

School of 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)
- **Donna J Patterson** - Academic Counselor II (2012)

Staff Council Award - Overall

- **Anne Dorsey McCauley** - Assistant Director-Office of Sustainability (2017)

Staff Council Award - EEO1

- **Katrina Myers Caldwell** - Adjunct Professor of Higher Education (2019)
- **Marc K Showalter** - Instructional Assistant Professor of Leadership & Couns Edu (2000)
- **Mary Ann Connell** - University Attorney Emerita and Instrutor 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)

Frist Service Award

- **Anne Dorsey McCauley** - Assistant Director-Office of Sustainability (2015)
- **Marc K Showalter** - Instructional Assistant Professor of Leadership & Couns Edu (2008)
- **GLORIA J MCGREGOR** - ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN (2006)
- **Thomas J Reardon** - Dean Emeritus of Students (1995)

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.

- **Kelly Nicole Smith Marion** - Associate Director Development (2021)
- **Sara Ann Grimes Platt** - Clinical Assistant Professor in 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, and Associate Professor of Special Education (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)
- **Melissa Kim Chrestman** - Administrative Coordinator I (2014)
- **Whitney Thompson Webb** - Assistant Dean for Certification and Undergraduate Studies and Assistant Professor of Higher Education (2013)
- **Ann Elizabeth Monroe** - Assistant Dean, Director of Assessment, and Associate Professor of Teacher Education (2012)
- **Donna J Patterson** - Academic Counselor II (2011)



School of Education Outstanding Teacher of the Year

- [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)
- [Amanda Micheal Winburn](#) - Associate Professor of Counselor Education and Coordinator Ed.S Play Therapy Program (2019)
- [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)
- [Kerry B Melear](#) - Professor of Higher Education (2015)
- [Allan Edward Bellman](#) - Professor of Mathematics Education (2014)
- **OTIS WESTBROOK PICKETT** - ADJUNCT PROFESSOR (2013)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Associate Professor of Secondary Education (2012)
- [Dennis A Bunch](#) - Associate Professor of Leadership & Counselor Education and Program Coordinator (2011)
- [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)
- **LORI A WOLFF** - PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELOR EDUCATION, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND EVALUATION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR (2009)
- **KEVIN B STOLTZ** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP & COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2008)
- [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)
- **ANN G WEBSTER** - ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2004)
- **SARAH E BLACKWELL** - ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR IN TEACHER EDUCATION (2003)
- **SONJA C BURNHAM** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND PROGRAM COORDINATOR (2002)
- [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

- [Stephanie Lisanne Lusk](#) - Associate Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education (2021)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Associate Professor of Secondary Education (2020)
- [Richard Scott Balkin](#) - Interim Chair and Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education and Coordinator of Counselor Education Doctoral Program (2019)
- [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, and Associate Professor of Special Education (2016)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Associate Professor of Secondary Education (2015)
- [Allan Edward Bellman](#) - Professor of Mathematics Education (2014)
- [Kerry B Melear](#) - Professor of Higher Education (2013)
- **KEVIN B STOLTZ** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP & COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2012)
- **ANGELA TILL BARLOW** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2011)
- [Kerry B Melear](#) - Professor of Higher Education (2010)
- **BARBARA J DOUGHERTY** - PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2009)
- **Rosusan D Bartee** - PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP & COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2008)
- [Kerry B Melear](#) - Professor of Higher Education (2007)
- [MARILYN S SNOW](#) - Associate Professor Emerita of Counselor Education (2006)
- [DEBORAH A CHESSIN](#) - Professor Emerita of Curriculum and Instruction (2005)
- [Kerry P Holmes](#) - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (2004)
- **MICHAEL K PONTON** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP & COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2003)
- [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)

