



The Pennsylvania State University Distinguished Professors

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 13 Distinguished Professors for 2024 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](#).

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
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
Lonnie Graham, Distinguished Professor of Visual 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

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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

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

Edward Smith, Distinguished Professor of Aerospace Engineering, Department of Aerospace 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

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

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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

College of the Liberal Arts

Amy Allen, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Department of Philosophy

Peter Arnett, Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology

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

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

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

Paola Migliaccio-Dussias, Distinguished Professor of Spanish, Linguistics, and Psychology, Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese

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

Denise Solomon, Distinguished Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences

Janet van Hell, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Linguistics, Department of Psychology

Jennifer Van Hook, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Demography, Department of Sociology and Criminology

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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
Robert Levenson, Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacology
Dajiang Liu, Distinguished Professor of Public Health Sciences and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Public Health Sciences
Richard Mailman, Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacology
Patricia McLaughlin, Distinguished Professor of Anatomy, Department of Neural and Behavioral Sciences
Craig M. Meyers, 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

Homero Gil De Zúñiga, Distinguished Professor of Film Production and Media Studies
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
Zoltan Fodor, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Department of Physics
Eric Ford, Distinguished Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics
Teh-hui Kao, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Carsten Krebs, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Chemistry
Wen-Ching Li, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics



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Yakov B. Pesin, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics
Joseph Reese, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
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

Penn State Abington

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

Penn State Altoona

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
Grant Risha, Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Division of Business, Engineering, and Information Sciences and Technology
Nicholas Rowland, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Division of Education, Human Development and Social Sciences

Penn State Berks

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

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

Michael Campbell, Distinguished Professor of Biology, School of Science
Ashutosh Deshmukh, Distinguished Professor of Accounting and Management Information Systems
George Looney, Distinguished Professor of English and Creative Writing, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Penn State Great Valley

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

Penn State Harrisburg, The Capital College

Shaun L. Gabbidon, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs

Senel Poyrazli, Distinguished Professor of Counseling Psychology, School of Behavioral Sciences and Education
Elizabeth Tisdell, Distinguished Professor of Lifelong Learning and Adult Education
David Witwer, Distinguished Professor of American Studies and History, School of Humanities



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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, Distinguished Professor of Marketing, Department of Marketing

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

University College

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

Laura Guertin, Distinguished Professor of Earth Sciences, Penn State Brandywine

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

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

Pingjuan Werner, Distinguished Professor of Engineering, Penn State DuBois

University Libraries and Scholarly Communications

Paige G. Andrew, Distinguished Maps Cataloging Librarian

Ellysa Cahoy, Distinguished Education Librarian

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

Tom Reinsfelder, Distinguished Librarian, Penn State Mont Alto

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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)