

# In Brief

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**Wayne Jones**, provost and vice president for academic affairs, has been elected to the rank of fellow by the National Academy of Inventors (NAI), an organization whose members include U.S. and international universities as well as governmental and nonprofit research institutes. The NAI has more than 4,000 members and fellows from more than 250 institutions worldwide.

Two UNH faculty members — professor of sociology **David Finkelhor** and professor of natural resources **Serita Frey** — are among the Web of Science Group's 2019 Highly Cited Researchers. The list, which includes just 0.1 percent of the world's researchers, recognizes the most influential researchers of the past decade. Finkelhor, University Professor and director of UNH's Crimes Against Children Research Center, is a leading expert on child victimization, child maltreatment and family violence. Frey studies how

human-generated stressors like climate change, agriculture and invasive species affect ecosystems, particularly soil microbes.

In January, “Diverse: Issues in Higher Education” named assistant professor of English **Kabria Baumgartner** to its 2020 cohort of emerging scholars — a distinction awarded to just 15 professors across the country for interdisciplinary academic excellence. At UNH, Baumgartner’s scholarship and teaching bridge English, history, gender and American studies.

Professor of security studies **James Ramsay**, who also serves as chair of UNH’s Manchester-based department of business, politics and security studies, has been selected as a 2019 fellow in the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), the world’s oldest professional safety organization. Ramsay is one of four ASSP members in the U.S. to earn this year’s honor of fellow, which recognizes a lifetime commitment to worker safety and health.

In the fall, assistant professor of English **Samantha Seal** was awarded a 2019 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship. Seal’s award will allow her to work on her book project, “Chaucerian Dynasty: The Father of English Poetry and His Family,” which is the first biography of the poet Chaucer and his descendants.

**Jennifer Andrews ’02, ’08G** and **Allison Leach ’18G** of the UNH Sustainability Institute were named the 2019 J. Brent Loy Innovators of the Year. Andrews, sustainability project director, and Leach, a postdoctoral researcher, developed and commercialized SIMAP (Sustainability Indicator Management and Analysis Platform), a carbon- and nitrogen-accounting platform used by more than 500 colleges and universities internationally to track, analyze and improve their sustainability.

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