

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors and Chairpersons
University Distinguished Professors, and Named/Endowed Professors
and Chairs

FROM: June Pierce Youatt
Provost



SUBJ: University Distinguished Professor Nominations

Nominations are invited for individuals to be designated as Michigan State University Distinguished Professors (UDP). Important UDP eligibility criteria include: candidates must be a member of the MSU faculty, hold the rank of full professor with tenure and must have a record of distinguished achievements in teaching, research and public service. While first consideration is given to other nominees, individuals currently holding named professorships or chairs are eligible to apply for the UDP designation as long as they have completed five years of service at MSU at the time of application deadline (Thursday, March 9, 2017).

College-level nominations may be made using procedures developed in each college which include peer review. In addition, each current named professor and University Distinguished Professor may submit nominations independently to the Office of the Provost. Nominations submitted directly to the Office of the Provost will be submitted to the appropriate college(s) for comment and returned to the Office of the Provost in a timely fashion for referral to the standing Advisory Committee to the Provost. The standing Advisory Committee provides advice on UDP nominations and makes recommendations to the Provost for transmittal to the President. The Committee is appointed by the Provost and is composed of four faculty members and three deans.



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Up to ten faculty members will be selected as University Distinguished Professors from the group of nominees. Nominations must be submitted **no later than Thursday, March 9, 2017. Please send completed nominations to Katie Rundblad at rundblad@msu.edu; hard copies may be delivered or sent to 430 Administration Building.** Questions may be directed to Theodore H. Curry II, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Human Resources, (3-5300 or thcurry@msu.edu) or Katie Rundblad (2-1075 or rundblad@msu.edu).

The list of faculty members recommended by the selection committee for this designation will be submitted for approval to the Board of Trustees at the June 2017 meeting. Please note that an evening reception to recognize the faculty members selected for the University Distinguished Professor designation will be held fall semester 2017. Invitations to the reception will be sent in September 2017.

This memorandum, the information below, and the list of University Distinguished Professors are available at <http://www.ahr.msu.edu/all-university-awards>.

University Distinguished Professor

The title University Distinguished Professor will be conferred on selected members of the Michigan State University faculty to recognize distinguished achievement in teaching, research and public service.* A University Distinguished Professorship will be held for the remainder of the recipient's active service at Michigan State University; the title University Distinguished Professor Emeritus will be conferred upon retirement. Individuals holding a University Distinguished Professorship will receive, in addition to salary, an average stipend of five thousand dollars for five years to support professional activities. Assignments for University Distinguished Professors will be arranged with the dean, chairperson/director and the Provost. The designation will be highly honorific and consequently very exclusive. Membership in this category will reflect the diverse scholarly dimensions of Michigan State University.

Criteria for Selecting University Distinguished Professors

In general, University Distinguished Professors will have been recognized nationally and usually internationally for the importance of their scholarly achievements. They will also have demonstrated the breadth of interest characteristically encompassed by the traditional role of professor as teacher and public servant. In addition, they will have brought distinction to Michigan State University as a result of their activities.

Specifically, a University Distinguished Professor will have achieved a record judged by peers to be superior and outstanding in preferably all but in at least two of the following areas: superior teaching skills of recognized breadth and depth in their discipline; scholarly, creative, and artistic achievements; and a distinguished record of public service exemplified by the application of scholarship and/or creative and artistic endeavors in addressing the needs of one or more external publics.

University Distinguished Professors will have already achieved an outstanding record comparable to that of scholars awarded named professorships at MSU and elsewhere. That record will have been recognized by the University at previous opportunities where merit is rewarded—such as salary increases.

University Distinguished Professorships will be conferred on members of the Michigan State University faculty whose achievement has already been recognized by the University with the rank of full professor; the title is not to be used for recruiting outsiders.

Selection Process

University Distinguished Professorships will be awarded by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the Provost and President. A committee of faculty and deans will advise these officers.

- A. From time to time the Provost will request nominations for University Distinguished Professorships from members of the faculty, deans, directors, and chairpersons. Nominations may be submitted and reviewed at any time.
- B. Written nominations will be submitted to the Provost. Any supporting materials which are *recycled* (whether submitted for internal or external awards) should be updated according to the explicitly addressed University Distinguished Professor criteria above. The strong preference of the review committee is to receive support documents clearly linked to University Distinguished Professor selection; failure to do so will likely impact the nominee's candidacy.

ONE COPY (must be clear and readable when scanned for committee review). Supporting materials are to be arranged in the order below.

1. Completed **DATA FORM**. See below. Pages 5-6.
2. A **COVER LETTER** making or supporting the nomination and providing a summary of the candidate's achievements.
3. The candidate's **CURRICULUM VITA**.
4. **LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT FROM RELEVANT DEANS AND CHAIRPERSONS OR DIRECTORS**. These administrators will consult with appropriate department, school or college advisory committees before endorsing nominations.
5. **REFEREE QUALIFICATION**. A brief (two to three sentences) paragraph on each referee (author of support letter).
6. Not more than **FOUR LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM FACULTY AND OTHER COLLEAGUES AT THIS AND ESPECIALLY OTHER INSTITUTIONS**, assessing the candidate's record of achievements in teaching, research, or outreach and engagement.
7. Not more than **TWO LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM PRESENT AND FORMER STUDENTS** are encouraged when appropriate.

