



7th Annual

Faculty Awards



Celebrating Excellence





Menu

Signature Cocktail:

Sensational Spirit Cider

Apple Cinnamon Cider with
Cinnamon-Sugar Rim and Apple Slices

Dinner:

Garden Greens with Champagne
Vinaigrette, *Stone Hollow Farm*
Goat Cheese and Chilled Peach Chutney

Pumpkin Soup with Brandy and
Salty Pumpkin Seeds

16-Hour Braised Brisket served with
Parsnip Mash, Pumpkin Risotto with
Crispy Arugula and Red Wine Reduction

Vegetarian:

Pumpkin Risotto with Crispy Arugula

Wine:

Alto Adige *Colterenzio Pinot Grigio*, 2010
The Other Guys Winery *Pennywise Syrah*, 2009

Dessert:

Brown and White Chocolate Mousse
with Salty Peanuts and Caramel





Order of Events



Presiding

Ric Smith

Director of Experiential Learning, College of Liberal Arts

Dining

Welcome

Timothy Boosinger

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Congratulations

Bob Dumas

Board of Trustees

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

Debbie Shaw

*Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of
the Auburn Alumni Association*

Presentation of Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach

Royrickers Cook

Assistant Vice President for University Outreach



Presentation of Creative Research and Scholarship Award

John Mason

Associate Provost and Vice President for Research



**Recognition of the Provost Award for Excellence in Fostering
Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship,
President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award, and
The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential
Awards for Excellence in Teaching**

Dr. Boosinger

Closing Remarks

Dr. Boosinger



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

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.*



President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award: *presented to those Auburn University units whose collaborative efforts result in unique exemplary service or academic excellence within the university and the community.*



Provost Award for Excellence in Fostering Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship: *recognizes sustained efforts to promote excellence in undergraduate scholarship through research.*

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.*

The Awards

The awards presented were created specifically for the Faculty Awards Ceremony by Orbix Hot Glass.
Photos below show the process in which the awards are made.



Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lectureship



Gary Gruenhage
Professor, Mathematics and Statistics
College of Sciences and Mathematics

PhD – University of California, Davis
BS – University of Nebraska

"I feel very grateful, honored, and humbled by the extremely strong support that I've had both from colleagues here at Auburn and fellow researchers around the world. What is most important to me about the award is to know that the work I have done in mathematics over the last 38 years at Auburn is held in high regard by my mathematical friends and colleagues."

Gary Gruenhage has been at Auburn for 38 years. His research area is set-theoretic topology, a melding of set theory and general topology. The two fields are fundamental mathematical disciplines with common historical roots and serve as essential tools in many areas of mathematics. Gruenhage has published more than 100 articles in research journals and as book chapters. His work is commonly cited by other leading researchers and has been supported by grants from the National Science Foundation. He is frequently invited to speak at major national and international conferences in his field. Gruenhage says his proudest moment was the day he returned to work at Auburn after sustaining a spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed from the chest down in April 2006. His doctor was skeptical and suggested that he be "realistic," but Gruenhage's goal was to be home in time for fall semester. He finished rehabilitation and returned home on Aug. 10, 2006, and returned to Auburn University on Aug. 15, 2006, the first day of the semester.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards



Bob Boyd
Professor, Biological Sciences
College of Sciences and Mathematics

PhD – University of California, Davis
MS, BS – California State Polytechnic University
AA – Mount San Antonio College

"Being a part of the education of bright and energetic young people is very satisfying. Helping them to achieve their goals while at the university is wonderful, but coming across them later in their careers and finding that they still remember me and the courses that I teach is extremely gratifying. These experiences help me see that I can make a difference in students' lives."

Bob Boyd came to Auburn in 1988 and has taught at all levels, from freshman courses in biology to graduate courses in conservation biology and plant-animal interactions. His research interests include the management of rare and endangered plants, as well as the ecology and evolution of metal hyperaccumulator plants. In 2001, an insect species was named for him – *Melanotrichus boydi*, or "Boyd's Black-Haired Bug." The discovery came from the master's thesis work of one of his graduate students. Boyd was involved in the creation of the campus student group, the Society for Conservation Biology, which provides support for majors that involve conservation. He also serves as faculty advisor for the group. His teaching and mentoring efforts have been recognized through the Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award, COSAM Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching, COSAM Outstanding Faculty Advising Award, and an Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award. Boyd was also named Learning Community Coordinator of the Year in 2012. He said he considers his parents, who were both teachers, his most valuable role models.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards



Shelly R. McKee
Associate Professor, Poultry Science
College of Agriculture

PhD, MS, BS – Texas A&M University

"My greatest inspiration was my grandfather. He was a USDA inspector in a poultry plant, and when I was young, he often took me with him and explained the operations in the plant. Because of his influence, I love the poultry industry. He also taught me simple life skills. I will always be grateful for the big and small things he did, but most of all, for the love and support he provided."

