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Two Cal Poly Faculty Members Receive the University’s Annual Distinguished Scholarship Award

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly has named a professor and an associate professor to receive the university’s Distinguished Scholarship Award for 2006-07, the fourth year for the award program.

Music Professor Craig Russell and Biological Sciences Associate Professor Mark Moline were recognized for outstanding accomplishments in their research endeavors. They were honored at spring commencement ceremonies and were presented awards during the university’s Fall Conference General Session on Sept. 10.

Russell, who lives in Los Osos, was chosen for his work in the field of music. He has a long list of music compositions, many of which have been performed in public, and he has performed in several concerts throughout the years. In addition, Russell has had several recordings released including three selections that appeared in the Paramount Pictures movie, “Nacho Libre.” He has published over 70 articles on 18th century Hispanic studies, Mexican Cathedral music, the California Missions, baroque guitar music, the Beatles, and American popular culture and has authored 26 entries for the newest edition of “The New Grove Dictionary” and 30 for the “Diccionario de la Música Española e Hispanoamericana.”

He has also received several grants and fellowships to conduct research, compose. Russell has received numerous awards for his teaching and most recently received the California State University Wang Family Excellence Award.

Russell has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1982. He earned a Bachelors degree in Music in 1973, a Master’s in Music in 1976 from the University of New Mexico, and a Ph.D. in 1981 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Moline, who lives in Atascadero, was selected for his prolific scholarly work in areas of coastal ecology, phytoplankton community structure and distribution, primary productivity in aquatic ecosystems, plankton interaction, scales in aquatic ecosystems, and instrumented approaches for sampling biological processes in aquatic ecosystems.

Moline has been an invited guest speaker at several national conferences and an international conference in New Zealand.
He has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1998. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1987 from St. Olaf College and a Ph.D. in 1996 from the U.C. Santa Barbara.

This is the fourth year that the university is honoring faculty with the Distinguished Scholarship Award. It was established to recognize achievement in research, creative work and other professional development activities. It is intended to support research and other creative endeavors and to encourage faculty professional growth.

Moline and Russell were selected from a group of 98 nominations and 28 finalists.

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