



The Pennsylvania State University Distinguished Professors

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The title of Distinguished Professor recognizes the exceptional academic contributions of full-time faculty members who hold the rank of professor. Distinguished Professors are recognized leaders in their fields of research or creative activity; demonstrate significant leadership in raising the University's standards in teaching, research or creative activity, and service; and exhibit excellent teaching skills.

Penn State's Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs [named 10 Distinguished Professors for 2020](#) who are included in this list, which is organized by College.

To learn more about Penn State's Distinguished Professorships, see [University Policy AC10](#) or visit the [Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs website](#).

Abington College

Linda Patterson Miller, Distinguished Professor of English
Elizabeth Montemurro, Professor of Sociology

Altoona College

Brian C. Black, Distinguished Professor of History and Environmental Studies, Division of Arts and Humanities
Sandra H. Petrulionis, Distinguished Professor of English and American Studies, Division of Arts and Humanities
Rebecca Strzelec, Distinguished Professor of Visual Arts, Division of Arts and Humanities

Berks College

Robert C. Forrey, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Division of Science
Daniel B. Litvin, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Division of Science

Capital College

Shaun L. Gabbidon, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs
Erdener Kaynak, Professor of Marketing, School of Business Administration
Glen A. Mazis, Distinguished Professor of Humanities and Philosophy, School of Humanities
Richard R. Young, Distinguished Professor of Supply Chain Management, School of Business Administration



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College of Agricultural Sciences

- Thomas C. Baker**, Distinguished Professor of Entomology and Chemical Ecology, Department of Entomology
- Ottar N. Bjørnstad**, Distinguished Professor of Entomology and Biology, Department of Entomology
- Margherita T. Cantorna**, Distinguished Professor of Molecular Immunology, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences
- Terry D. Etherton**, Distinguished Professor of Animal Nutrition, Department of Animal Science
- Christina M. Grozinger**, Distinguished Professor of Entomology, Department of Entomology
- Alexander N. Hristov**, Distinguished Professor of Dairy Nutrition, Department of Animal Science
- Leif I. Jensen**, Distinguished Professor of Rural Sociology and Demography, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education
- Sridhar Komarneni**, Distinguished Professor of Clay Mineralogy, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
- Jonathan P. Lynch**, Distinguished Professor of Plant Nutrition, Department of Plant Science
- Jeffrey M. Peters**, Distinguished Professor of Molecular Toxicology and Carcinogenesis, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences
- Virendra M. Puri**, Distinguished Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- James S. Shortle**, Distinguished Professor of Agricultural and Environmental Economic, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education
- Jay R. Stauffer, Jr.**, Distinguished Professor of Ichthyology, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management

College of Arts and Architecture

- Lisa O. Bontrager**, Distinguished Professor of Music, School of Music
- Velvet Brown**, Distinguished Professor of Tuba and Euphonium, School of Music
- Maureen A. Carr**, Distinguished Professor of Music, School of Music
- Kim D. Cook**, Distinguished Professor of Music, School of Music
- Christopher Staley**, Distinguished Professor of Art, School of Visual Arts
- Kenneth R. Tamminga**, Distinguished Professor of Landscape Architecture, Department of Landscape Architecture

College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

- Susan L. Brantley**, Distinguished Professor of Geosciences, Department of Geosciences
- William H. Brune III**, Distinguished Professor of Meteorology, Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science
- Derek Elsworth**, Distinguished Professor of Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering, Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering
- Zi-Kui Liu**, Distinguished Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering
- Michael E. Mann**, Distinguished Professor of Meteorology, Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science



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College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, continued

- Gary L. Messing**, Distinguished Professor of Ceramic Science and Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Kwadwo A. Osseo-Asare, Distinguished Professor of Metallurgy and Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Chunshan Song, Distinguished Professor of Fuel Science, Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering

College of Education

- M. Kathleen Heid**, Distinguished Professor of Education (Mathematics Education), Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Gregory J. Kelly, Distinguished Professor of Education (Science), Department of Curriculum and Instruction
P. Karen Murphy, Distinguished Professor of Education (Educational Psychology), Department of Educational Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education
David L. Passmore, Distinguished Professor of Education (Workforce Education and Development), Department of Learning and Performance Systems

College of Engineering

- Charles E. Bakis**, Distinguished Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics, Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics
Guohong Cao, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Chita R. Das, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Enrique Del Castillo, Distinguished Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
Cheng Dong, Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Department of Biomedical Engineering
William E. Higgins, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering
Patrick M. Lenahan, Distinguished Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics, Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics
Asok Ray, Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Anand Sivasubramaniam, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Karen A. Thole, Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Darrell Velegol, Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering
Aylin Yener, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering
Qiming Zhang, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering



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College of Health and Human Development

Linda M. Collins, Distinguished Professor of Human Development and Family Studies and Statistics,
Department of Human Development and Family Studies

Penny M. Kris-Etherton, Distinguished Professor of Nutrition, Department of Nutritional Sciences

Mark L. Latash, Distinguished Professor of Kinesiology, Department of Kinesiology

Susan M. McHale, Distinguished Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, Department of
Human Development and Family Studies

Peter C. M. Molenaar, Distinguished Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, Department of
Human Development and Family Studies

Dennis P. Scanlon, Distinguished Professor of Health Policy and Administration, Department of Health
Policy and Administration

Joshua M. Smyth, Distinguished Professor of Biobehavioral Health and Medicine, Department of
Biobehavioral Health

