



TO: Council on Graduate Studies

FROM: Robert M. Augustine, Dean

RE: Fall 2014 Commencement Marshal Nomination
Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Faculty Marshal Nominations

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Fall 2014 Commencement Marshal Nomination

The Commencement Marshal carries the mace and leads the processional during commencement ceremonies. Annually, I receive many outstanding nominations and this year was no exception. Upon the nomination from Dr. Britto Nathan, Graduate Coordinator of the Master of Science in Biological Sciences, I have selected Dr. Robert Colombo, Professor of Biological Sciences and Graduate Faculty member of the Master of Science in Biological Sciences, to serve as the Graduate School Commencement Marshal for the December 2014 Commencement Ceremonies. Dr. Colombo is characteristic of the criteria for Commencement Marshal as outlined below:

- Record of Graduate Teaching: Professor Colombo has an extensive history of graduate level teaching including courses in Ichthyology (BIO 4950), Population Ecology (Bio 5208), Graduate Seminar (BIO 5150), Fish and Wildlife Techniques Bio 5372). Dr. Colombo has mentored 3 Distinguished Graduate Students and Hamand Scholars (Anthony Porreca, Cassie Moody, and Vaskar Nepal). His students have been the recipients of state and national awards including the Lewis L. Osborne Award at the Illinois American Fisheries Society, the North American Sturgeon and Paddlefish Society Travel Award, and the Equal Opportunity Section of American Fisheries Society Award.
- Record of Graduate Research: Dr. Colombo has an exemplary record of graduate research. He is the recipient of numerous grants during this tenure at Eastern. He has published numerous manuscripts with his students as co-authors, and has earned the Rodney S. Ranes Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award and the College of Science Student Advisory Board Outstanding Faculty Award.
- Record of Graduate Leadership: Dr. Colombo serves on the Biological Sciences Graduate Committee and was selected to speak as the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools Annual Meeting to discuss exemplary faculty mentoring. He was instrumental with helping to advance several new interdisciplinary degree programs and has participated in numerous graduate program activities.

Dr. Colombo's record as a teacher-scholar exemplifies the ideal established by the Council on Graduate Studies for recognition as Commencement Marshal from the Graduate School and I believe this will be a fitting tribute to his record of achievement.

Fall 2014 Spring 2015 Faculty Marshal Nominations

Faculty Marshals carry the Graduate School banner and lead the Commencement Ceremony. The Council on Graduate Studies criteria for selecting marshals are summarized below

- Members of the Council who have not served previously.
- Graduate Coordinators who have not served previously.
- Former Members of the Council or Coordinators who have not served previously.
- Graduate Faculty or Department Chairs recommended by the Council, Coordinators, or Deans who have not served previously

Fall 2014 Spring 2015 Marshal Appointments

F 2014	Dr. Andrew Cheetham	CGS	MUS	A&H
	Dr. Thomas Moncada	Faculty	BAS	BAS
	Dr. Nick Osborne	Faculty	EDL	EDU
	Dr. Peter Wiles	Coordinator	MAT	SCI
S 2015	Dr. Randall Beebe	Coordinator	ENG	A&H
	Dr. Luke Steinke	Faculty	TEC	BAS
	Dr. Melissa Jones-Bromenshenkel	CGS	SPE	EDU
	Dr. Chris Laingen	CGS	G/G	SCI

Recent Faculty Marshals

F 2012	Dr. Gill	Coordinator	CMN	A&H
	Dr. Wollans	Coordinator	MBA	BAS
	Dr. Edmonds-Behrens	Faculty	SPE	EDU
	Dr. Allen	Faculty	PSY	SCI
S 2013	Dr. Boshart	Faculty	Art	A&H
	Dr. Simpson	Faculty	FCS	BAS
	Dr. Warren	Coordinator	KSS	EDU
	Dr. Throneburg	Coordinator	CDS	SCI
F 2013	Dr. Tim Taylor	Faculty	ENG	A&H
	Dr. Dobbs	Faculty	MBA	BAS
	Dr. Polydore	Faculty	CSA	EDU
	Dr. Menze	CGS	BIO	SCI
S 2014	Dr. Coddington-Rast	Faculty	ART	A&H
	Dr. Lance Hogan	Faculty	TEC	BAS
	Dr. John Bickford	Faculty	ELE	EDU
	Dr. Gopal Periannan	Faculty	CHM	SCI