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GOVERNOR KAINE HONORS 2009 OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS

RICHMOND — Governor Timothy M. Kaine today honored 12 Virginia educators as recipients of 2009 Outstanding Faculty Award for excellence in teaching, research and public service. The faculty members from two- and four-year colleges and universities across the Commonwealth will be recognized during an awards ceremony at the Jefferson Hotel as part of the annual OFA program administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and sponsored by Dominion.

“These faculty members were selected by academic and business leaders as exemplary educators committed to student learning, beneficial research endeavors, and community volunteerism,” Governor Kaine said. “They represent the unique missions of their institutions and have helped make the Commonwealth’s higher education system one of the finest in the nation.”

“Each year the Council and Dominion are awed by the extraordinary achievements of this diverse group,” said Daniel J. LaVista, SCHEV’s executive director. “These dedicated educators have done everything from studying the societal dimensions of glacier disasters in the Peruvian Andes to compelling their students to tutor local schoolchildren as part of a seminar on inequality and education.”

2009 Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award Recipients

- **Lizabeth A. Allison** is the Dorman Family Term Distinguished Professor of Biology at the College of William & Mary and an internationally recognized scholar in the field of traffic control in cells.
- **Michael M. Behrmann** is the “Teaching with Technology” designee and Director of the Helen A. Kellar Institute for Human disAbilities and Kellar Professor of Special Education in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University.
- **Mark Carey**, the “Rising Star” designee, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Washington & Lee University, where he specializes in Latin American and environmental history.
- **James C. Duchamp**, the James Earl Copenhaver Professor of Chemistry and Chair of the Natural Science Division at Emory & Henry College, collaborates with other Virginia researchers on the synthesis, characterization, and medical applications of endohedral metallofullerenes.
- **Ralph Eckerlin** is a Professor of Biology at Northern Virginia Community College whose deep concern about the decline of biodiversity motivates his interest in organism inventory and alpha taxonomy.
- **David Evans** is an Associate Professor of Computer Science at the University of Virginia, where he leads the Security Research group and is the founding director of the interdisciplinary major in Computer Science.
- **Lawrence J. Hatab** is the Louis I. Jaffe Professor of Philosophy and University Professor at Old Dominion University, where for 32 years he has taught the work of several demanding thinkers in the Western tradition, including Heidegger, Nietzsche, and Aristotle.
- **Christopher Howard**, the Pamela C. Harriman Professor of Government and Public Policy at the College of William & Mary, is a leading expert on U.S. social policy and tax policy.
- **Raja Parasuraman**, internationally recognized for his research in human factors and cognitive neuroscience, is University Professor of Psychology at George Mason University.
- **Erich Uffelman**, Professor of Chemistry at Washington & Lee University, has trained 46 research students in the synthesis and characterization of transition metal complexes relevant to Green Chemistry.
- **Lawrence Weinstein** is a Professor of Physics at Old Dominion University, who is internationally recognized for his work in electron scattering nuclear physics.
- **David Wojahn** is a Professor of English and Director of the Program in Creative Writing at Virginia Commonwealth University, where his most recent collection of poetry, *Interrogation Palace: New and Selected Poems 1982-2004*, was one of three finalists for the Pulitzer Prize.

Since the first awards ceremony in 1987, a total of 268 Virginia faculty members, including the 2009 recipients, have received this high honor. Photos and additional biographical information about each of this year’s recipients can be found on the web at www.schev.edu.