- C. A standing advisory committee of four faculty members and three deans, appointed by the Provost and serving four-year terms on a staggered basis, will review nominations and make recommendations to the Provost for transmittal to the President. Nominations for committee members will be obtained from both the University Committee on Academic Governance and the Council of Deans. Committee members must be tenured professors who have outstanding records of teaching, research, and/or outreach and engagement and are committed to the multi-dimensional concept of excellence valued by Michigan State University. The selection of the committee's membership must ensure the inclusion of women and minorities.

*It is expected that in time, as a result of Development Fund efforts, endowment support will be obtained for many University Distinguished Professorships resulting in the addition of a name to the title.

APPROVED

Faculty Council 4/11/89

Academic Council 5/16/89

Board of Trustees 6/9/89

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR DESIGNATION**

DATA FORM

Please complete this form (pages 5 and 6) and include as cover sheet to candidate's supporting materials.

NOMINEE DATA

Nominee: _____

(IMPORTANT: PRINT NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON AWARD CERTIFICATE)

Address (Office) _____

(Home) _____

Phone (Office) _____

Email _____

PHONE (Home) _____

Academic Rank _____

Title _____

Department(s)/College(s)¹ _____

Appointment Date _____

Please include a percentage estimate of the effort devoted to each:

Teaching _____ %

Research _____ %

Public Service/Outreach _____ % (should total 100%)

Is Nominee Aware that s/he is nominated?

YES _____ NO _____

¹ Please list joint appointments, listing primary appointment first.

NOMINATOR

Nominator: _____

Is Nominator a named professor or university distinguished professor submitting the nomination directly to the provost?

Yes _____ No _____

Academic Rank/Title _____

Department/College _____

Office Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone No. _____

Michigan State University
University Distinguished Professors

- 1990** David Anderson
Sam M. Austin
Henry Blosser
Jere Brophy
Bang-Yen Chen
Warren I. Cohen
James L. Dye
Michele M. Fluck
C. Konrad Gelbke
Bradley Greenberg
Dean L. Haynes
John M. Hunter
Hans Kende
Mordechai Kreinin
Judith E. Lanier
John R. Lloyd
Gerald Miller
E. James Potchen
Charles Sweeley
Diane Wakoski
Mary Zabik
- 1992** Martin J. Bukovac
Carl K. Eicher
Katharine Clarke Hunt
Anil K. Jain
Veronica M. Maher
J. Justin McCormick
Penelope L. Peterson
David W. Robinson
David W. Rohde
Neal W. Schmitt
Geneva Smitherman
Christopher R. Somerville
James M. Tiedje
Alexander I. Tulinsky
- 1997** Jes Asmussen
Mohammed Ayoob
Gerald Babcock
Walter Benenson
Lawrence M. Busch
Lawrence T. Drzal
Shelagh Ferguson- Miller
Ronald A. Fintushel
Susan Mary Gass
Edwin Kashy
Elsa Verderber
Kalinath Mukherjee
Daniel Nocera
Thomas J. Pinnavaia
Natasha V. Raikhel
Peter Schmidt
Harvey V. Sparks
Micheal F. Thorpre
Peter J. Wagner
- 1998** Charles K. Atkin
Kim R. Dunbar
Hiram E. Fitzgerald
Kenneth G. Keegstra
Glenda T. Lappan
Tien Yien Li
Ram Narasimhan
A. Allan Scmid
William H. Schmidt
Jan A. D. Zeevaart
- 2001** Kris Arvid Berglund
John A. Breznak
William S. Davidson II
Barbara Given
M. G. Kanatzidis
Jack Preiss
William L. Smith
Alexander Volberg
Jeffrey M. Wooldridge
M. Richard Zinman
- 2003** Howard Brody
Marilyn Frye
Jack R. Harkema
Hassan K. Khalil
John B. Ohlrogge
Dennis R. Preston
Bradley M. Sherrill
Terrie E. Taylor
Michael F. Thomashow
Gary D. Westfall
- 2005** Stephen A. Boyd
Joan Ferrini-Mundy
John W. Frost
Katherine L. Gross
John B. Kaneene
Jianguo Liu
David J. Morrissey
Robert J. Myers
Michael Pressley
Yong Zhao
- 2007** Wolfgang Bauer
Timothy C. Beers
Michael Bratton
Gary L. Cloud
Robert E. Floden
Roger C. Haut
Laurie Simon Kaguni
Ramani Narayan
Piotr Piecuch
William W. Taylor
- 2009** Michael S. Allen
Pamela J. Fraker
Thomas Glasmacher
Kay E. Holekamp
Ellen Ernst Kossek
Nigel S. Paneth
Mark D. Reckase
G. Philip Robertson
Satish S. Udpa
Suzanne M. Wilson

**Michigan State University
University Distinguished Professors**

2011 Raymond Brock
Jay Pil Choi
Deborah L. Feltz
John R. Hollenbeck
Paul F. Mantica
Richard Merritt
James Pestka
Barbara Schneider
Steven W. Shaw
Jerry Weinberger
Ning Xi

2013 Georg Bollen
Bruce E. Dale
Dean DellaPenna
Sheng Yang He
James D. Kelly
Fang Zheng Peng
Elizabeth H. Simmons
Cheryl L. Sisk
Rodney T. Whitaker

2015 Roger J. Calantone
Marcos Dantus
Joseph C. Gardiner
Mary K. Hausbeck
Michael J. Leahy
Linda S. Mansfield
Hendrik Schatz
Thomas D. Sharkey
Robert C. Smith
Michael Thoennesen