



*Faculty Awards  
For Excellence*

*in Instruction, Research, and Outreach*

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

*4:30 p.m.*

*Felkir Peet Theatre*

# *Awards Order*

## **WELCOME**

*Ed Richardson  
Interim President  
Auburn University*

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF 150 YEARS IN AUBURN HISTORY AND INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI AWARDS**

*Master of Ceremonies  
Leah Rawls Atkins*

## **RECOGNITION OF ALUMNI UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS AND ALUMNI PROFESSORS**

*Debbie Shaw  
Interim Vice President for Alumni Affairs*

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF 150 YEARS OF INSTRUCTION**

*Master of Ceremonies  
Dr. Atkins*

## **THE GERALD AND EMILY LEISCHUCK ENDOWED PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

*John Heilman, Provost  
Gerald and Emily Leischuck*

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF 150 YEARS OF RESEARCH**

*Master of Ceremonies  
Dr. Atkins*

# *Order of Events*

## **PRESENTATION OF CREATIVE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

*Mike Moriarty  
Vice President of Research*

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF 150 YEARS OF OUTREACH**

*Master of Ceremonies  
Dr. Atkins*

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY OUTREACH**

*Royrickers Cook  
Assistant Vice President, Outreach*

## **THE HISTORY OF MUSIC AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

*Master of Ceremonies  
Dr. Atkins*

## **“WHY WE SING”**

*Performed by University Singers  
Directed by Dale Farmer*

## **“ALMA MATER”**

*University Singers and Audience  
Directed by Tom Smith*

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

*Dr. Richardson*

*Honorees please return to the stage for photographs after the ceremony.*

## *The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching*

### **JOSEPH KICKLIGHTER** **Professor, Department of History** **College of Liberal Arts**

Joseph Kicklighter is currently the Undergraduate Program Officer for the Department of History and has been teaching history at Auburn since 1975. He received his B.A. magna cum laude at the University of the South, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Emory University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Along with advising all undergraduate history majors and regular teaching of the world history surveys, Kicklighter offers more advanced coursework on Greco-Roman, medieval, and English history. He has written on medieval Anglo-French relations in the *Annales du Midi* and the *Journal of Medieval History*, among other journals. His current research interest focuses on Anglo-Papal relations in the 13th and 14th centuries. He is the recipient of various awards for his teaching and advising student organizations, including the Student Government Association's Award for Outstanding Professor four times. Over the years he has been the faculty adviser of numerous honor societies and other student organizations.



### **ROBERT LISHAK** **Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences** **College of Sciences and Mathematics**

Robert Lishak has been teaching life sciences courses at Auburn University since 1976. He graduated with honors from Seton Hall University and earned his Ph.D. degree in zoology from Ohio State University. Since coming to Auburn, he has been closely associated with the General Biology Program where he routinely teaches freshman-level courses intended for those students majoring in biological sciences, as well as those in non-science curriculae. His area of specialization is the study of the behavior of animals, and he teaches a graduate-level course in ethology. He is also interested in enhancing teaching and learning in the classroom and laboratory and offers a graduate-level course in Biology Teaching Effectiveness. His research interests involve the acoustic behaviors of animals and his studies have been published in peer-reviewed journals. A considerable portion of his time involves outreach activities and he has participated in many of the college's community programs. He is the recipient of various awards for his teaching, outreach, and advising, including the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Award for Teaching, College of Sciences and Mathematics Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching, Auburn University Alumni Association Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award, Auburn University Chapter Beta Beta Beta Teacher of the Year Award, Auburn University Panhellenic Council's Outstanding Professor Award, AU Student Government Association Teaching Award, College of Sciences and Mathematics Dean's Award for Outstanding Advising, and College of Sciences and Mathematics Dean's Award for Outreach.



## *Creative Research and Scholarship Award*

### **S. DAVIS WORLEY**

**Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
College of Sciences and Mathematics**

S. Davis Worley earned his Ph.D. at the University of Texas in 1969. His post-doctoral work was at the Johnson Spacecraft Center from 1969 through 1972. In 1974, Worley began work at Auburn University, and continues his research in diverse areas, i.e., UV photoelectron spectroscopy, XPS, molecular orbital computations, FTIR studies of molecular interactions with supported catalysts, and synthesis and testing of antibacterial N-halamine monomers and polymers for water disinfection and antimicrobial coatings. The water disinfection technology developed by Worley and his students is being commercialized in India. He has earned the following distinguished awards: 1981-86 AU Alumni Professor; 1992-93 AU College of Sciences and Mathematics and Alpha Epsilon Delta (Premed Honorary) Teacher of the Year; 2001-04 AU Scharnagel Professor of Physical Sciences; 2004 College of Sciences and Mathematics Dean's Research Award; and the Charles Stone Award as Outstanding Chemist in the Southeast presented by the Carolina-Piedmont Section of the American Chemical Society; 2006 AU Creative Research and Scholarship Award. Worley's research has been published in more than 200 manuscripts in international journals, presented at 136 national and international meetings, and has produced more than 30 issued patents on biocidal compounds for which work has been featured on national radio and television. He has received more than \$3.5 million in extramural funding, and more than \$1 million in license and royalty fees.



