



Faculty Awards for Excellence Ceremony

Wednesday, October 8, 2008



The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center



Order of Events

Welcome

*John Heilman
Provost*

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Words and music by Dallan Forgaill
(Translated from the Irish by Mary E. Byrne,
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull)
Performed by FOCUS*

“The Glory of the Cross”

*Words and music by Bob Kauflin
Arranged by Kevin Baird
Performed by FOCUS*

“Alma Mater”

Performed by FOCUS

Introduction of Alumni Awards

*Joseph Kicklighter
Master of Ceremonies*

**Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lectureship,
Alumni Undergraduate Teaching
Excellence Awards, and Alumni Professors**

*Debbie Shaw
Vice President, Alumni Affairs*

Instruction Highlights

Dr. Kicklighter

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

*Dr. Heilman
Gerald and Emily Leischuck*

Research Highlights

Dr. Kicklighter

Creative Research and Scholarship Award

*Ralph H. Zee
Acting Associate Vice President, Research*

Outreach Highlights

Dr. Kicklighter

Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach

*Royrickers Cook
Assistant Vice President, University Outreach*

Closing Remarks

Dr. Heilman

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

Reception immediately follows in Ballroom A.

Entertainment provided by Noisy Deirdre.



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



Daniel D. Butler

Thomas Walter Professor of Technology Management

Associate Professor - Marketing

College of Business

Daniel Butler earned his undergraduate and master of business administration degrees from the University of Central Florida and was a Rotary Fellow at the Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, Argentina. His doctorate is in marketing from the University of South Carolina. Butler's business experience includes bank auditor with SunTrust, an assistant cruise director for Norwegian Cruise Lines, lobbyist for the State University System of Florida, and business consultant. Butler teaches in the Department of Marketing, MBA Program, European Studies Program, and the Thomas Walter Center For Technology Management. Butler has been a fraternity advisor, helped develop international study programs, assisted with numerous doctorate and master's theses, helped commercialize technology for the Office of Technology Transfer, and was the participating professor for the very first Camp War Eagle. Butler has received more than 25 teaching awards from Auburn University organizations and international academic societies. He has published numerous academic studies focusing on marketing strategy and marketing education. Butler and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Amanda and Samantha. The family enjoys outdoor activities together.



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



Steven Kincaid

**Alumni Professor - Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology
College of Veterinary Medicine**

Steven Kincaid received professional veterinary and graduate academic training at Purdue University. He began an academic career at the University of Tennessee where he was a two-time recipient of the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award. Research interests in mechanisms of repair of the skeleton led Kincaid to the biotechnology industry where he worked as a manager of preclinical studies. He joined the faculty of Auburn University in 1989. During more than 19 years of service to Auburn, Kincaid received the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award, SGA Outstanding Teacher Award, Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence, and Auburn Alumni Association Undergraduate Teaching Award. He was also a recipient of the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence. In 2002, Kincaid was recognized as the teacher of the year in veterinary medicine in the United States as the recipient of the National Norden Award presented by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.



Creative Research and Scholarship Award



Rex A. Dunham

**Alumni Professor - Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures
College of Agriculture**

Rex Dunham received his bachelor of science from the University of Illinois, his master of science and doctorate from Auburn University, and he joined the faculty at Auburn University in 1981 upon graduation. His research focuses on genetic improvement of farmed catfish via selective breeding, interspecific hybridization, and transgenesis as well as the population genetics of wild fish. Recent emphasis has been on artificial reproduction of catfish and transgenic sterilization. He has produced more than 200 scientific publications, received \$14 million in grants, authored a book, received a patent for cecropin transgenic catfish, was the first to produce and environmentally assess transgenic fish in the United States, and released several improved genotypes to the catfish industry. His work has led to the widespread use of catfish selectively bred or crossbred for improved body weight. Recently, his research has led to the adoption and expanded use of channel-blue hybrid catfish in the industry and the establishment of a company, Eagle Aquaculture, specializing in this hybrid. Policy for genetic management of native populations of sportfish in the Southeast has been influenced by his work. He is an Alumni Professor and has received the Alabama Agriculture Experience Station Director's Research Award and the Catfish Farmers of America Distinguished Research Award. His gene transfer research was recognized in the Congressional Record, and his research featured in *Science* magazine. He was chairman of the Genetics Section and delivered the keynote address for their conference on Aquaculture in the Third Millennium.



Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach



Chris Rodger

**Scharnagel Professor of Mathematical Sciences - Mathematics and Statistics
College of Sciences and Mathematics**

Chris Rodger's innovative outreach addresses mathematics teaching effectiveness at the K-12 level, making the intimidating subject fun for instructor and student alike. As a result, students receive an improved level of instruction that, in turn, helps them increase their performance in mathematics courses. Many of the schools he serves are in rural west Alabama. Rodger received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Sydney, Australia, and his doctorate from the University of Reading, England. He has held visiting professor appointments and delivered scholarly keynote addresses in more than 11 countries around the globe. At Auburn, Rodger has received numerous grants for his outreach work and was among the six principal investigators for a \$9-million National Science Foundation grant for "Team Math." Rodger balances his outreach efforts with an equally rigorous teaching schedule and research agenda, all of which has been recognized by his peers in the College of Sciences and Mathematics. Throughout the last decade, he has received every award the college offers in teaching, research, outreach, and student advising. He also has been named an Auburn University Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecturer and an Alumni Professor.



Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lectureship



Bernhard Kaltenboeck
Professor - Pathobiology
College of Veterinary Medicine

Bernhard Kaltenboeck, a native of Austria, received his education at the Veterinary Medical University in Vienna. He practiced large animal veterinary medicine for 10 years before embarking on his doctoral studies in veterinary microbiology at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge under the guidance of Johannes Storz. He graduated with the Distinguished Dissertation Award in 1991. After a three-year tenure at the Large Animal Clinic at the Veterinary Medical University in Vienna, he joined the Department of Pathobiology at Auburn. His research focuses on diseases in humans and livestock caused by intracellular bacteria of the genus *Chlamydia*. He studies the pathogenesis of these diseases under the influence of host genetics, nutrition, and environment, and uses this approach to identify the protective chlamydial proteins among all chlamydial genes. He has successfully tested a therapeutic vaccine to treat mastitis, the infection of the mammary gland, and fertility disorders in dairy cows. In collaboration with industry, he is assembling a subunit vaccine. During his 14-year tenure at Auburn, Kaltenboeck has received more than \$4 million in funding by the National Institute of Health, United States Department of Agriculture, private foundations, and industry, and has been the recipient of numerous awards for excellence in research.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award



Kelly Bryant

Associate Professor - Industrial Design

College of Architecture, Design, and Construction

Kelly Bryant completed her undergraduate work in graphic design at Auburn University in 1985, and her master of art degree in illustration at Syracuse University in 1992. Bryant has been teaching for approximately 20 years with 12 years at Samford University in Birmingham and the last eight years at Auburn. She has worked professionally as a designer and art director for more than 25 years in the areas of publication and logo, book, and identity design. In addition, she works as a freelance illustrator and painter in the mediums of watercolor and acrylic. Bryant has created design work for clients such as AmSouth Bank; FitzMartin Design Partners; Southern Progress Corporation, which includes *Health*, *HotDots*, and *Southern Living* magazines; and the Auburn Economic Business and Historical Society. She has received awards in the areas of logo, identity, poster, and book design, and her work has been published in several books and annuals including *Print* magazine's *Regional Design Annual*, *Color Management for Logos*, *American Corporate Identity 20 and 21*, and *Creativity 34*.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award



Joey Shaw
Professor - Agronomy and Soils
College of Agriculture

Joey Shaw is a native of Virginia, where he received a bachelor of science degree from James Madison University in 1988. After working for a soil science consulting firm, he received a master of science degree from the University of Maryland in 1993 and a doctorate in soil classification (pedology) from the University of Georgia in 1998. He joined Auburn's faculty in 1998 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 2003 and professor in 2007. His responsibilities at Auburn have included instruction of soil classification, soil judging, soil mineralogy, and special topics in geospatial applications, as well as assisting with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. He is an Alabama Professional Soil Classifier and Certified Crop Advisor and lectures at Alabama Crop Management seminars and workshops. He serves as the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station liaison to the National Cooperative Soil Survey as well as on the advisory council of the ALPSC and an advisory group to the director of Soil Survey. He was elected chair of the Soil Science Society of America Soil Mineralogy Division and has served as associate editor of two society publications. His research has focused on basic pedology and application of geospatial technologies in soil science and agronomy. In particular, his program has worked on characterization of dynamic soil properties, soil hydromorphic features, and highly weathered minerals.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award



