INTRODUCTION
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Chancellor

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA SYSTEM AWARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
University of Nebraska Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award
Recognized by John E. Christensen Chancellor

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA AWARDS
Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award
Presented by Lee Denker and college deans
President and CEO, UNO Alumni Association

Distinguished Research or Creative Activity Award
Presented by Scott Snyder
Associate Vice Chancellor, Research and Creative Activity

Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award
Presented by Deborah Smith-Howell
Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
Dean of Graduate Studies

Outstanding Service Learning Faculty Award
Presented by Kristine Swain
Chair, Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders

Excellence in Teaching Award
Presented by Tracy Bridgeford
Chair, Department of English

2016-2017 Named Professorships and Chairs
Presented by Candice Batton
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

CLOSING REMARKS
John E. Christensen
Chancellor
Dr. Roni Reiter-Palmon is the Varner Professor of Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology and the director of the I/O Psychology Graduate Program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). She also serves as the director for the Center for Collaboration Science, an interdisciplinary program at UNO.

Her research focuses on creativity and innovation in the workplace, cognitive processes and individual difference variables that influence creative performance of individuals and teams, leading creative individuals, and development of creativity and leadership skills. Her applied experiences include consulting and receiving grants totaling over $7 million from various funding agencies for Fortune 500 companies, the government, and military. She has over 80 publications in leading journals, and is the editor of The Psychology of Creativity, Aesthetics and the Arts, and an associate editor for the European Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology. She serves on the editorial boards of a number of top-tier journals in the area of creativity, leadership, and management.

She has received the George Mason I/O Psychology Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004, and UNO’s graduate mentor award in 2007. She has received the designation of fellow from the American Psychological Association based on her research. She received UNO’s College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Research award in 2013 and the UNO Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity (ADROCA) in 2014.
Tammie M. Kennedy is associate professor of English. She teaches courses in rhetoric and film, memory studies, creative nonfiction, and writing theory and pedagogy. She is editor of the Women’s Archive Project, and co-edited Rhetorics of Whiteness: Postracial Hauntings in Popular Culture, Social Media, and Education. She has published in Rhetoric Review, JAC, Feminist Formations, English Journal, Journal of Lesbian Studies, and Brevity, and chapters in several books.

Martina Saltamacchia is the director of the Medieval/Renaissance Studies program and specializes in medieval Italian history. She is currently working on two research projects, a study of the people who donated money and goods for Milan’s Cathedral construction, and the biography of one of these donors, the wealthy merchant Marco Carelli. In her courses, she loves to experiment with innovative pedagogies like role-playing simulations, experiential learning, and a flipped classroom.

James Wilson studies the ecology of small mammals and is interested in research relating physiology and ecology. Research subjects have included metabolic differences between black and orange fox squirrels in Omaha, metabolism and climate change in the American pika, and small mammal changes from long-term prairie management. Wilson hopes to study rodents in the Sandhills of Nebraska and how they help cycle nitrogen in the environment through their diet.
Roopa Venkatesh’s area of expertise is in managerial accounting. She teaches the intermediate and advanced managerial accounting courses, and has created a new course, managerial accounting for supply chain management in the College of Business Administration (CBA). She received the Dean’s Citation for Excellence in Teaching Award in 2016, the CBA Summer Teaching Fellowship in 2015, and a University Committee for Advancement in Teaching (UCAT) Curriculum Development Grant in 2015. She was awarded the William C. Hockett Professorship in 2015 in recognition of her teaching, research and service accomplishments.

Christopher M. Kelly is the Leo Missinne Professor and graduate program chair in the UNO Department of Gerontology. He is an Omaha native who received his Ph.D. in Gerontology from the University of Southern California and began teaching at UNO in 2006. Kelly’s research has explored nursing home quality, direct care workforce issues, and innovative long-term care alternatives at the state and local levels that support aging in place.

Jessica L. Hagaman joined the UNO faculty in 2012 as an assistant professor in the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders. Her interests include academic interventions for students who are at-risk and those with disabilities, cognitive strategy instruction, Universal Design for Learning/ differentiation, and effective teacher preparation. She has authored numerous works, including two books. She teaches instructional methods and assessment related to special education at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She received her Ph.D. and MA from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and her BA from St. Catherine’s University in St. Paul, MN.
Abhishek Parakh, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of cybersecurity in the College of Information Science & Technology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). He has published over 50 articles in peer-reviewed journals, conferences, books, and magazines, and received competitive research funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), along with several internal grants at UNO. His research interests include cryptographic engineering, network security, lightweight encryption and quantum computing, and cryptography.

