JACKSON, Miss. – University of Mississippi School of Medicine Professor Emeritus of Anatomy Dr. Duane E. Haines has been selected by the Association of American Medical Colleges to receive the Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award, a national recognition for outstanding contribution to academic medicine and the global community. The award will be presented Nov. 6 at the group’s annual meeting in Washington D.C.

Originally from Springfield, Ohio, Haines received a Ph.D. in Anatomy in 1969 from Michigan State University. He was professor and associate chair of the Department of Anatomy at West Virginia University before joining the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1985 as professor and chair of the School of Medicine Department of Anatomy.

The author of three neuroanatomy text books and dozens of journal articles, Haines’ research on human and animal brains has covered multiple aspects including classical anatomy, circuitry and connections between parts and chemical response. As well, he has written a number of articles delving into neuroscience history.

In his role as professor, he's taught neuroanatomy to thousands of students in UMMC’s schools of medicine, dentistry, nursing, graduate studies and health related professions. He maintains a membership in the American Association of Anatomists, where he has served in leadership positions, and is a past president of the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences.

“Dr. Haines embodies the definition of 'Doctor' from the Latin 'to teach.' He has consistently gone the extra mile to provide an excellent quality education program with a focus on clinically relevant information,” said Dr. LouAnn Woodward, UMMC associate vice chancellor for health affairs.

“A model educator for students and residents, he is above all an academician who over the years has provided the neuroanatomy, neurological and neurosurgical community with new, clearer images of complex anatomical relationships in his magnificent neuro-anatomy textbooks.”

An expert on the life of legendary neuroscientist and 1906 Nobel Prize in Medicine winner Santiago Ramón y Cajal, Haines served as historian of the Cajal Club from 1986 to 2008, and was interviewed for the 2010 PBS series “The Mystery of Memory.”

He is recognized worldwide for his atlas of the human brain, “Neuroanatomy, An Atlas of Structures, Sections, and Systems.” First published in 1983 and now in its eighth edition, the textbook has been translated into eight languages. With approximately 250 MRIs, CAT Scans and angiograms and 340 clinical terms, the book is widely celebrated for its practical application to clinical learning.

Haines also served as editor and co-author of “Fundamental Neuroscience for Basic and Clinical Applications.” Now in its third edition, the textbook is used by medical schools across the country.
Although Haines retired in 2010, he continues teaching courses at UMMC. He is among 10 individuals and two medical schools who will receive awards at the AAMC's annual meeting.

The Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards were established by the AOA medical honor society in 1988 to provide national recognition to faculty members who have distinguished themselves in medical student education. The award, which includes a $10,000 grant, is named for long-time AOA executive secretary Robert J. Glaser, M.D.

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