Celebrate your colleagues at the Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony

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The University will honor more than 25 faculty members for their commitment to research, student achievement, innovation and mentorship at the Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony, scheduled for Feb. 15.

The event will include the induction of the newest Regents Professors and University Distinguished Professors and the presentation of several other University awards.

The ceremony, set for 4 p.m. at Crowder Hall in the Fred Fox School of Music, will be led by University President Robert C. Robbins and Liesl Folks, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

“This event is about honoring and recognizing the exceptional work and outstanding impact of our colleagues,” Folks said. “I invite our campus community to join us for this momentous occasion celebrating those who embody the best that the University offers.”

The awards, announced in April of last year, are presented annually by the Office of the Provost, the W.A. Franke Honors College, the Graduate College, the Postdoctoral Affairs office and the GIFT Center at the University of Arizona Foundation.

The event is free and open to faculty, staff, students and members of the community. Those planning to attend can RSVP here.

The honorees who will be recognized at the event are listed below.

Regents Professors
Sama Alshaibi | Professor, School of Art
Jean-Luc Brédas | Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Juanita L. Merchant | Professor, Department of Medicine
David Pietz | Professor, Department of History
Donata Vercelli | Professor, Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine

University Distinguished Professor Award
Kenneth Johns | Professor, Department of Physics

University Distinguished Outreach Faculty Award
Paul Meléndez | Professor of Practice, Department of Management and Organizations
Beverly Seckinger | Professor, School of Theatre, Film and Television

Distinguished Scholar Award
Daniel Martinez | Associate Professor, School of Sociology
Rebecca Mosher | Associate Professor, School of Plant Sciences
Weigang Wang | Associate Professor, Department of Physics

Distinguished Head/Director’s Award
John Galgiani | Director, Valley Fever Center for Excellence
Karen Seat | Head, Department of Religious Studies and Classics

Henry and Phyllis Koffler Prize in Research/Scholarship/Creative Activity
Ana Cornide | Associate Professor of Practice, Department of Spanish and Portuguese

University of Arizona Foundation Leicester and Kathryn Sherrill Creative Teaching Award
Liudmila Klimanova | Assistant Professor, Department of Russian and Slavic Studies

University Distinguished Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards
Thomas Gianetti | Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (Early Career Award)
Jeffrey Pyun | Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Early Career Scholars Award

Ashley Dixon-Kleiber | Assistant Agent, Gila County Cooperative Extension
David Enard | Assistant Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Molly Gebran | Assistant Professor, Fred Fox School of Music
Thomas Gianetti | Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Tammi Walker | Associate Professor, James E. Rogers College of Law

Graduate and Professional Education Teaching and Mentoring Awards

Sheilah Nicholas | Professor, Department of Teaching, Learning and Sociocultural Studies
Stephanie Troutman Robbins | Department Head and Associate Professor, Department of Gender and Women's Studies

Outstanding Postdoctoral Scholar Award

Erik Blackwood | Postdoctoral Research Associate, Translational Cardiovascular Research Center
Emily Bray | Postdoctoral Researcher, Arizona Canine Cognition Center

Excellence in Postdoctoral Mentoring Award

Koenraad Van Doorslaer | Assistant Professor, School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences

The honorees below were recognized at a ceremony in October.

Gerald J. Swanson Prize for Teaching Excellence

Lisa Dollinger | Associate Professor of Practice, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Suzanne Dovi | Associate Professor, School of Government and Public Policy
Dean Papajohn | Professor of Practice, Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering and Mechanics
Hank Stratton | Assistant Professor, School of Theatre, Film and Television
Na Zuo | Assistant Professor of Practice, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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