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Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards

Frederick A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professorships

Frederick A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professors are recognized for their excellence and innovation in teaching and research.

- [James G Vaughan](#) - Director Emeritus of the Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence; F.A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering; Associate Dean Emeritus of the School of Engineering (1998)

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.

- [Jacqueline Frost Dibiasie-Sammons](#) - Assistant Professor of Classics (2021)

Howell Family Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Renamed in 2017, this yearly award recognizes excellence in instruction, care and inspiration of students. CLA faculty members of professorial rank (assistant to full professor) are eligible. Past recipients, temporary and visiting faculty are ineligible.

- [Timothy Paul Yenter](#) - Associate Dean for Capstone and Associate Professor of Philosophy (2022)
- [Vivian Ibrahim-Dinius](#) - Associate Professor of History and Director of the Office of National Scholarship Advisement (2020)

College of Liberal Arts - Outstanding Teacher of the Year

In 1985, the College of Liberal Arts began this award to recognize faculty members who demonstrate excellence of class instruction, intellectual stimulation of students, and concern for students welfare.

- [Gerard J Buskes](#) - Professor of Mathematics (2016)
- [Ethel Young Scurlock](#) - Dean of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and Associate Professor of English and African American Studies (2003)
- [Douglass Sullivan-Gonzalez](#) - Professor of History (2001)

Award for Excellence in Promoting Inclusiveness in Graduate Education

- [Gerard J Buskes](#) - Professor of Mathematics (2011)
- **MICHAEL W JOHANSSON** - DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (2008)
- [John S Williamson](#) - Professor Emeritus of Medical Chemistry & Research Professor Emeritus in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Director of Research Development and Associate Director of Projects (2008)

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.

- [Christie Currie Rogers](#) - Academic Counselor (2021)

Staff Council Award - Overall

- [Brenda P Brannan](#) - Executive Assistant (2002)
- [Bonita P Brown](#) - PROJECT COORDINATOR (1990)

Staff Council Award - EEO1

- [Anna B Thomson](#) - Senior International Officer and Director of Study Abroad (2021)

Staff Council Award - EEO3

- [Penny D Leeton](#) - Program Manager of Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College (2010)
- **MAX R MILLER** - ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF PROJECTS (1999)



Staff Council Award - EEO4

- [Brenda P Brannan](#) - Executive Assistant (1995)
- [Bonita P Brown](#) - PROJECT COORDINATOR (1990)

Staff Council Award - EEO5

- [Lee H Dean](#) - Information Technology Specialist (2003)

School of Engineering, Junior Faculty Research Award

- [Ellen Lackey](#) - Emerita Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of Composite Materials Research Group Test Facilities (2009)

Outstanding Staff Award

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

- [Aubrey D Bolen](#) - Staff Assistant (2010)

Faculty Achievement Award

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

- [Ellen Lackey](#) - Emerita Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of Composite Materials Research Group Test Facilities (1999)
- [John W Winkle](#) - Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College (1992)
- [James G Vaughan](#) - Director Emeritus of the Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence; F.A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering; Associate Dean Emeritus of the School of Engineering (1989)

Frist Service Award

- [Joann M Edwards](#) - Instructor in Trent Lott Leadership Institute (2021)
- [Ryan Lowery Upshaw](#) - ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT SERVICES (2018)
- [MICHAEL W JOHANSSON](#) - DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (2009)
- [John W Winkle](#) - Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College (2006)
- [MAX R MILLER](#) - ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF PROJECTS (2002)
- [VAUGHN L GRISHAM](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS AND DIRECTOR OF THE GOERGE MCLEAN CENTER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (1998)
- [VIRGINIA MARGARET PATTERSON](#) - ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR II (1997)
- [Patricia C Treloar](#) - Director of Developmental Studies (1996)
- [Thomas J Reardon](#) - Dean Emeritus of Students (1995)

College of Liberal Arts - Cora Lee Graham Outstanding Teaching of Freshmen

In 1984, Cora Lee Graham of Union City, Tennessee, established an endowment and directed that the proceeds from her gift be used to help retain your better professors who teach the freshman classes in the College of Liberal Arts.

- [Jacqueline Frost Dibiasie-Sammons](#) - Assistant Professor of Classics (2022)
- [Jason E Ritchie](#) - Associate Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry (2007)
- [Cornelis Gispem](#) - Visiting Professor Emeritus of International Studies (1994)
- [Gerard J Buskes](#) - Professor of Mathematics (1992)

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.

- [Jason E Ritchie](#) - Associate Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry (2023)
- [Ethel Young Scurlock](#) - Dean of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and Associate Professor of English and African American Studies (2011)
- [Ronald A Schroeder](#) - Professor Emeritus of English (2001)
- [James G Vaughan](#) - Director Emeritus of the Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence; F.A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering; Associate Dean Emeritus of the School of Engineering (1991)
- [Natalie Schroeder](#) - Professor Emeritus of English (1987)
- [John W Winkle](#) - Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College (1980)
- [VAUGHN L GRISHAM](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS AND DIRECTOR OF THE GOERGE MCLEAN CENTER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (1978)

School of Engineering, Faculty Teaching Award

- [Joanna David Harrelson](#) - Assistant Professor of Practice of Chemical Engineering (2023)
- [Ellen Lackey](#) - Emerita Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of Composite Materials Research Group Test Facilities (2007)

School of Engineering Outstanding Teacher of the Year



- [James G Vaughan](#) - Director Emeritus of the Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence; F.A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering; Associate Dean Emeritus of the School of Engineering (2008)
- [Ellen Lackey](#) - Emerita Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of Composite Materials Research Group Test Facilities (2003)

School of Pharmacy Faculty Research Award

- [John S Williamson](#) - Professor Emeritus of Medical Chemistry & Research Professor Emeritus in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Director of Research Development and Associate Director of Projects (2006)

School of Pharmacy Faculty Service Award

- [John S Williamson](#) - Professor Emeritus of Medical Chemistry & Research Professor Emeritus in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Director of Research Development and Associate Director of Projects (1998)

University of Mississippi Humanities Teacher of the Year

The College of Liberal Arts and the Mississippi Humanities Council co-sponsor this award to highlight an outstanding humanities faculty member each fall during Arts and Humanities Month in October.

- [Ethel Young Scurlock](#) - Dean of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and Associate Professor of English and African American Studies (2003)

