



5th Annual

*Faculty Awards
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Dr. Mazey

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

Reception immediately follows in ballroom A.

*Entertainment provided by the Dean's Brass Quintet
from the College of Liberal Arts.*

The Awards

The awards presented were created specifically for the Faculty Awards Ceremony by Orbix Hot Glass.

Photos to the below show the process in which the awards are made.



Faculty Awards

The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching: *honors two full-time, tenured faculty members who have demonstrated effective and innovative teaching methods and a continuing commitment to student success through advising and mentoring inside and outside the classroom.*

Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach: *honors the engagement of exemplary faculty members, and demonstrates the tremendous impact Outreach has on our community, state, and nation.*

Creative Research and Scholarship Award: *honors the research achievements and contributions of Auburn University faculty who have distinguished themselves through research, scholarly works, and/or creative contributions to their fields.*

Distinguished Diversity Researcher Award: *recognizes faculty for the application of applied and theoretical research methods to the study of diversity.*

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award: *recognizes the outstanding teaching of undergraduates from nominations made by department heads, deans, alumni, and students. A committee of retired faculty selects the recipients.*

Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lectureship: *recognizes faculty for service in support of graduate education and excellence in research.*

Alumni Professor: *recognizes 25 faculty members for research, publishing, and teaching by awarding five-year non-renewable professorships through the Auburn Alumni Association. The Alumni Writer-in-Residence, a creative writer from the English faculty, is the only ongoing appointment.*

External Consulting Award: *recognizes a faculty member for outstanding consulting.*

Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lectureship



Malcolm Crocker

**Distinguished University Professor –
Mechanical Engineering
Samuel Ginn College of Engineering**

PhD, Engineering Science/Acoustics,
Liverpool University
MS, Noise and Vibration Studies,
Southampton University
BS, Aeronautical Engineering,
Southampton University

**"This award recognizes my efforts
in graduate education throughout
my whole career and in particular
helps grow the graduate program
for masters and doctoral students in
the mechanical engineering program
and campus wide at Auburn."**

Malcolm Crocker came to Auburn University in 1983 to assume the role as professor and head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Prior to that, he was a member of the Purdue University faculty for 13 years. In addition to his earned degrees, Crocker has been awarded two honorary doctorates: one in 2000 from the University of Craiova in Romania and the other in 1995 from Baltic State University in St. Petersburg, Russia. Honored as a Distinguished University Professor in 1990, Crocker's accolades include receiving Auburn University's Creative Research Award in 2004 and being elected as a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 2000. In the field of publications, he has served as editor-in-chief on three books: *Handbook of Noise and Vibration Control* (2004), *Handbook of Acoustics* (1998), and *Encyclopedia of Acoustics* (1997). His research interests are in Acoustical Properties of Road Pavement Surfaces and Prediction of Noise and Vibration of Spacecraft at Launch.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Awards



Wheeler Foshee

**Associate Professor – Horticulture
College of Agriculture**

PhD, Auburn University
MS, Mississippi State University
BS, Auburn University

"It's very humbling, to be honest, but rewarding to see my wife, Marie's, excitement. She's encouraged me for 32 years, and I love her deeply. The award also gives me an excitement to keep teaching and encouraging our students whom I love. Auburn really is a very special place—coming here in 1982 changed my life spiritually and academically—I'd rather be here than any other place."

Wheeler Foshee began his career at Auburn in 1985 as an assistant county agent with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. As a pesticide specialist, he conducted fruit and vegetable integrated pest management research. He took a teaching position on campus in 1990 and enjoys meeting students from all across Alabama and the world. Foshee now focuses on vegetable crop production. His work with high tunnels is helping horticultural producers in the state expand and extend their markets. His favorite place on campus is the Old Agronomy Farm where he can view demonstrations and on-going agricultural research and from where he can hear the Marching Band practice from across the field in the fall.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Awards



Theresa McCormick

**Associate Professor and Program
Coordinator of Elementary Education –
Curriculum and Teaching
College of Education**

PhD, Elementary Education,
University of Alabama
EdS, Elementary Education,
University of Alabama
MA, Elementary Education,
University of Alabama
BS, Elementary Education and Early
Childhood, Jacksonville State University

“As a teacher of future elementary teachers, I feel a great responsibility to model and inspire the kind of ‘good’ teaching I hope my students will do in their classrooms some day. This award is important to me because it honors what I value most – teaching.”

