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## Cal Poly Names Two Faculty Members To 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 2005-06, the third year for this award program.

Aerospace Engineering Professor Daniel Biezad and History Associate Professor Andrew Morris were recognized for outstanding accomplishments in their research endeavors. They were honored at commencement ceremonies June 10 and will be honored during the university's Fall Conference General Session on Sept. 18.

Biezad, who lives in San Luis Obispo, was chosen for his long record of scholarship at the highest levels. He has published over 80 technical papers, including a textbook in the field of integrated navigation systems. In addition, he is to be recognized for his consistent success in attracting grants that have not only furthered his research, but have also supported over 30 graduate students during the past 14 years.

His record of supervising senior projects and publishing articles on undergraduate education shows his commitment to applying scholarship to the educational mission of Cal Poly. He has also received numerous awards for his teaching.

Biezad has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1990. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1966 from the Illinois Institute of Technology, a Master of Science degree in 1972 from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in 1984 from Purdue University.

Morris, who lives in Grover Beach, was selected as a scholar who has succeeded in publishing research of the highest quality early in his career. He has written *Marrow of the Nation: A History of Sport and Physical Culture in Republican China*, co-edited *The Minor Arts of Daily Life: Popular Culture in Taiwan*, and has published several journal articles. His book, *Marrow of the Nation: A History of Sport and Physical Culture in Republican China* received much critical acclaim by scholars in the field.

In addition, his many presentations at academic conferences in the United States and Taiwan have increased the visibility of Cal Poly in the fields of history and Asian studies.

Morris has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1998. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1991 and a Master of Arts degree in 1996 from Harvey Mudd College and a Ph.D. in 1998 from the University of California, San Diego.

This is the third year that the University has honored its faculty with the Distinguished Scholarship Award. It was established by the Academic Senate 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.

Biezad and Morris were selected from a group of 77 nominees and 10 finalists.

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