

Endowed Professorships

Endowed professorships are awarded to faculty members who demonstrate outstanding research and engagement in community service. Funded by local sponsors, the awards support research projects and professional development for a four-year term.



Eric Hiatt, Professor, Geology

Eric Hiatt is the recipient of the 2013 Curwood Inc. Endowed Professorship.

Hiatt is an accomplished scholar, excellent teacher and outstanding ambassador of UW Oshkosh. He is an internationally recognized researcher with dozens of published research papers, many with student co-authors, in major international peer-reviewed scientific journals. He has co-authored many abstracts for national and international conferences, taught international professional short courses, and has advised government officials in Australia and South America on matters of natural resources. Because the origin and nature of energy resources, aspects of global climate change and evolution of life on Earth are all vitally important—perhaps today more than ever—Hiatt believes geoscientists have a special responsibility to convey accurate information to the public and include key information regarding natural resources in courses. He uses innovative teaching methods and people from all over the world download his physical geology lecture podcasts. He teaches field-based courses in Bermuda and the Florida Keys that deal with modern environments, oceanography, geology and environmental impacts. Hiatt is an associate editor for the *Journal of Marine and Petroleum Geology*, an adjunct professor at both Queen's and Acadia universities in Canada and has an outstanding record of service to the community, University, and national and international academic communities.

Hiatt earned his bachelor's degree in geology from Indiana University–Purdue University at Indianapolis and his doctoral degree in geology from the University of Colorado.



Robert Kunkel, Professor, Finance

Robert Kunkel is the recipient of the 2013 Alberta Kimball Foundation Endowed Professorship.

Kunkel's accomplishments and teaching track record make him a highly respected ambassador of UW Oshkosh. Kunkel teaches classes at the undergraduate and graduate levels and is a leading researcher in his field on the topics of personal finance, investments and market anomalies. Kunkel has had 19 refereed journal publications and 10 research presentations during his time at UW Oshkosh. For his cross-disciplinary research, Kunkel has also received six research grants. Kunkel served as the department chair from 2006 until 2009. He also serves on the board of directors for the Bethel Foundation of Oshkosh, as chair of the asset-liability committee for the UW Oshkosh Credit Union, as the faculty adviser of the UW Oshkosh Finance Club and on the editorial board for *Managerial Finance* and the *Journal of Business and Economic Perspectives*.

Kunkel earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Illinois–Champaign, his master's degree in business from Western Illinois University, and a master's degree in economics and his doctorate in business administration from the University of Tennessee–Knoxville. Paul Klemp, Professor, English.

John McNaughton Rosebush Professorship

The John McNaughton Rosebush Professorship recognizes UW Oshkosh faculty members for teaching, professional achievement and public service. Nominees are considered in a selection process by a panel representing all University governance groups.



William Mode, Professor, Geology

William Mode is an outstanding example of a faculty member who has established strong connections between teaching and research. He has completed 17 field expeditions to the Arctic to study the history of climate and glaciation as well as many field seasons studying these topics in Wisconsin and Colorado. He has collaborated with more than 50 students through independent studies, research projects and laboratory and field assistantships. Mode's service to the University includes his role as department chair since 1999 and his participation in new student orientation; he also formerly served as an associate dean in the College of Letters and Science as well as serving on numerous committees. Currently, he is the chair of the Wisconsin Geology Examining Board and serves on the Wisconsin Mapping Advisory Board. Additionally, within the community, Mode frequently leads workshops and gives talks to school groups and organizations about topics such as the Arctic and glacial geology.

Mode earned his bachelor's degree in geology from Augustana College, master's degrees in geology and water resources management from UW–Madison and his doctorate in geology from the University of Colorado–Boulder.



Craig Maher, Associate Professor, Public Administration

Craig Maher's teaching excellence is marked by his pioneering efforts in online course delivery. As department chair and program coordinator, Maher has steered the Masters of Public Administration program at UW Oshkosh. His research on the fiscal condition of local governments has resulted in many published articles and presentations at professional conferences. Maher has also served as a consultant for local government entities and school districts. He serves on the National League of Cities and Urban Institute's Advisory Committee and a Government Accounting Standards Board Service and Accomplishments Task Force. He was also appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Milwaukee County Finances and elected to the Wauwatosa Common Council in 2004. Maher recently signed a book contract that will be part of the American Society of Public Administration Series in Public Administration and Public Policy, which is geared toward those interested in the public administration field.

Maher earned his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in political science from UW–Milwaukee.

Edward M. Penson Distinguished Teaching Award

Edward M. Penson Distinguished Teaching Award recipients are selected based on their teaching excellence, service, professional commitment and scholarly growth. A committee of faculty, students and staff determines who will receive the honor.



