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## IN BRIEF

### SEC honors UA theater professor

Seth Panitch, a theater professor at the University of Alabama, was chosen Wednesday as the 2016 SEC Faculty Achievement Award winner for UA.



**Panitch**

Faculty members at all 14 SEC institutions were chosen for the award, which honors academic achievements in research and scholarship.

Panitch serves as director of the master of fine arts and undergraduate acting programs at UA. He's directed five international stage productions in Cuba, four off-Broadway shows in New York City, five regional theater productions, a feature film and numerous university productions. He's also written international, off-Broadway and regional productions as well as several feature films.

All 14 SEC Faculty Achievement Award winners will receive a \$5,000 honorarium and become their university's nominee for the SEC Professor of the Year Award, which is the overall winner and will be announced in April. The SEC Professor of the Year Award winner will receive an additional \$15,000 honorarium and will be recognized at the annual SEC awards dinner.

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