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The David Ross Boyd Professors

An ongoing series
on the University of Oklahoma's
named professorships

The mission of the University of Oklahoma is three-fold: teaching, research and public service. All three aspects are of equal importance, although from time to time, one or the other may be emphasized.

Research is receiving attention today because of an enhanced perception of the University's role as a major comprehensive university. Scientific inquiry—particularly in such fields as biotechnology and energy—and the resulting increased excellence in graduate education are viewed as magnets for attracting new industry.

Public service also is a current focal point. Business and industrial outreach programs, international ventures, energy and medical conferences which serve the state and nation, continuing education, and a new emphasis on alumni involvement serve to project the image of the University in the Southwest, America and the world.

It is, however, the third aspect of the mission that is most familiar to alumni and friends of OU. It is teaching—the imparting of knowledge or skill—that touches the life of every

graduate and undergraduate student.

New ideas and age-old concepts are shared through classroom lectures. Horizons are broadened and curiosity stirred in student-faculty conferences. Vocational choices and life-long philosophies are shaped by the guidance in a curriculum advisement session.

It is the University's distinguished faculty members who excel in these areas that are honored in this issue of *Sooner Magazine*. It is appropriate that their distinguished professorship bears the name of OU's first president, David Ross Boyd, whose primary concern was to teach the sons and daughters of those who had settled Oklahoma Territory.

The David Ross Boyd Professorship was approved by the OU Board of Regents in June of 1945, and the first appointments were effective in January of 1946. Those first named were Morris L. Wardell of history, Charles F. Giard of music, John B. Cheadle and Victor H. Kulp of law and John F. Bender of education.

They and those who have followed after them were selected because they

have consistently demonstrated outstanding teaching, guidance and leadership for students. Among them have been many of the University's best-loved teachers, including H.H. Herbert, J. Clayton Feaver, J.H. Marshall, Joe Taylor, Ralph Bienfang and a host of others destined to live forever in Sooner history.

Academic units may nominate tenured faculty members with the rank of professor to the appropriate dean. The dean adds his or her comments and forwards the nomination to the provost, who refers it to the council on faculty awards and honors. This group recommends to the president, through the provosts, those considered to be the most highly qualified and most deserving. The president then makes nominations to the Board of Regents for final selection.

The designation is for life, and those selected receive a \$5,000 cash award in the year they are selected. Because they have achieved unusual distinction in the teaching and guidance of students, the faculty members on the following pages are the current David Ross Boyd Professors.

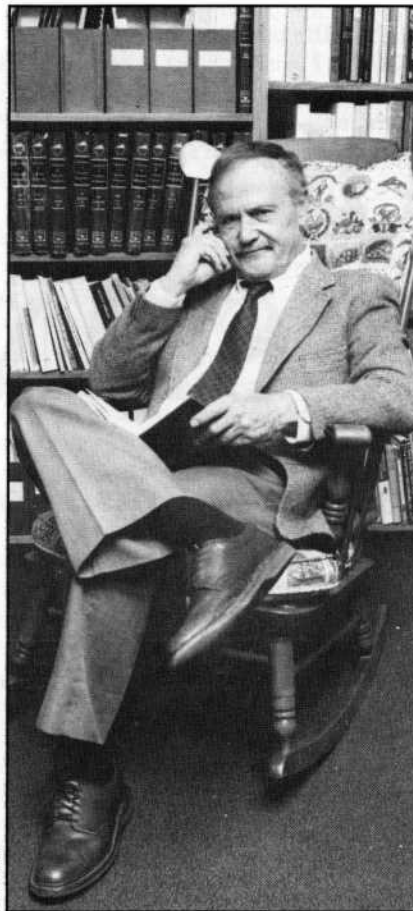


Gil Jain

George Henderson,
human relations

George Henderson, since beginning his OU career in 1967, has become chair of the department of human relations, S.N. Goldman Professor of Human Relations, professor of education and associate professor of sociology in addition to his DRB professorship. He is an active community leader, respected civil rights scholar and highly regarded and popular teacher and guest lecturer.

Henderson won the Regents' Award for Superior Teaching, the OU Student Association Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award and the OU Black People's Union Outstanding Teacher Award. In 1980, he became the first OU professor invited to serve as distinguished visiting professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The author of 20 books and 50 articles and monographs, Henderson is co-founder of the Henderson-Tolson Literary Foundation, which has donated funds to enhance black literature collections in OU libraries.



