



The University of Akron
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

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TO: Joseph Urgo
Interim Executive VP & Provost

FROM: Linda Subich
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SUBJECT: Distinguished Professor Guidelines and Criteria

The attached guidelines have been approved by the faculty of the Department of English on April 16, 2020.

I have approved all attached guidelines and criteria.

If you concur, we ask that you also approve the guidelines and criteria.



Department Chair

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Distinguished Professor Guidelines

Department of English
The University of Akron
Distinguished Professor Standards and Expectations

- I. The Department of English will follow the Distinguished Professor procedures detailed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Akron-AAUP and The University of Akron. Candidates must demonstrate a national and/or international profile as a scholar, an exceptional record of pedagogical accomplishment, and significant contributions to the service of their field. Candidates will also provide evidence of continuing contributions of the highest order to the Department of English, to the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, and The University of Akron. Supporting material must be submitted in the areas of scholarship, teaching, and service to substantiate the achievement of a national and/or international profile at levels significantly beyond that achieved by persons holding the rank of Professor.
- II. **Scholarly Activity:** The title of Distinguished Professor requires the candidate to have established a national and/or international profile as a scholar. Such a profile shall be demonstrated through a combination of accomplishments from the following:
 1. an extensive record of authoring or co-authoring peer reviewed books, textbooks, edited collections, monographs, or book chapters (scholarly or creative) at nationally and/or internationally recognized presses;
 2. an extensive record of peer reviewed articles (scholarly or creative) at nationally and/or internationally recognized journals;
 3. a clearly demonstrated impact of publications as evidenced by outside reviewer's comments, citation indexes, critical and popular reception, etc. at the national and/or international level;
 4. receipt of fellowships, research grants, or other funding sources to pursue research or creative activity;
 5. receipt of prizes or awards for research or creative activities;
 6. a sustained record of reviewing and/or editing journals in the field;
 7. consulting editorships for national and/or international journals;
 8. major contributions to professional conferences (national and international)
 9. service on scholarly press editorial or advisory boards with a national or international audience;
 10. invited national or international scholarly lectures, talks, and/or presentations.
- III. **Teaching:** The candidate shall have excelled in teaching while at The University of Akron. Excellence in teaching includes classroom instruction, advising, conferencing, mentoring, pedagogical/curricular development, and/or educational lectures for the larger community. Such a profile shall be demonstrated through a combination of accomplishments from the following:

1. superior scores on student evaluation of teaching throughout the candidate's career;
2. superior peer evaluations of teaching throughout the candidate's career;
3. receipt of awards for teaching excellence within and outside the university;
4. a substantial record of successful direction of honors projects and/or masters theses;
5. sustained and exemplary curricular innovation as demonstrated through new course development, degree development, certificate development, and/or curricular development;
6. superior performance of current and former students in their scholarly and professional endeavors;
7. prominent participation in the mission of national pedagogical organizations;
8. record of teaching through lectures outside the classroom given regionally or nationally that exhibit the candidate's expertise and bring esteem to the university.
9. record of teaching through public lectures given regionally or nationally that bring esteem to the university.

IV. Service/Professional Conduct: The title of distinguished professor requires the candidate to have established an exemplary and recognized record of service to the Department, the College, and the University. Service must include participation in national and/or international organizations, and service to the community at large. Such a profile shall be demonstrated through a combination of accomplishments from the following:

1. a sustained and substantive interaction with the community in areas related to the Department's, College's and University's mission;
2. leadership roles in nationally and/or international recognized conferences;
3. the editorship (or associate editorship) of journal(s) in the candidate's field;
4. participation on editorial boards;
5. a record of service to the discipline through ad hoc reviews of scholarship;
6. recognition of national service reputation as evidence by holding office in professional organizations;
7. sustained involvement in matters pertaining to regional and/or national governance for professional organizations;
8. judging awards for outside institutions;
9. scholarly presence that bridges academia with the larger community through publications that fall outside the peer-reviewed publication category.