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Outstanding faculty are recognized by Senate

A distinguished 37-year career at BGSU has earned David Newman a Lifetime Achievement Award from the University.

The chemistry professor was among the recipients of the third annual Faculty Recognition Awards, presented at an April 1 luncheon sponsored by the provost’s office and Faculty Senate.

Other honorees were:

• John Hoag, chair of the economics department and winner of the Faculty Mentor Award.

• The economics department, which received unit recognition.

• Michael Sproule, director of the School of Communication Studies and recipient of the Chair/School Director Leadership Award.

• Joyce Eastland Gromko, chair of the music education department, who was recognized for community involvement.

Each of the awards included a $1,000 prize.

The Lifetime Achievement Award honors outstanding contributions to BGSU in teaching, scholarly work, service and administration over 10 or more years. Newman’s nominator, chemistry department Chair Deanne Slavely, outlined his qualifications.

A teacher of various areas of chemistry, Newman has twice been a Fullbright Professor, as well as a Visiting Professor at the University of Michigan and a Visiting Scientist at Argonne National Laboratory.

“However, his greatest accomplishment has been in the mentoring of his students,” Slavely wrote.

As Newman is praised for his mentoring of students, so is Hoag for his faculty mentoring skills. Mary Ellen Benedict, economics, nominated her department chair for the award, writing that proof of Hoag’s success as a mentor lies in her colleagues’ success in research and teaching, and hers as an individual.

“His enthusiasm for our abilities and his willingness to support us has made for a confident group of individuals who strive to be their best,” she wrote.

A 30-year member of the economics faculty, Hoag has been department chair since 1993.

Hoag, in turn, credits his faculty, and particularly its work in general education, for making the economics department deserving of the unit recognition.

“In economics, we have spent time and energy aimed at helping faculty understand the nature of general education and how it fits into their courses,” he wrote.

“I believe our record in teaching speaks for itself. We have two distinguished Teaching Professors, two Master Teachers and several finalists in this competition, and a significant number of faculty who have published articles on teaching.”

A new director at the University this academic year, Sproule was particularly worthy of the Chair/School Director Leadership Award due to his efforts to develop and enhance the School of Communication Studies’ mission, to further faculty development and to promote the core values.

“As the school goes through changes and begins to focus on moving into the future and building a national reputation, he is an excellent person to have as a leader,” explained Katherine Bradshaw, journalism.

“This semester he is working in more formal ways to establish mentoring relationships with faculty members. As a newcomer to the school, this seems just like the kind of effort that will bring the faculty together.”

Gromko was honored for community involvement, an example of which was provided by Melissa Spirek, journalism, in a letter of support.

Spirek cited Gromko’s caring work last December with middle school students from a low-income school district, in which she guided a group of graduate students in how to teach disadvantaged youth.

“This is only one of the numerous projects that inspire me with her ability to integrate teaching, mentoring and willingness to reach these traditionally ignored groups,” Spirek wrote.

BGSU nets $1 million-plus, says thanks to Kaptur

Two BGSU technology projects received a significant boost on April 2 when Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur visited campus with checks in hand. Both the Electric Vehicle Institute and the OhioView Satellite Consortium have ties to NASA and important applications in everyday life.

It was a bittersweet occasion, however, as, due to redistricting, Kaptur will no longer represent the northern Warner County area.

Following the check presentation, she addressed Faculty Senate and was given a BGSU lamp by President Riebe in appreciation of her longtime support of higher education and Bowling Green in particular.

Kaptur presented the College of Technology’s Electric Vehicle Institute $950,000 from NASA for the continued development of its hybrid bus project. Kaptur is senior member of the NASA subcommittee and a member of the Appropriations Committee.

The money will enable the project to move to the next level of development. The college has several interest-related projects including the Electric Falcon racecar, the hybrid bus (in conjunction with the Greater Cleveland Transit Authority) and the dynamic electric motor load simulator. A current focus is the development of a hybrid booster drive for use in delivery trucks and small buses that make many stops each day.