Theresa McCormick joined the Auburn faculty in 2004. Her areas of academic interest and expertise include the development of historical thinking, classroom contexts for teaching history and the social studies, reflective and professional decision making of elementary teacher candidates, and teacher professional development. For 12 years, she taught fifth- and sixth-grade social studies. Her work has appeared in *Social Education*, *Social Studies and the Young Learner*, *Social Studies Research and Practice*, *Journal of Research in Education*, *Journal of Social Studies Research*, and *The International Journal of Social Education*. She actively promotes social studies education at the state and national level. McCormick says her favorite place on campus is her classroom in Haley Center where she is continually amazed and inspired by her students.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Awards



Stuart Wentworth

**Associate Professor – Electrical and
Computer Engineering**

Samuel Ginn College of Engineering

PhD, Electrical Engineering,
University of Texas, Austin
MS, Electrical Engineering,
University of Texas, Austin
BS, Chemical Engineering,
Auburn University

"I received my bachelor's degree from Auburn in 1982 and became a faculty member in 1990. The best thing about Auburn is, of course, the people. I work with an outstanding faculty in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and I can't imagine working with a more fun bunch of enthusiastic students!"

In the two decades that Stuart Wentworth has worked at Auburn University, he has displayed a penchant for teaching. He is a six-time recipient of Auburn's Electrical Engineering Outstanding Faculty Award (1993, 1995, 1998, 2004, 2005, 2010) and has also been named as the 2008 winner of the William F. Walker Superior Teaching Award, the 1999 Birdsong Merit Teaching Award, the 1995 Faculty Member of the Year for the College of Engineering, and the 1995 Fred H. Pumphrey Outstanding Teaching Award. He says that his proudest academic moment was receiving a job offer from Auburn University which was a "cartwheels-down-the-hallway" moment. Wentworth was recently appointed the director of the undergraduate program for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and chair of its Curriculum and Assessment Committee. His favorite place on campus is Jordan-Hare Stadium and believes it has the best student section in the SEC.

New Alumni Professors



Chris Correia

**Associate Professor – Psychology
College of Liberal Arts**

PhD, Clinical Psychology,
Syracuse University
MA, Clinical Psychology,
Syracuse University
BS, Psychology, University of Scranton

"Being named an Alumni Professor is important to me because it means that in some small way I am making an impact. We have a number of tremendous faculty, and so it is gratifying and humbling to win this award."

After completing his PhD in clinical psychology, Chris Correia completed an internship in clinical psychology at the Syracuse Veterans Administration Medical Center, and a post-doctoral training fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine's Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit. Currently, his research activities focus on understanding the use and abuse of a variety of psychoactive substances. Some more specific current interests include behavioral and cognitive-motivational treatments and developing laboratory procedures to study the reinforcing value of alcohol and other drugs. Correia is also the clinical supervisor for the university's Health Behavior Assessment Center, which provides brief assessments and interventions for students with concerns about their alcohol use. His favorite place on campus is Plainsman Park as he has always loved baseball and really enjoys supporting Auburn's team.

New Alumni Professors



John Drew Hamilton

**Professor – Computer Science and
Software Engineering**

Samuel Ginn College of Engineering

PhD, Computer Science,
Texas A&M University
MS, Computer Science,
Vanderbilt University
MS, Systems Management
(Information Systems),
University of Southern California
BA, Journalism/ Public Relations,
Texas Tech

“Any named professorship is important. I believe strongly that students are our credentials. They become alumni who make a positive difference. Whether it is recruiting a new cohort of high caliber students or promoting research or simply demonstrating strong external commitment, everyone at Auburn benefits from having a strong Alumni Association. I am very privileged to have been awarded an Alumni Professorship.”

As a professor of computer science and engineering and director of Auburn's Information Assurance Center, Drew Hamilton enjoys teaching computer security, software architecture, and software engineering, and his teaching interests are directly applicable to his research areas. His teaching philosophy brings research into the classroom to excite students and ensure that the material is fresh, relevant, and cutting edge. Hamilton, who came to Auburn in 2001, is also president of the Society for Modeling & Simulation International, vice-chair of ACM's Special Interest Group on Simulation, a member of the board of directors of the Alabama Modeling & Simulation Council, and director of Auburn University's branch of the McLeod Institute of Simulation Science. Hamilton is a member of the Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization and has previously served on the SISO Conference Committee. He is currently an associate editor for *Transactions of the Society for Modeling & Simulation*, and a consulting editor for the *Journal of Defense Modeling and Simulation*. Hamilton says he came to Auburn because it was by far the friendliest campus he had interviewed with and he really likes it here.

