





## **Scholastic Honors Convocation 2014**

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College of the Arts	
Department of Art	
Presented by Professor & Chair Joe Sanders	
Department of Communication	
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Department of Theatre Arts Award  Theatre Arts Design and Technical Award  Theatre Arts Performance Award  Theatre Arts Education Award  Theatre Arts Education Award  Presented by Professor & Chair Larry Dooley	
D. Abbott Turner College of Business	
Department of Accounting & Finance	
Finance Award  Presented by Professor & Chair Michael Daniels	
Department of Management & Marketing	
Presented by Professor & Chair Neal Thomson	
Graduate Business Program	

Presented by Professor & Program Director Andres Jauregui

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	Information Technology Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Wayne Summers	
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Presented by Professor & Director Cheryl Smith	
College of Letters and Sciences	
Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology	Sociology Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Michael Bailey	
Department of English	English Literature Award Creative Writing Award nglish Professional Writing Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Carmen Skaggs	1511311 1 TOTOSSIONAL VVITUING / WVAIC

Department of Modern & Classical Languages
Spanish Award  Presented by Professor & Chair Pedro Maligo
Department of Political Science
Department of Biology
Presented by Professor And Chair Julie Ballenger
Department of Chemistry
Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Environmental Science Award  Presented by Professor & Director Warren Church
Department of Mathematics and Philosophy
Department of Psychology
University Awards
*Faculty Service Award Dr. Ellen Roberts, Associate Provost and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Wayne Summers, 2013 Faculty Service Award Recipient
*Faculty Research and Scholarship Award
Chappell Graduate Award
Academic Recognition Award
*Faculty Cup Award
Recessional

# **Reception will follow in The Lobby of University Hall**\*Monetary awards provided by Columbus Bank & Trust Company,

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Reception courtesy of Student Government Association

#### **FACULTY SERVICE AWARD**

#### **2014 NOMINEES**

#### Dr. John Finley, Associate Professor of General Business

Dr. John Finley is an Associate Professor and his primary teaching area is International Business. He has directed all of Columbus State University's non-accounting business internships for many years, and has developed three different study abroad courses for the College of Business. He has taken six sections of these students to three countries (Spain, Costa Rica, and Brazil). He has also participated in the USG European Council program, and has taken two sections abroad through that program. Dr. Finley has been an active member of the International Education Committee for many years, and is the current Chair of the Study Abroad Subcommittee. He also participates in the Georgia State University CIBER Consortium as CSU's Faculty Champion and as a member of the Steering Committee. Dr. Finley is the Discipline Coordinator for the General Business major, and this academic year he is serving as a "Faculty in Residence" for one of the CSU residence halls.

#### Dr. Christopher McCollough, Assistant Professor of Communication

Dr. Christopher McCollough teaches Public Relations, Political Communication, and Mass Communication courses at Columbus State University. His research work primarily focuses on the working relationships between state government public information officers and journalists, as well as fostering civic engagement among millennials through service-learning courses. In addition to Dr. McCollough's teaching and research, he works actively as a Public Relations Consultant through the Department of Communication's Non-Profit and Civic Engagement (NPACE) Center, aiding local charities and civic organizations in the Columbus area. He also collaboratively develops marketing and PR strategies for the College of the Arts. He is strengthening the region's connection with the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and helped organize the formation of Columbus State University's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) Chapter. Dr. McCollough is also Columbus State University's representative with the American Democracy Project, a national organization chartered to enhance civic engagement through service, education, and E-Citizenship.

## Dr. Joseph A. Sanders, Associate Professor of English

Dr. Joseph "Aaron" Sanders is an Associate Professor of English at Columbus State University. He earned his Ph.D. in English at the University of Connecticut and his M.F.A. in Fiction Writing at the University of Utah. Dr. Sanders' fiction has appeared in journals such as *Carolina Quarterly, Gulf Coast, Beloit Fiction Journal,* and *Quarterly West,* among others. He just completed a novel, Whispers of Heavenly Death, and a TV Pilot called Bad Missionaries.

