

# PSYCHOLOGY

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## Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards

### College of Liberal Arts - Instructor of the Year

The award was created in 2011. They are recognized during the commencement ceremony, have their names added to a plaque, and receive \$1,000. Eligibility is limited to instructors, lecturers, senior lecturers, and instructional assistant professors.

- [Mervin R Matthew](#) - Instructional Associate Professor of Psychology (2021)
- [Carey Bernini Dowling](#) - Instructional Associate Professor of Psychology (2017)

### Dr. Mike L. Edmonds New Scholar Award

This award will be presented annually to untenured, tenure-track professorial rank faculty members in the College who have demonstrated exemplary performance in research, scholarship, and/or creative achievement.

- [Carrie Smith](#) - Associate Professor of Psychology (2022)
- [Laura Justeen Dixon](#) - Associate Professor of Psychology (2021)

### Liberal Arts-RSRCH, Scholarship, & Creative Achievement Award in the Humanities

This award will be presented annually to tenured faculty members in the College in recognition of sustained exemplary performance in research, scholarship, and/or creative achievement at the national/international level.

- [Todd A Smitherman](#) - Professor of Psychology and Director of Clinical Training (2018)

### Award for Excellence in Promoting Inclusiveness in Graduate Education

- [Alan M Gross](#) - Professor Emeritus of Psychology (2007)

### The Distinguished Professor Award

The Award acknowledges outstanding faculty by conferring the honorific title of Distinguished Professor. Appointment as a Distinguished Professor is reserved for only the very best faculty members in recognition of sustained excellence.

- [Alan M Gross](#) - Professor Emeritus of Psychology (2021)

### Excellence in Advising Award - Office of the Provost

To recognize outstanding academic advising by a faculty member and to demonstrate the University of Mississippi's commitment to excellent advising.

- [John N Young](#) - Professor of Psychology (2015)

### Faculty Achievement Award

The Faculty Achievement Award is given annually to recognize unusual effort in the classroom, involvement with students, and active scholarship.

- [Kenneth J Sufka](#) - Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Pharmacology, Research Professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Director of the Stamps Impact Prize (2005)

### Frist Service Award

- [Stefan E Schulenberg](#) - Professor of Psychology, Director of Interdisciplinary Minor in Disaster Sciences and Director of the Clinical- Disaster Research Center (2020)
- [BILLY A BARRIOS](#) - Staff Psychologist and Associate Professor of Psychology (2007)
- [Kenneth J Sufka](#) - Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Pharmacology, Research Professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Director of the Stamps Impact Prize (2006)

### Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching and Mentoring

Criteria: impact on graduate students, excellence in supervision of student research or professional practice, excellence in graduate classroom instruction, and other contributions to improved instruction, including influence on the graduate curriculum.

- [Todd A Smitherman](#) - Professor of Psychology and Director of Clinical Training (2022)
- [Alan M Gross](#) - Professor Emeritus of Psychology (2013)

### Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award

The Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the University is selected from nominations submitted by students, alumni and faculty.

- [Matthew B Reysen](#) - Associate Professor of Psychology (2020)



- [Kelly Gene Wilson](#) - Professor Emeritus of Psychology (2010)
- [Kenneth J Sufka](#) - Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Pharmacology, Research Professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Director of the Stamps Impact Prize (1996)
- **BILLY A BARRIOS** - Staff Psychologist and Associate Professor of Psychology (1995)

### **Distinguished Faculty Fellows (Liberal Arts)**

In 2002, the College of Liberal Arts began the Distinguished Faculty Fellowship Program to reward and support senior faculty members who have distinguished records of research, teaching, and service.

- [Alan M Gross](#) - Professor Emeritus of Psychology (2003)

### **Sanford and Susan Thomas Senior Professor Research Award in Social Sciences**

Sanford & Susan Thomas Award in the Social Sciences is given annually to outstanding tenured UM faculty members in recognition of sustained exemplary work in research at the national/international level.

- [Stephanie Elisabeth Miller](#) - Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of Experimental Graduate Program (2021)

### **WOW! Faculty Fellows Award**

The WOW! Fellow highlights the innovation and sound instructional practices of online instructors at UM and affords the opportunity to learn from peer instruction and conversation.

- **Carey Bernini Dowling** - Instructional Associate Professor of Psychology (2022)

