

## New APS Fellows Nominated from the Forum on Education

This year there are four new APS fellows, as nominated from the FEd. Their “citations” are below, and brief bios of each new Fellow follows.

### **David M. Cook , Lawrence University**

Citation: For the prominent roles he has played in developing and disseminating outstanding computational elements for undergraduate physics courses, in building an exemplary undergraduate physics program, and in executive leadership of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

### **Paul Cottle, Florida State University**

Citation: For the impact of his efforts to improve university physics

education, especially for precollege teachers, and his advocacy for effective precollege science education standards and policy in Florida and nationally

### **Paul DeYoung, Hope College**

Citation: For his strong and sustained leadership of facilitating research opportunities to enhance undergraduate education

### **David E. Meltzer , Arizona State University**

Citation: For his tireless advocacy for the quality of professional preparation of K-12 teachers and for the depth and breadth of his scholarly contributions to research in physics education and the community of physics education researchers

## About our new APS Fellows

**David M. Cook** grew up in Troy, NY, and received B.S. (1959) and Ph.D. (1965) degrees in physics from Rensselaer and Harvard. He then joined the Department of Physics at Lawrence University, where he received the Lawrence excellence in teaching award in 1990. During his 43 years on the Lawrence faculty, he taught nearly every course offered by his department and supervised a multitude of student projects. Between 1988 and 2008 (with support from the NSF, the W. M. Keck Foundation, and Lawrence University), Professor Cook directed an ongoing curricular development project that has created a departmental environment in which physics majors become expert at using state-of-the-art computing resources intelligently and independently. In February 2000, he received an NSF grant to support the assembling of the extensive locally developed instructional materials into a customizable textbook titled *Computation and Problem Solving in Undergraduate Physics*; the text was completed in January 2003, and continues to be used at several colleges around the country. Just before his retirement in June 2008, Professor Cook was elected Vice-President of the AAPT, serving four years in the presidential chain. In that capacity, he served on several AAPT Advisory Committees and as AAPT representative to the AIP Governing Board, the APS Council, the APS/FEd Nominating Committee, and the APS/FEd Executive Committee. In January 2013, he will embark on a three-year term as chair of the AAPT Meetings Committee.

**Paul Cottle** earned his Ph.D. in Physics from Yale in 1986 and joined the faculty of Florida State University in the same year. He has published more than 100 refereed papers in experimental nuclear physics, and in 1987 was awarded the Presidential Young Investigator Award by the National Science Foundation. Cottle has been involved in teacher education and other K-12 issues for twenty

years. He was a member of the committee that wrote Florida’s science standards in 2007-2008, and is presently serving on the chair line of the APS Forum on Education and as Chair of the society’s Committee on Education. He was awarded the George B. Pegram Award by the Southeastern Section of the APS in 2002.

**Paul DeYoung** graduated from Hope College, completed his doctorate at the University of Notre Dame in 1982, and subsequently conducted research at the Nuclear Structure Laboratory, SUNY-Stony Brook, before returning to Hope to teach. He is currently the Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Physics at Hope, where he co-leads the college’s “nuclear group”. His research has received continuous support since 1985, from agencies including the National Science Foundation, Research Corporation and the Michigan Space Grant Consortium, and has resulted in more than 80 journal articles and more than 80 presentations at professional conferences. In February 2011, the college’s division for the natural and applied sciences recognized him for with that year’s “James N. Boelkins Natural and Applied Sciences Division Research Award”. He loves teaching students about physics through involvement in original research.

**David E. Meltzer** received a Ph.D. in theoretical condensed matter physics from SUNY Stony Brook in 1985, then went on to complete six years of post-doctoral work at the University of Tennessee and the University of Florida. In 1991 he joined the faculty at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond and turned his focus to research on the learning and teaching of physics. Since 1992 his primary work has been in physics education research and physics curriculum development, and he has been Principal Investigator on nine projects funded by the National Science Founda-

tion. He joined the faculty at Iowa State University in 1998 and from 1998 to 2005 he was director of the Iowa State University Physics Education Research Group. He later taught at the University of Washington in Seattle and joined the faculty at Arizona State University in 2008 as an Associate Professor. He has taught more than two dozen different university courses on physics, science, and science education, and has also regularly taught middle-

school science classes since 2007. He has published 30 papers in refereed journals and proceedings, edited seven books, and given about 100 invited presentations in five countries. He is a consultant to the American Physical Society and the Physics Teacher Education Coalition (PhysTEC), and Senior Consultant to the National Task Force on Teacher Education in Physics. He is also a competitor in Masters Olympic-style weightlifting.

## Interested in more than just Physics Education?

### About the Society for College Science Teachers

*Brian R. Shmaefsky, Lone Star College  
President, SCST*

SCST (Society for College Science Teachers) is a multidisciplinary college science teaching organization that promotes the best teaching practices in all science fields. Our meetings are times to share field-tested general teaching principles applicable to any science. We also look at ways to encourage students to see how the different science disciplines inter-relate and rely upon each other for the furthering of knowledge. Many of our members also conduct research in higher education to better understand the way undergraduates best learn science. Members publish in the *Journal*

*for College Science Teaching* and present cutting-edge sessions at the SCST annual conference and regional meetings. Our special SCST/NSTA symposium sessions at the annual conference also highlight the overlap and interdependency of the disciplines. Our Facebook site and listserv are other avenues of sharing member ideas and promoting collaborative efforts to improve college science teaching. Check us out at [www.scst.org](http://www.scst.org).

*Note added: the Editor is a member of NSTA and SCST.*