

BYU FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2017 University Conference



*“That my people may be taught
more perfectly, and have experience.”*

—DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 105:10

Remembering More Than Names

THE names of Karl G. Maeser and Abraham O. Smoot are more than familiar to BYU faculty and staff members. Perhaps it is even a cultural requirement to know them in order to work at the university. The contributions of these men to the foundation of BYU are well heralded and well deserved, and every year we remember them by bestowing awards in their names during each university conference.

Loretta C. Gledhill, Muriel Thole, Ben E. Lewis, Fred A. Schwendiman—these people and countless others have also given of their lives to BYU in significant and dedicated ways. Though their names and their specific contributions are less well known, they are no less significant. We also give awards to honor and remember them and their dedicated service to the university.

In addition to these names, in this booklet there are the names of 42 of your colleagues. Over this past year and throughout their careers, these awardees—professors, nurses, directors, secretaries, editors, technicians—have found, in the simpleness of a daily vocation, significant ways to contribute to the university. We recognize each one of them and thank them for helping us remember our foundations and build on new opportunities.

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Karl G. Maeser Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award

This award, BYU's most prestigious faculty award, is provided through the generosity of the Karl G. Maeser Scholarship Society. The recipient must have demonstrated clear superiority in both scholarship and teaching.

Randal W. Beard

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING



Randal W. Beard, a professor of electrical engineering, is a valued mentor, teacher, and internationally recognized scholar. His work on the navigation, guidance, and control of unmanned aircraft systems has resulted in more than \$10 million in external research grants, more than 200 peer-reviewed publications that have received over 20,000 citations, and a successful company that was acquired by Lockheed Martin. A popular teacher, Randal has developed new curricula around his research and has authored a graduate textbook that is currently used at more than 20 universities. He has also mentored 14 PhD students, 25 master's students, and hundreds of undergraduate students.

Ben E. Lewis Management Award

*This award recognizes an administrative employee
for outstanding management abilities.*

Dean A. Wright

DINING SERVICES



Dean A. Wright has served as the director of BYU Dining Services since 1997. BYU Dining Services serves more than 30,000 meals daily in 24 different venues, many of which were Dean's creations, such as the redesigned Cougareat, the new Cannon Commons Dining Center, and Legends Grille. Understanding the importance of treating campus visitors as honored guests, he is satisfied only with the highest level of service. He has represented BYU in various leadership positions for the National Association of College and University Food Services, including as the organization's national president. Dean is truly a hospitality genius, and his influence will be felt on campus long after he retires.

Fred A. Schwendiman Performance Award

This award recognizes a staff employee for exemplary contributions to the university through consistent and superior service.

Jeanine J. Ehat

ANCIENT SCRIPTURE



Jeanine J. Ehat coordinates the myriad details of the Department of Ancient Scripture, which has over 60 teaching faculty and accommodates more than one-third of the student body every semester. Jeanine serves on the department's Easter Conference and Rank Advancement committees and has served on the University OPAC committee for three years. She has the incredible ability to make everyone feel welcome while maintaining professionalism. This past year she earned the attention of reviewers during the department's extensive 10-year accreditation review. They noted that Jeanine "shoulders the herculean task of scheduling hundreds of classes each year" and renders a "significant contribution to the department."

President's Appreciation Award

*This award recognizes staff and administrative personnel
for exceptional service, creativity, and competence.*

Michael K. Averett

PHYSICAL FACILITIES



As special events supervisor, Michael K. Averett plays a crucial role in making basketball and football games run smoothly, ensuring that everything is ready on time for each game and cleaned up afterward in preparation for the next game. He works hard, takes care of his employees, and does his best not for thanks or praise but simply because he takes pride in his work.

Kenneth W. Clark

PHYSICAL FACILITIES



Kenneth W. Clark is a lead electrician in Physical Facilities with an uncanny ability to troubleshoot the most daunting electrical issues. He is the first to respond to an issue, and all the electricians go to him for help. Ken has mentored many full-time and student employees over the years, helping them develop valuable skills. He is an awesome craftsman and a model employee.

David K. Eliason

PUBLICATIONS & GRAPHICS



As creative director for BYU Publications & Graphics, David K. Eliason has contributed to numerous high-profile projects for the university, including BYU's brand identity and many of the Law School's major publications. He leads a team of award-winning designers who produce approximately 500 publications a year and has a proven record of exceeding clients' expectations.

Kurt D. Huntington

PHYSICAL AND
MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES



Kurt D. Huntington has been instrumental in helping the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences project its needs and resources effectively and manage its resources efficiently. He foresees what information might be helpful to college leadership and then creates corresponding reports. Kurt is respected throughout the college, and his service regularly exceeds expectations.

Elaine W. Lauritzen

OIT SUPPORT SERVICES



Elaine W. Lauritzen, support services managing director for the Office of Information Technology, believes that giving legendary service can lead every university associate to trust OIT to take care of their tech problems. She seeks first to understand customers' needs and always looks for solutions. Elaine works hard to show her employees by example how to accomplish her vision of service.

