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Wichita State fills three endowed professorships

Wichita State University has named three distinguished scholars to hold endowed professorships in the College of Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the WSU Foundation has announced.

honor a university can bestow on a faculty member. They are considered crucial to a university's ability to recruit and retain the highest-quality faculty.

Susan G. Sterrett was appointed to the Curt and Tracy Hoover Professorship in the Philosophy and Philosophy of Science in WSU's Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Sterrett's fields of research are philosophy of science, philosophy of mind and philosophy of language. She has also taught courses on issues concerning energy and the environment.

She has taught at Duke University, Carnegie-Mellon University and the University of

University, master's de

Pittsburgh and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh.

"I'm really happy about holding this endowed professorship," Sterrett said. "It's an honor and a responsibility. Among other things, I expect to extend my philosophical work on models in science, probably next to issues in ecology, the earth sciences, energy and the environment."

The Curt and Tracy Hoover Professorship in the Philosophy and Philosophy of Science was established by Curt Gridley, and his wife, Tracy Hoover. Gridley is a 1980 graduate of Wichita State University with degrees in philosophy and mathematics.

"Tracy and I are excited to have Dr. Sterrett named to our endowed professorship," Gridley said. "Her multidisciplinary background, spanning engineering, mathematics and

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...trong desire to connect her research and teaching to
the greater Wichita community.”

Michael Papadakis has been appointed as the H. Russell Bomhoff Endowed Professor of Engineering. Papadakis, a long-time professor of aerospace engineering at Wichita State, is appointed because of his exceptional research and scholarly achievements.

Papadakis received his undergraduate and master's degrees in aeronautical engineering from Loughborough University in the United Kingdom. He earned his doctoral degree in aeronautical engineering at Wichita State in 1986. He has worked in the aerospace department of WSU's College of Engineering since then.

Papadakis is the director of the Aircraft Icing Lab at Wichita State. The Aircraft Icing Lab works closely with local aviation companies to meet the needs of the industry in the field of icing and ice protection system engineering. His research interests include aircraft icing, computational fluid dynamics, computational aeroacoustics and experimental aerodynamics.

The H. Russell Bomhoff Endowed Professorship is named in honor of H. Russell Bomhoff and his wife, Jane Bomhoff, a lifelong Kansan who founded Precision Batters, Inc., which has been one of the leading producers of high-quality aircraft furnishings.

Barbara Morrison was appointed to the Janice M. Riordan Endowed Professorship in Maternal and Child Health. Morrison, who received her Ph.D. in 1983 from the University of Illinois at Chicago, has expertise in the areas of expertise are breastfeeding, human lactation, and endocrinology and neural development of the infant for mothers and newborns. She is internationally known for her research on kangaroo care, or the skin-to-skin contact between newborn children and their mothers, and has published numerous articles on this topic. She is also a frequent speaker at national and international conferences.

Morrison received her doctorate in maternal and child nursing/nurse-midwifery from the University of Illinois-Chicago. She previously taught at Lynn School of Nursing at Franklin University and at the Ursuline College, Green School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University and at the Ursuline College, Green School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Pepper Pike, Ohio.

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"We were pleased to be able to recruit a nationally recognized nurse for this position," said Barbara Morrison, chair of the WSU School of Nursing. "Dr. Morrison is a passionate educator whose research on breastfeeding and kangaroo care is nationally recognized."

The endowed professorship was established by an anonymous donor to honor Janice Riordan, a WSU nursing professor and noted author, lecturer, and researcher whose research focuses on maternal and child health, with a particular focus on breastfeeding education and research in the WSU School of Nursing and to fund clinical research that will help mothers with breastfeeding challenges.

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Media note: Photos of Sterrett, Papadakis and Morrison can be found at

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