

UC DAVIS ACADEMIC SENATE
Public Service Committee

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MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

**Subject: Nomination of Candidates for the 2008-09 Distinguished Scholarly
Public Service Award**

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate invites nominations of candidates for the 2008-09 Award for Distinguished Scholarly Public Service. Up to four (4) awards will be made annually. All tenured members of the Academic Senate (including Professors-in-Residence and Professors of Clinical (Specialty) at the level of Associate Professor or higher, and Lecturers with Security of Employment), provided they have not previously won the award, are eligible for nomination by other members of the Academic Senate.

Description: The Award, which includes a stipend, is presented by the Davis Division of the Academic Senate in recognition of significant contributions to the world, nation, state and/or local community through distinguished public service. The Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award is based on our confidence in the University's tradition of excellence and demonstrates the commitment of the Davis campus to public service.

Definition: Scholarly public service is an organized activity that extends a faculty member's expertise in teaching, research or professional competence beyond the university campus into local, statewide, national, or international public arenas. For purposes of this Award, distinguished scholarly public service is the unpaid, focused and sustained direct extension of a faculty member's disciplinary or technical expertise to the public and non-profit sector. Service resulting in significant monetary gain (private consulting) is not considered public service for this purpose, nor is service performed as a private citizen (membership in local service clubs) or as an elected public official (city council). The candidate's public service while employed elsewhere will be considered, but the extent of public service while a faculty member at UC Davis will be the primary factor in the evaluation. Typically, public service comprises activities such as these:

1. Testifying before international, federal, state or local legislative, executive or judicial hearings, meetings, boards or commissions.
2. Consultations, advice and recommendations to government boards, commissions or agencies.
3. Membership on boards, commissions or special committees of international, federal, state or local bodies.
4. Research for or collaboration with public agencies, commissions, boards, task forces or committees.

5. Service to community groups, nonprofit organizations and the general public in meetings, workshops, and conferences, including presentations to these, or through the media.
6. Development and dissemination of information of state, national and/or international importance through the production of non-profit documentary videos or film.

The departmental MSO/Administrative Assistant or Chairperson can usually supply information related to a candidate's public service record.

Nominations: Nominations should be in the form of a letter (not to exceed two single-spaced, typewritten pages) providing a comprehensive summary of the qualities and accomplishments that would warrant the candidate to be considered for the Award. ***The letter should focus on the scope and impact of the public service efforts*** and should detail the special characteristics that extend the nominee's expertise and sets him/her apart from other faculty, such as his/her philosophy, objectives, or impact. If service did result in gain, please describe. The committee considers nominations with long-term as well as short-term distinguished scholarly public service. The nominator should insure that documentary evidence is available; however, supporting material should not be attached to this nomination.

Finalists: The Academic Senate Committee on Public Service will review the nominations and select final candidates for further consideration. If selected as a finalist, the Committee will request a more complete dossier.

Recipient(s): The recipient(s) of the 2009 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award will be honored at an awards reception on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

Deadline: **All nomination letters must be received electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2008.** Nominations should be addressed to The Committee on Public Service, Academic Senate Office, and sent electronically to Bryan Rodman at bdrodman@ucdavis.edu with a subject line that reads as follows: DSPSA: 2009 Nomination: [Name of Nominator]: [Name of Nominee]. Questions concerning nominations should be addressed to Bryan Rodman at 752-3920. This Call is also available on the Academic Senate website at: http://academicsenate.ucdavis.edu/committees/public_service.cfm

Sincerely,

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Academic Senate Committee on Public Service