

Commitment to Excellence

UCSB Professor Honored for Teaching Excellence

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Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems presented UC Santa Barbara chemical engineering professor Dr. Michael Gordon with Northrop Grumman's 2009 Excellence in Teaching award during a May 27 luncheon held in Gordon's honor on the UCSB campus.

For many years, Northrop Grumman has partnered with professors and students at UCSB to test and develop advanced semiconductor technology that enables U.S. defense and space satellites to communicate effectively with warfighters and scientists.

Dwight Streit, vice president of Electronics and Sensors, presented the award. "Professor Gordon works closely with his students so they understand engineering applications that help Northrop Grumman to advance technology that is critical to our nation's safety," Streit said. "He is a model educator who strengthens the alliance between Northrop Grumman and UCSB."

"It is my belief that being a faculty member at a top-rated research university also means that we have a sincere duty to excel at shaping the hearts and minds of future generations of scientists and engineers through great teaching; for me, it is truly a privilege to be part of this process," Gordon said. "I look forward to working with Northrop Grumman in the future."

"Mike Gordon was an outstanding choice for the award, and we look forward to further interaction with him and other faculty on campus," said Ray Haynes, director of Strategic University Alliances in Northrop Grumman's Office of Chief Technology. "Our partnership with UCSB has enabled Northrop Grumman to win valuable government contracts while sharing knowledge with one of the premier engineering schools in the country."

Gordon holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in chemical engineering from the Colorado School of Mines, and he obtained his doctorate in chemical engineering at the California Institute of Technology. He also earned a master's degree in applied physics at Caltech. Gordon was an Intel Fellow from 2000 to 2003 and was honored with the Constantin G. Economou Prize in 1997. ■