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Every day, colleagues across the campus inspire us with their incredible talent, passion and commitment. This University-wide awards program is an opportunity to publicly recognize outstanding teaching, significant scholarly and artistic contributions, and dedication to furthering the mission of our University.

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Tenured and Tenure-Track Teaching Excellence

To recognize a tenured faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional skill in teaching.

[Tenured and Tenure-Track Teaching Excellence Nomination Guidelines and Deadline information](#)



2019: Ken B. Anderson, College of Science



2018: John D. Mellinger, School of Medicine



2017: Kathleen Pericak-Spector, College of Science



2016: Bradley Schwartz, School of Medicine



2015: Gary Apgar, College of Agricultural Sciences



2014: Roudy W. Hildreth, an associate professor in the Department of Political Science utilizes innovative and highly effective teaching methods that are reflected by the success of his students and the high demand for his courses, writes Scott A. Comparato, associate professor and interim department chair.

"He is able to develop an effective rapport with students while still maintaining a certain professional distance, and it is evident he holds the students' respect in that role," Comparato writes. "He effectively conveys complex concepts and theories to students in a way that they can comprehend without being pedantic or condescending.

He fosters an environment in which students feel comfortable participating, and pushes them to take responsibility for their own education."

Hildreth teaches courses in political theory at the undergraduate and graduate level and a graduate-level course on qualitative methodology. He has also taught a wide-range of classes including introductory-level courses on American politics and political theory and upper-level classes on classical political theory, democratic theory and American political thought. His research interests include democratic theory, the political philosophy of John Dewey and youth-civic engagement.

Hildreth views teaching as a "collaborative process of engaging content and building knowledge with students." Hildreth writes that he aims to give students "a sense of lived reality of the material they are studying," with service-learning a central strategy. In making his courses academically rigorous, Hildreth writes he has high standards for class discussions, knowledge of content and written work. He also has assignments in each class "that challenge students to think for themselves and take an independent stand on the material in question."



2013: Anne Fletcher, a professor in the Department of Theater, has a gift "to blend theory with practice and classroom with stage that has made her so indispensable to our students' education ..." writes Ronald Naversen, professor of scenic design and graduate studies director in the Department of Theater, who nominated Fletcher for the award.

Fletcher teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in theater history, American theater history, contemporary developments, theory and criticism, and dramaturgy. She also supervises and mentors graduate teaching assistants, serves as a chair or member on thesis and dissertation committees, and arranged more than 20 panels and presentations at regional and national conferences on theater teaching methods and practice.

Naversen writes that Fletcher assists each graduate teaching assistant before they step into a classroom with active learning exercises that students apply to various course subjects. Fletcher also implemented a dramaturgy program at SIU Carbondale and provides a "nurturing atmosphere for the undergraduates while still making the course challenging for graduate students." Fletcher has also earned national prominence for "pioneering work" in theater teaching methods and practice. Community groups also seek Fletcher's teaching expertise.

Fletcher is author or co-author of two books and five textbooks. She is co-authoring a textbook that will highlight her experiences in "teaching to the season" practices at SIU Carbondale,



2012: Meera Komaraju, an associate professor and director of the undergraduate program in the psychology department in the College of Liberal Arts, is a "stellar teacher who is dedicated to her students' success," writes Benjamin Rodriguez, associate professor and department chair.



2011: Dr. Gary Dunnington, professor and department chair of surgery at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine is honored for his outstanding contributions to training new surgeons in the art of surgery and medicine. The award is part of SIUC's annual Excellence Through Commitment program, which highlights top achievers at the University.



2010: Wallace "Dave" N. Davidson III is the Henry Rehn Research Professor of Finance in the College of Business. He joined the faculty in 1989 is ranked as one of most prolific research article authors in finance and management. Known for his mentoring efforts, Davidson also received the 2010 University level Outstanding Teaching Award. Davidson earned his doctorate in 1982 at The Ohio State University. He holds an MBA and bachelor's degree, completed in 1976 and 1974, respectively, from Wright State University in Ohio.

