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Dr. Eric Davis, DVM was the 1994 recipient of the SCAVMA Teaching Award for Clinical Sciences. Dr. Davis is currently an assistant professor in the Large Animal Clinical Sciences department at the University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine in Knoxville, TN, where he is active in equine field services and equine surgery.

Shoeing horses and raising sheep allowed Dr. Davis to obtain a BS in Physiology, an MS in Genetics, and a DVM from the University of California, Davis. In 1977 he opened a mixed practice in Willits, CA. He practiced for 10 years, then returned to academia in 1987 to complete an Equine Medicine Residency in 1989 at UC, Davis; in the process, he won the Humphrey Knight Memorial Graduate Education Award for Clinical Competency, as well as the class of 1989 Outstanding Large Animal Resident award.

He married Dr. Ila Davis in 1989 and spent the following year as a consultant in equine medicine and surgery in Nevada, as well as being a visiting clinician at Purdue University and doing relief work for Equine Emergency Services in Los Angeles, CA. Never one to let moss grow under his feet, Dr. Davis then came to ISU in 1990 where he began an Equine Surgery Residency. His duties included teaching Equine Internal Medicine and Junior Introduction to Clinics, as well as acting as advisor for the Large Animal ICU team.

For his outstanding teaching at ISU, Dr. Davis won the 1992 SCAVMA Outstanding Clinical Sciences Teaching Award, the 1993 VEISHEA Outstanding Professor Award, and the 1994 VEISHEA Outstanding Professor Award. In addition he has written and published several articles, including his current article on "Standing Laparoscopic Cryptorchidectomy in the Horse, 11 cases," Furthermore, he has authored two sections in the Textbook of Large Animal Internal Medicine (Smith, BP) on fescue toxicosis and Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis in large animals. We wish Dr. Davis the best in Tennessee and hope he can pursue his interests in draught horses, cross country skiing, and acoustic guitar.

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The 1994 recipient of the SCAVMA Teaching Award for Basic Sciences was Dr. Joseph S. Haynes, D.V.M., Ph.D., Diplomate ACVP. He began his veterinary career at the University of Missouri in Columbia, where he received his DVM in 1979. Upon graduation he returned to his home town of Clinton, Missouri, where he bought a practice and worked for a year and a half. After selling the practice to a former classmate, he attended the University of Minnesota. Dr. Haynes passed the pathology boards in 1984 and earned his PhD. in Veterinary Pathology in 1986. He has served as a professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathology at Iowa State University for the past eight years.

Dr. Haynes is an instructor for the sophomore systemic pathology course and offers an elective in surgical pathology to sophomores and juniors. He also works with seniors in the necropsy course and teaches graduate classes.

Besides teaching Dr. Haynes has duties as a pathologist. He enjoys reading biopsies and performing post-mortem exams, and he incorporates these activities into learning experiences for students in the surgical pathology elective and the necropsy course. He has also acted as a mentor for a student working on a Merck Veterinary Research Project.

Working with students is important to Dr. Haynes, and he strives to improve communication between students and instructors. He enjoys a cooperative learning style which he utilizes in the systemic pathology course. When he teaches he tries to take advantage of the students’ interest and enthusiasm for pathology as it relates to veterinary medicine. Dr. Haynes has also started a student quality group for one of his courses. A small group of students represents the class and voices concerns about the course. They present the instructors with new ideas and discuss ways to make the class a better learning experience.

Dr. Haynes has been instrumental in development of the Rural General Practice Option (RGPO). He is on the steering committee and chairs the curriculum committee for the RGPO. He is excited about being involved with the new curriculum and thinks it will be beneficial to both students and faculty. Dr. Haynes feels that students will gain more from the teaching style and the faculty will be able to improve their craft by interacting more with students and using their enthusiasm to better facilitate learning.

A recipient of the Norden Teaching Award in 1988, Dr. Haynes seems very proud to have received the SCAVMA Teaching Award last spring. Teaching and students are very important to him, and he has made many efforts to show us all how much he cares. We feel that it is very fitting that he has won this award.

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