Ed Williams
Professor - Communication and Journalism
College of Liberal Arts

Ed Williams joined the Auburn University faculty in the fall of 1983 after a career with weekly and daily newspapers in Alabama, including *The South Alabamian* in Jackson, Ala. (reporter), *The Montgomery Advertiser* (state editor), *The Brewton Standard* (editor), and *The Andalusia Star-News* (editor). In 1992, he was selected as the teacher of the year in the College of Liberal Arts, and in 2003 he was inducted as a charter member to the Academy of Teaching and Outstanding Teachers in the College of Liberal Arts. Williams served as faculty adviser to *The Auburn Plainsman* from 1985 to spring 2008. During those 23 years, Auburn University's campus newspaper earned 13 Pacemaker Awards—considered the Pulitzer Prize in college journalism. Only one other college newspaper in the United States has been awarded more Pacemakers than *The Auburn Plainsman*. When Williams stepped down as *Plainsman* adviser in spring 2008 and to celebrate completion of his 25th year on the Auburn journalism faculty, he announced the creation of The King Edsel (Ed) Williams Jr. Endowment for Scholarships to provide funds for journalism students who are members of *The Auburn Plainsman* staff. In 1997, Williams wrote a book, *The Press of Alabama: A History of the Alabama Press Association* to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the APA.

New Alumni Professor



Susan Brinson
Professor - Communication and Journalism
College of Liberal Arts

Susan Brinson researches two aspects of the history of radio and television broadcasting in the United States. The first focuses on the politics of broadcast regulation, particularly Federal Communications Commission decisions between 1940-1965. A current project analyzes the FCC's national security/defense activities during World War II and the Cold War, which is a follow-up to a previous project on the impact of anti-Communist politics on FCC decision making during the same time period. This research extends our understanding of the influence of politics on government regulation of broadcasting, whether through decisions about who may own a station or the content that may be broadcast, to the ways in which broadcasting is used to protect political ideologies. She also researches the role of women in broadcasting during the 1940s-1950s. We know about the celebrities (Lucille Ball, Gracie Allen, etc.), but we know far less about the women who worked as government regulators, corporate executives, technicians/engineers, writers, producers, directors, and programmers. Thus, a current project explores women's employment in the radio industry during WWII.

New Alumni Professor



Steve R. Duke

Associate Professor - Chemical Engineering

Samuel Ginn College of Engineering

Steve Duke came to Auburn in 1996. He teaches courses in fluid mechanics, transport phenomena, and introductory engineering. His research includes fluid flow visualization, polymer particle processing, bubble and drop dynamics, and alternative fuels development. He directs Auburn's National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program in Micro/Nano-Structured Materials, Therapeutics, and Devices. He is faculty adviser for the student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and serves on its national Career and Education Operating Council. He is also on the University Core Curriculum Oversight Committee. He works with Alabama Southern Community College as part of the National Science Foundation Advanced Technology Education National Network for Pulp and Paper Technology Training. Duke received the Birdsong Teaching Award in 2000, the Walker Teaching Award in 2005, the Pumphrey Teaching Award in 2006, and the Student Government Association Outstanding Faculty Award in 2006. He was a Camp War Eagle faculty honoree in 2007. Duke's bachelor of chemical engineering is from Georgia Tech and his doctorate is from the University of Illinois. He worked as an engineer with Exxon for several years. He and his wife, Robin (a chemical engineer), live in Auburn with their children Kate, age 14; and Bram, age 12.

New Alumni Professor



M. Daniel Givens
Associate Professor - Pathobiology
College of Veterinary Medicine

Daniel Givens completed undergraduate studies at Western Kentucky University and obtained a doctorate of veterinary medicine degree from Auburn University in 1994 after two years of clinical practice in central Kentucky. Givens completed a clinical residency that culminated in board certification in the American College of Theriogenologists. He then achieved board certification in the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (virology subspecialty) while performing post-doctoral research funded by the National Institute of Health. Since 2000, Givens' efforts in applied research regarding infectious diseases that affect reproduction of cattle have resulted in 40 peer-reviewed manuscripts, four book chapters, and two international patents. Simultaneously, for his didactic lectures in the basic science classroom as well as clinical instruction in the large animal teaching hospital, Givens has received the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award in 2004 and a Student Government Association Outstanding Teacher Award in 2007. Givens passionately enjoys the opportunity to learn, apply, and teach students about determinants that impact animal health and disease.

