

**Joe Carson
Physics**

2014 Distinguished Research Award



The Distinguished Research Award recognizes those roster faculty members who have a significant career of research, which is based on the body of the nominee's scholarly and/or creative works within the past few years. We are pleased to honor Dr. Joe Carson from the Physics department with this award.

Joe's work has focused on the direct imaging of extra solar planets. In recent years, he has worked as a lead researcher using awarded spaces on the Hubble telescope to take a number of direct images of planets beyond our own solar system. He has included undergraduates in his research, including last years' exciting discovery of "Super Jupiter" that has changed the way astronomers think about the relation of a sun's mass to its related planet formation.

His colleagues praise him as a scientist deeply committed both to his own research and to work in the larger community.