

Outstanding ASU faculty serve as exemplars of true teacher-scholars

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in his study of "desert crusts" in Arizona and Mexico and introducing them to the field of "geomicrobiology." He already has a very active, well-funded research program under way.

"He is also a versatile, talented and enthusiastic teacher," says Jean Schmidt, School of Life Sciences (SOLS) professor. "Geomicrobiology is of interest to students in both life sciences and geology, and people studying Mars and other space explorations, since microbes are the most likely form of life to be found on other planets."

Ian Gould joined the ASU Chemistry and Biochemistry Department in 1998 after spending 12 years at the research laboratories of Eastman Kodak, where he developed a worldwide reputation for his research into the interaction of light and matter. His studies helped uncover the basic chemical principles underlying photography, photosynthetic solar energy harvesting and other important processes.



Ian Gould

"During his short time at ASU, Professor Gould has not only continued his work through research grants but has demonstrated exceptional prowess in undergraduate education," says Robert Blankenship, department chair, noting that Gould has won several teaching awards. "This extremely high level of achievement in both research and teaching is exceptional for one just beginning his academic career."

Gould also established a K-12 program mobilizing ASU chemistry students and local teachers to help children appreciate the wonders of nature and started an annual Arizona Undergraduate Research Symposium. Because of his extraordinary achievements, he also has been promoted from assistant to full professor.

Tamara Underiner, associate professor of theatre who came to ASU in 2001, already has developed a high profile at national and international



Tamara Underiner

conferences for her work in Latin American performance studies. She has just published a book that is the first full-length study in English of contemporary theatre in Mayan Mexico.

"This topic has particular relevance because in the wake of the Zapatista uprising in Chiapas, Mexico in 1994, indigenous theatrical troupes have been an important force for the articulation of Mayan cultural identity," says Margaret Knapp, interim department chair. "Professor Underiner has done extensive on-site research under sometimes difficult conditions to produce an important work. She also is a fine teacher and mentor of undergraduate and graduate students."

Bioengineering Professor Leon Iasemidis, who joined



Leon Iasemidis

the faculty in 2000, was among the first in the world to accurately predict epileptic seizures before they take place, using new mathematical models. He holds the first U.S. patent for the new forecasting ability and hopes to put his warning system into an implantable computer chip that will send out an alarm signal from the patient's brain, giving doctors enough time to intervene with drugs.

"Leon Iasemidis's work is a model for faculty performance in the Fulton School of Engineering," said Eric Guilbeau, department chair. "He is leading his field in research and at the same time providing excellent classroom instruction to undergraduate and graduate students."

Biologist Ann Kinzig is carving out a niche in theoretical ecology and the emerging interdisciplinary field exploring the dynamics of human-dominated ecosystems.

Her major projects include study of the influence of socioeconomic factors on urban ecology, including analysis of neighborhood park systems in Phoenix.

"This research springs from Kinzig's sense of responsibility to help balance humanity's need to maintain critical environmental functions while also improving quality of life for its less privileged members, including those to come," says Jane Maireschein, Regents Professor in SOLS.

Though Kinzig arrived at ASU in 1998, her first year was actually spent at the White House, where she helped shape environmental policy as an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow in the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

These exemplary faculty have received an extra salary increase in addition to the promotion adjustment.

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Ann Kinzig

Number of students winning National Security scholarships up significantly

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guage senior Brad Griffin, studying in Kazakhstan.

Fulbright winners are Wing-Yan Choi, finance senior who will study international finance at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Jessica

Thompson, anthropology doctoral student who will analyze fossil bones at Blombos Cave in South Africa.

Choi's award is especially notable because the Hong Kong Fulbright is typically given only to a graduate student. She also was the only American undergradu-

ate chosen to attend a recent Forum for American-Chinese Exchange at Stanford and Beijing. Choi will research the Hong Kong stock market, in an extension of her honors thesis at Barrett Honors College.

Thompson will use new research techniques pioneered by ASU Professor Curtis

Marean to analyze butchery marks on fossil animal bones, to provide crucial information on the emergence of modern humans during the Middle Stone Age.

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In BRIEF

Video festival changes location

The community-based youth drama project, "Place: Vision & Voice," festival will be shown at 7:30 p.m., May 7, in the Galvin Playhouse on the Tempe campus, rather than the Lyceum Theatre as previously posted.

Surplus property, recycling to hold sale

Surplus Property and Recycling will have its final Saturday sale for this semester on May 15. Surplus Property will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Most items will be 50 percent to 75 percent off. There will be a selection of computers, office furniture and other specialty items. All items purchased at Saturday sales must be removed from the property on the day of the sale. For information, visit (<http://surplus.asu.edu>).

Library reminds faculty of procedure

ASU Libraries would like to remind faculty that reserve service is designed to provide controlled, ready access to items that are required course reading.

At the request of individual faculty members, high demand materials are placed on reserve for limited loan periods. Reserve staff will retrieve books from the general

stacks throughout the semester.

It is recommended that all required readings be submitted with the requests.

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Academic Senate gives election results

The Academic Senate held its annual elections recently and Academic Senate President Tony Garcia announced the following results of the 2004 Academic Assembly election:

- President-elect — Susan Mattson, nursing professor (2004 – 05) (becomes president 2005 – 06)
- Secretary of the Senate — Anne Kopta, associate music

professor (2004 – 05);

- Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure — Jere Humphreys, music professor (2004 – 07);

- Academic Professional Grievance Committee — Deborah Abston, associate librarian, and Judy Grace, assistant instructional professional (2004 – 07); Dan Brune, research scientist, and Renu Sharma, associate research scientist (2004 – 05);

- Governance Grievance Committee — Mary Benin, associate sociology professor, Paul Privateer, associate humanities professor, and Timothy Wong, Chinese professor (2004 – 07); and

- Committee on Academic Professionals Status — Elizabeth McNeil and Dan Stanton (2004 – 07); John Wheatley and William Sharp (2004 – 05).

Last year the first electronic voting process was introduced, which may have contributed to the 20 percent voter participation, an increase over previous years.

Student death notification

Student life announces the death of Sandra Lee Weber on Feb. 16. Weber was a non-degree student in the Katherine K. Herberger College of Fine Arts.

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