

**Expenditure Report on the 16th Annual Awards for Excellence in Teaching  
Committee on Personnel and Tenure  
UNC Board of Governors  
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The Board of Governors selected 17 of its most outstanding faculty to receive the 16th Annual Awards for Excellence in Teaching. The 17 recipients, representing an array of academic disciplines, were nominated by review committees at their home campuses and selected by the Board of Governors' Committee on Personnel and Tenure, which is chaired by Gladys Ashe Robinson with members Adelaide Daniels Key, Vice Chair; Burley B. Mitchell, Jr., Secretary; Walter C. Davenport; Phillip R. Dixon; Charles A. Hayes, and David W. Young.

Each award winner was recognized on his or her respective campus during its Spring 2010 commencement ceremony and each received a commemorative bronze medallion and a \$7,500 cash prize. A member the Board of Governors was present at each commencement ceremony to deliver greetings on behalf of the UNC Board of Governors and President Erskine Bowles. Board members presenting at campus commencement ceremonies were: Chairman Hannah Gage, John Blackburn, Peaches Blank, Steve Bowden, Laura Buffaloe, Walter Davenport, Paul Fulton, Clarice Cato Goodyear, Charles Hayes, Cheryl Locklear, Bunny Sanders, and Al Roseman.

Established by the Board of Governors in 1994 (see UNC Policy Manual 400.3.6 and 400.3.6.1 [G]) to underscore the importance of teaching and to reward excellence in teaching across the University, the awards are given annually to a tenured faculty member from each UNC constituent institution. Winners must have taught at their present institutions for at least seven years and no one may receive the award more than once.

In addition, to the Awards for Excellence in Teaching, a sum of \$134,500 is allocated by UNC General Administration across the seventeen campuses. Nine institutions (ASU, ECU, NCA&T, NCSU, UNC-CH, UNCC, UNCG, UNCW, WCU) receive \$6,500 and eight institutions (ECSU, FSU, NCCU, UNCA, UNCP, UNCSA, NCSSM, WSSU) receive \$9,500. Frequently, campuses add campus funds to increase the number and breadth of awards. Each campus develops award procedures to ensure all funds are used for annual teaching awards, including recognition of tenured and other faculty. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Board, each campus reports annually on the use of these allocations. The summary below represents the 2010 report.

**Appalachian State University:** The 2010 award winner of the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching was Pamela Schram, Department of Curriculum and Instruction. An ad hoc committee distributed one award of \$1,500 and five \$1,000 awards to other outstanding faculty members. A luncheon to recognize the award winners was sponsored by the Provost and a second luncheon was sponsored by the Awards Committee. All 2010 award recipients will also be honored and announced at the September Convocation and presented with an Appalachian Medallion.

**East Carolina University:** The recipient of the 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching was Tom Raedeke, Associate Professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science in the College of Health and Human Performance. In addition to a \$7,500 monetary award presented at the spring commencement, Dr. Raedeke received an engraved plaque and a certificate at the annual University Awards Day Program. He will also speak at the fall faculty convocation and provide a session during fall semester about strategies and ideas for success in college teaching hosted by the ECU Office for Faculty Excellence.

ECU honored six outstanding faculty members with the Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award of \$1,000 at the annual University Awards Day Program. In addition to being recognized at the college graduation recognition ceremonies, these outstanding teachers will be recognized at the fall faculty convocation and asked to share their best practices during lunchtime conversations hosted by the ECU Office for Faculty Excellence. Additionally, two graduate teaching assistants received \$250 each through a review process administered by the ECU Graduate School.

**Elizabeth City State University:** The recipient of the 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching was Christopher Palestrant, Department of Music. The first runner up to the Board of Governors Award winner received a \$1,400 award and nine Departmental Teachers of the Year awards were presented, with each recipient receiving \$900. Two Professors, four Assistant Professors, and two Associate Professors comprised the Departmental Teachers of the Year. ECSU hosted a luncheon for all award recipients.

**Fayetteville State University:** The recipient of the 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching was Dr. Timothy Ajani, Department of English and Foreign Language. FSU teaching award recipients were named as follows: Teacher of the Year Award, \$4,000, and \$1,000 each to awardees in the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Business. There were twelve departmental Teachers of the Year awards at \$500 each.

**North Carolina A&T State University:** The recipient of the 2010 Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award recipient was Antoine J. Alston, Professor, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. A combination of school/college and junior faculty teaching award recipients each received a \$1,000 stipend with a total of \$8,000 distributed to such faculty members.

**North Carolina Central University:** The 2010 Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award recipient was Bruce dePyssler, Department of English and Mass Communication. \$7,500 in campus-based awards was awarded to three faculty members, and \$5,000 went to support student-faculty research projects in the Department of Biology. The Council of Deans approved the support of the Biology Department based on their excellent performance in engaging students in research.

**North Carolina State University:** The 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient was Robert Beichner, Department of Physics. Eight college faculty nominees were awarded \$650 each and \$1,300 was distributed in awards to four outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistants selected by vote of the Association's awards selection committee. One Teaching Assistant received \$310 and the remaining three received \$330.

**University of North Carolina Asheville:** The 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient was John William Miller, Jr., Department of Environmental Studies. Five campus-based awards were presented of \$1,750 each in the UNCA academic divisions (Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences). In addition, an award was given for the distinguished "non-tenured" faculty member and one for the distinguished "part-time" faculty member.

**University of North Carolina Chapel Hill:** The 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient was Rachel Willis, Department of American Studies. In addition, four \$5,000 awards were presented for Post-Baccalaureate Awards for Distinguished Teaching. On April 15, 2010 an awards banquet was held at the Carolina Club.

**University of North Carolina Charlotte:** The recipient of the 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching was Charles Alan Burnap, Department of Mathematics. Additional teaching awards went to an Assistant Professor from the College of Arts and Sciences and Architecture (\$1,000); a Lecturer in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (\$500); a Ph.D. student (\$500) for the Graduate School Teaching Award; a Clinical Assistant Professor (\$1,000) in the College of Education; and the College of Computing and Informatics awarded \$500 each to an undergraduate Lecturer and a graduate Assistant Professor. The College of Health and Human Services gave three awards: a \$300 award to an undergraduate Lecturer in Nursing; a \$300 award to a graduate Assistant Professor in Social Work, and a \$300 award to a clinical Lecturer in Kinesiology. Lastly, a \$1,600 award for the Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching was given to the Department of Educational Leadership.

**University of North Carolina Greensboro:** The 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient was Nancy Hodges, Department of Consumer Apparel and Retail Studies. Nine faculty received teaching awards of \$1,000.

**University of North Carolina Pembroke:** The 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient was Elizabeth Maisonpierre, Department of Music. Four Outstanding Teaching Awards award recipients were recognized at the Faculty Appreciation Dinner and each was presented with an award of \$2,375.

**University of North Carolina at Wilmington:** Frank Trimble, Department of Communication, was the recipient of the 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching. Six faculty received the Chancellor's Teaching Excellence award of \$1,500 each. In addition, UNCW presented teaching awards as follows: Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award (\$35,000);

Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award (\$1,500); Lecturer of the Year Awards (\$3,000); and, Graduate Teaching Assistance Award (\$1,250).

**University of North Carolina School of the Arts:** The 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient was Sean Sullivan, Department of Dance. Five faculty received \$1,900 for campus-based teaching awards.

**Western Carolina University:** The 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient was H. Gibbs Knotts, Department of Political Science and Public Affairs. In addition, awards were given for Excellence in Teaching in Liberal Studies (\$1,500); Scholarship of Teaching Award and Learning Award (\$1,000); and \$1,000 each for teaching awards in the six academic colleges (College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education and Allied Professions, College of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Health and Human Sciences, and the Kimmel School of Construction Management and Technology).

**Winston-Salem State University:** The 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient was Janice W. Smith, Department of Management and Marketing. Outstanding faculty awards presented at the Annual Faculty Awards luncheon were the Wachovia Excellence in Teaching Award (\$4,500) and three Master Teacher awards of \$3,000 each; one Distinguished Researcher Award of \$3,000; and, one Distinguished Service award of \$3,000.

**North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics:** Myra Halpin, Dean of Science, was the 2010 recipient of the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching. Six additional awards were also given: two Outstanding Teacher Awards, at \$2,500 each, for demonstrated excellent or exceptional teaching over a sustained period of time; and four Awards for Exceptional Contribution, at \$1,125 each, in the specified areas of Classroom Innovation; Outreach; Scholarship and Service to Students.

**Note #1:** The Board decided in 2009 to discontinue the annual luncheon hosted after the May Board meeting in Chapel Hill and move to the model of honoring the recipients of the Awards for Excellence in Teaching during their campus' during Spring commencement. This has maintained the public recognition of these very important awards while reducing the annual operating costs from \$21,474.00 in 2008 to \$3,895.00 in 2010.

