

2001 Awards

Anthropology

Dr. Mark Joseph Lynott graduated Magna cum Laude from Western Michigan University in 1973 with a double major in anthropology and history.

Biological Sciences

Dr. Kenneth J. Sytsma received his master's degree in botany and ecology from Western Michigan University in 1979 and later received his doctorate from Washington University (St. Louis) in systematics and evolutionary biology.

Communication

Della DiPietro received a master's degree in communication in 1982 from Western Michigan University.

Economics

Anthony J. Tan received a master's degree in economics from Western Michigan University in 1989 and a master's degree in business administration in marketing and finance from the University of Chicago.

Geography

Dr. James Bohland graduated from Western Michigan University in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in geography and history. Following his graduation from WMU, he attended the University of Georgia where he completed both his master's degree and doctorate in geography.

Geosciences

Dr. Charles D. Harrington completed his bachelor's degree in geology from Western Michigan University in 1966 and earned his master's degree and doctorate at Indiana University.

Political Science

The Honorable William Wagner received his bachelor's degree in political science from Western Michigan University in 1982 and his law degree from the St. Louis University School of Law in 1986.

Psychology

Dr. Mark L. Sundberg completed all of his degrees from Western Michigan University beginning with his bachelor's in psychology in 1975. He later earned his master's degree in psychology in 1976 and his doctorate in psychology in 1980

Public Affairs and Administration

Dr. Velma Laws Clay graduated from Western Michigan University in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She returned to WMU to earn both her masters' degree in public administration in 1991 and her doctorate in public administration in 1998.

Sociology

Dr. Ronald J. Troyer graduated from Western Michigan University in 1980 with a doctorate in sociology after completing his undergraduate work at Huntington College and his master's degree at Ball State University.

Statistics

Dr. Thomas Vidmar completed both his undergraduate and graduate work at Western Michigan University obtaining his bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1976 and his doctorate in 1986.

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Anthropology (and Geosciences)

Dr. Julie K. Stein received her B.A. from WMU in 1974 in both Geology and Anthropology, her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Biology

Dr. Charles W. Ford, received his M.A. in Biology from WMU in 1977 and his Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of Texas at Austin.

Computer Science

Lounette Dyer, Ph.D. earned her B.S. in Mathematics, Computer Science, and Music at WMU.

Economics

Charles Zhang, CFP, ChFC, CLU, CMFC, graduated from Western Michigan University in June 1991 with an M.A. in Economics

English

Dr. James C. King was an English Honors College graduate of WMU in 1967, and in 1970 he earned an M.A. from Western in English and Ancient History, before earning a Ph.D. in radio broadcasting from the University of Michigan in 1973.

Environmental Studies

Chad Howell graduated Magna cum Laude from WMU in 1993 with degrees in both Environmental Studies and English.

Geography

Dr. John Jakle completed his B.B.A. at WMU with majors in Geography and Marketing, then studied for his M.A. in Geography at Southern Illinois University and his Ph.D. at Indiana University.

History

Earl Peterson received his B.A. in History from Western in 1969

Mathematics

Sarah Hession graduated from Western Michigan University in 1996 with a Master's Degree in Applied Statistics.

Physics

Norman Grant received his B.A. in Physics from WMU, Summa cum Laude, in 1970.

Political Science

Jeffrey S. Margolis received his B.A. in Political Science from Michigan State in 1964 and his M.A. in Political Science from WMU in 1966 and studied for his doctorate at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Psychology

Dr. Raymond Miltenberger is a 1985 graduate of Western Michigan

Public Affairs and Administration

R. Dee Woell received her B.A. and M.A. in Communication from Michigan State University and her Doctor of Public

Administration degree from WMU.

Sociology

Keith Woods received both his B.A. and M.A. in Sociology at WMU

1999 Awards

Anthropology Department

Maura Polli received an undergraduate degree in History and Anthropology from Marquette University and an M.A. in Anthropology at Western Michigan University

Communication Department

Dr. Sharon A. Ratliffe completed her undergraduate work at Western Michigan University in 1963 and her M.A. and Ph.D. at Wayne State University in 1965 and 1972.

Computer Science

Dr. Bruce Tesar received his B.S. summa cum laude in Computer Science and Mathematics from Western Michigan University in 1990. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado in 1995.

Economics Department

Louis Hellerman majored in Economics and Political Science as a member of the Western Michigan University Honors College, and when he graduated with a B.A., Magna Cum Laude, in the early 1960s.

Geography Department

Karl Freed received his B.S. in Urban Planning from Michigan State University in 1968 and his M.A. in Geography from Western Michigan University in 1975.

Geosciences Department

Patrick M. (Mick) Lynch graduated from Western Michigan University in 1980 with a major in Geology and minors in Biology and General Science.

History Department

Larry Massie received a B.A. Summa Cum Laude in History and Anthropology, an M.A. in History with honors in 1974 and his Specialist of Arts, Regional History and Archival Practice, in 1977.

Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Patricia Lynn Ruppel received her B.A. with a major in statistics from Western Michigan University in 1973, her Master's in Public Health from the University of Michigan in 1976, and the Ph.D. in Biostatistics from the U of M in 1984.

Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. James B. Serrin received his B.A. with a major in mathematics from Western Michigan College of Education, now WMU, in 1947, and continued his studies at Indiana University, receiving the Ph.D. in 1951.

Political Science Department

Mark Fry received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Political Science from Western Michigan University in 1978 and 1981.

Psychology Department

Dr. Nancy Neef earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work from Western Michigan University in 1972 and also received from WMU her M.A. and Ph.D. in Psychology with an emphasis in Applied Behavioral Analysis in 1975 and 1979.

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Biological Sciences Department

Steven C. Quay took his B.S. in biology at WMU in 1971 and was also a graduate of the Honors College. He completed a Ph.D. in biological chemistry at the University of Michigan in 1975.

Communication Department

Kaye Bennett received her M.A. in organizational communications from WMU in 1984.

English Department

Lori Bobbitt Waddles earned the B.A. cum laude from WMU's Lee Honors College in 1985, with dual majors in psychology and English. She earned her J.D. in 1988 from the Detroit College of Law.

Environmental Studies Program

Jay Letto graduated from WMU with a B.S. in biology and environmental studies in 1983 and received an M.A. in journalism with a certificate in science and environmental reporting from New York University in 1991.

Geography Department

David L. Mayer received his B.A. in geography from WMU and later returned to receive an M.A. in history in 1976.

James D. Root received his M.A. in geography from WMU in 1972 and his Ph.D. in economic geography from the University of Cincinnati in 1976.

Geology Department

John A. Yellich graduated from WMU in 1968 with a B.A. in geology.

Physics Department

Richard L. Boudrie received his B.A. in physics from WMU in 1969 and receives a Ph.D. in nuclear physics at the University of Kansas.

Political Science Department

Denis Sullivan received his B.A. and M.A. in political science from WMU and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan

Psychology Department

James Cleary received the Ph.D. from WMU in 1983.

Sociology Department

Robert J. Ackerman received his Ph.D. in sociology from WMU in 1980.