

Youngstown State University Awards Professor Birsen Karpak Title of Distinguished Professor

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It is both a pleasure and an honor to announce and celebrate an important award that Professor Birsen Karpak, one of the members of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of the Analytic Hierarchy Process*, recently received.

In April 2015, Birsen Karpak, Professor of Management at Youngstown State University, received a Distinguished Professorship designation. This is a result of her receiving distinguished professor awards in the areas of Teaching, Service and Scholarship over the years!

This formal title denotes an academic honor of the highest distinction, and is awarded to a limited number of the most accomplished professors. There are about 400 professors at Youngstown State University, and only 2% are Distinguished Professors. Moreover, Birsen is the only professor with this honor in the Williamson College of Business.

This award is thus an important recognition and acknowledges the difficulty in performing outstanding scholarship, research and creative activity, excellent teaching and exceptional service at the same time!

Besides performing superior service to the Youngstown State University and the wider AHP community, and being an outstanding scholar, recognized at the international level, Birsen is also an outstanding teacher and a continuous source of inspiration for her students. Birsen has also been very active and passionate in motivating and mentoring young researchers like me!

Many thanks to Birsen and warm congratulations from all of us!



Professor Birsen Karpak during the award ceremony on April 16, 2015 at the DeBartolo Stadium Club