University of Kansas Graduate School selects outstanding teaching assistants, faculty for awards

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Recipients of $1,250 Carlin Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards are: Tess Lee Hedrick, history of art; Karla Kunzun, English; and Joe Sommers, English.

Recipients of $500 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards are: Eli Bewacha, business; Anne Distler, humanities and western civilization; David Prutzler, history; and Regina Pesaut, French and Italian.

Elizabeth Legowski, sociology, earned an Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award and the $1,000 Distinguished Service Award.

The Graduate School Dean's Award recognizes faculty members' work in graduate education. The Graduate School has presented the award since 1996. This year's honorees are: John Fewson, professor and chair of the hearing and speech program; Steve Hinnes, executive director of the Graduate and Professional Association; Susan Kemper, a Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professor of Psychology; Jim Lichtenberg, associate dean of the School of Education; Allen Rausch, dean of graduate studies at the

Joseph Steinmetz, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, presented the Byron A. Alexander Graduate Mentor Award to Joann Keyton, professor of communication studies; Robert Timon, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology; and Robert Roseland, professor and chair of the Department of Communication Studies. Steinmetz presented the John C. Wright Graduate Mentor Award to Craig Lunte, professor of chemistry.

"The awards recognize the accomplishments of graduate students and celebrate the many achievements within graduate education at KU," said Carlin. "Having graduate students and faculty who excel at the level of the honorees is what makes KU graduate programs nationally recognized."

KU has 24 graduate programs ranked in the top 25 in the nation and 12 in the top 10 among public universities.

Carlin endowed the Carlin Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, which was first presented in 1993. The KU Graduate School sponsors the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, which was started in 1990, and the Distinguished Service Award, which has been awarded for more than 25 years.

Teaching assistants were nominated by students and departments and programs throughout the university. A selection committee chose winners based on their commitment to teaching, departmental and student comment and level of responsibility.

The award-

winning teaching assistants are listed below by hometown, degree program, dissertation topic and award. When available, parents' names and information about previous education or degrees earned are also listed.

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