

TEACHER EDUCATION

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Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards

Excellence in Advising Award - Office of the Provost

To recognize outstanding academic advising by a faculty member and to demonstrate the University of Mississippi's commitment to excellent advising.

- [Crystal Armstrong Dunn](#) - Coordinator of Advising, Recruitment and Retention (2014)

Staff Council Award - EEO1

- [Mary Ann Connell](#) - Adjunct Professor of Leadership & Counselor Education (1995)

Outstanding Staff Award

A staff member of the School of Engineering who has demonstrated exemplary service, leadership, and commitment.

- [Bethany Ferguson LaValley](#) - Coordinator of Professional Development-CMSE (2010)

Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award

The Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the University is selected from nominations submitted by students, alumni and faculty.

- [Ann Elizabeth Monroe](#) - Associate Dean and Professor of Teacher Education (2018)

School of Education Outstanding Service Award

The Exemplary Service Award is presented to a faculty or staff member for exceptional service to the profession, the local or University community, region, state, or national and international scholarly communities during the academic year.

- [Laura F Prior](#) - Associate Professor of Teacher Education (2022)
- [Sara Ann Grimes Platt](#) - Assistant Professor of Special Education (2020)
- [Nichelle Catrice Robinson](#) - Associate Professor of Teacher Education and School of Education Diversity Officer (2019)
- [Denise A Soares](#) - Assistant Dean, Director of Graduate Studies, Professor of Special Education, and Interim Director of the National Center for School-University Partnerships (2018)
- [Matthew Blake Adams](#) - Program Manager (2017)
- [Stacy Ryan Niemeyer](#) - Assistant Provost for Regional Campuses and Associate Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education (2016)
- [Virginia J Moore](#) - Associate Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education (2015)
- [Ann Elizabeth Monroe](#) - Associate Dean and Professor of Teacher Education (2012)

School of Education Outstanding Teacher of the Year

- [Mary Katherine Naron](#) - Instructor in Teacher Education (2022)
- [Karen V Davidson Smith](#) - Clinical Associate Professor of Teacher Education; School of Education Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2021)
- [Diane Lawrence Lowry](#) - Clinical Associate Professor of Special Education (2020)
- [Alicia Cooper Stapp](#) - Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education (2018)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Professor of Teacher Education (2017)
- [Jerilou J Moore](#) - Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education (2016)
- [Allan Edward Bellman](#) - Professor of Mathematics Education (2014)
- **OTIS WESTBROOK PICKETT** - ADJUNCT PROFESSOR (2013)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Professor of Teacher Education (2012)
- [Ann Elizabeth Monroe](#) - Associate Dean and Professor of Teacher Education (2010)
- [Nichelle Catrice Robinson](#) - Associate Professor of Teacher Education and School of Education Diversity Officer (2009)
- [Jerilou J Moore](#) - Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education (2007)
- [Angela Sykes Rutherford](#) - Professor of Teacher Education and Director of the Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (2006)
- **LUCINDA M LEIGH** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (2005)
- **SARAH E BLACKWELL** - ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR IN TEACHER EDUCATION (2003)
- [Sidney T Rowland](#) - Associate Professor Emerita of Teacher Education (2001)
- **BOBBIE SMOTHERS JONES** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2000)



- **MARTHA S CHAMBLESS** - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (1999)
- **PEGGY EMERSON** - Chair Emerita and Professor Emerita of Curriculum (1998)

School of Education Researcher of the Year

- **Kenya Elizabeth Wolff** - Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education (2022)
- **Joel C Amidon** - Professor of Teacher Education (2020)
- **Burhanettin Keskin** - Professor of Early Childhood Education (2018)
- **Kerry P Holmes** - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (2017)
- **Denise A Soares** - Assistant Dean, Director of Graduate Studies, Professor of Special Education, and Interim Director of the National Center for School-University Partnerships (2016)
- **Joel C Amidon** - Professor of Teacher Education (2015)
- **Allan Edward Bellman** - Professor of Mathematics Education (2014)
- **ANGELA TILL BARLOW** - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2011)
- **BARBARA J DOUGHERTY** - PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2009)
- **DEBORAH A CHESSIN** - Professor Emerita of Curriculum and Instruction (2005)
- **Kerry P Holmes** - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (2004)
- **William Joseph Sumrall** - Professor of Elementary Education (2002)
- **David Rock** - Dean of the School of Education and Professor of Curriculum & Instruction (2001)
- **JEAN M SHAW** - Professor Emerita of Curriculum and Instruction (2000)