**Note #2:** Attached is the press release on the Awards for Excellence in Teaching issued by UNC General Administration.

**Note #3:** Beginning with 2010, an Awards for Excellence in Teaching page was created on the UNC General Administration website at:

[http://www.northcarolina.edu/bog/teaching\\_awards/2010/index.html](http://www.northcarolina.edu/bog/teaching_awards/2010/index.html)

The website is organized by campus and provides a picture of each award recipient and the citation prepared by the recipient's campus committee. Clicking on each picture links to the citation.

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**UNC Board of Governors Presents University-wide Awards for Teaching Excellence**

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The 17 recipients, representing an array of academic disciplines, were nominated by special committees on their home campuses and selected by the Board of Governors Committee on Personnel and Tenure, chaired by Gladys Ashe Robinson of Greensboro. The awards will be presented by a Board of Governors member during the spring graduation ceremony on each campus.

Winners include Pamela Schram, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Appalachian State University; Thomas D. Raedeke, Department of Exercise and Sport Science, East Carolina University; Christopher W. Palestrant, Department of Music, Elizabeth City State University; Timothy T. Ajani, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Fayetteville State University; Antoine J. Alston, Department of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, NC A&T State University; Bruce dePyssler, Department of English and Mass Communication, NC Central University; and Robert J. Beichner, Department of Physics, NC State University.

Other winners are John William Miller, Jr., Department of Environmental Studies, UNC Asheville; Rachel A. Willis, Department of American Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill; Charles A. Burnap, Department of Mathematics, UNC Charlotte; Nancy Hodges, Department of Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies, UNC Greensboro; Elizabeth Maisonpierre, Department of Music, UNC Pembroke; Frank Patrick Trimble, Department of Communication Studies, UNC Wilmington; Sean Sullivan, Department of Dance, University of North Carolina School of the Arts; H. Gibbs Knotts, Department of Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University; Janice W. Smith, Department of Management and Marketing, Winston-Salem State University; and Myra J. Halpin, Dean of Science, NC School of Science and Mathematics.

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**Pamela Schram, Appalachian State University**

After teaching mathematics at the middle-school level for a decade, Dr. Schram earned her doctorate from Michigan State University. A member of the ASU faculty since 1996, she has now been sharing her expertise and passion for teaching mathematics to future teachers for over 25 years. Dr. Schram is also an accomplished scholar in mathematics education. She has received grants for an array of projects, made numerous national and state presentations, and been published in a variety of educational journals.

**Thomas D. Raedeke, East Carolina University**

Dr. Raedeke joined the ECU exercise and sport science faculty in 1998. He earned his undergraduate degree in psychology from Concordia College, his master's degree in physical education from the University of Idaho at Moscow, and his doctorate in exercise and movement science from the University of Oregon at Eugene.

**Christopher W. Palestrant, Elizabeth City State University**

By day, Dr. Palestrant teaches theory and composition in the ECSU Department of Music. By night, he is also a highly visible member the community, performing frequently throughout the region both as a soloist and as a member of the blues band, Uphill. Dr. Palestrant earned his undergraduate degree in music composition and theatre from the College of Wooster. He also holds a master's degree in educational theatre and music composition from New York University and a doctorate in music composition from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University.

**Timothy T. Ajani, Fayetteville State University**

A member of the FSU faculty since 2001, Dr. Ajani teaches courses ranging from English composition to African literature, elementary French, and Yoruba. After receiving his undergraduate degree in French from the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) in Nigeria, he went on to earn master's degrees in applied linguistics from the Universite' de la Sorbonne Nouvelle in France, as well as a doctorate in linguistics and a graduate certificate in teaching English as a second language from the University of

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Florida. Dr. Ajani taught languages to himself to put himself through school, and believes this experience has helped him become a more understanding and compassionate teacher.

**Antoine J. Alston, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University**

Dr. Alston received undergraduate and master's degrees in agricultural education from NC A&T before earning a doctoral degree in the field from Iowa State University. He joined the faculty of his alma mater in 2000, where he is praised by students and faculty alike for his mentoring, teaching, and leadership skills.

**Bruce dePyssler, North Carolina Central University**

A member of the NCCU faculty since 1998, Dr. dePyssler teaches a wide variety of courses related to print and electronic journalism and public relations. Dr. dePyssler holds an undergraduate degree in history and philosophy from the University of North Texas at Denton. He also holds a master's degree in radio-TV-film and a doctorate in cultural anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin.

