



“Who dares to teach must never cease to learn.” • John Cotton Dana

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## Truly Innovative Teaching Award

The Teaching Academy’s annual Teaching Innovation Award has been endowed in memory of Harry and Jenny Truly through a gift from Elise “Pookie” Sautter and Michael Sautter. It will now be designated the Truly Innovative Teaching Award. Harry and Jenny were Pookie’s parents, who supported, praised, and encouraged both Pookie’s and Michael’s work as educators. The winner is chosen from a competitive group of applicants by the Teaching Academy Advisory Board. The award carries a \$1,000 check and recognition at the annual Teaching Academy Gala.



Michael and Pookie Sautter



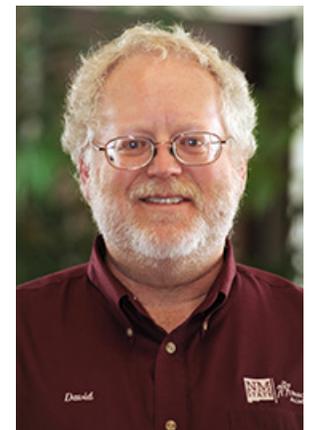
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## Teaching Academy Faculty Fellows

The Teaching Academy is proud to introduce two new Teaching Academy Fellows. These fellows will join Team Academy and teach short courses at the Academy. Under this program, David Smith, associate professor, chemistry and biochemistry, will continue to teach *Team Mentoring for Graduate Students Who Teach Courses or Labs*, which he has taught for the past three years and Michèle Shuster will teach a first-time course, *Active Learning: Evidence-Based Instruction*. Both also perform classroom observations for instructors who request them.



Michèle Shuster, Biology



David Smith, Chemistry & Biochemistry

“I am honored to be a Teaching Academy Fellow in the 2014–2015 academic year. I am very much looking forward to working with instructors on incorporating active learning into their classes,” explained Michèle Shuster, associate professor, biology.



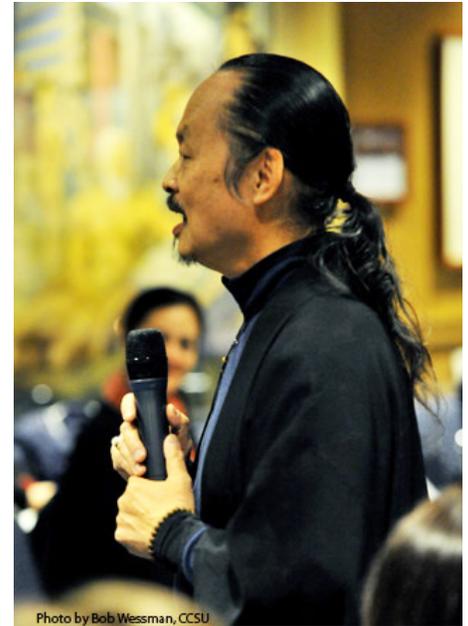
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# Lee Mun Wah Brings His Diversity Workshop to NMSU

Our diversity speaker this year was Lee Mun Wah, director of the film, *The Color of Fear*, which won the Gold Medal for Best Social Studies Documentary. He attracted 180 participants for a showing of his new documentary *If These Halls Could Talk* and his workshop, *Diversity Conversations in the Classroom*.

The day-long seminar helped participants to practice talking in a compassionate and honest way to someone who is different. Participants learned that they are not alone in their fears and that the most important ingredient in communication is sincerity and a willingness to learn and understand each other.

Participants practiced sharing with each other through films, small group interactions, role plays, and personal stories. They learned to notice the impact and intent of communications and ways to respond compassionately and openly about diversity issues. They explored listening mindfully and with awareness, learned how personal stories can affect perceptions and attitudes, and discovered ways to create a sense of community through dialogue and stories, working through conflict and hurt when diversity issues are involved.



Lee Mun Wah, Stirfry Seminars

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## Transitions



Terri McEntire



Michelle Jackson

The Teaching Academy saw several notable transitions in 2014.

In June, Pat Cooper, who served the Teaching Academy as administrative assistant for five years, retired; Mark Hohnstreiter, advancement officer and event planner, left the Teaching Academy to assume a development position at *El Pasoans Fighting Hunger*; and Sharon Lalla, who leads efforts in Quality Matters at NMSU, returned to offices in Instructional Innovation and Quality.

At the end of 2014, Jean Conway will retire after 24 years of service to NMSU, first at the Center for Educational Development, the precursor to the Teaching Academy, and then as associate director for the Teaching Academy starting in 2003.

Terri McEntire, administrative assistant joined the Teaching Academy in September and Michelle Jackson will replace Jean Conway as associate director beginning January, 2015.

