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SCAVMA Basic Sciences Teaching Award: Dr. Donald Draper

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Dr. Donald D. Draper, Professor of Anatomy, Ethics, and Veterinary Entrepreneurship, was awarded the 2000 SCAVMA Basic Science Teaching Award. Dr. Draper is in his thirtieth year of teaching at ISU and has taught over 3,500 veterinary students during his time here. Dr. Draper received his DVM from Iowa State University in 1966, his Ph.D. in anatomy from the University of Missouri in 1971, and his MBA in Agribusiness from Iowa State University in 1997. He is currently teaching companion animal anatomy, animal behavior, professional ethics, case study I, veterinary entrepreneurship, and the continuing education program, "Shaping Your Veterinary Future." Dr. Draper has also taught a varied list of professional and graduate courses in the past.

Dr. Donald D. Draper has taught courses on a wide range of topics, including anatomy, ethics, behavior, and entrepreneurship.

His teaching style has evolved over the years and the once-traditional lecturer now values more hands-on experience and interactive strategies to increase retention and understanding by students. Draper says, "My purpose for being here is to help students in their education: to help them learn to become

successful veterinarians, not only in academics but with the life skills important to functioning in society as well as with business and people skills."

Dr. Draper says he wants to make a difference through his teaching. He enjoys seeing students learn. In reference to the SCAVMA Teaching Award, Dr. Draper says, "I'm very grateful" and jokes that "At my age one does not expect these types of things."

In his spare time, Dr. Draper enjoys reading, bicycling and running as well as training dogs. His wife, Dianne, is a full professor in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at ISU. ♦

SCAVMA Clinical Sciences Teaching Award: Dr. Karen Kline

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The 2000 SCAVMA teaching award for clinical sciences was awarded to Karen Kline, DVM. Dr. Kline is an assistant professor of veterinary clinical sciences at ISU, and her specialty is in neurology.

Dr. Kline received her bachelor's degree from ISU in 1984, and her DVM from Ohio State University in 1989. She is board-certified with ACVIM, and currently is in charge of the neurology ro-



Dr. Karen Kline specializes in neurology and is certified in veterinary acupuncture.

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tation for fourth-year students. She has taught the neurology rotation for five years.

Dr. Kline's special interests include traditional Chinese medicine and veterinary acupuncture, and she is now certified through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS).

When asked about her expectations for the future, Dr. Kline says that she enjoys her position at ISU and is planning on staying and teaching here, and perhaps working on a master's degree. She would also like to explore other aspects of alternative veterinary medicine, as well as explore new and different ways to teach, including computer-based learning.

When asked what she likes best about teaching, Dr. Kline says that she likes watching students progress from their first to their fourth year, and seeing the transformations that take place. She enjoys "seeing the lightbulbs come on," and, most importantly, is sincerely interested in her job of helping students learn. ♦

SCAVMA Outstanding Service Award: Mindy Schminke

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The SCAVMA Outstanding Service Award for 2000 was given to Mindy Schminke, who is the student records analyst for the College of Veterinary Medicine. Mindy has had this position for the past twelve years. She was first employed by Iowa State University two years before that at Parks Library on main campus, and has also worked in the field of elementary education. Her duties at the college are essential to veterinary students in all four classes, and include student registration and scheduling, assessing graduation requirements, and coordinating career development and placement.

In response to being asked what she likes best about her job, Mindy says that she enjoys the student interaction. She also says that she enjoys seeing students progress in only four years from "scared freshman" to

graduating veterinarians excited about their first job.

When asked about her reaction to receiving this award, she replied that it reinforces the reason she is here, in that it shows that her services and skills are definitely needed and very much appreciated. Mindy has received the SCAVMA outstanding service award twice (previously in 1995).

Mindy says her plans for the future include staying in her present position at the college. She lives in Boone, and has three young children: twin four-year-old girls, and a son who is 21 months old. "It's often hard to balance home and work," she says. "I have kids in both places!" ♦



SCAVMA president Julie Hansen presents Mindy Schminke with the 2000 SCAVMA Outstanding Service Award.

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