

The Faculty Senate Research Policy Committee seeks nominations of faculty from all colleges at UNM for the Annual Community Engaged Research Lectureship Award. The **Annual Community Engaged Research Lectureship is one of the highest honors that UNM can bestow upon a faculty member in recognition of one's community engaged research and creative activity.** The nominee must be an active, full-time *Professor or exceptional Associate Professor* at the time the nomination is submitted with a record similar to that of applicants for Distinguished Professor (see the List of Honor below for past recipients). The nominee's research or creative works must be of the highest quality with an outstanding cumulative record of achievement nationally and internationally or other relevant domain. The nominee will also be evaluated on the body of work completed while at UNM, including mentoring. This often requires ten or more years at UNM to be competitive. The awardee will receive an honorarium or a funding allocation to be placed in a research-related account and the awardee's name will be included in the UNM Roll of Honor.

The awardee will deliver the lecture in the January or early February this year. In future years, the call and deadline will be earlier such that the lectures will be delivered in Fall semester, typically during November as part of a twice annual UNM research awards ceremony. The awardee may help select the date for the evening ceremony.

*Since the factors that determine excellence in community engaged research or creative works vary widely by field and discipline, **a strong nominating letter and supporting materials are essential.*** As this is a relatively new award at UNM, it is also imperative that we establish an INCLUSIVE definition of what community engaged research and creative works means. Nominators are strongly encouraged to argue their interpretations of the meaning as well as how the nominee's work exemplifies it. Nominators are responsible for assembling documentation in support of their nominees. This documentation must include:

- 1) A letter of nomination – The most important component is a letter from the nominator that makes the case for how the nominee has achieved an exceptionally high level of success in his/her community engaged research and creative works. This essential document is needed to facilitate comparisons across widely divergent fields and disciplines. Define what an exceptionally high level of success in community engaged research means in the nominee's field as well as how the nominee meets that goal relative to others in the field (i.e. what awards/honors outside of UNM have they received or are likely to receive). A letter for Distinguished Professor would be a good model, but do not just include a letter written for that position as the criteria are not identical.
- 2) A current comprehensive curriculum vitae of the nominee (containing information on publications, research contracts, student support, patents, or other indicators of creative contributions). Contributions since joining UNM are heavily weighted within the nominee's cumulative record.
- 3) Three evaluations of the nominee's accomplishments by national and international experts (or experts from other relevant domains). Evaluations should be preceded by a list of the evaluators and their affiliations. Evaluators should be

notified that: i) their letters are to be read by non-specialists in their field and ii) their letters should also define what an exceptionally high level of success in community engaged research means in the nominee's field as well as how the nominee meets that goal relative to others in the field (i.e. what awards/honors outside of UNM have they received or are likely to receive).

4) A career statement from the nominee highlighting their greatest achievements in research or creative work, which will be reviewed by non-specialists in their field. It would be helpful for the nominee to define what an exceptionally high level of success in community engaged research means in the nominee's field as well as how the nominee meets that goal relative to others in the field.

5) Complete nominations, including all documentation, must be submitted by uploading documents by **5 p.m. on OCTOBER 15** (or the first business day thereafter) to:

<https://esurvey.unm.edu/opinio/s?s=77207>

Nominations will be evaluated by the Research Policy Committee in October and November, the successful recipient will be contacted in December, and the research lecture will be presented in January or early February.

All required materials, including the letters of evaluation, must be submitted by the deadline: incomplete submissions will not be considered if they cannot be resolved within a week of the nominator being notified of a deficiency. In order for the Research Policy Committee (RPC) to assess the nominees on a comparable basis, it is essential that the documentation be extremely thorough. Decisions will be based entirely on the materials submitted. Persons nominated in previous years may be re-nominated if they continue to meet the criteria stated above. In such cases, nominators should confirm their previous nominee by contacting the RPC Chair and update the nominee's file with any major achievements in the interim.

Questions should be sent to: David Hanson, RPC Chair, dthanson@unm.edu

The Community Engaged Research Lectureship List of Honor

1. 2016. Professor Nina Wallerstein, Public Health "Walking the Walk for Health & Social Equality"
2. 2017. Associate Professor Claudia Isaac, Community and Regional Planning "Community-Based Planning: Co-Creating Knowledge and Action"