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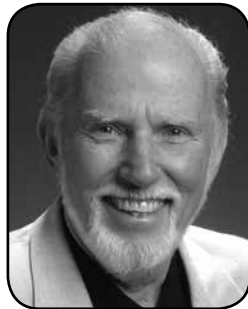
Five Outstanding Individuals to Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement May 10

Four outstanding individuals will join University of Oklahoma Commencement speaker **Fareed Zakaria**, one of the nation's leading critical thinkers, in being awarded honorary degrees at OU's 2013 Commencement Ceremony, scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, May 10, at The Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

In addition to Zakaria, the following will be awarded honorary degrees:

- **Tom W. Boyd**, professor of philosophy, who has impacted the lives of tens of thousands OU students during his more than 40 years of teaching at OU
- **Susan E. Brackett, D.D.S., M.S.**, Oklahoma City, prosthodontist and philanthropist, has provided leadership and service to the dental profession and enhanced the arts for OU students
- **Jan Marie Crawford** of Denver, civic leader and supporter of higher education, promoted a sense of community at OU as director of Union Activities at the Oklahoma Memorial Union in the 1960s
- and **The Honorable Ralph G. Thompson**, Oklahoma City, a leader in the federal judiciary, serving 32 years as a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma

Boyd, David Ross Boyd Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Professor of Religious Studies at OU, retired this semester after teaching at OU for more than 40 years. During this time, he has truly changed the lives of countless students. He taught



philosophy at the university for 29 years, concentrating on the philosophy of religion, ethics and value theory. Before initially retiring in 1997,

Boyd served as Kingfisher Chair of the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. In 2002, he was convinced to come out of retirement by President David L. Boren and enlisted for service in the new religious studies program. Boyd most recently taught as part of the retired professor program and served as a consultant to the program.

Boyd's current concentration is on the interplay of religions in a global context, the problem of religious pluralism, and the relation between culture and religion. He also studies the impact of religion on ethics. He seeks through his studies and teaching to understand and appreciate religion in its contemporary setting. His writings, made up of articles and book chapters, have focused on the relationship between religion and culture.

In addition to being presented nine teaching awards at the university, he was named recipient in 1996 of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence Medal for Excellence in teaching at the college level. The award recognized Boyd for his many important contributions as an educator, role model and leader in the continuing pursuit of excellence in higher education in the state of Oklahoma. In October, Boyd

was recognized at OU's annual Ring Ceremony in honor of his longtime service to the university.

Brackett graduated from the OU College of Dentistry in 1978 in its third graduating class. After teaching at two different dental schools, she decided to pursue specialty training in the area of prosthodontics in 1985.

In 1987, Brackett received her certificate in fixed prosthodontics and a master of science degree from



the University of Iowa. At that time, she returned to the OU College of Dentistry in the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics.

In 1988, she presented her original research and won the Stanley D. Tylman Award, sponsored by the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics. She is the co-author of American Medical Writer's Association award-winning textbook, *Fundamentals of Tooth Preparation*, as well the *Fundamentals of Fixed Prosthodontics*, third edition.

Brackett maintains active membership in a number of dental organizations. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. She also serves as a Fellow and secretary of the American College of Prosthodontists.

For 20 years, Brackett devoted her career to academics, including 16 years