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Two OSU professors receive Regents teaching, research awards

An anatomy professor and a researcher studying pain relief are the recipients of this year's Regents 2007 Distinguished Teaching Award and Regents 2007 Distinguished Research Award at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa. William D. Meek., Ph.D., professor of anatomy, received the Regents 2007 Distinguished Teaching Award. The award is given for unusually significant and meritorious achievement in the instruction of students as evidenced by quality classroom learning experience, high scholarly standards, direct impact upon and involvement with students, and serving as a mentor or role model to other faculty. Meek is vice-chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology. Kenneth E. Miller Ph.D., associate professor of anatomy and cell biology, received the Regents 2007 Distinguished Research Award given for outstanding and meritorious achievements in research, a distinguished record of past and continuing excellence in research, and recognition nationally and internationally. Much of Dr. Miller's research career has focused on pain and spinal cord injury particularly glutamate metabolism. From his research, he has discovered that sensory nerve endings during chronic inflammation have immense amounts of glutamate. Blocking glutamate production in these nerve endings provides for long-lasting pain relief. For more information about OSU Center for Health Sciences go to www.healthsciences.okstate.edu <<http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/>> .

OSU partners with CREC to provide business training series statewide on video

Community and business leaders in towns across Oklahoma are about to get a unique opportunity to receive practical business training via video conferencing. The Center for Executive and Professional Development in the Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University has partnered with Central Rural Electric Cooperative to present the LeadershipSource Professional Development Program to address today's rapidly changing business environment. The training involves six sessions targeted for community/business leaders, but registration is open to the public. The series will start Thursday, May 31, from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. with the topic, "Building Customer Relationships," and will continue through March of 2008. For more information, please contact Jenn Doerksen, at jenn.doerksen@okstate.edu or by phone at 405-744-5208 or 1-866-678-3933 or go to <http://www.leadershipsource.coop> or <http://spears.okstate.edu/cepd/> and register for the seminars on-line.

College of Education announces 2007 Hall of Fame inductees

The OSU College of Education will induct four individuals into its Hall of Fame Friday, June 15, at the ConocoPhillips Alumni Center in Stillwater. The college's highest honor will go this year to the following alumni: Psychotherapist and renowned author Alyce Faye Eichelberger Cleese of Montecito, Calif., and London; the president of Tulsa Community College Dr. Thomas McKeon of Tulsa; former Oklahoma Teacher of the Year and the matriarch of the college's "Celebration of Teaching," Dr. Nancy O'Donnell of Edmond; and former Flying Aggie and CEO of Pinnacle Airlines Phil Trenary of Memphis, Tenn. Tickets for the College of Education's 2007 Hall of Fame event are \$50 per person. For more information, please call Pamela Reding at (405) 744-8933 or (800) 765-8933. You may also e-mail pamela.reding@okstate.edu <<mailto:pamela.reding@okstate.edu>> or visit www.okstate.edu/education.

New plagiarism detection tool available

All faculty and students will soon have unlimited access to Turnitin, a plagiarism detection software, and the Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence at OSU will be scheduling training sessions this summer. The software is a learning tool that faculty and students can use after they receive an institutional code to register to get a user name and password at [Turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com). Several user-friendly training manuals and videos are available at <http://turnitin.com/static/training.html>. If you are interested in participating in a training session presented by ITLE during the summer months, please phone (405) 744-1000.

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