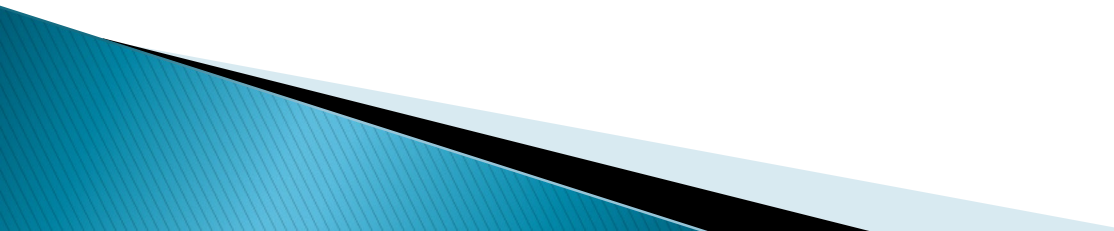


# Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards Committee

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- ▶ **Committee:** Eight faculty members (Professor or above with strong records of teaching and research from diverse fields) elected by the Faculty Senate
  - ▶ **Chair:** Elected by committee
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# 2019 Committee

## Members

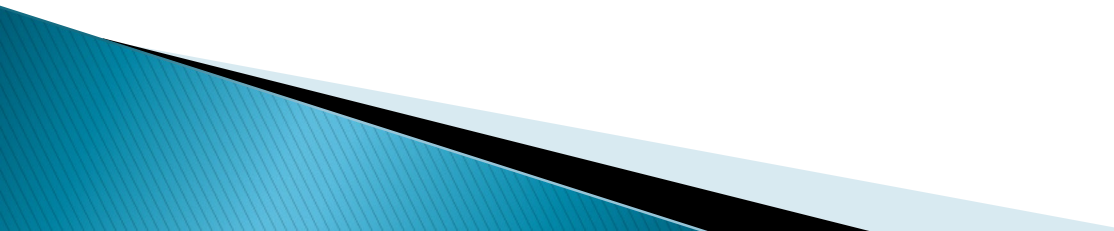
- Rick Yost, Chair
- Liz Lear
- Andrew Lotto
- Mark Meisel
- Simon Philpot
- Patrick Reakes  
Nicole Stedman
- Ruth Steiner

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- Matthew Hodge –  
Alumni Assoc.
- Joe Mandernach –  
UF Foundation
- Steph McBride

- ▶ ***Formulates principles*** for conferring honorary degrees and distinguished awards
- ▶ ***Solicits and reviews*** nominations each fall and spring
- ▶ ***Diversity 2014-2018:***
  - M – 14 nominees, 11 awarded
  - F – 5 nominees, 4 awarded
  - + 1 distinguished alum

# Awards

- ▶ Honorary Degrees
  - ▶ Distinguished Alumnus / Alumna Awards
  - ▶ Distinguished Achievement Awards
  - ▶ Stephen C. O'Connell Distinguished Service Awards
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# Spring 2019

## Candidates for Honorary Degree:

- ▶ Naziha Mestaoui
- ▶ R. William Petty

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2019



# Naziha Mestaoui – HD of Fine Arts

- ▶ Internationally renowned visual artist and designer, working at the intersection of scientific communication and large-scale projection-based art installations.
- ▶ In 2018 at UF executed two large-scale digital installations – “*One Tree, One Planet*” at the FMNH and “*Live Oak*” at Innovation Square, in partnership with COTA, the Biodiversity Institute, and the Cultural Plaza Institute.
- ▶ Her works have been featured nationally and worldwide, with commissions from the International Olympic Committee, France, and other nations.

# R. William Petty– HD of Science

- ▶ Co-founder of Exactech, which produces joint replacement products; one of the top 200 small businesses in the country and one of the top 10 employers in Gainesville.
  - ▶ Former Department Chair (1981–96) of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation in the UF College of Medicine. In that role he developed UF's tissue bank (now spun off as Regeneration Technologies, Inc.)
  - ▶ Has served on numerous boards within UF and in national organizations.
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