M. Jeannette Lawler

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY



As the Physical Science 100 course coordinator and Derrick Planetarium director, M. Jeannette Lawler positively impacts thousands of students each year. She promotes science to thousands more children and adults as she coordinates public science outreach activities. Jeannette deals with challenges efficiently and fairly and cares about helping each student have the best experience possible.

Melinda R. Maughan

BUSINESS CAREER CENTER



Melinda R. Maughan, recruiting director in the Business Career Center at the Marriott School, leads by example in her willingness to tackle hard problems and invest the time needed to accomplish critical tasks. She has a can-do attitude and is an effective problem solver, and she uses fun and innovative ways to train, develop, and coach her student employees.

Marcia T. Richards

LIFE SCIENCES



Marcia T. Richards advises more than 400 undergraduate and 40 graduate students in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Biology each year while juggling many other obligations. She is a consummate team player and works to help the students and employees under her supervision learn to be responsible and develop skills to accomplish their goals.

Karl G. Maeser Excellence in Teaching Award

This award honors faculty members for outstanding teaching accomplishments and is made possible by the generosity of the Karl G. Maeser Scholarship Society.

Steven L. Shumway

TECHNOLOGY



Steven L. Shumway, a professor in the School of Technology, is an enthusiastic teacher known for his ability to connect with students and to innovate in the classroom. His research focuses on the development of K–12 STEM curriculum and methods for increasing student motivation, with findings disseminated through journal articles and presentations at national conferences.

Julianne H. Grose

MICROBIOLOGY AND
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY



Julianne H. Grose exemplifies the integration of research and citizenship with teaching. In addition to teaching courses for undergraduate and graduate students, she has developed two successful research programs, has mentored more than 100 undergraduate students in her lab, and has led BYU's iGEM synthetic biology team to gold medals at world competitions.

Kenneth W. Rodham

COMPUTER SCIENCE



Kenneth W. Rodham is a master of course design, aligning insightful lectures with engaging learning activities and carefully crafted lab work. He has developed ambitious capstone experiences that build on the rigorous software engineering course sequence he helped design. Ken is an authentic example of what he teaches, and he cares deeply about his students.

Karl G. Maeser Research and Creative Arts Award

This award honors faculty members for outstanding research and creative accomplishments and is made possible by the generosity of the Karl G. Maeser Scholarship Society.

Curt W. Holman

DANCE



Curt W. Holman is the new director of the Department of Dance and the artistic director of the BYU Ballroom Dance Company. His choreography and performance coaching for cabaret, ballroom, and Latin dance medleys consistently claim national and international championships. Curt is an inspiring leader and an excellent teacher, garnering high praise and ratings from his students.

Daniel E. Austin

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY



Daniel E. Austin develops miniaturized mass spectrometers for portable chemical analyzers and for space exploration, studying chemical and biological processes in extremely high-velocity impacts and in charge detection mass. Much of this NASA-funded work relates to the search for life on Mars and in the oceans of icy moons orbiting Jupiter and Saturn.

Christopher F. Karpowitz

POLITICAL SCIENCE



Christopher F. Karpowitz excels at quantitative methods and normative theory, producing scholarship on the forms of deliberation and democracy. He recently coauthored two books, one of which won several awards, including an award for the best book published in the field of mass politics. Chris is a masterful teacher whose research informs American Heritage and other university courses.

Karl G. Maeser Professional Faculty Excellence Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in fulfilling professional faculty responsibilities and is made possible by the generosity of the Karl G. Maeser Scholarship Society.

University Professorship

This award encourages and acknowledges senior faculty members who are outstanding scholars, teachers, and university citizens. It may specifically recognize excellence in scholarship and creative work or reward superior classroom teaching.

Duane B. Merrell

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY



Duane B. Merrell has contributed significantly to preparing the next generation of physics and physical science teachers, providing exceptional continuing education for science teachers and promoting effective science teaching. He developed a teacher training program that has gained national recognition. Merrell is known by students for his individualized, one-on-one mentoring.

Dennis L. Eggett

STATISTICS



Since 1997, Dennis L. Eggett has directed the Center for Statistical Consultation and Collaborative Research. He provides statistical consulting to on-campus researchers, teaches data analysis courses, advises students in quantitative research, and mentors statistics majors. He is the coauthor of 180 peer-reviewed articles, with more than 270 of those coauthors being BYU students.

Byron J. Adams

LIFE SCIENCES



Byron J. Adams seamlessly blends excellence in scholarship with outstanding teaching and faithful service to the university. He is the author of more than 115 scientific publications and has secured more than \$8.4 million in research grants. A thoughtful and demanding teacher, Byron teaches courses in introductory biology and evolution that are among the most dynamic at the university.

Alumni Professorship

This award honors faculty members for teaching excellence. The award carries a three-year stipend made possible by the generosity of the BYU Alumni Association.

General Education Professorship

This award encourages and acknowledges outstanding contributions to undergraduate general education and honors courses by faculty members who have pursued their scholarly interests and provided services to the university community.

Abraham O. Smoot Citizenship Award

This award is presented to university faculty members who demonstrate those qualities of service and personal sacrifice to the university that were exhibited by Abraham O. Smoot.