New Alumni Professors



Jay M. Khodadadi

**Professor – Mechanical Engineering
Samuel Ginn College of Engineering**

PhD, Mechanical Engineering,
University of Illinois at U-C
MS, Mechanical Engineering,
University of Illinois at U-C
BS, Mechanical Engineering,
University of Illinois at U-C

**"This award is important to me
because it stands for recognition
by my peers at the university."**

Jay Khodadadi brings 23 years of experience to Auburn University's classrooms and laboratories. He is the recipient of the 2000 and 2007 Outstanding Faculty Member Award, the 2003 William F. Walker Merit Teaching Award, and the 1998 Birdsong Teaching Award. He has been a member of the American Society for Engineering Education since 1987, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics since 1984, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers since 1979. Khodadadi's research interests include thermal energy storage, fluid mechanics, and heat storage. His teaching and research specialties are computational fluid dynamics, experimental fluid mechanics, materials processing, microfluidics, nanofluids, phase change materials, thermal energy storage, and transport/storage of liquefied natural gas. His numerous publications include submissions to the *Journal of Heat Transfer*, *International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer*, *Journal of Fluids Engineering*, *MicroElectroMechanical Systems*, and *Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering*. His favorite place on campus is the Arboretum which provides many peaceful moments.

New Alumni Professors



Tin-Man Lau

**Professor – Industrial Design
College of Architecture, Design and
Construction**

MA, Industrial Design,
The Ohio State University
BS, Industrial Design,
National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

"Auburn provides a unique environment for me to learn and grow in my teaching and research career. This award affirms my efforts and contributions to the students and to the university. It is surely a special honor and a highlight of my 24 years of service at Auburn University."

Tin-Man Lau's research and teaching interests include the integration of design methodologies into the product development process, rapid prototyping methods, and 3D computer modeling techniques. Lau teaches advanced product design, industrial design thesis, advanced computer-aided design, and graduate design orientation. Each summer, Lau leads the eight-week study abroad Taiwan program in collaboration with Shu-Te University's Department of Product Design. The program offers industrial design students an opportunity to develop their skills within an international design team while gaining exposure to a different culture. Lau has been recognized by the College of Architecture, Design and Construction, earning the Outstanding Teaching Award, and was named one of the 25 most admired design educators by *DesignIntelligence* magazine for three consecutive years. He says his favorite place on campus, aside from his workplace, is the football stadium.

New Alumni Professors



Kenneth W. Noe
Draughon Professor – History
College of Liberal Arts

PhD, University of Illinois
MSLS, University of Kentucky
MA, Virginia Tech
BA, Emory & Henry College

"Down in the trenches, it's easy to believe that no one notices the hard work and effort we put into our profession. This award is a tangible affirmation that someone noticed."

A native of Virginia, Kenneth Noe taught at West Georgia College for 10 years before coming to Auburn in 2000. His major teaching and research areas are the American Civil War and Appalachian history. He is the author or editor of six books, including *Reluctant Rebels: The Confederates Who Joined the Army After 1861* and *Southwest Virginia's Railroad: Modernization and the Sectional Crisis*. He also has written many articles and essays, most recently in *Civil War History* and *The Journal of Military History*. He is a Pulitzer Prize nominee and the winner of the 2003 Kentucky Governor's Award, the 2002 Peter Seaborg Book Award for Civil War Non-fiction, and the 1997 Tennessee History Book Award, as well as several teaching awards. Noe is a frequent speaker on the Civil War Round Table circuit, and a participant in the Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lectureship Program. He was the 2008-09 president of the Alabama Historical Association. Noe states that his proudest moment was watching his son, Jesse, walk across the stage to receive his Auburn diploma and then "fist-bump" Bo Jackson in 2005.

