

FSU announces top faculty awards during ceremony

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Faculty receive honors, cash awards



(Photo: Bruce W. Palmer)

Lisa Scott received Florida State University's 2016 Distinguished Teacher Award during the annual Faculty Awards Dinner this week.

The award, which is the university's top honor for teaching, includes a \$7,500 stipend. Nominations, initiated by students who seek to honor their most outstanding professors, are reviewed by a faculty committee, which makes the final selection.

"I have always loved learning and wanted to be a teacher," said Scott, a research associate in the School of Communication Science and Disorders who also serves as director of clinical education in the university's L.L. Schendel Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Lawrence Dennis, dean of the College of Communication and Information, described Scott as an outstanding instructor in the clinic and the classroom.

"Dr. Scott is dedicated to helping students master the skills they need to be successful speech-language pathologists, and she does it with exceptional skill, hard work, creativity and passion," he said.

Scott's teaching philosophy evolved from her own experiences as a student. She was best able to learn when she was allowed to be an active participant in the learning process, had teachers who were well-versed enough to help her think beyond the lesson being presented, was expected to be responsible for her own learning and was respected for what she already knew.

"My goal is to always help my students excel by creating an active learning environment that permits them to feel important to and engaged in the process," she said.

Scott joined Florida State's faculty in 2002. She was named associate director of the L.L. Schendel Speech and Hearing Clinic in 2008 and, in 2010, was named director of clinical education for the School of Communication Science and Disorders.

Prior to FSU, Scott held faculty positions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Wichita State University, as well as speech-language pathologist positions in public schools in Nebraska.

A three-time alumna of the University of Nebraska, Scott earned a bachelor of science degree in in speech-language pathology and audiology in 1987, a master of science in speech-language pathology in 1988 and a doctorate in speech-language pathology in 1997.

Other FSU faculty members recognized Wednesday in other categories during the Faculty Awards Dinner were:

ROBERT O. LAWTON DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD: Joe Schlenoff, the Leo Mandelkern Professor of Polymer Science in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences.

DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSOR AWARD: The award, which comes with a \$10,000 cash prize, was presented to Betsy Jane Becker (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems and Jorge Piekarewicz (Physics).

DEVELOPING SCHOLAR AWARD: Walter Boot (Psychology), Eric Coleman (Political Science), James Justus (Philosophy), Scott Stagg (Chemistry and Biochemistry) and Changchun Zeng (Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering). Each receives \$10,000 to be used in their research program.

GRADUATE FACULTY MENTOR AWARD: The award was presented to Nicholas Cogan (Mathematics), David Gilbert (Biological Science), Michael Leeser (Modern Languages and Linguistics), Lenore McWey (Family and Child Sciences) and Daniel Mears (Criminology and Criminal Justice). The honor comes with \$3,000.

HONORS THESIS MENTOR AWARD: The award, which comes with a \$2,000 stipend, was presented to Sara Hart (Psychology).

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTOR AWARD: This award, including a \$2,000 stipend, was presented to Stephen McDowell (Communication and Information).

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING AWARD: Emily Šaras (Office of National Fellowships), \$2,000 stipend.

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD: Each recipient also receives a \$2,000 award. The award was presented to Bruce Billings (Accounting), Nicholas Bonesteel (Physics), Joseph Calhoun (Economics), George Garner (Entrepreneurship, Strategy and Information Systems), Ilana Goldman (Dance), Munir Humayun (Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences), James Justus (Philosophy), Laura Keller (Biological Science), Nathaniel Line (Dedman School of Hospitality Administration), Mallory Lucier-Greer (Family and Child Sciences), Martin Mende (Marketing), John Myers (Teacher Education), Takemichi Okui (Physics), Jennifer Proffitt (Communication), John Reynolds (Sociology), John Taylor (Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering) and Geoffrey Thomas (Anthropology).

GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD: Recognizes faculty for excellence in graduate teaching. Each recipient also receives a \$2,000 award. The award was presented to Anne Coldiron (English), Susan Hellstrom (Arts and Sciences), Christine Koontz (Information), Michael Nair-Collins (Behavioral Sciences and Social Medicine), Marlo Ransdell (Interior Architecture and Design), Timothy Stover (Classics), Brian Stults (Criminology and Criminal Justice) and Mary Ziegler (Law).

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