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DURHAM, N.H. -- Seventeen faculty members have been honored for excellence in teaching, research and public service at the University of New Hampshire. Nominated by their colleagues and students, winners of the annual Excellence awards represent every school and college within the university.

“Each year we are challenged to select the most outstanding faculty who demonstrate the rich expertise that we enjoy at UNH,” says Bruce Mallory, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. “Our award winners represent not only their own individual accomplishments in teaching, research, and engagement, but also they stand for the extensive contributions made by all of our faculty to students, disciplinary colleagues, and public decision-makers. These awards for excellence are one more opportunity for us to both thank our most productive faculty and let the public know what great resources the university has to offer.”

This year's winners are:

- Distinguished Professor, John Aber, professor of natural resources;
- Outstanding Associate Professor, Karen Conway, associate professor of economics;
- Outstanding Assistant Professor, Sharyn Potter, assistant professor of sociology;
- Jean Brierley Award for Excellence in Teaching, John Ernest, assoc professor of English;
- Excellence in Research, Thomas Newkirk, professor of English;
- Excellence in Public Service, David Watters, professor of English;
- Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Publich Service, Jeffrey Sohl, professor of decision science;
- Excellence in International Engagement, Mimi Becker, associate professor of natural resources;

The following individuals received awards of excellence in college teaching:

- College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, Igor Tsukrov, associate professor of mechanical engineering;
- College of Liberal Arts, Gregory McMahon, associate professor of history;
- College of Liberal Arts, Stephen Trzaskoma, assistant professor of Languages, Literature and Culture-classics;
- College of Liberal Arts, Ruth Wharton-McDonald, associate professor of education;
- School of Health and Human Services, Jerry Marx, associate professor of social work;
- Whittemore School of Business and Economics, Afshad Irani, assistant professor of
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