Current Alumni Professors

Kelly Alley.....	Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
Jonathan W. Armbruster	Biological Sciences
Frank F. Bartol	Animal Sciences
Susan Brinson.....	Communication and Journalism
Steve Duke.....	Chemical Engineering
M. Daniel Givens	Pathobiology
Kenneth Halanych.....	Biological Sciences
Curtis M. Jolly.....	Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology
Jeffrey Katz.....	Psychology
Yoon Y. Lee.....	Chemical Engineering
Michael McKee	Chemistry and Biochemistry
Mary T. Mendonca.....	Biological Sciences
John W. Saye, Jr.	Curriculum and Teaching
Joey Shaw	Agronomy and Soils
Subhash C. Sinha	Mechanical Engineering
Mark G. Steltenpohl.....	Geology and Geography
Hanqin Tian	Ecology
Judy Troy.....	English - Alumni Writer-in-Residence
Vitaly Vodyanoy	Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology
Wei Wang.....	Industrial Design
Bogdan M. Wilamowski.....	Electrical and Computer Engineering

Distinguished Diversity Researcher Awards



Joshua Inwood

**Assistant Professor – Geology and
Geography**

College of Sciences and Mathematics

PhD, University of Georgia
MA, Kent State University
BA, Michigan State University

"It is gratifying to know that my colleagues at Auburn take what I have done seriously and see value in it. I am honored to have been a faculty member at Auburn University, and I appreciate the opportunities I have had to become a well-rounded and focused academic."

Joshua Inwood's teaching philosophy focuses on training students to think critically about the world in which they live. He strives to show his students the ways geography directly connects with their lives, with a focus on the way the organization of space affects and influences their lives and the lives of others. Inwood's research interests center on urban development, contested notions of identity, landscape studies, social justice, and the racialization of place. His research on Auburn Avenue recognizes the multiple, racialized identities that places carry, the significance of conflict within communities, and the power of memorials to remake urban landscapes. His research counters stereotypes of racial powerlessness and advances understanding of the construction of race and place. In addition, Inwood's work on Auburn Avenue focuses on the connection between political ideology, the construction of racialized identity, and the development of urban space.

Distinguished Diversity Researcher Awards



Donald R. Wehrs
Professor – English
College of Liberal Arts

PhD, University of Virginia
MA, University of Virginia
BA, Williams College

"The award is meaningful because it affirms formally that scholarly research on diversity is a valuable endeavor and should be encouraged. In relation to my work being recognized, the award helps call attention to the magnificent and highly 'diverse' literary traditions and cultural heritage of Africa and the accomplishments of an extraordinary range of gifted and compelling African writers."

Author of three books on 20th-century African fiction and more than 25 refereed journal articles and book chapters, Wehrs specializes in comparative literature and post-colonial ethical and philosophical criticism and theory. The judges cited his international reputation, his commitment to globalization, his insightful analyses, and the consistent high level of his publications. These publications included many of the most prestigious journals in the field, such as *Modern Language Studies*, *New Literary History*, and *The Comparatist*. Nominated by the directors of Africana Studies and Women's Studies, he was praised for innovative work that opened new fields of research. Among these areas are bringing to widespread attention the cultural, religious, and gender diversity in African literature and especially explicating how Islam has shaped African Literature. For Wehrs, Auburn has always had truly splendid students and colleagues, an Honors College that has fostered the shared pursuit of excellence, and library resources and staff who have always supported thorough and sophisticated research.

Creative Research and Scholarship Award



Paula Backscheider

**Philpott/West Point Stevens Eminent
Scholar – English
College of Liberal Arts**

PhD, Purdue University
MS, Southern Connecticut
BA, Purdue University

“Because the judges for this award are all winners of it, the award is truly special. They are all distinguished researchers who know what it takes to do original, creative, contributing research and how to recognize it regardless of discipline. This award is deeply meaningful to me.”

Paula R. Backscheider specializes in Restoration and 18th-century literature, feminist criticism, and cultural studies. The author of several books including *Daniel Defoe: His Life* (winner of the British Council Prize), *Spectacular Politics, Reflections on Biography*, and *Eighteenth-Century Women Poets and their Poetry: Inventing Agency, Inventing Genre* (winner of the Modern Language Association Lowell Prize). Two of her books have been selected for the Choice Outstanding Academic Book award. She has published articles in *ESQ*, and many other journals. A former president of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, she has held ACLS, NEH, and Guggenheim Fellowships and is one of the few American members of the Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Edinburgh. An award-winning teacher, she is dedicated to discussion courses and creating an atmosphere in which students can be themselves and feel free to take risks.

