WILLARD SPIEGELMAN
An English professor at Southern Methodist University who specializes in poetry, Spiegelman teaches everything from the English Romantic poets to Roland Barthes—and still finds time for ballroom dancing. "I think that a teacher in the classroom is basically an expanded version of himself in private life," he says.

LISA RANDALL
For Randall, a professor of physics at Harvard known for her ability to translate abstract subject matter like cosmological inflation to the masses, it's important for students to see her dressed in more than just a lab coat. "I hope that seeing professors not all fitting a single stereotype will encourage students to keep an open mind."

KEN MILLER
A professor of biology at Brown University, Miller is known to liven up clinical subject matter with sports analogies and even music. But fashion, not so much. "My students so seldom see me wearing a tie that when they do, they stop me on the street and ask what the special occasion might be."

ANALISA CRANNELL
Crannell is a professor of mathematics at Franklin and Marshall College who doesn't dress—or teach—by the numbers. She tries to get students to explain mathematics to a nontechnical audience using real-world and fictional examples. "It's very much like storytelling," she says.