

## Tevian Dray and Skip Rochefort named UHC Eminent Professors

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The University Honors College (UHC) has announced that Tevian Dray and Willie (Skip) Rochefort have been named UHC Eminent Professors for 2012. Eminent Professorships recognize outstanding Oregon State University faculty for their academic achievements and dedicated service to the University Honors College and its students. Faculty members' commitment to undergraduate education is the foundation of the Honors Experience at OSU, and Eminent Professors exemplify this spirit of engagement.



Tevian Dray

In his 24 years at OSU, Dray has established himself as a leading innovator in teaching mathematics at the university level. A professor in the Department of Mathematics with specializations in mathematical physics and geometry, Dray is particularly interested in shaping pedagogy to meet the special perspectives, expectations, and needs of different academic and professional fields. He is currently the Principal Investigator on two National Science Foundation projects, one designed to improve the curriculum structure of physics education and the other reshaping the way calculus is taught to young scientists. His own teaching has been previously recognized by the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, the College of

Science, and University Honors College students, who voted Dray UHC Outstanding Professor in 2009. During winter term of 2012, Dray taught Vector Calculus II - using his trademark chalkboards and colored chalk - continuing a long history of outstanding contributions to the Honors community. Tevian Dray's commitment to innovative, cross-disciplinary, and student-centered teaching is the epitome of the qualities of a UHC Eminent Professor.