

Teacher Education

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Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards

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.

- **Crystal Armstrong Dunn** - Coordinator of Advising, Recruitment and Retention (2014)

Staff Council Award - EEO1

- **Mary Ann Connell** - University Attorney Emerita and Instructor in Business Administration and Adjunct Professor in Leadership and Counselor Education (1995)

Outstanding Staff Award

A staff member of the School of Engineering who has demonstrated exemplary service, leadership, and commitment.

- **Bethany Ferguson LaValley** - Coordinator of Professional Development-CMSE (2010)

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.

- **Ann Elizabeth Monroe** - Assistant Dean, Director of Assessment, and Associate Professor of Teacher Education (2018)

School of Education Outstanding Service Award

The Exemplary Service Award is presented to a faculty or staff member for exceptional service to the profession, the local or University community, region, state, or national and international scholarly communities during the academic year.

- **Laura F Prior** - Assistant Professor of Teacher Education (2022)
- **Sara Ann Grimes Platt** - Assistant Professor of Special Education (2020)
- **Nichelle Catrice Robinson** - Associate Professor of Teacher Education and School of Education Diversity Officer (2019)
- **Denise A Soares** - Assistant Dean, Director of Graduate Studies, Associate Professor of Special Education, and Interim Director of the National Center for School-University Partnerships (2018)
- **Matthew Blake Adams** - Program Manager (2017)
- **Stacy Ryan Niemeyer** - Assistant Provost for Regional Campuses and Associate Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education (2016)
- **Virginia J Moore** - Associate Professor of Elementary Education (2015)
- **Ann Elizabeth Monroe** - Assistant Dean, Director of Assessment, and Associate Professor of Teacher Education (2012)

School of Education Outstanding Teacher of the Year

- **Mary Katherine Naron** - Instructor in Teacher Education (2022)
- **Karen V Davidson Smith** - Clinical Associate Professor of Teacher Education; School of Education Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2021)
- **Diane Lawrence Lowry** - Clinical Associate Professor of Special Education (2020)
- **Alicia Cooper Stapp** - Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education (2018)
- **Joel C Amidon** - Associate Professor of Secondary Education (2017)
- **Jerilou J Moore** - Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education (2016)
- **Allan Edward Bellman** - Professor of Mathematics Education (2014)
- **OTIS WESTBROOK PICKETT** - ADJUNCT PROFESSOR (2013)
- **Joel C Amidon** - Associate Professor of Secondary Education (2012)
- **Ann Elizabeth Monroe** - Assistant Dean, Director of Assessment, and Associate Professor of Teacher Education (2010)
- **Nichelle Catrice Robinson** - Associate Professor of Teacher Education and School of Education Diversity Officer (2009)
- **Jerilou J Moore** - Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education (2007)
- **Angela Sykes Rutherford** - Professor of Teacher Education and Director of the Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (2006)
- **LUCINDA M LEIGH** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (2005)
- **SARAH E BLACKWELL** - ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR IN TEACHER EDUCATION (2003)
- **Sidney T Rowland** - Associate Professor Emerita of Teacher Education (2001)
- **BOBBIE SMOTHERS JONES** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2000)
- **MARTHA S CHAMBLESS** - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (1999)
- **PEGGY EMERSON** - Chair Emerita and Professor Emerita of Curriculum (1998)



School of Education Researcher of the Year

- [Kenya Elizabeth Wolff](#) - Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education (2022)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Associate Professor of Secondary Education (2020)
- [Burhanettin Keskin](#) - Professor of Early Childhood Education (2018)
- [Kerry P Holmes](#) - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (2017)
- [Denise A Soares](#) - Assistant Dean, Director of Graduate Studies, Associate Professor of Special Education, and Interim Director of the National Center for School-University Partnerships (2016)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Associate Professor of Secondary Education (2015)
- [Allan Edward Bellman](#) - Professor of Mathematics Education (2014)
- **ANGELA TILL BARLOW** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2011)
- **BARBARA J DOUGHERTY** - PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2009)
- [DEBORAH A CHESSIN](#) - Professor Emerita of Curriculum and Instruction (2005)
- [Kerry P Holmes](#) - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (2004)
- [William Joseph Sumrall](#) - Professor of Elementary Education (2002)
- [David Rock](#) - Dean of the School of Education and Professor of Curriculum & Instruction (2001)
- [JEAN M SHAW](#) - Professor Emerita of Curriculum and Instruction (2000)