#### **Professor Orion Wertz, Associate Professor of Art**

Orion Wertz, Associate Professor of Art in Painting, was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The derelict industry and forested hills of the region left an impression that reappears in his artwork. He received a B.F.A. from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He went on to study at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where he received his master's degree. He has exhibited paintings, drawings and sculptures in a variety of venues, has produced several comic books and lectured on topics related to graphic novels.

## FACULTY RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2014 NOMINEES

## Dr. Kevin Burgess, Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Kevin Burgess joined the Columbus State University Department of Biology in 2008. His research interests are in the field of Plant Ecological Genetics. Specifically, his pure and applied research program uses the tools of ecology, systematics and molecular biology as well as population and quantitative genetics to answer questions related to conservation genetics, life history evolution, biodiversity, evolutionary ecology, pollination biology, population dynamics, and the ecological and genetic consequences of hybridization.

#### Yuichiro Komatsu, Assistant Professor of Art

Yuichiro Komatsu, Assistant Professor of Art in Ceramics, received his M.F.A. degree from New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, and a B.F.A. from the State University of New York at New Paltz. He was a DAAD Postgraduate Research Fellow at Kunsthocshule Berlin Weissensee/Universitat der Kunste in Germany. He has since exhibited nationally and internationally, and served as an Artist in Residence in San Paolo, Brazil in 2013. His ceramic work deals with notions of space in both domestic and public environments.

#### **Dr. Frank Mixon, Professor of Economics**

Dr. Frank Mixon earned his doctorate in Economics 1992. Since that time, he has published over 100 refereed journal articles and has recently completed his fifth scholarly book. In 2013 alone, he authored or co-authored 15 refereed journal articles. His work has appeared in very prestigious outlets including the *Journal of Applied Econometrics* and *International Business Review*, two of the leading journals in economics and international business, respectively. He has published in *Public Choice*, the leading journal in the field, as well as in *Southern Economic Journal*, *Applied Economics*, and *Eastern Economic Journal*, which are very highly-regarded journal outlets in economics. While his publication outlets are impressive, it is interesting to note that one of his 2012 publications received coverage in the popular media with citations in *U.S. News and World Reports*, the *Huffington Post* and the *Daily Mail*. In 2013, his work was cited in the Wall Street Journal. Dr. Mixon's research has been cited a total of 1,045 times in articles or books written by other scholars in more than 385 unique academic journals. In 2013 alone, his work was cited in 69 unique journals. Dr. Mixon's research record has brought honor and distinction to him from his peers, and welcome recognition to Columbus State University.

#### **USG REGENTS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD 2014 NOMINEES**

## Dr. Patrick Jackson, Associate Professor of English

Dr. Patrick Jackson came to Columbus State University in 2008, a year after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon. He has published on the poetry of the World War I poet Wilfred Owen and on the history of blank verse in English poetry. His research and teaching interests include poetics, modern British literature, modern American literature, and the detective novel. Since coming to CSU, Dr. Jackson has been directly involved with many student activities and programs, including serving as the Faculty Advisor for the university newspaper for four years, and CSU's English Honors Society for the last two years. He has also taught a GRE workshop to CSU students for the last three years.

## Dr. Edward O'Donnell, Associate Professor of Marketing

Dr. Edward O'Donnell is an Associate Professor of Marketing. He combines a passion for intellectual inquiry with a passion for classroom teaching, and he has set high standards for achievement in both endeavors. He is at his best in the classroom. His students all speak highly of his instructional techniques; his classroom demeanor and his clear interest in seeing his students succeed and learn. His courses are rigorous, yet he receives excellent evaluations from his students. His courses integrate relevant, real world experiential work, up to date cases and exercises and prepare students for success in their post-college careers. Dr. O'Donnell is also a past recipient of the CSU Faculty Research and Scholarship Award (2011).

