Professor Nisbett honored with Henry Russel Lecture

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Richard Nisbett, a psychology professor at the University of Michigan, will be honored as the Henry Russel Lecturer for 2010.

The lectureship is the highest honor that the university gives a senior faculty member. His lecture will be given March 9, 2010.

The U-M Board of Regents reviewed a report on Nisbett's honor at its regular monthly meeting Thursday.

Nisbett is recognized as one of the most creative and productive social psychologists in the history of the discipline, according to a description of the award provided by U-M. Nisbett has made landmark contributions to the study of obesity, the study of how humans understand themselves and the social world, and to the examination of the influence of culture on violence, reasoning, perception and intelligence, among other research interests.

Nisbett joined the U-M faculty in 1971.

At the same ceremony during which Nisbett will give his lecture, three other professors will receive Henry Russel Awards, which recognize exceptional scholarship and ability as a teacher. It is one of the highest honors given junior faculty. The recipients are Cindy Lustig, assistant professor of psychology; Patricia Wittkopp, assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, and assistant professor of molecular, cellular and developmental biology.

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