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## **MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

**RE:** Nominations for the 2020-21 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award

Please consider nominating an individual or team for the Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award. The Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award is presented to at most four individuals or teams annually in recognition of significant contributions to the world, nation, state, or local community that fulfill the University of California's mission of excellence in public service.

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate invites nominations for the 2020-21 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award. Eligible nominees include all tenured members of the Academic Senate at the level of Associate Professor or higher who have not previously won the award (including Professors-in-Residence, Professors of Clinical (Specialty), and Lecturers with Security of Employment). Nominees should demonstrate excellence and dedication to creating impact. The committee recognizes that there are diverse ways to contribute to our society, and that different faculty members have different types of opportunities and support for public service. Thus, we seek diverse nominations; from the faculty members who spend significant personal time creating and implementing public service activities, to those who have public service as "part of their job" but whose programs demonstrate excellence and significant impact beyond the normal expectations of their day to day job. We will also consider nominations for a team of faculty, recognizing that some exceptional contributions to public service are collaborative efforts, with each team member contributing exceptional effort. Nominated teams must have at least one member that meets eligibility criteria listed above (e.g. Academic Senate member of at least the Associate rank), but can include assistant professors, graduate students, community groups, and other members.

Recipients will be honored at a combined Academic Senate and Academic Federation awards reception in Spring 2021, dependent on campus operating status. Additionally, individual faculty recipients will receive an honorarium. Team recipients will also receive one monetary award to be transferred to a single UC Davis account. Recipients and their achievements may also be highlighted in UC Davis promotional articles or videos.

### ***Definition of Distinguished Scholarly Public Service***

Scholarly public service is an organized activity that extends expertise in teaching, research, or professional competence beyond the university campus into public arenas. For the purposes of this award, distinguished scholarly public service is the unpaid, focused, and sustained extension of disciplinary or technical expertise to the public and non-profit sector. This may be a discretionary activity, or excellence demonstrated beyond the faculty's normal job expectations. For this award, public service cannot have resulted in significant monetary gain (private consulting), cannot have been performed as a private citizen (membership in local service clubs), and cannot have been as an elected public official. The nominee's public service while employed elsewhere will be considered, but the primary focus will be on public service while a faculty member at UC Davis.

There are diverse examples of public service, which include (but are not limited to):

- Testifying before international, federal, state, or local legislative, executive, or judicial hearings, meetings, boards or commissions
- Consultations, advice, and recommendations to government boards, commissions, or agencies

- Membership on boards, commissions, or special committees of international, federal, state or local bodies
- Research for or collaboration with public agencies, boards, commissions, task forces, or committees
- Service to community groups, nonprofit organizations, and the general public in meetings, workshops, and conferences, including presentations to these groups or through the media
- Development and dissemination of information of state, national, or international importance through the production of non-profit documentary videos or film
- Creation or leadership of initiatives that address a public need.

*Examples of recent awardee activities can be found on page 4 of this call*

Department chairs and chief administrative officers can often supply information about a nominee's public service record.

### ***Nomination Package Requirements***

Nomination packages must be submitted as a single PDF and include:

1. Nomination form (download [here](#))
  - For team nominations – use this form for nominator information, and attach a separate list of all the information requested on the nominee part of the form for all team members
2. Nomination letter (3 pages maximum): Nominees are considered individuals or teams  
The nomination letter should provide a comprehensive summary of: (1) the nominee's qualities and accomplishments, (2) qualities that set the nominee apart from other faculty, (3) the characteristics of the service that demonstrate the nominee's expertise, and (4) particularly focus on the scope and impact of the public service efforts. For nominees with public service as part of their job expectations, the letter should address how the nominee goes beyond job responsibilities and expectations. In the case of a team nomination, the letter should focus on the team contributions). The committee will consider nominations with long-term as well as short-term distinguished scholarly public service. The nominator should ensure that documentary evidence of service is available upon request by the committee; however, this material should not be attached to the nomination.

The nomination letter should also address the following questions:

- How did this nominee demonstrate the extraordinary spirit of public service?
- Please identify those whom the nominee serves or helps
- Were the public service activities of this nominee compensated or part of a funded research project?
- Please provide an example of a specific situation or project that demonstrates how this nominee has met and surpassed the criteria for the award
- Other items to consider in evaluating the nominee for the award

All nominations must be peer submitted. Self-nominations **will not** be accepted.

**The deadline for nominations is Monday, December 21, 2020.** Submit nomination packages as a single PDF to Davis Division Policy Analyst Elizabeth Ramirez at [lizramirez@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lizramirez@ucdavis.edu). Any questions can also be sent to Elizabeth.

Sincerely,



Valerie Eviner  
Chair, Committee on Public Service

## **Examples of public service activities of recent awardees:**

**2019- Cristina Davis:** Dedicated 210 days of service over 4 years on the US Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, where she led an extensive review resulting in enterprise-level changes, and co-wrote a commissioned paper that led to the creation of a Chief Data Officer position for the Air Force to incorporate machine learning and data analytics into their broad intelligence gathering system.

**2019- Tessa Hill:** Extensive efforts at all levels of government to promote climate change awareness, ranging from briefing the US House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee to helping the City of Winters, California develop a Climate Resilience Plan. Collaborates with local oyster farmers to increase resilience to ocean acidification, and leads the Northern California chapter of 500 Women Scientists, which encourages public engagement among scientists.

**2019- Terry Lehenbauer:** Long-term leadership in the responsible use of antimicrobials in animal agriculture. Efforts include leading stakeholder organizations to develop veterinary health approaches that consider people, environment and animals, and briefing California lawmakers in the development of California's legislation to limit antibiotics in livestock feed. Worked with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to quantify that more than 2 million people each year are affected by antimicrobial-resistant infections.

**2018- Jeannie Darby:** In the 1<sup>st</sup> scientific investigation of nitrate in drinking water for the California State Legislature, wrote the chapter on treating drinking water, and then implemented on-the-ground solutions to improve nitrate levels in small water systems, improving drinking water for more than 100,000 people living in the San Joaquin Valley.

**2018- Gregory Downs:** Led a sustained effort involving diverse stakeholders to successfully establish a United States National Monument to the Era of Reconstruction, commemorating the transformation of US economics and politics from a system that relied on slavery into functioning free markets.

**2018- Calvin Qualset:** Shaped national and international policies and management to conserve crop genetic diversity through extensive service to the US Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Science Foundation.

**2017- Christine Kreuder Johnson:** Led long-term efforts that resulted in a California assembly bill which banned the use of lead ammunition for all wildlife shooting purposes in California. This required years of bridging multiple federal and state agencies that historically clashed in their approaches to managing the effects of lead on wildlife in California, and facing hostile opposition from the National Rifle Association.

**2017- Frank Zalom:** Sustained leadership at the state, national and international levels in Integrated Pest Management, including pioneering initiatives that brought diverse stakeholders together to identify sustainable solutions for some of the world's important insect-based problems, such as control of the yellow mosquito that carries dengue fever and Zika fever viruses.

**2017- Nolan Zane:** For 25 years, has supported community-based organizations that serve ethnic minority communities by leading assessments of human service needs, and providing technical and grant writing assistance to fund programs such as mental health care and substance abuse services. Has contributed to state and national policy by providing expert testimony on the mental health issues of ethnic minority communities to diverse agencies, such as the Presidential Task Force on Evidence-based Psychological Practice, and the National Institute of Mental Health.