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 21 Distinguished Professors for 2022 who are included in this list, which is organized by College.

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Abington College
Linda Patterson Miller, Distinguished Professor of English
Elizabeth Montemurro, Distinguished 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
Laurie Grobman, Distinguished Professor of English and Women’s Studies
Abdullah Konak, Distinguished Professor of Information Sciences and Technology

Capital College
Shaun L. Gabbidon, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs
Erdener Kaynak, Distinguished Professor of Marketing, School of Business Administration
Elizabeth Tisdell, Distinguished Professor of Lifelong Learning and Adult Education

College of Agricultural Sciences
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
Karen Fisher-Vanden, Distinguished Professor of Environmental and Resource Economics and Public Policy, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education
Alexander N. Hristov, Distinguished Professor of Dairy Nutrition, Department of Animal Science
College of Agricultural Sciences (continued)

Leif I. Jensen, Distinguished Professor of Rural Sociology and Demography, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education
Jason Kaye, Distinguished Professor of Biogeochemistry
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
Jay R. Stauffer, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Ichthyology, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
Gregory Ziegler, Distinguished Professor of Food Science, Department of Food Science

College of Arts and Architecture

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
Marica Tacconi, Distinguished Professor of Music and Art History, School of Music
Kenneth R. Tamminga, Distinguished Professor of Landscape Architecture, Department of Landscape Architecture

College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

William H. Brune III, Distinguished Professor of Meteorology, Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science
Sukyoung Lee, Distinguished Professor of Meteorology, Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science
Paul Markowski, Distinguished Professor of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science, Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science
Kwadwo A. Osseo-Asare, Distinguished Professor of Metallurgy and Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Clive Randall, Distinguished Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Joan Redwing, Distinguished Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Erica Smithwick, Distinguished Professor of Geography, Department of Geography

College of Education

Gail Boldt, Distinguished Professor of Education (Language and Literacy Education and Women’s Studies), 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
William Rothwell, 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
Mahmut Kandemir, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering
Seong Kim, Distinguished Professor of Chemical 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
Adri van Duin, Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Darrell Velegol, Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering
Jose Ventura, Distinguished Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
Qiming Zhang, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering

College of Health and Human Development
Mary Jane De Souza, Distinguished Professor of Kinesiology and Physiology, Department of Kinesiology
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
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
Doug Teti, Distinguished Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, Department of Human Development and Family Studies
Krista Wilkinson, Distinguished Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

College of Information Sciences and Technology
John M. Carroll, Distinguished Professor of Information Sciences and Technology
James Wang, Distinguished Professor of Information Sciences and Technology
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College of the Liberal Arts
Amy Allen, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Department of Philosophy
D. Scott Bennett Jr., Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science
Christopher D. Castiglia, Distinguished Professor of English and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, 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
Diane Felmlee, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Roger Finke, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies, Department of Sociology and Criminology
John Gastil, Distinguished 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
George R. Milner, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology
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
Denise Solomon, Distinguished Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences

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
College of Medicine (continued)

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
Richard Mailman, 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
Kathryn Schmitz, Distinguished Professor of Public Health Sciences
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, Distinguished Professor of Journalism

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
Wen-Ching Li, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics
Manuel Llinas, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Mark Maroncelli, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry
Yakov B. Pesin, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics
Donald P. Schneider, Distinguished Professor of Astronomy, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics
Mark Strikman, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Department of Physics
David S. Weiss, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Department of Physics
Ping Xu, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics
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Michael Campbell, Distinguished Professor of Biology, School of Science
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Linda K. Treviño, Distinguished Professor of Organizational Behavior and Ethics, Department of Management and Organization

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Laura Guertin, Distinguished Professor of Earth Sciences, Penn State Brandywine
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Frantisek Marko, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Penn State Hazleton
Robert Mathers, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Penn State New Kensington
Margaret L. Signorella, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Penn State Brandywine

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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)
***9/29/2020 – Provost approved additional Distinguished Professor (does not count toward allotment total)