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Awards / Honors

Celebrate Colorado State! awards announced

April 24, 2012

Each year, we celebrate the teaching, research, and service achievements of CSU students, alumni and friends, academic faculty, administrative professionals, and classified staff. The top awards for 2011-2012 were announced at the Celebrate Colorado State! Awards reception on April 24.

Full news releases regarding the awards are available on news.colostate.edu.



University Distinguished Professors

The two newest University Distinguished Professors are David Randall, atmospheric science, who is largely responsible for bringing a \$40 million NSF center to CSU; and Phil Risbeck, art, who brought the university the world-renowned Colorado International Invitational Poster Exhibition, or CIPE.

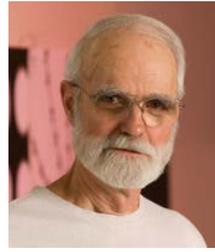
David Randall **Professor of Atmospheric Science**

Randall is principal investigator and director of the multi-institutional NSF Science and Technology Center for Multi-Scale Modeling of Atmospheric Processes, which is based at CSU. As one of the department's top researchers, Randall received the 2005 Scholarship Impact Award, the university's top annual honor for research accomplishments. Under the auspices of the NSF Center for Multiscale Modeling of Atmospheric Processes based at CSU, he created a new peer-reviewed scientific journal for climate modeling - JAMES or the Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems - that was adopted by the American Geophysical Union.



Phil Risbeck
Professor of Art

Risbeck, who has been teaching at CSU for nearly 50 years, is founding co-director of CIPE, which was launched as a biennial show in 1979. Risbeck began teaching at CSU in 1965, and his posters are considered among the finest in the world. He has had solo and group exhibitions on four continents and in some of the world's most influential art centers.



The title of University Distinguished Professor (UDP) is the highest academic recognition awarded by the university, the title "University Distinguished Professor," is bestowed upon no more than 12 full professors at any one time on the basis of outstanding scholarship and achievement. Professors receiving this title hold the distinction for the duration of their association with the university.

University Distinguished Teaching Scholar

Matthew Hickey
Professor of Health and Exercise Science

Professor Matthew Hickey in the Department of Health and Exercise Science was named a University Distinguished Teaching Scholar in recognition of his exceptional teaching skills, his ability to make connections with students as a mentor and his leadership in ethics in research and teaching at CSU.



Hickey, who came to CSU in 1997, has often been recognized for his talents and expertise in teaching, including national acclaim for undergraduate student research mentoring as well as being recognized with multiple teaching awards given by CSU students and administrators.

The title of University Distinguished Teaching Scholar (UDTS) is conferred upon the most outstanding faculty members of Colorado State University for the duration of their association with the institution. Only 12 persons may hold the title at any one time, exclusive of any retired faculty members holding the title of Distinguished Teaching Scholar Emeritus.

Scholarship Impact Award

Carmen Menoni
Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Carmen Menoni in the College of Engineering was honored with the Scholarship Impact Award, which recognizes outstanding faculty whose scholarship has had a major impact nationally and/or internationally. Menoni is a chemistry and electrical and computer engineering professor.



Since joining CSU, Menoni has been a leader in the use of bright beams of extreme ultraviolet laser light that are used to demonstrate novel nanoscale table-top microscopes. She also has established world-leading research in optical materials. Her research contributions have resulted in more than \$45 million in federal funding to CSU.

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Board of Governors Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award

Branislav Notaros
Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Branislav Notaros, associate professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was awarded the 2012 Board of Governors Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award for his innovative and unique approach to teaching.

After joining CSU in 2006, Notaros quickly earned respect and praise among undergraduate and graduate students and staff members. Although electromagnetics, his class subject matter, is considered difficult, Notaros is revered by his students as an inspiring, superior teacher with an outstanding reputation.



Notaros received the ECE Excellence in Teaching Awards for the 2009, 2010, and 2011 school years as a result of nominations and votes from ECE students.

The Board of Governors Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award recognizes one faculty member from each of the two institutions in the Colorado State University System for excellence in undergraduate teaching; awarded by the Board of Governors.

Monfort Professors

Cardiovascular researcher Scott Earley and John McKay, a plant biologist, were named CSU Monfort Professors, an award established in 2002 through a gift from the Monfort Family Foundation.

Scott Earley **Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences**

Earley, a professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, studies blood flow regulation and how to treat cardiovascular-related diseases, the leading cause of death in the United States. He has rapidly established himself as an innovative researcher in the field and publishes in high-impact journals. His work has attracted national and international attention. His educational background includes degrees in electrical engineering, microbiology and biomedical sciences.



John McKay **Associate Professor of Bioagricultural Sciences**

McKay is an associate professor of Bioagricultural Sciences in the College of Agricultural Sciences. His research focuses on plant biology. Early in his career, McKay made significant contributions to plant biology, particularly in the area of plant adaptation. He uniquely integrates his expertise in fundamentals of plant ecology, physiology and evolution to address plant adaptation to climate.