Gil Jain

David Kitts,
history of science and geology

David Burlingame Kitts has been a professor of geology at OU since 1954. He also was named professor of the history of science in 1966 and adjunct professor of philosophy in 1984. In between he served as chairman of the history of science and currently is curator of paleontology for the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History. Kitts was a visiting fellow in philosophy at Princeton University, a visiting professor of science at McMaster University, and of geology at the University of Chicago.

The author of numerous books and articles on zoology, geology and vertebrate paleontology, Kitts has refereed journal submissions for *Systematic Zoology* and research proposals for the National Science Foundation and the Research Council of Canada. He also has made research presentations at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and before the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

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R. Timothy Coussons,
medicine

R. Timothy Coussons joined OU's Health Sciences Center faculty in 1969 and is currently associate dean for clinical affairs of the OU College of Medicine. He is vice chairman of his department of medicine and twice has served as department head on an interim basis. He also is medical and administrative director of Oklahoma Teaching Hospitals and chief of medical service of Oklahoma Memorial Hospital.

A popular professor, Coussons is a three-time nominee by the students for the prestigious Aesculapian Award recognizing excellence in clinical teaching and received the 1984 Physician of the Year Academic Award from the College of Medicine's Alumni Association. Coussons strives to balance his career between patient care in an academic setting and the education of medical students, interns and residents.

Constance M. Baker is the interim dean of the College of Nursing; she has served as associate dean and director of the graduate program for the college since 1985. She previously was a professor in the program and director of the multimedia program. A member of the HSC faculty since 1972, she won the Regents' Award in 1977.

Baker has held numerous leadership positions in professional nursing organizations, including the presidency of Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society for nursing; Oklahoma League for Nursing; Oklahoma Nurses' Coalition for Action in Politics; and Oklahoma Nurses' Foundation. She is president-elect of the Visiting Nurse Association and chair of the Oklahoma Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs.

Alex J. Kondonassis' main teaching and research interests include international economic development, aggregate economic analysis and policy and economic history. A past Fulbright professor at the Athens School of Economics and Business and a visiting senior research economist at the Center of Economic Research in Greece, he is a frequent guest lecturer in the U.S. and abroad. Kondonassis has published more than 50 refereed articles, monographs and books and recently participated in the U.S. Information Agency AmPart Program in Iceland, Greece and Yugoslavia.

An OU faculty member since 1958, Kondonassis has been chair and director of OU's department and division of economics and currently is the director of the advanced program in economics. He has served as chair of the OU Faculty Senate and has received several teaching awards including the OU Regents' Award for Superior Teaching, Merrick Foundation Teaching Award and the OU Student Association Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service.

Paul G. Ruggiers is the senior active David Ross Boyd Professor and directs *A Variorum Edition of the Works of Geoffrey Chaucer*, an ongoing project to publish Chaucer volumes. To date, seven volumes have been published with *The Prioress's Tale* the most recent. Two other volumes are in prog-

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Constance Baker, nursing



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Paul Ruggiers, English

ress. Ruggiers has translated several works and is a reviewer for international journals, author of articles and books on Chaucer and other literary themes and editor of publications from Dante to *Cultural Leadership in the Great Plains*.

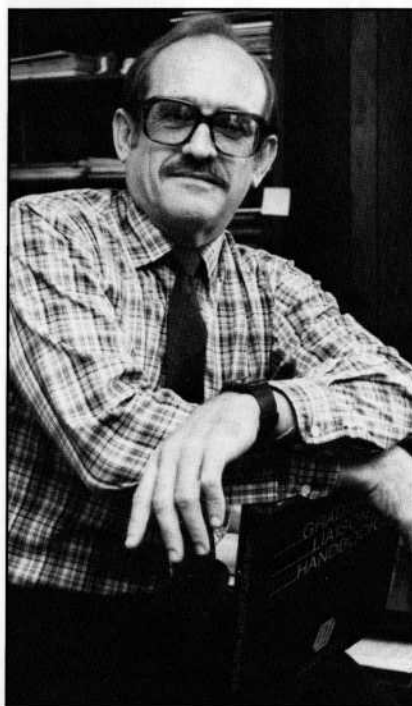
An OU faculty member since 1946

and past director of OU's Honors Program, Ruggiers has received Ford, Guggenheim and Fulbright Fellowships. He is also a George Lynn Cross Research Professor and holder of the Sutton Chair in Humanities, the only OU faculty member named to three distinguished professorships.

Joakim G. Laguros has taught geotechnical and transportation engineering for more than 35 years and has directed OU's academic counseling service in the College of Engineering for six years. An OU faculty member since 1963, he also has served as academic consultant to the University of Panama and the University of Patras in Greece.

Laguros' research interests lie in the area of highway materials; he currently is focusing his attention on the utilization of fly ash in Oklahoma. A Regents' Award winner and recipient of the Halliburton Distinguished Lectureship, he has served on the OU research council, honors and awards council, academic programs council and has chaired the OU task force on advising. Laguros, with more than 50 publications, is a registered professional engineer and is president of the Oklahoma section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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Eddie Smith, chemistry

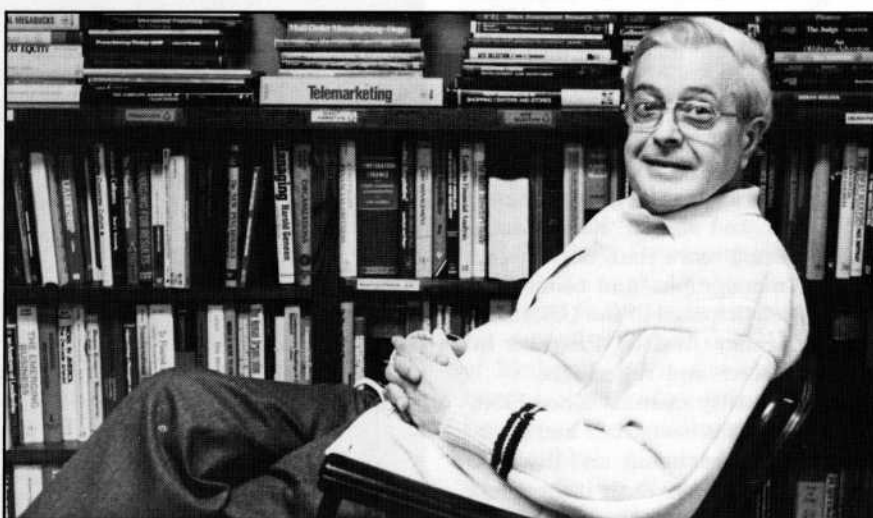
Eddie Carol Smith joined the OU chemistry faculty in 1965 and currently serves as associate dean of the Graduate College. In the interim, he served as vice-chair of chemistry, advisor for undergraduate chemistry majors and member of the pre-medical advisory committee. Later, as the pre-medical professions advisor, he advised both pre-medical and pre-dental OU students.

Smith helped pre-medical students establish the Pre-Medical Professions Club and increased interactions between the Health Sciences Center and the Osteopathic School in Tulsa. While continuing to teach biochemistry, he maintained an active research program and was consistently evaluated with the top of the chemistry faculty. Smith's role now allows him to work with graduate and potential graduate students and assist OU's office of Research Administration and the graduate dean.



Betsy Baker

Joakim Laguros, civil engineering and environmental science



Betsy Baker

Bert McCammon, marketing

Bert C. McCammon Jr. is director of OU's division of marketing and the distribution research program, which focuses on retailing, wholesaling and distribution management. A recognized authority in the field of distribution, he has directed more than 80 industry studies and authored or co-authored more than 50 management reports on emerging trends and critical issues in retailing and wholesaling.

An OU faculty member since 1974, McCammon is an active consultant, primarily in strategic planning, market analysis, distribution program-

ming, management by objectives and organizational development. He has conducted executive development programs and addressed national conventions of the National Mass Retailing Institute, International Association of Department Stores, Association of General Merchandise Chains, National Wholesale Hardware Association and National-American Wholesale Grocers' Association. McCammon also has served as a senior consultant to the Small Business Administration.

David W. Levy has been a member of the OU faculty since 1967. He won the OU Distinguished Teaching Award in 1971, the OU Regents' Award in 1973 and the Student Association's Award for Outstanding Teacher in 1985. Levy is a Danforth Teaching Associate. As an active faculty administrator, Levy has served as a member of the executive committee of the Graduate College and the Colleges of Liberal Studies and Arts and Sciences. He was chair of the OU Faculty Senate in 1985-86.

A noted author, Levy's two latest

books are due in 1989 and 1990. His articles and essays, addressing topics which include Vietnam and American college students, have been published in literary and scholarly journals nationwide. He also is a book reviewer for more than a dozen journals.

Herbert T. Shillingburg Jr. is chairman of fixed prosthodontics at OU's College of Dentistry. He joined the OU faculty in 1972 after teaching at UCLA. Shillingburg has conducted research on tooth preparation design and is the author of four textbooks in fixed prosthodontics. He also has pub-

lished many articles in the professional literature.

Shillingburg is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and holds membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the Academy of Operative Dentistry, the American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics, the Oklahoma Society of Prosthodontists, the American Dental Association, the Oklahoma State Dental Association and the International Association for Dental Research. Shillingburg also maintains a part-time private practice in Oklahoma City.



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David Levy, history

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Herbert Shillingburg, fixed prosthodontics



Betsy Baker

Joseph Rarick, law

Joseph F. Rarick is the University's resident expert in Indian land titles. His research and publications address pertinent issues from obtaining water rights to title standards. A member of the OU faculty since 1953, Rarick participated in the Oxford University summer program in 1976, 1979 and 1982 and was named the Alfred P. Murrah Professor in 1984.

Rarick has served on committees at the Oklahoma Legislature and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board since 1961, and his research and drafting have contributed to almost every major piece of water legislation and board rules and regulations. A House of Representatives resolution honored Rarick for his years of scholarship and service, naming him "Father of the Oklahoma Water Law." Rarick also recently won the annual award, "Oklahoma Water Pioneer."

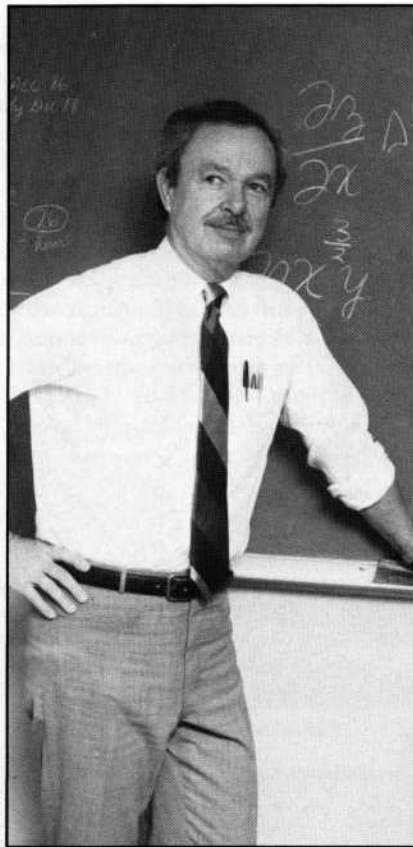


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Ned Hockman, journalism and mass communication

Ned Hockman is an OU alumnus who has been a faculty member since 1967; he currently is professor of film studies and television news video in the H.H. Herbert School of Journalism and Mass Communication. He was OU's official sporting events cinematographer from 1949 to 1985 and has hosted and co-directed the National Press Photographers Association Television Newsvideo Workshop at OU since 1960. Hockman recently won the Joseph A. Sprague Memorial Award, the highest acclaim given in the field of photojournalism.

He is a past delegate to the Cannes Film Festival and is a charter member and past president of the Film Producers Association. Students have voted Hockman outstanding faculty member in the journalism school twice, and he has been recognized in his field by, among others, the Italian National School of Cinema in Rome, the Oklahoma Legislature, the Oklahoma Cowboy Hall of Fame, the U.S. Air Force and many times by the NPPA.

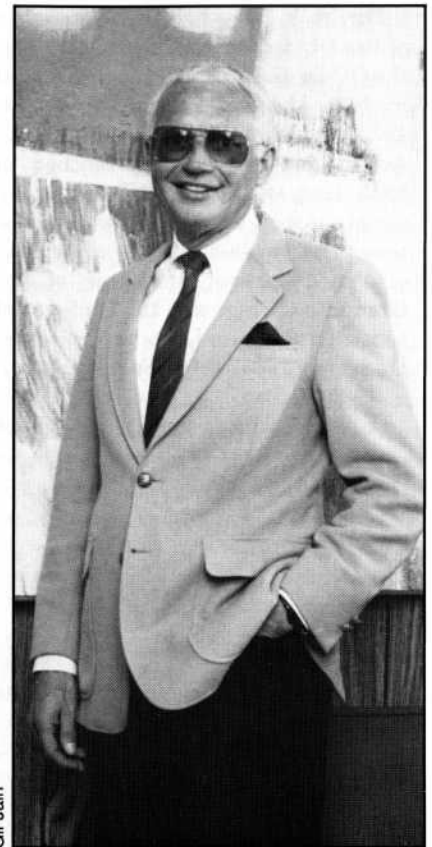


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Thomas Hill, mathematics

Thomas J. Hill joined the OU faculty in 1967 and has won the Regents' Award for Superior Teaching, the AMOCO and Baldwin Teaching Awards and was the first recipient of the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Teaching (college level) presented by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. Hill also is the author or co-author of nine mathematics texts for secondary and college level, author of articles and yearbooks of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, writing committee member of two national mathematics curriculum groups and editor of *The Mathematics Student Journal*, a quarterly publication for secondary math students.

A nationally recognized and popular mathematics educator, Hill is an executive officer of Mu Alpha Theta, the national honorary organization for high school and junior college mathematics students. He is also past president of the Oklahoma Council of Teachers of Mathematics and past and present member of that organization's board of directors.



Gil Jain

Burt Scanlan, management

Burt K. Scanlan is a nationally recognized expert in the field of motivating and developing business and industrial personnel. An author of four books and more than 90 articles on management and achievement motivation, his approach is based on operational experiences. He has been a member of OU's business administration faculty since 1969.

Scanlan has conducted training seminars and workshops with many leading U.S. corporations and federal agencies. His ideas have been instrumental in the implementation of numerous management development programs, many of which stem from his work with managers at levels from supervisory to top executive. While with the University of Wisconsin's Management Institute, he worked exclusively with management development programs at all management levels.

Gil Jain



Duane Roller, history of science

Duane H.D. Roller came to OU in 1954 as an assistant professor of the history of science and curator of the DeGolyer Collection. He founded the teaching program in the history of science and has been instrumental in the growth of the History of Science Collections, of which he is curator.

Roller is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a corresponding member of l'Academie internationale d'histoire des sciences and one of the founders of the Midwest Junto. He has served on history of science committees of the

Gordon Deckert joined the OU Health Sciences Center faculty in 1962 and served as head of the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences from 1969 to 1986. His major scholarly interests revolve around the theme of brain/behavior relationships.

With a self-described "passion for education," Deckert has earned numerous awards from his students. He has been featured by the *Continuing Medical Education Bulletin* as one of the top three presenters in the U. S., has received honorary degrees from several universities and has carried a series of responsibilities with the National Board of Medical Examiners. That group recently presented Deckert with their Distinguished Service Award, the sixth since the board's founding in 1915.

Jim Thomas



Richard Wells, political science

National Science Foundation and the International Union of the History of Science and has been a national lecturer of Sigma XI and the AAAS/NSF Chautauqua program. Roller is also the McCasland Professor of the History of Science.

Richard S. Wells concentrates primarily on constitutional law and politics. He is co-author and editor of a text now in its third edition, and he is pursuing special aspects of the First Amendment and how such freedoms contribute to human individuality. His approach includes teaching po-

litical science as if it were one of the humanities.

Wells served as co-chair of Constitution 200, the state's organization to coordinate the celebration of the bicentennial of the Constitution. He also was co-organizer and director of a faculty group that founded an adult education program in civic learning supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The highly successful three-year program was lauded by participants, educators and politicians. Wells has been a member of the OU faculty since 1964.

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Gordon Deckert, psychiatry and behavioral sciences



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Irvin Wagner, music

Irvin L. Wagner is an internationally known trombonist. While president of the International Trombone Association, he performed and conducted seminars in Japan, Australia, South Africa, Israel, Norway and Germany, and he has entertained the Pope twice. His success in performing and teaching in China led to a television special and an All-India radio concert that together ranked him as the "most heard" trombonist in the world with a combined audience of more than one billion.

An OU faculty member since 1969, Wagner has appeared as guest conductor of the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra and conducts the Polychord Music Festival in Venice, Italy, each summer. He also has conducted the Fort Collins, Colorado, Symphony and the Beijing, China, Conservatory Orchestra. He is widely known for his arrangements, which have been performed by the Oklahoma, Wichita, St. Louis and Minnesota symphonies. He has written commercials for television, and his arrangements have been performed at the Miss America Pageant, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and by Doc Severinsen. Wagner currently is organizing a trombone symposium for July 1988 in Brisbane, Australia. 

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