Texas native Shelly R. McKee's first teaching experience came when she worked as a teaching assistant while pursuing her PhD at Texas A&M. She was responsible for lecturing and for preparing and teaching laboratory exercises in poultry processing and products. Because of the number of students enrolled in the course, there were three labs per week with 15-25 students per lab. She said this experience fostered her love of teaching. McKee took her first academic position as an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1997. She developed and taught egg processing and products and product development courses in the Department of Food Science, as well as poultry processing for the Midwest Poultry Consortium. In 2002, McKee accepted a position at Auburn University in the Department of Poultry Science. She was promoted to associate professor and continued research in characterizing food quality and safety of poultry meats from farm-to-fork. She also developed new courses in poultry meat products and further processing as well as advanced poultry further processing. McKee said that one of the best parts of being at Auburn University is mentoring graduate students.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards



Karla Simmons
Assistant Professor, Consumer and
Design Sciences
College of Human Sciences

PhD – North Carolina State University
MS, BS – Auburn University

"This award is validation that I am where I am supposed to be, doing what I am supposed to do, and having some impact on the people (mostly young women) I teach. I want my students to not only be as prepared for the workplace as possible, but also to be the kind of people who will also have an impact on someone else."

Karla Simmons taught at Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City, Ala., before receiving her PhD in apparel technology from North Carolina State University. She spent three years teaching apparel production and design at the University of Missouri-Columbia before returning to Auburn to teach apparel design and production management in the Department of Consumer and Design Sciences. Simmons has received the SGA Outstanding Faculty Member Award and the Women's Philanthropy Board Faculty Award, was named Camp War Eagle Faculty Honoree, and was this season's first speaker in the All-Star Lecture Series. Her academic interests include technical design, CAD, and apparel production management. Simmons is considered an expert in the field of 3-D body scanning technology, and her research has been presented internationally in England, Korea, Egypt, Australia, and Hong Kong. Recent research projects include the Freshman 15, a longitudinal study of body weight and shape patterns in college students; classification and fit preference of men's body shapes; different technical aspects of the 3-D body scanner; and using avatars with fourth-grade children to see the influence on obesity.

New Alumni Professors



D. Allen Davis
Professor, Fisheries and
Allied Aquacultures
College of Agriculture

PhD, MS – Texas A&M University
BS – Northern Arizona University

"Being a recipient of this award is a great honor and privilege. It not only gives recognition to my research, but also recognizes my desire to extend our work to the industry and make a difference in agriculture locally, nationally, and internationally."

Throughout his career, D. Allen Davis has dedicated his research and teaching efforts to improving technologies for the culture of marine and freshwater species for stock enhancement and aquaculture. As a professor in the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures, his work has emphasized graduate student education, the development and improvement of commercial feeds and feed management strategies, and the providing of continuing education opportunities to the industry. Davis has co-authored more than 112 journal articles and 10 book chapters, and has contributed to more than 50 articles and symposium proceedings. Most recently, he served as a committee member for the National Research Council book, *Nutrient Requirements of Fish and Shrimp*, published in 2011. He serves as associate editor for the *Journal of the World Aquaculture Society* and is on the editorial board for *Aquaculture Nutrition*. Davis said his greatest source of inspiration is his family.

New Alumni Professors



Henry W. Kinnucan
Professor, Agricultural Economics and
Rural Sociology
College of Agriculture

PhD, MS – University of Minnesota
BS – University of Illinois

"This award validates that the university values graduate instruction and research. This is important for those of us who would like to see Auburn advance on the world stage."

