

THE JOHN C. LIVINGSTON ANNUAL FACULTY LECTURE

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Dr. Susan L. Holl

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"Engineering Education: Thoughtful Design of a Quality University Curriculum"

Dr. Susan L. Holl is the recipient of the 2013 Livingston Lecture Award. Her lecture will focus on some of the core questions she believes to be critical in designing curricula for the 21st century for engineers in particular, and which inform curriculum design and teaching practices in disciplines across the University.

Professor Holl has made a sustained and unique contribution to Sacramento State, in both intellectual leadership and in service to the University. Since she joined the faculty in 1980, Professor Holl has been a dedicated teacher and researcher, she has been extremely active with students, and she has provided exemplary leadership in shared governance.

Over a span of 30 years, Professor Holl has been committed to serving Sacramento State. From her membership on the Senate Executive Committee in the 1980s to her recent service on the Program Priorities Committee and her current seat on the University Budget Advisory Committee, she has held the trust of the faculty during challenging times. She has served on every committee in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and every semester she serves on one or more such committees. Professor Holl has been the Chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering for the last five years.

Dr. Holl has been recognized as being an outstanding and inspirational teacher in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and she has taught courses in the Department of Mathematics, and the Department of Physics and Astronomy. She has also been recognized for her teaching with an outstanding teacher award from Tau Beta Pi (the national Engineering Honor Society).

In addition to being a superb teacher, Professor Holl started several student organizations, including the Sac State chapter of Tau Beta Pi and the ECS Student Joint Council. She was the first advisor for Competitive Robotics, and she continues to be an advisor for Competitive Robotics. She was the faculty representative to the ASI Board for more than three years, she has been the faculty advisor for the Society of Women Engineers, and she is the Chief Faculty Advisor for the National Organization of Tau Beta Pi.

Professor Holl has also consistently volunteered for roles of service to students. Her entire career has been dedicated to the ideals of student advising, retention, and graduation that have recently been adopted by the CSU. Professor Holl has been a faculty representative in the Academic Advising Center, she has served on the Graduation Initiative Committee, and she has provided advising and help in summer orientation every year. Furthermore, Professor Holl started the ECS Center for Academic Success (advising) in Fall 1994 and donated countless hours to advising students in the center.

Thursday, November 7, 2013

Redwood Room, University Union

3 p.m. | Reception to follow

*"... this approach would
serve students and society
by providing an education
that is well-suited for success
in the 21st century."*



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