Creative Research and Scholarship Award



Geoffrey Hill

**Professor – Biological Sciences
College of Sciences and Mathematics**

PhD, Biology, University of Michigan
MS, Biology, University of New Mexico
BS, Biology, Indiana University

"This award means that through hard work, diligence, and a bit of luck, I have been able to produce a body of biological research that has been judged to be worthy of special accommodation by the university. We all need a pat on the back once in a while when we are working hard toward a goal, and the Creative Research and Scholarship Award is very flattering."

Auburn was the location of Geoffrey Hill's first faculty position. He says that Auburn has given him everything he needs to develop his career to his potential, and he has never considered moving to another university. Hill teaches undergraduate ornithology and evolution and systematics, as well as graduate ornithology and advanced concepts in evolution. His research focuses on the function and evolution of ornamental traits in birds and on the ecology and conservation of birds in the Southeast. Hill says his proudest academic accomplishments include having the first chapter of his dissertation published as a single-authored paper in the journal, *Nature*, and receiving the Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering, which is one of the highest honors a young U.S. scientist can receive. Hill's favorite place on campus is the Old Rotation fields, where he and his students conduct research on eastern bluebirds and house finches.

Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach



David Hinson

**School Head and Associate Professor –
Architecture
College of Architecture, Design and
Construction**

Master of Architecture,
University of Pennsylvania
Bachelor of Architecture,
Auburn University

**"In the School of Architecture,
we like to say that outreach and
outreach scholarship are in our
DNA. I have many colleagues
who deserve this recognition for
their outreach work, so I view this
award as recognition for all of us."**

David Hinson joined the Auburn faculty in May 1997 and teaches lecture courses in professional practice and seminars on leadership and collaborative practice. He is actively engaged in research into the evolving challenges of architectural practice and how higher education can best prepare students to succeed as professionals and community leaders. Hinson leads the award-winning DESIGNhabitat Program, an ongoing collaboration between the School of Architecture and Habitat for Humanity, which focuses on innovative strategies for affordable housing design and construction. Hinson calls Sambo Mockbee his greatest source of inspiration and says his proudest professional moment was his induction into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 2008. Hinson says his favorite place on campus is the upper and lower Quad because the spaces are the best example of "outdoor rooms" at Auburn, and exemplify how a campus can be more than just a collection of buildings.

External Consulting Award



Levent Yilmaz

**Associate Professor – Computer Science
and Software Engineering
Samuel Ginn College of Engineering**

PhD, Computer Science, Virginia Tech
MS, Computer Science, Virginia Tech
BS, Computer Engineering and
Information Science, Bilkent University

“My proudest moment was the first time a former student of mine contacted me after his graduation to tell me that my teaching and research supervision are truly helping him distinguish himself and excel in his career.”

A recipient of the 2010 Auburn University External Consulting Award, Levent Yilmaz is a member of the Association for Computing Machinery, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Computer Society, Society for Computer Simulation International, and Upsilon Pi Epsilon. He is a member of the board of directors of the Society for Modeling Simulation International. In 2009, he authored or co-authored, with Tuncer Ören, more than half of the chapters and contributed to remaining chapters of the book, *Agent-Directed Simulation and Systems Engineering*. Yilmaz serves as the editor-in-chief of the *Simulation; Transactions of the Society for Modeling and Simulation International* and has appointments with several other journals as an editorial board member. He is founding organizer and general chair of the Agent-directed Simulation conference series, as well as general chair and program co-chair of the 2009 and 2007 Summer Computer Simulation Conference, respectively. Since he came to Auburn University in 2003, his research interests include modeling and computer simulation and complex adaptive systems.

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



Donna Bohanan
Joseph A. Kicklighter Endowed
Professor – History
College of Liberal Arts

PhD, Emory University
MA, Emory University
BA, Hendrix College

"As a graduate student confronted with the first opportunity to teach, I was summoned into the office of my major professor. I will never forget his words: 'It [teaching] is the most important thing we do.' To hear a scholar of this magnitude say that nothing surpasses teaching...made an enormous impression on me."

