

UNMC scientists are distinguished

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In addition to the Scientist Laureate, UNMC named 22 researchers as Distinguished Scientists and New Investigators for 2008. The scientists are recognized leaders in their fields and represent the UNMC colleges of medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, as well as the Eppley Institute for Cancer Research.

Now in its third year, the Distinguished Scientist award is sponsored by the chancellor and recognizes UNMC researchers who have been among the most productive scientists in the country over the past five years.

"It is a rewarding exercise to review our corps of outstanding scientists and see their accomplishments," said Tom Rosenquist, Ph.D., vice chancellor for research.

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Both the 2008 Distinguished Scientists and New Investigators received a merit-based salary supplement of \$10,000. Howard Gendelman, M.D., received a \$20,000 supplement for being named scientist laureate at a March 16 ceremony.

The first UNMC Scientist Laureate award was given in 2006 to Stephen Rennard, M.D., Larson Professor of Medicine in pulmonary and critical care in internal medicine. Irving Zucker, Ph.D., professor and chairman of the cellular and integrative physiology department in the UNMC College of Medicine, received the top award in 2007.

Distinguished Scientist recipients must lead an outstanding research program, publish research results in journals of the highest quality and show an ability to attract and retain extramural funding.

This is the second year New Investigator awards were given to outstanding UNMC scientists who, in the past one to three years, have secured their first federal funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense or other federal sources.

The New Investigator recipients also must demonstrate that their research has been published and/or the findings have been presented at national conventions.



2008
SCIENTIST
LAUREATE

Howard Gendelman, M.D.

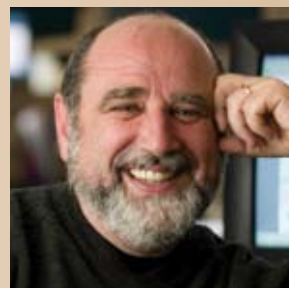
2008 DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD WINNERS



Hamid Band, M.D., Ph.D.
Eppley Institute for Cancer Research



Michael Brattain, Ph.D.
Eppley Institute for Cancer Research



Simon Sherman, Ph.D.
Eppley Institute for Cancer Research



Vimla Band, Ph.D.
College of Medicine



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Distinguished Scientists

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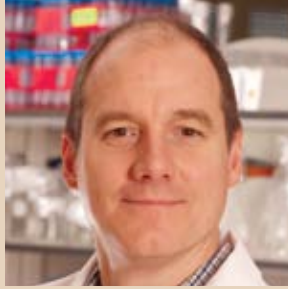
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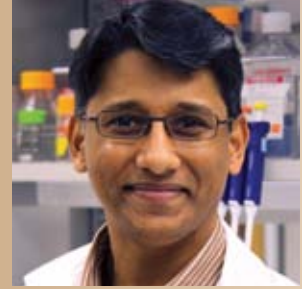
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College of Medicine



Ken Bayles, Ph.D.
College of Medicine



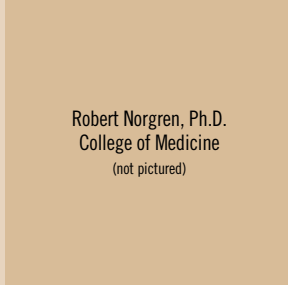
William Burke, M.D.
College of Medicine



Ali Nawshad, Ph.D.
College of Dentistry



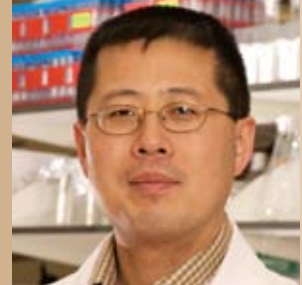
Daniel Monaghan, Ph.D.
College of Medicine



Robert Norgren, Ph.D.
College of Medicine
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Tom Porter, M.D.
College of Medicine



Dong Wang, Ph.D.
College of Pharmacy

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Steven Sansom, Ph.D.
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James Haorah, Ph.D.
College of Medicine



Dharendra Singh, Ph.D.
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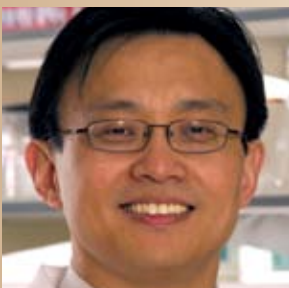
Julie Vose, M.D.
College of Medicine



Dennis Weisenburger, M.D.
College of Medicine



Dmitry Oleynikov, M.D.
College of Medicine



Jialin Zheng, M.D.
College of Medicine



Yuri Lyubchenko, Ph.D.
College of Pharmacy



Jonathan Vennerstrom, Ph.D.
College of Pharmacy



Larisa Poluektova, M.D., Ph.D.
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