George C. Hoffmann Award
Wayne Wakeland, Ph.D. ’77

Professor Wayne Wakeland has been a faculty member in the System Science Program since 1978, and is no stranger to awards. He has received teaching awards from the Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science and, four times, from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and student evaluations of Professor Wakeland are consistently high.

Professor Wakeland is recognized for revising curriculum to strengthen support for University Studies and the School of the Environment, and to enhance program contributions to the PSU mission.

Professor Wakeland developed 12 unique graduate courses at PSU, four collaboratively with faculty in other departments; five of these courses continue to be offered regularly. He employs the latest simulation technologies, and new on-line and hybrid teaching methods, including learner-directed activities to complement lectures. He routinely teaches more than his obligated teaching load, out of enthusiasm for the subject matter, to meet curricular needs, and to foster campus collaboration.

Since 2003, Professor Wakeland has established a solid publication record with 83 peer-reviewed papers, an average of nearly six papers per year. Of these papers, 24 lie in the applications area of organizational processes, 16 in biomedical dynamics, 16 in sustainability, 16 in health policy, and 11 regarding simulation and optimization methods.

Professor Wakeland’s scholarship has been generously supported by external research funding. Since 2003, he has served as principal investigator or co-principal investigator on 10 grants from government agencies, including National Institutes of Health and NASA, private foundations, and corporate sources totaling $1.6 million. His scholarship was also supported by $58,000 in internal funding.

Given Professor Wakeland’s extraordinary contributions in instruction and service, his contributions in the area of scholarship are even more remarkable.

The Hoffmann Award is given annually to a faculty member in recognition of distinguished contributions to the University in the areas of instruction, university service, and scholarship which are done in the spirit of humanism, civility, and collegiality with particular dedication to students and loyalty to the University—values especially cherished by the late George C. Hoffmann, a distinguished dean and professor of history at Portland State University.