

William Swallow Wins 2007 Mu Sigma Rho Award



Photo caption: William Swallow (left) of North Carolina State University and Mu Sigma Rho President Marcia Gumpertz of North Carolina State University.

Mu Sigma Rho, the National Honor Society for Statistics, presented its 8th Statistical Education Award to Dr. William Swallow of North Carolina State University. This award recognizes excellence in undergraduate or graduate statistical education at the institutional, regional, or national level.

Prior to joining the department at NC State, Dr. Swallow was a member of the Department of Statistics at Rutgers University, where he was named Cook College Professor of the Year in 1974. At NC State, he received the Outstanding Teacher Award in 1988 and was named Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor in 1999. He was also recently presented the Award for Excellence in Teaching from the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. Dr. Swallow has, at different points, directed both the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in Statistics at NC State. He has advised more than 230 undergraduates, 40 masters, and 13 Ph.D. candidates in the department, as well as mentored five Park Scholars. Furthermore, he has mentored nine graduate students in the "Preparing the Professoriate Program" at NC State, providing an invaluable service not only to the students in the program but also to the undergraduate students they will eventually teach. Mu Sigma Rho is proud to recognize Dr. Swallow for his dedication to statistics education at all levels.

Mu Sigma Rho would like to invite academic institutions to nominate their outstanding teaching faculty for the 2008 Mu Sigma Rho Statistical Education Award. The recipient must have evidence of excellence in classroom teaching in the statistics discipline and

must have a lifetime devotion to statistics education. Each academic institution is allowed one nomination per year. In the event that more than one nomination is received from a single institution in a year, only the first will be considered. Any college or institution may nominate a potential recipient regardless of whether the institution has an active Mu Sigma Rho chapter. Each nomination should include a cover letter, the nominee's curriculum vitae, a summary of the nominee's teaching and educational activities, and at least three letters supporting the nomination. At least two of these letters should come from present or former students and at least one letter should come from a colleague of the nominee. The deadline for submission of nominations for the 2008 award is April 1, 2008. In the event that a nominee is not selected for the 2008 award, the nomination will remain active for three years after the initial submission, unless the institution chooses to put forward another nominee.

Nomination materials should be sent to Dr. Roxy Peck, Statistics Department, California Polytechnic State University, Bldg. 25, Room 107D, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.

The recipient of the award will be notified on or before June 15, 2007 and will be presented a plaque at JSM in August 2008. If you have any questions regarding this award, please feel free to email Dr. Peck at rpeck@calpoly.edu.