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Lynn Mather, a professor of law and political science at the University at Buffalo, is one of 16 faculty members from across the State University of New York’s system to receive the title of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor this academic year.

According to SUNY, promotion to this rank requires a demonstration that the professor has achieved a “distinguished reputation for service not only to the campus and the University, but also to the community, the State of New York or even the nation, by sustained effort in the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate’s scholarly and research interests to uses of public concern.”

According to Law School Dean Makau W. Mutua, “Lynn has surpassed this standard in every way. Her record of scholarship, public service and teaching is exceptional. Lynn has done pioneering work at the crossroads of political science, law and anthropology. Her service to a wide range of institutions, including the Law & Society Association, the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, the American Association of Law Schools and the American Political Science Association, is equally impressive.”

A leading scholar in the field of law and society, Mather has published extensively on lawyers, legal professionalism, women in the legal profession, and trial courts. Her most recent book, *Lawyers in Practice: Ethical Decision Making in Context* (University of Chicago Press, 2012), co-edited with Leslie Levin, is required reading in Legal Ethics courses around the country. Her earlier books include *Private Lawyers and the Public Interest: The Evolving Role of Pro Bono in the*

Mather joins other Law School members of the SUNY Distinguished Academy

Guyora Binder
SUNY Distinguished Professor; Vice Dean for Research and Faculty Development

David M. Engel
SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

Charles P. Ewing
SUNY Distinguished Service Professor; Vice Dean for Academic Affairs

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SUNY Distinguished Professor; Joseph W. Belluck and Laura A. Aswad Professor of Civil Justice

Makau W. Mutua, Dean
SUNY Distinguished Professor; Floyd H. and Hilda L. Hurst Faculty Scholar