Henry W. Kinnucan came to Auburn in 1983 after serving three years as a research associate in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Cornell University. His published work includes four co-edited books and 100 journal articles, and his international experience includes teaching stints at China Agricultural University in Beijing, Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, National Taiwan Ocean University in Keelung, and University of Tromsø in Norway. Kinnucan has been particularly dedicated to graduate instruction, advising through to completion 15 master's students and 19 doctoral students. Upon assuming the duties as graduate program officer in 2004, he led a successful effort to incorporate a journal-quality research paper into the requirements for a PhD in applied economics. In recognition of these and other efforts, Kinnucan received the Auburn University Provost's Award for Supporting Graduate Scholarship. He has earned several awards including the 2009 Senior Research Award conferred by the director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station; the Distinguished Professional Contribution Award; and the Lifetime Achievement Award conferred by the Southern Agricultural Economics Association in 2008 and 2012, respectively.

New Alumni Professors



Chantel Acevedo
Associate Professor, English
College of Liberal Arts

MFA, BA – University of Miami

"This award is meaningful to me because it speaks to a sense of home here in Auburn. For academics, our lives can sometimes feel like road shows. There's the home where we're born, and the homes of institutions where we first learned to do what we do, and then there's the place where we land and get to teach and share what we've learned. This award is a kind of verification, for me, that the place where I've landed is another kind of home, one where there is a place at the table for me."

Chantel Acevedo's first novel, *Love and Ghost Letters* won the Latino International Book Award and was a finalist for the Connecticut Book of the Year. *Song of the Red Cloak*, a historical novel for young adults, was published in 2011. Her fiction and poetry have appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *American Poetry Review*, *North American Review*, and *Chattahoochee Review*, among others. Acevedo was named a Literature Fellow by the Alabama State Council on the Arts in 2012. She is currently an associate professor of English and Alumni Writer-in-Residence at Auburn University, where she founded the Auburn Writers Conference and edits the *Southern Humanities Review*. Acevedo said she is most proud of her work with the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Department of English in launching the annual Auburn Writers Conference, an event for writers in the community and region, which brings attention to the literary arts in Auburn.

New Alumni Professors



Margaret Ross
Professor, Educational Foundations,
Leadership and Technology
College of Education

PhD – University of Kansas
MA – University of Missouri
BSE – Northeast Missouri State University

"A lot of people supported my nomination for this award. I am honored that students and colleagues believe in me and would take the time to contribute to the nomination packet. I am particularly honored that former College of Education Dean Fran Kochan, who nominated me, thinks I deserve such a prestigious award."

Margaret Ross earned her PhD at the University of Kansas, concentrating in quantitative methods and research design and a minor in clinical child psychology. She teaches courses in quantitative analysis, program evaluation, and research design. Her research interests include assessment issues and policy; program evaluation focusing on the learning outcome effects of educational contexts and processes; and, from a sociocultural perspective, the effects of the interplay among assessment, teaching, and classroom environmental variables on student learning and motivation. Ross serves as principal investigator on a National Science Foundation evaluation grant assessing learning outcomes of a middle school science intervention in 27 Alabama Black Belt District schools. Her outreach activity provides professional development in quantitative research methods to faculty at the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, and she plans to pursue additional opportunities to collaborate with faculty and students in Costa Rica. She is also a North American co-editor for the international journal *Educational Research and Evaluation*. She said her family is her biggest source of inspiration.

New Alumni Professors



Herbert Jack Rotfeld
Professor, Marketing
College of Business

PhD, MS, BS – University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign

"My main teacher through multiple college degrees and guide to what it means to be a scholar and educator was Kim Rotzoll at the University of Illinois. He showed me that better education comes from more than managing and assessing how many petty details are absorbed by everybody in the room. On being a member of the business faculty, I often repeat his admonitions that we must keep in mind we are educating students for their last job, not training them for their first."

Herbert Jack Rotfeld joined the College of Business faculty in 1988 after 13 years at other universities. He is a scholar of government regulation of deceptive advertising and business self-regulation. Rotfeld coined the term "misplaced marketing" for his book, *Adventures in Misplaced Marketing*, as well as for numerous research essays that focus on the mistakes, criticisms, and common misunderstandings of business practices. He said that by fortuitous accident, a degree of international fame, or maybe infamy, has been generated by his newspaper, business press, and Internet essays discussing consumer views of marketing and the nature of academic research. Recently finishing a decade as editor of the *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, he was honored by the American Academy of Advertising with its Ivan Preston Outstanding Contribution to Advertising Research Award and the Kim Rotzoll Award for Advertising Ethics and Social Responsibility. He also served as the organization's president in 2011. An active member of the Auburn community, he received the American Association of University Professors campus chapter's Glenn Howze Academic Freedom Award in 2011 and currently serves as the chapter president.



