

Faculty to Receive Awards at Commencement

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Four faculty members will be honored for exceptional accomplishments in the areas of teaching, scholarship, service, and contributions to the All-University Curriculum at the University's 50th annual Commencement ceremony on **Sunday, May 20**.



Regina Miller, professor of early childhood education in the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions (ENHP), will receive the **Roy E. Larsen Award for Excellence in Teaching**. Miller, a nationally recognized expert in the field of early childhood education, is described by her students as passionate, caring, and inspiring. During her 33 years at the University, Miller has created and nurtured a program in Early Childhood Education at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. She was a central voice in the development of the University of Hartford Magnet School. In addition, Miller has been a member of countless national commissions and task forces and has had a significant effect on public policy regarding early childhood education. Miller also has served on more than 50 dissertation committees at the University.



Farhad Rassekh, professor of economics at the Barney School of Business, will be presented with the **James E. and Frances W. Bent Award for Scholarly and/or Artistic Creativity**. Rassekh, a member of the Barney School faculty since 1989, is nationally recognized as an expert in economics, specializing in international trade, economic growth and business ethics. Much of Rassekh's work focuses on economic growth in developing nations. His work has been recognized and cited by the U.S. International Trade Commission, the National Bureau of Economic Research, and the World Bank. Rassekh's articles have appeared in top-tier professional journals, and they are required reading in graduate programs around the

country. He is currently writing a highly anticipated book that traces the intellectual history of four fundamental propositions about the market economy.



Harry J. Workman, professor of chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences, will receive the **Oscar and Shoshana Trachtenberg Award for Sustained Service to the University**. During his 33 years at the University, Workman has established a remarkable record of service. Among his many important roles, Workman served as faculty liaison for the Integrated Science, Engineering, and Technology (ISET) complex, the largest and most complicated construction project in the University's history. During the 15 years that he served as Chemistry Department chair, Workman was a guiding force in the department's development. He has played a key role on major search committees and served on the Faculty Senate, the Provost's Council on Promotion and Tenure, and the Board of Regents. Workman's service to the University will continue during the 2007-08 academic year, when he will serve as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.



Howard A. Mayer, associate professor of English in Hillyer College, will be presented with the **Donald W. Davis All-University Curriculum Award**. Mayer, who joined the University in 1982, has been a mainstay of the All-University Curriculum (AUC) for more than 15 years. He teaches two different AUC classes every semester. In addition, he was a member of the faculty team that developed and taught "Discovering the News," and he helped design and teach the "Discovering Britain" travel course. Mayer is known for his ability to captivate and motivate students; his classes are engaging, with discussions that are lively and passionate. Outside the classroom, Mayer is a powerful advocate for interdisciplinary education. He designed and taught the University's interdisciplinary Honors Seminar, and he also has organized special events on campus, including a performance by a hip-hop artist who presented an inspired rendition of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*.