All information was current at the time of the award.

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Non-Tenure Track Teaching Excellence Award

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2018: Gail Thomas, SIU School of Law



2017: Timothy J. Ting, School of Law,
College of Liberal Arts



2016: Christina Linda Lyons, Department of
English

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EARLY CAREER FACULTY EXCELLENCE

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Early Career Faculty Excellence

To recognize a faculty member who is within his/her first five (5) years of employment at the University and who excels at research, teaching, and other professional activities.

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2019: Farhan Chowdhury, College of Engineering



2018: Trent W. Ford, College of Liberal Arts



2017: Jennida Chase, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts



2016: Sarah J. Kertz, Department of Psychology



2015: Justin Filiberto, College of Science



2014: Kyle N. Plunkett, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, earns praise from his colleagues for his outstanding research and exceptional teaching, in addition to a sincere interest in student success.

Plunkett came to SIU Carbondale in 2010. Plunkett teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in organic chemistry. Organic chemistry at the undergraduate level provides students the basis for how atoms bond together to form organic, carbon-containing, compounds and how they can be manipulated to make new chemical species. Organic chemistry drives innovation in fields including energy, space, medicine and engineering.

Boyd M. Goodson, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, praises Plunkett's "innovation and excellence" both in and out of the classroom. That includes meeting with students once per week at Neely and Felts residence halls, initiating a second-year chemistry "Honors" section that meets outside of class once a week and engaging students in cutting-edge research.

In March 2014, Plunkett received a \$650,000 five-year research grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant will support Plunkett and a team of graduate students in their efforts to develop new organic-based materials utilized to make organic solar cells that can convert sunlight into electricity, which could also lead to new solar cell efficiencies. Goodson writes that the competitive award requires "is a substantial recognition of a young scholar."

During his time at SIU, Plunkett has generated 11 peer-reviewed publications, several with graduate students and two with undergraduate co-authors. He currently also has three master's-level and three doctoral-level students working in his lab, and has mentored 11 undergraduate researchers, including two research rookies.



2013: Lucian E. Dervan, an assistant professor in the SIU School of Law, earns praise from colleagues for his scholarly and teaching excellence since coming to SIU Carbondale in 2009. Dervan teaches courses on topics including international criminal law, global legalization and comparative law, sentencing law and white collar crime.

Mark F. Schultz, associate professor and the law school's director of faculty development, praises Dervan's work -- in terms of publishing more than one dozen papers in just over three years at SIU Carbondale; involving students in his research and service projects, and involvement in creating a "Global Legalization" class. The class, which Schultz writes is unique in legal education, allows students to learn about a selected foreign country's culture, history and legal system, and students then visit the country for about a week. Dervan also organizes and runs a scholarly workshop for pre-tenure faculty and his scholarly work on plea bargaining, which includes testifying before the U.S. House of Representatives' Judiciary Crime subcommittee, carries "real-world impact," Schultz writes.

Dervan earned the law school's Outstanding Scholar of the Year Award in 2012.

"He is a rare talent with a tremendous work ethic," Schultz writes. "He has already accumulated a record that would be the envy of most senior scholars."



2012: Silvia Secchi, an assistant professor in agribusiness economics in the College of Agricultural Sciences, earns praise from colleagues for a "strong record of excellence" in teaching, research and service since coming to SIU Carbondale in 2008. She has secured as principal investigator or co-principal investigator seven externally funded projects totaling more than \$5 million.

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Molecular Biology, School of Medicine

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Professor, Department of Geology, College of Science

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Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering
and Energy Processes, College of Engineering

Women of Distinction Award

NILANJANA R. BARDHAN

Professor, Department of Communication Studies, College of Liberal Arts

Staff Excellence Award

JEFF MCGOY

Assistant Dean of Students, Dean of Students

TIMOTHY LYLE ATTIG

Research Laboratory Shop Supervisor, College of Engineering