Current Alumni Professors



Frank F. Bartol	Animal Sciences
Susan Brinson	Communication and Journalism
Chris Correia	Psychology
Steve Duke	Chemical Engineering
Henry Y. Fadamiro	Entomology and Plant Pathology
M. Daniel Givens	Pathobiology
Narendra K. Govil	Mathematics and Statistics
John Andrew Hamilton Jr.	Computer Science and Software Engineering
Curtis M. Jolly	Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology
Jay Khodadadi	Mechanical Engineering
Tin-Man Lau	Industrial Design
Mary T. Mendonca	Biological Sciences
Kenneth Noe	History
John W. Saye, Jr.	Curriculum and Teaching
Joey Shaw	Agronomy and Soils
Subhash C. Sinha	Mechanical Engineering
Mark G. Steltenpohl	Geology and Geography
Aleksandr Simonian	Mechanical Engineering
Bill Trimble	History
Wei Wang	Industrial Design
Daowei Zhang	Forestry and Wildlife

Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach



Cheryl Morgan
Professor, Architecture, Planning and
Landscape Architecture
College of Architecture, Design and
Construction

Master of Architecture – University of
Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
BA, Bachelor of Architecture –
Auburn University

"This award recognizes not what I have done, but what Urban Studio and our amazing array of partners have accomplished together. It recognizes the impact of design and design thinking. It acknowledges the potential we have here in Alabama as seen through our 'lens' of assets-based planning in the Small Town Design Initiative Program: showcasing the things that make Alabama special."

Cheryl Morgan is a licensed architect and professor of architecture. She is the director of Auburn's Center for Architecture and Urban Studies, Urban Studio in Birmingham, and is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. Morgan practiced architecture and urban design in San Francisco before joining the Auburn faculty in 1992. She said her proudest moments are when students tell her they have never worked so hard – and learned so much – as they have at Urban Studio and watching those students thrive. Morgan is a founding board member of the citizen leadership program, YourTownAlabama, and serves on the City of Birmingham's Design Review Board. Under her direction, the Urban Studio's Small Town Design Initiative Program has worked with more than 70 small towns and neighborhoods in the state, resulting in assets-based illustrative master plans that position communities to leverage their distinctive opportunities. Morgan received the Thomas Jefferson Award from the Jefferson County Historical Commission and the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association's Distinguished Leadership Award recognizing her as a "Friend of Planning."

Creative Research and Scholarship Awards



Ruth Crocker
Professor, History
College of Liberal Arts

PhD, MA – Purdue University
BA – St. Anne's College, Oxford

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my life and work here over the years as a scholar in an interdisciplinary community of scholars both in history and women's studies. I feel that the research on (philanthropist Margaret Olivia) Sage, which is being honored today with this wonderful award, represents my best work, and so I'm thrilled that it's being recognized in this way."

Ruth Crocker was educated in Southampton, England. She attended Oxford University on a scholarship, married right out of college, and came to the U.S. where her husband, Malcolm J. Crocker, was working in Huntsville, Ala., on the Apollo Space Program. Crocker completed an MA and PhD in American history at Purdue University under the direction of Southern historian Harold D. Woodman. She and her family came to Auburn in 1983. Crocker received tenure in the Department of History in 1992 and was promoted to full professor in 2004. She was among a group of faculty who helped develop Auburn's Women's Studies Program. After it received permanent funding, she served two terms as director. Crocker has published two books and 15 articles and book chapters and given many conference papers. In 1992, University of Illinois Press published her first book, *Social Work and Social Order*. The second, a feminist biography of philanthropist Margaret Olivia (Mrs. Russell) Sage, was published by Indiana University Press in 2006, paperback edition 2008. She subsequently completed a digital version that is part of the Auburn University Libraries Digital Collection.

Creative Research and Scholarship Awards



Christopher Roberts
Dean and Professor
Samuel Ginn College of Engineering

PhD, MS – University of Notre Dame
BS – University of Missouri

"It was only through the successful collaborations that I have had with my students and faculty friends that I have achieved anything at all in the research arena. This creative research award is important to me because I know that I share it with them. It is our award, and that means a lot to me."

