


MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans
Distinguished Professors
University Professors
USC members of the National Academies (via the deans)
Holders of Endowed Chairs and Professorships (via the deans)
The Faculty

From: Elizabeth Garrett 

Date: September 14, 2011

Subject: Call for Nominations: Distinguished and University Professors

Office of the Provost

Elizabeth Garrett
Provost and
Senior Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Frances R. and
John J. Duggan
Professor of Law,
Political Science
and Public Policy

I request your nominations for the two titles, Distinguished Professor and University Professor, which we reserve for the small number of USC faculty who have brought special renown to the University through the excellence of their academic accomplishments.

Your nomination should be made by confidential memo sent to the dean of your school by September 30, 2011. All nominees must have at least five years of full-time service at USC. In your memo, please summarize the reasons the nominee merits the recognition.

- It is essential that you provide objective evidence of national and international stature, such as major prizes or medals or membership in the National Academies.
- The titles of Distinguished Professor and University Professor are of equal rank and dignity, but for University Professor nominations, explain how the individual makes a significant interdisciplinary contribution. Please also indicate whether he or she holds a joint appointment.
- Briefly summarize the nominee's special contribution as a University citizen.

If the information is available without contacting the nominee, enclose the individual's CV including publications, honors, and grants.

The dean will forward all nominations to Vice Provost Martin Levine by **October 14, 2011** with a memo containing the dean's recommendations and rank ordering.

A committee of current Distinguished and University Professors will then give its recommendations to me, and I will consult with President Nikias who will make the final selection.

Confidentiality is crucial to the nomination process. Nominees must not know that they are under consideration, and nominators should not solicit letters of support from anyone, particularly not from individuals outside of the university. A breach of confidentiality may result in embarrassment to all involved.

In making nominations, please do consider candidates who are women or members of under-represented minority groups.

Enclosed for your information is the list of those who now hold these ranks, which is also posted at "Faculty Distinctions" on the Faculty Portal, www.usc.edu/faculty.

cc: C. L. Max Nikias
Robert Abeles
Albert R. Checcio
Sandeep Gupta
Todd R. Dickey
Tom Sayles
Deans of Faculty Council

University of Southern California

Distinguished Professors

Leonard M. Adleman, *Henry Salvatori Distinguished Chair in Computer Science and Professor of Computer Science and Biological Sciences*

Norman Arnheim, *Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, and Ester Dornsife Chair in Biological Sciences*

Warren Bennis, *University Professor and Distinguished Professor of Business Administration*

T. Coraghessan Boyle, *Distinguished Professor of English*

Percival Everett, *Distinguished Professor of English*

Solomon W. Golomb, *University Professor, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering and Mathematics, and Andrew and Erna Viterbi Chair in Communications*

Mark Jonathan Harris, *Distinguished Professor of Cinematic Arts*

Stephen Hartke, *Distinguished Professor of Composition*

Brian E. Henderson, *Distinguished Professor of Preventive Medicine, and Kenneth T. Norris, Jr. Chair in Cancer Prevention*

James T. Higginbotham, *Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Linguistics, and Linda Hilf Chair in Philosophy*

Peter A. Jones, *Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and H. Leslie Hoffman and Elaine S. Hoffman Chair in Cancer Research*

Francine Ratner Kaufman, *Distinguished Professor Emerita of Pediatrics*

Michael M. C. Lai, *Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, and Neurology*

Morten J. Lauridsen, *Distinguished Professor of Composition*

Edward E. Lawler III, *Distinguished Research Professor of Business*

George A. Olah, *Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Engineering and Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Chair in Organic Chemistry*

Shahbudin H. Rahimtoola, *Distinguished Professor of Medicine and George C. Griffith Chair in Cardiology*

Stephen J. Ryan, *Grace and Emery Beardsley Distinguished Chair of Ophthalmology*

Scott Soames, *Distinguished Professor of Philosophy*

Vaughn A. Starnes, *Distinguished Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery, and H. Russell Smith Foundation Chair for Stem Cell and Cardiovascular Thoracic Research*

Arieh Warshel, *Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

Walter Wolf, *Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

University Professors

Michael A. Arbib, *University Professor, Fletcher Jones Chair in Computer Science, and Professor of Biological Sciences and Biomedical Engineering*

Lloyd Armstrong, Jr., *University Professor, Professor of Physics, and Professor of Education*

George A. Bekey, *University Professor Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Computer Science*

Warren Bennis, *University Professor and Distinguished Professor of Business Administration*

Leo B. Braudy, *University Professor and Leo S. Bing Chair in English and American Literature*

Alexander M. Capron, *University Professor, Scott H. Bice Chair in Healthcare Law, Policy and Ethics, and Professor of Law and Medicine*

Manuel Castells, *University Professor, Wallis Annenberg Chair in Communication Technology and Society, and Professor of Communication, Sociology, Planning, and International Relations*

Marshall Cohen, *University Professor Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Law*

Geoffrey Cowan, *University Professor, Annenberg Family Chair in Communication Leadership, and Professor of Communication*

Antonio Damasio, *University Professor, David Dornsife Professor of Neuroscience, and Professor of Psychology, Neuroscience and Neurology*

Hanna Damasio, *University Professor, Dana Dornsife Professor of Neuroscience, and Professor of Psychology, Neuroscience and Neurology*

Richard A. Easterlin, *University Professor and Professor of Economics*

Caleb Finch, *University Professor, ARCO/William F. Kieschnick Chair in the Neurobiology of Aging and Professor of Gerontology, Biological Sciences, Anthropology, and Psychology*

Solomon W. Golomb, *University Professor, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering and Mathematics, and Andrew and Erna Viterbi Chair in Communications*

Robert W. Hellwarth, *University Professor, George T. Pflieger Chair in Electrical Engineering, and Professor of Physics*

Thomas Jordan, *University Professor, W. M. Keck Foundation Professor of Geological Sciences, and Professor of Earth Sciences*

Marsha Kinder, *University Professor and Professor of Critical Studies, Spanish and Portuguese, and Comparative Literature*

Malcolm C. Pike, *University Professor and Professor of Preventive Medicine*

Steven B. Sample, *University Professor, Professor of Electrical Engineering, and President Emeritus*

Jean C. Shih, *University Professor, Boyd P. and Elsie D. Welin Professor of Molecular Pharmacology and Toxicology, and Professor of Cell and Neurobiology*

Kevin O. Starr, *University Professor and Professor of History, and Policy, Planning, and Development*

Richard F. Thompson, *University Professor Emeritus, and William M. Keck Chair Emeritus in Psychology and Biological Sciences.*

William G. Tierney, *University Professor and Leslie Wilbur and Norma Lash Wilbur-Evelyn Kieffer Professor of Higher Education*

Michael S. Waterman, *University Professor, USC Associates Chair in Natural Sciences, and Professor of Biological Sciences and Mathematics*

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