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

Facilities Employee of the Month

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

ITU’s Employee of the Month

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

Jennifer Bazaz  
Provost’s Office

Robert Bussjaeger  
General Accounting

Jessica Bowdoin  
University Libraries

Ellen Rodgers  
College of Education & Human Development

Exceptional Support Awards

Sandra Beckett  
Facilities

William Jackson  
Facilities

Joan Młotkowska  
College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Aurora Roque  
Space Management

Tania Vega-Morales  
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

David W. Rossell Quill Award
Dr. Linda G. Miller
Senior Associate Dean
College of Visual & Performing Arts

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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