Brad L. Hutchings

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER
ENGINEERING



Brad L. Hutchings is an innovative teacher who develops thoughtful and engaging core undergraduate and graduate courses. To allow students to learn at their own pace, he hosts training and demonstration videos on a YouTube channel. Brad has also published regularly with his students, has received more than \$7 million in research grants, and is an inventor on over 60 patents.

Thomas B. Russell

THEATRE AND MEDIA ARTS



For the past decade Thomas B. Russell has taught Introduction to Film, which services students in his own department and also thousands of general education students. Most of his time is spent mentoring student filmmakers, and he has been the executive producer of many student award-winning films. His own screenplays and films have also received distinguished prizes and recognitions.

Alan R. Parkinson

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING



Alan R. Parkinson has provided outstanding service to the university over his 35-year career. An inspiring leader, he has guided the faculty in efforts to improve scholarly outcomes and has led the implementation of educational activities aimed at developing leadership competencies and global awareness in students. His service culminated in leading the fundraising for the new engineering building.

***Wesley P. Lloyd
Award for
Distinction in
Graduate Education***

This award pays tribute to faculty members of exemplary performance in teaching, research/creative work, and citizenship in graduate education.

Phi Kappa Phi Award

This award is presented to faculty members who have achieved excellence in scholarly and creative endeavors, exemplify integrity, and have contributed to BYU through citizenship and service.

Steven L. Castle

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY



Steven L. Castle teaches organic chemistry and is associate director of the Simmons Center for Cancer Research. Working with graduate students, he conducts research funded by the National Institutes of Health that targets new ways of synthesizing organic molecules. He applies these techniques to constructing bioactive natural products and to understanding chemical biology.

Jini L. Roby

SOCIAL WORK



Raised in abject poverty by her grandmother in postwar Korea, Jini L. Roby now works as an attorney for abused and neglected children. A professor of social work, she conducts research intended to solve real problems plaguing children and families and serves as an international consultant to help developing countries establish policies and programs to improve child well-being.

Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award

This award recognizes the contributions of part-time faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in teaching or in other professional responsibilities over a period of at least five years.

Jean S. Applonie

MUSIC



As conductor of the BYU Women's Chorus, Jean S. Applonie is solely responsible for transforming the ensemble from its earliest days as a "lab choir" for graduate students to its current status as a nationally renowned, top-tier chorus. Jean also serves as a member of the music education faculty, where her careful tutelage has benefited hundreds of future choral educators.

Lara A. Burton

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP
AND STRATEGY



Students consistently describe Lara A. Burton as knowledgeable, kind, engaging, inspirational, hilarious, and personally interested in each student's success. For her, teaching is an act of service. Her versatility is remarkable, and she has taught introductory courses in information systems, management communications, creative writing, computer science, and biblical Hebrew.

Young Scholar Award

This award encourages and acknowledges outstanding promise and contributions by faculty members in the early stages of their academic careers.

Joseph P. Price

ECONOMICS



Todd L. Fisher

MATHEMATICS



Aaron L. Nielson

LAW SCHOOL



BYU Class of 1949 Young Faculty Award

This award acknowledges outstanding contributions by junior faculty members. It is made possible by the generosity of the Class of 1949.

Brian J. Willoughby

FAMILY LIFE



Sponsored Research Recognition Award

This award recognizes faculty members who demonstrate outstanding achievement in scholarly activities funded by external sponsors or who give significant service in support of sponsored research and creative programs.

Stefinee E. Pinnegar

TEACHER EDUCATION



Religious Education Transfer Professor

This award recognizes excellence in providing outstanding teaching in Religious Education outside of a faculty member's discipline.

Eric T. Sevy

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY



Technology Transfer Award

This award recognizes faculty members who have made significant research contributions that have led to the development of useful commercial products.

Jaron C. Hansen

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY



Lee D. Hansen

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY



Creative Works Award

This award recognizes faculty members and university personnel who demonstrate outstanding achievement in the development of creative works that have had wide acceptance and national or international distribution.

Mark E. Davies

LINGUISTICS AND
ENGLISH LANGUAGE



Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellowship

This fellowship recognizes the sacrifice and efforts by the university's support services in providing a transfer of positions and budget to enhance teaching and learning.

R. Wayne Hansen Teaching and
Learning Faculty Fellowship

E. Brigham Daniels

LAW SCHOOL



Randall Morgan Teaching and
Learning Faculty Fellowship

Jeffrey L. Parkin

THEATRE AND MEDIA ARTS



Ferrin L. Orton Teaching and
Learning Faculty Fellowship

Paul R. Reynolds

PHYSIOLOGY AND
DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY



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Faculty Fellowship

John P. Hoffmann

SOCIOLOGY



Richard Roskelly Teaching and
Learning Faculty Fellowship

Daniel H. Ess

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY



Ephraim Hatch Teaching and
Learning Faculty Fellowship

Richard Neitzel Holzapfel

CHURCH HISTORY AND DOCTRINE



