

Five faculty members have been honored with the title of Penn State distinguished professor. The title reflects outstanding academic contribution to Penn State. The professors must be acknowledged leaders in their field of research; have demonstrated leadership in raising the standards of the University in teaching, research and service; and have excellent teaching and mentoring skills. "Our five new distinguished professors exemplify the high standards of excellence to which all of our College of Medicine faculty aspire. I congratulate them on their achievements as educators, mentors and researchers, and applaud them for their leadership and service," said Harold Paz, dean of the College of Medicine.

Judith S. Bond, professor and chair of biochemistry and molecular biology, Penn State College of Medicine, is an international leader in the field of mechanisms and regulation of metalloproteases and meprins. She has been continuously funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH) for more than 30 years, and received a NIH Merit Award (1989-1996). Member and chair of the NIH Biochemistry Study Section, and NIH National Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council, Bond has given more than 140 invited lectures throughout the world, and authored 200 refereed papers. She has been the president of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and is an associate editor of the Journal of Biological Chemistry.

Robert E. Harbaugh, professor and chair of neurosurgery, Penn State Hershey, is an internationally recognized clinician-scientist in the management of cerebrovascular disease, mechanisms of intracranial aneurysm growth and rupture, cerebrovascular surgery and quality improvement in neurosurgery. A principal investigator on several national clinical trials, including the NASCET and ACE trials for carotid endarterectomy, Harbaugh has received continuous grant funding (including three RO1 grants), served in numerous leadership roles in national neurosurgical organizations and authored more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles and edited three books.

Charles H. Lang, professor of cellular and molecular physiology, Penn State College of Medicine, is a long-standing leader in research on the regulation of carbohydrate and protein metabolism during various catabolic conditions such as sepsis, alcoholism, and AIDS/HIV infection. Lang has a distinguished record of teaching and mentoring, has received the prestigious Distinguished Educator Award, and has served on multiple NIH panels for review of education and training grants in surgery, anesthesiology, burn and pharmacology.

Ralph Norgren, professor of neural and behavioral sciences, Penn State College of Medicine, is a leader in the neuroscience of taste, reward and motivation. Author of more than 125 papers, his reference chapters are standard works in his field. His research has been recognized by an NIDCD Claude Pepper Award, three NIMH Research Scientist Awards, two NIH Forgarty Center International Fellowships and numerous NIH R01 grants, one of them funded continuously for more than 35 years. His assistance to junior colleagues has been acknowledged

through the University Howard Palmer Faculty Mentoring Award (1998) and the College of Medicine Postdoctoral Mentoring Award (2007).

Carol S. Weisman, professor of public health sciences and obstetrics and gynecology, Penn State College of Medicine, is nationally recognized for her long-standing leadership in research on women's health issues, particularly access and use of primary and preventive services, the impact of alternative models of primary care delivery, health policy impacting service delivery, and health factors impacting pregnancy outcomes. Author of more than 130 peer-reviewed manuscripts, Weisman received a \$4.7 million grant from the state Department of Health CURE program to study adverse pregnancy outcomes, and also a NIH BIRCWH award (Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health).