Christopher Roberts began his career at Auburn as an assistant professor in 1994. He served as the chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering and the George E. and Dorothy Stafford Uthlaut Professor of Chemical Engineering from 2003 to 2012. In July, Roberts was appointed dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering. Roberts has a strong record of scholarly achievement in the areas of nanotechnology, nanomaterials synthesis and processing, synthetic fuels, catalysis, supercritical fluids, gas-expanded liquid technologies, and molecular thermodynamics. He has published 120 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, given numerous technical presentations at national and international conferences, and has three U.S. patents. He secured more than \$16 million in funded research contracts and grants. Roberts currently serves on the editorial boards of the journals *Fuel Processing Technology* and *Fluid Phase Equilibria*. He has received the SEC Academic Consortium Faculty Achievement Award, the Auburn University Excellence in Innovation Award, and has twice received the Auburn Engineering Senior Research Award. He is currently directing the research of seven PhD students and several undergraduate students.

Provost Award for Excellence in Fostering Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Awards



Martha Escobar
Assistant Professor, Psychology
College of Liberal Arts

PhD, MA – State University of New York
at Binghamton
BA – Universidad de Deusto

"My paternal grandfather was an illiterate farmer who devoted all his resources to making sure his children had an education. From him, I learned that an education is the greatest resource you can have, and teaching and training are ways to share that richness."

Martha Escobar has been a professor at Auburn since 2002, where she has supervised more than 30 undergraduate research assistants, directed four Honors theses, and has been recognized with various teaching and mentorship awards. She has been a guest lecturer at various foreign institutions, and is an active member of her professional community. Her research focuses on behavioral models of fear and fear attenuation, use of invertebrates as models of simple learning, behavioral measurements of cognitive improvements based on pharmacological therapies, and causal reasoning in humans. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health. Escobar, her husband, and two young children greatly enjoy traveling and visiting other cultures. She said her proudest moments come with her students' success, and that having letters of support from her students for this award has been particularly emotional, letting her know that she has made a contribution to that success.

President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award - Center for Bioenergy and Bioproducts



Steven E. Taylor
Professor and Head, Biosystems
Engineering
College of Agriculture

PhD – Texas A&M University
MS, BS – University of Florida

"Contributing to the growth and development of a young engineer or young faculty member by being a teacher and mentor is one of the most rewarding undertakings in life."

Steven Ellis Taylor is professor and head of the Department of Biosystems Engineering, the director of Auburn's Center for Bioenergy and Bioproducts, and a registered professional engineer. Taylor's teaching, research, and outreach activities have focused on numerous aspects of forest engineering and value-added product development using wood. In the forest engineering area, he conducted research on forest harvesting and transportation systems, forest roads and stream crossings, portable bridge systems, water quality impacts from forest operations, and the use of geospatial technologies in forest operations. In value-added product development, he concentrates on bioenergy and bio-based products and engineered wood products. As department head, he coordinates a wide array of ongoing education, research, and extension programs in biological engineering and the application areas of agriculture, forestry, and natural resources. As center director, he helps bring together faculty from across the university with interests in bioenergy and bioproducts research and outreach. He also provides management and direction for Auburn's developing set of bioenergy and bioproducts laboratories.

President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award - Center for Bioenergy and Bioproducts



Sushil Adhikari
Assistant Professor, Biosystems
Engineering
College of Agriculture

PhD – Mississippi State University
MS – Asian Institute of Technology
BS – Tribhuvan University

"The proudest moment in my life was when I received a French government scholarship to study renewable energy at Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. That opened completely new opportunities in my life, and that's the reason why I am at Auburn University, far away from home."

Sushil Adhikari's areas of research include biomass gasification and pyrolysis, biomass treatment for thermochemical processes, and hydrogen production from biological materials. Adhikari's work has been supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Electric Power Research Institute, the Department of Transportation-SunGrant, the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, and others. He has worked with a number of investigators from Auburn and from outside the university, resulting in more than \$25 million in funding. Adhikari currently serves as an associate editor for the journals, *Transactions of ASABE* and *Applied Engineering in Agriculture*. He received the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station 2011 Director's Researcher Award, the 2011 College of Agriculture Dean's Grantsmanship Award, and the 2010 Distinguished Young Agricultural Engineer Award from the Alabama Section of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers. He has published more than 40 peer-reviewed journal articles in the field of bioenergy and biofuels. He is supervising the research of four PhD students, four master's students, and two undergraduate students.