New Alumni Professor



John Saye
Professor - Curriculum and Teaching
College of Education

A faculty member at Auburn for 14 years, John Saye serves as program coordinator for the Social Science Education program. Saye also directs the Persistent Issues in History Network, a national history and civics reform project, and the Social Science Inquiry Research Collaborative, a national group of scholars examining the effects of inquiry-based social studies teaching on secondary school students' learning. His teaching, research, and outreach are united by a focus on preparing and supporting social studies teachers who have the skills and commitment to promote civic competency in middle and high school students. His scholarship emphasizes field-based studies that apply theory to the real world of working classrooms with the goal of developing wise practices and workable curriculum for improving civic and history instruction. He has received substantial support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education that has allowed him to apply his research to the development of curriculum and professional training resources that support novice and veteran teachers in nurturing civic reasoning in secondary school students. Saye received his bachelor of art in political science in 1975, his master of art in social science education in 1979, and his doctorate of education in 1995, all from the University of Georgia. He has been married to his wife, Donna, for 30 years and has one daughter, Maggie.

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Current Alumni Professors

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| Kelly Alley | <i>Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work</i> |
| Jonathan W. Armbruster | <i>Biological Sciences</i> |
| Kai H. Chang | <i>Computer Science and Software Engineering</i> |
| Patricia Duffy | <i>Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology</i> |
| Ray Dugas | <i>Art</i> |
| Mona El-Sheikh | <i>Human Development and Family Studies</i> |
| George Flowers | <i>Mechanical Engineering</i> |
| John Gaber | <i>Community Planning Program</i> |
| William F. Gale | <i>Mechanical Engineering</i> |
| Kenneth Halanych | <i>Biological Sciences</i> |
| Jeffrey Katz | <i>Psychology</i> |
| Steven A. Kincaid | <i>Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology</i> |
| Yoon Y. Lee | <i>Chemical Engineering</i> |
| Michael McKee | <i>Chemistry and Biochemistry</i> |
| Guofu Niu | <i>Electrical and Computer Engineering</i> |
| Francis Robicheaux | <i>Physics</i> |
| Isabelle Thompson | <i>English</i> |
| Hanqin Tian | <i>Ecology</i> |
| Judy Troy | <i>English - Alumni Writer-in-Residence</i> |
| Vitaly Vodyanoy | <i>Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology</i> |
| Bogdan M. Wilamowski | <i>Electrical and Computer Engineering</i> |

Master of Ceremonies



Joseph Kicklighter

**Professor - History and Department Undergraduate Program Officer
College of Liberal Arts**

Joseph Kicklighter has been teaching history at Auburn since 1975. He received his bachelor of art *magna cum laude* at The University of the South, and his master of art and doctorate 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. Throughout the years he has been the faculty adviser of numerous honor societies and other student organizations, and in the fall of 2006, The Joseph A. Kicklighter Endowed Professorship in History was established by alumni and friends of the History Department in his honor.

Entertainment

FOCUS

FOCUS is a private group of Christian musicians specializing in Christian a cappella music and custom arrangements for special events. Their goal is to share their faith using the talents God has given them. They have been performing for the past four years.

The members of the group consist of Auburn University students and staff. They are Samuel Childs, Will Childs, Elizabeth Gentry, Kellie Holcomb, and Robb Shelton.



Noisy Deirdre, Auburn's Nearly Traditional String Band

Noisy Deirdre, Auburn's Nearly Traditional String Band, was formed in the year 2003 or so. While some of their members have performed in Carnegie Hall, most of Noisy Deirdre's concerts have been local, performing for the Auburn Bicycle Committee, the Domestic Violence Intervention Center, the College of Liberal Arts, the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, and other progressive concerns. Noisy Deirdre receives substantial technical support from Black Cat Audio of Auburn.

Members of the band are made up of Auburn University faculty members from the College of Liberal Arts. They are Brendan Balint, Department of English, guitar; Craig Bertolet, Department of English, recorder; Jeremy Downes, Department of English, banjo and vocals; Wiebke Kuhn, Dean's Office, vocals; Tom O'Shea, Department of English, guitar; Constance Relihan, Dean's Office, bass; and Anna Riehl, Department of English, vocals.

Faculty Awards Committee Members

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FOCUS

Noisy Deirdre

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above entrance to Samford Hall.



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