College of Information Sciences and Technology

John M. Carroll, Distinguished Professor of Information Sciences and Technology

College of the Liberal Arts

D. Scott Bennett Jr., Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science

Christopher D. Castiglia, Distinguished Professor of English, Department of English

Kalyan Chatterjee, Distinguished Professor of Economics and Management Science, Department of
Economics *

James P. Dillard, Distinguished Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences, Department of
Communication Arts and Sciences

Jonathan Eaton, Distinguished Professor of Economics, Department of Economics

Roger Finke, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies, Department of Sociology and
Criminology

John Gastil, Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences, Department of Communication Arts and
Sciences

Cheryl J. Glenn, Distinguished Professor of English and Women's Studies, Department of English

Melissa A. Hardy, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Demography, Department of Sociology and
Criminology **

Peter Hatemi, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science

Eric R. Hayot, Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature and Asian Studies, Department of
Comparative Literature

John Iceland, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Demography, Department of Sociology
and Criminology

Vijay Krishna, Distinguished Professor of Economics, Department of Economics

Robert C. Marshall, Distinguished Professor of Economics, Department of Economics

John D. McCarthy, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Criminology

George R. Milner, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology



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College of the Liberal Arts, continued

Jenae M. Neiderhiser, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Human Development and Family Studies, Department of Psychology

Christopher Reed, Distinguished Professor of English, Visual Culture, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Department of English

Joan T. Richtsmeier, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology

Neil Wallace, Distinguished Professor of Economics, Department of Economics

College of Medicine

James Broach, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Keith C. Cheng, Distinguished Professor of Pathology, Department of Pathology

Vernon M. Chinchilli, Distinguished Professor of Public Health Sciences, Department of Public Health Sciences

James R. Connor, Distinguished Professor of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurosurgery

Karam El-Bayoumy, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Paul Haidet, Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Humanities and Public Health Sciences

Robert E. Harbaugh, Distinguished Professor of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurosurgery

Xuemei Huang, Distinguished Professor of Neurology, Pharmacology, Radiology and Kinesiology

Charles H. Lang, Distinguished Professor of Cellular and Molecular Physiology, and Surgery, Department of Cellular and Molecular Physiology

Robert Levenson, Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacology

Craig M. Meyers, Distinguished Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Department of Microbiology and Immunology

Timothy J. Mosher, Distinguished Professor of Radiology, Department of Radiology

Lawrence I. Sinoway, Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine

Carol S. Weisman, Distinguished Professor of Public Health Sciences, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Health Policy and Administration, Department of Public Health Sciences

Mark D. Widome, Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

John W. Wills, Distinguished Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Department of Microbiology and Immunology

Rongling Wu, Distinguished Professor of Public Health Sciences, Department of Public Health Sciences

Ian S. Zagon, Distinguished Professor of Neural and Behavioral Sciences, Department of Neural and Behavioral Sciences

Dickinson Law

William B. Barker, Distinguished Professor of Law

Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications

Ford Risley, Associate Dean for Undergraduate and Graduate Education and Professor of Journalism



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Eberly College of Science

Réka Albert, Distinguished Professor of Physics and Biology, Department of Physics
G. Jogesh Babu, Distinguished Professor of Statistics, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics
Philip C. Bevilacqua, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Dmitri Burago, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics
Vincent H. Crespi, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Materials Science and Engineering and Chemistry, Department of Physics
Teh-hui Kao, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Christine Keating, Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry
Wen-Ch'ing Winnie Li, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics
Dennis Lin, Distinguished Professor of Statistics, Department of Statistics
Mark Maroncelli, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry
Yakov B. Pesin, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics
Donald Richards, Professor of Statistics, Department of Statistics
Donald P. Schneider, Distinguished Professor of Astronomy, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics
Mark Strikman, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Department of Physics
David S. Weiss, Professor of Physics, Department of Physics
Ping Xu, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

Michael Campbell, Professor of Biology, School of Science
John K. Gamble, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Political Science and International Law, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
George Looney, Distinguished Professor of English and Creative Writing, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Pamela Silver, Distinguished Professor of Biology, School of Science

Penn State Great Valley

John J. Sosik, Professor of Management and Organization, School of Graduate Professional Studies

Penn State Law

Hari M. Osofsky, Distinguished Professor of Law



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Smeal College of Business

Russell R. Barton, Distinguished Professor of Supply Chain and Information Systems, Department of Supply Chain and Information Systems

Gary L. Lilien, Distinguished Research Professor of Management Science, Institute for the Study of Business Markets

Arvind Rangaswamy, Professor of Marketing, Department of Marketing

Linda K. Treviño, Distinguished Professor of Organizational Behavior and Ethics, Department of Management and Organization

University College

Charles Cantalupo, Distinguished Professor of English, Comparative Literature, and African Studies, Penn State Schuylkill

Stephen J. Cimbala, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Penn State Brandywine

Anatoli F. Ivanov, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Penn State Wilkes-Barre

Frantisek Marko, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Penn State Hazleton

Veronica Montecinos, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Penn State Greater Allegheny

Margaret L. Signorella, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Penn State Brandywine

University Libraries and Scholarly Communications

Paige G. Andrew, Distinguished Maps Cataloging Librarian

Linda Musser, Distinguished Librarian and Head of the Earth and Mineral Sciences Library

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* 2/27/02 - Provost approved additional Distinguished Professor (transferred from the Smeal College of Business)

** 9/26/11 - Provost approved additional Distinguished Professor (transferred from the College of Health and Human Development)