

Maeser Distinguished Awards Given to 8 BYU Professors

Eight distinguished faculty members at Brigham Young University were presented the Karl G. Maeser Awards this morning by BYU President Dallin H. Oaks in recognition of outstanding teaching and research.

The awards and the cash honorariums are sponsored by the Karl G. Maeser Associates in the BYU Alumni Association. The awards are named in honor of Dr. Karl G. Maeser, pioneer president of BYU from 1876 to 1892.

Recipients of the awards were announced by President Oaks at the annual fall University conference in the Marriott Center.

Three professors received the Karl G. Maeser Research and Creative Arts Award which includes a \$3,000 grant for research or creative projects. They are Dr. Henry N. (Hank) Christiansen, professor of civil engineering; Dr. Donovan E. Fleming, professor of psychology and chairman of the Department of Psychology, and Dr. H. Tracy Hall, distinguished professor of physical chemistry.

Five professors were awarded the

Karl G. Maeser Distinguished Teaching Award which includes a \$1,000 cash honorarium. They are Ralph A. Britsch, professor emeritus of humanities; Dr. Melvin W. Carter, professor of statistics; Dr. Phyllis C. Jacobson, professor of physical education and chairman of the Department of Physical Education — Women; Dr. Floyd Sucher, professor of elementary education, and Dr. Larry T. Wimmer, professor of economics.

Nominations for all the awards come from students, faculty and alumni. Final selections are made by a committee of students, faculty, alumni and the executive secretary of the Alumni Association who serves as chairman.

Dr. Christiansen, a native of Pocatello and a nationally known specialist in computer graphics, joined the BYU faculty in 1965 after five years with Philco-Ford Corporation's Western Development Laboratories. There he developed an automated (digital computer) structural analysis capability for trusses, frameworks, plates and shells, as well as other computer systems.

He also has worked at Thiokol

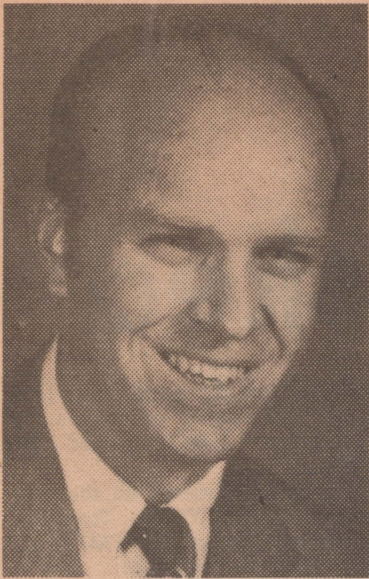
Chemical Corporation, Stanford University and as a research associate of computer science at the University of Utah the past 10 years. He earned a B.S. degree at Utah State University and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in mechanical engineering at Stanford University.

Dr. Fleming, a native of Ogden, specializes in physiological psychology. He has developed a procedure for applying micro quantities of drugs directly to the brain and for recording drug-induced changes in brain function.

Before joining the BYU faculty in 1971, he was chief of psychological research at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Phoenix, a visiting professor at Arizona State University and a research psychologist for the V.A. He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees at BYU and the Ph.D. at Washington State University.

Dr. Hall, also a native of Ogden, is a pioneer in the field of high pressure-temperature research and is the first person to make synthetic diamonds. He joined the BYU faculty in 1955 after

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DR. HENRY CHRISTIANSEN



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DR. PHYLLIS C. JACOBSON



DR. FLOYD SUCHER



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working seven years at the General Electric Company's Research Laboratory where he first made the diamonds.

The chemist has authored more than 100 scientific papers, has about 50 patents, and has received numerous awards from scientific organizations. He earned the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry at the University of Utah.

Prof. Britsch, a native of Ephraim, joined the BYU faculty upon graduation in 1938. Five years previous to that time, he taught English and music at Gunnison and Provo high schools. At BYU he initiated courses in European and American humanities.

An author and editor of humanities textbooks, he served as chairman of the

English Department and the Humanities Department, and as acting dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. He earned the M.A. degree at BYU in 1951.

Dr. Carter is a native of Phoenix who joined the BYU faculty in 1961 after teaching at Purdue, North Carolina State and Texas A & M. He also served as a biostatistician for the Upjohn Laboratories.

He has developed methods for teaching design and analysis of variance for both balanced and unbalanced designs. He has written numerous articles for professional journals, specializing in animal science and nutrition.

He earned his B.S. degree at Arizona State, and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at North Carolina State.

Dr. Jacobson, a native of Idaho Falls,

began teaching physical education at BYU in 1957 and has taught on all educational levels — from elementary to college. She conducts many physical fitness clinics and is considered an expert in family fitness and aerobic conditioning.

An author of numerous articles and books, she has also received many awards from professional and educational organizations. She earned a two-year certificate at Southern Idaho College, the B.S. and M.S. degrees at Utah State University and the Ph.D. degree at the University of Utah.

Dr. Sucher, a native of Rigby, Ida., who joined the BYU faculty in 1964, has become one of the leading specialists in reading in the nation. He currently has invitations to speak at the world conference on reading in Germany and at

conferences in Ireland, Nepal and Saudi Arabia.

He has written numerous articles for professional journals, textbooks for professional reading teachers and readers for elementary students. He has developed 23 reading tests. He earned the B.S. degree at BYU, the M.S. degree at Los Angeles State College and the Ed.D. at Colorado State.

Dr. Wimmer is a native of Snowflake, Ariz. He has taught at BYU since 1963. He has specialized in American economic history and has developed, with colleague Dr. Clayne Pope, a general education economics course required of all BYU students. He has authored many articles for professional journals, many of which center around the Mormon settlement in Kirtland, Ohio. He earned the B.S. degree at BYU and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Chicago.