Established by the [Monfort Family Foundation](#), this program enables Colorado State to recruit and retain top-quality faculty. These competitively-selected, two-year appointments recognize and provide support for innovative teaching and research activities.

Advisor Gratitude Award

Recognizes faculty or staff member(s) serving as the primary advisor to a student organization registered with the Student Organizations office; nominated by a student or a student group.

Daniel Reid Harper, Triathlon Team **Rabbi Yerachmiel Gorelik, Philosophy**

Joan Gaynor Kuder Scholarship

The Joan Gaynor Kuder Scholarship is the only scholarship at Colorado State University specifically for employees. This prestigious scholarship is awarded to nine- and twelve-month full-time

employees who have made sustained progress toward their degree and exhibit the passion and commitment to life-long learning that Joan Gaynor Kuder shared in her 17-year association with Colorado State.

Scott Chase, Housing & Dining Services
Jan Barela-Smith, The Access Center

Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship Award

Awarded to a graduate student for outstanding achievement in academics and service to and advancement of diversity.

Leila Graves, Horticulture

Office of International Programs Distinguished Service Award

Recognizes faculty or staff who have made a significant impact campus-wide on internationalization efforts of Colorado State University.

Martha Denney, Global Village Museum
Amy Parsons, Vice President of University Operations
Peter Seel, Journalism & Technical Communication

Margaret B. Hazaleus Award

The Hazaleus awards were started in 1997 to honor individuals for long-term efforts to enhance the opportunities for women on campus.

Amy Prieto, Chemistry
Maricela DeMirjyn, Ethnic Studies

Multi-Ethnic Distinguished Service Award

Honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their professions and the multi-ethnic community; presented by the Multi-Ethnic Faculty and Staff Caucus.

Connie Jamie-Lujan, Student Financial Services
Ronald Hall, College of Business
Maura Velazquez-Castillo, Foreign Languages & Literatures

Outstanding Achievement Award

Recognizes meritorious and outstanding achievement in job skills and/or service to the University by state classified personnel; awarded by the Classified Personnel Council.

Ellen Audley, Training & Organizational Development
Joy Childress, CSU Police Department
Mary Hill, Hartshorn Health Services
Dan Kelso, Central Receiving
Pam Neelan, CSU Extension

Distinguished Administrative Professional Award

Presented to administrative professional staff for continuing meritorious and outstanding achievement in the areas of outreach, teaching, administration, and/or research; awarded by the Administrative Professional Council.

Laurie Elwyn, CSU Health Network
Kylan Marsh, Advancement Information Services
Christopher O'Dell, Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere
Christopher Rithner, Chemistry

Oliver P. Pennock Distinguished Service Award

Recognizes meritorious and outstanding achievement over a five-year period by full-time members of the academic faculty; established as a tribute to Professor Pennock, who served as a distinguished professor of Civil Engineering in the 1920s.

Jennifer Anderson, Food Science & Human Nutrition
Kathi Delehoy, Office of the Vice President for Research
Jupe Herrick, College of Engineering
Kathy Partin, Biomedical Sciences
Bryan Willson, Mechanical Engineering

Jack E. Cermak Outstanding Advisor Award

Endowed in 1984 to honor excellence in academic advising, including recognition by students and peers as an outstanding advisor; capacity to offer career as well as academic advising; interpersonal communication skills that lead to beneficial advising relationships; and contributions to the improvement of advising services and/or the appreciation of academic advising throughout the campus.

Natalie Barnes, Art
Norman Curthoys, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Darrell Fontane, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Robert White, Center for Advising & Student Achievement

Exceptional Achievement in Service-Learning Student Award

Recognizes a student or a student group for remarkable contributions in service-learning courses and/or community-based research; awarded by the Service Integration Project.

Courtney Allen, '12, Design and Merchandising
Kaitlyn Hart, '12, Design and Merchandising
Wyatt Shigley, '12, Design and Merchandising
Jazzy Von Feldt, '12, Design and Merchandising

Exceptional Achievement in Service-Learning Community Partner Award

Presented to an outstanding Colorado State University community partner for their notable contributions to and participation in service-learning courses, initiatives or community-based research.

Jerri Howe, The Matthews House

Instructional Innovation in Service-Learning Award

Honors a Colorado State University faculty member who demonstrates an innovative contribution to service-learning curriculum development and/or community outreach.

Toni Zimmerman, Human Development & Family Studies
Shelley Haddock, Human Development & Family Studies
Jennifer Krafchick, Human Development & Family Studies
Lindsey Weiler, Human Development & Family Studies

Provost's N. Preston Davis Award for Instructional Innovation

Presented to an individual from among University faculty in recognition of the use of technology to further or significantly encourage instructional innovation; in recognition of more than four decades of service by N. Preston Davis.

Scott Glick, Construction Management
Caroline Clevenger, Construction Management

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