Miles Waggener is the author of three poetry collections: Phoenix Suites; Sky Harbor; and Desert Center; as well as the chapbooks "Portents Aside;" "Afterlives;" and "The Jeremiads." His poems, translation, and essays have been published in journals such as The Southern Humanities Review, Antioch Review, North American Review, and The Notre Dame Review. A teacher of writing and literature since 1994, he coordinates UNO’s creative writing program, The Writer’s Workshop.

David Yuill is an assistant professor of architectural engineering in the Durham School. His focus is high-performance buildings, energy efficiency, and indoor environmental quality. He teaches courses in thermodynamics and in theory and application of heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning. Before joining the University of Nebraska, he spent several years in the industry doing research, analysis and design, and leading a consulting company. Yuill takes great pride in his students’ accomplishments.
DHUNDY BASTOLA
Interdisciplinary Informatics

Dhundy Bastola, Ph.D., is an associate professor of bioinformatics in the School of Interdisciplinary Informatics, College of IS&T at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). He holds a master’s degree in organic chemistry and a Ph.D. in plant biology. He earned his doctoral degree from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH. He is currently the associate director of Bioinformatics Core that supports a number of biomedical researchers.

Bastola teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses in bioinformatics. His research interest in computational biology includes gene regulation with noncoding RNA, mining interesting patterns from genomic sequences for use in molecular diagnostics, public health, secondary metabolism, and biology of mitochondria in disease as well as extreme environments.

RAJ DASGUPTA
Computer Science

Prithviraj (Raj) Dasgupta, Ph.D., is the Mutual of Omaha Endowed Professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). He is the founder-director of the CMANTIC Robotics Lab at UNO, which does research in multi-robot/multi-agent systems, intelligent physical systems, and applications of game theory to robotics.

He has led several federally funded research projects in the areas of multi-robot systems for defense- and space-related applications and medical robotics, and has published over 140 research papers in leading journals and conferences. He received his Ph.D. in 2001 and M.S. in 1998 in computer engineering, both from the University of California, Santa Barbara.
OUTSTANDING SERVICE LEARNING FACULTY AWARD

Mitzi J. Ritzman is an associate professor in the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders. She is the co-director of a peer-mediated social learning program for young adults on the autism spectrum. Her philosophy of teaching is grounded in critical thinking, dialogue, and strengthening students’ sense of personal responsibility; the integration of service-learning into each of her courses has been a primary avenue through which these elements have been addressed.

She has presented on the impact of community engagement at local and national conferences, was the recipient of a 2014 Carter Award for Service Learning by the Nebraska State Council for Social Studies, in collaboration with Omaha Public Schools’ Blackburn Alternative Program, and was a 2016 UNO Service Learning Academy Faculty Fellow.

MITZI J. RITZMAN
Special Education and Communication Disorders

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Tammie M. Kennedy is associate professor of English. After earning her Ph.D. at the University of Arizona, Kennedy joined the UNO faculty in 2009, where she teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in rhetoric and film, memory studies, creative nonfiction, and writing theory and pedagogy. She is editor of the Women’s Archive Project, a student-produced digital archive exhibiting the experiences and contributions of UNO-affiliated women. She co-edited Rhetorics of Whiteness: Postracial Hauntings in Popular Culture, Social Media, and Education.

She has published in a number of journals, including Rhetoric Review, JAC, Feminist Formations, English Journal, Journal of Lesbian Studies, and Brevity, and chapters in several books. Much of her scholarly and creative work focuses on the rhetoric of remembering practices and how the embodied qualities of memory shape identity, writing, and knowledge production.

