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Four academic leaders earn Distinguished Teacher Awards

Edmonton – MacEwan University will present the Distinguished Teaching Awards during the spring convocation ceremonies.

Dr. Sandy Jung is an associate professor in the Department of Psychology. Jung encourages her students to achieve their academic potential through engagement in critical thinking and analysis by adopting rigorous, innovative, and scientific approaches to research. Her program of research focuses on sexual and intimate partner violence prevention and risk assessment. Jung will receive her Distinguished teacher award on Thursday, June 22 during the 3:00 p.m. convocation ceremony.

Dr. Ahna Berikof is an assistant professor in the Bachelor of Child and Youth Care program. Berikof provides creative opportunities for students to engage in study, activities and discussion that address cultural identities and social justice. She believes engaging in these topics bridges theory to practice by preparing students to support children, youth and families in diverse community settings. Berikof will receive her Distinguished Teaching Award on Wednesday, June 21 during the 3:00 p.m. convocation ceremony.

Dr. Etayankara (MurlI) Muralidharan is an assistant professor in the Bachelor of Commerce program. His teaching and research interests stem from the experiences he had in the corporate world. His areas of research focus on organizational crisis management, international and social entrepreneurship. His research has earned him best paper awards from the Academy of Management and the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada. Muralidharan will receive this Distinguished Teaching Award on Tuesday, June 20 during the 3:00 p.m. convocation ceremony.

Dr. Lisa Prichard, is an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. At Johns Hopkins University, she learned about the intricate molecular pathways that are the basis for cellular function and saw how the results in the lab could be applied directly to cancer patients. Prichard asks biology students to use, analyze, discuss, communicate, and apply their biology course knowledge in both academic and real-life settings so that they can relate it to aspects of their lives outside of the classroom. Prichard will receive her Distinguished Teaching Award on Thursday, June 22 during the 3:00 p.m. convocation ceremony.

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