

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
NOMINATION FOR THE 2016-2017 DISSERTATION ADVISOR/MENTORING AWARD
PROFESSOR CHRISTIANE WEIRAUCH**

Each year the Graduate Council and Graduate Division present the Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award to one or two UCR faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to the training of advanced graduate students. It is my pleasure to announce that this year's winner is **Christiane Weirauch**.

Dr. Weirauch is a Professor in the Department of Entomology. She received her MSc. (1998) in Biology from the Eberhard-Karls-Universität, Tübingen, Germany and her PhD in Biology from the Freie Universität Berlin (2003). She has been at UCR since 2006, where she started as an Assistant Professor. Her interests lie in systematics and evolution of *Heteroptera* or True Bugs, a part of evolutionary biology. Present and former students speak of her engagement with and availability to students at all levels. Her attention to detail and timely advice and comments on student papers was praised, along with the freedom she gives them to pursue their own interests. Her help with grants and publications was highly appreciated. The department chair emphasized the success of *all* of her students during their programs and after graduating, and called her the best Graduate Advisor the department has ever had. Graduates wrote of her help and support long after graduation. Other faculty praised her worldwide reputation. For her many efforts in mentoring graduate students, she is being honored with the Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award.