Donna Bohanan, who teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in early modern Europe and world history, says her favorite place on campus is her office, which she describes as "bursting at the seams" with books, research, and students' papers. In the classroom, Bohanan uses notary inventories of noble estates to reconstruct the contents and decorative schemes of homes. She has published two books: *Old and New Nobility in Aix-en-Provence, 1600-1695: Portrait of an Urban Elite*, in 1992, and *Crown and Nobility in Early Modern France* in 2001. She is also working on another book-length project and has contributed a chapter to *Furnishing the Eighteenth Century*, edited by Kathryn Norberg and Dena Goodman. Bohanan started at Auburn in 1982, and finds that being able to teach students ranging from freshmen to doctoral-level at Auburn is richly rewarding.

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



Elizabeth Guertal

**Alumni Professor – Agronomy and Soils
College Agriculture**

PhD, Soil Science, Oklahoma State
University

MS, Soil Science, Ohio State University
BS, Agriculture, Ohio State University

"This award is important because it rewards teaching. Although my research is important to me, it does not provide the immediate and lively connection that day-to-day interaction with my students provides. It is nice that something that is so fun has this tangible reward."

Elizabeth Guertal conducts research and teaches in the area of turfgrass management with a focus on soil fertility and fertilization. She specializes in the area of fertilizer management and the environmental consequences of applied fertilizer. She served as associate editor for *Crop Science*, *Soil Science Society of America Journal* and the *Agronomy Journal*, and as a technical editor for *Crop Science*. Her biggest inspiration was her mother, Barbara, who received her degree in animal science in 1950—a time when it was rare for women to have a degree in agriculture. Guertal enjoys spending time with her children, Will and Sam, at the Turf Unit where they assist her in collecting data and writing down plot numbers and quality ratings that she provides. She is a fellow in the American Society of Agronomy and is currently serving as a Fulbright scholar on the island of Mauritius.

Master of Ceremonies



Daniel Butler

Thomas Walter Professor of Technology Management and Associate Professor of Marketing, College of Business

PhD, University of South Carolina
MBA, Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, Argentina
MBA, Central Florida
BSBA, Central Florida

"Auburn is special. It is about family and the Auburn Creed—can't do much better than that in life. I enjoy walking in front of Cater Hall looking toward Samford Hall; it inspires and humbles me to think about all the students, faculty, and staff that have walked this path over time."

Daniel D. Butler came to Auburn University in 1989 and is a Thomas Walter Professor of Technology Management associate professor of marketing. He has developed and delivered numerous international programs for the College of Business. His business experience includes internal auditing with the SunTrust Corporation, lobbyist for the State of Florida, assistant cruise director for Norwegian Cruise Lines, and working privately as a marketing consultant. He enjoys working with students at all levels and partnering with companies relating to marketing strategy. Most recently, Butler has been involved in joint ventures between Auburn University and private industry. He helped patent and commercialize new technologies for the university (e.g., bulletproof materials and fish lures made of food). Butler has been the recipient of many awards for teaching, research, and business outreach including receiving The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2008.

Entertainment

Dean's Brass Quintet Department of Music College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts' Dean's Brass Quintet was first formed in the Department of Music in fall 2007. Supported by scholarship funds from the Band Endowments and Presidential Scholarship funds, these five brass players are currently instructed by Mark DeGoti, assistant professor of trumpet. They perform a wide variety of pieces for brass quintet and can often be seen at departmental, college, and university functions either on stage or playing in the background. Members of the quintet are Will Woods and Michael Covington, trumpet; BJ Neely, horn; Riley Jones, trombone; and Yang Zhong, tuba.



Commissioned Artist for Awards



Cal Breed
Owner, Orbix Hot Glass

BFA, The Ohio State University

"It is always special to have the opportunity to give back where you have been given so much. Making these awards has given me such an opportunity. It has been an honor to have been chosen for such a project."

Cal Breed came to Auburn University with the intention of receiving a degree in marine biology. However, in 1994, he attended a stained-glass class in Opelika and felt the need to be expressive with his hands— initially assembling stained glass windows, which ultimately lead him to glassblowing. He says that Auburn was a place of transformation for him and he is glad to have spent his time here. Breed first apprenticed under Cam Langley, one of the South's leading hot glass artists. He went on to earn his bachelor of fine arts at The Ohio State University. He also received scholarships at both Haystack and Pilchuck Glass Schools. In 2002, Breed and his wife, Christy, opened a private studio, Orbix Hot Glass, in Fort Payne, Ala. Today, Cal leads a team of glassblowers who hand-craft each piece.

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