Kaptur is a strong advocate of alternative energy and alternative vehicle development as a means of freeing the United States from its dependence on foreign oil. “We needed these answers 20 years ago,” she told the audience. “It’s all for and what you are doing here. When we are able to produce these kinds of resources, it goes far beyond the boundaries of Bowling Green and far beyond the boundaries of Ohio in helping us to become independent.”

The OhioView Consortium, which is based in Bowling Green and directed by Robert Vincent, geology, also received $950,000, to be shared by its 10 statewide members. Vincent was instrumental in forming the group two years ago with an initial NASA grant. At a very low cost, the project enables state institutions and schools to receive data from the LANDSAT TM satellite as it passes overhead. Through remote sensing, information on water and soil conditions may be obtained quickly.

The data is being used, among many ways, to monitor rehabilitation of coal strip mines, water and soil quality, glacial deposits around Lake Erie and for prediction of urban sprawl.

Annual Lukas Lectures set for this week

Peter Bickel (University of California, Berkeley) will give four Lukas Lectures April 8-11. He is one of the best known experts in nonparametric statistics and the author of 10 books.

Visit www.bgsu.edu/departments/math for a schedule. All Lukas lectures are in 459 Math/Science Building.
Monday, April 8
Film, "Luminosa" directed by Raoul Peck. 7 p.m., BTSU Theater. Theatrical Production, "Wedlock of the Gods" 7:41 p.m. 203A BTSU. Concert, Vocal Jazz Ensemble. 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMC.*

Tuesday, April 9
Guest Recital, flutist Elizabeth Buck, with her sister, violinist Nancy Buck, and pianist Laura Melton. 7 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMC. Concert, BGSU Jazz Lab Band II, directed by Jeff Halsey. 8 p.m., Kohacker Hall, MMC. Also appearing will be the Tuba Ensemble, with guest artist Howard Johnson.*

Wednesday, April 10

Visiting Artist Lecture, "How Indian is Photography by Asian Indians Living in the Diaspora?" with artist and photographer Anu Palbakunam, photography faculty, University of Rhode Island. 1:30 p.m., 242 Shaefer Hall.

Faculty Jazz Quartet, with guest tubist and baritone saxophonist Howard Johnson. 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMC.*

Friday, April 12
Lecture, "Affirmative Action within Higher Education," by Shanta Driver, national coordinator of United for Equity and Affirmative Action, 12:30-1:30 p.m., 206 BTSU. Guest Artist Lecture, "Exploring my Diaspora," with Anu Palbakunam (see above), 7 p.m., 115 Ochsemp Hall. Reception to follow.

Poetry and Fiction Reading, Katharine Sudder (poetry) and David Culwell (fiction), 7:30 p.m., Prou Chapel.

International Film Series, "The Nasty Girl," 1991 German film directed by Michael Verhoeven. 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

Concert, Jazz Lab Band I, directed by Russell Schmidt, with guest tubist and baritone saxophonist Howard Johnson. 8 p.m., Kohacker Hall, MMC.*

*All events are sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB). To reserve tickets, call 2-8717.

**Note: All events are open to the public unless otherwise noted.

See Monitor online for information on the next Arts & Sciences Forum with William Julius Wilson, and more.

FACULTY

Contact Human Resources at 772-8421 for information regarding the following position:

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(Employee wishing to apply for this position may request a "Request for Transfer" form.)

The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, April 19.


Cook 1 (C-23-26-5c)—University Dining Services (three positions). Pay grade 3. Nine-month, part time.

Sales Clerk 2 (C-28-30)—University Bookstore (three positions). Pay grade 4. Part time.

Assistant Health Promotions Coordinator (S-014)—Wellness Connection, Student Health Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Staff Physician (S-015)—Student Health Services. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Program Coordinator (S-016)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Men's Ice Hockey Head Coach (02-023)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Review of applications will begin April 8 and continue until the position is filled.

Head Athletic Trainer (02-019)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Deadline: April 10.

Associate Director for Programs (S-062)—Bowen-Thompson Student Union (re-advertised). Administrative grade 16. Review of applications will begin April 12 and continue until the position is filled.

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Michael Woodruff, vice provost for research and sponsored programs, East Tennessee State University. Open forum, 2-30-3:15 p.m., April 3, 316 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

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