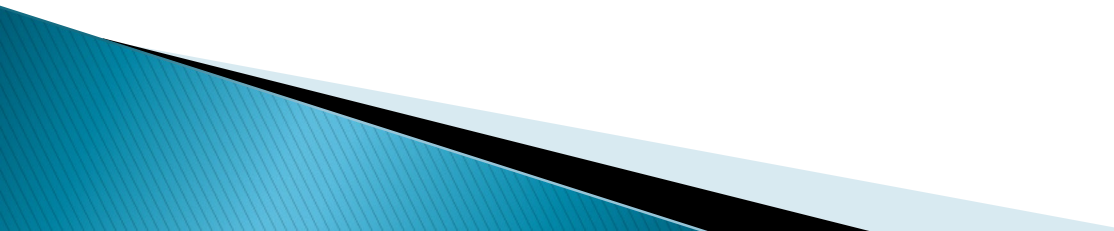


Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards Committee *Fall 2021*

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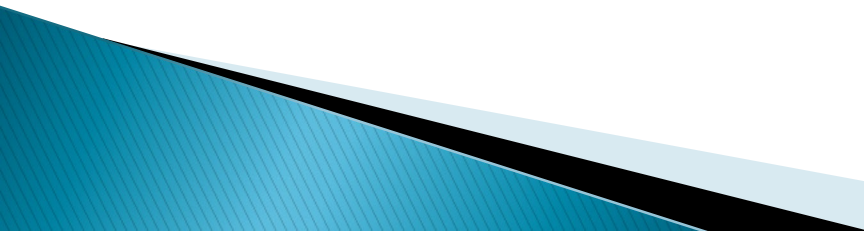


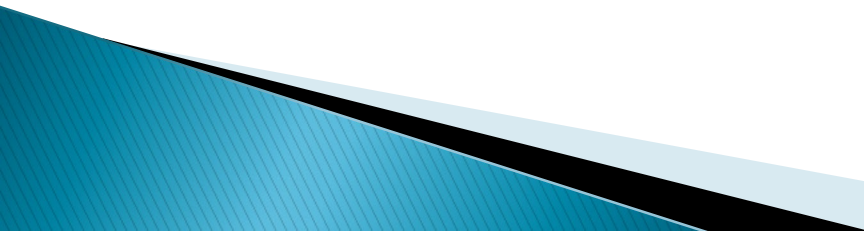
- ▶ **Committee:** Eight faculty members (Professor or above with strong records of teaching and research from diverse fields) elected by the Faculty Senate
 - ▶ **Chair:** Elected by committee
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2020-21 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Rick Yost, Chair
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Awards

- ▶ Honorary Degrees
 - ▶ Distinguished Alumnus / Alumna Awards
 - ▶ Distinguished Achievement Awards
 - ▶ Stephen C. O'Connell Distinguished Service Awards
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- ▶ ***Formulates principles*** for conferring honorary degrees and distinguished awards
 - ▶ ***Solicits and reviews*** nominations each fall and spring
 - This fall only 3 nominations total:
 - 2 HDs, 1 Distinguished Alum
 - All males
 - All white
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Fall 2021

Candidates for Honorary Degree:

- ▶ James Hines
 - ▶ Tom Petty
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James Hines– HD of Science

- ▶ BS Mathematics 1979 Maryland; an impactful wildlife ecologist
 - ▶ Computer Scientist, US Geological Survey Eastern Ecological Science Center
 - ▶ Software development, biometrics, and animal population ecology
 - ▶ 3 books, >200 referred papers, h-index 85, very high for a non-academic
 - ▶ Close collaboration with UF Wildlife Ecology in research, and has taught courses
 - ▶ Vetted by the UF Wildlife Ecology faculty
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Tom Petty (posthumous) – HD of Music

- ▶ Achievements as a performer and songwriter, defense of performing artists' rights
 - ▶ Received UF's Distinguished Achievement Award in 2006
 - ▶ Star on Hollywood Walk of Fame, inducted into Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, 3 Grammy Awards
 - ▶ Charitable endeavors in aiding the homeless
 - ▶ Unanimous support of School of Music faculty
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