#### **USG REGENTS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD (ONLINE FACULTY) 2014 NOMINEE**

## Dr. Jim Owen, Professor of English

Dr. Jim Owen is a Professor of English at Columbus State University, where he has taught for the past 19 years. Prior to arriving at CSU, he was a faculty member at James Madison University and at North Carolina State University. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University, and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Dr. Owen enjoys teaching the literature of the Restoration and the 18th Century, particularly as it relates to the development of the Novel. As a teacher, his greatest joy comes when his students make connections with the literature that they study, and discover that their lives in the 21st Century have much in common with the lives of the 18th Century authors that they are reading. Dr. Owen has been published in several literary journals, and he has been a frequent presenter at the College English Association Conference. He currently serves as the Chair of the Academic Standards Committee. Dr. Owen is a previous recipient of the Faculty Service Award (2006), the Sigma Tau Delta Literary Sage Award (2005), and the College English Association Robert Miller Award (2002).

#### USG REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING AWARD 2014 NOMINEES

## Dr. Jennifer Pitts, Associate Professor of Management Information Systems

Dr. Jennifer Pitts is an Associate Professor of Management Information Systems. Dr. Pitts has been very active in the area of teaching pedagogy. She has published several papers looking at various aspects of teaching and learning, including looking at the comparative outcomes of online courses. She works as the College of Business Distance Learning Liaison, chairs the Distance Learning Committee, is on a number of teaching and pedagogy related committees, and provides assistance to faculty within the college on the use of D2L and learning technologies. She has attended over a dozen workshops and programs on teaching and distance learning.

## Dr. Eliot Rendleman, Assistant Professor of English

Dr. Eliot Rendleman is the Director of the Writing Center at the Columbus State University. In the English Department, he teaches a course in writing center theory and practice, courses in the professional writing program, and second-semester composition. Dr. Rendleman coordinates writing across the discipline activities at Columbus State, including a competitive faculty writing fellowship, the Outstanding Teacher of Writing Award, and the Celebration of Student Writing. His publications discuss aspects of writing programs and writing center administration, and these articles can be found in the online journal *Composition Forum* and in *Writing Lab Newsletter*. He is an active member of the Southeastern Writing Center Association, currently serving as the 2013-2015 State Representative of Georgia.

## Dr. Kimberly Shaw, Professor of Physics

Dr. Kimberly Shaw is the Co-Director of UTeach Columbus, Assistant Chair of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, and a Professor of Physics at Columbus State University. Among other work, she has published research assessing the factors that may predict student success in introductory math and science classes; assessments of the effectiveness of tutoring and peer instruction programs; and on the assessment of the use of tablet PCs in facilitating the teaching of problem solving skills in a physics classroom. She has also co-authored a published essay on the importance of conducting and publishing Scholarship of Teaching and Learning research. Presently, Dr. Shaw's teaching spans from Physics, Physical Science, Research Methods, and Honors Enrichment courses. Dr. Shaw earned her M.S. and her Ph.D. in physics from Florida State University.

#### WILLIAM "BILL" CHAPPELL GRADUATE FACULTY AWARD 2014 NOMINEES

## Dr. Radhouane Chouchane, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Dr. Radhouane Chouchane received his M.S. from Columbus State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He has been the Coordinator of the TSYS School of Computer Science Graduate Program and a member of the Graduate Council, since 2012. Dr. Chouchane has mentored several theses, and over fifteen graduate and undergraduate research students. His students have won first place for the past two years at the ACM MidSE Conference. He is well-published and is an external reviewer for several journals and conferences. Dr. Chouchane is a Co-Chair of the National Retention Committee for the STARS Alliance (broadening participation in computing student outreach group) funded with an NSF Grant. He is also the Director of the CSU Center of Academic Excellence for Information Assurance Education.

## Dr. Nick Norwood, Professor of Creative Writing

Dr. Nick Norwood is a professor of Creative Writing in the English Department, having come to Columbus State University in 2002. His third full volume of poems, *Gravel and Hawk*, won the Hollis Summers Prize in Poetry and was published by Ohio University Press in 2012. His other books are *A Palace for the Heart* (2004), *The Soft Blare* (2003), and the limited edition, fine press book *Wrestle* (2007). His poems have appeared in many journals, online sites, and broadcasts such as *The Paris Review, Shenandoah, The Wallace Stevens Journal, Poetry Daily*, the PBS News Hour blog *Art Beat*, and NPR's *Writer's Almanac with Garrison Keillor*. Winner of the Faculty Research and Scholarship Award in 2013, he has also been a finalist for the Faculty Teaching Award and the Educator of the Year Award, a winner of the Outstanding Teacher of Writing Award, and a nominee for the Faculty Service Award.