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## Notes of Appreciation

*I just found out that I have been selected as a recipient of the 2014 **Donald C. Roush Award for Teaching Excellence**. The Teaching Academy has been indispensable in my path to "find my groove" as a teacher, so to speak.... I wanted to thank you for everything you do to help us faculty develop professionally, and pass on the good news that your efforts are having a tangible effect.*

- Laura Boucheron, assistant professor, Klipsch School of Electrical and Computer Engineering

*I am very appreciative of the programs, workshops, and every single event I've attended at the Teaching Academy. Also the staff and leadership there is amazing. As a junior faculty the Teaching Academy has certainly been a place where I feel supported and 'cheered on.' What's also quite nice is the fact that it provides a forum for me to interact with more senior peers and learn from the experienced faculty members about best practices in teaching, promotion, and tenure.*

- Jessica Houston, assistant professor, Department of Chemical Engineering

# Teaching Academy Scrapbook



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The Advancing Leaders Program organized its second reunion of past participants, committee members, and mentors on May 5. Some 60 attendees heard Mike Cheney, chair, NMSU Board of Regents, and Greg Fant, deputy provost, speak on leadership.



*photo courtesy of Mark Hohnstreiter*  
Saundra Y. McGuire of Louisiana State University gave one of the most highly rated workshops of any speaker in 2012. She will return to the Teaching Academy on September 25, 2014, on the topic, Improve Your Students' Learning by Teaching Them Effective Learning Strategies.



*photo courtesy of Michelle Lebsack*  
Team Academy was recognized on the marquee at a football game for their award-winning office decorations with the theme, "Monsters are Tough Enough to Wear Pink." In Tara's words, "We devoted the same energy and enthusiasm to decorating that we devote to programming."

## Teaching Academy Celebrates Teachers, Bestows Awards

The eleventh anniversary Teaching Academy Gala was held Wednesday, April 30, 2014, to celebrate teachers and teaching and to honor 350 Teaching Academy members. Teaching Academy members participated in at least ten hours of faculty development during 2014.

Provost Dan Howard and Deputy Provost Gregory Fant presided and presented awards and recognitions.

The most distinguished graduate student and the most distinguished faculty member participated in the most hours of professional development at the Teaching Academy in 2014. Karen Trujillo, a master of arts candidate in the Department of English, won this award for a graduate student, and Mike McGonigle, college associate professor of finance received the award for faculty.

The Outstanding Workshop Award is won by the workshop presenter who gave the highest rated workshop, as rated by participants. Lizbeth Ellis, University counsel, won the award for her highly effective workshop, *Daily Five-Minute Quizzes as a Key to Student Engagement and Accountability*.

The Truly Innovative Teaching Award is presented to the individual who best applies learning at the Teaching Academy to their teaching in the classroom. Krista MacDonald, assistant professor of communication in the English and Communication Department at Doña Ana Community College, won the award for the application of the Quality Matters rubric to her online teaching.

The Teaching Academy bestowed its highest award, an honorary membership, on Roberta Derlin, associate vice provost for accreditation, outcomes, and academic planning. Dr. Derlin was honored for her lifetime of dedication to teaching and learning and for her 10 years of leadership to the Teaching Academy. Associate Provost Derlin is responsible for accreditation, strategic planning, academic program review, and other outcomes assessment and continuous quality improvement initiatives. She has served the Higher Learning Commission, NMSU's accreditor, as a peer reviewer, financial panel reviewer, and visiting team chair. Dr. Derlin's lifetime of dedication to effective university accreditation was recognized with her 2014 appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. The committee advises the United States Secretary of Education on accreditation issues.

The short ceremony was followed by a reception, *Champagne and Chocolate*, a Teaching Academy tradition.



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Roberta Derlin was inducted as an Honorary Member of the Teaching Academy

## Backers, Builders, Founders, and Benefactors

We'd like to invite you to participate as a donor to the Teaching Academy and be recognized as such. Payroll deduction makes this easy and affordable. Our donor levels are:

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**Founder** • \$25 per pay period

**Builder** • \$10 per pay period

**Backer** • \$5 per pay period

We very much hope that you will give special consideration to our request. You may respond by email to [tgray@nmsu.edu](mailto:tgray@nmsu.edu) indicating your desire to participate in one of these categories. We will follow up by sending you a payroll deduction form.



## Teaching Academy Benefactors

At the 2014 Gala a record number of benefactors were honored—three. Praised for their exceptional giving were (l-r) Michèle Shuster, associate professor, biology; Dan Howard, provost; and Joyce Bradley, program director, DACC Emergency Medical Paramedic Program.



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