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Mario Richard Eden
Joe T. and Billie Carole McMillan
Professor and Chair, Chemical
Engineering
Samuel Ginn College of Engineering

PhD, MS – Technical University of
Denmark

"I have loved the people at this institution since my first visit to Auburn. During my visit, I made friendships that strongly influenced my decision to pursue an academic career in the U.S. The strong sense of family and the tremendous potential of the university is still the source of my dedication to this place. There is something special about the university and the city of Auburn that is impossible to describe, but once you experience it, you never forget it."

Mario Richard Eden is the chair and Joe T. and Billie Carole McMillan Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, and the director of a National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship on integrated biorefining. Eden's research interests include process design, integration and optimization, and molecular synthesis and product design. He has co-authored some 80 refereed papers and book chapters and was invited to present at numerous lectures, seminars, and international conferences. He secured nearly \$18 million in funding from various federal and industrial sponsors. Eden received the NSF CAREER award, the Auburn Engineering Junior Research Award, the William F. Walker Superior Teaching Award, the Fred H. Pumphrey Teaching Award for Excellence, the SGA Award for Outstanding Faculty Member, the Outstanding Faculty Member in the Department of Chemical Engineering, and the Auburn Engineering Senior Research Award. He serves on the editorial board for *Chemical Process and Product Modeling*, the advisory board for the Computer Aided Process Engineering Center, and is a member of the International Energy Agency Annex IX on Energy Efficient Separation Systems.

President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award - Center for Bioenergy and Bioproducts



Oladiran Fasina
Professor, Biosystems Engineering
College of Agriculture

PhD – University of Saskatchewan
MS, BS – Obafemi Awolowo University

"The award is important to me because it brings recognition to the collaborative work that has been going on for several years at Auburn University in the area of biomass and bioenergy research, teaching, and outreach."

Oladiran Fasina is a professor and the undergraduate program coordinator in the Department of Biosystems Engineering. His specialties include renewable energy, agricultural and biological materials compaction, handling and processing, and value-added utilization. Fasina has published 57 peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals, authored four book chapters, and given more than 80 presentations at national and international conferences. He is on the editorial board of *ISRN Renewable Energy Journal* and *Journal of Renewable Energy* and is an associate editor for the food and process engineering journals of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers. Fasina also holds several leadership roles within the ASABE professional society. His awards include the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship, the Junior Faculty Researcher Award in the College of Agriculture, the 2007 and 2012 ASABE Standard's Developer Award for leading the development of the first national standard on biomass energy terminology and definitions, and the 2007 ASABE President's Citation Award. Since joining Auburn, Fasina has been involved in several collaborative projects that have generated nearly \$33.3 million in funding and support.

President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award - Center for Bioenergy and Bioproducts



Mark Hall
Renewable Energy Specialist
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

EdS, MEd, BS – Auburn University
BS – Athens State University

"This award confirms that I am part of a larger team and am proud to participate in Auburn University's innovative energy solution efforts. It's another example of how the land-grant mission, by providing people from all walks of life with applied, practical knowledge and insights to improve the quality of their lives and workplaces, remains relevant today."

Mark Hall is the renewable energy specialist for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. His current efforts include working with 10 Alabama municipalities to develop and implement the recycling of used cooking oil into biodiesel projects, working with existing and potential renewable energy entrepreneurs, and producing renewable energy brochures and videos. In 2005, Hall received a Superior Service Award for "visionary leadership in renewable energy education and promotion" and in 2004, 2006, and 2007, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Extramural Funding awards. Hall coordinates and provides leadership for educational programs pertaining to production and utilization of renewable fuels and the production of feed stocks for renewable energy in Alabama. Hall said the 4-H program, an effort he said he believes embodies the heart and soul of the land-grant mission, is what introduced him to Auburn. He said the 4-H hands-on learning experience led him to become an Extension agent. Hall and his wife of 30 years have two children. Their daughter is an Auburn graduate, and their son is currently a freshman at Auburn.

