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OXFORD, Miss. – Sam Shu-Yi Wang, F.A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Mississippi, has a list of achievements and awards that spans four decades, six continents and dozens of organizations.

Another was added Saturday (May 10) during UM's commencement ceremonies, when he became the inaugural recipient of the university's Distinguished Research and Creative Achievement Award.

"This award was created to recognize and pay tribute to a faculty member whose career and achievements have generated national and international accolades, someone who has been a leader in his chosen field, and someone who has made outstanding, lifelong contributions to his profession and to our institution," said Alice M. Clark, vice chancellor for research and sponsored programs.

"We are so grateful for Dr. Wang's leadership on this campus and his impact globally. We are also grateful to Pharmaceuticals International Inc., for providing a gift in support of this award."

Wang, founder and director of UM's National Center for Computational Hydrosience and Engineering, is the only scholar in the world to win the two highest honors in the field of erosion and sedimentation research: the American Society of Civil Engineers' Hans Albert Einstein Award and the Qien Ling Award for Outstanding Achievement from the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research.

Wang joined the UM faculty in 1967. During his tenure, he has published and presented more than 300 original research articles and edited 10 books. Recognized worldwide in his field, he has been an invited keynote speaker and an expert consultant and special lecturer to governments, institutions and professional societies in more than 30

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Sam Shu-Yi Wang accepts the inaugural Distinguished Research and Creative Achievement Award from Alice Clark, vice chancellor for research and sponsored programs. UM photo by Kevin Bain.

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#### Students Learn 'Real Politics' in Washington, D.C., Winter Session

OXFORD, Miss. – Eleven University of Mississippi students spent their winter break learning about the people who work behind the scenes of the American government in Washington, D.C. Lead by Jonathan Klingler, assistant professor of political science, the students of Pol 391: Applied Politics met not with candidates, but with the people who make candidates'

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OXFORD, Miss. – Stephanie Jennings Teague, of Chicago, sees her commitment of \$100,000 to the Patterson School of Accountancy's new building at the University of Mississippi as a means of saying "thank you." "It is a way to show a small token of my appreciation to Ole Miss, the faculty and staff, and the accounting

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U.S. inflation roller coaster prompts fresh look at long-ignored money supply By Michael S. Derby NEW YORK – The amount of money sloshing around the U.S. economy shrank last year for the first time on record, a development that some economists believe bolsters the case for U.S. inflation pressures continuing to abate. The Federal Reserve's

countries.

"I would like to share this high honor with all of my colleagues at NCCHE," Wang said. "With the strong support of the dedicated, capable and hard-working research scientists there, we proved convincingly that complexities and difficulties in hydrosience research can be overcome."

Wang also credited his successes to the continuing support he has received from the university and to his beloved wife, Jine. "Without her understanding and support, I would not be able to concentrate on my hard work for long hours each day, often seven days a week," Wang said.

A fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Wang is a founder of the Environment and Water Resources Institute and of the World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research. Admired and respected by his peers, he is also an associate fellow, honorary member, member and/or officer of more than 10 professional societies.

Wang conducts and directs basic and applied research projects in the field of computational hydrosience and engineering supported by many federal and state agencies. He has attracted research grants and awards totaling more than \$20 million.

"Dr. Wang is one of the most outstanding researchers and teachers that I have come across in my long career," said Kai Fong Lee, dean of the UM School of Engineering. "His former students have given testimonials that the outstanding teaching and guidance they received from him have been instrumental in their successes in their careers."

For more information about the National Center for Computational Hydrosience and Engineering, visit <http://www.ncche.olemiss.edu> or call 662-915-7788.

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