Don Madison Named Curators’ Professor of Physics

Dr. Don H. Madison, professor of physics at the University of Missouri-Rolla, was named a Curators’ Professor of Physics during UMR’s commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 16, 1998.

The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved the designation. The Curators' Professorship is awarded to outstanding scholars with established reputations in their fields of expertise.

"I'm very pleased that Dr. Madison was selected for this high academic award," says UMR Chancellor John T. Park. "It will further recognize his accomplishments, bring added prestige to the physics department and enhance his research efforts at UMR."

Madison’s research interest is in the area of atomic collision theory. His work focuses on understanding the fundamental interactions between atomic electrons and their environment. His work has been funded by the National Science Foundation since the 1980s.

In recent years, three of Madison's undergraduate students have won national awards for outstanding research. In addition, one of his graduate students won an international competition for the best research performed by a young scientist.

Don Madison and Dan Chitwood

Madison received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1967. He received a Ph.D. in physics from Florida State University in 1972.

Madison, who joined the UMR faculty in 1988, has received six Faculty Excellence Awards at UMR.

In 1994, Madison was elected president of TAMOC (Theoretical Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Community), which is the national organization of theoretical atomic physicists.

Phonathon 1999

It’s that time of year again. Between February 21-24 your phone will ring as a student calls you for your phonathon pledge. When called, you will be asked to consider making a pledge for the next three to five years. If you make a multiyear pledge this year, we won’t ask for more next year! As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, your support has been critical in helping us give scholarships to outstanding students. MSM/UMR’s Full Circle Campaign continues through 2001. Your contribution to this campaign will help us continue to promote student excellence through scholarships and other support.

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