President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award - Center for Bioenergy and Bioproducts



Tom Gallagher

Associate Professor, Forest Operations
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

PhD, MS – Virginia Tech
BS – University of Maine at Orono

"I truly believe there are real advantages and synergy to be gained by projects that are multidisciplinary. So, working with and learning from these other great researchers has really improved my understanding of the entire process and helped me see certain things from a different perspective."

Tom Gallagher came to Auburn in June 2003. He spent 14 years in the industry, working with the Federal Paper Board and International Paper in North Carolina and South Carolina, buying wood and coordinating wood flow into a pulp mill and sawmill. He joined the faculty at Virginia Tech in 1998 and received his PhD from the university in 2003. His current research involves biomass harvesting and transportation. Gallagher said his favorite thing about Auburn University is the camaraderie of the faculty and the reference to Auburn Family.

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



Andrew Freear
Wiatt Professor, Architecture, Planning
and Landscape Architecture
College of Architecture, Design and
Construction

AA – Architectural Association
Bachelor of Architecture – Polytechnic of
Central London

"Every day I have proud moments – giving students an opportunity to do remarkable things and then seeing them taking that opportunity way beyond anything I would ever have dreamed. It happens every day, and I hope for many more of those moments."

Andrew Freear is the Wiatt Professor and director of Auburn University's Rural Studio in Newbern, Ala. Rural Studio is a hands-on architectural pedagogy that teaches students to design and build charity homes and community projects, improving living conditions for citizens of west Alabama. Freear has practiced extensively as an architect in England and the U.S., and taught at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London. He has lectured across the U.S., Europe, and Australia and has served as a member of the Lions Park development committee in Greensboro, Ala.; the Perry Lakes Board of Marion, Ala.; and the Newbern Volunteer Fire Department. Freear was also made an Honorary Citizen of Marion, Ala., for his work on the Perry Lakes Park Project. In 2006, Freear was honored with The Ralph Erskine Nordic Foundation Award, which aspires to promote urban planning and architecture that is functional, economical, and beautiful, and which is to the advantage of underprivileged and deprived groups in any society. He is the first American-based architect to win the award.

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



Larry Wit
Associate Dean and Professor
College of Sciences and Mathematics

PhD – University of Missouri
MS – Western Illinois University
BS – Wheaton College

"As a teacher, there are not many obvious tangible edifices to my life's work. Yet, periodically, I hear from former students who indicate that they still remember Mammalian Physiology. They tell me how the content of the course continues to help them in their professions. More importantly, though, they tell me that the course helped them learn about themselves, equipping them to think synthetically and critically. There could not be a higher compliment."

Larry Wit began his academic career at Auburn in 1976 when he was hired as an assistant professor of zoology and entomology in the College of Agriculture. He joined the College of Sciences and Mathematics in 1990 as interim associate dean for academic affairs, and in 1992 was named associate dean. His responsibilities have included coordinating COSAM's academic programs, teaching classes, assisting with student organizations, and working closely with students and advisors. Wit was also instrumental in creating COSAM Leaders, an exemplary group of students who serve the college as its official ambassadors. He is most known for his Mammalian Physiology class. His teaching methods and class content have brought critical acclaim to both Auburn's biomedical sciences students and premedical program. While attending graduate school in 1967, he discovered the delight of teaching college students. He was awarded a graduate teaching assistantship and began teaching freshman biology labs. He said he was hooked, and he has never looked back at medicine or regretted his choice of profession.

Master of Ceremonies



Ric Smith
Director of Experiential Learning,
Communications and Journalism
College of Liberal Arts

MA, MEd – Auburn University
BA – University of South Carolina

As director of Experiential Learning for the Auburn University Department of Communication and Journalism, Ric Smith coordinates media and public relations practicum experiences and supervises undergraduate internships. He also serves as the executive producer of the Chattahoochee Heritage Project. His primary teaching areas are mass media and organizational communications. His professional background is in broadcasting and corporate communications. His experience includes serving as general manager of WMXA-FM, and he has worked as a field reporter and producer for ABC Radio Sports, ESPN Radio, WSFA-TV, and other media outlets. He is a past member of the board of directors of the Alabama Associated Press Broadcasters Association. For two seasons he was the play-by-play voice of Auburn University Baseball, and also worked for five years as its public address announcer. Smith is now the stadium announcer for Auburn University Football, the SEC Football Championship, and the SEC Baseball Tournament. He worked as an information manager for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games (Main Press Center); the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia (Water Polo); the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics (Speed Skating); and the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece (Outside Races). During his time at Auburn, Smith has been recognized as a College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Faculty Member, Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Initiate, and Mortar Board Teacher of the Semester. He hopes to play guitar with Bob Dylan one day.