## Dr. Sean Powell, Assistant Professor of Music

Sean Powell is Assistant Professor of Music and Coordinator of Music Education at the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University. He teaches instrumental methods, conducting, literature, woodwind methods, music technology, introduction to research in music education, curriculum development in music education, the graduate seminar in music education, supervises student teachers and practicum students, and is a frequent guest conductor of university ensembles. Dr. Powell also serves as the Faculty Advisor for the CSU chapter of NAFME-Collegiate. He is published in the *Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education, Journal of Music Teacher Education*, and *Journal of Band Research*. He has presented research at National Music Education conferences in California, Missouri, Ohio, and North Carolina; State Music Education conferences in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Illinois; and at the ISME World Conference on Music Education in Thessaloniki, Greece. Dr. Powell received the Doctor of Education in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

#### **EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

#### **2014 FINALISTS**

## Dr. Kyle Christensen, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Administration

Dr. Kyle Christensen is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at Columbus State University. He is currently in his fifth year at CSU. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Christensen is also the Director of the Social Research Center. In this role, he oversees internal research projects within the University. One of his largest annual projects is Student Course Evaluations. As a professor, Dr. Christensen teaches undergraduate courses in American Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Research Methods courses. He is known by his students as a funny, witty, and compassionate teacher. He is also known for his mentorship and involvement in several campus organizations. He serves as the Faculty Advisor to the International Relations Club, Pi Sigma Alpha (the Political Science Honor Society), and he is the CSU Director of the Columbus Area Model United Nations. Dr. Christensen is widely considered by many students to be a superb professor and mentor.

#### Dr. Andrea Dawn Frazier, Assistant Professor of Education

Dr. Andrea Dawn Frazier is an Assistant Professor of Education at Columbus State University. In this position, she teaches graduate-level coursework. As a Faculty Member at Columbus State University, she is dedicated to research in the educational field. Some of her notable accomplishments include research projects to find ways in which educators and community stakeholders can better serve the children of their communities. Currently, she is working on a research project that is designed to examine educational spaces for elementary grades students. The title of this project is, "Shaping Our Space: Public Participation and Spatial Thinking in Urban Planning at Downtown Elementary." Dr. Frazier is an active Faculty Member at Columbus State University. She has served on the CFL Curriculum Committee, Doctoral Advisory Committee, Academic Standards Committee, and the Honors Education Committee. Dr. Frazier is an experienced professor in research and classroom teaching. As a result of her kind personality and leadership, she is truly admired by her students.

#### Dr. Kimberly Gill, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Administration

Dr. Kimberly Gİll is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. She is also currently the Director of the Masters of Public Administration Program at Columbus State University. Dr. Gill has been a faculty member at Columbus State University since 2010, when she served as an adjunct instructor for Political Science and Criminal Justice. Dr. Gill's professional interests include conflict resolution/mediation, gender studies, public administration, public law, public policy, judicial policy, administration and management in criminal justices systems, advocacy practices and problems, courts, and judicial administration. In addition to her duties as Director of the MPA Program and as a professor, she has served as the Faculty Advisor to the Pre-Law Organization and Public Heroes student-led group. Currently, she serves as Chair of the Graduate Council, Graduate Council representative on the Strategic Planning Commission, Chair of the Intellectual Properties Committee, and Trustee for the CSU Research and Service Foundation. Dr. Gill has a strong commitment to teaching, and is a firm believer that educators should motivate, inspire, and educate - but not indoctrinate their students.

