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UCSB PROF HONORED FOR SERVICE TO SANTA BARBARA P.D.

Howard Giles, a professor in UC Santa Barbara's Department of Communication, has been honored for the second time for his volunteer work for the Santa Barbara Police Department.

Giles, a five-year member and a sergeant in the department's reserve unit, was recently given the 2000 Reserve Advisor's Award for service.

In 1999, he was awarded the Reserve Lieutenant's Award.

"I'm quite honored," said Giles, who devotes about 250 hours to the SBPD each year and has full police powers.

The time is spent in many ways, including crowd control, traffic control, patrol -- even some undercover work.

Giles, who came to UCSB from his native England in 1989, gives several reasons for his dedication.

"I feel very fortunate to live in Santa Barbara and it is a way I can give something back," he said.

The work also has a nice fit with his research into police-community interaction.

He has been working on gaining university approval of a research center to be called the Center for Police Practices and the Community and hopes it will soon be an international focal point for police-community discussion.

Giles is a past chair of UCSB's Department of Communication and in 2000 received the International Communication Association's Career Productivity Award.

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