



The Ohio State University

University Awards & Recognition

2010 Faculty Awards for Distinguished University Service

The Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service honors faculty members whose contributions to the development and implementation of university policies and programs through non-administrative roles have been extensive and have made documentable impact on the quality of the university. The recipients also have continued to provide effective teaching and have maintained an active program of research, scholarship, or creative work. Recipients are nominated by members of the university community and selected by a committee of faculty, administrators, and previous recipients. They receive both a cash award of \$3,000 and an increase of \$1,200 to their base salaries from the Office of Academic Affairs.



Jay S. Hobgood

**Associate Professor, Department of Geography
Director, Atmospheric Sciences Program**

It is telling that as the University Senate's Council on Academic Affairs gets into increasingly difficult work regarding two monumental issues here — semester conversion and the restructuring of the arts and sciences — that the council chose Jay Hobgood as its chair.

The choice is a both validation and continuation of Hobgood's exemplary service record that began very shortly after he joined the faculty here in 1987.

“Jay's service is distinguished by a dedication to the university, a willingness to shoulder significant responsibility and an ability to provide leadership at critical junctures,” wrote a colleague. “Simply — he has been asked to serve on so many diverse committees because he is effective.”

His service comes at every level: He is the senior member of his department's curriculum committee. He has been a member of the Arts and Sciences Senate and was on the Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction in revising the GEC when the graduation requirement was reduced from 191 to 181 hours. His leadership was critical in getting the new GEC through.

He also has served as director of the Atmospheric Sciences Program since 1995 and is OSU's representative to the group that manages the NSF's National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Hobgood also is a past winner of the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, and his research into the causes of rapid intensification of hurricanes keeps him in demand as a speaker and chapter and article writer.

“Jay epitomizes the type of collegial and forward-thinking service that leads to real improvements to students, faculty and the university as a whole,” wrote another nominator.

Hobgood earned his bachelor's, master's and PhD at Ohio State.