## Dr. Katherine White, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Dr. Katherine White is an Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychology. Currently, Dr. White works directly with CSU students by teaching several courses including: Introduction to Psychology, Research Design and Methodology, Social Psychology, and Cross Cultural Psychology. Dr. White is regarded by many of her students as a passionate professor who focuses on teaching her students to utilize their knowledge and apply it towards the betterment of society. While she believes that research is an important aspect of education, she believes that a true scholar can translate their research into new, creative ideas about their subjects of interest. Dr. White has been an active Faculty member at CSU, and her involvement includes serving on the Howard Hall Building Advisory Committee, the Faculty Center Fellowships Selection Committee and the University Grant Screening Committee. Her community involvement also includes working with students on the CSU Day of Service and as a volunteer for the YMCA.

#### **Student Honorees**

Thomas Adams Brittany Anderson\* Deneshia Anderson\* Ariel Andrews\* Teresa Atkinson Eric M. Baker Patrick Baker Hartley Barron Zeporia Bass\* Shawn Benton\* Philomina Boateng\* Kayla Brown Carla Burton Erica Bussey\* Angela Byrd\* Taylor Caldwell Caroline Campbell Charles Cantrell Victoria Cantrell Rosemarie Carlisle\* Pablo Colon William Cordell Christie Cox Lindsey Davies\* Cambreia Davis\* Telea Davis\* Angie Dowdell\* Timothy Downes Ernestine Dozier\*

Stephanie Earle

Jennifer Everitt Adesikemi Ewedemi Lori Favoretto Ford Fourgurean Erika Galdamez\* Angela Gary\* L. Dawayne Gilbert Robert Glass\* Leah Glazier Michael Glover Rachel Green\* Tracy Greenfield\* Katrina Hall\* Ionathan Harrell Kathryn Harrell\* Nancy Harris Shelbie Harris Audrianna Haynes\* Likai He Katherine Hinzman\* Chelsea Hix Garrett Hix\* Tyler Hoffman Elaine Hoffmeister Rebecca Holman Allison Honea Jordan Huffman Veronica Hutchinson Amaka Iloegbunam Ayanna Ivey\*

Damini Jain\* Rachel Jefferson Christina Johnson\* Jonathan Johnson\* Sierra Johnson Wendi Johnson\* Nicholas Johnston Timothy Jones Ashley Jordan\* Jacob Keen Jordan King Kevin Klida Tyler Krug Morgan Lamberson Renee Lambert\* Elizabeth Lamberth\* Mary Lyons\* Juan-Pablo Marin\* Nanisha Martinez Rachel Massey Sammie Mays\* Kimberly McAfee\* Cameron McCarty Jonathan McCollough Pavla Melkova Elise Miller Brooke Mobley\* Yvette Nathan-Jones\* Roshan Nedumpurath Matthew Nelson\*

Trang Nguyen John Nieberding\* Sheena Odom Anthonia Okonkwo\* Ianet O'Neill\* Heidi Packard Wenonah Patrick Geoffrey Platta Michelle Pokopac George Pruitt\* Leslie Reese Kea'ya Reeves\* Joseph Roberts Melissa Rodgers Ashly Rodriguez Elizabeth Romey Sean Russell\* Michael Ryan\* Christopher Scanlon Cedric Searcy Chelsea Severin Malinda Shamburger\* Carrie Sharitt\* Brittany Shepard Kayla Short\* Juan Silva Jessie Sizemore Brandon Smith Laura Smith Megan Smith\*

Laurie Smithson\* Christopher Stanford Valerie Staples\* Bobbi Starr Andrew Stringfellow Yuka Styron\* Steven Tette\* Essence Thomas\* Trenda Thomas\* Fallecia Turner\* Usenmfon Udo\* Kaitlyn Underwood Alisa Valles\* Hannah Vongsavang\* Gabrielle Walden\* Elicia Walker\* Brandy Walters\* Averie Ward Victoria Weaver\* Pamela Wetherington Chelsea Whitehurst Larry Williamson Amanda Woodruff\* Jessica Word\* Samantha Worthy Elizabeth Yates

\* Denotes Who's Who Recipients

## **Faculty Honorees**

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