

## EPSCoR Faculty selected as Bagley College's Academy of Distinguished Teachers

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The Bagley College of Engineering is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been selected by a committee of engineering faculty and students as the 2010 inductees into the Bagley College's Academy of Distinguished Teachers. These individuals were nominated by faculty, staff and students in the college and were chosen based on evidence of outstanding teaching, involvement in the scholarship of teaching, and commitment to improving their teaching throughout their careers. These individuals will be inducted into the academy at a dinner to be held in March.



Dr. Yogi Dandass is an associate professor in the Computer Science & Engineering Department and has been at MSU since 1997 serving as a research associate until 2003 when he became an assistant professor. Yogi completed his BS at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, his MS from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and his PhD from Mississippi State, all in computer science. Yogi has been a PI or Co-PI on ten grants that support teaching and student research. He has co-authored more than 20 publications with students and has four education related papers. He is also known among students as an excellent mentor who involves them in his research and challenges them to stretch their capabilities.

Dr. Yogi Dandass is a member of the Mississippi EPSCoR Computational Biology Research Focus area

Dr. David Thompson is an associate professor in the Aerospace Engineering Department. David came to MSU in 1998 as a researcher with the Engineering Research Center and joined the faculty in 2003. David received his BS and MS degrees from MSU and his PhD from Iowa State University, all in aerospace engineering. David had previously been recognized at The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) for his outstanding teaching. David has actively involved undergraduate students in his research and one of his students, Charla Lindley, received the college's undergraduate research award in 2008. David has mentored 17 MS students and four PhD students to the completion of their degrees at MSU and UTA. His student nominators comment on his unique ability to discern and cultivate the strengths of each student.



Dr. David Thompson is a member of the Mississippi EPSCoR Computational BioSimulation Research Focus area.



Dr. Keisha Walters is an assistant professor in the Swalm School of Chemical Engineering. Keisha joined the faculty in 2005 after completing her MS and Ph.D. degrees in Chemical Engineering at Clemson. Keisha has an outstanding record of involving students in her research having worked with more than 30 undergraduates during her time here and has co-authored one journal and six reviewed conference papers with student authors. She regularly uses active, hands-on learning in her classroom which the students comment on as enhancing their learning in her classes. Students commented that Keisha held them to high standards and instilled in them a passion for chemical engineering as a profession.

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