

2015 Employee Awards

Holling Family Distinguished Senior Faculty Teaching Award

General teaching award open to the ranks of associate professor and professor; \$2,500 each

Funded by the Holling Distinguished Teaching for Engineering Fund

- **Terri Norton**, Associate Professor, The Durham School
- **Clarence Waters**, Professor, The Durham School

Henry Y. Kleinkauf Family Distinguished New Faculty Teaching Award

General teaching award open to the rank of assistant professor; \$2,500 each

Funded by the Henry Y. Kleinkauf Family Fund

- **Xu Li**, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering
- **Benjamin Terry**, Assistant Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Holling Family Distinguished Engineering Educator Award

Honors an outstanding engineering educator who has demonstrated sustained excellence in engineering education, open to the ranks of associate professor and professor; \$7,500 cash award per year and \$2,500 in discretionary funds per year, for each of three years.

Funded by the Holling Distinguished Teaching for Engineering Fund

- **Kevin Cole**, Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Holling Family Distinguished Teaching/Advising/Mentoring Award

Recognizes faculty for effectiveness as an adviser and mentor, as well as effectiveness as a classroom teacher; chosen by eSAB, \$2,500 each

Funded by the Holling Distinguished Teaching for Engineering Fund

- **Libby Jones**, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering
- **Mehrdad Negahban**, Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

UNO Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award

General teaching award open to all faculty ranks; recipient is also recognized at the UNO Faculty and Staff Recognition Reception; \$1,000 from UNO and \$1,000 from COE

Funded by the UNO Alumni Association and donors' annual gifts to the College of Engineering

- **Yaoqing Yang**, Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Holling Family Master Teacher Award/UNL University-Wide Teaching Award

General teaching award open to all faculty ranks; recipients are also recognized at the UNL Spring Honors Convocation; \$1,000 from UNL and \$1,000 from COE each

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- **John Barton**, Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering
- **Aemal Khattak**, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering

Edgerton Innovation Award

Research award open to the rank of assistant professor (tenure track); nominated by unit heads; \$2,500 (personal prize) / \$10,000 (new Ph.D. student assistantship) / \$10,000 (unrestricted research)

Funded by Edgerton Innovation Award Fund

- **Xu Li**, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering

College Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award

Recognizes individuals for activities associated with investigation/experimentation aimed at the discovery and/or interpretation of facts, as well as the development of creative works or new products; \$2,500 each

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- **Lameck Odhiambo**, Research Assistant Professor, Biological Systems Engineering
- **Jinsong Huang**, Associate Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering
- **Yongfeng Lu**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

College of Engineering Faculty Service Award

Recognizes outstanding individuals for service to their department, college and university, as well as to their profession and community; \$2,500 each

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- **Yusong Li**, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering
- **Linxia Gu**, Associate Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

College Staff Awards for Exemplary Service and Support

Celebrates staff members in the College of Engineering for exemplary service and support towards achieving the vision and mission of the college; \$1,500 each

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- **Leonard Akert**, Prototype Design Specialist & Lab Manager, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- **Lark Bear**, Career Development & Academic Advising Coordinator, College of Engineering
- **Arlys Blakey**, Administrative Technician, Civil Engineering
- **Julia Brunkow**, Budget Analyst, College of Engineering
- **Tareq Daher**, Instructional Design Technology Specialist – Engineering
- **Rob Hahn**, Financial Specialist, College of Engineering
- **Sally Hawkins**, Staff Secretary III, Computer Science and Engineering
- **Ivy Miller**, Administrative Technician, Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction
- **Amber Patterson**, Office Associate, Biological Systems Engineering
- **Joshua Sterns**, Administrative Technician, Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction