Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

The Undergraduate Research Mentor Award, established by the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) in 2015, recognizes faculty members who have dedicated time and effort to mentoring undergraduate students in research both in and outside of the classroom. Students mentored by these faculty members have given presentations at regional or national conventions and/or had their research published in peer-reviewed venues. The award is part of a University-wide initiative to recognize and encourage excellence in undergraduate research.

Recipients chosen from each of the three CAS divisions are recognized during the April Student Awards Recognition Assembly. The first awards, given in 2015, went to Lilianne Doukhan, associate professor of music and French (Humanities Division); Karl Bailey, associate professor of psychology (Social Sciences Division); and James Hayward, research professor of biology (STEM Division).

The second annual Undergraduate Research Mentor awards were given out on April 19, 2016 to L. Monique Pittman, professor of English and director of the J.N. Andrews Honors Program (Humanities Division); Harvey Burnett, associate professor of psychology and chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences (Social Sciences Division); and Ryan Hayes, associate professor of chemistry (STEM Division).

L. Monique Pittman has made a lasting impact on many Honors and English students. Alaryss Bosco says, “Dr. L. Monique Pittman has been an exceptional research mentor. Since my project’s infancy she has guided and encouraged me every step of the way. Her supreme organizational skills have been an inspiration and have kept me on track through the project. It has been a privilege to work with a leading expert in the field of Shakespeare studies.”

Charles Abreu, one of several students under Burnett’s mentorship, said this about his professor: “Dr. Burnett first mentored me in Research Methods IV, where he taught survey research methods, and oversaw my first official research project in my 2nd year. His wisdom and guidance enabled me to present the findings from that first project at a major conference. His teaching sparked my personal interest in research and has enabled me to go on to present three more projects at various conferences in Chicago this May.”

Ryan Hayes, whose research is featured in this brochure, has mentored many undergraduate students over the years. Zachary Reichert, a 2016 graduate, has worked with Hayes for the majority of his experience as an undergraduate. “As I have worked for Dr. Hayes, I have been particularly inspired by his enthusiasm as a teacher and researcher. However, his mentorship has provided me with more than inspiration. Throughout my time in Dr. Hayes’ lab, he has presented me with a number of opportunities to share my research with audiences both on and off campus. This has provided me with the confidence to discuss my work and ideas with others and has also given me an opportunity to deeply think about and synthesize the work that I have done. He has also provided me with a good amount of independence, allowing me to critically think about problems on my own while additionally offering important help and mentorship when needed.”

Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship Award Recipients 2016

The Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship Award was established in 2011 in honor of biblical archaeologist Siegfried H. Horn. Horn served as the dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, founded what is now the Siegfried H. Horn Archaeological Museum, directed the first Heshbon expeditions at Tall Hisban, Jordan, and established the journal “Andrews University Seminary Studies.” The award recognizes lifetime achievement in research and creative scholarship among faculty members at Andrews University. One recipient is selected annually from each of four disciplinary areas based on their scholarly productivity over the previous five years, and the awards are presented at the annual faculty & staff awards ceremony in March.

The 2016 recipients of the Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship award were Stephen Zork, associate professor of music, for Arts, Humanities and Education; Karl Bailey, professor of psychology, for Pure and Applied Sciences; Ann Gibson, professor emerita of accounting, for Professional Programs; and Richard Choi, professor of New Testament, for Religion and Theology.

Stephen Zork, conductor of the University Singers and University Chorale and director of choral studies, conducts concerts, gives lectures and performs all around the world. Under his leadership, the University Singers have recorded seven albums. Karl Bailey is a leader in mentoring student research and in religiosity research. His project on the internalization of Sabbath-keeping and wellbeing was featured in the 2015 edition of “Research and Creative Scholarship.” Ann Gibson, formerly professor of accounting and the Hasso Endowed Chair of Business Ethics, is a sought-after accounting lecturer among treasurers in the Adventist church.

Richard Choi, chair of the Department of New Testament, has presented scholarly papers at major conventions and serves as the president of the Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, chair of the Regional Coordinators Committee for the Society of Biblical Literature, and executive secretary and coordinator of the Chicago Society of Biblical Literature.