

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that William Dorland has been appointed Director of University Honors beginning January 1, 2009. Barbara Thorne will continue her strong leadership of Honors through the end of December.

Dorland is Associate Professor in the Department of Physics, with joint appointments in the Institute for Research in Electronics and Applied Physics (IREAP) and the Center for Scientific Computation and Mathematical Modeling (CSCAMM). Currently the Associate Director of IREAP, during Fall 2008, he will serve as IREAP's Interim Director. Dorland is a member of Maryland's Plasma Physics group, which was ranked #2 in the nation by US News and World Report this year. Since joining the Physics faculty, he has been PI for \$8M in research grants, and directs the DOE National Fusion Science Center at the University of Maryland. First a Reader (2001-02), he has been Visiting Reader in the Dept of Physics at Imperial College, London, since 2002. He has written 75 refereed articles, mainly on turbulence, with more than 2,000 citations. In 2005, Dorland was named a Fellow of the American Physical Society, "[f]or his contributions to the understanding of ion and electron temperature gradient driven turbulence in plasmas, and to the development of novel computational algorithms for exploring nonlinear plasma dynamics."

In 1993, Dorland received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in Astrophysical Sciences. In the same year, he also earned the MPA (Master of Public Administration) from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, a degree in which his focus was on international science policy. In 1988, Dorland received his B. S. degree from the University of Texas at Austin, where he graduated in Physics, with Special and Highest Honors, and was nominated for Phi Beta Kappa.

Dorland has been one of the founding members of the Marquee Faculty Group at the University of Maryland, the group that has launched six Marquee Courses in Science and Technology. Together with Jordan Goodman and Steven Rolston, he has designed and taught for this project Physics 105, "Physics for Decision-Makers: The Global Energy Crisis", which launched Fall 2007 as a University Honors seminar. He has supervised 10 undergraduate research projects. In 2000, he received a special award from the Council on International Educational Exchange, "For a Creative Initiative Providing Significant Benefits to the Field of International Educational Exchange".

Please congratulate Bill on this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Donna B. Hamilton

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean for Undergraduate Studies