kitty" Hoover
Director, P. W. Professional Center
Office of Cont. & Professional Educ.



Margaret C. Howell Award

Andrea Nikoi
Director, Finance & HR
Life Sciences



Team Excellence Award

Facilities Department



Housing Transition Team



David W. Rossell Quill Award

Dr. Linda G. Miller
Senior Associate Dean
College of Visual & Performing Arts

Photo not available



**Congratulations to all
our Mason Stars!**





Reward the stars in your office with these awards!

Gift cards, certificates, and non-monetary awards are excellent ways to show appreciation to your outstanding employees. Over 1900 of these awards have been given to Mason employees over the past 12 months. To request an award for your employee, simply send an e-mail to awards@gmu.edu with his or her name, G#, and a brief description of his or her achievement. For gift card requests, please make sure the employee's direct supervisor approves of the award. See below for all of the available awards.

- ***New*** “The Star That You Are” – \$20 gift card to Starbucks
- ***New*** “Thanks for Staying Connected” – Mason Cell Phone Holder*
- “Mama Mia, It’s a Fiesta!” Award – \$20 gift card to Chili’s/Maggiano’s/On the Border/Macaroni Grill
- “Slam-Dunk” Award – \$5 certificate booklet to Dunkin’ Donuts*
- “You Spice up our Life” Award – A certificate for a large one-topping pizza and two-liter soda from Vocelli Pizza*
- “Life’s a Beach” Award – A Mason beach towel*
- “You Hit the Spot” Award – A BPA-free Mason water bottle*
- You’re a “Bloomin” Star Award - \$20 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse
- You’re “Greeeeeat” Award - \$20 gift certificate to Great American restaurants
- You Hit the “Bull’s-eye” Award - \$20 gift certificate to Target
- “Thanks a Bunch” Award - \$20 gift card to Kohl’s
- Mason’s “Noble” Prize - \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble
- “Wrap it Up” Award - Mason scarf*
- You’re “Simply the Best” Award - \$20 gift certificate to Best Buy
- “Get Cozy at Cosi” Award - \$20 gift certificate to Cosi restaurants
- “You’re a ‘Reel’ Mason Star” Award - Two movie tickets and a \$10 voucher to put toward concessions or an additional ticket*
- You “Knocked our Socks Off” Award - a pair of Mason athletic socks*
- We “Flip for You” Award - Mason portfolio*
- It’s “Raining Recognition” at Mason - A Mason umbrella*
- “We Can’t Spell Success Without You” Award - Chocolate bar*

**Available for Student Wage Employees*



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