

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
February 22, 2016**

**APPOINTMENT OF TODD K. SHACKELFORD TO THE RANK  
OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR**

**A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.
2. **Introduction:** In 1988 the Board of Trustees (Board) created the faculty rank of Distinguished Professor. Upon recommendation of the President and Provost, the Board may appoint individuals to the rank of Distinguished Professor for the duration of the individual's active service at Oakland University. Appointments to distinguished professorships are based on the candidate's efforts and accomplishments in the areas of teaching, intellectual contributions and service, giving consideration to the programmatic and institutional setting of the candidate's work at Oakland and the nature of the candidate's assignments and responsibilities, the quality of the candidate's accomplishments and the relation of all the foregoing factors to the objectives of the area or departments, the goals of the college or school, and the mission and long-range vision of the University.  
  
A selection committee of their peers recommended the following faculty member, Todd K. Shackelford, for approval to Dr. James P. Lentini, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, to the appointment of Distinguished Professor.
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board has periodically appointed individuals to the rank of Distinguished Professor at Formal Sessions of the Board.
4. **Budget Implications:** A one-time salary stipend of \$2,500 plus an annual supplies and services allocation of \$1,500, up to five years, for the Distinguished Professor will be paid from the Provost's Discretionary Fund.
5. **Educational Implications:** Recognition of a distinguished faculty member's long-standing dedication to the mission of the institution reinforces a culture that is devoted to excellence in teaching, research, creative endeavor, and service.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.

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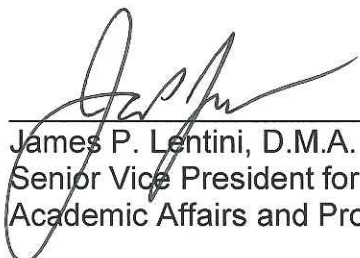
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** A selection committee of his peers recommended Todd K. Shackelford, Professor of Psychology, for approval to Dr. James P. Lentini, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, to the appointment of Distinguished Professor.

8. **Recommendation:**

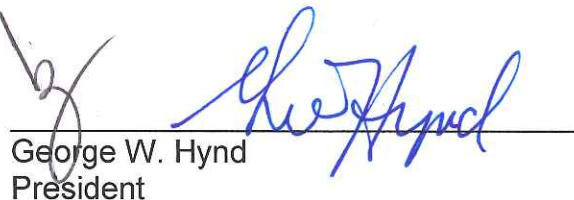
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Todd K. Shackelford, Professor of Psychology, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2016.

9. **Attachment:** Biography of Todd K. Shackelford.

Submitted to the President  
on 2/16, 2016 by

  
James P. Lentini, D.M.A.  
Senior Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommendation on 2/18, 2016  
to the Board for Approval by

  
George W. Hynd  
President

## BIOGRAPHY

Professor Shackelford received his M.A. in Psychology from the University of Michigan in 1995 and his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin in 1997. He was hired as Assistant Professor of Psychology by Florida Atlantic University following the completion of his Ph.D. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 2002 and to Professor in 2007. At Florida Atlantic, he was Founder and Chair of the Ph.D. program in Evolutionary Psychology. Professor Shackelford joined Oakland University in 2010 as Professor and Chair of the department.

Professor Shackelford's research focuses on issues of sexuality and aggression from an evolutionary perspective and has been published in some of the leading journals in his discipline. As indicated by his extensive CV, Dr. Shackelford is clearly a prolific and highly accomplished scholar. He has published more than 300 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters as well as edited 14 books. His work has had a substantial impact on the field of psychology as evidenced by the fact that he has been cited more than 12,000 times (along with having an h-index of 54 and an *i10*-index of 165) according to Google Scholar. Professor Shackelford's outstanding accomplishments in research have been recognized by Oakland University, the International Society for the Study of Individual Differences, and Florida Atlantic University. He has also been named a fellow of the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, the Center for Science and Reason, the International Association for Research on Aggression.

Professor. Shackelford is devoted to educating undergraduate and graduate students about evolutionary psychology and is described as extremely enthusiastic and respectful. He is one of the most popular faculty members in the psychology department at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Undergraduates flock to his courses and frequently want to join his lab as research assistants and dozens of prospective graduate students apply to work with him each year due to his reputation. In addition to his excellent effort in the classroom, he mentors many undergraduate, masters and Ph.D. students each year and regularly publishes with them. He has served as chair of numerous masters theses and doctoral dissertations as well as supervising undergraduate honor student theses.

Professor Shackelford does not sacrifice service at any level to maintain a strong publication level. He serves the profession as an editor for *Evolutionary Psychology*, *Evolutionary Psychological Science*, he co-edits *Evolutionary Psychology*, the *Homicide Research Working Group Newsletter*, and the *Springer Series in Evolutionary Psychology*. He is a member of the editorial board of numerous journals including *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression*, *Human Nature*, *Journal of Comparative Psychology*, and *Personality and Individual Differences* to name a few. He is a review for numerous publications and a grant reviewer for both national and international granting agencies including the National Science Foundation, the National

Institutes of Health and the Social Science Research Council (The Netherlands). He also holds memberships in many professional organizations and has held national leadership positions.

At Oakland University he has served as the Chair of the Department of Psychology, chair of the search committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of the search committee for the Associate Vice President for Research, and as a member of the Research subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Task Force. He was instrumental in the development of the M.A. and Ph.D. in the Department of Psychology at Oakland University in recruiting new faculty to help support a growing student body in Psychology. Finally he has been instrumental in the organization of several interdisciplinary conferences, held at Meadow Brook Hall, that have attracted scholars from around the world. These efforts have raised the profile of Oakland University both nationally and internationally.

His ability to balance prolific research, excellent teaching and excellent service is indicative of Professor Shackelford's dedication to his profession. His work has made outstanding contributions to psychological science and he is clearly among the most accomplished scholars in the field of psychology.