

Tom L. Popejoy Dissertation Prize

Purpose:

The Tom L. Popejoy Dissertation Prize was established as a permanent memorial to the late Tom L. Popejoy, President of the University of New Mexico from 1948 to 1968. The award recognizes and encourages the highest level of academic excellence. Competition for the prize is structured on a three-year rotation, so that in one year, the departments of Art and Art History (including MFA) and Humanities are asked to submit their best dissertations; in the next, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Engineering and Mathematics & Statistics; and last, Social Sciences and Education (including EdD). See reverse of this page for 3-year rotation schedule.

Nomination Procedures:

The departments eligible for submitting nominations for Spring 2009 are in the second category: Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Planetary Sciences, Math & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy (including Optical Sciences), Psychology, Chemical & Nuclear Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, EECE (including Optical Sciences), Mechanical Engineering, Biomedical Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Each of these departments or programs may nominate one dissertation from a student that graduated any time between the **Spring 2006** semester through the end of the **Fall 2008** semester. A jury of two tenured faculty members and the Dean of Graduate Studies will select the award-winning dissertation. The original dissertation readers' reports will be made available to the jury, whose deliberations will be confidential. If no dissertation is found worthy of the prize in a given year, no award will be made and the rotation will continue the following year.

Nominating Units must submit the following information to the Office of Graduate Studies by the published or extended deadline:

- [nomination form](#);
- a written overview of the dissertation and why it was chosen as the departmental nomination;
- a copy of the dissertation; and
- when possible, include the nominee's current position and what publications/grants arose from the dissertation.

Stipend:

A \$1000 stipend will be awarded at Spring commencement each year. The recipient should be present at Spring commencement to accept the award.

Nomination Deadline:

March 6, 2009

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3-Year Rotation Schedule

Category	Period of accepted manuscripts eligible for competition	Deadline for submission of Nomination to the Office of Graduate Studies
1 Art & Art History (including MFA) American Studies English Foreign Languages & Literature History Philosophy Spanish & Portuguese	Spring 2008 – Fall 2010	Friday, March 4, 2011
2 Biology Chemistry Earth & Planetary Sciences Math & Statistics Physics & Astronomy (including Optical Sciences) Psychology Chemical & Nuclear Engineering Civil Engineering Computer Science EECE (including Optical Sciences) Mechanical Engineering Biomedical Sciences Pharmaceutical Sciences	Spring 2006 – Fall 2008	Friday, March 6, 2009
3 Anthropology Communication Economics Latin American Studies Linguistics Political Science Sociology Counseling Educational Leadership Educational Linguistics Educational Psychology Education Thought & Sociocultural Studies Family Studies Health, Physical Education & Recreation Multicultural Teacher & Childhood Education Org. Learning & Instructional Technologies Special Education	Spring 2007 – Fall 2009	Friday, March 5, 2010