## *Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach*

### **DAVID I. BRANSBY**

**Professor, Department of Agronomy and Soils  
College of Agriculture**

David Bransby was born in South Africa and raised on a small dairy farm. He received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in agriculture from the University of Natal, South Africa, and a M.S. from the University of Missouri. He served on the faculty of the University of Natal for 12 years prior to immigrating to the United States in 1987 and becoming a naturalized American in 1992. He was hired by the Department of Agronomy and Soils at Auburn University to teach and conduct research in forage and livestock production, but was also assigned responsibilities for research in energy crops and bioenergy. Bransby has developed a national and international reputation for his work in both of these fields. As a result of the current energy crisis and implications for national security, his research and outreach activities with energy crops and bioenergy have become particularly relevant and high profile.



## LEAH RAWLS ATKINS

Leah Rawls Atkins, a scholar of Alabama and Southern History is director emerita of the Auburn University Center for the Arts and Humanities. Her books include *Blossoms Amid the Deep Verdure: A Century of Women at Auburn*, *The Valley and the Hills: An Illustrated History of Birmingham and Jefferson County*, and *The Building of Brasfield & Gorrie*. She is a co-author of *Alabama: The History of a Deep South State*. She earned the first Ph.D. degree in history granted by Auburn University, and as a national and world champion water skier, she was the first woman inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Her current work, *Developed for the Service of Alabama: The Centennial History of the Alabama Power Company, 1906-2006*, will be published in late fall.



## DALE FARMER

Originally from Birmingham, Dale Farmer received the bachelor of science and master of education in choral music from Auburn. Farmer has taught middle, junior high, and high school choral music, music theory, music history, and drama in public schools in Americus, and Tifton, Ga. He was selected Star Teacher on two different occasions. In 2003, he returned to AU to pursue the doctorate in choral music education. As a graduate teaching assistant, he worked again with the concert choir and University Singers, and has also taught other music courses and methods courses in the College of Education. In addition to teaching, Farmer has served as choral clinician and adjudicator on many occasions.



## TOM SMITH

Thomas R. Smith, Chair of the Department of Music, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Auburn University recently retired after 34 years of service. An Alabama native, he graduated from Decatur High School in 1961 and has enjoyed many successes throughout his career. In 1964, he received the bachelor of music in church music from Samford University; in 1969, he received the master of arts in music theory from the University of Iowa; and in 1972, at the University of Colorado, he received the doctor of musical arts in choral conducting and literature. Smith has been Auburn University's Director of Choral Activities from 1972 to 2006. His dedication to choral art has touched and positively influenced thousands of students.



## *Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards*

These awards are presented on the basis of outstanding teaching of undergraduates from nominations made by department heads, deans, alumni, and students. A committee of retired faculty selects the recipients.

### **THE 2006 RECIPIENTS**

Sheri Brock, Health and Human Performance  
Brian Gibson, Aviation Management and Logistics  
Paula Peek, Consumer Affairs

## *Alumni Professors*

Twenty-five, five-year non-renewable Alumni Professorships are sponsored by the Auburn Alumni Association. The Alumni Writer-in-Residence, a creative writer from the English faculty, is the only ongoing appointment. The Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost calls for nominations from department heads through deans. The awards are presented on the basis of research, publishing, and teaching.

### **NEW ALUMNI PROFESSORS**

Kelly Alley, Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work  
Kenneth Halanych, Biological Sciences  
Jeffrey Katz, Psychology  
Yoon Y. Lee, Chemical Engineering  
Michael McKee, Chemistry and Biochemistry

### **CURRENT ALUMNI PROFESSORS**

Sushil Bhavnani, Mechanical Engineering  
Kai H. Chang, Computer Science and Software Engineering  
Patricia Duffy, Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology  
Ray Dugas, Art  
Rex Dunham, Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures  
Mona El-Sheikh, Human Development and Family Studies  
George Flowers, Mechanical Engineering  
William F. Gale, Mechanical Engineering  
Ram Gupta, Chemical Engineering  
Kelly Dean Jolley, Philosophy  
Steven A. Kincaid, Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology  
Zhanjiang (John) Liu, Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures  
Guofu Niu, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Francis Robicheaux, Physics  
Dennis Ruth, Architecture  
Jeff L. Sibley, Horticulture  
Samia Spencer, Foreign Languages and Literatures  
Isabelle Thompson, English  
Hareesh V. Tippur, Mechanical Engineering  
Judy Troy, English - Alumni Writer-in-Residence



*Owing much to the past, Auburn's greater debt is ever to the future.*

*Office of Communications and Marketing, 2006*