Tom Moore Wins 2008 Mu Sigma Rho Education Award
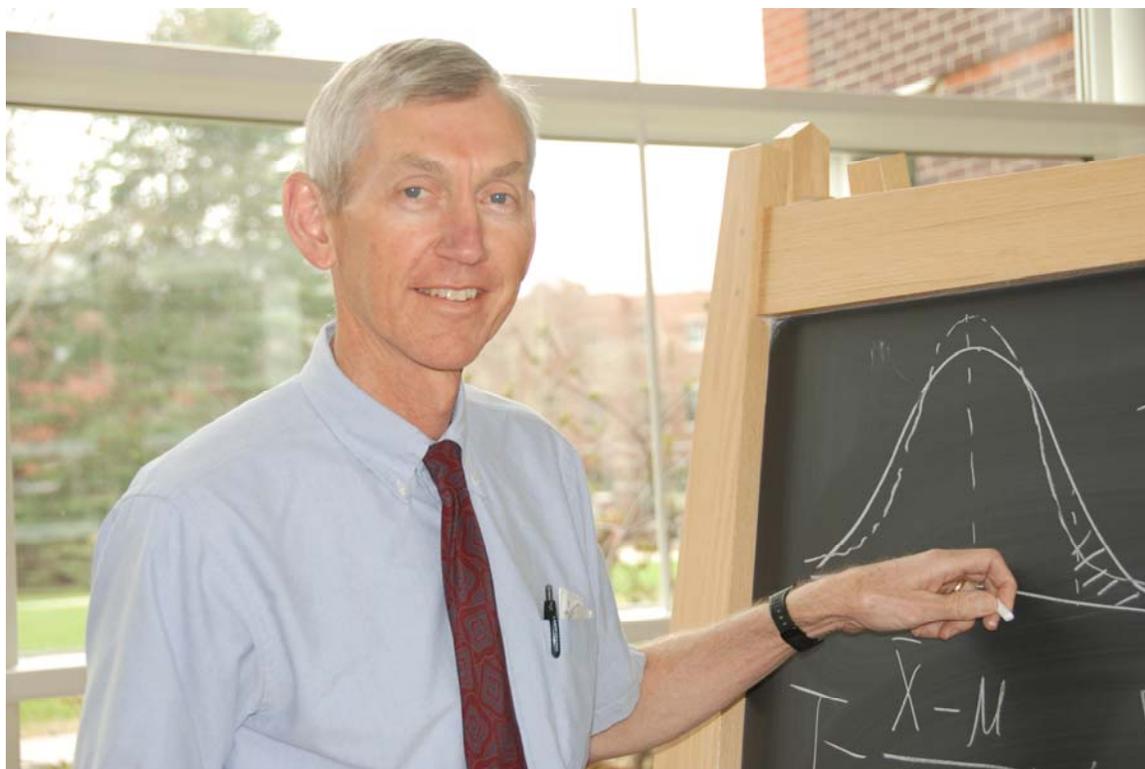

Photo caption: Tom Moore of Grinnell College

Mu Sigma Rho, the National Honor Society for Statistics, presented its 9th Statistical Education Award to Dr. Thomas L. Moore of Grinnell College. This award recognizes excellence in undergraduate or graduate statistical education at the institutional, regional, or national level.

Professor Moore's teaching career spans nearly four decades and includes teaching at both the high school and college levels. He is recognized as an outstanding teacher, and during his time at Grinnell College he has been a role model and mentor for many undergraduates. The large number of Dr. Moore's students who have gone on to earn masters and Ph.D.s in statistics attests to his profound influence on his students. On a national level, Dr. Moore has worked to improve the teaching of statistics at liberal arts colleges and to create a network of teachers of statistics. This work began in the mid-1980's with the co-founding of SLAW (Statistics in the Liberal Arts Workshop), a group that continues to flourish today. Dr. Moore has also made significant contributions in service to both the American Statistical Association and the Mathematics Association of America. In 1998, he was recognized as a fellow of the ASA for his many contributions to statistics education. Mu Sigma Rho is proud to recognize Dr. Moore as the 2008 winner of its Statistical Education Award.

Mu Sigma Rho would like to invite academic institutions to nominate their outstanding teaching faculty for the 2009 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 2009 award is April 1, 2009. In the event that a nominee is not selected for the 2009 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, 2009 and will be presented a plaque at JSM in August 2009. If you have any questions regarding this award, please feel free to email Dr. Peck at rpeck@calpoly.edu.