**Robert J. Beichner, North Carolina State University**

As the founding director of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education Initiative, Dr. Beichner leads NC State's education efforts from "K to gray." The recipient of several campus awards for teaching excellence, he has been named the 2010 North Carolina Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, as well as the National Undergraduate Science Teacher of the Year by the Society of College Science Teachers. He holds undergraduate degrees in mathematics and physics from Pennsylvania State University, a master's degree in physics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a doctorate in science education from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

**John William Miller, Jr., University of North Carolina at Asheville**

A member of the UNCA faculty since 1989, Dr. Miller's expertise in geology has been pivotal to the development of an earth science concentration in his department. He was named the UNCA Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2007 and won the Distinguished Teacher in Natural Sciences Award in 2002. Dr. Miller holds undergraduate and master's degrees from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a doctorate from the University of Georgia.

**Rachel A. Willis, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Dr. Willis is the Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Associate Professor of American Studies. She also is a faculty fellow in the Institute for Arts and Humanities, the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, and the Institute for Emerging Issues (NC State). Over the past two decades, she has won numerous awards and honors for undergraduate teaching. She earned undergraduate degrees in political science and economics from the University of California at Riverside, a master's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame, and a doctorate in the field from Northwestern University.

**Charles Alan Burnap, University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

Dr. Burnap has been a member of the UNCC faculty since 1985. In the classroom, he believes that when it comes to the study of mathematics, high-level goals must be approached in small steps. Dr. Burnap holds an undergraduate degree in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and earned his master's and doctoral degrees in the field from Harvard University. In 2009 he received UNCC's Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence.

**Nancy J. Hodges, University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

Dr. Hodges received her undergraduate degree in design from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and her master's and doctoral degrees in clothing and textiles from the University of Minnesota. A member of the UNCG faculty since 1998, she currently serves as the director of graduate studies in the Department of Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies. In 2008-09, she received the Outstanding Teaching Award from UNCG's School of Human Environmental Sciences.

**Elizabeth Maisonpierre, University of North Carolina at Pembroke**

Dr. Maisonpierre joined the UNCP music faculty 1985 after earning her doctorate in piano performance from the University of Maryland. Perseverance in assessing students' weaknesses and building on their strengths defines her attitude toward teaching. She also holds an undergraduate degree in applied piano from Ohio Wesleyan University and a master's degree in piano performance from the University of Maryland.

**Frank Patrick Trimble, University of North Carolina at Wilmington**

Dr. Trimble is the former chair of the Department of Communication Studies and currently serves as interim chair of the Department of Theatre. A teacher, author, director, choreographer, composer, designer and actor, he has received many awards for his teaching and work in film. A member of the UNCW faculty since 1983, he holds undergraduate and master's degrees in speech communication from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

**Sean Sullivan, University of North Carolina School of the Arts**

Mr. Sullivan has taught contemporary dance at UNCSA since 1998. He holds an undergraduate degree in dance from California State University at Long Beach and a master's degree in the discipline from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**H. Gibbs Knotts, Western Carolina University**

Dr. Knotts joined the WCU faculty in 2000 and currently serves as head of the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs. He holds an undergraduate degree in political science from UNC-Chapel Hill and earned master's and doctoral degrees in the field from Emory University.

**Janice W. Smith, Winston-Salem State University**

As an associate professor of marketing at WSSU, Dr. Smith teaches both undergraduate and graduate students. Both groups describe her as an effective teacher for helps them develop expertise and build confidence in their own abilities and potential. She holds an undergraduate degree in business administration and management from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, as well as a master's of business administration and a doctorate in organization studies from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

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**Myra J. Halpin, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics**

In her 41 years as a chemistry teacher, mentor, researcher, and role model, Dr. Halpin has brought her enthusiasm for understanding how things work—from the atomic to the macro-scale—to thousands of students from kindergarten through college. A member of the NCSSM faculty since 1989, she holds an undergraduate degree in biology and chemistry from Shorter College in Georgia, a master's degree in education from Virginia State University, and a doctorate in science education from NC State University.

**About the University of North Carolina**

The oldest public university in the nation, the University of North Carolina enrolls more than 220,000 students and encompasses all 16 of North Carolina's public institutions that grant baccalaureate degrees, as well as the NC School of Science and Mathematics, the nation's first public residential high school for gifted students. UNC campuses support a broad array of distinguished liberal-arts programs, two medical schools and one teaching hospital, two law schools, a veterinary school, a school of pharmacy, 11 nursing programs, 15 schools of education, three schools of engineering, and a specialized school for performing artists. The UNC Center for Public Television, with its 11-station statewide broadcast network, is also under the University umbrella.

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