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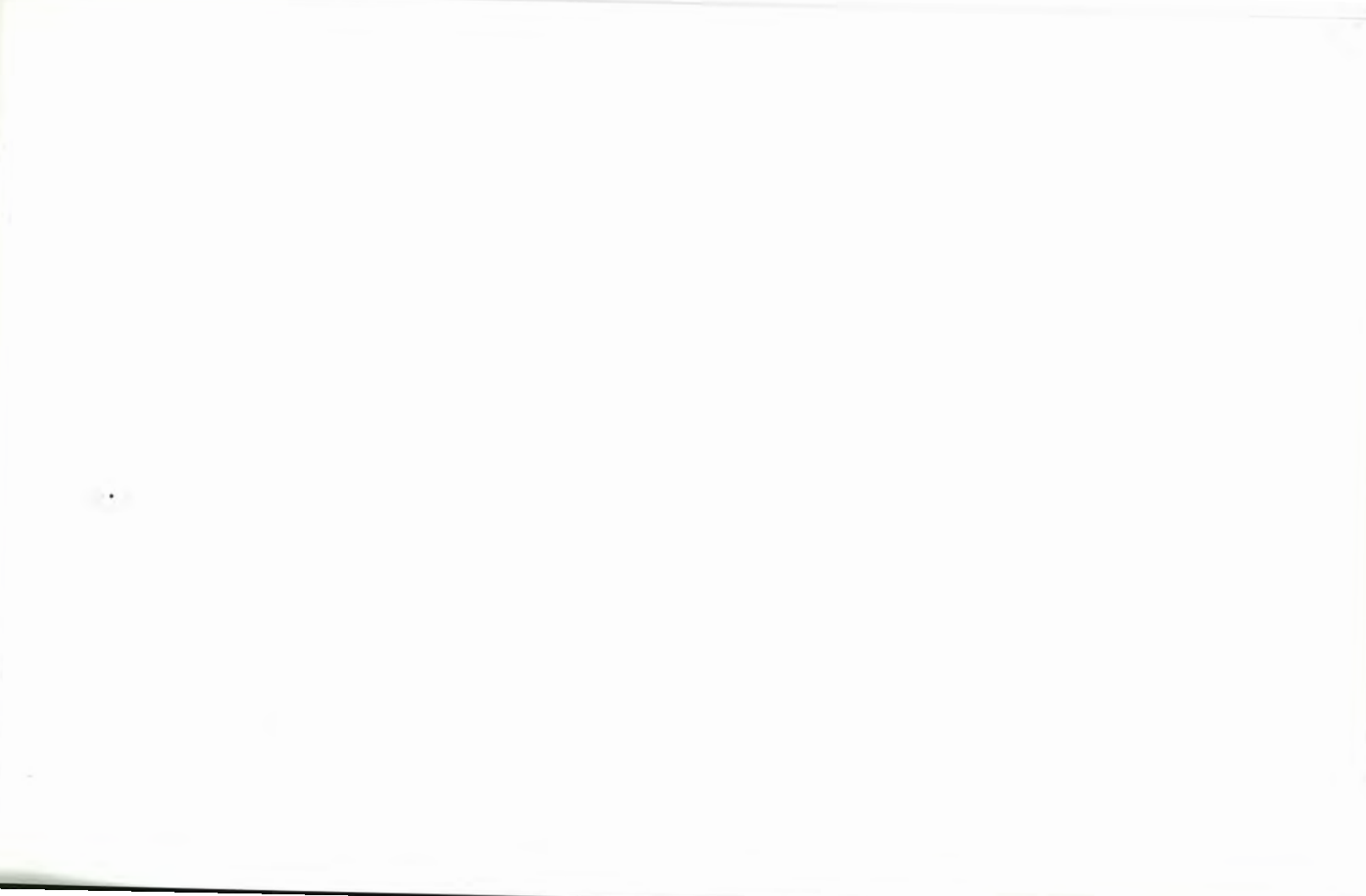


Cal Breed
Owner, Orbix Hot Glass

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 led 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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