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## Distinguished professor appointments made

Three long-time Oakland University faculty members have been elevated to the rank of "distinguished professor," pending approval of the university's Board of Trustees at its April 3 meeting.

**Sheldon Appleton** has been appointed as Distinguished Professor of Political Science, **Ronald Cramer** as Distinguished Professor of Education and **Jane Donahue Eberwein** as Distinguished Professor of English. The announcement was made by Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president for Academic Affairs and provost.

"All three of these individuals have made an indelible mark on thousands of Oakland University students down through the years, and each has the abiding respect of their peers," Moudgil said. "Each has left their stamp on the distinctive undergraduate experience we provide to our students. All three are most deserving of this tremendous appointment, and we as a campus community are proud of them."

### Sheldon Appleton

Appleton joined the Oakland faculty in 1960 after earning degrees in history and political science at New York University and the University of Minnesota. He is the author of two books on American foreign policy, has been published in the top journals in his field, and is a recognized authority on presidential politics and public opinion. He was the first-ever recipient of Oakland University's Teaching Excellence Award and has distinguished himself further with his innovative teaching style and his compelling work in student advising.

### Ronald Cramer

Cramer is a widely published and recognized authority on the teaching of language arts and is considered a builder of Oakland's School of Education and Human Services. He joined the university in 1967 and began to receive a long series of grants from the U.S. Department of Education for the development of training materials and early childhood educators. He has authored seven books, 68 scholarly articles and book chapters, and 13 reading and spelling textbooks. In 1996, he received both the Oakland University Teaching Excellence Award and the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities Award for Teaching Excellence.

### Jane Donahue Eberwein

Eberwein joined Oakland University immediately upon receiving her doctorate in American civilization from Brown University in 1969. She is an internationally recognized authority on the poetry of Emily Dickinson and the editor of "An Emily Dickinson Encyclopedia," regarded as the authoritative text on Dickinson's poetry. She has published 50 scholarly articles and 18 reviews and has served on the editorial boards of several journals.

The OU Board of Trustees created the faculty rank of Distinguished Professor in 1988.

Upon recommendation of the president and provost, the board may appoint individuals to the rank of distinguished professors. The president and provost base their recommendation to the board on the advice of a nine-member selection committee comprised of senior faculty members. The criteria for the appointment are based on preeminence in scholarship, teaching and public or professional service.

Only seven faculty members have received the distinguished professor rank. They are Gertrude White (English), George Matthews (History), G. Mennen Williams (Political Science), Lazlo Hetenyi (Education), Karl Gregory (Business Administration), Venkat Reddy (Eye Research Institute) and Jack Moeller (Modern Languages).

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