TAMMIE M. KENNEDY
English
2016-2017 NEW AND RENEWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND CHAIRS

These faculty are being honored for their new or renewed appointments to the following professorships/chairs:

**Jack Armitage**
Accounting
» Distinguished Alumni Professorship of Accounting

**Christine Beard**
Music
» Regents/Foundation Professorship

**William Blizek**
Philosophy
» Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professorship

**David Carter**
Counseling
» Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professorship

**Mark Celinscak**
History
» Louis and Frances Blumkin Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies

**Carol Ebdon**
Public Administration
» Regents/Foundation Professorship

**Angela Eikenberry**
Public Administration
» David Scott Diamond Professorship

**Neal Grandgenett**
Teacher Education
» Dr. George and Sally Haddix Community Chair in STEM Education

**David Helm**
Arts - Art and Art History
» Edwin Clark Diamond Professorship

**Lyn Holley**
Gerontology
» Dr. Chuck Powell Professor of Gerontology

**Charles Johanningsmeier**
English
» Ralph Wardle Diamond Professorship

**Bruce Johansen**
Communication
» Kayser Chair

**Lisa Kelly-Vance**
Psychology
» Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professorship

**Jeremy Lipschultz**
Communication
» Isaacson Professorship

**Julie Masters**
Gerontology
» Terry Haney Chair of Gerontology

**Wai-Ning Mei**
Physics
» Milo Bail Chair in Physics

**Elliot Ostler**
Educational Leadership
» Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professorship

**Wei Rowe**
Finance, Banking and Real Estate
» Nebraska Bankers Association Professorship

**Lisa Sample**
Criminology and Criminal Justice
» Elizabeth H. Reynolds and Beverly B. Reynolds Professor of Public Affairs and Community Service

**Yong Shi**
Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis
» Isaacson Professorship

**Mark Wohar**
Economics
» College of Business Administration Distinguished Professorship

**Peter Wolcott**
Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis
» Mutual of Omaha Distinguished Chair of Information Science and Technology

**Qiuming Zhu**
Computer Science
» Union Pacific Chair of Information Science and Technology
2016–2017 CONTINUING PROFESSORSHIPS AND CHAIRS

Phani Tej Adidam
Marketing and Entrepreneurship
» Executive Management Education Professorship

Maria Arbelaez
History
» Charles W. and Mary C. Martin Professor of History

Catherine Co
Economics
» Ward Y. Lindley and George T. Lindley Professorship

Christine Cutucache
Biology
» Haddix Community Chair in Science

Kathleen Danielson
Teacher Education
» Isaacson Professorship

Raj Dasgupta
Computer Science
» Mutual of Omaha Distinguished Chair of Information Science and Technology

Chris Decker
Economics
» John Lucas Diamond Professorship

Arthur Diamond
Economics
» Frederick W. Kayser Chair

Sarah Edwards
Teacher Education
» Dr. Hollie Bethel Professor of Education

Dale Eesley
Marketing and Entrepreneurship
» John Morgan Community Chair in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Franchising

Griffith Elder
Mathematics
» Maury and Nancy Lipton Professor of Mathematics

Susan Eldridge
Accounting
» Union Pacific Professor of Accounting

Richard File
Accounting
» Thomas A. and Beverly Ward Spencer Professorship in Government Accounting

Jeffrey French
Psychology
» D.B. and Paula Varner Professorship

Ann Fruhling
Interdisciplinary Informatics
» Mutual of Omaha Distinguished Chair of Information Science and Technology

Robin Gandhi
Interdisciplinary Informatics
» Charles W. and Margre H. Durham Distinguished Professor of Information Science and Technology

Matt Germonprez
Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis
» Mutual of Omaha Distinguished Chair of Information Science and Technology

Angela Hodge
Mathematics
» Dr. George Haddix Community Chair in Mathematics

Christopher Kelly
Gerontology
» Leo Missinne Professor of Gerontology

Alan Kolok
Biology
» Isaacson Professorship

Shuanglin Lin
Economics
» Harlan and Nancy Noddle Professorship of Business Administration

William Mahoney
Interdisciplinary Informatics
» Cheryl Prewett Clark Diamond Professorship

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Mathematics
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» Professor Robert Ackerman Faculty Fellow of Community Engagement

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» Isaacson Professorship

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» Robert T. Reilly Professorship

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» Charles W. and Mary C. Martin Professor of Western American History

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Finance, Banking and Real Estate  
» Hollis and Helen Baright Distinguished Professor of Real Estate Studies

Dustin Slivka  
Health, Physical Education and Recreation  
» Dean’s Award of Excellence Professorship

Nicholas Stergiou  
Health, Physical Education and Recreation  
» UNO Distinguished Community Research Chair in Biomechanics

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Biology  
» Sophie and Feodora Kahn Professorship in Biology

Scott Tarry  
Aviation Institute  
» Distinguished Professor in Aviation

Roopa Venkatesh  
Accounting  
» William C. Hockett Diamond Professorship

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