J. Ben Arbaugh, Professor, Management

J. Ben Arbaugh believes in designing and conducting his courses with conclusions drawn from research. Teaching at the graduate level, Arbaugh is known for connecting with his students through his passion for his field. He is also known as a prominent expert in his field in the area of online education. Arbaugh has been cited and acknowledged in many management journals making a national impact in the area of business education; he has also won numerous “best paper” awards. He serves on the editorial boards for the Academy of Management Learning & Education, Journal of Management Education, Decision Sciences Journal of Innovation Education and The Internet and Higher Education. Arbaugh’s many University service activities include service on the Graduate Council, Online Course Policy group, board of directors of the UW Oshkosh Alumni Association and Institutional Research.

Arbaugh earned his bachelor’s degree in business from Marshall University, his master’s in business administration from Wright State University, master of arts from the Ohio State University and his doctorate in business strategy from the Ohio State University.



Jayalakshmi Jambunathan, Professor, Nursing

A highly valued faculty member at UW Oshkosh since 1987, Jaya Jambunathan excels in teaching, scholarship and service to the University and community. She is involved in numerous scholarly activities that support her teaching to both undergraduate and graduate students. She has taught in the traditional and accelerated undergraduate program and currently teaches in the MSN and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs. Jambunathan has been an adviser to numerous graduate student theses, clinical papers and doctoral student capstone projects. She enthusiastically makes time to learn technological innovations to use in her teaching. Committed to enhancing international relationships between UW Oshkosh and universities in India, she has authored and co-authored several successful grants to either bring nurse educators from India to the College of Nursing as collaborative faculty or set up intensive community health clinicals with several agencies in India. She was a co-principal on a Robert Wood Johnson grant on Innovations in Nursing Education. Jambunathan regularly publishes and presents research on a variety of topics related to her specialty of mental health and in nursing education. She has also co-authored papers with graduate students. Jambunathan has served in various roles with the Eta Pi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and is an active member of the Midwest Nursing Research Society on the research section advisory committee and the Wisconsin Nurses Association Research Committee. She also serves as a research consultant at Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

Jambunathan earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from UW Oshkosh, her master’s degree in nursing with an emphasis in primary health care from UW Oshkosh and her doctorate in nursing from UW–Milwaukee.

Edward M. Penson Distinguished Teaching Award



David Jones, Professor, Criminal Justice

For more than 30 years, David Jones has been a valued member of the criminal justice department at UW Oshkosh where he serves as department chair. He has taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in a total of 19 different subjects. Advocating a liberal arts education, Jones challenges his students through encouraging and assigning writing. As a scholar of constitutional law, Jones has been involved with more than 30 publications and more than 40 papers at scholarly conferences frequently incorporating his findings into his teachings. He has served on many UW Oshkosh committees, most notably on several that focus on student needs including the Liberal Education Reform Team, the University Studies Committee and the Student Academic Committee. He is adviser of the Student Criminal Justice Association.

Jones earned his bachelor's degree in government from Carleton College, his master's degree in political science from Duke University and his doctorate in political science from the University of Kansas.



Timothy Paulsen, Professor, Geology

Timothy Paulsen's passion and enthusiasm for geology inspires students and makes him an outstanding educator. He believes in integrating materials from his research into the classroom to help students learn and discover. Since his arrival at UW Oshkosh in 1999, Paulsen has published 31 refereed scientific papers and has co-authored 46 abstracts at national and international conferences. He collaborates with scientists from an array of national and international institutions as well as with UW Oshkosh students. Paulsen is the director of the capstone geology class, which is an intense, six-week field immersion course taught each summer in Utah, Wyoming and Nevada. Public outreach through lectures and media engagements is also important to Paulsen. He is the adviser for Sigma Gamma Epsilon and the geology department's undergraduate student adviser.

Paulsen earned his bachelor's degree in geology and geophysics from UW-Madison and his doctorate in geology from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

Barbara G. Sniffen Faculty Governance Service Award

The Barbara G. Sniffen Faculty Governance Service Award recognizes faculty members who have exceptional University service records.



Jayalakshmi Jambunathan, Professor, Nursing

In her more than 25 years at UW Oshkosh, Jaya Jambunathan has given tirelessly of her talents through service to UW Oshkosh. At the College level, she is the director of Research and Evaluation. She also chairs the Research and Professional Development Committee, the College of Nursing Personnel Committee, the Promotions Committee and the Evaluation Committee. She is also a member of several other committees. At the University level, she has been involved with several search and screen committees, the Endowed Professorship Committee, the Biodigester Research Committee, the Graduate Council, Salary Equity Review Committee and many more committees. Jambunathan served twice as the president of the Eta Pi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Beyond UW Oshkosh, she is involved with many professional organizations including the Wisconsin Nurses Association, the Midwest Nursing Research Society, the American Nurses Association's Council of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing, and has served as a board member of the Winnebago County Mental Health Association.