

Outstanding Faculty Recipients  
2012-2013 Academic Year

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
Dean: Dr. Christopher Fiorentino

Department of Accounting: Dr. Lori Fuller, Chair

**Professor Glenn Soltis, Department of Accounting**

- He is a good teacher who explains each topic well and makes sure everyone understands the information. He also teaches how to apply accounting to our lives, not only through accounting, but in our personal lives as well. He is always willing to help and he provides a good atmosphere that inspires us to learn. I also enjoyed the class that he conducted on decision-making and how it affects our lives.

Department of Economics and Finance: Dr. Cynthia Benzing, Chair

**Dr. Margaret Clarke, Department of Economics and Finance**

- She is very understanding and answers all questions students ask. Her class is very clear and she gets tests back in a very timely manner. She also grades assignments in a fair manner. Overall, she cares about her students' lives outside of class. Dr. Clarke takes 4-5 minutes each class to ask how everyone is doing and to talk about relevant issues such as the pending teacher strike.

- Dr. Clarke possesses a plethora of knowledge in the subject of economics. She does a great job relating real world examples to class material and explains content thoroughly.

- Dr. Clarke is very enthusiastic about what she does and she makes the class fun. She interacts with her students and gets to know them. Although the material is difficult, she tries her best to use analogies and explain it to her students. She is always open to debates and brings real world examples into class.

**Professor Eric Parnell, Department of Economics and Finance**

- Professor Parnell makes the concepts in his class easy enough for anyone to understand. He gives real world examples so students can apply topics to everyday life. You can tell he really cares about his classes and his students. He explains topics fully and completely to make sure everyone understands and can do well on his exams and in his class.

- I first met Professor Parnell this semester because he is the instructor for my FIN 325 (Corporate Finance) class. He is a very intelligent person and is also a great teacher. He makes sure that all students understand the material and is very accommodating to those who need extra help. I actually enjoy going to his class and the environment that he creates motivates me to learn.

**Dr. David Pedersen, Department of Economics and Finance**

- Dr. Pedersen exhibits exemplary efficacy not only by teaching, but inspiring students to take ownership of the classroom lessons. A champion of his field of study and an exceptional communicator, Dr. Pedersen has proved to be a tremendous asset to this university through his aptitude in transforming technical concepts into tactile particles of wisdom. Without a doubt, Dr. Pedersen goes above and beyond his fundamental duties by expanding lessons to encompass the "whys" instead of just isolating the "hows." In effect, students leave his classes understanding the dynamic relationships behind seemingly one-dimensional principles; only the most adept instructors are able to expose this exclusive realm.

Department of Geography and Planning: Dr. Dorothy Ives Dewey, Chair

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**Dr. Kristen Crossney, Department of Geography and Planning**

- This professor deserves recognition because she is great at what she does. She not only effectively teaches the class material but she makes sure that all her students understand and are well engaged. She always makes an effort to see how the class is doing and is always up beat and pleasant with the class (even when she is sick). Dr. Crossney does not make her class easy, but she makes obtaining a good grade possible if you do the work, pay attention and participate. Nothing is given to you without hard work and if this teaching method does not produce great students, I do not know what else does. I especially believe that she deserves recognition because of her response to the recent elections. She gave a little speech the next day and told everyone to respect the outcome of the election whether it was what you wanted or not. She spoke about how great it was to be an American and the ability to have your vote matter. She went out of her way in this mini speech to impose life-altering thoughts on the class about something other than class material. This is a General Education class for me, but it is one I will never forget, thanks to Dr. Crossney.

**Dr. Joy Fritschle, Department of Geography and Planning**

- Dr. Fritschle is extremely fair. She always takes the students' opinions into account. She is very warm and welcoming in the classroom. She shares her passion with the students and her love for geography shines through.

Department of Marketing: Dr. Jack Gault, Chair

**Dr. Sandra Tomkowicz, Department of Marketing**

- Dr. Tomkowicz exemplifies what it means to be an educator. She is emphatic about her field of study and clearly enjoys her job. Willing and ready to share her wealth of legal and business knowledge with students, Dr. Tomkowicz provides classes with a cornucopia of relevant court cases to study. Dr. Tomkowicz is approachable about class material and any other topics. She is an all around marvelous educator and a really swell person.