Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards

**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.

- **Derrick Avin Harriell** - Interim Director of African American Studies, Otilie Schillig Associate Professor of English, African American Studies, and Creative Writing (2017)

**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.

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

**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.

- **Ethel Young Scurlock** - Dean of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and Associate Professor of English and African American Studies (2011)

**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)